



# Farm & Food Workshops

## Petoskey Campus

**DISCOVER the ways North Central can help you succeed in the workplace – and in life.**



North Central's Farm Workshops are presented in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Living, Art and Natural Design (ISLAND) and the USDA Risk Management Agency. To encourage the growth of successful, sustainable agricultural practices in our region, **ISLAND and NCMC offer workshops to farmers at a 50% discount.** *An Equal Opportunity Program/Service Provider.*



## Sustainable Farming-Putting Plans into Action



The Grain Train will sponsor up to 5 scholarships to who wish to enroll in the Sustainable Farming series. If you are interested in the Grain Train scholarship, please be sure to complete that section on the registration form.

**Tuesdays, March 18 – April 29, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Room 536 Student Community Resource Center

**\$20/session or includes all materials (50% discount for farmers)**

*Five full scholarships to series available through the Grain Train. Please use registration form to apply.*

### Planning and Planting for the Long Term

**Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Design your farm or garden to feed your family, using companion planting, crop rotation, and biodiversity management. Bring your ideas and leave with your personal farm/garden plan. Instructor Larry Dyer will explain the principles, provide resources, and guide you through steps to planning your farm or garden.

### Manage Weeds Ecologically in Your Farm, Vineyard or Orchard

**Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Plan and schedule strategies for weed management, identify common weeds, and incorporate weed management into your farming plan.

### Create an Ecologically-Minded Insect Management Plan for Your Farm, Vineyard or Orchard

**Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Identify the role insects play in your farm/garden. Develop a plan to manage pests and increase beneficial insect populations in an ecological manner.

### Create an Ecologically-Minded Disease Management Plan for Your Farm, Vineyard or Orchard

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Know the different kinds of disease-causing organisms and understand how they function in the farm environment. Look at common diseases of vegetable and fruit crops from an ecological perspective. Learn to increase plant health and take steps to prevent diseases.

### Organic Certification – An Overview of the Organic Systems Plan

**Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Organic farming is an ecologically balanced, integrated way of farming that can help farmers improve their practices and increase markets. Learn how the USDA National Organic Program works and how to orient your resources for developing your farm systems plan.

### Organic Certification - Create Your Organic Systems Plan

**Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Take the first steps in developing your organic farm systems plan. Bring maps, field histories, and farm records to begin developing your own organic systems plan.

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## Herbal Friends



### Creating a Medicinal & Culinary Herb Garden

**Thursday, April 24, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**\$20 includes all materials (50% discount for farmers)**

Design a long-lasting beautiful herb garden with your favorite healthy herbs. Learn to start seeds, transplant, and plant herbs that you can use in foods, teas, tinctures, and more. Instructor Gretchen Van Loozen, UM Environmental Science, is an organic and biodynamic farmer.

### Spring Tonics

**Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**\$20 includes materials**

The herbs that help cleanse and energize are ready for gathering. Learn from herbalist Gretchen Van Loozen which herbs are beneficial, how to identify them, harvest and enjoy them throughout the year.

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## Growing Hops in Northern Michigan

**Monday, April 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**\$20 (50% discount for farmers)**

North Central Michigan College, Room 536

Recent hop shortages, growing appeal with specialty beers, and the desire for organic and locally sourced agricultural products have resulted in increasing interest in local hop production by farmers, brewers, and backyard enthusiasts throughout Michigan. Learn about the varieties that grow in our region and those most in-demand by micro-breweries.



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## The Beauty of Plant Dyes: Nature's Color Wheel

**Wednesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 PM (see schedule for topics)**

**Room 18 (Art Room) Lower Level Main Classroom Building**

**\$25/session or \$75/series of four (50% discount available to farmers and NCMC students)**

Get to know the plant-based dyes, the materials and processes to make beautiful naturally dyed fabric. Practice using plants to dye t-shirts and silk scarves with Professor Shanna Robinson and artists Lee Brewbaker and Dawn Swain.



**January 22: Introduction to Plant Dyes with Indigo**

**February 12: Bugs & Plants Go Red**

**March 19: Grow Your Own Dye Garden**

**April 16: Yellow Dyes are Everywhere!**



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## Registration Form - Please return by mail or fax.

**Please register at least three days before the start of the workshop.** Materials will be provided in class. If you have any questions, please call us at 231-348-6613 or 231-348-6705.

### Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer/Farm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Home Street Address City State Zip Code

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_ SSN\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone Month Day Year \* required for CEU certification

Have you attended North Central before? \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes, my Student Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in received a certificate verifying completion and Continuing Education Units?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

To apply for the Grain Train scholarship for the Sustainable Farming Series, please answer the following questions:

What makes you interested in the workshops?

Are you planning to become a certified organic farmer? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unsure \_\_\_\_

1) Course title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Course title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Course title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Course title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Total workshop cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less 50% farm discount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less Grain Train scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check (made out to NCMC-CCE) or money order for full amount

( ) Credit Card type ( ) VISA ( ) MasterCard ( ) Discover

CC Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL to: CCE/NCMC, 1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770**

**or FAX to: 231-348-6705 or 231-348-6708.**

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

For more information about our workshops, please see our website at [www.ncmich.edu/cce2](http://www.ncmich.edu/cce2).

