



GreenThumb's Summer Program Guide 2009

June ♦ July ♦ August



Alternative Bed Building on April 4th, 2009. Over 30 gardeners joined at Walt L. Shamal community garden in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn to learn alternative methods of building raised beds. Greg Anderson led the group in constructing a cold frame with the assistance of several gardeners in attendance. Gardeners also shared tips on many subjects ranging from hot sauce as a collard-fly deterrent to the benefits of using nails versus screws. Thanks to Build It Green! for helping provide some of the materials.

Does your garden need any of the following supplies? Look inside for details...

- ♦♦ **Garbage Bags, Garbage Cans, Garden Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Hoses** ♦♦
- ♦♦ **Wheelbarrows** ♦♦ **Rat-resistant Garbage Cans** ♦♦
- ♦♦ **Various Herbs & Perennials** ♦♦ **Pest Management Book** ♦♦
- ♦♦ **Brick-laying Hand Tools, Mortar / Bags of Concrete** ♦♦
- ♦♦ **Veggie Tip Sheets, Pathmark Vouchers** ♦♦
- ♦♦ **Book: How to Grow More Vegetables** ♦♦



Please note that garden members must attend workshops in order to receive supplies.

All workshops are rain or shine, cancelled only in the event of lightning or other dangerous conditions. All supplies are for currently registered gardens only and are first come, first served, while supplies last.

SUMMER 2009 WORKSHOPS CALENDAR

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

June



Summer Supply Giveaway

with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up basic gardening supplies for your garden. One pickup per garden group. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. Call GreenThumb if you need the contact information of gardeners near you.

*The compound gates will not open until 9:45am. Thank you for your patience.

◆◆ Garbage Bags, Garbage Cans, Garden Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Hoses, Wheelbarrows ◆◆

Saturday, June 6th 10am - 2pm

QUEENS

GreenThumb Compound, Queens Plaza South at 10th St.

GreenThumb's 2009
SUMMERSOLSTICE
B L O C K P A R T Y
at **William A. Harris Garden**
NWC of 153rd St & St. Nicholas Ave
Manhattan
Saturday, June 20th
10am - 4pm
BBQ
Live Music
from 1257
Entertainment
Parks Playmobile
Face Painting
Crafts for Kids

For more information, call
GreenThumb at (212) 788-8070

Directions to the GreenThumb Compound



By Subway

F TRAIN: to 21st St/Queensbridge. Walk south on 21st St towards Queens Plaza South. Make right onto QPS. Walk 4 blocks to 10th St. Compound on your right.

N, W, 7 TRAINS: to Queensboro Plaza/Bridge Plaza. Walk along Queens Plaza South, towards the East River, to 10th St. Compound is on your right.

By Bus

Q19A, Q32, Q60, Q66, Q101, Q101R, Q102 and Q103 all run along or intersect with Queens Plaza South (QPS). Exit closest to 10th St and QPS. Compound is across from 10th St.

By Car

FROM MANHATTAN & THE BRONX: Take FDR to 61st St exit. Follow signs to Queensboro Bridge. Staying in the right-hand lane of the bridge, exit to local streets. Continue straight to end, Northern Blvd/Jackson Avenue intersection. Make a right onto Jackson Ave (Northern Blvd). Make a right onto 21st St and then a left onto Queens Plaza South (QPS). Continue on QPS until 10th St. Compound is on your right, across from 10th St.

FROM BROOKLYN, QUEENS & STATEN ISLAND: Take the BQE to the McGuiness Blvd exit. Make a left onto McGuiness Blvd. Continue straight into Queens (over the Pulaski Skyway Bridge). McGuiness Blvd becomes 11th St. Stay straight on 11th St. Make left onto Queens Plaza South. Go 1 block to 10th St. Compound is on your right.

Keeping The Rats Out! Rat Prevention in Community Gardens

with Caroline Bragdon, Outreach and Education
Coordinator at Bronx Rat Initiative, NYC
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

This workshop will cover how to prevent rats in your gardens. We will walk around the Roberto Clemente garden and discuss how to recognize signs of rat activity and ways to discourage rats from establishing burrow systems in your garden. There will be a giveaway of rat-resistant garbage cans for all garden groups that attend the workshop.

◆◆ Rat-resistant Garbage Cans ◆◆

Thursday, June 4th 4 - 6pm

BRONX

Roberto Clemente Community Garden
1272-1280 Shakespeare Ave at W 169th St.

Directions

Bus: Take the BxM4A bus, and get off at Grand Concourse/E 170th St. Walk west on E 170th St towards Grand Concourse and continue on W 170th St. Turn left onto Shakespeare Ave.

Train: Take the 4 train and get off at the 170th St station. Exit near intersection of E 170th St and Jerome Ave and walk west on W 170th St towards Jerome Ave. Turn left onto Shakespeare Ave.

The Many Uses of Herbs

with Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up / NYBG

Discover the many benefits of growing herbs, from medicinal to culinary, flowering beauty and pest control.

◆◆ Various Herbs & Perennials ◆◆

Tuesday, June 9th 5:30 - 7pm

BRONX

Vogue Community Garden
431 E 156th St, between Elton & Melrose Aves.

Directions

Bus: Take the Bx15 bus heading to Fordham Plaza, Bronx and get off at 3rd Ave and E 156th St. Start out going West on E 156th St towards Elton Ave.

Train: Take the 2 or 5 train to the 3rd Ave - 149th St stop. Walk 7 blocks to 156th St, and then one block over to Elton Ave.

Street Tree Care Workshop Series

with staff from NYC Parks Forestry

Since the MillionTreesNYC campaign started, over 173,000 trees have been planted throughout the city, more than 30,000 just in street trees. Help us take care of these newly planted trees by coming to a MillionTreesNYC stewardship workshop. In these basic workshops, you'll learn from Parks' foresters how to care for young street trees, receive free tools, and get a Parks Volunteer Permit. Sign up through the Get Involved section at www.milliontreesnyc.org (make sure to check that you heard about us through GreenThumb) and we'll let you know when workshops are scheduled in your neighborhood.

◆◆ 10-Gallon Buckets, Trowels, Gloves, Garden Forks ◆◆

If your group would like to request a tree workshop, and can assure an attendance of at least 15 participants, get in touch with us at (212) 360-3435, or via email at ellen.arnstein@parks.nyc.gov

EAST NEW YORK FARMS!

Saturday Farmers Market

June 27 - November 14
9:00am - 3:00pm
New Lots Avenue and Schenck Avenue, Brooklyn

Also featuring Caribbean and Dominican food, homemade cakes and breads, and fresh fish. Live entertainment and farm tours given by East New Youth Farms! youth leaders throughout the summer and fall.

Wednesday Farm Stand

July 1 - October 28
New Lots Avenue and Alabama Avenue, Brooklyn

Come get the freshest food from local farms and gardens at affordable prices!

Our markets accept cash, credit/debit, WIC & Senior FMNP coupons, EBT, WIC fruit and vegetable vouchers.





IPM - Integrated Pest Management

with Ursula Chanse & Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up / NYBG

Learn how to identify common garden pests, as well as how to prevent and control pests using safe and organic methods.

◆◆ Pest Management Book ◆◆

Saturday, July 11th 10am - 12pm

BRONX

River Garden
1086 E 180th Street, between Boston Road & Devoe Avenue

Directions
Bus: Take the BxM10 and get off at Morris Park Ave and 180th St. Walk west on E 180th St towards Bronx Park Ave.
Train: Take the 5 train to E 180th St. Walk west on E 180th St towards Bronx Park Ave.

Brick Laying for Beginners

with Eric Thomann

Many of today's gardens lie on yesterday's factories or abandoned residences, and after being demolished, bricks and other materials from these structures were left behind. Gardeners have come up with many creative and practical ways to use these scrap materials. It's also great to make these uses safe and permanent by using mortar and concrete. Come learn how to lay your bricks the Eric Thomann way, along with other tips and ideas for creatively using bricks.

◆◆ Masonry Trowel, Mortar & Bags of Concrete ◆◆

Saturday, July 25th 10am - 1pm

(RAINDATE: Saturday, August 1st 10am - 1pm)

BROOKLYN

Human Compass Community Garden
207-209 Columbia Street, at Sackett Street.

Directions
Bus: Take the B61 bus to Red Hook, and get off at Columbia St & Sackett St. The garden is right there on the corner.
Train: Take the F train to Carroll Street station. Walk northeast on Smith St to Union St, turn left on Union St and walk 5 blocks to Columbia St. Turn right on Columbia St.

Learn about growing food and food justice!

Attend a City Farms workshop.
For more information:
www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops



Or contact Owen:
(212) 645-9880 x229, owen@justfood.org

Sell your garden vegetables at a farmers market!

Find a City Farms Market near you:
www.justfood.org/cityfarms/markets/

Call Jane for more about starting or joining markets:
(212) 645-9880 x228, jane@justfood.org

Just Food is a NYC based non-profit working to grow fresh, locally-grown food in the neighborhoods of NYC.



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GREENTHUMB'S PHOTO CONTEST!

In celebration of GreenThumb's 30th Anniversary, we want to see photos of your community in your community gardens. Submit your favorite shots for the chance to have them displayed in the Parks Art Gallery! Rules, deadlines, and more information at www.greenthumbnyc.org

August



Cooking in the Garden

with *Tanika Tree*

Come learn fresh recipes and share some of your own as we prepare a meal in the garden. Teachers and parents are encouraged to bring their students and children as this will be a great chance for youth to learn about fresh, healthy food and how delicious it is. A book full of great garden recipes and activities for youth involving food and gardening will be distributed.

◆◆ Garden Recipe Book, Pathmark Vouchers ◆◆

Thursday, August 6th 5:30 - 7pm
MANHATTAN

Diamante Garden
306-310 East 118th Street, between 1st & 2nd Avenues

Directions

Bus: Take the M15 Limited bus and get off at E 116th St. Walk north on 1st Ave towards E 117th St, and turn left onto E 118th St.

Train: Take the 6 train and get off at the 116th Street station. Walk east on E 116th St towards 3rd Ave. Turn left onto 2nd Ave, and then right onto E 118th St.

Crops for a Fall Harvest

with *Ursula Chanse & Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up / NYBG*

Join us as we plant vegetables for a fall harvest. Learn which plants are best for cool weather and the benefits of growing cover crops.

◆◆ Book: How to Grow More Vegetables ◆◆

Tuesday, August 11th 5:30 - 7pm
BRONX

Davidson Avenue Community Garden
2385 Davidson Ave, between W 184th St & W Fordham Rd.

Directions

Bus: Take the BxM3 bus and get off at Sedgwick Ave/Webb Ave. Walk South on Sedgwick Ave towards W Fordham Rd. Turn left on W Fordham Rd, then right on Davidson Ave.

Train: Take the 4 train to the Fordham Rd station. Walk west on Fordham Rd, then turn left onto Davidson Ave.

Hey Gardeners! Now is the time to register your garden with Brooklyn Botanic Garden's GreenBridge Community Garden Alliance!



Gardens registered with the GreenBridge Community Garden Alliance receive these benefits:




- Membership in an active network of Brooklyn gardeners
- Access to the GCGA listserv
- Technical assistance and advice on garden projects
- Invitation to plant and tulip bulb giveaways
- Attractive metal sign showing alliance affiliation
- Annual site visits with GreenBridge staff
- Opportunities to attend and lead workshops on sustainable gardening and community development practices
- Seasonal networking events at BBG, including our Summer Tea Party and Share the Harvest Potluck

Special programming for Summer 2009 will feature workshop series on Building Healthy Soil and Fruit Trees. Let us know on your registration form if your garden would like to host one of these workshops!

Registration happens year-round!

Any questions about GreenBridge or the GreenBridge Community Garden Alliance, please call (718) 623-7250, or email greenbridge@bbg.org




JUNE

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Our Calendar at a Glance



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BRONX

Art on Dean

Saturday, August 22nd 1 - 6pm

BROOKLYN

Walt L. Shamal Garden

1093-1095 Dean Street, between Bedford & Franklin

Featuring over 15 artists, with food and activities for the whole family.

Street Tree Care Workshop Series

Check out www.milliontreesnyc.org for upcoming workshop dates, or contact Ell Arnstein at (212) 360-3435 or ellen.arnstein@parks.nyc.gov

In Memoriam

Irma Badillo, Bronx NY

Her presence in and out of the garden will be missed by those who knew her.

Fall Harvest Fair

Featuring the 1st Annual Urban Farmy Olympics (see below)

September 12, 2009, 12 - 6pm

Garden of Happiness

Prospect Ave between 181st & 182nd Streets, Bronx, NY

Featuring:

- Vegetable, Flower Arrangement, Garden Photo and Baked Goods Contests
- Seed Exchange
- Urban Farmy Olympics

Co-sponsored by Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden, Just Food & GreenThumb.

Save Your Seeds for the Seed Exchange

For tips and information on seed saving please contact Bronx Green-Up: 718-817-8026 or www.nybg.org/green_up/index.php

Volunteer for the Harvest Fair

If you are interesting in helping out, please contact Sara Katz at 718-817-8026 or skatz@nybg.org

Honeybees are garden heroes!

Did you know that bees help your garden grow more fruit and vegetables AND make sweet honey?

Help us legalize
beekeeping in NYC!

Bee ready!
Sign our petition today!

CONTACT NADIA JOHNSON AT 212.645.9880,
EXT. 237 OR NADIA@JUSTFOOD.ORG, OR GO TO
OUR WEBSITE, WWW.JUSTFOOD.ORG



The Urban Farmy Olympics

(see above for date, time, and location)

Register your garden to compete in the FIRST Annual Urban Farmy Olympics.

Teams must include:

- Members of your community garden
- At least 2 youth
- At least 2 elders
- At least 6 people total

Show us what your garden group is made of! Win prizes, make a name for your garden and earn bragging rights. Come out and enjoy a day of festivities, good food, good music and a chance to hear our local elected officials and Parks personnel address the current state of community gardens and urban farms in our city.

Urban Farmy Olympics events may include:

- Wheel barrow Obstacle Course
- Flower Arranging
- Three-legged From Seed-to-Harvest Race
- Potato Sack Race
- Apple Bobbing
- Bocci Tournament
- Veggie Toss
- Compost Turning Race
- and MUCH more!

Other categories include:

Team Spirit - Be the most creative team in coming up with a name, cheer, team costumes, or any other form of team spirit!
Community Organizing & Fund Raising - Raise funds with your team! The money teams collect will go into a Community Organizing and Advocacy Fund, which will allow for more gardens to participate in advocacy work.

Garden teams MUST register by July 15th.

For registration forms and more information, please contact Bilén Berhanu at 212-442-8096 or bilen.berhanu@parks.nyc.gov

Deadline for fundraising is September 5th.

For more on sponsorship forms, please contact Jane Hodge at 212-645-9880 ext 228 or jane@justfood.org

In 2008, we had 49 workshops
with more than 3,000 attendees.

**Do you have any suggestions for a
new workshop?**

**Would your garden like to host an event
or workshop?**

Do you want to lead a workshop?

Then let us know by calling our
main office at (212) 788-8070



On Saturday, April 11th, the DIY Rainwater Harvesting System workshop held at Dias y Flores and 9th & C Garden was a great success, in spite of inclement weather conditions. This workshop represented what we at GreenThumb do best – collaborate with greening partners and host innovative workshops. With CENYC, Just Food and the Water Resource Group at the helm, we were able to develop a workshop that responded to an increasing need for water access and conservation. If you have suggestions or comments, please send them to Bilen: bilen.berhanu@parks.nyc.gov. Look out for more DIY workshops coming to a garden near you!

GreenThumb / City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation

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