



SCLT 2019 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.
Times/dates/locations subject to change, please contact the person
listed for each class for up to date info.*

Thurs., Feb. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm

Applying to RI Farmers Markets

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

Audience: market growers

Are you interested in applying to a RI Farmers Market? Are you currently selling at a market but would like to expand your network? Join Farm Fresh RI's Program Director Thea Upham and SCLT program staff as they provide an orientation to farmers markets in RI and technical support for applying to market outlets. Attendees will learn the upfront administrative and material costs required, questions to consider when planning for a market as well as the vendor culture of different farmers markets.

To register: Sign up here: <https://applyingtorifarmersmarkets.eventbrite.com> or contact Craig at 401-273-9419 ext. 101, or craig@southsideclt.org

Sat., Feb. 23, 12-2 pm

Start Farming with SCLT

Where: Sankofa Community Room 70 Westfield St., Providence

Audience: general

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: Sign up here: <https://startfarmingwithsclt.eventbrite.com> or contact Craig for more information, at 401-273-9419 ext. 101 or craig@southsideclt.org

Sun., Mar. 3, time TBD

Building Healthy Soil

Where: Audubon Center, 1401 Hope Street (Rte 114), Bristol, RI

Audience: Backyard Gardeners (NOFA RI Conference Attendees)

City Farm stewards Rich Pederson and Alejandra Mayorga will walk you through their soil care practices step by step, and help you replicate their biointensive, practical methods at your own food growing spaces. Remember, it all starts with the soil!

To register: Contact Rich at 401-273-9419 ext. 110, or cityfarm@southsideclt.org

Sat., Mar. 23, 10 am - noon

Seed Starting

Where: City Farm, then Sankofa Greenhouse, on the corner of Sprague and Harrison Streets

Audience: Prospective Sankofa Greenhouse Growers; Advanced Galego Growers

City Farm Steward Rich Pederson and Program Associate Jariliz Taveras 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

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Tues., April 2, 4-6 pm AND Tues., April 9, 4-7 pm

Should I Add a New Product Line? – a YFN farm business workshop

Where: Social Enterprise Greenhouse, 10 Davol Square Unit 100, Providence

Audience: market growers, farmers, food processors

Keeping your organic food enterprise growing and profitable requires constant attention to marketing. Knowing what your customers want, how much they are willing to pay for it, and how much of it they need is as important as knowing how to grow your vegetables. This two-part workshop will address strategies and plans for evaluating and growing your product lines with your business.

Register on [Eventbrite](#), or contact Sebastian for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 105 or sebastian@southsideclt.org

Sun., April 7, 2-4 pm

Diversified Livestock Farming and Marketing - a NOFA-RI on-farm workshop

Where: Windmist Farm, 71 Weeden Ln, Jamestown, RI

Audience: general

Windmist Farm is known for its locally grown meat products and spectacular landscape. Livestock at Windmist are raised on grass, so are free from added growth hormones or unnecessary antibiotics found in many store-bought brands. In this walking tour, participants will see how the Neales raise their Belted Galloway cows, Katahdin sheep, chickens, heritage pigs and more.

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May: Date & time TBD

Utilizing Livestock to Clear Land – a NOFA-RI on-farm workshop

Where: Wild Harmony Farm, 366 C Victory Highway, Exeter, RI

Audience: general

Ben and Rachel at Wild Harmony have been working on expanding their available open space in Exeter by letting the animals do the work. Ruminants and hogs can be exceptional foragers, eating down woody vegetation and digging up roots. Rather than bulldozing forest to create new pasture, at Wild Harmony the cows work the edges of fields, and pigs root naturally in open space and under forest canopy. Additionally, Wild Harmony is one of the few certified organic livestock operations in our area.

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So if you are interested in learning about organic certification for your operation, Ben and Rachel can help!

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May: Date & time TBD

HR Training

Where: TBD

Audience: Owners and Managers of Apprenticeship and Production Farms

Do you operate a farm that employs farm workers or apprentices, or are you expanding your farm to begin to do so? This class will cover the basics about training and managing farm labor and the administrative aspects to having a successful farm staff.

To Register: Contact Sebastian at 401-273-9419 ext. 105, or sebastian@southsideclt.org

Sat., May 4, 1-2 pm

Container Gardening

Where: Billy Taylor Park, 134 Camp St., Providence

Audience: general

Learn the basics of container gardening, including: which container types to use and where to place them; what grows well in containers; how to feed confined plants without using chemicals; and how to maintain proper drainage.

To register: Contact Andrew for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 107 or andrew@southsideclt.org

Sat., May 4, time TBD

Potatoes!

Where: Sankofa Community Room, 70 Westfield Street, Providence

Audience: Refugee gardeners, South Providence gardeners

This class will cover the basics of growing potatoes, including: when and how to plant potatoes; how to care for, hill, and harvest potatoes; and common potato pests and how to deal with them. We will have a limited amount of seed potatoes to give away and/or purchase at this class. Please register in advance so we know how many to get!

To register: Contact Andrew for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 107 or andrew@southsideclt.org

Sat., May 4, time TBD

Beginning Cheese Making

Where: TBD

Audience: general

Making your own cheese at home is easy and fun. In this workshop, we will show you how to make two simple cheeses, ricotta and queso blanco. Topics of discussion will include the principles behind cheese making, the history of cheese in various cultures, and the equipment and ingredients you need to be able to make just about any cheese you like at home. You'll be able to take home a kit of ingredients, materials and instructions for continuing these practices at home.

To register: <https://beginningcheesemaking.eventbrite.com> Contact Sebastian for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 105, or sebastian@southsideclt.org

June: Date TBD

Lean Poultry Farming – a NOFA-RI on-farm workshop

Where: Pat's Pastured, 830 S Rd, East Greenwich, RI

Audience: general

SCLT alumnus Pat McNiff has developed one of the most successful small livestock operations in Rhode Island by always taking care of business. It is undoubtedly not only Pat's prowess as a farmer that has helped him succeed, but his business acumen that is likely the key. In this workshop, Pat will explain how he plans, tracks, and continually modifies his farming, processing and distribution systems to stay ahead of the competition, and remain sustainable from both an environmental and a financial standpoint.

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Mon., June 3, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Food Safety

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

Audience: market growers

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

By invitation only.

To register: Contact Craig at 401-273-9419 ext. 101 or craig@southsideclt.org

Tues., June 4, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Small Urban Farm Irrigation

Where: Galego Court Community Farm, [485 Weeden Street, Pawtucket](#), inside the complex behind building #80

Audience: general

Have you ever thought there's a better way to spend an hour on a summer evening than spraying your garden with a hose? We will look at different watering systems and discuss their potential for automation in small and large gardens. In particular, we will discuss how to establish drip irrigation in your raised beds, containers and even in the open lawn. Use of timers, for multiple day automation will be explained. Hopefully, by the end of class, everyone will have figured out how to take a week's vacation without having to ask a neighbor to check in on the tomatoes.

To register: <https://smallurbanfarmirrigation.eventbrite.com> Contact Sebastian for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 105, or sebastian@southsideclt.org

Wed., June 5, 5:30 - 7 pm

Mulching & Watering

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

Audience: Refugee gardeners, South Providence gardeners

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We'll use different types of mulch to see how they can improve soil fertility and plant health, and review how to easily obtain various mulching materials like straw, leaves, seaweed and plastic. We will also discuss different tools and tricks for getting your plants the water they need.

To register: Contact Andrew at 401-273-9419 ext. 104, or andrew@southsideclt.org

July Date TBD

Customer Engagement Practices

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

Audience: market growers

In this marketing workshop we will discuss best practices for customer interactions and service, and how to engage customers to build loyalty and strengthen community relationships.

To register: Contact Rich at 401-273-9419 ext. 110, or cityfarm@southsideclt.org

July Date TBD

Pasture Management and Farm Tour - a NOFA-RI on farm workshop

Where: Watson Farm, 455 North Rd, Jamestown, RI

Audience: general

Since 1796, the nearly 300 acres that make up Watson Farm have been under agricultural production. Using innovative, sustainable practices, the managers of Watson Farm continue the tradition of pastoral husbandry, grazing Heritage Red Devon cattle and sheep on the scenic seaside pastures. The farmers produce 100% grass-fed beef and lamb and wool blankets for local markets.

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Tues., July 23, 5-7 pm

Basic Composting

Where: Somerset Hayward Farm, corner of Somerset and Hayward Streets, Providence

Audience: general

Would you like nutrient-rich soil, full of beneficial microorganisms for your yard and garden? Expand your recycling efforts to include your kitchen scraps, garden debris and lawn cuttings by attending this Basic Composting Workshop. This workshop will focus on building and maintaining a three-bin compost system as well as how to utilize common home composters.

To register: <https://basiccomposting.eventbrite.com> or contact Maggie at 401 273 9419 ext. 104; maggie@southsideclt.org

Sat., Sept. 7, 4-6 pm

Advanced Season Extension

Where: URI Farm, 370 Thirty Acre Pond Rd., West Kingston, RI, 02892

Audience: urban farmers in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Providence

SCLT is partnering with John Taylor at URI to develop a small greenhouse system for urban backyards, gardens and farms. Farmers interested in working on the research project going forward should attend this workshop. Urban farmers will be asked to grow specific combinations of crops within the greenhouse structures in 2020, and will be paid a stipend for their work on the project. In this workshop,

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the development of the model system, and how to use it to extend growing into colder months will be discussed.

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Mon., Sept. 23, 4-6 pm

Farm Machinery and Tractor Safety

Where: Urban Edge Farm, 35 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston, RI

Audience: market growers

Farming is one of the most dangerous occupations in the world today, primarily because tractors can tear off legs and arms and kill people. Tractor rollovers happen every year crushing farmers, and exposed power take off (PTO) shafts designed to spin at 540 rpms, and not to slow down with resistance, can snag clothing and fingers. In this workshop, we will cover some protocols and practices farmers can follow when transitioning from small garden plots and small equipment to larger ground and more heavy duty tractors.

To register: Contact Sebastian for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 105 or sebastian@southsideclt.org

Thurs., Sept. 26, 5:30-7:30 pm

Raising & Harvesting Mushrooms

Where: Galego Court Community Farm, [485 Weeden Street, Pawtucket](#), inside the complex behind building #80

Audience: general public

Join SCLT staff and New England experts to explore the world of mushrooms, their link to healthy soils and forests, and their growing potential on both a home and commercial scale. We will demonstrate how to inoculate shiitake mushrooms grown on logs and discuss how to successfully raise multiple harvests on a home and small commercial scale.

To register: <https://raising-harvesting-mushrooms.eventbrite.com> or contact Maggie at 401-273-9419 ext. 104; maggie@southsideclt.org

October date TBD

Garlic planting at Mt. Hope

Where: Billy Taylor Park, 134 Camp St., Providence

Audience: general public, Mt. Hope gardeners

Garlic is an easy crop to grow! In this class we'll cover: how to select good seed garlic; when and how to plant it; how to care for garlic; and when and how to harvest and store garlic.

We'll have a limited amount of free seed garlic to give away to attendees.

To register: Contact Andrew for more info at 401-273-9419 ext. 107, or andrew@southsideclt.org

Sat., Dec. 7, 1-3 pm

Crop Planning

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

Audience: market growers, farmers, general public

Would you like to make your garden or farm more productive? How about getting your plants started earlier in the season and reducing wasted crops or space in your garden or farm? Participants will learn

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the basic components of a crop plan including: reviewing different production plans, determining how many transplanted seedlings or seeds will be needed and creating a seeding schedule for the early Spring. Join SCLT program staff in the evening to order the seeds you will need to start your garden.

To register: <https://crop-planning.eventbrite.com> Contact Maggie at 401-273-9419 ext. 104; maggie@southsideclt.org

Sat., Dec. 7, 3-5 pm

Shopping for Seeds

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

Audience: market growers, farmers, general public

Winter is upon us and the 2020 growing season is right around the corner. This workshop will talk about the different organic seed company catalogues and how to order your seeds for next year.

To register: <https://shopping-for-seeds.eventbrite.com> Contact Rich at 401-273-9419 ext. 110 or cityfarm@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/2jZhr1I>. 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/2oGpIRR>

Young Farmer Network Farm Tours

This summer, SCLT and the Young Farmer Network will be organizing interpreters and rides for refugee gardeners to visit local organic farms to learn about how they grow food. Please contact Andrew at 401-273-9419 ext. 107 or andrew@southsideclt.org for more info.

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

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more about NRCS.

Please contact: Sebastian for more information: sebastian@southsideclt.org



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