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John Jay Homestead is pleased to announce Shanyn Siegel, formerly the Collection Curator for Seed Savers Exchange, will be teaching a series of gardening classes at John Jay Homestead beginning on Wednesday March 16, 2016.

(Bedford, New York) A series of 14 gardening classes will be offered at John Jay Homestead beginning on March 16. Join horticulturist and seed conservationist Shanyn Siegel as she takes you through a garden season with interactive classes designed to help you hone or discover your skills. Classes offer practical advice on how to easily maintain a bountiful kitchen garden. Whether in a patio container garden or a traditional vegetable garden, there is an array of options for growing organic vegetables. Ms. Siegel's classes will cover a wide range of subjects, from planning an organic garden, to botany for vegetable gardeners, to how to become a seed saver.

Shanyn Siegel was the Collection Curator for Seed Savers Exchange, a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving and promoting America's culturally diverse but endangered food crop heritage for future generations. She has been gardening, teaching, and saving and sharing seeds for over 15 years and is the editor of the recently published book, *The Seed Garden: The Art and Practice of Seed Saving*.

Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Glass Porch of John Jay's Bedford House.

Advance registration required; \$35 per class, discounts for multiple classes or early registration. Visit www.shanynsiegel.com/jjhclasses for information and registration.