



GreenThumb's 2010 Fall Program Guide

SEPTEMBER ♦ OCTOBER ♦ NOVEMBER



Kids making fresh salsa and fruit salad at the Youth Food Demo workshop at Generation X Cultural Garden in the Lower East Side. The workshop demonstrated healthy, fresh youth friendly recipes using produce from the garden.

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



- ♦♦ Canning Materials ♦♦
- ♦♦ School Garden Season Extension Materials ♦♦
- ♦♦ Soil/Compost/Cleanfill/Mulch ♦♦
- ♦♦ Cover Crop Seed ♦♦
- ♦♦ Assorted Bulbs ♦♦ Seed Saving Materials ♦♦



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.

Upcoming Workshops

◆◆ For available supplies look for this symbol ◆◆

September



Yes, You Can...Can!

with Classie Parker, Just Food Trainer

Learn techniques to preserve your harvest all year long! Use mason jars, a hot water bath and your delicious home grown vegetables to make irresistible foods you can eat in the colder months, or that you can give as tasty and beautiful gifts. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food (www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops).

◆◆ Canning materials ◆◆

Tuesday, September 7 5:30pm - 7pm

BRONX

Jardin la Roca / The Rock Garden
160 Elton Ave b/t E 159 and E 160th

Directions

Subway: 2 or 5 to 3rd Ave/149th St

Bus: BxM4A bus to Grand Concourse/E 161st St

Season Extension for Schools

with Rasheed Hislop, GreenThumb

Come learn about the benefits of materials you can use to protect your plants from the cold and wind later in the season. We will demonstrate how easy it is to set up a cold frame, a mini hoop house or greenhouse and how to use natural, safe methods to keep plants warm and healthy well into the frost period. We will also cover the importance of plant selection in extending the season. This will allow you to continue reaping a harvest when outside temperatures drop. Finally, this will show school gardeners how to keep their students and entire school community engaged in the garden throughout the entire school year.

Attendees should bring a vehicle to the workshop or arrange to pick up supplies at a later date from the GT Compound.

Schools gardens only. Pre-registration required.

For more info or to register call (212) 788-8062

◆◆ Wire, plastic sheets, cold frame kits, mini greenhouses ◆◆

Wednesday, September 29 5:30pm - 7pm

BROOKLYN

P.S. 217 School Garden
1100 Newkirk Ave b/t Coney Island Ave and Westminster Rd

Directions

Subway: B or Q to Newkirk Avenue, walk 4 blocks west on Newkirk Ave, the garden will be on your left.

Bus: B8 to Coney Island & Newkirk Aves, walk 1 block east on Newkirk Ave, garden will be on your right

Bronx Green-Up's

Festival Anual de la Cosecha
Sábado, 18 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.)

Para reservar su espacio, por favor de contactar a Bronx Green-Up a través del 718.817.8026 o bronxgreenup@nybg.org

Annual Harvest Festival
Saturday, September 18, 1-5 p.m.

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.)

To reserve your space, please contact Bronx Green-Up at
718.817.8026 or bronxgreenup@nybg.org

La Finca del Sur

(E. 138th Street and Grand Concourse)
(Subway: 4 or 5 to 138th Street)



Community Composting

with Andrew Hoyles, LES Ecology Center

This backyard composting workshop will get you all ready to start converting your yard/garden waste and kitchen scraps into a rich organic fertilizer to feed back to your plants, just like nature intended! Workshop will cover composting basics, set-up options, compost application, and troubleshooting. NYC-specific composting issues will also be addressed.

◆◆ Soil/Compost/Cleanfill/Mulch Requests
(for Spring 2011 delivery) ◆◆

Tuesday, October 12 5:30pm - 7:30pm
MANHATTAN

La Plaza Cultural de Armando Perez
632-650 E 9th Street at Avenue C

Directions

Subway: F to 2nd Avenue/Lower East Side

Bus: M08 to E 10 St - Ave C or M09 to AveC - E 10 St

Seed Saving

with Rasheed Hislop, GreenThumb

We can save money and get more quality from our harvests when we save seeds. We will go over the basics of harvesting and drying seeds and also go over some more advanced topics including cataloging, selecting the best varieties and leaving certain plants in the ground to allow seeds to mature. This is a fun workshop for the youth, feel free to bring along a junior gardener.

◆◆ Seed Saving Materials and Book◆◆

Thursday, October 21 5:30 - 7pm
QUEENS

Better Community Civic Association
154-1 115th Drive Queens b/t Sutphin Blvd and 155th St.
Directions

Subway: J to Jamaica & Sutphin Aves. And transfer to the Q6 towards North Boundary Rd. Start out going north

Bus: Q6 to 116th Drive, walk 1 block north on Sutphin Blvd, make a right onto 115th Dr

Reap the Benefits of Cover Crops!

with Ursula Chanse, Bronx Green-Up, The New York Botanical Garden

Learn how to rejuvenate your soil. Join us in preparing garden beds for winter by using cover crops.

◆◆ Cover Crop Seeds ◆◆

Wednesday, October 27 10am - 12pm
BROOKLYN

Garden of Life

1685 Weeks Avenue at E 173rd St.

Directions

Subway: Take the 4 to Woodlawn. Exit near intersection of Jerome Ave. and Mt Eden Pkwy. Start out going East on Mt Eden Pkwy towards Townsend Ave. Turn left onto Grand Concourse. Turn right onto E 173rd St Turn left onto Weeks Ave

Bus: BX1 or BX2 Get off at Mt Eden Pky Turn left onto Grand Concourse. Turn right onto E 173rd St Turn left onto Weeks Ave

Farm City Fair Sunday, September 12

from 11am–5pm

The Invisible Dog Art Center
51 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY

The Fair is a wild new take on the traditional County Fair. Join us for a day-long celebration of art and food in Brooklyn! Festivities engage all the senses: hear live music performed by local marching band Asphalt Orchestra; taste food prepared by local chefs; view specially commissioned work by local artists; get a feel for materials needed to produce your own food in workshops; browse a marketplace with some of Brooklyn's small-batch artisanal food purveyors; and cap it off with a Brooklyn Food Experiments cook-off competition and the traditional GreenThumb

Blue Ribbon Harvest Contest!

Part of Crossing the Line, the fall festival of the French Institute Alliance Française (FI AF).

For more info and contest details go to:

www.greenthumbnyc.org or www.fiaf.org

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November



Bulb Giveaway

with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up a selection of spring flowering bulbs for fall planting at our office. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold bulbs for anyone. Please bring ID to enter the building.

Please note: This is only for registered GreenThumb garden groups. One giveaway per group. If you are planning to pick up for more than one garden group you must call by Tuesday, November 2 to confirm with Lillian Reyes 212-788-8065

◆◆ Assorted Bulbs ◆◆

Thursday, November 4

10 - 6pm

MANHATTAN

GreenThumb Office

49 Chambers Street, Rm 1020 b/t Broadway and Elk St

Directions

Subway: J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St

Bus: M22 or X15 to Civic Ctr/Chambers St

farming concrete

Are you a community gardener who grows food?
Ever wonder just how much food your garden grows?
Find out, and help preserve community gardens across the five boroughs while you're at it.

"We at ___ COMMUNITY GARDEN GREW ___
POUNDS OF FOOD IN ___ SQUARE FEET,
SERVING ___# PEOPLE, WHICH IS WORTH
\$___ AND SAVED APPROXIMATELY ___
POUNDS OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
FROM ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE."

Fill in the blanks for your community garden.

Host an info session to find out more about what you can do. There are several ways to get involved, from drawing plot-maps to weighing your harvest.

Contact gardens@farmingconcrete.com or
(908) 787-2711 for more info.

To volunteer to help with outreach and mapping,
email volunteer@farmingconcrete.com
www.farmingconcrete.com



Attendees of the Hands-On Street Tree Care Clinic at Prospect Heights Community Farm in Brooklyn this past June.

As part of the MillionTreesNYC Stewardship program, these GreenThumb workshops promote the amazing benefits of street trees and provide great hands-on tree care practice.

See page 7 for information on future workshops and how you can get involved!

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Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities

with Hannah Shayler and Healthy Soils,
Healthy Communities project team

Updates on the soil testing to date and news about
upcoming project activities.

◆◆ Soil/Compost/Cleanfill/Mulch Requests (for Spring 2011 delivery) ◆◆

Saturday, November 20 **5:30pm - 7pm**
BROOKLYN

Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Ave b/t Carroll and President Sts

Directions

Subway: 2 or 3 to Eastern Parkway—Brooklyn
Museum station; B or Q to Prospect Park station; 4
or 5 to Franklin Avenue; S shuttle to Prospect Park
station.

Bus: Flatbush Ave B41 to Empire Blvd; Prospect-
Lefferts Gardens/ Greenpoint B43 to Empire Blvd/
Washington Ave; St. Johns Place B45 to Washington
Ave; Bay Ridge B16 to Empire Blvd. Walk 1 block
east and turn left on Washington Ave

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

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Back to School News


Mayor Bloomberg and Rachel Ray Announce funding for School Garden Initiative

On Thursday May 13, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and famed TV
chef, Rachael Ray teamed up to announce the funding for a
School Garden Initiative (SGI) for the City of New York.
Rachael Ray's Yum-o! foundation donated money to help the
SGI get going and back in April Mario Batali held a special
dinner to raise additional funding. The SGI represents a
partnership between several city agencies, state departments
and non-profits including GreenThumb, Grow NYC, the New
York State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets and the Office of
School Food at the NYC Department of Education. The
initiative aims to support school gardening efforts across the five
boroughs with materials, grants, a brand new website and an
expansion of the Garden to Caf  Program which allows youth to
reap from their gardens and feed their whole school during a
special harvest day in the cafeteria. GreenThumb will continue
to support school gardens with materials and workshops and by
working with all New Yorkers to give every willing school an
opportunity to grow greener and healthier one seed at a time.




SEPTEMBER

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FALL WORKSHOP CALENDAR



GreenThumb
Workshops & Events



Greening Partners

Yes, you Can...Can!

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BROOKLYN

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11am & 12:45pm

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BROOKLYN

A Million Ways to Get Involved

MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Corps

As part of the MillionTreesNYC campaign, GreenThumb is continuing our series of workshops focused on the value of street trees and how to care for them. At these workshops, you will:

- Learn about all of the amazing benefits and interesting facts of street trees

- Have hands-on practice taking care of street trees

- Receive a free set of street tree care supplies

- Get the latest information on requesting new trees, adopting trees on your block, and becoming a member of the MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Corps

- ... And don't forget to join us for lunch in the garden!

See the full workshop descriptions and dates below. For more information call (212) 788-8070.

Morning Workshop

11am - 12pm

'That Tree Saved My Life' Game Show

Compete to win while learning about the many benefits of trees. Have fun while showing off your street tree savvy, and leave with all the tools you'll need to care for the trees in your neighborhood. Bring along friends and fellow gardeners to learn about the MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Corps, and join us afterwards for lunch in the garden.

◆◆ Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Trowels, Gloves, Trash Bags, MillionTreesNYC Tree Care Handbook ◆◆

Followed by lunch in the garden

12pm -12:45pm

Saturday, September 18

MANHATTAN

Maggie's Garden

1574 Lexington Ave b/t E 101st & E 100th Sts

Bus: M101, M102, or M103 bus along Lexington Ave to E 101st St.

Subway: Take the 6 to the E 103rd Street Station.

Saturday, October 9

BROOKLYN

Euclid 500 Block Association Garden

532 Euclid Avenue between Belmont & Sutter Avenues

Subway: Take the A or C train to the Euclid Ave Station. Walk south on Euclid Ave towards Belmont Ave

Bus: Take the B13 bus to Euclid Ave & Belmont Ave Bus stops right in front of garden.

Afternoon Workshop

12:45pm - 2:15pm

Hands-On Street Tree Care Clinic

Get your hands a little dirty learning how to care for and beautify the street trees on your block. This clinic will cover all the basics including how to improve soil, watering tips, strategies for discouraging litter and pets, safe tree guard design, and planting a street tree bed garden. After the demonstration, you will have a chance for hands-on practice.

◆◆ Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Trowels, Gloves, Aprons, MillionTreesNYC Tree Care Handbook, Plant Material for Tree Bed Planting ◆◆

Saturday, November 6

BRONX

Wanaqua Garden

460-464 E. 136th Street, between Brown Place & Willis Ave

Bus: Take the BX33 to Brook Ave & E 138th St. Or take the BX15 to Willis Ave & E 138th St. Walk south towards E 136th St. Garden is b/t Brook Ave & Willis Ave

Subway: Take the 6 train to Brook Ave Station. Walk south on Brook Ave to E 136th St and turn right.



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

The program guide & events calendar is online!

greenthumbnyc.org/gardenevents.html

GreenThumb's online events calendar has all of the workshops in this program guide as well as upcoming events in community gardens across the city.

If your garden group is having an event and would like it on the events calendar, let us know!

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City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation
Michael R. Bloomberg, *Mayor*
Adrian Benepe, *Parks Commissioner*
Edie Stone, *Director of GreenThumb*



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Founding member and garden president, Margaret McQuillar, was presented with her very own personalized Mets game jersey by the New York Mets manager Jerry Manuel pitcher R.A. Dickey, outfielder Angel Pagan and owner Jeff Wilpon. This gift culminated an NYC Service Day in which over 70 volunteers worked alongside the Mets and Mayor Bloomberg to restore and beautify Pleasant Village Community Garden in East Harlem.

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