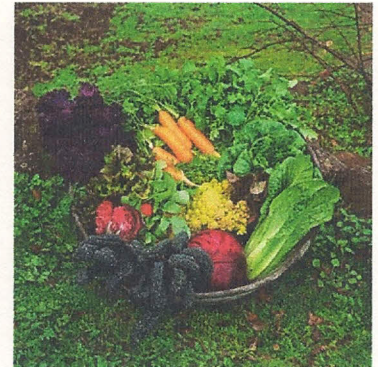


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Organic Vegetable Gardening Workshop at Leilani Farm Sanctuary in Haiku

Saturday, April 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Melani (Aurora) Ellis, Leilani Farm Sanctuary's **Director of Land Care** will lead a free gardening workshop at the farm on Saturday, April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Melani has an extensive background in sustainable agriculture and land stewardship. Beginning in 2001, she worked at Wailele Farm (Twin Falls) where she grew plants and trees of many varieties and created "Garden-of-Eden" spaces on the compound. She singlehandedly managed several acres of intensely planted land, including several hundred trees, food and flower gardens, ponds, and wide-open lawns.

Participants will learn about starting a garden, composting, wood chipping, sheet mulching, creating a mandala garden and converting weeds, sticks and leaves into soil. Bring lunch, water and gloves.

The sanctuary is seeking donations of gardening supplies including sickles, shovels, forks, wheel barrows, tarps, sheets of black plastic and black plastic bags.

For more information contact **Melani Ellis** at 463-8587.

Leilani Farm Sanctuary is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing shelter to rescued animals and humane education to the community. Located in Haiku, Leilani Farm Sanctuary comprises eight acres and is home to goats, chickens, donkeys, cats, and rabbits. [Leilani Farm Sanctuary](http://www.LeilaniFarmSanctuary.org), a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, was founded to provide shelter to rescued animals and humane education to the community. The sanctuary offers special programs to youth groups and gives tours of the sanctuary to the general public. Please visit us on the web at www.LeilaniFarmSanctuary.org