

Gardening Talk with Jean English

As part of the Belfast Co-op March Eat Local Challenge, a free talk on “Planning Your Garden” will take place at the Belfast Free Library on Tuesday March 9th from 6:30-8:00 pm. The snow date will be on the following day, March 10th, same time. The talk will be presented by Jean English, editor of The Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener for MOFGA.

Jean will include information to get brand new gardeners started as well as some techniques that experienced gardeners might want to try. Learn how to best prepare the ground, how to create a garden plan, information about intercropping & succession planting, and container gardening. There will also be a question and answer period, and time to swap garden stories.

Jean English studied plant and soil sciences at UMASS, worked for the Cooperative Extension and has taught horticulture classes at UMASS and Smith College. Now she’s an adjunct at Unity College, she edits The Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener for MOFGA and writes a gardening column for The Republican Journal and the Herald Gazette. She grows fruits and vegetables in her home garden, nursery stock for Fedco Trees, and cut-your-own organic Christmas trees.

Co-sponsors include The Belfast Free Library, MOFGA, WERU Community Radio, and The Green Sanctuary Committee of the UU Church of Belfast. For information about the event call the Library at 338-3884. To find out more about the March Eat Local Challenge visit the Belfast Co-op at 123 High St. in Downtown Belfast or call (207) 338-2532. You can also visit the Co-op's blog at <http://belfast.coop/blog/?cat=3>.