



Gardening, Early Childhood Education Experts Speak At Second Annual *Growing A Green Generation* Conference At UNH March 18

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Child care providers, teachers, parents, and others who work with young children will gather for the second annual *Growing a Green Generation* conference on gardening with children, Saturday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nationally acclaimed Child Study and Development Center (CSDC) at the University of New Hampshire.

Packed with hands-on workshops led by early childhood teachers and plant science educators, the conference will offer tips for stimulating young children to learn and grow through year-round gardening experiences. The intimate and interactive conference is an outgrowth of the eight-year collaboration at UNH and the resulting *Growing a Green Generation* curriculum supported through the Anna and Raymond Tuttle Environmental Horticulture Fund.

Jane Taylor, nationally known children's garden expert from Michigan, will return as keynote speaker with new stories and adventures from the garden.

Morning workshops by CSDC early childhood teachers Beth Hallett and Beth Hogan and extension educators include Gardening in an Urban Environment; Gardening as a Tool for Exploring Diversity and A Classroom's Journey with Flowers.

Participants will learn from the experts during afternoon hands-on sessions in the UNH horticulture research greenhouses: UNH associate professor of plant biology Paul Fisher, Cooperative Extension floriculture specialist, will demonstrate simple plant propagation techniques; Cooperative Extension educator Margaret Hagen will explain the use of charts and tables from the *Growing a Green Generation* curriculum; and Cooperative Extension program coordinator Dot Perkins will focus on composting in an urban environment.

Registration fee for the conference, which includes breakfast, lunch, and all sessions, is \$80.00. To register or learn more about the conference, download a brochure at <http://www.ceinfo.unh.edu/Agric/Docs/GGGReg.pdf>, or call 603-862-3200.

Editors: Photos can be downloaded here.

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