



## 2019 Old Fort Market Garden Education Series

The Old Fort at Hesperus, 18683 Highway 140, Hesperus, CO 81326

Most classes are from 6-8:30 at the Lightner Room (second floor of the exhibit hall) of the La Plata County Fairgrounds (2500 Main Avenue). Classes start promptly at 6 pm. Please feel free to bring snacks/dinner with you.

- Jan 28** Intro to Classes; Readings by Topic; Distribution of Course Materials- Beth LaShell  
Organic & sustainable farming, crop culture and planning – Mike Nolan and Mindy Perkovitch
- Feb 4** Business Plan Development – Becca Jablonski and/or Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University
- Feb 11** Recordkeeping; Production and Crop Planning with hands-on activities –Beth LaShell
- Feb 18** No class- President’s Day
- Feb 25** Basic financial statements – Terry Jeffries; American Ag Credit
- March 4** Soils, soil fertility, microbes, and cover crops – Darrin Parmenter
- March 11** Regional Food Organizations Presentations
- March 18** Weeds & Pests – Darrin Parmenter  
Occultation- Max Kirks
- March 25** No class- Regional Spring Breaks
- April 1** Propagation, bed preparation, field records, and succession planting – Elicia Whittlesey  
High Pine Produce model- Max Kirks
- April 8** Tour of Coolers and root cellar; In-field season extension – Beth LaShell  
Marketing – Elicia Whittlesey  
Meet at Hesperus- Historic Library
- April 15** Post-harvest handling, food safety practices and FSMA – Beth LaShell  
Meet at Hesperus- Historic Library
- April 22** Irrigation Basics; Drip system setup – Mike Nolan  
Meet at Hesperus- Historic Library

\$25/class includes nightly handouts.

\$250 for entire series includes printed CASFS Curriculum, supplemental books and nightly handouts.

To register go to [www.tinyurl.com/oldfortmarketplace](http://www.tinyurl.com/oldfortmarketplace)