



Organic Master Gardener Program (Sep) GLHO2957, (Jan) GLHO2958, (Mar) GLHO2959

Be prepared for a major shift in paradigms! This is a gardening course, and so much more. Students have called it "life changing" - because once we truly understand the connection between soil health, plant health, human health and environmental health we look at the world with different eyes.

This is our core course. **It is a pre-requisite for the [Ecological Landscape Design](#) course, and an essential component of the [Diploma in Organic Land Care](#).** It is intense - challenging - inspiring, consisting of lectures and hands-on exercises. And it is taking the country by storm! You will get the same comprehensive, professional curriculum as the [Organic Horticulture Specialist](#) course, but discussions will generally reflect the interests of a more mixed audience including home gardeners, budding farmers and landscape professionals.

Topics:

- Learn to create fabulous food and ornamental gardens without pesticides and other harmful chemicals
- Become involved with [SOUL \(Society for Organic Urban Land Care\)](#) and share your knowledge with your community through workshops, talks and other creative ways
- Gain essential skills to start or enhance your own business in the rapidly growing organic land care industry
- Prepare to write the [SOUL Organic Certification](#) exam for land care professionals
- Earn generous Continuing Education Credits to maintain your industry certifications (ISA, CNLA, BCSLA, SOUL)

Everyone is welcome. No previous experience required. Just come, learn and have fun. To receive a Certificate of Completion, students must attend all sessions and satisfactorily complete all assignments and quizzes. *Organic Master Gardener*® is a registered trademark of Gaia College.

Facilitators: Heide Hermary or various Gaia instructors. Heide has a Diploma in Horticulture, and a Masters Degree in Sustainable Agriculture. Integrating her extensive experience and knowledge from many disciplines to present truly revolutionary educational programs in organic horticulture, Heide is President of Gaia College and co-founder of the Society for Organic Urban Land Care. In 2007 she published, *Working With Nature – Shifting Paradigms* and in recognition of her efforts that year she received the B.C. Landscape & Nursery Association's Educator of the Year award.

Length: 8 weeks

Dates: Tue, Thu & Sat, Sep 18 – Oct 27, 2012 or Jan 22 – Mar 16 or Mar 19 – May 11, 2013

Times: Tue & Thu eve 6:30pm – 9:30pm, Sat 9am – 12pm

Cost: \$695 (tax exempt)

Best to Register by: Tues, Sep 4, 2012 or Tue, Jan 8 or Tue, Mar 5, 2013

To Register:

Register online at <http://cstudies.royalroads.ca/> using a major credit card; or by telephone, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at **250-391-2600, ext. 4801**; or **Toll Free at 1-866-890-0220**. Or, come by in person to the Continuing Studies office at Grant 117, 2005 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC, Canada V9B 5Y2.