

Can We Grow Communities?

Guest Speakers and a Documentary

Thurs April 16
5:00-8:00pm

\$20
Plus GST

Red Deer County
Council Chambers

Join APPI as we welcome in Spring by talking about community gardens and wondering: do they help grow communities?

About the Speakers

Mike Kozlowski - Steel Pony Farm

Mike has been working to build community resilience through local food production since the inception of Steel Pony Farm in 2010. Through a Community Supported Agriculture program, Steel Pony Farm not only offers great vegetables, it offer eaters a chance to regularly engage with farm life, to learn about food production, and to get a glimpse into what it means to produce good, clean, and chemical free food for local consumption.

Ken Lehman - City of Red Deer

One of Ken's tasks over the past 7 years in working as the City's Parks Ecological & Planning Specialist has been to coordinate the City's gardening initiatives. What was a single garden location has grown to 3 regional sites containing roughly 250 plots under the City Garden Plot Program, more than 80 raised beds through the Neighbourhood Community Garden Initiative, and 2 community food forests/orchards.

Ken's formal training as a conservation biologist along with his desire to 'live off the land' has influenced his ecologically-minded approach to gardening. Ken and his wife recently built a house in the northeast Red Deer where they; along with their 3 children, 2 budgies, a chocolate lab, and a snail named Turbo; are exploring with permaculture design and edible landscaping.

About the Documentary

A Lot in Common follows the construction of a community garden built on a previously vacant lot above a subway tunnel entrance in Berkeley, California. It is a glimpse into the lives of a handful of extraordinary neighbours who face conflicts head-on in ways that have relevance to communities globally. Lending credence and context as the garden story unfolds are reknown urban planning expert Jane Jacobs, environmentalist Paul Hawken, Director of the Ford Foundation's Sustainable Metropolitan Communities Initiative Carl Anthony, and British scholar David Crouch. This film explores how neighbours engage in public spaces and the question - *can we use community gardens to grow communities?*

Details and Registration

Cost for this event is \$20/person, plus GST.

A light dinner will be served at 5:00pm with the speakers commencing at 5:15pm.

All registration and payment must be done online at www.albertaplanners.com by April 13, 2015. Note that all no-shows will be billed.

This event will be eligible for 3 Continuous Learning Credit as assigned by the APPI and CIP.

