

Resources for Spring Gardening Teach-In



Getting Started in the Garden

2021 Get Growing – with Karen Biondo and Michelle Crawford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMjgfuGQsks>

2020 Spring Seed Starting - Vashon's Get Growing Team

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0SwATZSjIkR1s5CHyZo15CR95pOMkiah_jTBI5Y8F3fNM0eErOgVyXPHc&v=T7uHxBg-Olw&feature=youtu.be

Seed Saving

2021 **Vashon Seed Share** at La Biondo Farm Stand, 20602 SW 111th St. Take the pre-packaged seeds you can use; leave extra seeds you have for others. (Wear a mask please.)

Free online workshop with Islander Jen Williams on the basics of Seed Saving, Tuesday, March 2nd at 4pm. [VashonResilience.org/seed2](https://vashonresilience.org/seed2)

2020 Workshop Video on **Seed Saving as an Act of Resistance and Community Empowerment**, presentation by Jen Williams of Wild Dreams Farm, hosted by Backbone Campaign

<https://www.vashonresilience.org/seeds>

Compost and Biochar

Biochar Videos recommended by Ken Miller, biochar czar of Vashon:

- [Workshop: How to Make Biochar](#)
- [Making Biochar: Small Batch Method](#)
- [The Secret Of Eldorado - TERRA PRETA](#)
- [Biochar with Hugh](#)

Books Recommended:

1491, by Charles Mann

The Biochar Solution, by Albert Bates

Zero Waste Vashon info and video series on 3-bin composting, static piles, and worm bins:

<http://zerowastevashon.org/home-composting-systems/>

Pesticide Management and Mulching

Lots of resources for Growing Plants without the Use of Toxic Chemicals, by Islanders Diane Emerson and Michael Laurie [Garden Green](#)

Diane and Michael's guide on sheet mulching (with videos): <https://www.gardengreen.org/weeds>

Fertilizer

Vashon BioEnergy Farm Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/vashonbio>

General Info on growing food, herbs, and flowers

Growing Groceries – Master Gardener of King County program

<https://www.mgfk.org/education/growinggroceries>

Tip Sheets – WSU Extension

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/gardening/gardening-tip-sheets/>

Tilth Alliance – Resources, classes

<http://www.tilthalliance.org/covid-19-resources>

Other Info and Resources:

- The **Vashon Farmer's Market** opens Saturday, April 3rd, 2021. More info: VigaVashon.org
- Donate to the **Food Access Partnership** so Islanders can access locally grown food, regardless of ability to pay: FoodAccessPartnership.org/donate
- Join the **Vashon Island Time Exchange (our community's time bank)** - then request help for your garden, or offer help to others! VashonTime.org
- **Donate to Backbone Campaign's Local Resilience work**; donations support Teach-Ins, coordinating the Time Exchange, organizing volunteers, webinars and interviews: VashonResilience.org/donate
- For a creative break, a beautiful 3-minute animation **The Story of Flowers**: <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2020/02/story-of-flowers-animation> *(thanks to Rondi Lightmark of the Whole Vashon Project for sharing!)*