



# Climate Victory Gardens

Saturday, April 4, 3-5PM



# VICTORY GARDENS

Seeds • Beds • Planting • Compost • Local Resources

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# PLANT A VICTORY GARDEN



**OUR FOOD  
IS FIGHTING**

**GARDEN WILL MAKE YOUR RATIONS GO FURTHER**

## Sow the seeds of victory

- ▶ Fruit and vegetable gardens in the war years
- ▶ Ensured families had fresh food and extended war rations.
- ▶ Slogans
  - ▶ “Dig for Victory”
  - ▶ “Every War Garden is a Peace Plant”
  - ▶ “Garden to Cut Food Costs”
- ▶ Climate Victory Gardens
  - ▶ Build local and family food security
  - ▶ Food is locally grown and organic
  - ▶ Joy of growing, relaxation



# Panelists and Agenda

## Gardeners and Growers

- ▶ Joel
- ▶ Leonie
- ▶ Mark
- ▶ David
- ▶ Marilyn

## Agenda

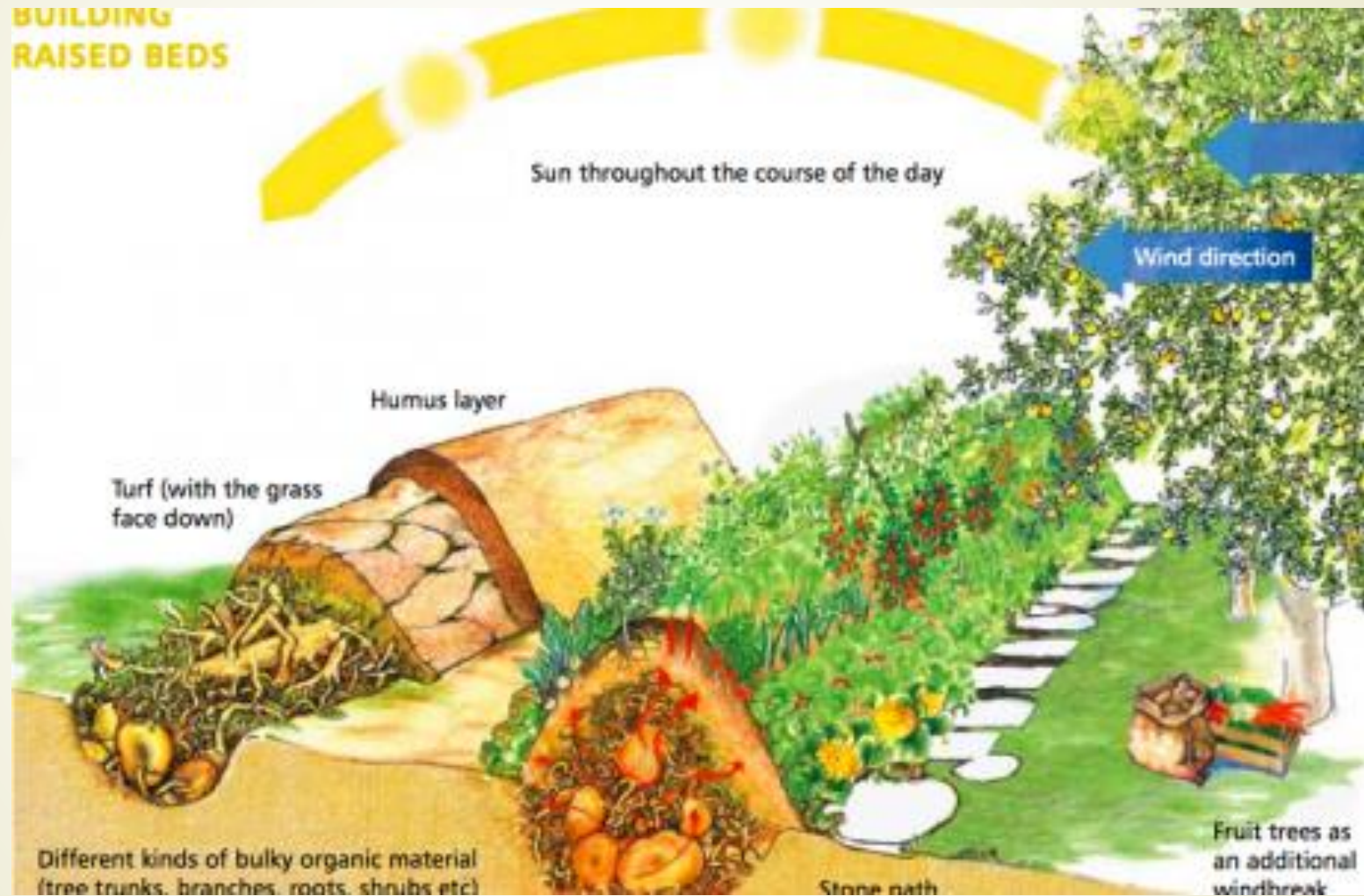
- ▶ Panel discussion 3-4PM
  - ▶ Preparing a garden bed
  - ▶ Seeds and Seedlings
- ▶ Questions and Answers 4-5PM



# Preparing a garden bed

- ▶ Garden size to match your goals – Joel
- ▶ Soil quality, compost and amendments - Leonie
- ▶ Raised Beds – David
- ▶ Starting a new bed (lawn conversion) – Joel
- ▶ Hugelkultur bed – Mark
  
- ▶ Local sources of soil and amendments
  - ▶ PH – soil samples tested at Scotian Gold / test kits at Blomidon Nurseries
  - ▶ Fine grained limestone – Blomidon Nursery
  - ▶ Top soil – Les Doherty on Black Rock Road (LRD welding and excavating) & McConnell's in Greenwich
  - ▶ Kelp/fish meal – Baldwin's Nursery near Falmouth
  - ▶ Compost – Scotian Gold in Coldbrook, North Ridge Farms Near Berwick

# Hugelkultur





# Seeds and seedlings



- ▶ Heritage seeds/open pollinated or hybrid seeds – Leonie
- ▶ Starting seedlings – Mark
- ▶ Planting for harvest from spring through fall – Joel
- ▶ Favorable plant combinations/interplanting – David
- ▶ Garden planning for perennials - Joel
  
- ▶ Local sources of seeds and seedlings:
  - ▶ Annapolis seeds (heirloom) in Nictaux Falls
  - ▶ Wholegreenheart in Welsford
  - ▶ Incredible seeds (heirloom) in Petite Riviere (plus fruit trees)
  - ▶ Hope seeds (rare and heirloom) in Annapolis Royal
  - ▶ Halifax seeds (hybrid organic seeds)
  - ▶ Vessey seeds in PEI (hybrid seeds, some organic)
  - ▶ Seedlings - Scotian Gold in Coldbrook, 7 acres farm in Canning, Blomidon Nurseries in Greenwich



# Reading list

“The Vegetable Gardener’s Bible” by Edward C. Smith

“Year Round Vegetable Gardener “ by Nikki Jabbour

Personal notebook of vegetable and fruit growing by Marilyn Cameron

Hawthorn Hill Farm, Grafton







# Learn by doing



- ▶ Work or volunteer on a small farm this summer
- ▶ Climate circle for starting seedlings/greenhouse/compost
- ▶ Bulk ordering of fruit trees & bushes
- ▶ Grow a community garden
  
- ▶ Get involved with
  - ▶ Climate Circles Annapolis Valley East – Monday nights at 7PM
  - ▶ Transition Wolfville and Area: [info@transitionwolfvillearea.ca](mailto:info@transitionwolfvillearea.ca)
  - ▶ Extinction Rebellion Kings-Hants: [xrns@riseup.net](http://xrns@riseup.net)



# Info shared by participants during the session

- ▶ Website recommended by Marilyn for advice on gardening: <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening/>
- ▶ Put a mini hoop-row tunnel on the raised beds to soil warmer sooner and to extend the seasons most inexpensively
- ▶ Reference for a soil map of Kings County: "Soil Survey of Kings County, Nova Scotia" D.B. Cann and J.I. MacDougall and J.D. Hilchey, Report No 15, 1965 (includes maps): <http://sis.agr.gc.ca/cansis/publications/surveys/ns/ns15/index.html>
- ▶ Transition Bay will be holding zoom events about victory gardening and small animal farming: <http://www.transitionbay.ca/events/>
- ▶ Peas, chard and lettuce are relatively shade-tolerant
- ▶ Books: Growing urban orchards by Susan Poigner and Grow Great Grub by Gayla Trail
- ▶ Mark Russell of Garlic Mountain Farm makes the most amazing horse manure compost