



GreenThumb's Summer Program Guide 2008

June ♦ July ♦ August



On Thursday March 27th, Solita Stephens from Olympus Garden Club and Owen Taylor from Just Food facilitated a workshop on how to build Cold Frames, in collaboration with the United Community Centers Youth Farm in East New York. Community gardeners gathered and helped build the Cold Frame pictured here. Gardeners in attendance took back kits and have reported great success and satisfaction with their newly installed Cold Frames.

Look inside for more Spring Program Highlights.

Photos by Lillian Reyes & Rasheed Hislop

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



- ◆◆ Garbage Bags, Garbage Cans, Garden Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes ◆◆
- ◆◆ Alternative Gardening Book ◆◆ Pest Control Resources ◆◆
- ◆◆ Plant Bulbs ◆◆ Hand-painted Garden Sign ◆◆
- ◆◆ Just Food's Farmers Market Guide ◆◆
- ◆◆ Plants, Containers, Soil Mix ◆◆ Companion Perennial Plants ◆◆



*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.*



Summer '08 Workshops Calendar

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

Summer Supply Giveaway



◆◆ Garbage Bags, Garbage Cans, Garden Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes ◆◆

with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up basic gardening supplies for your garden. One pickup per garden group. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. Call GreenThumb if you need the contact information of gardeners near you.

*The compound gates will not open until 9:45am. Thank you for your patience.

Sat. June 7TH 10am-2pm

QUEENS

at the GreenThumb Compound

Queens Plaza South at 10th St.

GreenThumb's *Come join us on the longest day of the year!*
SUMMER SOLSTICE 2008
 at the Community Garden of West 146th St.
 located between Frederick Douglass & Adam C Powell Blvds.

entertainment **June 21, 2008**
10am-4pm

- musical performances by: **1257 Entertainment and Santos White Garden Band**
- balloon animals
- crafts for senior citizens

food - cook out
 - fruits & vegetables
 - bring food to share

For more information, call GreenThumb at (212) 788-8070



Directions to the GreenThumb 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, W, 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.

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 end, 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.

June



Alternative Garden Design

with Edie Kean

◆◆ **“Square Foot Gardening: A New Way to Garden in Less Space with Less Work”**
by Mel Bartholomew ◆◆

Ever plant in an abandoned bath tub or toilet? How about an old tire or rotting tree stump? Whether you are crazy about different ways of doing things or are just curious about what is out there, this workshop is for you. We will explore some old, new and downright funky ways of building beds, trellises, plant supports and other structures as well as some unique approaches to large scale garden designs. A special emphasis will be placed on recycling old furniture, refuse and just about anything you see that you can make work to the garden's advantage. A book on alternative garden design will be given out to the first 10 garden groups in attendance.

Tues. June 10th 5:30-7:30pm BROOKLYN

at The Backyard Garden in Red Hook

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

Directions

Subway: Take the A train to Jay Street - Borough Hall, and transfer to the F to Smith/9th St. Walk west on 9th St towards Court St. Turn right onto Hamilton Ave.

Bus: Take the B61 to Van Brunt St and Summit St. Walk east on Hamilton Ave towards Summit St.

July



Rodent Control in Gardens

with Shawn Spencer, LRP

◆◆ **IPM handouts** ◆◆

An overview of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), focusing on how to deal with insects and rodents in gardens. See what techniques LRP/GreenThumb uses, as well as simple things you can do in your own garden.

Sat. July 12th 10am-1pm MANHATTAN

at 11th St Community Garden

422 East 11th Street (between 1st Ave & Ave A)

Directions

Subway: Take the 6 to Astor Pl. Walk east on E 8th St towards Astor Pl. Turn left on Astor Pl, then left onto 3rd Ave. Take a right on Stuyvesant St, and another right onto E 10th St. Then left onto 1st Ave, and finally, right onto E 11th St.

Bus: Take the M15 to 1st Ave and E 11 St. Walk east on E 11th St.

Water Resource Group's Design Clinic

with the Water Resource Group

◆◆ **Paint, Brushes, Chicken Wire, Vines, Lumber, Nails, Gloves** ◆◆

Come pickup materials to beautify and highlight your garden's water collection system. This workshop is open to all gardens interested in installing a system or those that have existing systems in place. There will be hands-on demos of different ways to beautify your system, including trellis installation and artwork for tanks and barrels. Please bring ideas and plans to share or any questions you need answered.

Wed. June 25th 5:30-7:30pm BROOKLYN

at the United Community Center Youth Farm

613 New Lots Ave (between Hendrix St & Schenck Ave)

Directions

Subway: 3 to Van Siclen. Walk east on Livonia Ave towards Hendrix St. Turn right at Hendrix St, then left at New Lots.

Bus: Take the B15 to New Lots and Schenck Ave, or the B14 to Barbey St. Walk two blocks to Blake Ave.

Bulbs, Bulbs and More Bulbs: An Overview and How to Plant

with Michael Lytle, Just Food Trainer

◆◆ **Plant Bulbs** ◆◆

A general overview of bulbs in the summer and fall, and methods of planting.

Fri. July 18th 10am-12pm MANHATTAN

at Diamante Garden (Block & School Association)

306-310 East 118th Street (between 1st & 2nd Aves)

Directions

Subway: Take the 6 to 116th St. Walk east on E 116th St towards 3rd Ave. Turn left onto 2nd Ave, then right onto E 118th St.

Bus: Take the M15 to E 116th St. Walk north on 1st Ave towards E 117th St. Turn left onto E 118th St.

Paint Your Way to More Members

with Zack Schulman, Community Organizer,
Green Guerillas

◆◆ Hand-Painted Garden Sign ◆◆

Does your garden need some colorful new signs? How about more active members? Come paint signs to take back to your garden and learn new strategies for recruiting new members. Bright new signs are a great way to let your neighbors know what you are up to and invite them to participate.

Sat. July 26th 10am-12pm BROOKLYN

at *St. John Cantius Community Garden*

476-484 New Jersey Ave (between Blake & Dumont)

Directions

Subway: Take the 3 to Pennsylvania Ave. Walk east on Livonia towards New Jersey Ave, and turn left onto New Jersey Ave.

Bus: Take the QM24 Express to Catalpa Ave. Transfer to the B20 until Pennsylvania and Blake Aves. Walk east and turn on New Jersey Ave.

Gardens are Growing in East New York!

This year, GreenThumb and Green Guerillas are collaborating on a public outreach campaign for community gardens in ENY that need more active members.

Look out for information on upcoming events, workshops and garden workdays.



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August

Youth Involvement in Market Stands & Farmers' Markets

with staff of East New York Farms

◆◆ Just Food's Farmers Market Guide ◆◆

Are you looking to get more youth involved at your garden? Is there a concern among garden members about the next generation of gardeners and where they will come from? Tired of working long hours and need some young backs, knees and arms to help work the garden site? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this workshop is one you don't want to miss. Coordinators from UCC Youth Farm in East New York will be discussing their youth program and farmers market, as well as their methods of fostering a strong connection with young people in the community. Although all ages will be discussed, the primary focus of the workshop will be on adolescent involvement and participation in community gardens and market gardens.

Sat. Aug. 2nd 10am-12pm BROOKLYN

at the *United Community Center Youth Farm*

613 New Lots Ave (between Hendrix St & Schenck Ave)

Directions

Subway: 3 to Van Siclen. Walk east on Livonia Ave towards Hendrix St. Turn right at Hendrix St, then left at New Lots.

Bus: Take the B15 to New Lots and Schenck Ave, or the B14 to Barbey St. Walk two blocks to Blake Ave.



Window Box and Container Gardening

with Lillian Reyes, Outreach Coordinator,
GreenThumb

◆◆ Plants, Containers, Soil Mix ◆◆

Making the most out of every inch of available ground is essential for urban gardeners. Window boxes and containers are the perfect solution when you're short on growing space. Learn the design elements for a good container or window box, soil mixtures that work well, and tips for planting and maintaining containers all year.

Fri. Aug. 15th 5-7pm BRONX

at *Volky Flower Garden*

859 Hornaday Pl (between Mohegan Ave & Crotona Pkwy)

Directions

Subway: Take the 5 to E 180 St. Walk west on E 180th St towards Bronx Park Ave. Turn right onto Mohegan Ave.

Bus: Take the BxM18 Express to W 230 St/Corlear Ave/ Start out going east on W 230 St. Turn left onto Broadway. Transfer to the Bx9 bus, taking it to Southern Bue 182 St. Walk south on E 182nd St towards Bronx Park S, turn left onto Bronx Park S, and then right on Mohegan Ave.

Companion Planting

with Peter Kukielski, NYBG, and Ursula Chanse,
Bronx Green-Up NYBG

◆◆ Companion Perennial Plants ◆◆

Learn how to grow certain plants together to deter disease and/or repel insects. Learn about encouraging beneficial insects in your garden.

Thurs. Aug. 28th 5:30-7pm BRONX

at *Franklin Memorial Garden*

1062 Cauldwell Avenue (near Boston Rd)

Directions

Subway: Take the 2 to Prospect Ave. Walk north on Prospect Ave towards E 161st St. Turn left onto E 165th St, and then right onto Cauldwell Ave.

Bus: Take the M15L to East Harlem, getting off at E 125 St. Transfer to the Bx15 and get off at 3 Ave and E 163 St. Walk north on 3rd Ave towards Boston Rd. Turn right onto Boston Rd, then right onto E 165th St, and finally, left onto Cauldwell Ave.

Spring Highlights



At this year's GreenThumb GrowTogether, we saw record attendance and a slew of new workshops. Thanks to everyone for making the event a great success! This year, 1300 people pre-registered and an estimated 1800 people attended. Anna Lappe gave an important keynote address reminding gardeners the important role they play in climate change, the Mad Hot Ballroom dancers brought the opening session to a rousing close, and the workshops that followed were well attended.

Perennial favorites, such as Canning with Classie Parker, drew huge crowds alongside first time facilitators such as Ethan Roland and his permaculture workshop. The networking session yielded fruitful conversations and a much needed time to connect with gardeners from all over the city. The closing raffle was a welcomed addition to the day, ending the day on a high note. See you all next year for the 25th annual GrowTogether conference!

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



On Saturday April 5th, GreenThumb held a workshop at P.S. 53 Garden in East New York, Brooklyn. The workshop was on building raised beds and facilitated by Eric Thomman of the Backyard Garden. Gardeners in attendance were able to learn the essential steps to setting up boxes in their gardens. The importance of placement and leveling the boxes was discussed as well as protecting them from water-rot. The discussion was followed by a hands-on demonstration in which gardeners teamed up to build 3 brand new beds. The potential for raising beds up higher than normal to make them wheelchair accessible was also discussed by gardeners in attendance. Following the workshop gardeners filled out lumber request forms to prepare for building or repairing beds of their own.

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Our Calendar at a Glance






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Gardens Get Registered for 2009-2011



The time is coming again to register your community garden. The settlement requires that community garden groups re-register and sign new licenses with GreenThumb every two years. Only registered garden groups in good standing (not in violation) are eligible to receive GreenThumb services during the season. This includes all workshops and giveaways of plant materials, lumber, soil and tools. We hope many more groups will take advantage of registration this next year. If you have any questions, please call us at our office, (212) 788-8070.

TPL and NYRP Gardens

Gardens on TPL and NYRP property may register for GreenThumb through their respective land trust administrators.

School Gardens

All School (EIG program) Gardens that have worked with GreenThumb in the last five years will receive notification about registration via mail this summer. Upon registration school gardens will be eligible for a full range of GreenThumb services. We encourage school gardens to take advantage of opportunities to network with area community gardens at registration sessions and subsequently participate in our enriched program of events and workshops.

HPD Gardens

This summer, GreenThumb will send new licenses to the primary contacts of community garden groups that steward HPD properties. You are expected to sign the license and send it back to GreenThumb. Signing your license will re-register you with GreenThumb for the season.

If you have any questions pertaining to the upcoming garden registration, or the current status of your garden, please call us at our office, (212) 788-8070.

Parks Gardens

Beginning in June, contacts from garden groups stewarding Parks Department lots will receive notification to attend registration sessions throughout the summer. Sessions are conveniently located at central locations throughout the boroughs and both daytime and evening sessions will be available. Sessions will cover the full span of GreenThumb services, programs, and requirements. Recent changes at GreenThumb will be highlighted and explained for everyone. In addition, refreshments and other goodies will be available for participants. We encourage all gardeners to attend.

Gardens in Violation

Please note that garden groups in violation will not be eligible to register this summer. As GreenThumb staff continues to visit sites and review last year's activities, we will work with garden groups to resolve violations before registration. Violations to GreenThumb rules and regulations include: keeping animals (except in accordance with Department of Health standards), poor maintenance and storage of non-garden related items, consumption of illegal substances, alcohol use, neglecting open hours, prohibiting public access, illegal structures, low membership (under 10), and lack of public programming events. Please contact us if your group is in need of some assistance to alleviate any problems your garden may be facing. GreenThumb has a lot in store for registered gardens this season. With the advent of new staff we are able to offer increased assistance with horticulture and site design as well as a range of new workshops and networking opportunities to further develop garden groups. We appreciate your efforts and hope that all will participate and allow us to help you continue to serve and improve our communities.

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TIPS: Getting to GreenThumb Events & Workshops

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.
5. 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.
6. Put a sign on your garden gate "Support your local community garden - Volunteers needed to pick up supplies."
7. Split the cost of a rental van amongst several community gardens (for 3 gardens it's about \$20/per).



What Does Your Garden Need?

Is Your Garden a Lost Gem in the City?

Do you have a workshop idea?

Would you like to host an event?

**Call the GreenThumb office at
(212) 788-8070.**



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