

ACGA's 32nd Annual
Community Gardening Conference
Columbia University, New York City
August 18-21, 2011



“Community Gardening Works!”

Call for Presentations

Thursday, August 18 – Sunday, August 21, 2011
Columbia University, New York City, NY

All proposals must be postmarked by March 15, 2011
We prefer submissions by e-mail to acga2011@gmail.com

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a non-profit organization of professionals and volunteers who seek to build community by increasing and enhancing community gardening and greening across the United States and Canada.

The ACGA annual conference brings together hundreds of individuals from across the United States, Canada, and abroad, who are engaged in all aspects of gardening and greening. The conference includes hands on workshops, keynote speakers, a film festival, and visits to community gardens, parks, schools, and other green space in New York City.

We want to hear about your work. We are seeking a diverse group of presenters to share a wide range of information about community gardening and greening, including:

- Community Gardeners
- Horticulturists
- Landscape Designers and Architects
- Arborists and Foresters
- Open Space Advocates
- Organizers and Leaders
- Public Employees
- Parks and Planning Staff
- Teachers and other educators
- Community Food Security Advocates
- Master Gardeners
- Artists and Filmmakers
- Horticultural Therapists
- Nutritionists
- Researchers

Panels and Workshops

Session length is 30 minutes long. **Highest priority will be given to engaging, hands-on, interactive, experiential, panel and team presentations, and participant-inclusive discussions.** We discourage the use of “PowerPoint” except to show pictures. A conference registration discount of \$100.00 (divided among presenters) per session will be applied to the registration of the presenters. Please specify how you want the \$100.00 discount split. *You may also opt to donate your discount to the ACGA as a tax-deductible donation to ACGA.*

Evaluation of Proposals

The ACGA program committee evaluates proposals on five criteria: overall quality, relevance to community gardening, clarity of focus, degree of potential audience engagement, and practical applicability. Incomplete applications or applications not adhering to word count limitations may be rejected.

Workshop Themes

Researchers and practitioners are encouraged to use the following themes or related topics:

1 Food, Health and Nutrition

Obesity and diet-related disease prevention (especially in children), community food security, nutrition education, cooking from the garden, food preservation, local food systems, school food, rehabilitative and therapeutic gardening

2 Youth and Adult Education

School gardens and partnerships, teacher training, curricula, youth-led presentations, environmental education and action, job training,

3 Government and Advocacy

Community garden policies and legislation (federal, state, local), advocacy process, local action to preserve gardens, land trusts and other garden preservation mechanisms

4 Economic Development and Urban Agriculture

Garden micro-enterprises, workforce development, economic impacts of gardens and open space, community gardens and farmers' markets, livestock management

5 Sustainability

Energy and resource conservation, transportation, solar and wind energy, composting, density reduction, water management, climate change mitigation

6 Horticulture and Ecology

Maintaining healthy soils, composting, habitat creation and conservation, season extension, nontraditional spaces, organic growing methods, edible landscapes, bio-intensive gardening, permaculture

7 Organizational and Community Development

Staff development, community garden management, coalition building, organizing, fundraising, in-kind resources, media, networking, volunteer programs, event and recreational programming.

Please complete the following information:

Primary contact

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing address _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____ Email _____

Indicate \$100.00 conference discount split _____ Donate conference discount to ACGA _____

Co-presenter(s), title(s), organization(s), email(s)

Name _____ Title _____

Organization name _____ Email _____

Name _____ Title _____

Organization name _____ Email _____

Please check all that apply

Audio Visual Needs: LCD (PowerPoint) projector _____, Slide projector _____, Overhead _____, Flip

charts _____, TV/VCR _____, TV/DVD _____, Other (describe) _____

Session Proposal:

1. Workshop Theme _____

2. Session Title _____

3. Proposal Description for Conference Brochure: **Maximum 50 words**

4. Proposal Narrative: **Maximum 300 words**. Include:

- Main points and goals of your session
- What participants will learn
- Interactive elements of your session

5. Biographical sketch for each presenter: **Maximum 75 words each presenter**

Please attach all information (use additional sheets if needed) to this application.

PLEASE NOTE:

The description, summary, and biographical sketch may be edited for inclusion in conference materials. All presenters are expected to register for the conference.

ACGA will compensate conference workshop presenters. Compensation will not be available for films or poster displays. The compensation will be a registration discount of \$100.00 (divided among presenters) per session. It will be applied to the registration of the presenters. Please specify how you want the \$100.00 discount split. You may also opt to donate your discount to the ACGA as a tax-deductible donation to ACGA.

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