



GreenThumb's Fall Program Guide 2008

September ♦ October ♦ November



Photo by Joseph Sinnott

On July 9th, GreenThumb was inducted into Channel Thirteen and WLIW21's Community Hall of Fame. The award ceremony was held at Channel Thirteen Studios in mid-town Manhattan in recognition of outstanding community service and leadership. The award was presented to our director, Edie Stone, by members of the Community Advisory Boards of Thirteen WNET New York and WLIW21 New York. We at GreenThumb know how much of this is owed to the community gardeners throughout the city, and we are both honored and very proud to serve you!

Look inside for more Summer Program Highlights...

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



- ◆◆ Soil, Compost, Cleanfill ◆◆ Hammers, Work Gloves, "Guidelines to GT-Approved Structures" Handout ◆◆ Pruning Certificate, Pruning Tools: Hand Pruner, Lopper, Folding Saw, Leather Gloves ◆◆
- ◆◆ Garden Design Book & Tools ◆◆ Bulbs ◆◆ Row Covers, Hoops ◆◆
- ◆◆ Fluorescent Grow Lights ◆◆ Cover Crops Seeds ◆◆



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 first come, first served, while supplies last.



Fall '08 Workshops Calendar

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

September



3-Bin Compost Systems

with Janis Hawkins-Flood, Bainbridge Ave Garden, Just Food Trainer

◆◆ **Soil, Compost, Cleanfill** ◆◆

Get ready for hands-on learning! We will construct a 3-Bin Compost System and learn the basics of composting garden and food waste to make the soil in your garden burst with healthy fruits and vegetables.

Sat. Sept. 6th 10am-1pm BRONX

at Taqwa Community Farm

90 W 164th Street (at Ogden Ave)

Directions

Subway: Take the D or 4 train to 161st St.

Bus: Take the Bx13 bus to Ogden Ave and W164 St

GreenThumb-Approved Garden Structures

with Edie Stone & Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb, Bryan Swan, Central Park Conservancy, and Jose M. Sato (Chema), Centro Cultural Rincon Criollo Garden

◆◆ **Hammers, Work Gloves, "Guidelines to GT-Approved Structures" Handout** ◆◆

Ever wondered, "What can I build in my community garden?" GreenThumb has recently been issued guidelines from the Department of Buildings for acceptable structures in community gardens. Come hear the director of GreenThumb talk about how these guidelines will impact existing and future gazebos, casitas, shade pavilions and sheds. Lillian Reyes will discuss the ways GT is able to assist garden groups with structures in their gardens. Bryan Swan from Center Park Conservancy & Jose Sato (Chema), from Centro Cultural Rincon Criollo will discuss ways to adapt existing structures to meet the new guidelines.

Sat. Sept. 13th 10am-4pm BRONX

Space is limited -- You must pre-register to attend these workshops. Register by calling Lillian Reyes at 1-212-788-8065 or e-mail lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov. **Location and directions will be provided upon registration.**

11am - 12:30pm

Registration for Harvest Fair competition entries.

12 - 5pm

All day festivities with food, local arts & crafts, giveaways, kids' activities and live stage performances.

After 2pm

Contest winners announced.

The annual fall festival celebrating city gardeners of all ages!

And don't forget to visit the **East New York Farmers' Market, celebrating its 10th year in operation.**

The market is a wonderful source for homegrown fruits & veggies (including organic and Caribbean specialties), fresh fish & live crabs, handmade arts & crafts, and home-cooked food & baked goods.



October



Pruning Certificate Series

with Luis L. Lemus, ISA Certified Arborist,
Landscape Designer, and Agronomist

◆◆ **Pruning Certificate, High-Quality Pruning Tools: Hand Pruner, Lopper, Folding Saw, Leather Gloves and More** ◆◆

This new GreenThumb Pruning Certificate course with Luis L. Lemus has been specifically designed to help you learn how to prune properly and improve the conditions in your community garden. One class will focus specifically on fruit tree pruning.

To receive a pruning certificate and tools you must attend the four classes listed below, including 3 hands-on practice sessions in community gardens, to demonstrate what you have learned. Upon completing the above requirements, students will receive a set of high-quality pruning tools for use in their garden as well as other gardens in their community.

Part I Thurs. Oct. 2nd 6-8pm

Part II Sat. Oct. 4th 10am-12pm

Part III Sat. Oct. 11th 10am-12pm

Part IV Sat. Oct. 18th 10am-12pm

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Garden Planning & Design

with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist, Bronx Green-Up

◆◆ **Garden Design Book & Tools** ◆◆

We'll take you through the process of designing a garden, from paper sketch to finished product.

Wed. Oct. 15th 5-6:30pm BRONX

at P.S. 186 - Day Treatment Program Garden
750 Jennings Street (between Union and Prospect Aves)

Directions

Subway: Take the 2 to Freeman St. Walk west towards Simpson St, turn left on Chisholm St and then left onto Jennings St.

Bus: Take the Bx15 to the 3 Ave and E 168 St stop.

In Memoriam: Mary Sciales, from P.S. 4K Paradise Garden in East New York. She will be greatly missed by all of those who had the privilege to know her.

Vermicomposting

with Helen Ho, Deputy Director, Green Thumb

◆◆ **Compost, Soil and Cleanfill request forms available** ◆◆

Composting indoors is fun, easy and produces beautiful, rich fertilizer for your garden. Come and learn the vermicomposting techniques from a skilled veteran who will take you through setup, harvesting and the ways avoid those nasty gnats and fruit flies.

Thurs. Oct. 16th 5:30-7pm MANHATTAN

at Bluestockings Bookstore

172 Allen Street (between Stanton and Rivington Sts)

Directions

Subway: Take the F to 2nd Ave, and walk one block south, or take the J,M,Z to Essex-Delancey St & walk five blocks north.

Bus: Take the M15 to Allen St and Stanton St.

Pumpkin Giveaway



with GreenThumb Staff

◆◆ **2-3 Pumpkins per garden group, while supplies last** ◆◆

Sat. Oct. 25th 10am-12pm QUEENS

at the GreenThumb Compound

Queens Plaza South at 10th St.

Bronx Green-Up's

Annual Harvest Fair Festival Anual de la Cosecha

at
PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN

283 St. Anns Ave at E 139th St

Sábado, 20 de septiembre, 1-5pm

Saturday, September 20, 1-5pm

Premios para los mejores: Vegetales y frutas, Arreglos florales, y Fotos de su jardín (debe registrarse antes de las 2:30 p.m.)

Prizes for best: Vegetables and fruits, Floral arrangements, & Garden photos (no contest entries after 2:30 p.m.)

· Comida (mientras este disponible)
· Música
· Actividades para los niños

· Food (while supplies last)
· Music
· Activities for Kids

Para reservar su espacio, favor de contactar a Bronx Green-Up a través del 718.817.8026 o bronxgreenup@nybg.org

To reserve your space, please contact Bronx Green-Up at 718.817.8026 or bronxgreenup@nybg.org

November



Bulb Giveaway

with GreenThumb Staff

◆◆ Bulbs ◆◆

Pick up a selection of Fall bulbs for your garden group at our office. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold bulbs for anyone. Please bring ID to enter the building.

Wed. Nov. 5th 9am-8pm MANHATTAN

at GreenThumb Office

49 Chambers Street, Room 1020 (between Bway & Centre St)

Directions

Subway: Take the J,M,Z,4,5,6 to Brooklyn Bridge/ City Hall; R, W to City Hall; 1,2,3,A,C,E to Chambers St

Bus: M22, M15, M1, M6, B51

Season Extension

with Eric Thomann, Backyard Garden, Just Food Trainer

◆◆ Row Covers, Hoops ◆◆

Do you want to eat fresh from your garden in December? Come learn how to grow food early in the spring and late into the fall by using simple hoops and row covers to keep your crops warm. This method is being used by farmers and gardeners to grow leafy greens all year round!

Thurs. Nov. 13th 5:30-7pm BROOKLYN

at The Backyard Garden in Red Hook

61-73 Hamilton Ave (between Van Brunt & Summit Aves)

Directions

Subway: Take the A, C or F to Jay St/Borough Hall in Brooklyn.

Bus: Take the B61 (toward Red Hook) to Hamilton Ave (approx. 15 minutes). The Backyard Garden is diagonally across the intersection at Hamilton and Van Brunt.



In June, the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation launched BeFitNYC, a new online search engine allowing visitors to find recreational and accessible activities in their neighborhood. This new tool can narrow searches by sport, age group, zip code or borough for all sports or fitness opportunities. The web site also features fitness tips, a newsletter and the chance to provide Parks with feedback about their experiences.

Visit www.nycgovparks.org/befitnyc to check it out for yourself!

Indoor Growing

Methods for School Gardens

with Rasheed Hislop, Outreach Coordinator, Green Thumb

◆◆ Fluorescent Grow Lights ◆◆

School gardeners, we know things can be tough because the prime season is interrupted by summer/winter recess. A great way to work around that is to start early in the classroom. We will cover the different methods of starting, and in some cases fully growing, flowers, herbs and veggies using an indoor setup. Hands-on system construction included.

Thurs. Nov. 13th 4:30-6:30pm

MANHATTAN

Pre-registration is required in order to receive a grow light for your classroom. Please contact Rasheed Hislop to register: call 212-788-8062 or e-mail rasheed.hislop@parks.nyc.gov. **Location and directions will be provided upon registration.**



Do you want to sell your vegetables at a farmers' market?

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

Do you want to shop for NYC-grown produce at a City Farms Market?

See our website for hours & locations:
www.justfood.org/cityfarms/markets/

Do you want to learn how to grow more food?

See our website for City Farms workshop listings:
www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops/
And for more details about workshops, contact Owen: (212)645-9880 x229, owen@justfood.org

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

208 E. 51st St. 4th Fl.
New York, NY 10022

tel: (212)645-9880
www.justfood.org



Reap the Benefits of Cover Crops!

with Ursula Chanse, Bronx Green-Up, The New York Botanic Garden

◆◆ Cover Crops Seeds ◆◆

Learn how to rejuvenate your soil. Join us in preparing garden beds for winter by using cover crops. Cover crop seed will be provided.

Tues. Nov. 18th 10-11:30am BRONX

Jardin La Roca / Little Green Garden

E 160 Street and Elton Avenue

Directions

Subway: 4 or D to 161 St, then walk to 160th St and Elton Ave.

Bus: BX 6 to Melrose Ave then walk to 160th St and Elton Ave.

Starting a Children's Garden Program

This workshop presented by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden will provide tips for adult leaders who want to organize a children's gardening program on how to plan it, and what tools and plant materials are needed. Attendees will receive a free activity booklet and get a chance to visit our children's education greenhouse for hands-on activities.



Tuesday, October 21 | 6-8pm

No charge, but registration is required. To register, please call 718-623-7200, or go to bbg.org for more information.

Partnerships for Parks presents **It's My Park! Day**

Saturday, October 25th, 2008

Join thousands of New Yorkers to care for and celebrate New York City parks on **It's My Park! Day**. This **Saturday, October 25**, come outside to enjoy free events, or to get involved in painting, clean up, and planting projects. Each Fall, **over 150 It's My Park! Day projects and events** are organized by local community groups, with fun, free activities provided by Parks & Recreation and City Parks Foundation.



For more information, or to learn how your group can organize or join an **It's My Park! Day** project, please visit www.PartnershipsForParks.org.



Partnerships for Parks is a joint program of City Parks Foundation and the Department of Parks & Recreation.

ATTENTION GreenThumb Gardeners:

STATE ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY GARDENS

Gov. David Paterson and Agriculture Comm. Patrick Hooker have recently announced the **Community Gardens Capacity Building Grants Program**, which will improve access to fresh local produce, help New Yorkers reduce their food budgets, preserve open space, and provide a cleaner, healthier environment by supporting community gardens throughout New York State.

The community garden grants will **provide up to \$5,000** to existing community gardens and local garden coalitions that serve low-income people in urban areas. The funding is to be used to strengthen local community garden organizations.

For more information, please contact **Jessica Chittenden, of NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets, at 518-457 3136.**





Summer Highlights
















In conjunction with Green Guerillas, we've launched our East New York Community Engagement Campaign with great success. Gardeners and community volunteers, including many neighborhood youth, came out to Garden Party's workday on one of the hottest weekends. There were lots of plants to put into the ground and lots of mulch to spread around!



On July 26th, gardeners visited the St. John Cantius garden to paint attractive new garden signs and learn about growing membership.

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Our Calendar at a Glance



GreenThumb Workshops



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Cover Crops
Sat. Nov 22nd 10-11:30am BRONX



Members of Backyard Garden and visitors attending the **Alternative Garden Design Workshop** help build and plant a bed in the garden with Edie Kean who led the workshop.

GreenThumb Welcomes Our Newest Staff Member



Helen Ho
Deputy Director

I am excited to be working with NYC's community gardens as GreenThumb's Deputy Director! Previously, I have worked at NYC Parks & Recreation with Partnerships for Parks and come from a community organizing background. As a Master Composter, community organizer, and an avid cyclist, I always strive to network different groups of people together to make big things happen. Please invite me to your meetings and events; I am looking forward to meeting you!



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