GreenThumb’s Fall
Program Guide 2009
September • October • November

Hattie Carthan Community Garden Farmers Market
To the sounds of West African drumming and story telling, local residents, elected officials, gardeners, farmers, young people and many more joined in celebrating the grand opening of Hattie Carthan Community Garden Farmers Market on July 11th. Yonneette Fleming, longtime standout gardener, worked tirelessly alongside community volunteers to catalyze the transformation of a blighted abandoned lot into a thriving community farmers market in central Brooklyn.

The Farmers Market will continue through November 7th, from 9am - 2pm on Saturdays, and is located on Clifton Place between Marcy and Nostrand Avenues in Bedford Stuyvesant.

The opening celebration was graced by Councilman Al Vann, Senator Velmanette Montgomery Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz who proclaimed July 11th, 2009 as Hattie Carthan Farmer’s Market Day in Brooklyn.

The community market has issued a call to community and rooftop gardeners within a 3 mile radius of the garden who might be interested in selling their garden grown produce at the market. Please request an application by writing to hattiecarthangarden@yahoo.com.

The garden would like to give special thanks to Just Food, GreenThumb, Green Guerillas, CENYC, Afrikan Zion Organic Roots Farm, Dept. of Health Office of Minority Health, and Bob Lewis from the Dept. of Ag & Markets, as well as Bailey’s Cafe for their generous fiscal sponsorship.

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

◆◆ Soil / Compost / Cleanfill ◆◆ Street Tree Care Kits: Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Gloves, Aprons, Information Packets ◆◆
◆◆ Plant Material for Tree Bed Planting ◆◆
◆◆ Perennials & Evergreens ◆◆ Seed Saving Guides ◆◆ Canning Kits ◆◆
◆◆ Cover Crops ◆◆ Guidbook: Guidelines to GT-Approved Structures ◆◆
◆◆ Pruning Tools ◆◆ Book on Season Extension & Supplies ◆◆

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 for currently registered gardens only and are available first come, first served, while supplies last.
September

GT-Approved Structures
with Carolin Mees, Architect; Edie Stone, GreenThumb Director; Lillian Reyes, Outreach Coordinator

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

Seed Saving
with Fareed Anderson-Bayeh, Just Food Trainer, McKinley’s Children’s Garden

Fall is the time to be saving seeds from your favorite tomatoes, peppers and flowers. Attend this workshop to learn how to save and store seeds for next years growing season and try hands on demonstrations of saving seeds of ripened garden vegetables. Learn different ways of organizing your seed collection and the many uses of vegetable seeds.

2009 HARVEST FAIR
Saturday, September 12th
12-6 PM

FEATURING
Harvest Contests, End of the Season Seed Exchange, Live Music, Kids Activities, Balloon Man & the first ever Urban Farmy Olympics!

Co-sponsored by:
GreenThumb / City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation Bronx Green-Up of the New York Botanical Garden Just Food Garden of Happiness

GARDEN OF HAPPINESS
2156-60 Prospect Ave between E. 181st & E. 182nd Bronx, NY 10457

The Inaugural Urban Farmy Olympics Event!
Watch as garden groups look to break inconceivable farmy olympic records and compete for the coveted gold medal trowel!
Extending the Growing Season

with Karen Washington, Just Food Trainer, Garden of Happiness

Do you want to eat fresh from your garden in December? Come learn how to grow food early in the spring and late into the fall by using simple hoops and row covers to keep your crops warm. This method is being used by farmers and gardeners to grow leafy greens all year round! This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food. (www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops).

Season Extension Book, Row Cover/Drop Cloth

Wednesday, October 7th 5:30 - 7pm
BRONX
Garden of Happiness
2156-60 Prospect Avenue, between E. 181st & E. 182nd

Directions
Bus: Take the Bx9 to Southern Blvd & 182nd St. Walk West on E. 182nd St towards Mapes Ave and turn left onto Prospect Ave.
Train: Take the 5 train to E. 180th St station. Walk West on E. 180th St towards Bronx Park Ave, and turn right onto Prospect Ave.

Healthy Pruning

with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist, Bronx Green-Up, New York Botanical Garden

Learn the basics of pruning small trees and shrubs to keep your garden healthy and productive.

Pruning Tools

Saturday, October 10th 12 - 2pm
BRONX
College Avenue Greenthumb Community Garden
1420 College Avenue, between E. 170th & E. 171st

Directions
Bus: Take the BxM4A Bus heading towards Bedford Park, Bronx. Get off at Grand Concourse/E 170th St and go East on E. 170th St towards Sheridan Ave. Turn left onto College Ave.
Train: Take the 4 train to 170th St station. Exit near intersection of E. 170th and Jerome Ave.

Composting

with Luke Halligan, Compost Project, Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Come prepared with your composting questions as Luke Halligan goes over various composting tips and tricks for the community gardener in this workshop.

Soil / Compost / Cleanfill Request (for early Spring delivery)

Thursday, October 15th 5:30 - 7pm
BROOKLYN
Shiloh Garden Inc.
Monroe Street, between Marcy & Tompkins Avenues

Directions
Bus: Take the B52 bus heading to Ridgewood, Queens. Get off at Gates Ave and Marcy Ave. Go South on Marcy Ave towards Monroe St. Garden will be on the left.
Train: Take the A train to Nostrand Ave. Exit near intersection of Fulton St and Nostrand Ave, and walk North on Nostrand Ave towards Monroe St.

The School Garden Resource Guide

School gardens have many of the same needs as community gardens, however there are a lot of issues that are unique. GreenThumb has published a guide to help teachers, parents and others working with schools to establish gardens or keep them flourishing. In the guide you will find useful resources for projects, fundraising, culinary expertise and much more.

The guide is currently available at the GreenThumb office, as well as for PDF download on our website: greenthumbnyc.org/resources.html

For more info, please contact Rasheed Hislop via e-mail at rasheed.hislop@parks.nyc.gov or phone at (212) 788-8062.
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**Handbook: GT-Approved Structures Guidelines**

**Saturday, October 17th 10am - 12pm**

**MANHATTAN**

El Gallo Community Garden
1895 Lexington Avenue at E. 118th Street

Directions

**Bus:** Take the M103 Bus heading towards East Harlem. Get off at 3 Ave and E. 118th St and walk West on E. 118th St towards Lexington Ave.

**Train:** Take the 6 train to 116th St station. Head North towards 118th St. Garden is on the corner.

Amending Soils with Cover Crops

with David Vigil, East New York Farms

Come and learn about the value of "green manure" to fertilize your beds through winter. We will go over different methods of planting cover crops and the types of crops that can be used in different garden environments. Cover crop seed will be distributed at the end of the workshop.

**Cover Crop Seed**

**Tuesday, October 27th 5:30 - 7pm**

**BROOKLYN**

UCC Youth Center / East New York Farms
610-620 Schenck Ave at Livonia Ave

Directions

**Bus:** Take the 3 train to Van Siclen Ave. Walk East on Livonia Ave towards Hendrix St, then left at New Lots Ave.

**Train:** Take the B15 to New Lots and Schenck Aves, or the B14 to Barbey St. Walk two blocks to Blake Ave.

EAST NEW YORK FARMS!

Fresh and affordable food from local farms & gardens.

**Saturday Farmers Market**

June 27 - November 14
9am - 3pm
New Lots Avenue and Schenck Avenue, Brooklyn
#3 train to Van Siclen; B15, B83, B6

Also featuring Caribbean and Dominican food, homemade cakes and breads, and fresh fish.

**Wednesday Farm Stand**

July 8 - October 28
4:30 - 7pm
New Lots Avenue and Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn

Our markets accept cash, credit/debit, WIC & Senior FMNP coupons, EBT, WIC fruit and vegetable vouchers.

(718) 649-7979 x29
www.eastnewyorkfarms.org
Soil Health
with John Ameroso & Lorraine Brooks, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Urban Soils Group

Did you have trouble keeping your plants growing strong this season? Plant health is usually directly linked to the health of the soil its growing in. We will cover soil health basics. This will include 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 the health of your soil, thereby getting your plants well nourished and viable.

**Soil / Compost / Cleanfill Request (for early Spring delivery)**

Thursday, November 5th 4 - 6pm

BRONX
St. Augustine School Peace Garden
1176 Franklin Avenue, between E. 167th & E. 168th Streets

Directions
Public Transit: Take the 2 or 5 train to 3rd Ave Station. Transfer to the Bx55 or Bx15 bus and take to E. 166th St. Walk up one block, turn right onto E. 167th and walk two blocks. Or take the D train to 167th St. Then take the Bx35 bus at the Grand Concourse going East on 167th St. Get off at Franklin Ave.

Edible Perennials
with Solita Stephens, Just Food Trainer, Olympus Garden Club

There are many easy to grow, low-maintenance food plants that come back every year. Come to learn about common and unusual, native and exotic vegetables, fruits, tubers and herbs that will grow in NYC year after year. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food. (www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops)

**Perennials & Evergreens**

Saturday, November 14th 10am - 12pm

BROOKLYN
East End Community Garden
530-532 Glenmore Avenue at Van Siclen Avenue

Directions
Bus: Take the B25 bus to East New York Ave and Alabama Ave. Walk South on Alabama Ave towards Atlantic Ave, turn left onto Atlantic Ave, and then right onto Van Siclen Ave.
Train: Take the C to Van Siclen Ave. Walk North on Van Siclen Ave to Glenmore Ave.

Preserving Your Harvest
with Canning
with Michaela Hayes, 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 Kits**

Tuesday, November 17th 5:30 - 7pm

MANHATTAN
Lower East Side Girls Club
56 E. 1st Street between 1st & 2nd Avenues

Directions
Bus: Take the M103 and get off at Bowery and E. 1st St. Walk East on E. 1st St. Or take the M15L and get off at 1st Ave and walk West E. 1st St.
Train: Take the F to 2nd Ave-Lower East Side Station, walk North on 2nd Ave, and turn right onto E. 1st St. Or Take the 6 to Bleecker St. Walk East on Bleecker towards Bowery. Cross over to E. 1st St and continue East until 56 E. 1st Street.

Evergreens
with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist, Bronx Green-Up, New York Botanical Garden

Evergreens provide color and beauty to your garden all year round. Learn how to plant and care for evergreens, and take one home to plant in your community garden.

**Evergreens**

Saturday, November 21st 10am - 12pm

BRONX
Townsend Garden
1735 Walton Avenue & E. 175th Street

Directions
Bus: Take the BxM4B heading to Woodlawn, Bronx. Get off at Grand Concourse/Mount Eden Ave. Walk West on E. Mt Eden Ave towards Grand Concourse. Turn right onto Walton Ave.
Train: Take 4 train to 176th Street station. Walk to Walton Ave.
**SEPTEMBER**

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**Our Calendar at a Glance**

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  - Wednesday, September 9th 5:30 - 7:30pm
  - MANHATTAN

- **Harvest Fair**
  - Saturday, September 12th 12pm - 6pm
  - BRONX

- **GT-Approved Structures**
  - Thursday, September 17th 5:30 - 7pm
  - BROOKLYN

- **MillionTrees Street Tree Care Workshop**
  - Saturday, September 19th 10am - 3pm
  - MANHATTAN

- **Seed Saving**
  - Saturday, September 26th 12 - 2pm
  - QUEENS

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  - Saturday, October 3rd 10am - 3pm
  - QUEENS

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  - Wednesday, October 7th 5:30 - 7pm
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GreenThumb & Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps

GreenThumb is partnering with the Million TreesNYC initiative to present a series of fall workshops focused on street tree care. There will be two workshop sessions presented on three different days, with a mid-morning workshop followed by lunch, and then an early afternoon workshop. Street Tree Care Kits will be distributed after each workshop, and plant material only after the second workshop. All materials available while supplies last. See the workshop descriptions below, and for more information call (212) 788-8070.

**Workshop #1**
11am - 12noon

‘That Tree Saved My Life’ Game Show

*with Susan Fields, Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps*

Compete to win ‘That Tree Save My Life’ game show while learning about the many benefits of trees. Have fun while showing off your street tree savvy, and leave with all the tools you need to care for the trees in your neighborhood. Bring along friends and fellow gardeners to learn about the Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps and join us afterwards for lunch in the garden.

- **Watering Buckets or Hoses, Cultivators, Gloves, Aprons, Information Packet**

**LUNCH**
Noon - 12:45pm

**Workshop #2**
12:45 - 2:15pm

Hands-On Street Tree Care Clinic

*with Susan Fields, Million TreesNYC Stewardship Corps*

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 improving 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, Gloves, Aprons, Information Packet**
- **Plant Material for Tree Bed Planting**

**Dates & Locations**

**Saturday, September 19th**
QUEENS
Two Coves Garden
Intersection of Main Ave, Astoria Blvd & 30th Ave.

*Directions*
**Bus:** Take the Q100 bus and get off at 21st St & 30th Ave. Start out going West on 30th Ave and turn right onto 8th St.

**Train:** Take the N train to 30th Ave (Grand Ave). Exit near intersection of 31st St and 30th. Walk West on 30th Ave towards 30th St. Turn right onto 8th St.

**Saturday, October 3rd**
BRONX
Jardin la Roca / The Rock Garden
Corner of E. 160th Street & Elton Street

*Directions*
**Bus:** BxM4A bus to Grand Concourse/E. 161st St. Start out going East on E. 161st St towards Sheridan Ave. Turn right onto Elton Ave.

**Train:** Take the 2 or 5 train to 3rd Avenue – 149th St Station. Walk towards Adam Clayton Powell and turn South walking towards E. 160th St. Turn left onto E. 160th St and walk to Elton St. Garden is on the corner.

**Saturday, October 24th**
MANHATTAN
Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial / Project Harmony
219 W. 122nd Street, between Adam Clayton Powell & Frederick Douglass Blvd

*Directions*
**Bus:** Take the Bx15 to W. 125th St and Adam C Powell Blvd. Walk South towards W. 122nd St. Turn right onto W. 122nd St. Garden is on your right.

**Train:** Take the A,B,C,D or the 2,3 to 125th Street. Walk towards Adam Clayton Powell and turn South walking towards W. 122nd St. Turn right onto W. 122nd St, garden is on your right.

All materials available while supplies last.
In 2008, we had 49 workshops with more than 3,000 attendees.

Do you have any suggestions for a new workshop?

Would your garden like to host an event or workshop?

Do you want to lead a workshop?

Then let us know by calling our main office at (212) 788-8070

GreenThumb’s Gotham
A Photographic History of NYC Community Gardens
September 10th – October 8th, 2009

OPENING RECEPTION
Wednesday, September 9th 5:30 – 7:30pm

The Arsenal Gallery in Central Park
5th Avenue at 64th Street, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10065

For more information, call (212) 360-8163

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