

A photograph of Maurice Small, a man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a white hat and blue overalls over a dark t-shirt. He is standing on a stage, holding a microphone and speaking. The background is a wall covered in colorful graffiti art, including a large purple and blue abstract design. The text 'MAURICE SMALL' is overlaid in large white letters in the upper right corner.

MAURICE SMALL

2024

AWARD
WINNING
VISIONARY
FARMER,
TRAINER,
SPEAKER

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Maurice Small

FARMING | FOOD | SOIL | COMMUNITY

52,000+

Social Media Followers - multiple platforms

@MAURICESMALL (IG)

900+

Farms /
Gardens Built

10K

Students
Taught

100's

Communities
Served

30

Years of
Growing Food



“Two things inform everything I do: Soil is everything and Everybody has to eat.”

Maurice has made it his mission to promote healthy eating and foster community by teaching people how to grow their own food, cultivating organic food systems, and inspiring young people and their families. His vision for sustainable organic agriculture and healthy lifestyles has brought about a transformation in the food landscape across North America. In recognition of his pioneering work, Maurice was awarded the Organic Pioneer Award by the Rodale Institute in its inaugural year, 2011.

- **Worm Alchemy:** *The science of worms to inform the art of eating and living.*
- **Everybody Eats:** *The power of growing food to unite, transform and empower communities - case studies and lessons learned.*
- **Natural farming ways:** *A lens on simple living and the power of persistence and listening that rebuilds the traditions that used to be passed down.*
- **Grow Good Food:** *7 simple ways all of us can connect with food growing processes toward a more abundant life.*
- **Food for Cities: A Transformative Journey:** *How simple food ways can uplift, transform and nourish a city into a new and better reality.*

I offer these services:

- Keynotes
- Workshops
- Panelist
- Moderator
- Facilitation
- Master of Ceremony

Examples of Speaking Topics



Maurice Small is a true force of nature with a three-decade-long legacy dedicated to sustainable agriculture and organic growing practices. His unwavering commitment to understanding and harnessing the transformative power of healthy soil and natural processes has left an indelible mark on the field. Maurice's visionary leadership is evident in the construction of hundreds of gardens and farms, serving as testaments to his profound understanding of ecological balance.

As a passionate educator, Maurice has impacted thousands through extensive teaching and training initiatives, sharing his deep knowledge and innovative practices, including the cultivation of millions of worms for vibrant soil. Rooted in a family legacy of love and appreciation for plants and the earth, Maurice's tireless efforts have been instrumental in reshaping the food landscape of North America, inspiring sustainable alternatives and organic farming practices.

In 2011, Maurice Small made history as the first Black farmer to receive the Rodale Organic Pioneer Award, a testament to his exceptional dedication to advancing organic farming practices and sustainability. His journey exemplifies the power of individual commitment, and Maurice continues to grow his legacy, impacting communities, fostering environmental stewardship, and paving the way for a more sustainable and harmonious relationship between humanity and the earth.

Maurice's guiding principles - recognizing the universal need for good food, the pivotal role of children in shaping our future, the magic of worms, and the paramount importance of soil - form the foundation of his advocacy. Reverently called "Father Earth," Maurice's love for the land and dedication to nurturing healthy communities have established him as a beacon of inspiration, transforming the food landscape and motivating people worldwide to embrace a vision of healthy, vibrant food and a healthy earth.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **FOOD SYSTEM CREATION/REVITALIZATION**
- **DYNAMIC YOUTH GARDENING MODELS**
- **VERMICULTURE BEST PRACTICES**
- **COMPOSTING SYSTEMS AND THE SPIRIT OF COMPOST**
- **TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIPS/COMMUNITIES THROUGH FARMING**
- **MICRO ECONOMIES VIA FARM-TO-FORK INITIATIVES**
- **PROFITABLE FARMING AND PERMACULTURE PRACTICES**
- **BLACK FARMING FOR JUSTICE**
- **RESTORING GENERATIONAL FOOD GROWING KNOWLEDGE**
- **THE ALCHEMY OF VIBRANT SOIL**



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