



SCLT 2018 COURSE CATALOG

***We welcome English-language learners to our workshops and provide interpreters upon request.
Workshops are free, but please register so we know how many people to expect.
Information about resources available from the USDA
National Resources Conservation Service will be shared at each workshop.***

Start Farming with SCLT

When: Feb. 17, 12-2 pm

Where: Southside Community Land Trust office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

Come hear about SCLT's training programs for beginning farmers in Rhode Island. Learn basic growing concepts, with an overview of sustainable techniques (crop rotation, mulching) and things to consider when planning to grow food for market (crop selection, kinds of markets, etc.).

To register: contact Craig at [401-273-9419 ext. 101](tel:401-273-9419) or craig@southsideclt.org

Flower Growing: The Ins & Outs of Growing & Designing Local Flowers

When: Sat, Feb 24, 9:30 - 4:30 pm

Where: Hope & Main, [691 Main St., Warren, RI](#)

A full day workshop featuring the innovative partnership between Anna Jane Kocon (grower, Little State Flower Company) and Jill Rizzo (designer, Studio Choo East). Participants will learn the nitty gritty of flower farming and hear how Jill and Anna set up their successful collaboration.

To register: e-mail Sarah at Youngfarmernetwork@gmail.com

Unleashing the Power in Your Numbers: Tools for a Profitable Livestock Business (in partnership with NOFA-RI)

Audience: All welcome

When: Sun., Mar. 4, 10:45 am - noon

Where: NOFA RI Winter Conference, Hope & Main, [691 Main Street, Warren](#)

Topics Covered: Rick Hermonot, Farm Credit East VP and owner of the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, will lead this practical workshop on how to build a profitable livestock farm business. Learn to organize and simplify your records to make sound, strategic decisions. The "toolbox" includes: Five Keys to Focus; Five Keys to Profit; Five-Line Income Statement; Five-Year Averages; and "DIRTI Five."

of Spaces: Unlimited

To Register: <http://nofari.org/events/winter-conference/#.WphZORPwbwd> (Adult, non-member, all-day conference fee is \$60)

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Got Milk? The Family Cow (in partnership with NOFA-RI)

Audience: All welcome

When: Sunday, Mar. 4, 1:30-2:45 pm

Where: NOFA RI Winter Conference; Hope & Main, [691 Main Street, Warren](#)

Topics Covered: Interested in owning your own family dairy cow? Not sure where or how to start? This workshop is for you. Ben Hewitt from Lazy Mill Hill Farm will be speaking about ins and outs of owning a family dairy cow from nutrition to milking.

of Spaces: Unlimited

To Register: Please register online: <http://nofari.org/events/winter-conference/#.WphZORPwbwd>. Adult non-member all-day conference is \$60.

Seed Starting & Greenhouse Management

Audience: Experienced growers new to Rhode Island

When: Sat., Mar. 17, 10 am - noon

Where: Southside Community Land Trust Office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

Topics Covered: City Farm Steward Rich Pederson and former apprentice Alondra Rivera will share techniques for seed starting, walking you step-by-step from seed ordering to transplanting starts outdoors. They will throw in helpful greenhouse management tips as well.

of Spaces: 15

To register: Contact Rich [401 273 9419 ext. 110](tel:4012739419ext110) or cityfarm@southsideclt.org

Wash Station Design & FSMA Produce Safety Workshop (in partnership with Young Farmers Network)

Audience: BOTH beginning farmers who will be subject to the new FSMA produce safety regulations AND beginning farmers who will be qualified exempt.

When: Sun., Mar. 18, 9 am - 1 pm

Where: Community Collaborative, [339 Eddy Street](#), Providence, RI 02903

We will cover innovative designs, labor-and-body-saving ideas, efficiency and accommodating new produce safety regulations in your wash station. Farms presenting about their systems include White Barn Farm, Matunuck Oyster Bar Vegetables, Wishing Stone Farm, Big Train Farm and Little River Farm. Lead by Local Food Safety Collaborative's Cara Fraver.

of spaces: 35

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wash-station-design-and-fsma-produce-safety-workshop-tickets-43761323296>

Tax workshop with RI Legal Services

Audience: People who have any amount of income from farming or selling produce

When: Mar. 31, 10 - 11 am

Where: Southside Community Land Trust Office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

Topics Covered: A tax attorney from RI Legal Services will go through the basics of filing taxes as a self-employed individual, covering issues including: do I need to file? Do I file separately or with my family? What information do I need to file? Bring any questions or your tax forms in progress. You can also send your questions beforehand to andrew@southsideclt.org, so that the presenters can better prepare. Farmers are especially encouraged to attend!

of spaces: Unlimited

To register: Contact Andrew at [401-273-9419 ext. 107](tel:401-273-9419ext107) or andrew@southsideclt.org

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URI Extension Farm Visit (in partnership with University of Rhode Island)

Audience: People with limited English and literacy

When: April 7, 1 - 2 pm

Where: Meet at SCLT office ([109 Somerset Street](#), Providence) at 12 pm to get a ride, or join us at [370 Thirty Acre Pond Rd., West Kingston](#) at 1 pm

Topics Covered: Witness the growing power of URI's field tunnels in late March, nearly two months before the last frost date in RI. Tour URI's farm projects and learn about season extension approaches to kick-start your growing season. Lead by URI's Andrew Radin.

of spaces: 10

To register: Contact Andrew at [401-273-9419 ext. 107](tel:401-273-9419) or andrew@southsideclt.org

Food Safe (Aggregation)

Audience: Farmers participating in the Beginner Farmer Direct-to-Market Program Aggregation Project

When: Sun., April 16, 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: Southside Community Land Trust Office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

Topics Covered: how to grow, harvest, and handle crops so that they are safe to sell to market. The course will also cover other aspects of good quality control.

of Spaces: By invitation only

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Record Keeping

Audience: People with limited literacy and English skills

When: Thurs, April 26, 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: Southside Community Land Trust Office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

Topics Covered: record-keeping practices for crop planning, harvesting and handling. The purpose of the course is to help farmers track success and be able to create a trace-back-system which can locate the source of possible problems with the crops, should they occur.

of Spaces: 15

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Record Keeping (Aggregation)

Audience: Farmers participating in the Beginner Farmer Direct-to-Market Program Aggregation Project

When: Thurs, May 24, 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: Southside Community Land Trust Office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

Topics Covered: Record-keeping practices for crop planning, harvesting and handling. The purpose of the course is to help farmers track success and be able to create a trace-back-system which can locate the source of possible problems with the crops, should they occur.

of Spaces: 15

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Food Safe

Audience: SCLT Farm Staff (City Farm, Somerset Hayward Farm and Galego Farm) and people with limited literacy and English skills

When: Tues., June 5, 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: Southside Community Land Trust Office, [109 Somerset Street](#), Providence

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Topics Covered: practices used for growing, harvesting and handling crops in a way that comply with the Produce Safety Rule determined by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

of Spaces: By invitation only

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Soil Care and Planting

Audience: Beginning gardeners

When: Sat. June 2, 11 am - noon

Where: Garfield Park Community Garden, [114 Garfield St., Central Falls](#)

Topics Covered: We will learn about how to make sure you're growing in safe soil, easy steps to improve your garden's soil, how to prep a bed for planting, and when and how to direct seed and transplant.

of Spaces: Unlimited

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Pest Management - 3-part series

Audience: Beginning gardeners

When & Where:

Part 1: Mon., June 11, 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Galego Community Farm, [485 Weeden Street, Pawtucket](#), inside the complex behind building #80

Part 2: Mon., July 9, 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Manton Bend Community Farm, [800 Manton Ave., Providence](#)

Part 3: Mon., Aug., 6, 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Brattle Community Garden, [52 Brattle St., Providence](#)

Topics Covered: Walk through SCLT's urban gardens and farms with URI extension agents Heather Faubert and Andrew Radin. This three-part series will span the growing season to help you recognize and manage insect pest and disease problems in your own garden or farm on all crops.

of Spaces: 15

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Basic Mulching and Watering

Audience: People with limited literacy and English skills

When: Wed., June 13, 1 - 3 pm

Where: Brattle Street Garden, [52 Brattle St., Providence](#)

Topics Covered: We'll use different types of mulch and see how they can improve soil fertility and plant health, and we'll review how to easily obtain various materials. We will also discuss different ways of watering for water efficiency.

of Spaces: 10

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Irrigation (in partnership with URI Cooperative Extension)

Audience: People who have (or plan to have) small farms

When: Wed., June 13, 4 - 5:30 pm

Where: Urban Edge Farm, [33 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston](#)

Topics Covered: Save Water and Water Effectively! Learn how to set-up and operate small-scale irrigation for small farms, including drip and micro-sprinklers. Taught by URI's Andy Radin.

of Spaces: 8

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Basic Fall Gardening

Audience: People with limited literacy and English skills

When: Mon., Aug. 27, 3 - 5 pm

Where: Laura Street Garden, [75 Laura Street, Providence](#)

Topics Covered: We'll talk about how to keep your gardening going in the fall and how to care for your soil during the cold months so that your next season is productive.

of Spaces: 10

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Season Extension: Field Tunnel Planting Workshop (in partnership with URI)

Audience: People with some growing experience and limited English skills

When: Tues., Sept. 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Somerset Hayward Community Farm, [23 Somerset Street, Providence](#)

Topics Covered: Learn what crops to plant in early fall under protection of field tunnels for late fall and early winter harvest. Andy Radin of URI Cooperative Extension will cover planting times, pest management, and field tunnel use as Winter approaches.

of Spaces: 15

To Register: Contact Maggie at [401 273 9419 ext. 104](tel:401-273-9419); maggie@southsideclt.org

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for Farmland?

SCLT is working with several partners to connect people seeking farmland with those leasing or selling their farmland in RI. If you'd like to be added to the list of farm seeker, please complete this online form: <http://bit.ly/2jZhr1l>. Project partners include: Young Farmer Network, The Nature Conservancy of RI, RI Department of Environmental Management, RI Land Trust Council, Northern RI Conservation District and Land for Good.

Organic Livestock Advisor Program

SCLT and NOFA/RI are offering free technical guidance to commercial farmers seeking to implement organic methods on their farms and in their marketing efforts. Aspiring, new or transitioning farmers can apply to be paired with an experienced livestock farmer to receive technical assistance. Learn more and apply here: <http://bit.ly/2oGplRR>

Getting Started with NRCS

Do you want to make improvements to land that you own or lease? Natural Resource Conservation Service offers technical and financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to implement such improvements as building high tunnels and installing pollinator



habitats. SCLT will be supporting NRCS's efforts by providing free consultation to beginning farmers interested in learning more about NRCS. Please Contact: Sebastian Interlandi, SCLT's Director of Farmland Access and Education, for more information: sebastian@southsideclt.org