



## **Skills Tent 2022 Demonstrations**

### **1:00pm Easy Does It: Backyard Animals 101**

Presented by Catherine & Alexander Collier from [Half-Pint Hollow Farm](#)

Meet, snuggle, and learn about some naturally smaller heritage breeds that are family friendly and can thrive on smaller plots of land. Also learn how to naturally improve the soil and manage your small plot to efficiently feed your flock.

### **2:00pm Fungi Power: Gourmet Mushroom Growing 101**

Presented by Robert Elliott from [The Veteran's Farm of NC, Inc.](#)

Want to impress your friends by growing your own oyster mushrooms? Come learn a variety of ways to do just that. Using cardboard, toilet paper, and wheat straw, you'll learn to make a starter kit that you can take home!

### **2:30pm Small Space, Big Harvest: Square Foot Gardening 101**

Presented by Bryn Bird from [Bird's Haven Farms](#)

Have you wanted to garden but it seems overwhelming? Square foot gardening takes all the guess work out of how garden efficiently and effectively. Start from a small plot of land and grow to your dream space in an afternoon. Come learn how to start a small, but intensively planted, vegetable garden and go home ready to start your own!

### **3:00pm Plant Transfer: Indigo Dyeing 101**

Presented by Rosa Sung Ji Chang from [Indigo Shade Map](#)

Dye from the Indigo plant is found in textile traditions practiced by various cultures worldwide. Come watch one technique – soy resist printing – in action. Rosa will use soy powder and natural indigo to make patterns on fabrics. This East Asian technique (which is where her ancestors are originally from) provides an easy way to dye fabric without harsh chemicals. You'll also learn about the Indigo Shade Map, a research-based, interactive map detailing the world of indigo, and its use in culture and art.

### **4:00pm Selecting the Best: Seed Saving 101**

Presented by Reana Kovalcik from [Share a Seed](#) and Jeff Quattrone from [Library Seed Bank](#)

Gardening season is coming to an end in much of the country...so why not save those seeds for next year? Come learn the three primary methods of seed saving: dry, wet, fermented. Additionally, hear a discussion on why saving seeds is so important and about the culture of sharing seeds.

## **All Day**

### **Farm Aid 2022 Seed Swap**

Facilitated by Reana Kovalcik from [Share a Seed](#) and Jeff Quattrone from [Library Seed Bank](#)

Farmers and gardeners: Bring seeds from home and come on down to the HOMEGROWN Skills Tent. Meet enthusiastic seed savers, swap some of your own seeds, and go home with new varieties to try! If you're bringing seeds, please keep them domestic, in a sealed envelope, and labeled.

### **Homegrown Mini-Farm**

Facilitated by Catherine & Alexander Collier from [Half-Pint Hollow Farm](#)

Come to the Skills Tent to meet and hang out with heritage breed animals!