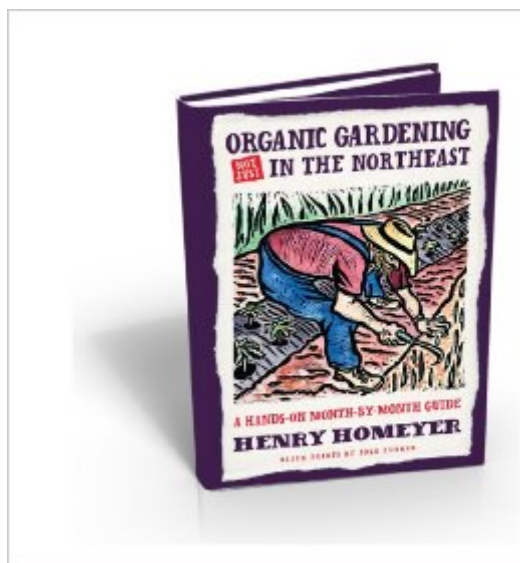


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Organic Gardening (Not Just) In The Northeast: A Hands-On Month-to-Month Guide



Synopsis

Organic Gardening (not just) in the Northeast is organized around the calendar year, starting in March and continuing through the year with timely advice. Henry Homeyer's book is packed with useful information you won't easily find elsewhere: how to sharpen your pruners, use a screwdriver to test for compaction in the lawn, and build a welcoming cedar arbor as an entrance to the garden. Learn how to grow ladyslipper orchids or Himalayan blue poppies, prune apple trees, grow giant pumpkins, and even how to start a date palm from a grocery store date or build a small stone igloo to delight grandchildren. Eccentric, eclectic, and entertaining, whether you are a beginner or a veteran, this book has something and more for you.

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Henry Homeyer's column about organic gardening, which appears weekly in my local newspaper, is one of the best. If anyone can get you through the vicissitudes of gardening in New England, it is he. When we suffered through the cold, wet Summer of the Tomato Blight (2009 and may it never return), he suffered right along with everyone else; fabulous gardener that he is, his tomatoes were not invincible. That's what I like about Homeyer's writing; it features not only triumphs but failures, along with lots of quirky little experiments, like growing rice (in New Hampshire, in a container). This new book about organic gardening in New England (and similar climates) gathers much of its material from these columns and organizes it month by month, beginning with the actual start of the gardening year (March) and ending with the lazy dreaming over catalogs that marks February.

There is material here for novices and experienced gardeners alike. He'll tell you not only how to prune an apple tree but how to sharpen your old pruners. He'll not only advise you as to the best vegetable varieties, but tell you which ones he's going to try himself next year. Wondering about drying some of those abundant fruits and vegetables? Homeyer tells you how and even offers a few recipes. This isn't all vegetable gardening, either. The book is full of ideas for flower gardens, vines, and trees, including plans for building a garden pagoda. He'll advise you as to the best sort of wheelbarrow. And did you know that waving your hands over your little seedlings mimics the wind and encourages them to grow strong stems? Because Homeyer writes for a wide audience, experienced gardeners may sometimes find themselves reading over material that's familiar, but that's okay.

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