

Organic Farmers and Gardeners, You Are Invited!

For the first time in Tallahassee, two upcoming multi-day sessions will include workshops and farm tours with two of our country's most knowledgeable leaders in the fields of Agroecology principles and implementation, sustainable organic agriculture, and sustainable food systems---sometimes called simply Earth and Agriculture Restoration. Enhance your knowledge and claim your place in the local sustainable food movement through these crucial and timely capacity building sessions. You will learn how conventional GMO agricultural strategies impact our local non-GMO agricultural farms and environment. Learn agroecological principles and applications to design bio-diverse, resilient farms. Discover soil enhancement and soil remediation techniques. Learn critical methods to assess and strengthen sustainability of farms/gardens and local food sovereignty. We can restore our waters, our soil, and our health. Learn more about how at these 2015 Sustainable Development Sessions.

Register at Eventbrite. Early registration for both events discounted at \$140. Early registration ends January 10, 2015. Food trucks will be available or bring your own lunch.

January 17-18, 2015 - \$80 before Jan. 10, \$100 after Jan. 10 or at the door

Agroecology and Food Sovereignty/Dr. Miguel Altieri

Dr. Altieri has been a Professor of Agroecology at UC Berkeley since 1981 in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management. He received his education at the University of Chile, and a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Florida. He is author of more than 230 publications, and numerous books including Agroecology: The Science of Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity, Pest Management in Agroecosystems, and Agroecology and the Search for a Truly Sustainable Agriculture.

January 26-27, 2015 - \$80 before Jan. 10, \$100 after Jan. 10 or at the door

Agroecology—Healthy Farms, Healthy Lives/Dr. Don Huber and Jim Gerritsen

Dr. Huber will examine the impact of GMOs and Glyphosate on soil, plant, animal and human health; Best Management Practices. Dr. Huber is Emeritus Professor at Purdue University in Botany and Plant Pathology and an internationally recognized plant pathologist whose research has focused on the epidemiology and control of soil-borne plant pathogens with emphasis on microbial ecology, cultural and biological controls, and physiology of host parasite relationships. Dr. Huber has issued stern warnings about shockingly devastating effects of genetically engineered food crops.

Agrarian Elder and Organic Farmer Jim Gerritsen co-founded and now serves as President of the national farmer-run membership trade organization, Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association (OSGATA). OSGATA is headquartered in Washington, Maine and acted as lead plaintiff in the landmark organic community Federal lawsuit, OSGATA et al v. Monsanto. OSGATA's mission is to develop, promote and protect the organic seed trade and its farmers. Gerritsen will talk about organic farm strategies, his certified organic seed operation, seed purity issues; building and maintaining healthy soil and organic matter, crop rotations, the role of insects, enhancing biological systems, harvesting for market, post-harvest handling issues, and tips on marketing for profit; and critical issues for every organic farm. Hands-on demonstration.

Both events will be held at: FAMU Viticulture Center, 6506 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317. For more information: famu.register@gmail.com. Jennifer Taylor 850-879-6895 or Sue Hansen 850-264-5929

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