

Growing Communities Conference - 6 & 7 December 2008

PROGRAM

Saturday, 6 December 2008

9:00 -9:30 Arrival and Registration

9:30 -9:40 Welcome and Introduction

9:40 -10:10 Gardeners - Climate Change Heroes - Nick Towle

10:10-10:40 Peaking - Duck! How community gardens are providing answers to the looming oil crisis - Linda Cockburn

10:40-11 Local Initiatives - Hannah Moloney

11-11:20 Morning Tea

11:20-12 Garden Projects around Tassie

12-1 Lunch

1-4 Garden Tour Option (Itinerary on Back)

1-2:30 (choose one from the following)

- Steve Solomon - Success with Seeds - how to use them, how to grow them
- David Stephen - Soil Amelioration and Compost Making Tips
- Film & Discussion - One Cow, One Man, One Planet
- Kids Activity* - Christine - Cooking from the Garden

2:30-3 Afternoon Tea

3-4 (choose one from the following)

- Gardens of Shapes and Symbols - Mark Ikia Healy
- Steve Solomon - Gardening Savvy - tips, tools and techniques
- Nenita Orsino - Grant Writing to fund gardens - experiences and tips
- Kids Activity* Cat Moore - Seed Planting

4:15-6 Communities in Transition Gathering - In this bonus session, explore and share ideas for creating sustainable communities for the future. Facilitated by Margaret Steadman, Sustainable Living Tasmania. (Gold Coin donation for the public, Free for GC conference attendees)

*Please note that the kids activities are being run by volunteers to assist parents by organising fun activities for kids - this is not a child minding service and parents are still responsible for their own children throughout the conference.

Sunday, 7 December 2008

9-12 Garden Tour Option (Itinerary on Back)

9-10:30 (choose one from the following)

- Sally Wise - A Year in a Bottle - preserving garden produce
- Jonah Gouldthorpe - Growing Veggies in Pots
- School Garden Panel - facilitated by Nel Smit
- Kids Activity* - Michelle and Adrielle

10:30-11 Morning Tea

11-12 (choose one from the following)

- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
- Kane Plowman & Peter Rae- Biodynamic Soil Cultivation
- Alan Marshall - Mulching With What You Have
- Kids Activity* - Julie and Catriona - Bean Bead Jewellery

12-1 Shared Picnic Lunch - please bring a salad/dessert to share

1-3:30 Permablitz Design Option

1-2:30 (choose one from the following)

- Paul Healy - Heirloom Breeds and Heritage Seeds - creating change and connection across the community
- Community Garden Panel - facilitated by Miriam Herzfeld
- Kids Activity* - Nel - Making Seed Mandalas

2:30-3 Afternoon Tea

3-4 (choose one from the following)

- Nik Magnus - Fruit Tree Propagation
- Jean Gray - Engaging the Young Green Thumbs
- Film - The Power of Community - How Cuba Survived Peak Oil
- Kids Activity* Lissa and Andrew- Potato Harvesting & stamp painting and Mask Making

4pm Closing - Sharing Circle