



# GreenThumb 2011

## Fall Program Guide

September · October · November



*City Parks Foundation ribbon cutting ceremony at Abib Newborn community garden in Brooklyn.*

Abib Newborn community garden is now part of the City Parks Foundation Learning Garden program and will be shared with local schools for environmental education lessons.

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



- Row Cover · Perennials ·
- Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request (spring delivery) ·
- Street Tree Care Kits ·



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**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.**



## Extend Your Gardening Season and Prolong Eating Fresh Foods!

Molly Culver, Flower Farmer at BK Farmyards & Just Food Trainer

Are you interested in gardening through the fall and winter? Do you want to eat fresh, healthy vegetables into the colder months? If you've ever seen your collard green plants last through the winter, surrounded by snow, you know its possible! Come to this workshop to learn about ways to lengthen your gardening season and fresh food enjoyment. We'll discuss when and what to plant to ensure a good fall/winter harvest, and tools and techniques like row cover and mulching, low tunnels and greenhouses.

**Supplies: Row Cover**

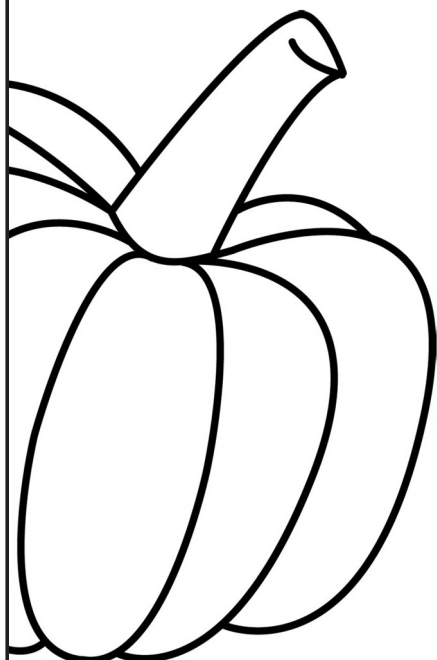
**Saturday, September 24**  
BROOKLYN  
High School for Public Service  
600 Kingston Ave.

**10am - 12pm**

**Train: 2, 5 to Winthrop Ave.**

## Annual Harvest Fair

Co-sponsored by El Flamboyant Community Garden, GreenThumb/NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden



- Food (while supplies last)
- Music
- Activities for Kids
- Harvest Contest (see opposing page for details)

Saturday, September 17, 1 to 5pm  
El Flamboyant Community Garden  
Corner of Tinton Avenue and East 150th Street, Bronx, NY

Directions: 2, 5 to Jackson Ave or 6 to E. 149th St



# 2011 Harvest Competition Rules and Categories

- All entries must be from members of a community garden in New York City
- One entry per category per person. Entries should be clean and neatly trimmed for exhibition.
- All entries should be brought to the registration area between 1 and 2:30pm.

## **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

And don't forget to bring your vegetable oddities and strange fruits for our exhibition table!

### **I. VEGETABLES**

All entries must be free of soil, spots, cracks, splits, sores, insects, and disease. Entries should be fresh, firm, and mature or ripe. Extra credit will be given for entries specifying variety. Entries will be judged on condition and quality.

- A. BEANS (bush or pole) 2 pods, 1/2" stems
- B. CUCUMBERS 3 fruits, 6-8" long
- C. EGGPLANTS 2 fruits, 1" stems
- D. GREENS (collards, kale, chard, etc.) whole stalk
- E. OKRA 3 pods
- F. ONIONS 3 bulbs, 2" stems
- G. PEPPERS (sweet bell) 3 fruits, 1" stems
- H. PEPPERS (hot) 3 fruits, 1" stems
- I. PEPPERS (frying) 3 fruits, 1" stems
- J. SQUASH (summer) 3 fruits, 1" stems
- K. SQUASH (zucchini) 2 fruits, 8-10" long
- L. SQUASH (largest by weight) 1 fruit, 2" stem
- M. SQUASH (largest by length) 1 fruit
- N. SUNFLOWER (largest) 1 flower
- O. TOMATO (standard) 3 fruits, no stems
- P. TOMATO (cherry) 8 fruits, no stems
- Q. TOMATO (plum) 5 fruits, no stems
- R. TOMATO (largest by weight) 1 fruit, no stems
- S. TOMATO (best tasting) 1 fruit, no stems

### **II. FLOWERS**

All entries must be free of soil, insects, and disease damage. Foliage should be left on and will be considered by judges. Containers will not be judged.

- T. DAHLIA single bloom or cluster
- U. MARIGOLD single bloom or cluster
- V. ZINNIA single bloom or cluster
- W. ROSE single bloom or cluster

### **III. ART FROM NATURE**

All entries must be free of soil and disease damage. Entries will be judged on creativity & imaginative use of vegetables, herbs, or flowers to achieve overall artistic effect.

- X. BASKET at least 5 varieties of home-grown veggies.
- Y. GARDEN BOUQUET at least 5 varieties of home-grown flowers.
- Z. HERB BOUQUET at least 5 varieties of home-grown herbs.

### **IV. CULINARY CATEGORY**

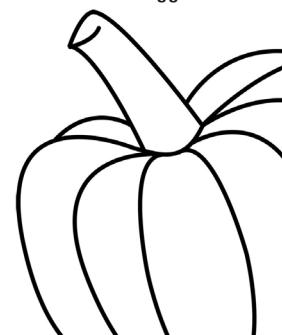
All entries must be made with ingredients from your garden.

- AA. PIE any savory or sweet pie prepared with ingredients from your garden
- BB. HERB RECIPE any herb recipe prepared with ingredients from your garden.
- CC. PICKLES savory or sweet pickled fruit or vegetable\*
- DD. JAM best sweet jam\*
- EE. HONEY honey from a hive in your garden\*

### **V. CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES - OPEN TO KIDS UNDER 12**

- FF. CREEPY CRITTERS creatures or objects made of plant materials, cut-up or whole.
- GG. PINT- SIZE POSIES at least 5 varieties of home-grown flowers in a pint milk or juice container.
- HH. BOUNTIFUL BASKET JR. at least 5 varieties of fruits or veggies.

\*New category!





# Perennials Giveaway

Come out and Pick-up some perennials! One pick-up per garden group. If you can, please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation.

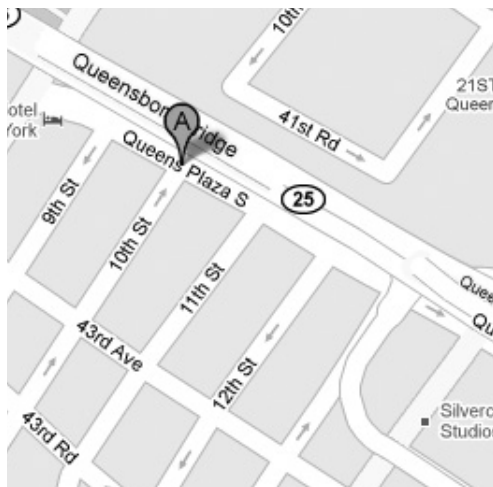
If you have another garden group pick up for you, you **MUST** notify our office via email: [greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov) or postal mail by September 21.

**Supplies: Assorted Perennials**

**Saturday, October 22 10am - 12pm**  
**QUEENS**

GreenThumb/LRP Compound  
Queens Plaza South and 10th St  
(see below for directions)

## Directions to the GreenThumb/LRP Compound



### Remember to check MTA weekend work schedules

#### 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.

### 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/>

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



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

### 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 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.



# Soil Health

Pamela Davis, Just Food Trainer

Understanding, Building and Cultivating Healthy Soil  
Participants attending this workshop will learn the basics of soil and how it affects the plants that grow in it. Hands-on projects include determining your soil's texture, pH for plant nutrients, as well as how to improve your soil with the use of organic matter.

**Supplies: Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request (for spring delivery)**

**Thursday, October 6** **5:30 - 7pm**  
BRONX  
River Garden  
1086 E. 180th st (between Boston Rd and Devoe Ave)

**Train:** 2 or 5 to East 180 Street

The High School for Public Service Youth Farm invites you to our

## ***End of Season Harvest Festival!***

**When:** Wednesday, October 26  
3:00 - 6:00 PM  
**Where:** 600 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn  
2/5 train to Winthrop, walk east to Kingston

Free farm tours & games!  
Food for purchase  
Pie Contest - \$5 to taste,  
free to enter



*Join us during the season's last market as we celebrate another year at the Youth Farm. The festival is free & open to all - some activities will help us fund-raise for the next season.*

# MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Corps Workshops

MillionTreesNYC has planted tens of thousands of street trees since its launch. We need your help to keep these trees healthy and green! Attend one or both of these tree care workshops and get all the supplies you need to take care of your street trees plus a chance to adopt a tree and your own Stewardship Corps membership card.

**Supplies:** MillionTreesNYC Street Tree Care Kit

**Saturday, October 15**

Workshop I 11am – 12pm  
Community Lunch 12-12:45pm  
Workshop II 12:45 – 2:15pm

BRONX  
La Isla Community Garden  
96-98 W. 163rd Street between Woodycrest & Nelson

**Train:** 4 train to 167st St then take the Bx13 Bus to Ogden Ave.

## Apply today to Farm School NYC!

Farm School NYC: The New York City School of Urban Agriculture offers comprehensive training in all aspects of urban agriculture through a two-year certificate program and a wide range of individual courses. Just Food and an alliance of horticultural and food justice organizations and individuals are pleased to announce the second year of Farm School NYC.

### What is Farm School NYC?

- Unique, community-based approach
- Advanced urban agriculture training
- Sliding scale payments
- Seasonal enrollment (winter, spring, summer, 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:

- Training of Trainers
- Transformational Leadership Development
- Introduction to Food Justice
- Asset Based Community Mapping
- Botany
- Propagation
- Growing Soil
- Irrigation
- Crops Management
- Pest/Disease ID and Management
- Carpentry and Building Intro
- Season Extension
- Preparing for Winter
- Small Farm Design and Planning

**Certificate and Winter Application Deadline:** Nov. 1, 2011



**Learn More:** [www.justfood.org/farmschoolnyc](http://www.justfood.org/farmschoolnyc)  
212-645-9880 ext.224  
[farmschoolnyc@justfood.org](mailto:farmschoolnyc@justfood.org)  
1155 Avenue of the Americas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
NY, NY 10036





## Seed Swap

Please join us at the annual GT Seed Swap, in partnership with ENY Farms!

Fall is the season of abundance, where we reap the fruits of our labor and fill our pantries in preparation for winter. As the days grow shorter, some of us are already planning the next season. Seed saving is an important part of this process. We invite you to join us for our annual seed swap. Please prepare your seeds for swapping by clearly labeling the containers, including their common names. Please include a brief description of ideal growing conditions and any harvesting tips. If you have other farm/garden-related items you want to bring to share/swap, feel free to do so. This will be an opportunity to meet farmers and gardeners from all over the city and share knowledge as well as resources.

Please contact Bilén ([bilen.berhanu@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:bilen.berhanu@parks.nyc.gov)) for information on how to save seeds and prepare for this swap.

**Saturday, November 19** **10am -12pm**  
BROOKLYN  
United Community Center Youth Farm  
613 New Lots Ave (between Hendrix St & Schenck)

**Train:** 3 to Van Siclen

**Bus:** B15 to New Lots and Schenck Ave, or B14 to Barbey

### East New York Farmers' Market! Local, Fresh & in Season since 1998!

Two community-run markets include local gardeners, regional farmers and local vendors. Since 1998 we have been providing fresh produce, fresh fish, baked goods, hot food and a safe public space for families in East New York, Brooklyn! We host a full range of weekly events including a summer concert series, weekly children's activities, farm tours and health screenings.

Saturdays, July – November 9:00am – 3:00pm  
on Schenck Ave & New Lots Ave

Wednesdays, July – October 3:30pm – 6:30pm on New Lots Ave & Georgia Ave

**CALL TO GARDENERS:** Do you grow food in a community garden or backyard?

You can participate at our Share Table and sell your produce. Crops in high demand include: Berries, Grapes, Melon, Figs. Long beans, pumpkin, celery and more call for a full list.

718-649-7979.

[www.eastnewyorkfarms.org](http://www.eastnewyorkfarms.org)



### Grants for Improving Your Block

Love your block? Show it! Citizens Committee for New York City invites your volunteer-led neighborhood group to apply for a block transformation award! Newly-assembled volunteer-led groups are strongly encouraged to apply as well.

Award details:

- Cash award of \$1,000 for project-related supplies
- Priority access to City services from Departments of Transportation, Sanitation, and Parks & Recreation
- Project and event planning assistance
- Access to Citizens Committee for New York City's signature neighborhood skills-building workshops (no cost)

In addition, Citizens Committee for New York City will assist your group with local media coverage for a block beautification event in Spring 2012.

Grant application deadline: November 15, 2011  
(all submissions must be postmarked by this date)

Program information and application available here:  
[http://citizensnyc.org/projects/love\\_your\\_block.html](http://citizensnyc.org/projects/love_your_block.html)

Questions? Please contact Saleen Shah at [sshah@citizensnyc.org](mailto:sshah@citizensnyc.org) or call (212) 822-9566.

[www.citizensnyc.org](http://www.citizensnyc.org)

**CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE  
FOR NEW  
YORK CITY**

# SEPTEMBER

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# FALL WORKSHOP CALENDAR



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

**Save trees and sign up to get the  
program guide via email!**

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