

GreenThumb's Spring Program Guide 2005

March • April • May

GREENTHUMB IS SPROUTING A NEW PROGRAM MODEL

By Susan Fields, Deputy Director
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Welcome to the first edition of GreenThumb's new Quarterly Program Guide. Inside of the guide is a schedule of all the upcoming workshops and gardening supplies that will be available to registered GT community gardens during the spring. Starting with this issue every member of a registered GT garden will receive a guide four times a year.

This is a change from the way GT has operated in the past. Community garden groups will now access materials through small events held throughout the city instead of contacting an Outreach Coordinator. In the past it was impossible for Outreach Coordinators to serve so many gardens in a timely manner. This was often frustrating for community garden groups who had to wait weeks before someone would be able to make it out to their garden. The new Quarterly Program Guide will allow all community gardens equal access to materials, services and educational instruction. It will also allow community garden groups to plan in advance knowing what materials are available and when.

GT has developed this new program model to better serve New York City's community gardens. Thanks to the labor of garden advocates, NYC now has more permanent community gardens than ever before. Permanent gardens are made even more precious by the knowledge that there is limited opportunity for new ones to be established. Along with this historic victory has come increased maintenance and operation expectations. In this new landscape GT has been thinking about how to help community gardens be sustainable neighborhood institutions for many years to come.

The fourteen events scheduled in the Spring Program Guide will provide valuable opportunities for community gardeners to network with each other and with experts from various greening organizations. These fun events will be perfect for recruiting new members to your garden and for cultivating the next generation of garden leaders. By consolidating and streamlining the way materials are distributed, GT will provide more groups with the basic materials they need to manage a public garden. And GT knows how concerned its garden groups are about the health of our urban environment; therefore we will strive to provide environmentally appropriate materials whenever possible.

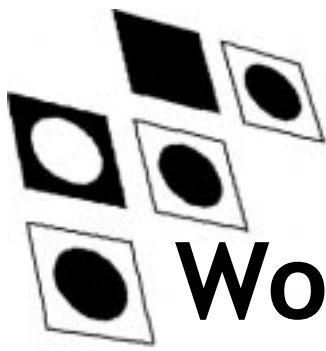
The Spring Program Guide explains how your group may access soil, compost, clean-fill, lumber for raised beds, vegetable plants, hydrant wrenches and hydrant adapters. Your garden group has the choice of coming to the workshop that is closest to your garden or picking from the variety of interesting topics. You do not have to come to the workshop in your borough. Each workshop will include a brief educational presentation and the distribution of supplies. For materials too large to pick-up, such as soil or lumber - your group will apply for the materials to be delivered. A member of your garden group must attend a workshop to receive supplies. GT will no longer be distributing materials through requests to Borough Outreach Coordinators.

GreenThumb needs your help to sprout this new program model. If you have any suggestions, would like to teach a workshop or host an event please contact Susan Fields at 212-788-8078. Many thanks to the community garden groups and greening organizations that have partnered with GreenThumb to make the spring programs possible. Keep an eye out for the Summer Program Guide featuring cooking demonstrations, perennial giveaways, canning demonstrations, how to increase your membership and more!



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Spring Workshops Calendar 2005

SOIL/COMPOST/CLEANFILL

MAR28

5:30-7pm

BASIC COMPOSTING - Jodie Colon, Bronx Green Up/NYBG

An overview of how to begin composting.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN - BRONX

MAR29

5:30-7pm

HEALTHY SOILS - John Ameroso, Cornell Cooperative Extension

A short lecture on basic soil science and tips for healthier soil.

BROWNSVILLE RECREATION CENTER - BROOKLYN / QUEENS

MAR31

5:30-7pm

VERMICOMPOSTING - Kate Zidar, Lower East Side Ecology Center

Learn the basics of indoor composting of fruit and vegetable trimmings with Red Wiggler worms. Generate compost while reducing waste.

PEACHTREE GARDEN - MANHATTAN

APR01

11am-1pm

COMPOST DEMONSTRATION SITE TOUR

Joshua Cohen and Karla Osorio,

Urban Compost Project/Brooklyn Greenbridge/BBG

Come tour the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's compost demonstration site and meet the Urban Compost Project staff. **BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN - BROOKLYN**

LUMBER FOR RAISED BEDS

APR19

5:30-7pm

BUILDING BASIC RAISED BEDS

Chris Syrett and Harold Paynter, GreenThumb

A hands-on demonstration of how to build sturdy, lasting raised beds.

EL FLAMBOYAN COMMUNITY GARDEN - BRONX

APR21

12-1:30pm

BUILDING BASIC RAISED BEDS

Chris Syrett and Harold Paynter, GreenThumb

A hands-on demonstration of how to build sturdy, lasting raised beds.

CAMPOS GARDEN - MANHATTAN

ALTERNATIVE RAISED BEDS

5:30-7pm

Linda Ameroso, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Come see mounded raised beds and discuss other alternatives to lumber framed raised beds.

UNITED COMMUNITY CENTERS GARDEN - BROOKLYN/QUEENS

APR23

12-1:30pm

BUILDING BASIC RAISED BEDS

Chris Syrett and Harold Paynter, GreenThumb

A hands-on demonstration of how to build sturdy, lasting raised beds.

GREEN GEMS - BROOKLYN



MAY12

5:30-7pm

STARTING OFF THE SEASON RIGHT

Linda Ameroso, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Learn early season tips for planting vegetables so that you have less problems during the growing season.

TRUCE COMMUNITY GARDEN - **MANHATTAN****MAY13**

5:30-7pm

MARKET GARDENS - Kathleen McTigue, Just Food/City Farms

Want to provide nutritious food for your neighborhood and make money for your garden?

Come learn about Market Gardens. TOWWNSSEND AVE GARDEN - **BRONX****MAY14**

12-2pm

THE HOW'S AND WHY'S OF SUCCESSFUL COMPANION GARDENING - Lisa Greenspan, Horticultural Society of NYCLearn how to grow stronger, healthier, happier, more abundant vegetables in your gardens by planting companion plants nearby. DEKALB LIBRARY BRANCH - **BROOKLYN/QUEENS****HYDRANT WRENCHES AND ADAPTERS****MAY17**

6-8pm

DRIP IRRIGATION - Greg Zackiewicz, Brooklyn GreenBridge/BBGLearn the basics of drip irrigation. Call the BBG. Class registration line, 718-623-7220 to reserve space. BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN - **BROOKLYN****MAY19**

5:30-7pm

HECHOS INTERESANTES DEL SISTEMA DE AGUA DE NYC

Hannah Riseley-White, Green Guerillas/Water Resources Group

Venga a aprender algunos hechos interesantes del sistema que nos trae agua y recibir su adaptador y llave de bomba. Todos son bienvenidos!

PLEASANT PARK GARDEN - **MANHATTAN****MAY21****WALKING TOUR: RAINWATER HARVESTING IN COMMUNITY GARDENS - Water Resources Group**

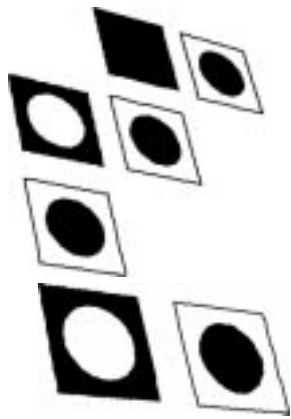
Visit 3 community gardens with rainwater harvesting systems.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY FARM, HOLLENBACK COMMUNITY GARDEN AND BROOKLYN BEARS CARLTON AVENUE - **BROOKLYN**

ADDRESSES AND DIRECTIONS
ARE LISTED AT THE BACK
OF THE PROGRAM.

GARDENERS MUST ATTEND
A WORKSHOP TO RECIEVE
SUPPLIES.





DOES YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN NEED ...

Community Gardens may either order or pick-up the following supplies during the events listed below. In order to better serve all gardens GreenThumb will distribute supplies through scheduled events.

A representative of your garden must attend one of the listed events for your garden to be eligible for supplies. Your garden may attend an event in any borough. All events are rain or shine. Please do not call the office or an outreach coordinator to order supplies, instead check the event listings below and mark your calendars!

... SOIL, COMPOST OR CLEAN FILL?

GreenThumb community gardens must be actively composting to be eligible for soil/compost/clean fill deliveries. During the workshops GT staff will assist gardeners in placing soil/compost/clean fill orders which will be delivered during April-May.

BASIC COMPOSTING

Jodie Colon of Bronx Green Up
New York Botanical Gardens (BX)
Monday, March 28, 5:30-7

HEALTHY SOILS

John Ameroso of
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Brownsville Recreation Center (BK)
Tuesday, March 29, 5:30-7pm

VERMICOMPOSTING

Kate Zidar of
Lower East Side Ecology Center
Peachtree Garden (MAN)
Thursday, March 31, 5:30-7pm

COMPOST DEMONSTRATION SITE TOUR AT BBG

Joshua Cohen and Karla Osorio of
Urban Compost Project/BBG
Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BK)
Friday, April 1, 11am -1pm

LUMBER FOR RAISED BEDS?

During the workshops GreenThumb staff will assist gardeners in placing lumber orders. The supplies will be delivered directly to your garden in the two weeks following the workshops.

BUILDING RAISED BEDS

Chris Syrett and Harold Paynter of GT
El Flamboyant Community Garden (BX)
Tuesday, April 19, 5:30-7pm

BUILDING RAISED BEDS

Chris Syrett and Harold Paynter of GT
Campos Garden (MAN)
Thursday, April 21, 12-1:30pm

ALTERNATIVES TO RAISED BEDS

Linda Ameroso of
Cornell Cooperative Extension
United Community Centers Garden (BK)
Thursday, April 21, 5:30-7pm

BUILDING RAISED BEDS

Chris Syrett and Harold Paynter of GT
Green Gems Garden (BK)
Saturday, April 23, 12-1:30pm

... VEGETABLE STARTS?

During the workshops a variety of tomato, hot pepper, sweet pepper, okra, collard, eggplant and basil vegetable starts will be available for pick-up.

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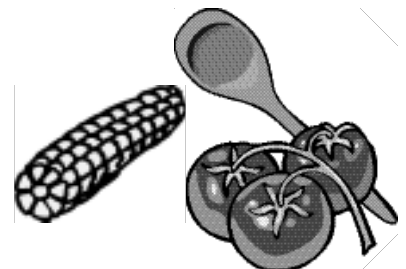
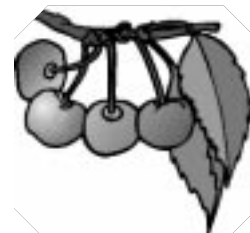
Linda Ameroso of
Cornell Cooperative Extension
TRUCE Community Garden (MAN)
Thursday, May 12, 5:30-7pm

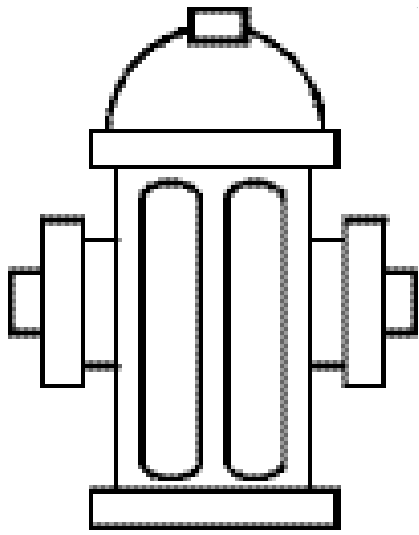
MARKET GARDENS

Kathleen McTigue of
City Farms/Just Food
Townsend Avenue Garden (BX)
Friday, May 13, 5:30-7pm

HOW'S AND WHY'S OF SUCCESSFUL COMPANION GARDENING

Lisa Greenspan of
Horticultural Society of NYC
DeKalb Library Branch (BK)
Saturday, May 14, 12-1:30





... HYDRANT WRENCHES AND/OR HYDRANT ADAPTERS?

During the workshops hydrant wrenches and hydrant adapters will be available for pick-up.

DRIP IRRIGATION

Greg Zackiewicz at BBG, * please call 718-623-7220 to reserve a space.
Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BK)
Tuesday, May 17, 6-8pm

HECHOS INTERESANTES DEL SISTEMA DE AGUA DE NYC

Hannah Riseley-White of
Green Guerillas
Pleasant Park Garden (MAN)
Thursday, May 19, 5:30-7pm

RAINWATER HARVESTING IN COMMUNITY GARDENS WALKING TOUR

Water Resources Group
Saturday, May 21, location and times
to be determined.



TIPS FOR GETTING TO GREENTHUMB EVENTS

1/

Ask all members of your garden group if they are able to attend or if they have access to a car.

2/

Ask neighbors and anyone that stops to admire the garden if they would have time to help out the garden.

3/

Check with local churches and community organizations to see if they have a van or car that could be used for attending workshops or picking up supplies.

4/

Visit local businesses to see if they have a delivery van that might be perfect for picking up supplies.

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Check with all the community gardens near you and see if they would be willing to carpool. Call GreenThumb if you need names and phone numbers for these gardens.

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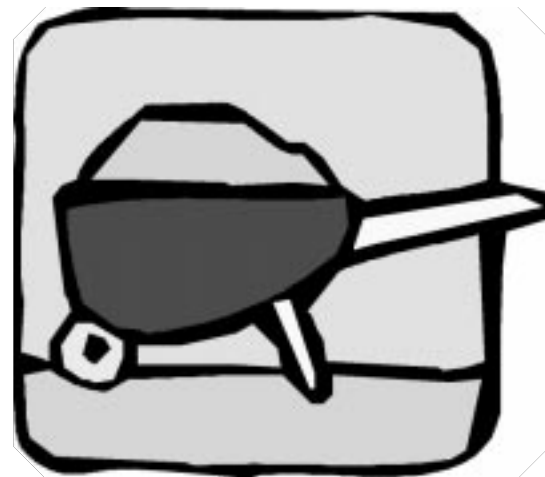
Put a sign on your garden gate "Support your local community garden - Volunteers needed to pick up supplies"

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Split the cost of a rental van amongst several community gardens (3 gardens would each need about \$20).



WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE
TO SEE IN THE QUARTERLY
PROGRAM GUIDE?
CALL 212-788-8078 WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.



BRONX



ADDRESSES & DIRECTIONS

EL FLAMBOYAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

150th Street, b/t Tinton & Union
Subway: '6' to E. 149th St.;
'2' or '5' to Jackson Ave.
Bus: Bx4, Bx17, Bx19

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Enter on Kazmiroff Blvd,
across from Metro North Station
Subways: 'D' or '4'
to Bedford Park Blvd.
Bus: Bx-26

TOWNSEND AVENUE GARDEN

1735 Walton Ave./E. 175th St.
Subway: '4' to 176th St.;
'D' to Tremont
Bus: Bx1, Bx2, Bx32

BROOKLYN/QUEENS

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Washington Ave.
Subways: 'B' or 'Q' to
Prospect Park;
'2' or '3' to Eastern Parkway.
Bus: B41, B43, B48, and B71.

BROWNSVILLE RECREATION CENTER

1555 Linden Blvd at Mother Gaston
Subways: 'L' to New Lots
Buses: Bk15, Bk 35; Bk 83; Bk60

DEKALB LIBRARY BRANCH

790 Bushwick Ave., at DeKalb Ave.
Subway: 'J' to Kosciusko St., walk
one block North, one block East; 'M' to
Central Ave., walk one block North,
two blocks West.
Bus: B38, B46, B47, Q24

GREEN GEMS

947-953 Glenmore Ave., b/t Fountain
Ave. & Crystal St.
Subway: 'A' or 'C' to Euclid Ave
Bus: Q8, Bk 12, Bk13

UNITED COMMUNITY CENTERS GARDEN

610-620 Schenck Ave.
at Livonia Ave.
Subway: '3' to Van Siclen Ave
Bus: B83 to Van Siclen and New Lots,
B20 to New Lots and Schenck

MANHATTAN

CAMPOS GARDEN

640-644 East 12th Street,
just west of Ave. C
Subway: 'L' to 1st Ave.
Bus: M8, M9, M21

PEACHTREE GARDEN

236 East 2nd Street,
b/t Ave. B & C
Subways: '6' to Bleeker Street,
'B' or 'D' to Broadway, 'F'
or 'V' to 2nd Ave.
Bus: M9, M14A, M21

PLEASANT PARK GARDEN

437-39 East 114th St. b/t 1st and
Pleasant Ave.
Subway: '6' to 116th St
Bus: M15, M116

TRUCE COMMUNITY GARDEN

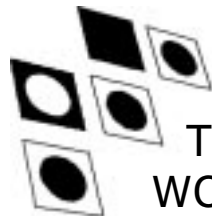
143-145 St. Nicholas,
b/t 117 and 118 Sts.
Subway: 'B' or 'C' to 116th Sts.;
'2' or '3' to 116th Sts.
Bus: M2, M10



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THE GREENTHUMB WORKSHOPS CALENDAR

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Since 1978, GreenThumb has been providing technical assistance to community gardens in New York City.
GreenThumb currently serves over 650 community garden groups thanks to funding from Community Development
Block Grants. Community gardens are a community resource that contribute to a cleaner, healthier, and safer city.

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