Teachers from Grow to Learn schools selected to participate in the USDA’s Student Farmer Program gather on Governor’s Island at GrowNYC’s Teaching Garden. The group learned advanced gardening techniques and ways to engage students with healthy foods through the School Food’s Garden to Café Program. Photo by Matthew Melore | GreenThumb

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

Seeds • Soil • Compost • Mulch Requests (For Fall Delivery) • Lumber Requests (For Fall Delivery) • Seed Starting Kits
Plant Starts • Pallets • Vertical Gardening Books • Native Plants

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, canceled only in the event of lightning or other dangerous conditions. All supplies are for registered gardens only and are available while supplies last.

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## Event Calendar

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32nd Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether

You are invited to join thousands of community gardeners and greening professionals from all over New York City for a day of learning, sharing, networking and greening inspiration at the 32nd Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether! Please pass this information out to the rest of your garden group and anyone else who might be interested. This year’s conference features favorite workshops from past years, as well as exciting new ones, including many hands-on workshops for youth gardeners.

Saturday, March 19th
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Hostos Community College
450 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10451

Train: 2, 4 or 5 to 149th Street
Bus: BX1 or cross-town BX19 to 149th Street
(Eugenio María de Hostos Boulevard and the Grand Concourse)

Pre-register by March 14th
$5 = breakfast + workshops + lunch + t-shirt

Register at the door on March 19th
$7 = breakfast + workshops

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2471358

PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL:
Fill out the form on page 11 and mail the completed form with your check/money order to: City Parks Foundation/GreenThumb by MARCH 9th to guarantee breakfast, lunch, conference participation and t-shirt.

*If you do not pre-register, you are not guaranteed lunch or a t-shirt

For more information go to:
www.greenthumbnyc.org
#GreenThumbGrowTogether
Starting Seeds in a Greenhouse or Indoors

New York Botanical Garden and GreenThumb Staff

Get gardening early by starting your seeds in a greenhouse or sunny window. We’ll walk you through the steps of sowing, go over what healthy seedlings need to grow into mature crops, and document the process by keeping good records.

**Supplies:** Vegetable, flower and herb seeds and seed starting kits.

**Saturday, March 5th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
BRONX
Model T Community Garden
1312 Bristow St.
**Bus:** Bx21 to Boston Road/Prospect Ave.
**Train:** 5 or 2 train to Freeman St.

Vertical Gardening I: Pallet Planters

Grow to Learn and GreenThumb Staff

In this vertical gardening series you will learn how to transform recycled pallets into vertical gardening structures. Pallet planters provide a fantastic way to add green to walls and small spaces.

**Supplies:** Pallets and vertical gardening book.

**Wednesday March 9th | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
MANHATTAN
Seward Park Community Center
56 Essex St.
**Train:** J, Z or M to Essex St., F to Delancey St., or B/D to Grand St.
**Bus:** M9 to Essex St./Grand St., M15-SBS to Allen St./Grand St.

Intro to Horticulture

NYC Parks Academy and GreenThumb Staff

Join us as we learn how NYC Parks designs, plants, and maintains its beautiful urban flora while gaining valuable tips for your community garden plot and personal garden. New gardeners, as well as experienced gardeners, are welcome to this workshop.

**Supplies:** Seed packets.

**Wednesday, March 16th | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Job Corps
585 Dekalb Ave.
**Train:** G to Bedford Ave./Nostrand Ave.
**Bus:** B38 to Lafayette Ave./Nostrand Ave. or B44 to Dekalb Ave.

Grow Your Garden Group

GreenThumb Staff

As we enter a new growing season, let’s take some time to reflect on our efforts in supporting our neighborhoods and the community gardens within them. Are you interested in increasing programming and/or membership? By having membership procedures and agreements in place, it will be very easy to welcome new folks. If you are having trouble getting folks to visit or stop by, what better way to draw them in with an exciting event. We will go over successful event planning tips. We encourage groups to share their challenges and successes so we can learn from each other.

**Saturday, March 26th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
MANHATTAN
Carver Community Garden
240 East 124th St.
**Train:** 4, 5 or 6 to 125th St.
**Bus:** M35 to 124th St. and 2nd Ave. or Bx15, M15, M100, M15-SBS, M60-SBS to 2nd Ave. and 125th St.
Potato Planting
GreenThumb Staff

Potatoes come in all shapes and colors. Learn the secrets to planting these underground wonders with an opportunity to dig in the dirt.

Saturday, April 2nd | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
QUEENS
Edgemere Farm
378 Beach 45th St.
Queens, NY 11691
Train: A to Far Rockaway Beach 44th St.
Bus: Q22 to Beach Channel Drive/Beach 44th St.

Vertical Gardening II: Living Walls
Grow to Learn and GreenThumb Staff

In this vertical gardening series you will learn how to make your own living wall pouch to install on your garden fence, wall, or structure. Using felt, living wall pouches provide a fantastic way to add green to walls and small spaces.

Supplies: Vertical gardening book.

Thursday, April 7th | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
QUEENS
LIC Roots Community Garden
29-08 47th Ave.
Train: 7 to 33rd St. E, M, R to Queens Plaza, Or G to Court Square
Bus: B60 or Q32 to Queens Blvd./Skillman Ave. or Q39 to Thompson Ave./Skillman Ave.

Fruit Tree Pruning
GreenThumb Staff

Early April is a great time to prune your stone fruits (cherries, peaches, plums and apricots). Learn how to prune fruit trees to improve production and protect tree health at this community garden. We will first demonstrate and explain the techniques, then assist as you prune on your own.

Thursday, April 7th | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
BRONX
Little Green Garden/Rock Garden
422 East 160th St.
Train: 2 or 5 to 149th 3rd Ave.
Bus: BX21/BX15 to 3rd Ave./East 157th St.

Feral Cat Caretaker Certificate
NYC Feral Cat Initiative, ASPCA and GreenThumb Staff

Learn the basics of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and colony care in this hands-on workshop. Attending a TNR certification workshop is the first step to gain the knowledge and skills needed to help the feral and stray community cats in your garden. Upon completion of the workshop, you will become a Certified TNR Caretaker and be eligible for free or low-cost spay/neuter, trap loans, transportation for cats and traps, educational and networking events, newsletters, community outreach materials, and other services and support.

Saturday, April 9th | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
United Community Center
613 New Lots Avenue
Train: 3 to New Lots Avenue
Bus: BM5 to Ashford St./Linden Blvd. or B6 to Livonia Ave./Ashford St.
Building SIPS in Raised Beds  
*Just Food and GreenThumb Staff*

Learn how to build your own Sub-Irrigation Planting System (SIPS) in a raised bed. SIPS water from below and allow plants to absorb moisture more efficiently, which saves water and helps plants build strong root systems.

**Supplies:** Soil and Lumber Request Forms (For Fall Delivery)  
**Tuesday, April 19th | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
BROOKLYN  
Union St. Garden & Community Development  
970 Union St.  
**Train:** 2, 3, 4 or 5 to Franklin Ave.  
**Bus:** B45 to St. Johns Place/Classon Ave. or B48 to Franklin Ave./Union St.

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Healthy Soil  
For Healthy Plants  
*GreenThumb Staff*

Want to learn how to keep your plants growing strong this season? Plant health is usually directly linked to the health of the soil it is growing in. We will cover soil health basics. Included in this will be 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 its health, thereby getting your plants well nourished and viable.

**Supplies:** Soil Request Forms (For Fall Delivery)  
**Saturday, April 23rd | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
MANHATTAN  
Garden of Love  
302 West 116th St.  
**Train:** B or C to 116th St.  
**Bus:** M10, M7, M116 to 116th St. and Frederick Douglass Blvd., M3 to 116th St. and Manhattan Ave.

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Beneficial Insects  
*GreenThumb Staff*

Some people think that all insects are pests and are a threat to your garden plants, but did you ever wonder if there might be insects that help the garden? This workshop will uncover insects that play a critical role in the life cycles of your garden plants from those that pollinate your vegetable and fruit crops to others that prey on herbivores and other harmful insects. Participants will be able to learn about the life cycles and biology of two particular species of beneficial insects and have an opportunity to take them to their gardens where they may be released.

**Friday, April 22nd | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
MANHATTAN  
City Hall Park Demo Garden  
52 Chambers St.  
**Train:** 4, 5, 6, to Brooklyn Bridge, 2 or 3 to Park Place, A or C to Chambers St., J, Z to Chambers St. or N, R to City Hall

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Raised Bed Design III:  
3 Tier Planter  
*GreenThumb Staff*

Learn how to build a 3 tier raised bed that is more accessible for seniors and those with limited mobility. This workshop will be hands-on and gardeners are welcome to join in.

**Supplies:** Lumber request forms (For Fall Delivery)  
**Sunday, April 24th | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
MANHATTAN  
M’Finda Kalunga Garden  
179 Chrystie St.  
**Train:** J, Z to Bowery, F to 2nd Ave., B, D to Grand St.
Rodent and Insect Prevention

Land Restoration Project and GreenThumb Staff

An overview of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), focusing on how to deal with insects and rodents in gardens. See what techniques Land Restoration Project/GreenThumb uses, as well as simple things you can do in your own garden. Afterward we will do some IPM in the garden.

Thursday, April 28th | 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BRONX
Townsend Garden
1735 Walton Ave.
Train: 4 to 176th St., B, D to 174-175th St.
Bus: Bx32 to East 175th St./Walton Ave. or Bx1, Bx2, to Grand Concourse / Morris Ave.

Structure Maintenance

GreenThumb Staff

Have you ever wondered, “What can I build in my community garden?” GreenThumb has guidelines from the Department of Buildings for acceptable structures in community gardens. GreenThumb staff will talk about how these guidelines will impact existing and future gazebos, casitas, shade pavilions and sheds. Staff will also discuss the ways GreenThumb is able to assist garden groups with structures in their gardens and ways to adapt existing structures to meet the new guidelines.

Monday, April 18th | 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
BRONX
Family Group Garden
419 East 158th St.
Train: 2 or 5 to 149th St./3rd Ave.
Bus: BX41 to 157th St. and Melrose Ave. or Bx21/Bx15 to 3rd Ave./East 157th St.

Vertical Gardening III: Converted Verticals

Grow to Learn and GreenThumb Staff

In this vertical gardening series you will learn how to create planters from recycled containers. Reused tin cans and water bottles provide a fantastic way to add green to walls and small spaces.

Supplies: Vertical gardening books

Wednesday, May 4th | 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Gardens Elementary
574 Dumont Ave.
Enter on Dumont Ave. Picture ID is required for anyone entering the school.
Train: 3 to Pennsylvania Ave., L to Livonia Ave.
Bus: B20 or B83 Pennsylvania Ave./Dumont Ave.
Plant Starts Giveaway

Get your veggie transplants at our annual giveaway, plus tips on square foot gardening. All supplies are for registered GreenThumb community gardens only and are available by RSVP while supplies last. One site pick-up only. Please RSVP by calling 212-602-5300 or by visiting www.greenthumbnyc.org.

**Supplies:** Plant starts

**Saturday, May 7th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**BRONX**
Melrose New Generation Garden
377 East 160th St.
Train: 2 or 5 to 149th St. and 3rd Ave.
Bus: Bx6, Bx41 to Melrose Ave./East 161st St.

**Saturday, May 21st | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**QUEENS**
GreenThumb Compound (Long Island City)
Queens Plaza South and 10th St.
Train: 7, Q or N to Queensboro Plaza, E, R or M to Queens Plaza
Bus: Q32 to 28th St., B62 or Q39 to Queens Plaza South, B32 to 45th Ave.

Gardeners pick up new plant starts at Hattie Carthan Community Garden in Brooklyn. Photo by Phillip Kester | GreenThumb
The Power of Herbs
GreenThumb Staff

Companion planting is growing garden plants together that have complementary requirements and so do not compete for light, water, or other resources. Good companion planting results in better growth of each plant. Many herbs are good companions: they are beneficial to pollinators, give off essential oils that repel pests and don’t require too much water. Come to the workshop to learn more!

Wednesday, May 11th | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
Franklin Memorial Garden
1060 Cauldwell Ave.
Train: 2, 5 to Prospect Ave.
Bus: Bx21 to Boston Road/E. 165th St.

Event Planning For Volunteer Work Days
GreenThumb Staff

Do you want to learn how to plan an event that will also improve your community garden space? Come out and join us at El Flamboyan for an event planning workshop, fruit tree pruning, volunteer work day, and a cookout to celebrate at the end of the day.

Saturday, May 14th | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
BRONX
El Flamboyan
586 Tinton Ave.
Train: 6 to East 149th St. or 2 or 5 to Jackson Ave.
Bus: Bx19 to 149th St. & Southern Blvd., Bx4 to Westchester Ave. & Tinton Ave., Bx17 to 149th St. & Prospect Ave.

THE GREENTHUMB YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL is a great opportunity for anyone who is 14-21 years old to participate in community gardens throughout the five boroughs. Youth should expect to learn how to identify plants, grow and cultivate vegetables, how to manage a composting system and learn all that goes into gardening in an urban environment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
April 30, 2016

FOR A COMPLETE APPLICATION OR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Matthew Melore at matthew.melore@parks.nyc.gov.
Brick Laying/BBQ Pit Construction

GreenThumb Staff

Don’t know what to do with the bricks in your garden? You can’t beat the taste of barbecued meat cooked on an open fire. Forget rushing to the garden center to buy an expensive barbecue — set aside one day and you can have your own stylish brick barbecue. Learn the basics of safe construction and what is allowed in your community garden.

Wednesday, May 18th | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BRONX
La Isla Community Garden
98 W. 163rd St.
Train: 4 or D to 161st St. – Yankee Stadium
Bus: Bx13 to Ogden Ave./West 162nd St.

Marvelous Mushrooms

GreenThumb Staff

Fungi can be helpful in your garden and delicious in the kitchen. This class offers a peek into the fungi kingdom at large and addresses do it yourself indoor growing and cultivation methods with the option to transfer your fungi to your outdoor garden. In addition to a demonstration of basic propagation techniques, the class offers resources for finding mushroom materials to work with as you set about on your homegrown mycological pursuits.

Saturday, May 21st | 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
QUEENS
Smiling Hogshead Ranch
25-30 Skillman Ave.
Train: G to Court Square, 7 to Hunters Point Ave.
Bus: Q67 to 49th Ave./25th St. or Q39 to Thompson Ave./Skillman Ave.

Weed Walk: Plant ID

GreenThumb Staff

A weed is just a plant out of place. If we know which weeds are in and around our garden, we may put some of them to productive use. Join us for a stroll to begin identifying those weeds.

Thursday, May 26th | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BRONX
La Finca Del Sur/South Bronx Farmers
250 138th St. and Grand Concourse St.
Train: 4 or 5 to 138th St. or 6 to 3rd Ave./138th St.
Bus: Bx15, Bx32, Bx33 to East 138th St./Lincoln Ave. or Bx1, Bx2, Bx21 to 3rd Ave./East 138th St.
32nd Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Mail In Registration

Please print clearly. The cost is $5 per person; kids 12 and under are free. Send check or money order, payable to “City Parks Foundation/GreenThumb.” If you are also signing up for bus service, please return the bus form with the registration.

MAIL TO: GreenThumb GrowTogether, Arsenal, 830 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10065

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For those gardeners from Brooklyn who would prefer to take a bus, GreenThumb has scheduled bus pickups in several locations throughout Brooklyn. Departure is at 8:00 a.m. Without a reservation, you will not be guaranteed a seat on the bus. To reserve your space on a bus, check off which site you will depart from, and return this form with your GrowTogether registration.

☐ Brooklyn Bears Pacific Street Garden, corner of Flatbush Avenue and Pacific Street
☐ Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, between Utica Avenue and Schenectady Avenue
☐ Thomas Jefferson High School, 400 Pennsylvania Avenue, between Dumont and Blake Avenues

Your Name: ____________________________ Garden Name: ____________________________

Address: ______________________________

Telephone (day): ______________________ (evening): ____________________________

Number of attendees taking the bus, including yourself: ______

Questions? Call GreenThumb at 212.602.5300.
Be Greener!

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

GreenThumb helps to cultivate a new generation of urban farmers at our 31st Annual GrowTogether Conference in 2015. Photo by Malcolm Pinckney | NYC Parks

More than 150 workshops are given by GreenThumb each year.