

## 21 Acres School

21 Acres is a nonprofit school dedicated to teaching people how to grow, eat and live sustainably.

## Backyard Farming

### Course Description

Have you always wanted to know more about gardening but not know where to start? Does going to the nursery make you inspired but leave you overwhelmed about what things to buy? Have you tried gardening in the past but didn't have the successes you had hoped for? This class will teach you how to turn your yard into productive garden spaces that flourish.

If getting started is overwhelming. We can help you have the garden space you've always wanted. This class is scheduled just in time to start a garden that will yield beautiful results this spring and summer.

### Learn everything in five sessions:

- 1 - Visioning the Backyard Farm — Plant Biology 101, Figure out what to grow!
- 2 - Preparing the Soil — How to build and sustain soil fertility
- 3 - Compost Gold — Create an easy system to nourish plants with free material
- 4 - Making Great Choices — How to select seeds, starts and transplants
- 5 - Timing is Everything — Design a planting calendar to get the most out of space

## Faculty

**Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Wheat**, is an expert in sustainable farming, biology and the environment. Dr. Wheat teaches at the University of Washington and leads coordination of the UW student farm. As a 21 Acres instructor, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Wheat and share her wealth of experience with our students.



Are you interested in learning how to:

- ▶ Create an edible yard?
- ▶ Grow fruits and vegetables to add to the family meals or to share with friends and neighbors?
- ▶ Have culinary herbs for your kitchen?
- ▶ Attract butterflies, bees and other pollinators?
- ▶ Plan an ornamental garden that blooms throughout the year?

If so, this class will teach you the beginning basics to laying the groundwork for each of the areas above. Be sure to register soon as space fills quickly.



## About Us

The **21 Acres School** offers continuing education classes that focus on principles of sustainable agriculture including those related to not only food and food systems, but also home energy and water conservation, tools for local economic development, and quality of life improvements for our community. Core courses and individual elective classes are provided in three key areas, Growing, Eating and Living. The **21 Acres School** offers a **Sustainability Stewardship Certificate Program**. Courses and classes are eligible for continuing education units (CEUs). For more information about the Certificate Program please visit our website, [www.21acres.org](http://www.21acres.org).

We situate much of the learning in our LEED Certified green-built Center for Local Food and Sustainable Living on the north side of our farming acreage. **Please come for a visit.**



## Enrollment/Registration

**Enrollment** — In order to take this course students must first enroll in the 21 Acres School as a student. Enrollment is \$45 for a two year period. Enrollees receive advance notice of class availability and on occasion special discount offers on classes.

**Registration** — Register at the same time you enroll by following the steps below.

- 3 ways to Enroll/Register:**
1. Call (425)481-1500
  2. Email, [deb@21acres.org](mailto:deb@21acres.org)
  3. Online, [www.21acres.org](http://www.21acres.org)

*Classes fill quickly. Register early to avoid disappointment.*

**Backyard Farming** Register by Feb 20, 2012  
**Course Fee:** \$195\*

*\*Ask about the 21 Acres Membership discount on registration fees.*

*21 Acres admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*



## Certification

This course qualifies for the **Sustainability Stewardship Certificate**. Enroll, register for this class and receive CEUs towards your certificate.

## Class sessions

This is a five week course, meeting Wednesdays for 2 hours at 21 Acres.

February 22 .....	6:30-8:30 pm
February 29 .....	6:30-8:30 pm
March 7 .....	6:30-8:30 pm
March 14 .....	6:30-8:30 pm
March 21 .....	6:30-8:30 pm

This is the first Core Course in the **Growing Series** of classes. Watch for notice of details about upcoming courses related to this theme.

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