

Michigan State University Extension

**Winter 2021 Virtual School Garden Education Sessions**

**Registration link: [MSUE Virtual School Garden Education](https://msu.zoom.us/j/9171111111)**

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Michigan State University Extension is offering a **free Winter 2021 Virtual School Garden Education series**. The target audience for this series is formal and informal educators including school and community garden organizers. This series of six interactive, educational garden sessions will be held every other Wednesday starting February 3, 2021 to April 14, 2021 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. By registering for the entire series, you will be able to attend each session using the same link.

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm: African Agriculture Influences with Shakara Tyler, Ph.D.** who will discuss the many influences and contributions of African agriculture on the U.S. and the world. This presentation will be an inspiration and resource for educators for use in their classrooms.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm: Theme Gardens with Dr. Norm Lownds, Director 4-H Children's Garden, MSU.** Join Dr. Norm to explore using Theme Gardens as an effective way to engage kids with plants and gardens. Spend a little time in the 4-H Children's Gardens in the Performing Plants Garden, Dinosaur Garden, Butterfly Garden, Pizza Garden and others. Get some inspiration to let your imaginations run with your Theme Garden ideas and plans.

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm: Seed Starting Party with Deirdre Hope, MSU Extension Master Gardener Coordinator.** Deirdre will demonstrate best seed starting practices and we would like you to start your seeds along with us! All registrants will receive a list of supplies and best practices one week prior to class so that you can learn while doing. Participants are welcome to follow along or simply observe.

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm: Cool Weather Crops and Trellis Demonstration with Kristine Hahn, Extension Educator and Deirdre Hope, MSU Extension Master Gardener Coordinator.** Kristine will cover cool weather crops and their best growing practices. Then Deirdre will show you how to construct a trellis to grow your peas and/or beans on. We will email a supply list so that you can construct your own trellis in time for starting your peas!

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 4:00 pm: Greenhouse Propagation with Dr. Norm Lownds & Jessica Wright, MSU 4-H Children's Garden Education Coordinator.** Learn different methods of propagation of plants with cuttings that can easily produce more mature plants faster than traditional seed methods.

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm: Mindfulness in the Garden with Lisa Tams, LMSW, ACSW and Laurie Rivetto, 4-H Extension Educator.** Learn how to utilize the school garden as the best environment to promote social and emotional wellness with mindfulness techniques.

**Please contact Kristine Hahn at [hahnk@msu.edu](mailto:hahnk@msu.edu) with any questions.**