



GreenThumb's Fall Program Guide 2005

September ♦ October ♦ November



Summer Program Activities:

Two sisters from Brooklyn gardens provide hands-on help at GreenThumb's Bench Building Workshop, held on June 28th at the Family & Friends Garden. Lorna Davis of the Madison Street Block Association and Estelle Davis of the Vernon Cases Community Garden (left picture) demonstrate how to attach legs to the newly constructed bench. Sarah Brown (right picture), of Family & Friends, puts the final touches on her garden's new bench.

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



- ◆◆ Perennial plants to attract butterflies, birds and beneficial insects ◆◆
- ◆◆ canning jars ◆◆ seed saving packets ◆◆
- ◆◆ vermicomposting bins & worms ◆◆
- ◆◆ soil, compost, cleanfill ◆◆
- ◆◆ outdoor compost bins ◆◆
- ◆◆ spring bulbs ◆◆ soil pH testing kits ◆◆



Please note that garden members must attend a workshop in order to receive supplies.



Fall Workshops Calendar 2005

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆



Perennial Giveaway

Butterfly Gardening

◆◆ perennial plants ◆◆

WITH THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT

This workshop will teach you how to encourage butterflies and other beneficial insects to visit your garden. Take home a selection of perennials that will attract butterflies to your garden.

September 13TH 5:30-7pm BROOKLYN

at Newport Gardens

corner of Rockaway Avenue & Newport St.

By train -- 3 to Rockaway Avenue/Livonia Ave. station.

Walk 2 blocks south along Rockaway Ave. to Newport St.

Garden on corner.

By bus -- B60 (along Rockaway Ave.) to Newport St.

Butterfly Gardening at the BRONX ZOO

◆◆ perennial plants ◆◆

WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY AND THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT

GT community gardeners are invited to a special tour of the Bronx Zoo's new Butterfly Garden. Bring your children and enjoy a free visit to the Zoo while learning how to encourage butterflies and other beneficial insects to visit your garden. Come early and enter at any gate, identify yourself as a "GreenThumb gardener" and you will receive free admission to the Zoo. Or come after 5pm, enter at the Southern Blvd. gate, admission to the garden is free. If you come after 5pm, parking is also free at the Southern Blvd. gate. The workshop will begin at 5:30pm at the entrance to the Butterfly Garden Exhibit within the Zoo. Plants will be distributed after the workshop in the Southern Blvd. Zoo parking lot. The Zoo closes at 5pm - if you are coming after this time you must use the Southern Blvd. gate.

September 16TH 5:30-7pm BRONX

at Bronx Zoo

By train -- #2 or #5 train uptown to East Tremont Ave/West Farm Square. Exit to the left, through the turnstile. At street level, walk straight ahead (follow train uptown) on Boston Road 2 1/2 blocks to the (before 5pm) Bronx Zoo gate, (after 5pm) walk west or left approx. 5 blocks to the Southern Blvd. Gate.

By bus -- Bx9 and Bx19 stop at our Southern Blvd. Gate.

This stop is located at 183rd Street. The Bx12 and Bx22

can also be taken to Fordham Road and Southern Blvd. You must then walk 5 blocks south on Southern Blvd (the Zoo will be on your left) to the Southern Blvd and 183rd Street entrance.

By car -- Park at the Southern Blvd. gate at the corner of Southern Blvd. & Bronx Park South. The Zoo is near exit #6 of the Bronx River Parkway.



Soil Amendment

Testing your Soil Quality

◆◆ 1. Soil pH testing kits (while supplies last) 2. Request soil, compost or clean fill for fall or spring delivery ◆◆

Bring a small soil sample from your garden in a plastic bag and test its pH level. Also learn the basic structure of your soil and how to test for soil nutrients. Take home a soil pH testing kit.

October 6TH 5:30-7pm BRONX

at the school next door to Neighborhood Advisory Committee Garden
378 East 151st. Street

By train -- 2, 5 to HUB--3rd Ave./E. 149th St. station. Walk 2 blocks north along Melrose Ave., turn left on 151st St., walk 1/2 block to school left of the garden.

By bus -- Bx2, Bx15, Bx19, Bx21, Bx41, Bx55 to HUB--3rd Ave./E.149th St. stop. Walk 2 blocks north along Melrose Ave., turn left on 151st St., walk 1/2 block to the school east of the garden.

Composting Indoors with Worms

◆◆ 1. Vermicomposting Bins and Worms (while supplies last) 2. Request soil, compost or clean fill for fall or spring delivery ◆◆

WITH THE LOWER EAST SIDE ECOLOGY CENTER

Vermicomposting is a simple, easy way to compost kitchen scraps indoors. Come learn the basics of worm composting. Take home a free vermicompost bin and worms for your classroom, apartment or house.

October 11TH 5:30-7:30pm BROOKLYN

East 4th Street Community Garden

By train -- F to Fort Hamilton Pkwy/Prospect Avenue station. Coming from Manhattan, board at front of the train to exit at Fort Hamilton Pkwy. Coming from Coney Island board at rear of the train to exit at Fort Hamilton Pkwy. Walk 1 block west along Fort Hamilton Pkwy to East 4th Street. Make left onto East 4th Street, walk 1/2 block to garden.

By bus -- B16 to Caton Ave./E. 4th St. stop. Walk 1/2 block north along E. 4th St. to garden. B103 along McDonald Ave. to Fort Hamilton Pkwy stop. Walk east along Ft. Hamilton Pkwy 3 blocks to E. 4th St. Make right onto E. 4th St., walk 1/2 block to garden.



Outdoor Multi-Bin Compost Building Demonstration

◆◆ 1. Black plastic compost bins (while supplies last) 2. Request soil, compost or clean fill for fall or spring delivery ◆◆

WITH LESLIE ROSS

The Dias y Flores Community Garden will be building a multi-bin outdoor compost bin. Come learn how to build this type of bin and help out a fellow garden. Outdoor compost bins will be distributed after the building demonstration.

October 15TH 10am-1pm MANHATTAN

at Dias y Flores Community Garden

520-522 E. 13th Street (b/t Avenues A & B)

By train -- L to 1st Ave., walk south one block, go east or left on 13th Street, walk 1 1/2 blocks. #4, 5, 6, N, Q, R or W, walk south one block, go east or left on 13th Street, walk 5 blocks.

By bus -- #9, #14A, #15, #102, #103, exit buses on 13th Street, walk to garden between Avenues A & B.

Mulch, Leaves & Cover Crops: How to Protect and Improve Your Soil

◆◆ Request soil, compost or clean fill for fall or spring delivery ◆◆

WITH THE URBAN COMPOSTING PROJECT AT BBG

The key to beautiful, healthy plants is the soil in which they grow. In this workshop, learn the basics of soil structure, organic fertilizers, soil amendment secrets, the underworld critters that abound, and the importance of organic matter and composting for healthy soil. As a fall focus, we will discuss what to do with leaves, the benefits of mulching, and which cover crops will protect and improve your garden's soil. **This workshop is free, but you MUST call BBG to register at (718) 623-7220. GreenThumb will not be able to register gardens, you must call BBG directly.**

November 7TH 6-8pm BROOKLYN

at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

1000 Washington Avenue

By train -- B or Q to Prospect Park station, walk up Washington Ave several blocks. # 2, #3 train to Eastern Pkwy/Museum station, walk to Washington Ave, turn right, walk several blocks.

By bus -- B41, B43, B48, and B71.



Spring Bulbs

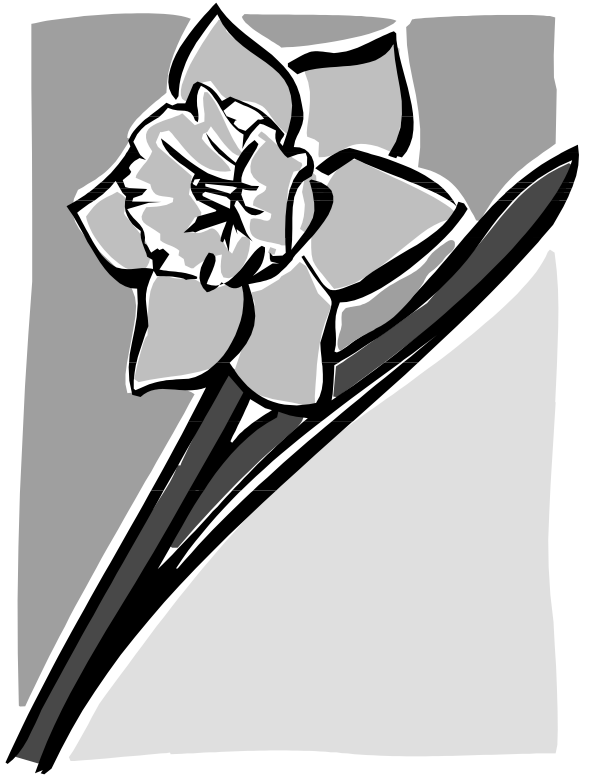
October 21ST 4-7pm BROOKLYN

at Dean St. North Garden

1096 Dean St. b/w Bedford & Franklin Ave.

By train-- C train or Shuttle to Franklin Ave/Fulton St. station. Walk 4 blocks south along Franklin. Make left onto Dean St, walk 1/2 block to garden.

By bus-- B65 (coming from east) to Bergen St./Bedford Ave. stop. Walk 1 block north to Dean St, make left onto Dean and walk 1/2 block to garden. B65 (coming from west) to Dean St./Franklin Ave. stop. Walk 1/2 block east along Dean St. to garden. B49 to Dean St./Bedford Ave. stop. Walk 1/2 block west along Dean St. to garden.



Help a new Garden Plant Spring Bulbs

◆◆ Spring Bulbs ◆◆

We are having 'Garden Warming Parties' for the College Avenue and Dean St. North GreenThumb gardens. Please bring a housewarming gift for the gardens - an extra tool, a divided perennial from your garden or a piece of community garden wisdom. We will help plant spring bulbs in the gardens. Also pick up a selection of spring bulbs for your garden group.

October 20TH 4-7pm BRONX

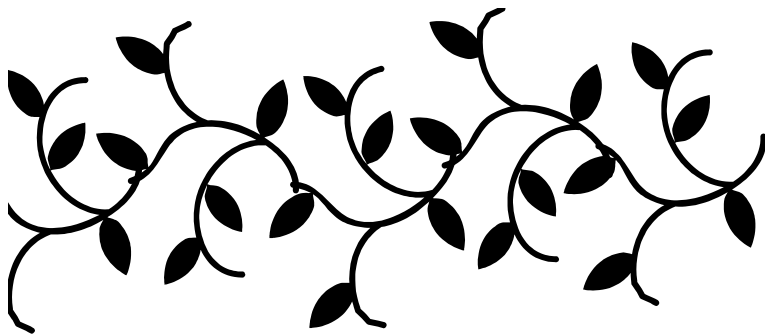
at College Avenue GreenThumbs

College Avenue b/w E. 170th & E. 171st Streets

By train-- B, D trains to 170th/Grand Concourse station.

Walk east 4 blocks along 170th, turn left onto College Ave., walk 1/2 block to garden on the right. 4 train to 170th/Jerome Ave. station. Walk east 8 blocks along 170th, turn left onto College Ave., walk 1/2 block to garden on the right.

By bus--Bx11 (along 170th St.) to College/Morris Avenue stop. Walk east 1/2 block and turn left onto College Ave, walk 1/2 block to garden.



Tips:

for getting to
GreenThumb
Events

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 for these gardens.
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 (3 gardens for about \$20).

Butterfly Gardening at the Bronx Zoo

GREENTHUMB HAS PARTNERED WITH **The Wildlife Conservation Society**

AND THE **Butterfly Project** TO INVITE GT COMMUNITY GARDENERS TO THE **Bronx ZOO**

Friday, September 16th



Come out for an **AFTER-HOURS, PRIVATE TOUR OF THE NEWLY OPENED BUTTERFLY GARDEN**, including the outdoor garden, butterfly house and bug carousel and a "Butterfly Gardening" workshop at 5:30pm.

PICK-UP A VARIETY OF PERENNIAL PLANTS that will attract butterflies and other beneficial insects to your garden, plants will be distributed after the workshop, in the Southern Blvd. Parking area.

Free admission to the Bronx Zoo throughout the day!

COME EARLY and enjoy the many wonderful exhibits in the Bronx Zoo. You may enter at any gate before 5pm for free, just tell them you are a "GreenThumb garden-er". You will have to pay parking fees. Proceed to the entrance of the Butterfly Garden by 5:30pm for the start of the private tour and workshop.

IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER 5PM use the Southern Blvd. Parking lot entrance (all other gates will be closed at this time). You may park for free after 5pm. Proceed to the entrance of the Butterfly Garden by 5:30pm for the start of the private tour and workshop.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <u>CANNING DEMO & SAVING SEEDS</u> (BK)
11	12	13 <u>BUTTERFLY GARDENING</u> (BK)	14	15	16 <u>BUTTERFLIES AT THE BRONX ZOO</u> (BX)	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October						1
2	3	4	5	6 <u>TESTING YOUR SOIL QUALITY</u> (BX)	7	8
9	10	11 <u>COMPOSTING INDOORS WITH WORMS</u> (BK)	12	13	14	15 <u>OUTDOOR MULTI-BIN COMPOSTING DEMO</u> (M)
16	17	18	19	20 <u>HELP A NEW GARDEN PLANT BULBS</u> (BX)	21 <u>HELP A NEW GARDEN PLANT BULBS</u> (BK)	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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November		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <u>COVER CROPS:</u> <u>HOW TO PROTECT</u> <u>YOUR SOIL</u> (BK)	8	9	10	11	12



The fall festival celebrating city gardeners of all ages!
GreenThumb/City of New York Parks & Recreation

Saturday
September 10th, 2005
12 - 5pm



Hattie Carthan Community Garden

Canning Fresh Food Demonstration
 ♦♦ canning jars ♦♦

WITH CLASSIE PARKER

Learn how to preserve your favorite summer foods - tomatoes, bean and more during this hands-on demonstration. Take home recipes and canning jars.

Saving Seeds from
 your Favorite Plants
 ♦♦ seed saving packets ♦♦

MCKINLEY HIGHTOWER-BEYAH & SIRRA CRIPPEN

Learn the basics of saving seeds from your favorite vegetables and flowers for next year's crop. Take home seed saving packets.

Hattie Carthan Community Garden

654 Lafayette Avenue, between Marcy Avenue & Clifton Place

All day Harvest Fair Festivities G to Nostrand Ave, B38 along Lafayette get off on Lafayette between Marcy & Throop, B43 along Tompkins or Throop, stop at Lafayette.



Winter Program Guide

Preview

- ◆ Winter Supply Pick-Up
- ◆ Group Development Workshops
- ◆ Asian Long-Horn Beetle & Woodchips
- ◆ Seed Starting & Distribution

IF YOU HAVE ANY WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT PLEASE CALL SUSAN FIELDS at (212) 788-8078

Summer Program Activities:

Many thanks to A Better Community Garden in Brooklyn for hosting GreenThumb's Spiral Herb Garden Building Demonstration on June 8th. Emily Neustrom of BBG's Brooklyn GreenBridge program (far left) and Edie Kean (not pictured) led the building demonstration. Darlene Mealy (3rd from left) and Betty Bonner and grandson (center) of A Better Community Garden worked alongside GreenThumb staff and community gardeners to install an herb spiral full of culinary and medicinal herbs.



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