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## UGArden's South by South Milledge Festival to bring local music, food, celebrate Earth Day

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"Fresh" compost at UGArden in Athens, Ga. Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 (Photo/ Justin Fountain, Justingf@uga.edu) Justin Fountain

Strains of music will float through the air as local artists showcase their talent at UGArden's annual spring event, South by South Milledge Festival.

The event, lasting from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 18, is not only a celebration of Earth Day, but a chance to promote sustainability at the University of Georgia and in Athens. With \$3 and a BYOBowls and eating utensils policy, college students and members of the community are invited to enjoy food brought in from Athens favorites such as Mama's Boy, Heirloom Cafe, Taziki's, Last Resort Grill and Zombie Doughnuts. Other activities and games, such as a cake walk, will be happening as well, adding to the fun-filled evening.

UGArden, founded in 2010, has grown into a large organization that gives back to the community through the growing of organic fruits and vegetables. Through various outreach programs such as Campus Kitchen and Know it Grow it, the club serves middle schoolers, whole families, and senior citizens alike. It also provides students with the opportunity to learn from master gardeners and specially designed courses where they are able to learn hands-on.



"The goal of our festivals is to get people out on the farm, raise awareness of what we do, and to promote sustainability," said the vice president of UGArden, Reema Garabadu.

Earth Day will be celebrated by the community with local music, food and fellowship.



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