

Rooting DC: Garden in the City

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DC's Field to Fork Network and America the Beautiful Fund cordially invite you to Rooting DC, a full day, free conference on urban gardening. The conference will take place on February 20th 9:30am – 4:00pm at the Historical Society of Washington (801 K Street, NW); convenient to the Convention Center (green line) and Gallery Place (red line) stops.

Registration is required! Please call (202) 638-1649 to register for the event.

Here's the skinny on Rooting DC:

- In its third year, Rooting DC promotes gardening as a low-cost way to provide food for families, particularly in areas where fresh, affordable food is hard to come by because of a lack of supermarkets. Plus, healthy diets are good for your body and for the planet.

- This year they are focusing on Food Production, Distribution, Preparation and Preservation. One workshop track will focus on teaching how to teach gardening to kids and will be led by experienced professionals from the Washington Youth Garden and City Blossoms. There will also be presentations that touch on growing ethnic foods from Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, nutrition, food demos, basic gardening and urban agriculture, and emergency food resources. Some of the workshops will even be in Spanish.

- The keynote speakers include Joe Nasr (one of the "founding fathers" of urban agriculture) and Robert Egger (DC Central Kitchen). There will also be a presentation from Tony Cohen of the Historic Button Farm at Seneca Creek State Park, Maryland. This incredibly unique facility has an "Underground Railroad Immersion Experience";

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