

# MASTER URBAN GARDENER

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Are you an enthusiastic community gardener or experienced volunteer living or gardening in Boston? Are you eager to learn? Do you enjoy helping others? Are you able to communicate with diverse groups of people? **If yes, you're an ideal candidate for the *Master Urban Gardener (MUG)* class offered by Boston Natural Areas Network.**

Are you interested in learning the science and secrets of great urban community gardening? Are you able to volunteer 1 hour for each hour of class (40 hours) to community gardens during the year following the class? Are you able to attend classes on Saturdays, from January through March? Can you attend classes that begin at 10:00 AM and run until 3:30 PM with ½ hour break for lunch?

The class covers botany (how plants do what they do and why), pest identification and management (chemical-free), soil science (urban soils and how to amend), garden management (how to effectively manage a community garden); community garden design (design elements in a community garden and beyond), volunteerism (how to make and implement your MUG volunteer plan), the vegetable garden (how to grow more in a small space), basic plant maintenance (how to care for perennial plants in community garden borders), and human nutrition (making a good menu from what's grown in the garden.)

Would you like to help make Boston greener by sharing knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise? Would you like to work side by side with other people who share an interest in community gardening? Would you like to add to your knowledge of plants, urban gardening and stewardship of our environment? **If yes, contact Boston Natural Areas Network: phone 617-542-7696 extension 15, fax 617-542-0383 or email [joann@bostonnatural.org](mailto:joann@bostonnatural.org). Application is also available on our website at [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org).** There is no class fee; BNAN suggests a donation for class materials. Applications may be submitted to Boston Natural Areas Network now through January 1. We will contact each applicant to schedule a time for a pre-class phone interview. Interviews will take place November, December and January. Applicants who are accepted into the class will be notified in January. Accepted applicants must be available to pick up the class Manual at BNAN's office prior to the first class.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**Gardeners Gathering**

**2010 MUG Projected**  
**Class Dates:**

**January 16, 23,30,**  
**February 6, 13, 27, March**  
**6, 13**