



# Backyard Farming

SERIES



The six part “Divine Design” spring series will cover all the basics you need to plan, design or modify your home garden landscapes. With a focus on sustainability, permaculture and the wise use of our limited natural resources, the information in each class will build on those previous. Participants will leave with the tools to assess their home gardens and have a chance to share ideas and plans at the concluding workshop. Testing soil, mapping rainwater harvest and choosing correct plants are just a few of the topics to be covered. Don’t have a garden space at home? That’s ok, we will also be analyzing the demonstration garden and the Historic Gutierrez-Hubbell House to make a garden plan for 2015.



We encourage you to attend the entire spring series, however, it is okay to attend select workshops. Register for free at [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace).

**You can also register by contacting Colleen Langan-McRoberts at (505)314-0398.**

All of the workshops are held at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House located in the South Valley (6029 Isleta Blvd. SW).

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# Schedule OF Workshops

**MARCH 8** 🌿 9 - 12:30 P.M.  
**Garden Planning & Sustainability  
 in the Home Garden**

Participants will learn how to observe and assess their current landscape in order to plan for a productive garden space. Special attention will be given to existing structures and the sun's path throughout the year. Let nature tell you where your garden fits best! Hosted by Michael Reed or La Orilla Farm, a permaculture project based in Albuquerque's South Valley. This is the first class in a six part series.

**MARCH 22** 🌿 9 - 12:30 P.M.  
**Water Harvesting & Assessment**

We live in a desert! Find out how to conserve water in your thirsty garden. Mapping hardscapes, observing low spots and understanding how water permeates different soils will all be touched on. Harvesting rain water and grey water for the garden will shift your thinking from water scarcity to water abundance. This is the second class in a six part series.

**APRIL 5** 🌿 9 - 12:30 P.M.  
**Soil Structure & Soil Building**

Any gardener will tell you the most important thing is your soil. Come to this workshop to understand how to determine what type of soil you have and how to build healthy over time to increase fertility and productivity. Shawn Hardeman will cover soil science, what soil is made of and what that means to the backyard farmer. Bring a jar of your soil to complete a simple soil test. This is the third class in a six part series.

**APRIL 19** 🌿 9 - 12:30 P.M.  
**Garden Planting & Appropriate Plants**

Choosing plants that are appropriate for our climate and region can make the difference. Participants will learn tried and true varieties that add both beauty and abundance to the home landscape and garden. Correct timing and technique for planting will also be covered in this workshop. This is the fourth class in a six part series.

**MAY 3** 🌿 9 - 12:30 P.M.  
**Recycled & Natural Building Materials  
 in the Garden**

Participants will learn how to identify what structures are needed and how they may alter the garden scape. Looking at available materials that nature gives us will also be covered. Using recycled materials and managing a "resource pile" will also be covered. This is the fifth class in a six part series.

**MAY 17** 🌿 9 - 12:30 P.M.  
**Completed Garden Designs -  
 Presentations & Certificates**

In this final workshop of our six part Divine Design series, we will have a chance to see and share ideas from our own home landscapes. Certificates will be given to all those who attended all six workshops in the series.