



2022 Schedule for School Garden Monthly Calls

Description

**2022 FOUA-VCE Planning Calendar
Monthly Garden Coordinator Zoom Calls
Proposed Topics
(3rd Wednesday each month)**

If you would like to join the meetings, [fill out this form](#). Questions? Email schoolgardens@arlingtonurbanag.org.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Starting next week, Wednesday, May 4, and continuing through mid-September, we will be coordinating our school gardens outreach in tandem with FOUA's Plot Against Hunger [Wednesday Garden Talks](#) at **Arlington Central Library**. The Garden Talks are held from 7:00 – 8:00PM next to the PLOT Garden near the tennis courts. Please come to learn firsthand from experienced gardeners about tips and tricks for gardening success on 20 different gardening topics, and how gardens of all stripes factor into the county's food security goals.

WEDNESDAY MONTHLY SCHOOL GARDEN COORDINATOR CALLS: In lieu of our monthly zoom meetings, we invite you to gather with us in-person at Arlington Central Library at **6:30PM next to the PLOT Garden**, where we'll be on hand for Garden Q&A for thirty minutes before the scheduled [Wednesday Library Talk](#). For those of you unable to make it in person, we will also make this a Facebook Live event on the [FOUA Facebook](#) page. Initial topics include:

May 18: Container & Balcony Gardening with Anne Reed

June 15: Intercropping/Succession Planting with Judy Johnson

July 20: Top 10 Vegetable Diseases with Kirsten Conrad

[Topics for August and September TBD.]

SCHOOL GARDEN VISITS: Our first confirmed school garden visit will occur on Sunday, May 15th at [The Jefferson Garden](#) at [Thomas Jefferson Middle School](#) (at 4pm). Keep a look-out for a survey



Doodle Poll from Anne Braghetta so that we can coordinate more in-person garden visits on other summer dates.

August 17 – Fall planting. Arlington County Fair Aug 17-21.

September 21 – Back to school, Cover crop planning for fall & winter.

October 19 – Harvest Festivals / Urban Agriculture Month. Soil testing.

November 16 – Prepping the garden for winter. Cover crop winter maintenance.

December – Annual FOUA meeting.

PAST MEETINGS

January 19 – Discuss annual calendar for school garden coordinators! MLK Day of Service as an opportunity to involve students, parents and teachers.

February 16 – Getting seedlings started indoors [Feb 16, 2022 School Garden Network Meeting](#)

- Planting calendar- Tips for step-by-step gardening actions
- Covered gardening for winter growing.
- Making the most of spring planting for the elementary school year.
- Getting a plan of work laid out for the annual year – very location specific!
- Set up your garden to prevent pests.

March 16 – Planning your garden. [March 2022 School Garden Network Meeting](#)

- Soil conditioning and soil health. Soil testing.
- Growing community.

April 20 – Garden synergies and best practices. [April 20, 2022 School Garden Network Meeting](#)

- Pest Control.
- Planning garden visits across APS

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