

Las Vegas Springs Preserve...

The Springs Preserve is a 180-acre non-gaming cultural and historical attraction designed to commemorate Las Vegas' dynamic history and to provide a vision for a sustainable future. This exciting attraction offers a unique cultural experience for people of all ages. The Springs Preserve experience includes colorful desert botanical gardens featuring water conserving landscapes, museum galleries, outdoor concerts and events, an indoor theater, a historic photo gallery and a series of walking trails that meander through a scenic wetland habitat.

Visit Las Vegas Springs Preserve website for a map and directions.

<http://www.springspreserve.org/html/home.html>



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MAKING THE ORGANIC TRANSITION: IS ORGANIC FARMING RIGHT FOR YOU?

Thursday, October 16, 2008
Las Vegas Springs Preserve
333 S. Valley View Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Featuring Dr. Elaine Ingham
Soil Foodweb, Inc.

Sponsored by the Nevada
Organic Advisory Council

Due to classroom size attendance is limited to 75. Pre-registration is required.

If you are considering transitioning your farm to an organic production system and are interested in the steps to becoming a certified organic farmer this workshop is for YOU!

Join experienced farmers and other organic industry professionals involved in the field of organic production systems and organic certification in this general introduction to the process of transitioning your farm in to certified organic production, starting from the soil up! Sessions will include:

☀ **Dr. Elaine Ingham, Soil Food Web,**

Inc. will discuss soil organisms and the role they play in healthy, productive soils.



Other sessions will include:

☀ Practical approaches to managing an organic production system during the transition

☀ The step-by-step process to certified organic status

☀ Finding local markets for your organic crops

☀ The 2008 Farm Bill: What's in it for

“Making the Organic Transition: Is Organic Farming Right For You?” Pre-registration is required!

(Please print clearly and photocopy for multiple registrations)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Conference fee is \$25.00 and includes lunch.

Please check here for vegetarian lunch option _____

Deadline to register is October 10, 2008.

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Make checks payable to:

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Questions?

☀ *Marcia Litsinger, Nevada Organic Advisory Council Chairwoman (775) 721-6068*

☀ *Steve Marty, Nevada Dept. of Agriculture*

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7:30 Check-in and Refreshments

8:00 – 12:00 Morning Sessions:

Transitioning to Organic: The Big Picture. Rex Dufour, Program Specialist with ATTRA will help answer common questions about transitioning to organic production systems: What are current organic market trends? How to manage weeds and insect pests? Where to get help and resources along the way?

Whole Foods Market and Local Farms. A representative from Whole Foods Markets will discuss the role their regional ‘foragers’ play in contacting and working with local organic farms.

The 2008 Farm Bill. Opportunities for Small Farms. Rod Dahl from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will discuss the 2008 Farm Bill and how it can benefit farmers transitioning to organic or sustainable farming practices.

The Organic Certification Process. Steve Marty with the Nevada Department of Agriculture’s Organic Certification Program will clarify how the organic certification process works and programs currently available to off-set the cost of certification.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00 – 5:00 Afternoon Session

Dr. Elaine Ingham, President and Director of Research at Soil Foodweb Inc. This renowned soil expert will share with us knowledge gained from her years of intensive research into the organisms which make up the soil food web. Dr. Ingham understands the soil food web and will explain in lay terms how to develop a healthy food web to promote plant growth and reduce reliance on inorganic chemicals.