2019 COLUMBUS URBAN FARM TOUR SERIES

Sponsored by:
Ohio State University Extension – Franklin County
Columbus Urban Farmers Network
The Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series is a joint project sponsored by the Franklin County Office of Ohio State University Extension, and the Columbus Urban Farmers Network. The goal of the Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series tours is to demonstrate to the general public the many benefits of urban farms in Columbus.

There is no fee or advance registration required to participate in these tours which are open to the public. Farm tours will be held rain or shine and participants should dress accordingly.

For more information about the Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series, contact Mike Hogan at OSU Extension at 614.292.7670 or hogan.1@osu.edu.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. OSU Extension conducts applied research and educational programs in agriculture and natural resources; community development; 4-H youth development; and family and consumer sciences. For more information about OSU Extension programs in Franklin County, go to: franklin.osu.edu.

The Columbus Urban Farmers Network is an alliance of urban farms and food producers in Columbus. The goal of the network is to strengthen and expand the local food system by producing food in urban areas of Columbus.

Certified Organic Vegetable Farm Tour
Sunday, June 16 • 2-3 p.m.
Peace Love and Freedom Farm
Milan Karcic
4541 N. 4th St., Columbus, OH 43224
(614) 390-3859, mkarcic@gmail.com

Milan Karcic has been farming full time for seven years. In addition to selling at the Clintonville Farmers’ Market, he runs a 25 member community supported agriculture (CSA) program and makes movies. At this tour, co-sponsored by The Ohio State University, participants will learn how to prepare and plant a row of vegetables.

Directions: From I-71, take the Morse Rd. exit and drive east on Morse Rd. Turn right on N. 4th St. and the farm will be on your right. Park on the street.

Transitional Produce and Flower Farm Tour
Saturday, July 13 • 3 p.m.
Happy Toes Homestead
Katie Hawkins
999 E. Cooke Rd., Columbus, OH 43224
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www.happytoeshomestead.com

Katie Hawkins is a beginning farmer who started Happy Toes Homestead in 2017, which she immediately began to transition to organic. She raises microgreens, herbs, cut flowers, and heirloom vegetables on a 2 acre urban farm in Columbus. She is
Vacant Lots Become Productive Urban Farm Tour  
**Saturday, August 10 • 10-11:30 a.m.**  
**Magic House Farms**  
Joe Wolfe  
120 N. Yale Ave., Columbus, OH 43222  
(614) 453-4606, magichousefarms@gmail.com

Magic House Farms is a community-based urban farm spanning a half acre on converted vacant lots in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus. In its third season, the farm focuses on companion planting and intercropping. Across four city Land Bank parcels, practices rooted in organic agriculture have been used to maximize a healthy crop yield and variety for food for the local community. The expansion and experimentation of the farm have been made possible by volunteers. Guests are invited to see how this urban oasis in a distressed neighborhood has grown from a small one person operation to a flourishing and needed neighborhood resource.

**Directions:** In Columbus, exit I-70 onto Broad St./Rte. 40. Drive east on Broad St. toward downtown Columbus and turn left onto N. Yale Ave.
The Ohio Master Urban Farmer program was developed by OSU Extension in Franklin County in 2014 and has graduated 196 Master Urban Farmers in four different classes. The program is a 12 week course designed to give participants the knowledge and skills needed to produce and market food in an urban environment. The program is now being offered in other cities in Ohio.

The next Master Urban Farmer course in Columbus will begin in September. Registration information will be available in early July. To receive registration information, send an email to: hogan.1@osu.edu.

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We appreciate their input and participation in our programming efforts.

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Year-Round Youth Garden to Address Food Insecurity Farm Tour

Saturday, August 17 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Highland Youth Garden
Beth Urban
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www.highlandyouthgarden.org

Highland Youth Garden is an award-winning youth garden that focuses on food insecurity, gardening education, and nutrition education for youth in the Hilltop neighborhood of Columbus. The nearly half acre garden covers two formerly vacant city lots and includes a high tunnel to extend the growing season. The garden offers a diverse, hands-on learning environment for children, giving them the space and guidance to grow their own food. Join this tour to see the educational garden, high tunnel, native garden, herb garden, and composting facility.

Directions: In Columbus, exit I-70 at Broad St./Rte. 40. Drive west on Broad St. Turn left on Clarendon St., right on Palmetto St., and then right on S. Highland Ave.