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

- Seeds
- Plant Starts
- Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request (for fall delivery)

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 first come, first served, while supplies last.
Seed Giveaway

Pick up vegetable, fruit, flower, and herb seeds for the upcoming season! For registered GreenThumb gardens only. A limit to the number of seeds per group will be determined by how many seeds we receive.

Recibes semillas de frutas, vegetales, flores y hierbas para su grupo de jardinería.

Supplies: Assorted Seeds

Wednesday, April 2nd 10am - 6pm

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GreenThumb Office
49 Chambers St Room 1020

Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51.
Train: J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall station; R to City Hall station; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St. station.

Plant Starts Giveaway

Since 2002, GreenThumb has contracted with Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital’s Urban Oasis program to grow out vegetable starts for distribution to community gardens. This program is a horticultural therapy project that grows tasty vegetables while supporting the growth and well being of its clients. Thanks to this partnership, GreenThumb is able to distribute organic, non-GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) plants in unique varieties unavailable in your local nursery. Come tour the facility, including a commercial greenhouse and urban agriculture site. Learn about the Urban Oasis program and meet the growers. After the tour, hundreds of tasty vegetable plants will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available on-site, see directions below.

Supplies: Plant Starts (Veggies & Herbs)

Saturday, May 18th 10am - 1pm

Brooklyn Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital’s Urban Oasis
681 Clarkson Ave, between Albany & Utica Aves

Bus: B12 to corner of Clarkson & Albany Aves. Train: Take the 2 or 5 to Winthrop St Station. Walk south two blocks to Clarkson Ave, then turn left & walk eight blocks to entrance at E 43rd St.

How to Build a 3-Bin Compost System

Get ready for hands-on learning! We will construct a 3-Bin Compost System and learn the basics of composting garden and food waste to make the soil in your garden burst with healthy fruits and vegetables.

Supplies: Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request for Fall Delivery

Saturday, April 13th 10am - 12pm

176th St Community Garden
110 West 176th St at Walton Ave, Bronx

Bus: BX 17. Train: 4

Saturday, May 11th 10am - 12pm

Powell Street Garden, corner of Powell St and Livonia Ave, Brooklyn

Train: 3 to Junius Street or the L to Livonia.

Membership Update

GreenThumb Staff

Please continue to send your updated membership lists to our office! You can email us your garden contact list and please make sure at least one of the garden’s Contact Persons has a valid email.

City Chicken Institute

Brooklyn Farmyards

Cluck, cluck, cluck – chickens have many uses, especially in New York City! Come learn in these interactive workshops about the benefits of raising chickens in an urban setting. All materials provided free of charge.

2nd Thursdays, April – October 5:30pm - 6:30pm

April 11 – Beginner: Introduction to Urban Chicken Keeping
May 9 – Advanced: Health Inspections and Solutions

Imani Community Garden
87-91 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn
Greening Partner Events

Grow More Vegetables Certificate Series

The Grow More Vegetables Certificate Series is an edible gardening course designed to equip community gardeners, teachers, and city residents with the best organic techniques for growing vegetables safely and effectively, particularly in an urban setting. The program consists of six classes, both in the classroom and with hands-on gardening instruction in the field. The Queens Botanical Garden, and Just Food in Manhattan will each host a Certificate series in their respective boroughs. Be advised that there is an application process for this Certificate series; preference will be given to community, school, and resident gardeners of the specific borough. For more information, e-mail greg@justfood.org for the Manhattan series. For the Queens series, download the Queens Botanical Garden application at

www.queensbotanical.org/programs/GrowMoreVegetables

Thursdays, April 4th - May 9th  6pm - 8pm
*Queens series will be held on six Thursdays

Queens Botanical Garden Education Building
43-50 Main Street

Mondays, May 6 - June 17th  6pm - 8pm
*Manhattan series will be held on six Mondays

Just Food Offices
1055 Avenue of the Americas 3rd floor

Butterfly Project NYC Native Plant Giveaway and Workshop

Join Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden and the Butterfly Project NYC to learn more about the connections between native plants and pollinators and how to encourage them in urban landscapes. Plants will be available for planting in schoolyards, community gardens, and other public spaces while supplies last. To RSVP, e-mail info@butterflyprojectnyc.org. For more information, visit the Butterfly Project

www.butterflyprojectnyc.org

Supplies: Assorted Plants

Saturday, May 11th  11am - 1pm
La Finca Del Sur
E. 138th St. and Grand Concourse

Fruit Tree Care Workshop

Join Bronx Green-Up and NYRP for a workshop on fruit tree care. We’ll cover pruning techniques, tree planting and seasonal methods for keeping your trees healthy and productive.

Saturday, March 2nd  2pm - 3:30 p.m.
Clinton Community Garden
Prospect Avenue and East 179th Street in the Bronx

Just Food Conference 2013

This annual conference offers opportunities for the public, food professionals, entrepreneurs, job seekers, CSA members, community organizers and farmers to come together for two days of workshops and skills-building sessions. Conference offers more than 100 workshops covering cooking and food preservation techniques; CSA trends; local and national farm and food issues; as well as ways to mobilize communities in order to increase access to farm-fresh, locally-grown food. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the Just Food Events Web site.

www.justfood.org/events

Friday, March 29th  8am - 7:30pm
Saturday, March 30th  8am - 6:30pm

Food & Finance High School
525 West 50th Street
Manhattan

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

JUST FOOD is a NYC based non-profit working to grow fresh, locally-grown food in the neighborhoods of NYC

1155 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Fl
New York, NY 10036
Tel: (212)645-9880
www.justfood.org
29th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Mail In Registration

Please print clearly. The cost is $3 per person; kids 12 and under are free. Send check or money order, payable to GreenThumb Community Fund Inc. If you are also signing up for bus service, please return the bus form with the registration.
MAIL TO: GrowTogether, 49 Chambers St. Rm 1020, NY, New York 10007

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- Brooklyn Bears Pacific St. Garden, corner of Atlantic and Flatbush Ave. and Pacific St.
- Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton St., between Utica and Malcolm X Blvd.
- Thomas Jefferson High School, 400 Pennsylvania Ave., between Dumont and Blake

FOR THOSE GARDENERS FROM BROOKLYN OR QUEENS who would prefer to take a bus, GreenThumb has scheduled bus pickups in several locations throughout Brooklyn. Departure is at 8am. 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.

Your Name _____________________________________ Garden Name ______________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone (day) ________________________________ (evening) ___________________________________________________
Number of people coming with you including yourself? __________

Questions? Call GreenThumb at (212) 788-8070
29th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether

You are invited on March 23rd 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 29th 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 23rd
8:30am to 4pm
Hostos Community College
500 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10451

Directions: Take 2, 4 or 5 train to 149th Street (Eugenio María de Hostos Boulevard and the Grand Concourse. or by bus, take the Bx1 or cross-town Bx19 to 149th Street (Eugenio María de Hostos Boulevard)

Pre-register by March 18th
$3 = breakfast + workshops + lunch + t-shirt
Register at the door on March 23rd
$5 = breakfast + workshops

TO PRE-REGISTER go to: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/285422
OR
Fill out the form on page 4 and mail the completed form with your payment to: GreenThumb BEFORE MARCH 18th 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 or additional forms go to: http://www.greenthumbnyc.org

Need construction supplies for your garden? Consider reusing materials!

You can save money and help the environment by incorporating reuse in your garden. Build It Green!NYC has two nonprofit reuse centers in NYC filled with salvaged materials.

In 2012 BIG!NYC donated 57 tons of salvaged scaffolding lumber enough lumber to make over 1,100 raised garden beds!

BIG!NYC is a proud partner with GreenThumb school gardens and Grow to Learn. Please contact growtolearn@grownyc.org to learn more about free lumber via BIG!NYC’s BIG!Blooms program.

Open 7 Days M-F 10-6 & S-S 10-5
Queens: 3-17 26th Ave. Astoria NY 11102
Brooklyn: 69 9th St. Gowanus NY 11215
www.bignyc.org
Shop reuse and save 40-70% off retail prices!
Thank you for responding to our calls to action and for coming out in large numbers with shovels, rakes, gloves and garbage bags, ready to help out. This was the perfect gift.

As a token of appreciation, please enjoy these pictures showing the pride of all NYers helping one another.

Thanks again,
Edie Stone, Director
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Be Greener!

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