Urban Agriculture in St. Louis

A free brownbag seminar

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Noon to 1pm
Room 473 Horticulture

Karen “Mimo” Davis is a Horticulture Specialist for the East Central Region of Missouri, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension. Karen provides technical and educational assistance to both urban and rural small scale commercial farmers and community gardening projects.

Miranda Duschack is a Small Farm Specialist and East Central Region Coordinator of the Innovative Small Farmers Outreach Program, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension. The goal of the Small Farm Program is to improve farmers’ quality of life through implementation of sustainable farming practices with a focus on income generation.

Together, Karen and Miranda collaboratively provide Extension services to urban farming projects in St Louis. Urban farmers are defined as production market gardens or commercial farms that lie within a 15 mile radius of St Louis’ Gateway Arch to Interstate 270, on the Missouri side of the Mississippi River. Of the 30 or so projects they assist, most are ½ acre in size, although one urban farm is 14 contiguous acres. The majority of the farms grow vegetables, fruit, and floral crops using organic and space intensive growing methods. While all farms are production focused, their organizational structures vary. Many are owned by private individuals who form for-profit LLCs, others are 501(c)3 non-profits, a few are school projects, and one self describes as an “anti-profit anarchist collective.”

Karen and Miranda are also co-owners and operators of Urban Buds: City Grown Flowers, located in St Louis. They grow specialty cut flowers, vegetables and keep honeybees.

Join them for an inspiring look at urban agriculture projects in St. Louis and their efforts to provide technical and educational services to urban producers.

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