



GreenThumb's Winter Program Guide 2006-07

December ♦ January ♦ February



Fall Program Activities:

Victoria Gershik-Ostrovsky and Dan Tainow of the Compost Project at the Queens Botanical Garden demonstrate how to screen compost for use in your raised beds, container gardens, or houseplants at GreenThumb's 'Get Your Compost On!' workshop held

on September 19th at the Pelham Fritz Recreation Center in Marcus Garvey Park. Need a compost screen for your garden? Come to GreenThumb's Compost Screen Building workshop to be held on February 24th, details inside.

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



- ◆◆ Sidewalk Salt ◆◆ Snow Shovels ◆◆
- ◆◆ Ice Breakers ◆◆ Garbage Bags ◆◆ Gloves ◆◆
- ◆◆ Garbage Cans ◆◆ Compost, Soil, Cleanfill ◆◆
- ◆◆ Compost Screens ◆◆ Planting Soil Mix ◆◆ Pathmark Vouchers ◆◆



*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.*



Winter 2006-07 Workshops Calendar

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

Winter Supply Giveaway

Winter Supply Pick-Up

◆◆ Sidewalk Salt, Snow Shovels, Ice Breakers, Garbage Bags, Gloves, Garbage Cans ◆◆

Pick-up basic winter maintenance supplies for your garden. One pick-up per garden group. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. Call GreenThumb if you need the contact names of gardens near you.

Dec 2ND 10am-2pm QUEENS
at the GreenThumb Compound

Queens Plaza South at 10th St. See below for directions.

Directions to the GreenThumb Compound



By Bus _____

Q19A, Q32, Q60, Q66, Q101, Q101R, Q102 and Q103 all run along or intersect with Queens Plaza South. Exit closest to 10th St. and QPS. Compound is across from 10th St.

By Train _____

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 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. Continue on QPS til 10th St. Compound is on your right, across from 10th St.

FROM BROOKLYN, QUEENS & STATEN ISLAND: From Brooklyn, Queens & Staten Island: Take the BQE to 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.

GreenThumb Garden Registration 2007-08



GREENTHUMB WILL BE HOLDING ITS BI-ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR 2007-2008 THIS WINTER. COME LEARN ABOUT GREENTHUMB PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, SERVICES AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM GREENTHUMB 2007-2008 YOUR GARDEN GROUP WILL NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Complete registration materials... the primary contact for your garden group will receive a registration packet in early December, please complete and submit during a registration session.

2. Attend a registration session... the sessions will be organized based on your garden's land jurisdiction, please read below for further details.

Parks and all other city agencies except HPD

Under the terms of the 2002 settlement garden groups must register, sign new licenses every two years and remain in good standing in order to remain the legal stewards of community gardens on Parks property. Even if you have registered recently, you must attend and sign the new 2007 license to retain permission to use your garden.

The designated primary or alternate contact and at least one representative from your garden group must attend a registration session.

Your garden group may attend any of the 'Parks' registration sessions in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan or the Bronx.

Jan 8TH 1-3pm or 6-8pm QUEENS

at Queens Botanical Garden

43-50 Main Street (Education Building, Rm 1).

Subway: Take the 7 train to Main Street/Flushing, then follow the bus directions. **Bus:** Take the Q44 bus from Main Street and Roosevelt Aves., get off at the stop at Main Street and Elder Ave., walk to garden entrance.

Jan 18TH 12-2pm or 6:30-8:30pm MAN.

at Tony Dapolito Recreation Center

Clarkson St. and 7th Ave. South.

Subway: 1 to Houston St. (Walk one block north to Clarkson); A, E, D, F trains to W. 4th St. (Walk West to 7th Ave. and then South to Clarkson). **Bus:** The M21 runs along Houston St. (Clarkson is one block north of Houston) The M20 runs down 7th Ave.

Jan 27TH 2:30-5:30pm BRONX

at Immaculate Conception Church, Neumann Hall

601 Melrose Ave. btwn E.150th and E.151st Streets.

Subway: Take the 2 or the 5 train to the 3rd Ave. - 149 St. stop. Exit near the intersection of Willis Ave. and Melrose Ave. Walk North on Melrose. Neumann Hall is btwn 150th and 151st Streets. **Bus:** The Bx2 and the Bx41 run along Melrose Ave.

Feb 3TH 1-4pm BROOKLYN

at St. John's Recreation Center

1251 Prospect Pl. btwn. Troy and Schenectady Aves.

Subway: Take the A train to Utica Ave and walk 6 blocks South to Prospect Pl. Turn right and walk 1 ½ blocks to the center. Or take the 3 or 4 to Utica Ave. Walk six blocks North, turn left to Prospect Pl. and walk 1½ blocks to the center. **Bus:** Take the B65 or B15 to Schenectady Ave. and walk two blocks South. Or take the B45 to Schenectady Ave. and walk three blocks North.

HPD (Housing and Preservation Development)

Under the terms of the 2002 settlement, garden groups must register, sign new licenses every two years and remain in good standing in order to remain the legal stewards of community gardens on HPD property. Even if you have registered recently, you must attend and sign the new 2007 license to retain permission to use your garden.

The designated primary or alternate contact and at least one representative from your garden group must attend a registration session.

Your garden group may attend either of the 'HPD' registration sessions in Manhattan.

Jan 24TH 12-2pm or 6:30-8:30pm MAN.

at Thomas Jefferson Rec. Center

2180 1st Ave. (at 112th St).

Subway: Take the 6 train to 110th St. Walk east to 1st Ave. and then walk north 2 blocks. **Bus:** M15 to 112th Street or M116 to 116th St. and 1st Ave.

Please turn over for more
registration information.



Land Trusts - Man, Bronx, Bklyn/Queens

Representatives from GreenThumb and your Land Trust organizations will jointly host registration sessions in Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx.

One representative from your garden group must attend a registration session.

Jan 11TH 6-8pm MANHATTAN

at Council on the Environment NYC Conference Rm
51 Chambers St. (2nd Floor).

Subway: A/C/E trains to Chambers St. 1/2/3/9 trains to Chambers St. J/M/Z trains to Chambers St. R/W trains to City Hall. 4/5/6 trains to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall.

Bus: M22 to Broadway, M6 or M1 to Chambers St.

Jan 25TH 6-8pm BROOKLYN

at Magnolia Tree Earth Center

677 Lafayette Avenue.

Subway: G to Bedford/Nostrand Aves. Walk East on Lafayette Ave. the center is on the North side of Lafayette Ave. (across from the park) between Marcy and Tompkins Aves.

Bus: B38 bus to Marcy and Lafayette Aves. Center is one half block east on Lafayette Ave. (between Marcy and Tompkins).

Feb 1ST 6-8pm BRONX

at Community Resources Center

378 East 151st St (5th Floor).

btwn Melrose and Courtlandt Aves.

Subway: 2/5 train to 149th St. and 3rd Ave. **Bus:** Bx2, Bx15, Bx19, Bx21, Bx 41, Bx55 to 149th St. and 3rd Ave.

NYRP (New York Restoration Project)

Representatives from GreenThumb and New York Restoration Project will jointly host a registration session in Brooklyn.

One representative from your garden group must attend this registration.

Jan 17TH 6-8pm BROOKLYN

at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Room 125

1000 Washington Ave. **Subway:** The B or Q train to Prospect Park station. The 2 or 3 train to Eastern Pkwy.

Bus: B41, B43, B48, and B71. There are visitor entrances on Flatbush Ave. and Eastern Pkwy.

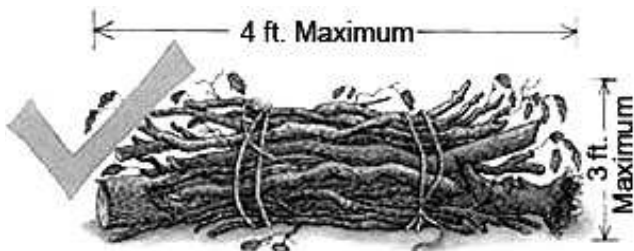
The contact person for your garden will be receiving registration materials and instructions in the mail in early December. Please complete the forms and **BRING THEM WITH YOU TO A REGISTRATION SESSION.** You do not need to pre-register.

cut here and keep for your records

What Do I Do With All this Woody Debris?

IF YOU HAVE OLD BRANCHES AND OTHER DEAD WOOD IN YOUR GARDEN AND WOULD LIKE TO GET IT OUT, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO...

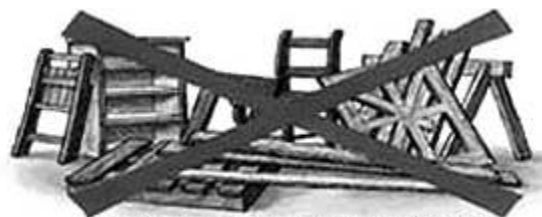
BUNDLE ONLY wood that is smaller than 10 inches in diameter and shorter than 4 feet into bales that are no larger than 3 by 4 feet with twine.



Bundle all trees and wood with twine

CALL 311 and ask to schedule a "Woody Debris Pickup" using the garden's street address and zip code. Occasionally a 311 operator will claim the service is only available to homeowners. That is NOT true. If the operator refuses to take the appointment, call back.

PLEASE - NO LUMBER, PALLETS OR WOOD FURNITURE.



Lumber, wood furniture, and pallets do not require special pick-up

You Can Also:

Go to the GreenThumb website and click on the Resources Page for the link to the Parks Department's online Woody Debris Removal Request page or go directly to the Parks Department website www.nycgovparks.org. Scroll down to the 'Services' section and click on 'Woody Debris Removal'.

Research and text by Cara Monaco and Jennifer 'Bear' Aase-Remedios, GT Citywide Outreach Coordinators

Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill



Crazy for Composting

◆◆ Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill and a Valentine's Day surprise ◆◆

WITH JODIE COLON, COMPOST EDUCATOR, NYBG
A compost clinic for those who are passionate about composting, but want more from their bins. This Q & A session will provide you with the practical tips, advice and encouragement you need to take it to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging in for years.

Feb 14TH 6:30-8:30pm BRONX

at The New York Botanical Garden

Watson Building Rm 102, Bronx River Pkwy at Fordham Rd.
Subway: D or 4 trains to Bedford Park Blvd. Walk south-east on Bedford to the Garden, or take the Bx26 bus to the Garden gate. Bus: The Bx12, Bx19, Bx26, and Bx41 buses stop near the Garden entrances.

Compost Screen Building

◆◆ Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill & Compost Screens ◆◆

WITH SOLITA STEPHENS; MASTER COMPOSTER, OLYMPUS
GARDEN CLUB

Come learn about compost sifting -- why to sift compost, how to use finished compost, and the benefits of black gold. After a brief presentation, there will be a hands-on compost screen building demonstration. Workshop participants will assemble their own compost screens to take home.

Please pre-register for this workshop and reserve a compost screen kit by calling (212) 788-8068.

Feb 24TH 11am-1pm BROOKLYN

at The Von King Recreation Center

Herbert Von King Rec. Center; Lafayette Ave.
btwn Tomkpins and Marcy Aves.

Subway: G to Bedford/Nostrand Aves. Follow exits signs to south-east corner. Walk one block east on Lafayette Ave., passing Salvation Army and church on the left until you reach Von King Park and Cultural Arts Center. Von King is in the park located on the south-east corner of Marcy and Lafayette Aves.

Bus: B38 bus to Marcy and Lafayette Aves. Bus stops on the same block as park.

Planting Mixes

◆◆ Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill & Planting Soil Mix ◆◆

WITH JOHN AMEROSO, CORNELL COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION-NYC

Come to this workshop and learn how to make your own planting mixes! A hands-on demonstration using various materials (vermiculite, perlite, peat, coir, compost, etc.) to make your own planting mixes to bring home for house-plants and/or other containers. Go home with a bag of your own personally mixed potting soil. This activity is a fun way to learn about water-retention, drainage, nutrients, pH, and other soil facts.

Feb 27TH 5:30-7:30pm MANHATTAN

at Black Veterans for Social Justice

119th St. Veterans Residence, Cafeteria (1st Floor);
22 East 119th St. btwn 5th and Madison.

Subway: 4/5/6 to 125th St. Exit near intersection of Dr Martin L. King Jr. Blvd. and Lexington Ave. walk to M103 Bus at Lexington and 124th. Bus: Take M103 Bus South on Lexington Ave. to 119th St. Walk West on 119th St. to 22 East 119th St. btwn Madison and 5th Ave.

Save the Date...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006

Brooklyn's Bounty Forum: Farms, Food, & Healthy Communities

Share your voice to ensure farmers markets
and healthy food for you and your neighbors!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO RSVP,
CONTACT JUST FOOD:
PHONE: 212-645-9880
X228











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Our Calendar at a Glance

-  Workshops
-  Garden Registration
-  Adventures in the Arts
-  Other Greening Groups

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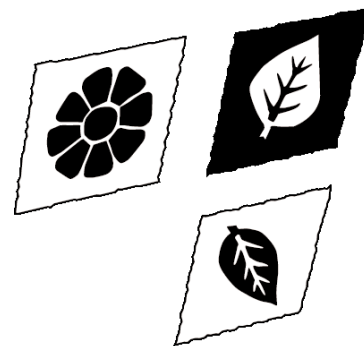
- Sat, Dec 2ND 10am-2pm** QUEENS
Winter Supply Giveaway
- Sat, Dec 9TH RSVP (212-645-9880 x228)**
Brooklyn's Bounty Forum
- Sat, Jan 6TH 4:30-6:30pm** BROOKLYN
Celebrating Sustainability for the New Year
- Mon, Jan 8TH 1-3pm or 6-8pm**
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Get BONUS SUPPLIES

AT A GREENTHUMB WORKSHOP IN THE WINTER

◆◆ For GreenThumb gardeners who have not attended a GreenThumb workshop in 2005-06. Send someone from your garden who has not attended a GT workshop in the last 2 years and they will receive a surprise Bonus Resource for your garden. Recent bonus supplies have included design books, tree i.d. guides, soil testing kits, rain gauges, disposable cameras and metal plant stakes. ◆◆



Congratulations to the following individuals who received Bonus Supplies by attending a fall workshop:



Jane Chaney, *The Bainbridge Garden*
Carl Williams, *Woodycrest Community Garden*
Maya Faerstein-Weiss, *Dias y Flores*
Leah Faerstein, *Dias Y Flores*
George Malave, *Little Green Garden*

Rev. Omega, *Rev. Lynette C. Williamson Memorial Park*
Melissa Dowd, *The Green School*
Angel Morales, *La Isla Verde*
Larry Berds, *Dias y Flores*



PRESENTS

A FILM SCREENING
ON FOOD SAFETY



FOR THE NEW YEAR

WWW.GREENTHUMBNYC.ORG

Celebrating Sustainability for the New Year

◆◆ PathMark Vouchers for \$50 ◆◆

WITH AVA HSU, (PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP-SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE)
AND JONAH BRAVERMAN, COORDINATOR FOR UCC

Join us at UCC's urban youth farm for a film screening around food safety, featuring *The Meatrix* (12 mins) and the Safe Food Committee Sponsored Lobby Day (26 mins). Then stick around to celebrate the holidays with us and participate in some de-LIGHT-ful, festive fun! GreenThumb gardens can sign up to receive \$50 Pathmark vouchers.

Jan 6TH 4:30-6:30pm BROOKLYN

at the United Community Centers Youth Farm / UCC
613 New Lots Ave., on the corner of Schenck.

Subway: 3 train to Van Siclen Avenue. After going thru the turn-styles take the stairs to the right, and at the bottom of the stairs, continue straight. At the corner, turn left onto New Lots Ave. and walk two blocks to Schenck. **Bus:** B155 or the B14 to Barbey Street, walk two blocks to Blake Ave.

If you would like to host an Adventures in the Arts event or you are an artist who needs a stage, call Glenis Holder, the Adventures in the Arts Coordinator.
212.788.8073 glenis.holder@parks.nyc.gov



Fall Rain Garden Workshop

Lenny Librizzi of the Council On the Environment of New York City (far left) explains how the newly planted 'rain garden' in front of him will help capture storm water in the garden -- supporting plant life -- while reducing storm water overflow in our sewers during heavy rains. The rain garden pictured was installed in the PBC Washington Memorial Garden in upper Manhattan, during the September 28th 'Creating a Rain Garden' workshop and perennial giveaway. GreenThumb distributed over 500 perennials during the workshop.



Spring Program Guide 2007 Preview

- ◆ Seeds, Seed Starting Supplies
- ◆ Lumber for Raised Beds
 - ◆ Watering Supplies
 - ◆ Vegetable Starts
 - ◆ Pathmark Vouchers

**IF YOU HAVE ANY
WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS OR
WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT,
PLEASE CALL SUSAN FIELDS
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