

2019 Spring Festival Speaker Schedule

Sunday

10:30 Off Grid with Doug and Stacy—"Living an Organic Life" Doug and Stacy live on 11 acres in the Midwest where they raise, grow and harvest most of their own food.

11:30 Xu Chen--"Using Chinese Methods for growing Vegetables in the Ozarks
"After growing up in rural China, Chen obtained a degree in agricultural business and plant science, and is now a certified seed viability technologist.

12:30 Zen Honeycutt— "Celebrating the WINS of the Organic Movement" Zen is an anti-biotech activist and figurehead in the anti-GMO movement, as well as founder of Moms Across America.

1:30 J. Jackson—"The secrets of market farming. How to become successful on a small piece of land." Mr. Jackson is an successful market gardener and runs a popular farming non-profit helping veterans and the community.

2:30 Speaker TBD.

3:30 Rachel Parent—"Is Nature under Attack by Corporations Trying to Patent and Own it?" Rachel is a Toronto-based activist for issues related to genetically modified organisms in foods, and especially government regulation in regard to food labeling.

4:30 Monte and Laura Bledsoe--"Tips learned from 10 years of Market Farming"
Owners of Quail Hollow Farm in Southern Nevada, the Bledsoes are passionate about promoting healthy soil and healthy families.

5:30 SPECIAL SEMINAR-- David Bohlen, Gibron Jones, Mark Wideman, and Shannon McCabe. "Growing ethnic vegetables and market gardening in Missouri." This seminar will be about growing ethnic vegetables, with a special emphasis on Japanese varieties and much more.

Monday

10:30 Kevin and Sarah with Living Traditions Homestead--"Replacing the Grocery Store with Homegrown Food" Kevin and Sarah are full-time homesteaders who left corporate America in Phoenix, AS to live a simple and sustainable life in the Missouri Ozarks.

11:30 VW Family Farm--"Making Money on a Homestead" VW Family is gardening, farming, homesteading family who "does it all" in Arkansas.

12:30 Jessica Sowards--"Joy in Gardening with Heirlooms" Jessica Sowards shares her love of growing heirlooms on her family's Roots and Refuge Farm youtube channel.

1:30 Pat Brodowski—"Great Gardening Ideas from Thomas Jefferson's Garden" Pat is a specialty gardener at Monticello, plants and maintains the plantation's two-acre kitchen garden comprising heirloom vegetables and herbs.

2:30 Mike Dickson--"Getting Fit with Gardening" Mike is owner and operator of Big Pond Farm in Concord, NC, and can be found on YouTube channel: FARMF.I.T.!

3:30 Wayne and Connie Burlison--"Self-Regenerative Gardening around the World—no money require" They have trekked the world for the last 10 years teaching Gardening for Life in (10) third World Countries.

4:30 Ben Cohen—"Seed Libraries—Building a Sustainable Community" Ben is a writer, poet, herbalist, gardener, seed saver and founder of Michigan Seed Library.

5:30 Prepsteaders Bob and Mrs. B. —"Using social media on your small farm, and more! They have been homesteading since 2003 in northern Wisconsin. They also share their expertise with other homesteaders, preppers and DIY-ers across the U.S. and Canada through their Youtube channel Prepsteader Bob.