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The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society and the Ottawa Horticultural Society  
Proudly Present a talk by **Laura Berman**

## The Edible Landscape: Growing Food in the City

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Laura Berman, a guerrilla gardener whose goal is to make urban community gardens as common as libraries, will talk about edible landscapes in front yards, traditional backyards, community and allotment gardens, green roofs, and even commercial production on urban farms. Her talk will focus on our increasing interest in growing healthy and organic food in cities -- places where the red and green lettuces, sugar snap peas and rainbow chard share beds with the perennials.

Like Oprah and Bette Midler, Laura Berman became an urban guerrilla gardener nearly 15 years ago when she worked as Community Garden Coordinator for FoodShare, a non-profit agency based in Toronto and dedicated to food security issues. Her background is in landscape architecture, graphic design, and horticulture. She is currently a photographer focusing her camera on food, people, agriculture and the natural world for her company the GreenFuse Image Bank. Visit [www.greenfusephotos.com](http://www.greenfusephotos.com)

Laura Berman's book, How Does Our Garden Grow? A Guide to Community Garden Success (1996), has become a community gardening manual for individuals and local communities. Her horticultural and photographic work has also been featured on the television show "Recreating Eden".

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<b>When:</b>	Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Where:</b>	Library and Archives Canada 395 Wellington St., Ottawa		
<b>Cost:</b>	Individual members of the OBGS		
	and OHS		\$10
	Group members of the OBGS		\$15
	General Public		\$20

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**For more information or to arrange an interview** with Laura Berman, email: [eventcoordinator@ottawagarden.ca](mailto:eventcoordinator@ottawagarden.ca) or phone: 613-747-0600.



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