



FEATURED WORKSHOP

Four-Season Forward

Bringing four-season growing to the next generation

Thursday, Apr. 30, 2015 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Growing fruits and vegetables in Ohio is common across the state, but what about during the harsh winter months? Yes, it is possible, and potentially very *profitable* through some unique techniques mastered by second-generation American organic farmer Clara Coleman.



Coleman will speak on season-extension techniques such as using movable greenhouses, low-tunnels, cold-frames and quickhoops, **Thursday, Apr. 30, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Toledo Botanical Garden (Crosby Conference Center).**

- Learn how to produce *more food year-round*.
- Methods are possible with little (or no) energy use.
- In a competitive marketplace, you can gain a huge advantage for customers' desire for locally raised quality fruits and vegetables.
- Opportunity to tour mobile structure with Clara Coleman.
- Updates on local activities will also be shared.

This free event is sponsored by the Center for Innovative Food Technology (CIFT), Toledo Botanical Garden, and supported by the Ohio Department of Agriculture specialty crop block grant.

About Clara Coleman

Coleman is the four-season farm specialist and video blog host for Rimol Greenhouses in New Hampshire. She is on the Advisory Board of Food Tank, and she consults with many sustainable agriculture organizations including Maine Farmland Trust, Johnny's Selected Seeds, and The Center for Discovery in New York. In 2008, Coleman created Divide Creek Farm – an organic, intensively-managed two-acre four-season vegetable farm which was located in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and successfully operated for three years. She produced year-round vegetable crops under harsh winter conditions. She is the daughter of renowned farming pioneer Eliot Coleman.

Location

Toledo Botanical Garden (Crosby Conference Center); 5403 Elmer Dr., Toledo, OH 43615.

Forum Presenter



Clara Coleman

Second-generation organic farmer, consultant, writer and keynote speaker on sustainable four-season farming

Who benefits from attending?

- Urban growers
- Specialty crop producers
- Community gardeners
- Young farmers and enthusiasts
- Established small-scale farmers
- Home gardeners
- Local food consumers
- Chefs
- Farm and food system consultants
- University/college professors
- School teachers
- Media covering sustainable farming systems
- Grocery produce buyers
- Fans of Eliot Coleman's books

Reserve your seat

Please join us –
the event is *free!*

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