

ROOTING DC

a free urban gardening forum

- GENERAL EVENT FAQ -

- **Where/how can I sign-up to receive information about the event?**
 - Join the Rooting DC contact list [HERE](#) to receive emails about the event including the call for presenters/exhibitors/volunteers, "save the date", and attendee registration.
- **What is the location of the event?**
 - Rooting DC is traditionally hosted at a DC Public High School. High schools are a great space for partnering with local learning institutions that have amenities (like individual classrooms and a large gathering space, eg. cafeteria, for the Exhibitor Hall) to facilitate event needs. We work to move the event to different schools across District wards to enhance accessibility for residents.
- **What time is the event?**
 - Doors open at 9am and workshops start at 10am. The event wraps around 3p-4p.
- **How much does it cost to attend Rooting DC?**
 - Rooting DC is FREE! There are no fees for attending the workshop and Exhibitor Hall.
- **Is parking available?**
 - We encourage using public transportation and are unable to guarantee parking for attendees. Any parking is first-come, first-served.
- **What should I expect at the event entrance?**
 - DC Public Schools are facilities that typically require security guards and passing through a metal detector to enter the building. Please follow all instructions from the security team when entering the building. We suggest minimizing bags and accessories to enable a smooth process. After security, folks will be greeted to scan their ticket or complete a walk-in registration.
- **Are children welcome to attend?**
 - Absolutely! We encourage it!
- **What is event accessibility?**
 - We work to ensure that the event workshops and exhibitor hall are accessible by ramp and/or elevator.
- **Can I register for specific workshops?**
 - Attendance at all workshops is first-come, first served.
- **Can I attend the event if I have not registered?**

- Yes. We accept walk-in attendees who can register on-site. That said, we encourage pre-registration so that we can prepare for the appropriate number of attendees. Additionally, we send announcements/emails via contacts secured during the registration process. Pre-registration is the best way to make sure you have all the information you need to have a great experience.
- **Should I bring anything with me?**
 - We encourage you to bring any of the following that may support your experience: a reusable water bottle, pen and notebook for note-taking, a tote bag for collecting goodies at the exhibitor hall.
- **Will there be a seed give-away?**
 - We plan to give seeds away each year although this is subject to availability and can't guarantee access for any/all attendees.
- **Will there be food at the event?**
 - We recruit food trucks to provide lunch for sale, however, factors like weather, lines, and limited available seating may determine if you want to pursue this option. You are welcome and encouraged to brown bag your own snacks/lunch. We ask that you refrain from eating in classrooms (unless it is a sample provided by the workshop host). In general, please observe a "leave no trace" ethos while at the event.
- **Can I attend virtually?**
 - This event centers community building and networking and therefore we focus on in-person elements and do not offer virtual options. For folks unable to attend, we post the event presentations on our website within a few weeks after the event.
- **When will the presentation slides be available on the event website?**
 - We get them up as soon as we can. Usually one-to-two (1-2) weeks after the event, and/or by the end of the month.
- **I'm bringing a large group. Can I register as a group?**
 - Unfortunately, no, our system only allows individual registration. Please have each member of your group register separately, prior to the event. Although we do accept walk-in registrations, the number of 'day of' slots is limited and we can not guarantee that your whole group will be admitted.
- **I'm interested in presenting, exhibiting, volunteering, and/or food vending?**
 - Please [submit information here](#) and you'll be contacted when the call for positions is opened.
- **Where and when is the event schedule posted?**
 - The best way to stay posted about our event schedule is by [signing up for our contact list here](#).
- **When is the event?**
 - The event is typically held on a Saturday in early March each year. We do our best to avoid conflicts with holidays, spring break, and other regional events.
- **I lost something at the event. Is there a Lost & Found?**
 - Found items during the event will be sent to the registration area. If you are inquiring about a lost item after the event, contact urban.ag@dc.gov.
- **Does Rooting DC have other events throughout the year? How can I stay connected to the urban agriculture and gardening community?**

- Rooting DC is a once-a-year event. We like to think of it as a family reunion! We recommend joining the [DC Urban Gardeners Network \(DUG\)](#)* to stay connected to the other urban ag/gardening details through every season. (*The DUG network is an independent entity and views expressed in its content are its own.)