

## Registration

Please reserve a space for me in BUGs!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Fees:

- \$80.00 for current Openlands' members
- \$100.00 for non-members, includes Openlands' membership
- A limited number of full or partial, needs-based scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your check serves as your receipt for BUGs.

Payment Check/Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(made out to "Openlands")

Credit Card Visa/MasterCard/Amex  
# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your workshop confirmation will be emailed or mailed within one week of receipt of payment.

Paid, pre-registration is required for this course. Seats are limited, so register early. Please fax to 312/863-6251 or send this form with payment to:

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**BUILDING URBAN GARDENS**

## Building Urban Gardens



Learn to garden with nature—  
ecologically, inexpensively, and  
creatively—in this exciting  
eight-week, hands-on course.

Saturdays, 9:30 am -12:30 pm  
January 30-March 20, 2010  
at the Garfield Park Conservatory  
300 N Central Park or the  
Chicago Dept of Environment-  
445 N Sacramento—where noted

## Building Urban Gardens (BUGs) Course Description

BUGs is an eight-week, hands-on survey gardening course for backyard and community gardeners in the city. Designed for beginners, the course also works as a refresher for experienced gardeners. BUGs is committed to educating gardeners about ecological, inexpensive, and creative ways of making our area's green spaces thrive. ..naturally!

### Planning and Designing Your Ecological/Organic Garden Saturday, January 30, 2010

Throw your ad hoc, seat of the pants gardening out the window and learn how to design like the pros. Understand the importance and methodology of site analysis and using ecological design principles.

### Using Composting to Build Healthy Soil Saturday, February 6, 2010

(Location: Chic. GreenTech—445 N. Sacramento)

Learn why fertile soil is the basis of a healthy garden & how to enhance your soil's fertility by adding organic matter and using cover crops. Learn the steps to making and using compost.

### Your Beautiful, Edible Garden: Vegetables, Herbs & Annual Flowers Saturday, February 13, 2010

(Location: Chic. GreenTech—445 N. Sacramento)

From Anchusa to Zucchini, find the best selections of seeds and plants for the natural, edible garden. Learn how to grow delicious, gorgeous and safe, salad greens, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers. Intensive gardening for maximum yields, and companion planting, will also be covered.

### Perennials—Plant them ONCE! Saturday, February 20, 2010

This class will teach you how to choose and care for urban hardy perennials. You will also learn how to design and maintain an innovative sun and shade garden of native flowers, grasses and vines that provide habitat for birds, bees and butterflies.



### Trees & Woody Plants—The Natural Infrastructure in your Garden

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Learn to use trees and shrubs as the green structure of your garden. Find out which woodies native to Illinois are best suited to smaller, city landscapes. Understand their environmental benefits and how to plant and maintain healthy, long-lived woody plants.

### Insects and Weeds: A Place for Everything and Everything in its Place

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Understand how to encourage “good bugs” and protect your garden from unwanted guests. Recognize why weeds are present and learn ways to control those you don't want, naturally.

### Pulling it all Together and Putting it in the Garden! Containers, Hardscape & Installation

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Learn how to choose the proper containers and plants for your garden space as well as organic fertilizing methods to keep your “four season container garden” healthy. Find out the steps for properly installing a garden and non-living structures. We will also discuss lead contamination.

### Design Roundtable, Year-round Gardening, Volunteering for your Badge, Final Exam & Potluck!

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Come prepared for your Final Exam after you discuss your own designs in small groups for feedback. Learn pointers on year-round gardening and plan for some garden volunteering to apply what you have learned and to earn your badge. Then share your favorite dish in a celebratory potluck lunch.

Some sessions involve handling soil and/or going outdoors no matter what the weather, so please dress appropriately.

Graduates are asked to volunteer a minimum of 4 workdays during the year at supervised community garden sites coordinated by Openlands.

BUGs is also an Aurora University approved course for two hours of graduate credit in education.

To register & for more information on the Graduate Education Credit program, please call 312.863.6256 or email [jsamuels@openlands.org](mailto:jsamuels@openlands.org)

#### Feedback from former BUGs participants...

“I liked everything about this class! The expert presenters are friendly, organized and enthusiastic.”

“The organic gardening information is practical – I feel much more confident about working in my school garden”

“Excellent! Superb! Dynamite! .....And fun!”

Openlands' members receive a 20% discount on this series. If you're not a member of Openlands but would like to be, please call or see our web site at: [www.openlands.org](http://www.openlands.org).

Openlands protects, expands, enhances and builds appreciation for the value of public open space in the metropolitan Chicago area--to provide a healthy natural environment and a more livable place. It focuses on building green infrastructure among many government and non-governmental partners in the region to create public open spaces that range from community and school gardens to bike and canoe trails to small and large parks and preserves.

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