

August 2009: Talks, Tours, Workshops, Events

Backyard Composting with Spring Gillard

Saturday, August 22, 10am to noon

Near 21st & Main St.

Want to learn how to compost or get some tips on how to manage your smelly, rat infested bin better? Is it too dangerous to compost if you live in a non-earthquake proof highrise? Is it ok to put dead pigeons or belly button lint in the bin? Join Spring Gillard, author of *Diary of a Compost Hotline Operator* and get all your burning compost questions answered.

Spring does widespread research into urban agriculture worldwide. She is an avid storyteller who believes in the power of humour to convey serious messages.

Pay-What-You-Feel, suggested donation \$25-35. Our contributions make it possible for teachers like Spring to expand and deepen the scope of the important educational work they are involved in.

To register, or to host a future backyard composting or other networking workshop, please contact Ross at rmoster@flash.net Everyone is welcome to attend, but registration is limited to 25 participants. This workshop is jointly presented by Garden Heart Productions and Village Vancouver. www.villagevancouver.ca

The Gauntlet: A Look at the Emergency Food System

Wednesday, August 26th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Walking Tour, Kitsilano Neighbourhood

As we walk in our west side neighbourhoods, many of us run the daily gauntlet of outstretched hands, from the homeless to the NGO's. Join author, Spring Gillard for a look at the emergency food system and the charity model and ponder: to give or not to give? Talk to service providers and learn about food programs on the west side that cater to vulnerable populations, as well as other initiatives that help increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for all. \$35. To register: info@gardenheart.ca or call 604.714.1394. This is the final tour of the summer series, called Exploring the Food System on the West Side presented by Garden Heart Productions and the Westside Food Security Collaborative. More will be offered in the fall. For more info: compostdiary.com/.