



GreenThumb 2011

Winter Program Guide

December · January · February



The craft table, Harvest Fair at El Flamboyán, sponsored by GreenThumb/NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden

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



- Calcium Chloride Pellets, Garbage Bags, Gloves, Ice Breakers ·
- Gardening Books ·
- Compost/Soil/Cleanfill/Mulch Request (Spring Delivery) ·



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.



Winter Supply Giveaway

GreenThumb Staff

Pick up basic gardening & maintenance 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.

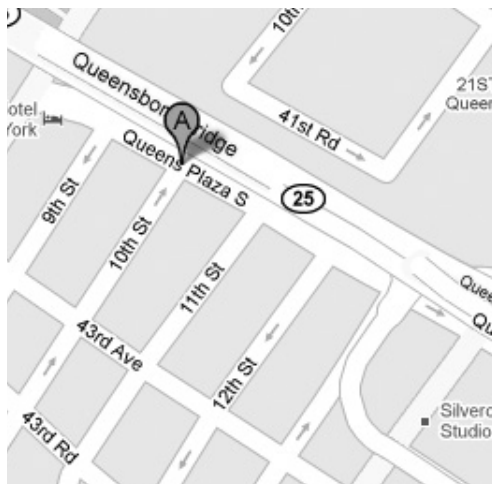
Supplies: Calcium Chloride Pellets, Garbage Bags, Gloves, Ice Breakers

Saturday, December 3 **10am - 1pm**
QUEENS
GreenThumb/LRP Compound
(See below for directions)

Picking up Supplies for Other Garden Groups

When attending a GreenThumb giveaway, you are only eligible to pick up materials for your garden group, unless arrangements are made with the office. Without **prior notice**, GreenThumb cannot provide materials to garden members who are there to pick up for other groups.

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.

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.



The 2nd Annual Black Farmers and Urban Growers conference was held at Hostos College on October 14th – 16th. Over 300 participants showed up for a weekend full of workshops, tours and networking. Rashid Nuri, from Truly Living Well Center, and Audrey Rowe, from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, delivered spectacular keynote addresses covering the many pressing issues that confront black growers, both urban and rural.

One important issue that was highlighted includes an on-going effort to get black farmers counted in the 2012 Census. Please be sure to visit the USDA's Be Counted page: www.nass.usda.gov/Online_Response/Be_Counted/.

Stay tuned for more from the Black Urban Growers (BUGs), the organizers of the conference, by visiting www.blackfarmersconf.org

Have a great idea for a community improvement project? Apply for a New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Award! Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to volunteer-led groups to work on projects that bring neighbors together and that have a positive impact on the community. We also offer project planning assistance and skills-building workshops.

Recent awards have enabled neighbors to come together to make healthy food available in their communities, transform empty lots into community gardens, organize tenants to advocate effectively for better housing conditions, and start school recycling programs.

Our next grant deadline is January 31. For a grant application and for more info, call/email Arif Ullah at 212.822.9580/aullah@citizensnyc.org

**CITIZENS
COMMITTEE
FOR NEW
YORK CITY**



Membership Update

GreenThumb Staff

It's the time of year again when we need to update our records and make sure we have your garden's accurate contact information for your membership. As part of Parks' overall Green Initiative, we're revamping our data collection system in order to make greener, paperless and easier on you and us! It's still in the works, so closer to the workshop, check our website for details and see the workshop dates and times (right). Please make sure at least one of the garden's Contact Persons has a valid email address.

This is a mandatory workshop. Someone from your garden must attend one of the sessions.

Sending in membership is obligatory in order to keep your registration current.

Supplies: Gardening Books, including GreenThumb Gardeners Handbook

Thursday, January 12

MANHATTAN

Arsenal Gallery (3rd floor)
830 5th Avenue at 64th Street

5:30 - 7:30pm

Bus: M1, M2, M3, M4 to 5 Av - W 64 St or M66, M72 to E 65 St - 5 Av

Train: N, Q, R to 5 Av/59 St

OR

Saturday, January 21

Brooklyn

Herbert Von King Cultural Arts Center
670 Lafayette Ave

10am - 1pm

Bus: B 43 northbound to Lafayette Ave. & Throop Ave. walk 3 blocks west or B43 Southbound to Lafayette Ave & Tompkins Ave. walk 1 block west, or B38 Eastbound to Lafayette & Marcy Ave. or B 38 Westbound to Dekalb Ave & Marcy, walk 1 block south or B 52 to Gates & Marcy Ave. Walk 4 Blocks north

Train: A to Hoyt Schermerhorn then G to Nostrand Ave (ride the front of the train) walk 1 block East.

GROWTOGETHER T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!

This year's theme is...

Harvesting Unity in our Community

Cultivando Unidad en Nuestra Comunidad

So pick up a pen, crayon, pencil or whatever you use to draw, and submit your pictures to the GrowTogether T-shirt contest! The winning design will appear on the 2010 GrowTogether T-shirts, worn by hundreds of gardeners all over the city. Any GreenThumb gardener is welcome to enter. Applicants may send in up to 3 entries.

The deadline for entry is:

Monday, January 9th, 2012

Rules:

- Artwork must relate to the contest theme
- Designs must be in black & white only
- Artwork must be signed
- Entries must include name, address, garden affiliation, & phone number
- Any size paper is acceptable
- If you're a minor, please include your age on the entry

Please send your entries to:

GreenThumb

Attn: T-shirt Design

49 Chambers St, Room 1020

New York, New York 10007

Or you can email them to:

greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov

If you have any questions, please call (212) 788-8070.



PARKS and GREENTHUMB present:

The First Annual Community Garden Domino Tournament

The tournament will be held two Saturdays each month in 2012, at ten community gardens. This free domino tournament is open to players of all ages, rating, and strength. Based on the success of smaller domino tournaments held in 2011, we anticipate the citywide tournament will be an even bigger success!

There will be bonuses including an awards ceremony for top players in each category, and a Domino Table for the TOP GARDEN!

To register or for more information e-mail lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov or call 212-788-8065. Submit your name and the names of up to three additional players. For each player please include contact phone numbers, e-mails, addresses and the name of the community garden you will represent.



Bronx Rock Garden vs. EL Flamboyan Community Garden, Domino Tournament At 2011 Harvest Fair.



SAVE THE DATE! Recycle your Christmas tree January 7 and 8. Call 311 or go to: www.nycgovparks.org/services/mulchfest/mulchfest.html to find the nearest site to you and participating GreenThumb gardens!



Compost & Healthy Soils

Part I: Crazy for Composting

Jodie Colón, NYC Compost Project in the Bronx

Are you passionate about composting but want more from your bin? This Q&A session provides the practical tips, advice, and encouragement you need to take composting to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging in for years. Please bring garden entrance alternate side parking rules for delivery times.

Please Pre-register:

Contact the NYC Compost Project in the Bronx at compost@nybg.org or 718-817-8543

Part II: Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities

Join the Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities project team for a discussion about testing garden soils for lead and other contaminants, with an update about our results from 75 GreenThumb gardens. We'll focus on what we can learn from these results and actions you can take in your own garden! Come with your questions for a Q&A session about soil testing, understanding results, Best Practices for Healthy Gardening, and other topics.

With project partners from GreenThumb, Cornell Waste Management Institute and Cornell Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Cornell University Cooperative Extension – New York City, and New York State Department of Health.

Supplies: Compost/Soil/Cleanfill/Mulch Request (Spring Delivery)

Saturday, February 18

10am - 3pm (including lunch break)

BRONX


The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, NY 10458

Bus: Bx41, Bx55 or Bx26 to Webster & Bedford Park Blvd.

Train: B, D or 4 train to Bedford Park Blvd. Transfer to the Bx26 bus, OR walk eight blocks down the hill on Bedford Park Blvd to Kazimiroff Blvd. Please enter via gate on Kazimiroff Blvd, between Mosholu Parkway and Bedford Park Blvd.

Apply to take the NYC Compost Project Master Composter Certificate Course

 *Develop community-based activities that reach and teach others about composting.*

 *Start, manage, and maintain indoor and outdoor composting systems.*

Contact your local NYC Compost Project for info about the next Master Composter Certificate Course in your borough!

NYC Compost Project Contact Info

Bronx: (718) 817-8543; compost@nybg.org

Brooklyn: (718) 623-7290; compost@bbg.org

Manhattan: (212) 477-3155; info@lsecologycenter.org

Queens: (718) 539-5296; compost@queensbotanical.org

Staten Island: (718) 425-3558; compost@snug-harbor.org

Funded and managed by the NYC Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse, & Recycling, the NYC Compost Project provides compost education and outreach in all five boroughs.



www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compostproject

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



1155 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Fl
New York, NY 10036
Tel: (212)645-9880
www.justfood.org

DECEMBER

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WINTER WORKSHOP CALENDAR



GreenThumb
Workshops & Events



Greening Partners

Winter Supply Giveaway

Saturday, December 3 10am - 1pm
QUEENS

MulchFest

Saturday, January 7 10am - 2pm
CITYWIDE

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Sunday, January 8 10am - 2pm
CITYWIDE

Growtogether T-shirt Contest Deadline

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BRONX

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BROOKLYN

Compost and Healthy Soils

Saturday, February 18 10am - 3pm
BRONX

JANUARY

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NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
49 Chambers Street, Room 1020
New York, NY 10007

Be Greener!

Sign up to get the GreenThumb Program by email instead of postal mail and you'll save trees AND get it up to a month sooner!

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