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The Organic Master Gardener isn't just a gardening course. It's a course that digs deep into the theory and science behind garden health. It is also Gaia College's fundamental, and most popular course, and one that Canadian Organic Growers (COG) has partnered on for over six years. With a focus on soil, the Organic Master Gardener courses teaches students about the connections between soil, plants, and ecosystem health.

If you want to learn to become a better gardener, topics such as soil ecosystems, soil fertility management and landscape health management will do just that. As such, this course is suitable for everyone - from new gardeners getting started to experienced gardeners and landscapers improving the health of their gardens. Additionally, topics such as water-wise gardening, permaculture, and the many methods of composting, to name a few, will help you build a restore your landscape or garden into a healthy, thriving ecosystem and the vibrant bounty all gardeners strive for.

With over 20 years of experience in organic land care, and equally long in education, instructor Astrid Muschalla is well suited to helping students gain essential skills to start, or enhance, their garden or landscaping business or own backyard garden.

This course also qualifies as the educational portion for becoming an Accredited Organic Land Care Practitioner.

Early bird registration ends December 31, making this an ideal Christmas gift for the gardener in your life. Learn more or register at cog.ca/organic-master-gardener or email education@cog.ca.

TOPICS:

Theory and Science behind Organic Gardening – learn to become a better gardener

1. Principles of Organic Land Care
2. Botany /Adaptations within Ecosystems
3. Soil Ecosystem
4. Soil Testing
5. Soil Fertility Management
6. Landscape Health Management

Practical Applications of Organic Gardening – restoring your garden back to a healthy ecosystem

1. Water-wise Gardening
2. Intro to Permaculture Design
3. Composting/ Teas and Brews
4. Garden Bed Installation/ Planting
5. Pruning
6. Lawns