



GreenThumb's Fall Program Guide 2007

September ♦ October ♦ November



Summer Program Highlights

July 19th Organic Gardening Workshop at La Plaza Cultural - Armando Perez Garden. Gerard Lordahl, Director of the Open Space Greening Program of CENYC discussed what 'organic' means and gave practical advice on how to fertilize plants, promote healthy soil and manage pests using organic methods. Afterwards, GT staff distributed fish emulsion fertilizer, soil pH testing kits, seaweed and Organic Gardening magazines.

July 9th Caring for Young Street Trees Workshop. GT teamed up with the Partnerships for Parks and the New York Tree Trust to teach volunteers how to care for young street trees near their community gardens and throughout their neighborhoods. Laura Wooley, of the New York Tree Trust, demonstrates how a tree gator is used to easily drip irrigate a street tree. Other useful tips included removing weeds from tree beds, mulching and landscaping with shallow rooted plants that will support a street tree's growth.

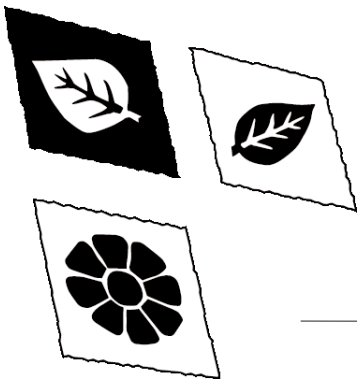
Does your garden need any of the following supplies? Look inside for details...



- ◆◆ The Urban Tree Book: An Uncommon Field Guide for City and Town by Arthur Plotnik ◆◆
- ◆◆ NYBG/Bronx Green Up Pruning Certificate *plus* hand pruners, loppers, folding saws, leather gloves, hammers and work gloves ◆◆ compost bench kits ◆◆
- ◆◆ soil, compost, cleanfill, and basic composting guides ◆◆



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.



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Workshops Calendar



◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

Not Just Your Average Greenstreet

◆◆ The Urban Tree Book: An Uncommon Field Guide for City and Town, by Arthur Plotnik ◆◆

JEFF KEITER, GREENSTREETS/NYC PARKS
Tour some of New York's greenstreets with innovative stormwater management systems, and learn how to request a greenstreet for your neighborhood! Discuss the possibility of creating curb-side gardens between the street trees on your block.

Launched in 1996, Greenstreets is a citywide program to convert paved, vacant traffic islands and medians into green spaces filled with shade trees, flowering trees, shrubs, and groundcover. On this tour, we'll visit sites where landscape architects are using designs to capture more rainwater and stop pollution from running off into our rivers.

Pre-registration required: Contact Channaly Oum at 212-676-1929 or channaly.oum@parks.nyc.gov

Sat. Sep 22ND 10am-12pm MANHATTAN
Upper West Side

Directions will be provided upon registering for the classes. Call Channaly Oum at 212-676-1929 for details.

2007 BUTTERFLY PROJECT NATIVE PLANT SHARE!



Join the Wildlife Conservation Society's Butterfly Project to receive plants and information on how to start a butterfly garden.

Friday, October 12, 3-7 p.m.
Heckscher Foundation Children's Garden,
134-136 Scholes St, Brooklyn

Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bissel Gardens,
Bissel St. between Barnes and Bruner Avenues, Bronx

Please note all plants available are for planting in public spaces.

For more information on the Butterfly Project, please visit www.wcs.org/butterflyproject or call 845.531.9745.

Pruning Certificate Series

◆◆ Pruning certificate, high quality pruning tools including a hand pruner, lopper, folding saw, leather gloves and more ◆◆

LUIS LEMUS, SENIOR COMMUNITY HORTICULTURALIST,
BRONX GREEN UP/NYBG

The Bronx Green-Up 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. One class will focus specifically on fruit tree pruning.

To receive a pruning certificate and tools you must attend the four classes listed below and 2 of the 3 Saturday, hands-on practice sessions in community gardens, to demonstrate what you have learned. Upon completion of all the above requirements, students will receive a set of high-quality pruning tools for use in their garden.

Space is limited - you must pre-register to attend these workshops. Register by calling Cara Monaco, 212-788-8062 or cara.monaco@parks.nyc.gov.

Required Classes 6-8pm BRONX
Thurs. Sep 27TH, Thurs. Oct 4TH
Thurs. Oct 11TH AND Fri. Oct 19TH

Hands-on Demos 10-1pm
Choose TWO Saturdays
Oct 27TH, Nov 10TH OR Nov 17TH

at New York Botanical Garden

Directions will be provided upon registering for the classes - call Cara Monaco at 212-788-8062 to register.

GreenThumb Approved Garden Structures

◆◆ Hammers, work gloves, GT approved guidelines handout ◆◆

EDIE STONE & LILLIAN REYES, GREENTHUMB,
AND JOSE M. SATO (CHEMA), CENTRO CULTURAL RINCON
CRIOLLO GARDEN

Ever wondered, "What can I build in my community garden?" GreenThumb has recently been issued guidelines from the Department of Buildings for acceptable structures in community gardens. Come hear the director of GT talk about how these guidelines will impact existing and future gazebos, casitas, shade pavilions and sheds. Lillian will discuss the ways GreenThumb is able to assist garden groups with structures in their gardens. Chema will discuss ways to adapt existing structures to meet the new guidelines.

Tues. Oct 9th 5:30-7pm BRONX

at Latinos Unidos Community Garden

427 East 157th Street b/t Elton & Melrose Aves
Subway: #2 or #5 train to 149th 3rd Ave, exit near Melrose Ave and 3rd Ave, go east on 3rd Ave towards E 149th St, turn left onto Elton Ave, turn left onto E 157th St
Bus: BX41 or BX2 to 157th Street & Melrose Ave.

Compost Bench Building

◆◆ Soil, compost, cleanfill requests, Compost bench kits ◆◆

GARY BAUM, CITY BEAUTIFUL CARPENTRY AND
HAROLD PAYNTER, GREENTHUMB

Come to a hands-on demonstration on how to build a bench with a compost bin built underneath. This is a great way to create seating in your garden while composting - especially useful for small community garden sites.

A limited number of compost bench kits (including lumber and hardware) will be available. Pre-registration is required if your garden wants a kit - call Cara Monaco, 212-788-8062 or cara.monaco@parks.nyc.gov. All registered garden groups are welcome to attend to order soil, compost or cleanfill.

Sat. Oct 13th 11am-1pm BROOKLYN

at New Dison Garden

590-594 Schenck Ave at Livonia Ave
Subway: #3 to Van Siclen Avenue, exit near intersection of Livonia Ave and Van Siclen, start out going east on Livonia Ave towards Hendrix St Bus: exit New Lots Ave & Barbey St, walk west 1 block on New Lots, turn right going north on Schenck Ave. B83 exit New Lots & Van Siclen, walk east on New Lots 2 blocks, turn left going north on Schenck Ave.

Community Compost Project Tour

◆◆ Soil, compost, cleanfill requests ◆◆

CHARLIE BAYRER, HOLLENBACK COMMUNITY GARDEN, BQLT
Want to compost more than just your garden's organic matter? Want to improve your garden's soil while you reduce the city's waste stream?

Come tour a community compost project in a BQLT / GreenThumb garden and learn advanced composting techniques from a fellow gardener. Charlie will discuss ways to shorten the nutrient cycle and turn waste into food.

Thurs. Oct 25th 5:30-7pm BROOKLYN

at Hollenback Community Garden

460 Washington Ave b/t Gates & Greene Aves
Subway: G or C to Clinton/Washington Bus: B52 runs along Gates exit on Washington, or B38 runs along Lafayette/DeKalb exit on Washington.

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Compost Givebacks

Department of Sanitation
(rain or shine)



NYC residents (sorry, no businesses) can receive unlimited amounts of **free, high-quality compost**. The compost is made from leaves that DSNY collects from City residents each fall. Bring a shovel and sturdy containers to take away compost. If you want your pickup truck filled, bring a tarp to cover the compost for transport. **Only vehicles registered to NYC addresses can pick up compost. No commercial vehicles allowed.**

Bronx: Soundview Composting Site,
Saturday & Sunday Oct 13 & 14, 2007, 8-2pm

Staten Island: Fresh Kills Composting Site,
Saturday & Sunday, Oct 20-21, 2007, 8-2pm

Brooklyn: No Compost Givebacks at Spring Creek

For more information please visit www.nyc.gov/wasteless
or call 718.817.8543 (Bronx) or 718.362.1010 (Staten Island)



Want to teach other
gardeners how to
raise Chickens?



If so, contact Owen at Just Food: 212.645.9880 x229.
<http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/chickens/>

GreenThumb Celebrates the Harvest

Join GreenThumb staff, Bronx Green-Up and Added Value in Brooklyn as we celebrate the bounty at the end of the growing season.

BRONX GREEN-UP'S

Festival Annual de la Cosecha

Sábado, 15 de septiembre, 1 - 5 p.m.

Comida (mientras este disponible)

Música

Actividades para los niños

Premios para los mejores:
vegetales y frutas, arreglos florales,
fotos de su jardín (debe registrarse
antes de las 2:30 p.m.)

Favor de confirmar su reservación,
llamando a 718.817.8026

Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 15, 1 - 5 p.m.

DREW GARDENS

West Farms Rd. and East Tremont Avenue,
V block east of Boston Rd. (Subway: 2 or 5
to West Farms Square/E. Tremont Ave.)

Food (while supplies last)

Music

Activities for Kids

Prizes for best: vegetables and fruits,
floral arrangements, garden photos
(no contest entries after 2:30 p.m.)
Please RSVP by calling 718.817.8026

ADDED VALUE

Fall is just around the corner, and as peaches give way to pumpkins GreenThumb is excited to announce that we will be supporting Added Value's 3rd Annual Harvest Festival.



Last year's Harvest Festival drew more than 1,600 people to the Red Hook Community Farm. This year the Harvest Festival is

scheduled for **Saturday, October 20th, 2007.**

The festival is free and open to the public and will feature an abundance of local food, great music and performances, educational booths, cooking demonstrations, contests, and games and more.

Put it on your calendar now and look for a postcard from us in early October.

Sat. Oct 20th 11am-4pm BROOKLYN
at Red Hook Community Farm

Subway and Bus:

A/C/F train to Jay Street Borough Hall Exit the station. Cross Jay St. and Pick up the B61 going towards Red Hook. Take the B61 to Van Brunt and Van Dyke Streets. Exit the bus and cross Van Brunt Street. Walk up Van Dyke three blocks to the Farm.

F/G to Smith and 9th Street. Exit the station to the rear of the train (there is only one exit in this station). Transfer to the B77 (right in front of the station) Take the B77 to Van Dyke and Dwight street. You'll find yourself in front of the Liberty Heights Taproom. Take a left crossing Dwight Street and proceed up Van Dyke to Red Hook Community Farm (one block walk).



Highlights from GreenThumb's Membership Development Workshop

HOSTED AND LED BY THE REVEREND LINNETTE
C. WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



A large crowd turned out for a workshop on membership development despite the threat of rain. After the workshop all registered garden groups represented at the workshop were eligible to receive \$50 Pathmark vouchers to purchase food for a community event in their garden.



Paul Joseph Coppa (left), Celia Moultrie (center) and Rev. Dorothy Omega led an interactive workshop and tour of the four green spaces managed by their association. All three workshop leaders facilitated a lively evening. Many great ideas were shared about how to strengthen a garden's membership and recruit new members.

WHY IS A LARGE AND HEALTHY MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT?

1. Establish a sense of community, involvement and ownership.
2. Increase the sustainability of the garden.
3. Help with garden maintenance (cleaning, weeding, etc).
4. Share gardening knowledge, bring in new ideas.
5. Meet requirements for GreenThumb registration.
6. Maintain garden for neighbors & children.
7. Preserve traditions of farming.
8. Help with open hours.
9. Help beautify the garden.
10. Assist with fund-raising.
11. Grow food for people.
12. Help organize events.
13. Build the garden's neighborhood network.

WHERE TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

1. Supermarkets
2. Your apartment building
3. Community board meetings
4. Religious institutions
5. Schools/PTA meetings
6. Community centers
7. Senior centers
8. Block associations
9. Parks
10. Local youth groups
11. Go door to door

HOW TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

1. Post flyers (bulletin boards, light-posts, etc)
2. Attend meetings, get on the agenda and make announcements
3. Write ads for a local publication
4. Use the internet to advertise
5. Word of mouth

BRONX GREEN-UP ROSE CUTTING WORKSHOP

Friday, September 21st,
5:30-7:30pm
















At the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at
The New York Botanical Garden, **Bronx**

Join Bronx Green-Up and NYBG's Rose Curator,
Peter Kukielski in the Rose Garden.

Learn how to take cuttings to propagate your own roses
and take some cuttings home.

Pre-registration required. To reserve your place, please contact
Bronx Green-Up at 718.817.8026 or bronxgreenup@nybg.org

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Our Calendar at a Glance



GreenThumb Workshops



Other Greening Group Events

Bronx Green-Up's Annual Harvest Fair

Sat. Sep. 15TH 1-5pm BRONX

Bronx Green-Up Rose Cutting Workshop

Fri. Sep. 21ST 5:30-7:30pm BRONX

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Pruning Certificate series

Ongoing Classes at NYBG BRONX

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GreenThumb Welcomes Our New Staff Members

Lillian Reyes, Citywide Outreach Coordinator



Many of you will see me and think I have been with GreenThumb for a long time since I have been attending so many GreenThumb workshops as a member of the Little Green Garden in the Bronx. I have always loved gardening, now I am more than just a gardener I am a GreenThumb Citywide Outreach Coordinator. I'm honored to join the GT staff as an OC. I hope to build on some of the relationships I formed in my community as a gardener. I am looking forward to meeting you all and working together to make a greener NY. I am interested in rain harvesting as well as solar systems for our gardens. See you in all the upcoming workshops.

Bilen Berhanu, Citywide Outreach Coordinator



I'm both thrilled and honored to join the GT staff as an OC this summer. I hope to build on some of the relationships I formed as the GTGT Conf. Coord. in March. I look forward to meeting and working with you all. I am interested in urban agriculture and developing the capacity of gardens to become sites of food production. I am finishing my MA in Social Sciences where I looked at the role of gardens in the community food security movement. I am also a member of a collective that operates Bluestockings Bookstore (www.bluestockings.com), which is an independent bookstore, activist space and fair trade cafe in the Lower East Side. Please come visit at 172 Allen Street!

Start a farmers' market in your community!

¡Empieza un mercado de los granjeros en su comunidad!

The City Farms Markets:

- are vibrant, diverse, and community-led,
- offer fruits and vegetables from community gardens and regional farms,
- provide fresh, healthy food for your neighbors!

Just Food:

- can help your garden group to start and run community-based farmers markets
- can introduce your garden group to other community-led farmers markets.

For questions or information about starting and running a farmers market:
contact: Lindsay Clark 212.645.9880 x230,
Or: lindsay@justfood.org

Would Your Garden Like to Host a Workshop?



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The City Farms program of Just Food has a network of skilled garden trainers who can lead workshops for your garden and your community to grow skills and grow more food.

Available workshops include: Market and Garden Planning, Seed Starting, Soil Preparation, Planting Your Garden, Community Food Security, Cooking and Canning and many others.

If you are interested, please call Owen at Just Food: 212.645.9880 x229 to set up the workshops.

Check our website for upcoming garden workshops!
<http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops/>

The City Farms program at Just Food is committed to growing more food in NYC and getting that food to our neighbors.

GreenThumb's Deputy Director, Susan Fields, says Goodbye



Susan Fields (r) talking about her favorite subject - the GreenThumb Program Guide! - with Glenis Holder wearing her Adventures in the Arts hat, during a workshop held at the Creative Little Garden in Manhattan.

After 6+ years with GreenThumb, I have many great memories of working in New York City's community gardens. When I joined GreenThumb, most gardens were still legally considered temporary, today most are protected as permanent community gardens!

One of my favorite projects was creating the GreenThumb Quarterly Program guides. This combined community education and resource distribution program allows garden groups to equitably access supplies while learning from experts on various topics. Many thanks to all the community gardeners and greening professionals who generously

volunteered their time to teach. And a big thank you to all the groups who graciously hosted workshops in their beautiful gardens.

Other highlights of my time with GreenThumb were watching the installation of 30+ rainwater harvesting systems, the annual GrowTogether Conference and all the great musical and arts performances in gardens. I look forward to the continued blossoming of GreenThumb's work to support urban agriculture, market gardening, city chickens, alternative energy in gardens and Adventures in the Arts! And with a million new trees being planted in our city in the coming years, I know community gardeners will take the lead in teaching others how to care for the green spaces in their neighborhoods.

I wish I had time to visit each one of your gardens to personally say goodbye and thank you for sharing your wisdom and knowledge with me. I am happy to share the news that on September 17th I will join the staff of Brooklyn GreenBridge, the community environmental horticultural program of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. I welcome calls, visits and updates on how your garden is growing.

Green blessings, Susan



City of New York Parks & Recreation and GreenThumb

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