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Learn How to Plan an Urban Garden April 8th

Free Seed, Sow & Grow program hosted by Boston Natural Areas Network

BOSTON, MA, March 18, 2009 – Urban gardens present some unique challenges, such as space constraints, accessible resources, and soil concerns. However urban gardening in Boston neighborhoods continues to thrive.

In its ongoing role as a resource to Boston's 10,000 community gardeners, Boston Natural Areas Network is offering a special free program, **Planning the Urban Garden**, on Wednesday, April 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as part of its *Seed, Sow & Grow* horticultural series. The program will be held at BNAN's office, 62 Summer Street in Boston (reachable by public transportation). Facilitators include BNAN Horticulturist Jeremy Dick, Garden Educator Jo Ann Whitehead, and Landscape Architect Paula Cortes of Cortes Associates.

The program will offer community and backyard gardeners instruction in planning and execution of the urban garden. Topics will include garden design and layout, sourcing plants, record keeping and organization of both vegetable and ornamental gardens in an urban environment.

The *Seed, Sow & Grow* horticultural series is free and open to the public and presented April through October by BNAN staff, invited guests, and graduates of BNAN's Master Urban Gardener program. For a schedule of *Seed, Sow & Grow* workshops, call BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visit www.bostonnatural.org.

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways and urban wilds. For further information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit www.bostonnatural.org, or call 617-542-7696.

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