



# New Canaan Nature Center

*Introducing a new Horticulture Education Program:*

## **Backyard Gardening Series with “Uncle Buck” (Randy Brown)**

**Saturdays in the greenhouse • February 11 – May 5**

**8:30am – 10:30am**



**Have you always wanted to grow healthy plants, vegetables and flowers from seed?** Come learn and work side-by-side in the Nature Center greenhouse with New Canaan’s veteran farmer Uncle Buck.

The series consists of ten lessons/workshops over 13 weeks on choosing the right plants for your garden, seed propagation techniques, making and rooting cuttings, soil amendment, preparing your garden bed, transplanting tips, container gardening , insect/disease control and more.

You’ll work in the greenhouse to plant and raise your seedlings, learn to avoid and remedy common gardening pitfalls and benefit from expert guidance when the time comes to transfer seedlings into your own garden or Nature Center plots. A display garden will also be planted by participants to demonstrate different techniques of training and maximizing the yields from a backyard garden. This course will concentrate on Organic techniques, but information on other growing methods will be available on request.



You’ll have access to the greenhouse throughout the week and share the responsibility of watering and looking after the seedlings. This is an excellent opportunity for fledgling gardeners as well as those who want to learn more about greenhouse gardening.

- **Fee is \$250 (\$225 for members)** including supplies
- Weekly attendance encouraged but not mandatory
- A variety of seeds and plants will be provided for demonstration and growing, but participants may also provide their own

*See class schedule on reverse*



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Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction and overview, choosing the right seeds or plants, garden resources
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Optional makeup day or personal work in the greenhouse, Buck will be available
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Seeding and propagating techniques
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transplant seedlings, caring for young plants and greenhouse management
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Optional makeup day or personal work in the greenhouse, Buck will be available
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	The importance of Soil tests, fertilizers, additives and mulches, laying out your garden plot, spring garden preparation.
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Direct seeding early spring crops, transplanting early spring plants, frost protection techniques, seeding warm weather crops
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Container gardening, water saving gardening, patio features
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Optional makeup or personal work in the greenhouse or garden. Buck will be available
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Basic garden insect and disease control and prevention
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spring bulbs and tubers, planning a constant supply of vegetables and flowers using successional planting.
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hardening off plants, transplanting warm weather crops, seeding warm weather crops, weeds.
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Picking up your plants, last minute questions, “graduation” (& NCNC Plant Sale Fundraiser)

**Call (203) 966-9577 x20 to register.**

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