

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

Lesson Plan Topics for Community Garden

- Overview of instruction
 1. Statement of objectives
 2. List of class topics, dates, times
 3. Responsibilities of participants – teachers and students, use of study materials
 4. Establish the students' WHY. Why are they taking the class? What do they want to learn?
- Planning the garden
 1. Garden design, crop arrangement, companion planting
 2. Growth pattern of mature plant
 3. Select plants for Central Florida, Zone 9B
 4. Draw the plan
- Prepare to plant
 1. Organic gardening vs. mixed method gardening
 2. Weather effects, protection
 3. Correct watering
 4. Tools needed
- Soil preparation
 1. How to test the soil, how to adjust
 2. Fertilizers
 3. Composting
 4. No-till vs. mixed soil
- Planting the garden
 1. Seeds and/or transplants
 2. How to read seed packages
 3. Purchase healthy plants
 4. Schedule your time to nurture the plants
- Care of the garden
 1. Thinning, mulching, pruning
 2. Weed control
 3. Supporting tall crops
 4. Maintenance of surrounding area
- How to protect from
 1. Insects
 2. Diseases
 3. Pests
 4. Weather
- Harvest and storing
 1. Freeze
 2. Can
 3. Dry
 4. Consume - recipes