

Crossroads Community Food Network has organized the following events for our vendors to attend as a group. All events are free. In effort to truly support and strengthen our shared Crossroads Community Food Network and corresponding learning, **we're requiring that each 2016 Crossroads vendor attends at least 2 of these events:**

□ ***Wednesday February 17th, Basic Pest Management***

10am-1:30pm (English) OR 12:30-4pm (Spanish) Hally & Gabrielle present an introductory training about how to best manage pests and mitigate their damage. We draw on examples of the specific pests YOU see to determine optimal timing and intervention strategies that match your farming approach. Class covers principles of Integrated Pest Management as well as pesticide safety. **Crossroads office, 6930 Carroll Ave suite 426, Takoma Park, MD. Includes free lunch catered by Microenterprise participants!**

□ ***Wednesday February 24th, Basic Nutrient Management***

10am-1:30pm (English) OR 12:30-4pm (Spanish) Hally & Gabrielle present a break-down into soil science, nutrients, and how to capitalize on plant-soil interactions. We will stress what forms of nutrients your plants can use and how to identify nutrient deficiencies before it's too late. This class explores the many types of fertilizers (organic commercial, etc.): those that act immediate and those that contribute to long-term soil health. We will also cover what *cash crops* you can grow to improve your soil health! By the end of this class, we hope you see your soil as a capital investment to include in your farm plan and grow better crops. **Crossroads office, 6930 Carroll Ave suite 426, Takoma Park, MD. Includes free lunch catered by Microenterprise participants!**

□ ***Thursday March 10th, 7-9pm Crossroads Community Food Network Documentaries***

This series of short (vendor) movies explores how food fulfills and unites a community. You will get the opportunity to learn more about your fellow vendors. **Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD. Refreshments and discussion to follow the screening.** We're also looking for new stories to include! Please let me know if you are interested in being filmed!

□ ***Wednesday April 13th, 7-9pm World Café with Diversity Training***

This round table discussion session will include training on the basics about cultural competency to Crossroads Farmers Market staff, vendors, volunteers and shoppers. At this training, we'll be answering questions that relate to cultural competency in our fast-paced, diverse farmers market setting where multiple languages and cultures are encountered each week. For example: What are the communication challenges our staff, vendors, volunteers and shoppers have faced at Crossroads Farmers Market? What are effective ways of working with culturally diverse audiences to help YOU increase business sustainability and sales to a diverse audience? **Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD. Includes free brunch catered by Microenterprise participants!**