



# GreenThumb's Fall Program Guide 2009

September ♦ October ♦ November



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## Hattie Carthan Community Garden Farmers Market

To the sounds of West African drumming and story telling, local residents, elected officials, gardeners, farmers, young people and many more joined in celebrating the grand opening of Hattie Carthan Community Garden Farmers Market on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Yonnette Fleming, longtime standout gardener, worked tirelessly alongside community volunteers to catalyze the transformation of a blighted abandoned lot into a thriving community farmers market in central Brooklyn.

The Farmers Market will continue through November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9am - 2pm on Saturdays, and is located on Clifton Place between Marcy and Nostrand Avenues in Bedford Stuyvesant.

The opening celebration was graced by Councilman Al Vann , Senator Velmanette Montgomery Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz who proclaimed July 11th, 2009 as Hattie Carthan Farmer's Market Day in Brooklyn.

The community market has issued a call to community and rooftop gardeners within a 3 mile radius of the garden who might be interested in selling their garden grown produce at the market. Please request an application by writing to [hatticarthagarden@yahoo.com](mailto:hatticarthagarden@yahoo.com).

The garden would like to give special thanks to Just Food, GreenThumb, Green Guerillas, CENYC, Afrikan Zion Organic Roots Farm, Dept. of Health Office of Minority Health, and Bob Lewis from the Dept. of Ag & Markets, as well as Bailey's Cafe for their generous fiscal sponsorship.

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

- ♦♦ Soil / Compost / Cleanfill ♦♦ Street Tree Care Kits: Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Gloves, Aprons, Information Packets ♦♦
- ♦♦ Plant Material for Tree Bed Planting ♦♦
- ♦♦ Perennials & Evergreens ♦♦ Seed Saving Guides ♦♦ Canning Kits ♦♦
- ♦♦ Cover Crops ♦♦ Guidbook: Guidelines to GT-Approved Structures ♦♦
- ♦♦ Pruning Tools ♦♦ Book on Season Extension & Supplies ♦♦



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

# FALL 2009 WORKSHOPS CALENDAR

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

## September



### GT-Approved Structures

with *Carolin Mees, Architect; Edie Stone, GreenThumb Director; Lillian Reyes, Outreach Coordinator*

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#### ◆◆ GT-Approved Structures Guidelines ◆◆

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7pm**

#### **BROOKLYN**

Big Red Garden

436 Van Siclen Ave, between Blake & Sutter Avenues

Directions

**Bus:** Take the B83 heading to Gateway Center Mall, and get off at Pennsylvania and Blake Aves. Go East on Blake Ave towards New Jersey Ave. Turn left onto Van Siclen Ave.

**Train:** Take the C to Van Siclen Ave Station. Head South on Van Siclen Ave toward Belmont Ave.

### Seed Saving

with *Fareed Anderson-Bayeh, Just Food Trainer, McKinley's Children's Garden*

Fall is the time to be saving seeds from your favorite tomatoes, peppers and flowers. Attend this workshop to learn how to save and store seeds for next years growing season and try hands on demonstrations of saving seeds of ripened garden vegetables. Learn different ways of organizing your seed collection and the many uses of vegetable seeds.

#### ◆◆ Seed Saving Guides ◆◆

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 12 - 2pm**

#### **QUEENS**

McKinley's Children's Garden

108-56 Union Hall Street at 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Directions

**Bus:** Take the Q111 or Q113 to 109th Ave and Guy Brewer. Walk one block towards Union Hall St.

**Train:** Take the J or E to Jamaica Center. Transfer to Q111 or Q113 bus to 109<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## 2009 HARVEST FAIR

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12-6 PM**

#### **FEATURING**

Harvest Contests, End of the Season Seed Exchange, Live Music, Kids Activities, Balloon Man & the first ever Urban Farmy Olympics!

#### **Co-sponsored by:**

GreenThumb / City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation  
Bronx Green-Up of the New York Botanical Garden  
Just Food  
Garden of Happiness

## GARDEN OF HAPPINESS

2156-60 Prospect Ave between E. 181<sup>st</sup> & E. 182<sup>nd</sup>  
Bronx, NY 10457

#### **The Inaugural Urban Farmy Olympics Event!**



Watch as garden groups look to break inconceivable farmy olympic records and compete for the coveted gold medal trowel!





## Extending the Growing Season

with Karen Washington, Just Food Trainer, Garden of Happiness

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! This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food. ([www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops](http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops)).

### ◆◆ Season Extension Book, Row Cover/Drop Cloth ◆◆

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7pm**

#### BRONX

Garden of Happiness  
2156-60 Prospect Avenue, between E. 181<sup>st</sup> & E. 182<sup>nd</sup>

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the Bx9 to Southern Blvd & 182<sup>nd</sup> St. Walk West on E. 182<sup>nd</sup> St towards Mapes Ave and turn left onto Prospect Ave.

**Train:** Take the 5 train to E. 180<sup>th</sup> St station. Walk West on E. 180<sup>th</sup> St towards Bronx Park Ave, and turn right onto Prospect Ave.

## Healthy Pruning

with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist, Bronx Green-Up, New York Botanical Garden

Learn the basics of pruning small trees and shrubs to keep your garden healthy and productive.

### ◆◆ Pruning Tools ◆◆

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 12 - 2pm**

#### BRONX

College Avenue Greenthumb Community Garden  
1420 College Avenue, between E. 170<sup>th</sup> & E. 171<sup>st</sup>

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the BxM4A Bus heading towards Bedford Park, Bronx. Get off at Grand Concourse/E 170<sup>th</sup> St and go East on E. 170<sup>th</sup> St towards Sheridan Ave. Turn left onto College Ave.

**Train:** Take the 4 train to 170<sup>th</sup> St station. Exit near intersection of E. 170<sup>th</sup> and Jerome Ave.

## Composting

with Luke Halligan, Compost Project, Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Come prepared with your composting questions as Luke Halligan goes over various composting tips and tricks for the community gardener in this workshop.

### ◆◆ Soil / Compost / Cleanfill Request (for early Spring delivery) ◆◆

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7pm**

#### BROOKLYN

Shiloh Garden Inc.  
Monroe Street, between Marcy & Tompkins Avenues

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the B52 bus heading to Ridgewood, Queens. Get off at Gates Ave and Marcy Ave. Go South on Marcy Ave towards Monroe St. Garden will be on the left.

**Train:** Take the A train to Nostrand Ave. Exit near intersection of Fulton St and Nostrand Ave, and walk North on Nostrand Ave towards Monroe St.

## The School Garden Resource Guide



Students with Karen Bruckner at P.S. 12 tearing up the weeds in preparation for constructing raised beds at the school.

School gardens have many of the same needs as community gardens, however there are a lot of issues that are unique. GreenThumb has published a guide to help teachers, parents and others working with schools to establish gardens or keep them flourishing. In the guide you will find useful resources for projects, fundraising, culinary expertise and much more.

The guide is currently available at the GreenThumb office, as well as for PDF download on our website: [greenthumbnyc.org/resources.html](http://greenthumbnyc.org/resources.html)

For more info, please contact Rasheed Hislop via e-mail at [rasheed.hislop@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:rasheed.hislop@parks.nyc.gov) or phone at (212) 788-8062.

# October



## GT-Approved Structures

with *Carolyn Mees, Architect; Edie Stone, GreenThumb Director; Lillian Reyes, Outreach Coordinator*

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### ◆◆ Handbook: GT-Approved Structures Guidelines ◆◆

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12pm**  
**MANHATTAN**

El Gallo Community Garden  
1895 Lexington Avenue at E. 118<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the M103 Bus heading towards East Harlem. Get off at 3 Ave and E. 118<sup>th</sup> St and walk West on E. 118<sup>th</sup> St towards Lexington Ave.

**Train:** Take the 6 train to 116<sup>th</sup> St station. Head North towards 118<sup>th</sup> St. Garden is on the corner.

### Bronx Green-Up THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



#### Pruning Certificate Series

The Pruning Certificate course has been designed to help you learn to prune properly and improve your community garden. This course is ideal for community gardeners who want to keep their gardens in good shape. To receive a pruning certificate you must attend at least four required classes and demonstrate that you are practicing in your community garden, what you have learned.

#### Fall 2009 Classes:

Introduction to Pruning, Pruning Small Deciduous Trees & Shrubs, and Hands-on Pruning Practice

To sign up and for more information, please call Bronx Green-Up at 718.817.8026. Priority will be given to Bronx community gardeners.

## Amending Soils with Cover Crops

with *David Vigil, East New York Farms*

Come and learn about the value of "green manure" to fertilize your beds through winter. We will go over different methods of planting cover crops and the types of crops that can be used in different garden environments. Cover crop seed will be distributed at the end of the workshop.

### ◆◆ Cover Crop Seed ◆◆

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7pm**  
**BROOKLYN**

UCC Youth Center / East New York Farms  
610-620 Schenck Ave at Livonia Ave

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the 3 train to Van Siclen Ave. Walk East on Livonia Ave towards Hendrix St, then left at New Lots Ave.

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

## EAST NEW YORK FARMS!

Fresh and affordable food from local farms & gardens.

### Saturday Farmers Market

June 27 - November 14

9am - 3pm

New Lots Avenue and Schenck Avenue, Brooklyn  
#3 train to Van Siclen ; B15, B83, B6

Also featuring Caribbean and Dominican food, homemade cakes and breads, and fresh fish.

### Wednesday Farm Stand

July 8 - October 28

4:30 - 7pm

New Lots Avenue and Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn

Our markets accept cash, credit/debit, WIC & Senior FMNP coupons, EBT, WIC fruit and vegetable vouchers.

(718) 649-7979 x29

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



# November



## Soil Health

with John Ameroso & Lorraine Brooks, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Urban Soils Group

Did you have trouble keeping your plants growing strong this season? Plant health is usually directly linked to the health of the soil its growing in. We will cover soil health basics. This will include different ways of checking to see how your soil is doing based upon special indicators. We will also cover the ways you can amend or prepare your soil differently in order to improve the health of your soil, thereby getting your plants well nourished and viable.

### ◆◆ Soil / Compost / Cleanfill Request (for early Spring delivery) ◆◆

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 4 - 6pm**  
**BRONX**

St. Augustine School Peace Garden  
1176 Franklin Avenue, between E. 167<sup>th</sup> & E. 168<sup>th</sup> Streets

#### Directions

**Public Transit:** Take the 2 or 5 train to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Station. Transfer to the Bx55 or Bx15 bus and take to E. 166<sup>th</sup> St. Walk up one block, turn right onto E. 167<sup>th</sup> and walk two blocks. Or take the D train to 167<sup>th</sup> St. Then take the Bx35 bus at the Grand Concourse going East on 167<sup>th</sup> St. Get off at Franklin Ave.

## Edible Perennials

with Solita Stephens, Just Food Trainer, Olympus Garden Club

There are many easy to grow, low-maintenance food plants that come back every year. Come to learn about common and unusual, native and exotic vegetables, fruits, tubers and herbs that will grow in NYC year after year. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food. ([www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops](http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops))

### ◆◆ Perennials & Evergreens ◆◆

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12pm**  
**BROOKLYN**

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

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the B25 bus to East New York Ave and Alabama Ave. Walk South on Alabama Ave towards Atlantic Ave, turn left onto Atlantic Ave, and then right onto Van Siclen Ave.  
**Train:** Take the C to Van Siclen Ave. Walk North on Van Siclen Ave to Glenmore Ave.

## Preserving Your Harvest with Canning

with Michaela Hayes, Just Food Trainer

Learn techniques to preserve your harvest all year long! Use mason jars, a hot water bath and your delicious home grown vegetables to make irresistible foods you can eat in the colder months, or that you can give as tasty and beautiful gifts. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food ([www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops](http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops)).

### ◆◆ Canning Kits ◆◆

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7pm**  
**MANHATTAN**

Lower East Side Girls Club  
56 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues

#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the M103 and get off at Bowery and E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Walk East on E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Or take the M15L and get off at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and walk West E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
**Train:** Take the F to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave-Lower East Side Station, walk North on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, and turn right onto E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Or Take the 6 to Bleecker St. Walk East on Bleecker towards Bowery. Cross over to E. 1<sup>st</sup> St and continue East until 56 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

## Evergreens

with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist, Bronx Green-Up, New York Botanical Garden

Evergreens provide color and beauty to your garden all year round. Learn how to plant and care for evergreens, and take one home to plant in your community garden.

### ◆◆ Evergreens ◆◆






**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 10am - 12pm**  
**BRONX**

Townsend Garden  
1735 Walton Avenue & E. 175<sup>th</sup> Street








#### Directions

**Bus:** Take the BxM4B heading to Woodlawn, Bronx. Get off at Grand Concourse/Mount Eden Ave. Walk West on E. Mt Eden Ave towards Grand Concourse. Turn right onto Walton Ave.  
**Train:** Take 4 train to 176<sup>th</sup> Street station. Walk to Walton Ave.





# SEPTEMBER

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# OCTOBER

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## Our Calendar at a Glance



GreenThumb Workshops & Events



MillionTreesNYC Street Tree Program

### GreenThumb's Gotham Photo Gallery Opening

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7:30pm  
**MANHATTAN**

### Harvest Fair

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 12pm - 6pm **BRONX**

### GT-Approved Structures

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7pm **BROOKLYN**

### MillionTrees Street Tree Care Workshop

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm  
**MANHATTAN**

### Seed Saving

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 12 - 2pm **QUEENS**

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Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 3pm **QUEENS**

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# GreenThumb & Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps

GreenThumb is partnering with the Million TreesNYC initiative to present a series of fall workshops focused on street tree care. There will be two workshop sessions presented on three different days, with a mid-morning workshop followed by lunch, and then an early afternoon workshop. Street Tree Care Kits will be distributed after each workshop, and plant material only after the second workshop. All materials available while supplies last. See the workshop descriptions below, and for more information call (212) 788-8070.



## Workshop #1

11am - 12noon

### 'That Tree Saved My Life' Game Show

with Susan Fields, Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps

Compete to win 'That Tree Save My Life' game show while learning about the many benefits of

trees. Have fun while showing off your street tree savvy, and leave with all the tools you need to care for the trees in your neighborhood. Bring along friends and fellow gardeners to learn about the Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps and join us afterwards for lunch in the garden.

◆◆ Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Gloves, Aprons, Information Packet ◆◆

LUNCH

Noon - 12:45pm

## Workshop #2

12:45 - 2:15pm

### Hands-On Street Tree Care Clinic

with Susan Fields, Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps

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 improving 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, Information Packet ◆◆ Plant Material for Tree Bed Planting ◆◆

All materials available while supplies last.

## Dates & Locations

### Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

#### QUEENS

Two Coves Garden

Intersection of Main Ave, Astoria Blvd & 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Directions

**Bus:** Take the Q100 bus and get off at 21<sup>st</sup> St & 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Start out going West on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and turn right onto 8<sup>th</sup> St.

**Train:** Take the N train to 30<sup>th</sup> Ave (Grand Ave). Exit near intersection of 31<sup>st</sup> St and 30<sup>th</sup>. Walk West on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave towards 30<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right onto 8<sup>th</sup> St.

### Saturday, October 3<sup>th</sup>

#### BRONX

Jardin la Roca / The Rock Garden

Corner of E. 160<sup>th</sup> Street & Elton Street

Directions

**Bus:** BxM4A bus to Grand Concourse/E. 161<sup>st</sup> St. Start out going East on E. 161<sup>st</sup> St towards Sheridan Ave. Turn right onto Elton Ave.

**Train:** Take the 2 or 5 train to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – 149<sup>th</sup> St Station. Walk North on Melrose Ave towards E. 160<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left onto E. 160<sup>th</sup> St and walk to Elton St. Garden is on the corner.

### Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

#### MANHATTAN

Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial / Project Harmony  
219 W. 122<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Adam Clayton Powell & Frederick Douglass Blvd

Directions

**Bus:** Take the Bx15 to W. 125<sup>th</sup> St and Adam C Powell Blvd. Walk South towards W. 122nd St. Turn right onto W. 122nd St, garden is on your right.

**Train:** Take the A,B,C,D or the 2,3 to 125<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk towards Adam Clayton Powell and turn South walking towards W. 122<sup>nd</sup> St. Turn right onto W. 122<sup>nd</sup> St, garden is on your right.

In 2008, we had 49 workshops  
with more than 3,000 attendees.

**Do you have any suggestions for a  
new workshop?**

**Would your garden like to host an event  
or workshop?**

**Do you want to lead a workshop?**

Then let us know by calling our  
main office at (212) 788-8070



**GreenThumb's Gotham**

A Photographic History of NYC Community Gardens  
September 10<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**OPENING RECEPTION**

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30pm

The Arsenal Gallery in Central Park  
5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 64<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10065

Gallery Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
9 – 5 pm

For more information, call (212) 360-8163

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