



# GreenThumb's 2010 Summer Program Guide

JUNE ♦ JULY ♦ AUGUST



Above, attendees at the April 10 workshop in the P.S. 53 Garden in Brooklyn, watch as workshop leader Greg Anderson talks about ways to make raised beds more accessible. Instructions on how to make the bed shown above are available on our website or by calling our office.

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



- ♦♦ Garbage Bags, Gloves, Hoses, Shovels, Pruners, Loppers, Rakes, Wheel Barrows, EZ-Diggers, EZ-Reachers, WD-40 ♦♦ Fruit Trees ♦♦
- ♦♦ Pathmark Vouchers ♦♦ Push Mowers ♦♦ Tree Gators, Bags of Mulch ♦♦
- ♦♦ Assorted Herbs ♦♦ Edible Perennials ♦♦
- ♦♦ Plants & Supplies for Attracting Pollinators ♦♦
- ♦♦ Kids Gloves, Wheelbarrows, Trowels ♦♦ Street Tree Care Kits ♦♦



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

*All workshops are free and open to the public, with no pre-registration (unless otherwise noted).*

*Workshops are rain or shine, cancelled only in the event of lightning or other dangerous conditions.*

*All supplies are for registered gardens only and are available first come, first served, while supplies last.*

# Upcoming Workshops

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

## Summer Supply Giveaway

with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up basic summer gardening and maintenance supplies for your garden. One pick-up per garden group.

Additionally, the New York Restoration Project has donated young fruit trees for interested gardens. The trees are in 40-gallon pots, which is quite large. If your garden group is interested, please call the office ahead of time and ask for Shawn Spencer to set something up.

If you can, please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. Call GreenThumb if you need to the contact information of other gardeners near you.

◆◆ Garbage Bags, Gloves, Hoses, Shovels, Pruners, Loppers, Rakes, Wheel Barrows, EZ-Diggers, EZ-Reachers, WD40, Fruit Trees ◆◆

**Saturday, June 5 10am - 2pm**

### QUEENS

GreenThumb Compound  
Queens Plaza South at 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Over the past few months, you may have noticed GreenThumb staff visiting your garden and collecting soil. GreenThumb is working with Cornell University and other partners to test soil from a sampling of community gardens citywide.

We hope this project will provide a better understanding of soil properties like pH and possible contaminants, and help gardeners make informed decisions for healthy soils and healthy communities.

Our goal is to share the first round of results towards the end of summer, so keep an eye out!

## Who's been digging in my bed?!

You can also visit <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/soilquality.htm> for more information.

Please don't call GreenThumb to request results or that your garden be tested - we will share results when they are available and analyzed.

## Directions to the GreenThumb Compound



### By Subway

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

**N, W, 7 TRAINS:** to Queensboro Plaza/Bridge Plaza. Walk along Queens Plaza South, towards the East River, to 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> St and QPS. Compound is across from 10<sup>th</sup> St.

### By Car

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

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



## Youth Food Demo

with Janelle Nicol - East New York Farms Market

Cooking with kids is so much fun and turns into even more fun when you stir something up in the garden. Come and explore great recipes and methods to show young people how to eat fresh and literally enjoy the fruits of their labor.

### ◆◆ Pathmark Vouchers ◆◆

**Thursday, June 17**                      **5 - 7pm**  
**MANHATTAN**

Generation "X" Cultural Garden  
270-272 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, between Avenues B & C

Directions

**Bus:** Take the M09 to E4<sup>th</sup> St & Avenue B. Walk east on E4<sup>th</sup> St. The garden will be on your right.

**Train:** Take the F or V to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Walk 9 blocks east on Houston St to Avenue B. Turn left on Avenue B to E4<sup>th</sup> St, and then right on E4<sup>th</sup> St. Garden will be on your right.

## Using Water Wisely

with Sara Katz - Bronx Green-Up, NYBG

Conserving water, Earth's precious resource, is an important concern of gardeners. Learn effective ways to water your garden and keep your plants healthy.

### ◆◆ Tree Gators, Bags of Mulch ◆◆

**Saturday, June 26**                      **10am - 1pm**  
**BRONX**

Davidson Avenue Community Garden  
Davidson Avenue, between West 184<sup>th</sup> Street & Fordham Road

Directions

**Bus:** Bx32 to Jerome Ave & E184<sup>th</sup> St. Walk west on W184<sup>th</sup> St towards Davidson Ave.

**Train:** 4 to Fordham Rd & Jerome Ave. Walk one block west and ½ block south on Davidson Ave.

## Lawn Maintenance

with Harold Paynter - GreenThumb

For gardens with lawn areas ONLY. Attend this workshop to learn about lawn maintenance tips.

### ◆◆ Push Mowers ◆◆

**Saturday, June 19**                      **11am - 1pm**  
**BROOKLYN**

Clifton Place Memorial Park & Garden  
1031-35 Bedford Avenue, at Greene Avenue

Directions

**Bus:** B44 to Bedford Ave at Clifton Place, or B38 to Lafayette & Bedford Aves.

**Train:** G to Bedford-Nostrand Ave/Lafayette Ave stop, or the A/C to Franklin Ave/Fulton St.

### Learn to grow more food!

Attend a City Farms workshop!

For more information:

[www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops](http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops)

Or contact Owen:

(212) 645-9880 x229, [owen@justfood.org](mailto:owen@justfood.org)



### Sell your garden vegetables at a farmers market!



Call Nadia for details about starting or joining markets:

(212) 645-9880 x228, [nadia@justfood.org](mailto:nadia@justfood.org)

### Join the City Farming NYC Meetup!

Find out about upcoming workshops and events, post on a discussion board, and answer each others' questions about farming in NYC. <http://www.meetup.com/City-Farming-NYC/>



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## Making Herbal Medicine in Your Garden

with **Jacoby Ballard** - Co-founder of Third Root Community Health Center, Just Food Trainer

Join Brooklyn herbalist Jacoby Ballard for a walk around the garden to look at medicinals that are both cultivated and considered "weeds". Discuss their uses, and then make a syrup or tincture out of the plant right then and there! What better way than to learn how to grow the medicine that keeps you well? Jacoby has been an herbalist for the past 6 years and delights in teaching New Yorkers about the variety of medicine that grows right here, waiting for us to find it and use it!

### ◆◆ Assorted Herb Plants ◆◆

**Wednesday, July 7**                      **5:30 - 7pm**  
**BROOKLYN**

Walt L. Shamal Community Garden  
1095 Dean Street, between Franklin & Bedford Avenues

#### Directions

**Bus:** B65 to Bedford Ave, Walk west Dean St.

**Train:** Take the C to Franklin Ave. Walk south on Franklin Ave for five blocks, turn left onto Dean St and walk half a block towards Bedford Ave.

## Homes for Pollinators

with **Sara Katz** - Bronx Green-Up, NYBG

Learn the importance of attracting native pollinators to your garden and how to create homes for them to gather.

### ◆◆ Plants & Supplies to Attract Pollinators (from Greenbelt Nursery) ◆◆

**Saturday, July 31**                      **10am - 1pm**  
**BRONX**

Hispanos Unidos Community Garden  
2035 Honeywell Avenue, between East 178<sup>th</sup> & 179<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the Bx19, Bx40, or Bx42.

**Train:** 2/5 train to East Tremont Ave-West Farms Square Station. Walk west four blocks to Honeywell Ave, then north to E179<sup>th</sup> St.

## Edible Forest

with **Sara Katz** - Bronx Green-Up, NYBG

Explore ways to mimic the healthy forest environment in your community garden, with plants you can eat!

### ◆◆ Edible Perennial Plants ◆◆

**Saturday, July 10**                      **10am - 1pm**  
**BRONX**

La Finca del Sur Urban Farm  
138<sup>th</sup> Street & Grand Concourse

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the BX1 or BX33 to 138<sup>th</sup> St & Grand Concourse.

**Train:** Take the 4/5 to 138<sup>th</sup> St. From intersection, walk south on Grand Concourse towards E138<sup>th</sup> St.

## Participate in the NYC Compost Project Demonstration Site Program



👉 Get a free "what to compost" sign for your community garden.

👉 Become a compost demonstration site and earn recognition for your composting efforts.

**Contact your local NYC Compost Project to learn how!**

### NYC Compost Project Helpline & Email Info

Brooklyn: (718) 623-7290; [compost@bbg.org](mailto:compost@bbg.org)  
Bronx: (718) 817-8543; [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org)  
Manhattan: (212) 477-3155; [info@lesecolgycenter.org](mailto:info@lesecolgycenter.org)  
Queens: (718) 539-5296; [compost@queensbotanical.org](mailto:compost@queensbotanical.org)  
Staten Island: (718) 425-3558; [compost@snug-harbor.org](mailto:compost@snug-harbor.org)



Funded and managed through the Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling, the NYC Compost Project provides compost education and outreach in all five boroughs.

[www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost](http://www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost)





## Working with Pre-Teens in Gardens

with Geimy Colon - City Parks Foundation Learning Gardens Program

Navigate the fun, but often challenging world of working with kids in the garden. We will go over proper garden behavior and stewardship practices with hands-on demonstrations. We also hope to offer strategies that will allow you to get work done in the garden while still executing a successful lesson plan.

◆◆ Kids Gloves, Wheelbarrows & Trowels ◆◆

**Saturday, August 7** 11am - 1pm  
**BROOKLYN**

Umoja Garden  
1452-1464 Broadway / 1029 Putnam Avenue

Directions

**Bus:** B52 to Gates Ave & Broadway. Walk east down Broadway 3 blocks. Turn left on Putnam Ave. Garden entrance is on your immediate right.

**Train:** J/Z to Gates Avenue, exit at Broadway. Walk east on Broadway. Go 3 blocks and turn right on Putnam Ave. Garden entrance is on your immediate right.

## Cooking Demonstrations for Your Community

with Yonette Fleming - Hattie Carthan Community Garden, Just Food Trainer/Community Chef

Join us in this exciting discussion which explores food education as a viable tool to achieving individual and community well-being and health. We will discuss nutritionism vs food education and examine ways that community gardeners can effectively engage their community in conversations of health and well-being through cooking demonstrations based on food education.

◆◆ Pathmark Vouchers ◆◆

**Saturday, August 21** 10am - 12pm  
**BROOKLYN**

Hattie Carthan Community Garden  
654 Lafayette Avenue / 363-365 Clifton Place, at Marcy Avenue

Directions

**Bus:** B44 to Nostrand & Lafayette Aves. Walk south on Nostrand to Clifton Pl and turn left. Or, B38 to Lafayette & Marcy Aves. Walk south on Marcy to Clifton Pl and turn right.

**Train:** G to Bedford-Nostrand Ave. Walk east towards Marcy Ave, turn right on Marcy Ave, and then right at Clifton Pl.

## Art on Dean

Featuring local artists, live music, food, and activities for everyone!

**Walt L. Shamal Community Garden**

1093 Dean St, between Bedford & Franklin Brooklyn, NY 11216

**Saturday August 14**  
**1 - 6PM**






# Beekeeping is now legal in NYC!





To learn more about bees and meet other urban keepers, contact the NYC Beekeeping Meetup Group.

[www.meetup.com/nyc-beekeeping-meetup/](http://www.meetup.com/nyc-beekeeping-meetup/)






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# AUGUST

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# SUMMER WORKSHOP CALENDAR



GreenThumb  
Workshops & Events



Greening Partners

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Saturday, June 12 11-12pm & 1-2:15pm

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**Morning Workshop** 11am - 12pm

## 'That Tree Saved My Life' Game Show

Compete to win while learning about the many benefits of trees. Have fun while showing off your street tree savvy, and leave with all the tools you'll need to care for the trees in your neighborhood. Bring along friends and fellow gardeners to learn about the MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Corps, and join us afterwards for lunch in the garden.

◆◆ Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Gloves, Trash Bags ◆◆

**Followed by lunch in the garden** 12pm -12:45pm

**Afternoon Workshop** 12:45pm - 2:15pm

## Hands-On Street Tree Care Clinic

Get your hands a little dirty learning how to care for and beautify the street trees on your block. This clinic will cover all the basics including how to improve soil, watering tips, strategies for discouraging litter and pets, safe tree guard design, and planting a street tree bed garden. After the demonstration, you will have a chance for hands-on practice.

◆◆ Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Gloves, Aprons, Info Packet, Plant Material for Tree Bed Planting ◆◆

**Saturday, June 12**

### BROOKLYN

Prospect Heights Community Farm  
252-256 St. Marks Avenue, between Underhill & Vanderbilt Avenues

Directions

**Bus:** B65 to Vanderbilt Ave & Bergen St, or B69 to Vanderbilt Ave & St. Marks Ave.

**Train:** 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza Station, and walk north on Vanderbilt Ave to St. Marks Ave and turn left. B/Q to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Station. Walk east on Park Pl to Vanderbilt Ave and turn right. Walk to St. Marks Ave and turn left.

**Saturday, July 17**

### BRONX

Jackson Forest / Morrisania Concerned Citizens  
722-736 Home Street, between Jackson & Forest Avenues

Directions

**Bus:** Take the Bx21 to Boston Rd & Home St. Walk east on Home St towards Jackson Ave. Or take the Bx17 to Union & Home Sts. Walk west on Home St to Forest Ave.

**Train:** Take the 2/5 to Prospect Ave Station. Walk north from E160<sup>th</sup> St to E167<sup>th</sup> St and turn left. Turn right at Union Ave, walk north to Home St, and turn left. Walk two blocks to Forest Ave.

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## Hands-On Street Tree Care Clinic

(see workshop description above)

**Tuesday, August 10**

**5:30 - 7pm**

### BROOKLYN

East End Community Garden  
530-532 Glenmore Avenue, at Van Siclen Avenue

Directions

**Bus:** Take the B12 to Liberty & Van Siclen Aves. Turn left on Van Siclen Ave and walk one block south to Glenmore Ave.

**Train:** Take the C to Van Siclen Ave Station, and walk one block north to the corner of Glenmore & Van Siclen Aves.

**Thursday, August 26**

**5:30 - 7pm**

### MANHATTAN

Riverside Valley Community Garden  
138<sup>th</sup> Street & 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue (in Riverside Park)

Directions

**Bus:** Take the M04 or M05 to W138<sup>th</sup> St & Broadway. Walk west on W138<sup>th</sup> St to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave/ Riverside Park, garden is in the park.

**Train:** Take the 1 to 137<sup>th</sup> Street-City College Station. Walk up to W138<sup>th</sup> St and turn left. Walk to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Garden is in the park.



**GreenThumb**  
City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation  
49 Chambers Street, Room 1020  
New York, NY 10007

## The program guide & events calendar is online!

[greenthumbnyc.org/gardenevents.html](http://greenthumbnyc.org/gardenevents.html)

GreenThumb's online events calendar has all of the workshops in this program guide as well as upcoming events in community gardens across the city.

If your garden group is having an event and would like it on the events calendar, let us know!



Students from Discovery High School in the Bronx stand in front of their just-completed "green wall," which they built at a workshop led by teacher Steve Ritz.

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