

Sustaining Hawkes Bay Trust - Environment Centre Hawke's Bay

Programme

► Growing organic and biodynamic veges in your home garden ◀ by Marion Koppenol

Workshop 18 September (Haumoana): Improvement of soil health

- A soil profile. What does it tell me?
- Setting up a compost heap inoculated with BD preps
- Working with BD prep 500 (horn manure)
- Use of lime and other inputs.

Course requirements: a clean bucket with lid and bristle brush, 2 jars with lid, IB5 school notebook (to be used as garden diary) pen, pencil, gumboots, sunhat.

Workshop 25 September: Planning of a vege garden

- Air, water, warmth, earth and site suitability
- Site planning
- Dig-no dig, trenches or a raised garden?
- Planning for four types of veges, spacing, rotation, companion and host planting
- Use of BD calendar in planning of garden work
- Making your own veges garden plan with support of course leader

Workshop 2 October: Starting up a veges garden

- Evaluation of the veges garden designs of all participants
- Ways of planting seedlings and sowing seeds
- Care of different types of veges
- Management of weeds in and around crops
- Prevention of damage by snails, slugs, birds, and high stress factors for plants

Workshop 16 October: Maintaining plant health

- Sharing experiences with the veges garden projects
- Working with soil moisture, irrigation and mulching
- Making plant concentrates and BD liquid manure for foliar sprays
- Cultivation of specific veges

All workshops run in spring 2010 on Saturdays from 1-4 pm.

One follow up session is available on request. Course fees: \$62 p.p. inclu. Some materials
Closing date for enrolment: 8 September. Maximum 10 persons

Further information from Hawke's Bay Environment Centre

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