

Environmental Forum 2009—November 5, 2009

## “Growing Locally with Community Gardens”

**E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center, 4956 State Hwy. 20 East,  
Freeport, FL 32439**

This year's Environmental Forum will offer ten work shops lasting approximately twenty five minutes that allow you to attend as many workshops as you wish.

- 8:30 – 9:15 Networking & Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 – 10:00 Introduction—Sonny Mares, Exec. Director, TDC
  - Speaker - Commissioner Cecilia Jones, District 5
  - Introduction - Lori Ceier, Publisher, Walton Outdoors
  - Speaker - Eric Draper, Policy Director, National Audubon
- 10:00 - 12:00 Workshops
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Community Garden Future - Kendra Zamojski, Ext. Agent
  - Door Prizes
  - Survey and Print Distribution
- 2:00 - 2:30 Tour of E. O. Wilson Biophilia Exhibition Hall

**Slow food, local food, preserving food - What's cooking** with Kendra Zamojski, MA, CFLE Extension Agent II, Family and Consumer Sciences/Community Development

This workshop is serving up some recent and emerging food trends. Get the scoop on some of the hottest food trends including slow food, local food, preserving food, and more.

**Good Bugs-Bad Bugs -Beneficial Insects** with Sheila Dunning, Commercial Horticulture Assistant, Okaloosa County. Common landscape pests in Florida include aphids, scales, caterpillars and spider mites. Often, there is evidence of pest activity though the insect itself eludes the human eye. In such cases, beneficial Insects may already be working to reduce populations. Common predators include lady beetles, parasitic wasps and assassin bugs. But, many individuals are unfamiliar with the various good and bad insects. Through hands-on activities, workshop participants will learn to identify both harmful and helpful insects; enabling them to make environmentally wise decisions regarding pest control in the landscape.

**Permaculture and Modalities of Organic Gardening** with Kat M. Provencher,

Permaculture Designer/Instructor— Permaculture principles and techniques, as well as different styles of organic gardening. This will be the "nitty gritty, down in the soil, how to make it happen " workshop. Each step will be outlined to implement a garden from the ground up.

**Integrated Garden Design** with Architects Frank Greene and Chandra Hartman

Explores ideas and techniques for designing a garden space that is integrated with the built environment and existing natural features. Permaculture zones and site conditions will be discussed, as well as, effects of nearby structures and landscape features on the garden.

**Green Smoothies and Organic Eating** with Jenifer Kuntz, Owner of Raw & Juicy

Enjoy a "real food" smoothie and learn about the benefits of eating organically.

**Native Plants for the Florida Landscape** with Lee Mixson, Eastern Lake Nursery Manager

Learn what drought-tolerant Florida-native and Florida-friendly shrubs, trees and flowers will give your landscape maximum impact and conserve water.

**Building a Rain Barrel** –with Eddie Powell, Horticultural Assistant, Walton County

Learn how to provide a smart and economical way to harvest rainwater for your garden or lawn.

**Vermiculture** with Arix Zalace, local worm farmer.

Learn the basics of worm farming. From the biology down to the symbiotic relationship between worms and bacteria, discover the ultimate form of recycling. Turn your table scraps and paper waste into valuable fertilizer. Once you understand the process, you will learn how to create a healthy, productive, and odor free worm farm in your own home.

**Container Gardening** with John Kratt, Master Gardener

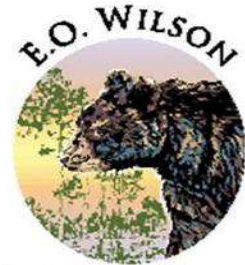
Learn which plants grow well in N.W. Florida and which plants to cultivate for a fall/spring garden.

**Building a Spiral Herb Garden** with Peter and Susan Horn, Artisan Builders

Create an organic, composting herb garden with easy-to-find salvaged and recycled materials. Learn which herbs will attract birds and beneficial insects, add fresh new flavor to your favorite dishes, and thrive in our microclimate. Based on the permaculture philosophy of creating zero-waste systems, herb spirals have been used worldwide as compact garden features that improve the soil, reduce waste, and grow useful plants—all without petrochemical fertilizers and pesticides.



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Seating is limited.** Advance registration and payment are required. **Registration will not be accepted at the door.** Registration fee is \$35.00. Registration form and check/money order must be received together. Mail or deliver to Walton County TDC, 25777 U.S. Hwy. 331 So., Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459. To gain entry into the forum, you will be required to present your registration number, which will be sent to you, along with additional workshop information, via e-mail by Monday.

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