



GreenThumb 2011

Spring Program Guide

March · April · May



A reminder that winter will be over soon and that it's almost time to start your seeds!
Euclid 500 Community Garden in East New York, Brooklyn, grew over a half dozen varieties of peppers last year.

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



- Seeds · Lumber Request · Fruit Trees ·
- Soil /Compost/Cleanfill Request · Hydrant Wrenches, Hydrant Adapters, Hoses ·
- Plant Starts, Square Foot Gardening Tip Sheets, Fruit Trees ·
- City Chicken Guide / Guía de la Ciudad de Pollo · Native Plants ·



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, canceled 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.

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Seed Giveaway

with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up vegetable, fruit, flower, and herb seeds for the upcoming season! For registered GreenThumb gardens only. Quantities are limited.

Recibes semillas de frutas, vegetales, flores y hierbas para su grupo de jardinería.

Supplies: Seeds

Wednesday, March 16 10am - 6:30pm
MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office*
49 Chambers Street, Room 1020 (10th Floor)

Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51

Train: J, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E, to Chambers St.

***You will need ID to enter the building**

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
Bronx: (718) 817-8543; bronxgreenup@nybg.org
Manhattan: (212) 477-3155; info@lesecologycenter.org
Queens: (718) 539-5296; compost@queensbotanical.org
Staten Island: (718) 425-3558; 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



Apply for Summer and Fall Courses at Farm School NYC

Apply for Summer and Fall Courses at Farm School NYC. Just Food and an alliance of horticultural and food justice organizations are pleased to announce the opening of **Farm School NYC: The New York City School of Urban Agriculture**. The School will offer comprehensive training in all aspects of urban agriculture through a two-year certificate program and a wide range of individual courses.

Farm School NYC is:

- Unique, community-based approach
- Accessible to all NYC residents
- Advanced urban agriculture training
- Seasonal enrollment (winter, spring, summer and fall)

NYC is your Classroom

Farm School NYC will take place in a variety of classrooms and educational settings across the city, including community gardens and urban farms.

Core courses include:

- Irrigation
- Crops Management
- Pest/Disease ID and Management
- Carpentry and Building Intro
- Season Extension
- Preparing for Winter
- Small Farm Design and Planning



Summer applications available soon – check the Farm School webpage:
www.justfood.org/farmschoolnyc

212-645-9880 ext.228
farmschoolnyc@justfood.org
1155 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Floor
NY, NY 10036





Maximizing Your Harvest (I)

with Solita Stephens, Just Food Trainer & Olympus Garden Club

Get the most out of your garden bed! Learn to determine the best parts of a garden to put a raised bed, what growing medium to use, and where (and when) to put plants within your bed for maximum yield. This workshop is presented in collaboration with Just Food's City Farms program.

Supplies: Raised Bed Lumber Request (May delivery)

Tuesday, April 5 **5:30 - 7pm**
BROOKLYN
Union Street Garden and Community Development
Union St, between Classon & Franklin Aves

Train: 2,3,4,5 to Franklin Ave station.

Caring for Fruit Trees and Shrubs

With Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden

Learn how to successfully grow fruit trees and berry bushes, a perfect edible addition to your garden. We will cover soil and light requirements, and how to plant and maintain fruit trees and shrubs. We will also provide tips on pruning, all for an abundant fruit harvest.

Supplies: Fruit Trees

Saturday, April 9 **10:30am - 12pm**
BRONX
Vogue Community Garden
431 East 156th St, between Elton & Melrose Aves

Train: 2,3,4,5 trains to Franklin Ave station.

**Let's Garden Together:
30 Years of Making Brooklyn Bloom
Saturday, March 12, 10am-4pm,
Brooklyn Botanic Garden**

Kick off the spring gardening season at Brooklyn Botanic Garden with this daylong conference celebrating 30 years of gardeners gathering at BBG to share how they grow greener neighborhoods by developing deep roots in community life.

This free event features the first Wilbur A. Levin keynote address, which will be given by Ellen Kirby, Coordinator of the Food Bank Community Garden in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Many know Ms. Kirby as the founding director of GreenBridge, the community environmental horticulture program at BBG. Visit exhibits and workshops covering such topics as rooftop farming, community composting, and horticulture therapy. No pre-registration is required, but you must arrive at 10 a.m. to register for the day's workshops.



MAKING BROOKLYN BLOOM

For more information, call 718-623-7250 or www.bbg.org



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**27th Annual
GreenThumb GrowTogether**

City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation



Saturday, April 2nd, 9am - 4pm
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
49th St & the Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York 10451



Growing Soil: Healthy Soil Cultivation and Irrigation Tips for Better Crops (I & II)

with Just Food Trainers, Karen Washington, NYCCGC & Molly Culver, GreenThumb

Are your garden beds sometimes hard to work? Do big clods or hard pans develop on your soil surface? Ever wonder why your plants are not growing as well as they did the year before? These conditions might have to do with how you manage your soil, how you respond to your soil's moisture level, and how you irrigate. Growing strong plants begins with understanding how to grow soil — through proper cultivation, amendment and irrigation.

Come to this workshop to learn valuable soil cultivation and irrigation tips to start your growing season off on the right foot. Learn how to prepare your beds for planting at just the right moisture level — this is important for healthy soil and healthy, abundant crops.

This workshop is presented in collaboration with Just Food.

Supplies: Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request (for fall delivery)

Thursday, April 14 **5:30 - 7pm**
BROOKLYN
Phoenix Community Garden
Corner of Fulton and Somers Sts

Bus: B7 or B25 to Fulton St & Thomas S Boyland St
Train: A, C to Rockaway Ave or J, Z to Chauncey St.

OR

Saturday, April 16 **10am - 12pm**
MANHATTAN
West 104th Street Garden
6-10 W. 104th St/ 14-18 W. 104th St, between Central Park West & Manhattan Ave.

Bus: M10 to 103rd St
Train: A, C, B, 1 to 103rd St.

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Thursday, April 21 **5:30 - 7pm**
BRONX
Drew Gardens
East Tremont Ave, between West Farms Rd & E 177th St

Bus: Bx9, Bx21, Bx36, Bx40, Bx42, or Q44 all stop on East Tremont Ave near E 177th or West Farms Rd.

Train: 2 or 5 train to East Tremont Ave-West Farms Sq-177 St station.

Learn to grow more food!

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!

Call Nadia for details about starting or joining markets:
(212) 645-9880 x228, 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/>

JUST FOOD is a NYC based non-profit working to grow fresh, locally-grown food in the neighborhoods of NYC

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Hydrant Access 101

with GreenThumb Staff

Come to this spring workshop to pick up essential tools for accessing water from the hydrant. GreenThumb gardens are given special permission from the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) to access hydrants for garden use. GreenThumb staff will go over permit procedures and any other questions you may have about the process. For groups who have already registered with DEP and obtained their permit for the season, you can bring a copy of it to have laminated for the garden.

Supplies: Hydrant Wrenches, Hydrant Adapters, and Hoses

Saturday, April 23

10am - 12pm

QUEENS

GreenThumb/LRP Compound

Queens Plaza South at 10th Street

Directions to the GreenThumb/LRP 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, 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.

Plant Starts Giveaway

with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up veggie starts for your garden! All supplies are for registered GreenThumb gardens only and are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No pre-registration necessary. In addition to the plant starts, we will also go over square foot gardening techniques and tips.

In collaboration with the MillionTrees Program, New York Restoration Project will be distributing fruit trees.

Supplies: Plant Starts and Square Foot Gardening Tip Sheets

Saturday, April 30

10am - 1pm

QUEENS

GreenThumb/LRP Compound

Queens Plaza South at 10th Street

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 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 McGuinness Blvd exit. Make a left onto McGuinness Blvd. Continue straight into Queens (over the Pulaski Skyway Bridge). McGuinness 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.



Butterfly Project

with Chrissy Word, Butterfly Project & Ursula Chanse,
Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden

Join GreenThumb, Bronx Green-Up and the Butterfly Project in learning the importance of pollinators and how to attract and nurture them by using native plants in your garden.

For more information, visit the Butterfly Project website:
<http://butterflyprojectnyc.org/>

Supplies: Native Plants

Saturday, May 14 **11am - 1pm**
BRONX
River Garden
1086 East 180th St, between Boston Rd and Devoe Ave

Bus: Bx09 Devoe Av and Lebanon St.
Train: 2 or 5 to East 180 St.

Chicken Health & Husbandry

(in English and Spanish)

with Bee Ayers, bk farmyards and Jessica Nizar, La Union

Chickens in the city? Yes, please! Keeping chickens in the city can be fun and rewarding. Come learn the basics of how to keep laying hens and how to take care of them, from designing a coop to what to feed them. We will learn about bk farmyards chicken keeping practices and interact with their flock. This workshop will be in English and Spanish, and is offered in partnership with bk farmyards, NYRP, GreenThumb, Just Food and La Union.

Guardar Gallinas en la Ciudad

¿Pollos en la ciudad? ¡Sí, por favor! Mantener gallinas en la ciudad puede ser divertido y valioso. Venga para aprender los fundamentos de cómo guardar gallinas, y cómo cuidarlas. Aprende cómo diseñar un "coop" (casa para gallinas) y cómo alimentarlas. Aprenderemos las mejores prácticas de criar gallinas de BK Farmyards, y conoceremos su bandada de pollos. Este taller estará en inglés y español, y se ofrece en sociedad con BK Farmyards, NYRP, GreenThumb, Just Food y el jardín comunitario La Union.

Supplies: City Chicken Guide / Guía de la Ciudad de Pollo

Thursday, May 26 **5:30 - 7pm**
BROOKLYN
Imani Gardens
87-91 Schenectady Ave, between Pacific and Dean Sts

Bus: B15 or B65 to Dean St and Schenectady Ave
Train: A, C to Utica Ave.



Crop Count 2011

Calling all community gardeners!

Does your garden grow food? Do you ever wonder how much food your garden grows? How about the whole city?

Find out, enter into a garden supply give away, and give every one a better understanding of how much NYC community gardens contribute to our local food system!

Its simple and doesn't cost a dime. Sign up to weigh your harvest and/or to count all the edible plants in your garden. We will use this information to estimate how much food is being grown across our city.

For more info or to sign up:
Mara Gittleman: mara@farmingconcrete.com
Kelli Jordan: kelli@farmingconcrete.com (Para Español)

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MARCH

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SPRING WORKSHOP CALENDAR



GreenThumb
Workshops & Events



Greening Partners

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49 Chambers Street, Room 1020
New York, NY 10007

The program guide and events calendar are online!

www.greenthumbnyc.org

Sign up to receive the program guide via email and get it up to a month sooner!

Email greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov to make the switch!



Padre Plaza, MulchFest 2011

Eight GreenThumb gardens hosted dropoff or mulching sites and recycled nearly 800 Christmas trees that will nourish plantings across the city. Contact us if your garden would like to get involved for next year.

GreenThumb
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Adrian Benepe, *Parks Commissioner*
Edie Stone, *Director of GreenThumb*

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