Looking back at past workshops, we at GreenThumb noticed a popular trend. Just looking at the photos above confirm our gardeners' strong interest in the do-it-yourself ethic, where gardeners share valuable skills that are easily transferred to others in their community. For example, at the Season Extension workshop, gardeners exchanged ideas and experience on ways to create warm, sheltered environments with found or readily available materials. This season, we've developed a series of special D.I.Y. workshops exploring new terrain in familiar topics. There'll be something new for everyone, even if it's sharing your own expertise, so look inside for more details.

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

- Seed Packets
- Pruning Book
- Garden Journals, Just Food's Farmers Market Guide
- Hammers, Nails, Gloves
- Lumber for Planting Beds
- Materials for Rainwater Harvesting System
- Bare-root Fruit Trees
- Hoses
- Native Plants
- Soil, Compost, and Clean-fill
- Veggie, Flower, and Herb Starts

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.
March

Fruit Tree Pruning
with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist & Ursula Chanse, Director, Bronx Green-Up, NYBG

Learn the proper methods for pruning fruit trees and bushes. We will focus on techniques that increase the size and quality of your fruits. There will be an opportunity to practice on peach, apple and pear trees, fig and blackberry bushes, and grape vines.

** Pruning Book **

Saturday, March 7th  11am - 1pm
BRONX
Taqwa Comm. Farm, corner of 164th St & Ogden Ave.

Directions
Bus: Take the BX13 bus to Ogden Ave and W164 St
Train: Take the B, D, or 4 train to 161st St/Yankee Stadium. Then, walk west on 161st St, turn left on Jerome Ave, turn right on Ogden Ave and walk up the hill to 164th St.

Seed Giveaway
with GreenThumb Staff

Pick up vegetable, fruit, flower, and herb seeds for your garden group.

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

** Seed Packets, Sign up for Soil, Compost, and Clean-fill **

Tuesday, March 31st  9am - 7pm
MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office, 49 Chambers St, Rm 1020, between Broadway & Centre St. Please bring ID to enter the building.

Directions
Bus: M22, M15, M1, M6, B51
Train: J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R, W to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers Street.

DIY Urban Agriculture Series
Garden Planning:
Growing More Healthy Food
with Karen Washington, Just Food Trainer, Garden of Happiness

Learn to grow even more healthy food in your garden! If you plan out your garden before you start planting, you can make better use of space and time to produce more fruits and vegetables. Learn valuable tricks of the trade from Karen Washington, who grows food for La Familia Verde Farkers Market in the Bronx, and who just came back from six months of farm school in California. Start planning for a bountiful year. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food and Bronx Green-Up.

** Garden Journals, Just Food’s Farmers Market Guide **

Tuesday, March 24th  5:30 - 7pm
BRONX
Mary Mitchell Center, 2007 Mapes Ave at 178th Street.

Directions
Bus: The BX15 towards Fordham Plaza, Bronx and get off at 3rd Ave and E Tremont Ave. Start out going East on E Tremont Ave towards Monterey Ave. Turn left onto Mapes Ave.
Train: The 2 train to E. Tremont Ave (West Farms Square). Walk 5 blocks West on E. Tremont Ave. Turn Right onto Southern Blvd. Walk one block north and take a left on 178th St. Walk two blocks to the corner of Mapes Ave and 178th St.

Brooklyn GreenBridge presents...

Making Brooklyn Bloom 2009: "Growing up Green: Guiding Youth from Gardening to Green Collar Jobs"

Saturday, March 7, 2009  from 10am-4pm
at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Admission is free, but day-of registration is required. For more information, visit www.bbg.org/greenbridge or call (718) 623-7250
Building Planting Beds in Schools  
Rasheed Hislop, GreenThumb, Outreach Coord.

The workshop is open to all community gardeners, but we will focus on teaching students of all ages how to build beds. We will also discuss different ways of making the beds more accessible & safe for little ones.

◆◆ Hammers, Nails, Gloves, Sign-up for Lumber Delivery ◆◆

Wednesday, April 1st 4:30 - 6pm  
BROOKLYN  
P.S. 22, 443 St. Marks Ave near Classon Ave.

Directions  
**Bus:** Take B48 to Classon Ave between St. Marks Ave and Prospect Place. Walk north on Classon to St. Marks Ave. The school is on the left hand side.  
**Train:** Take the 2, 3, 4, 5 to Botanic Gardens. Transfer to the Franklin Ave Shuttle towards Franklin Ave one stop to Park Place. Walk west on Park Pl, make a right at Classon Ave, left on St. Marks Ave.

DIY Urban Agriculture Series  
Alternative Planting Bed Construction  
Greg Anderson, Just Food Trainer, Walt L. Shamel Community Garden

You don’t have to buy new lumber to make raised beds. You can use found and recycled materials to create a more accessible planting space that has clean soil and an artistic form. Come learn new methods for creating alternative planting spaces and share your own ideas. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food and Build It Green.

◆◆ Hammers, Nails, Gloves, Sign-up for Lumber Delivery ◆◆

Saturday, April 4th 10am - 12pm  
BROOKLYN  
Walt L. Shamel Community Garden, 1095 Dean St, between Franklin and Bedford Aves.

Directions  
**Bus:** The B65 heading to Bedford Ave. Walk West on Dean St.  
**Train:** Take the C to Franklin Ave. Walk South on Franklin for 5 blocks. Turn left on Dean St and walk half a block.

DIY Urban Agriculture Series  
Building a Rainwater Harvesting System  
Carolyn McCrorry, Just Food Trainer, Dias y Flores & Marisa Dedomincus, Water Resource Group

Rainwater harvesting is practice of catching and holding rain for later use. Since 2002, community gardens have been leading the charge to conserve water and redirect storm water runoff by collecting rainwater. This workshop will be an opportunity to learn more about these efforts and how you can build a simple 2-barrel system using materials that are readily available and at little to no cost.

In order to receive one of the 10 available RWH Kits, your garden group must qualify by pre-registering and answering a few questions to see if the system is a good fit for your site and your group. Please call Bilen at 212-442-8961 or e-mail bilen.berhanu@parks.nyc.gov. In addition, you can also pre-register by attending the Rainwater Harvesting workshop at the GrowTogether Conference.

◆◆ Materials for Rainwater Harvesting System, Hoses ◆◆

Saturday, April 11th 10am - 1pm  
MANHATTAN  
Dias y Flores, 520-522 East 13th Street, between Aves A & B (Starts at Dias y Flores, ends at 9th & C Community Garden.)

Directions to Dias y Flores  
**Bus:** Take the M15 Limited Bus and get off at E 14th St. Turn left onto E 14th St, right onto Stuyvesant Loop, followed by a right onto Ave A, and finally, turn left onto E 13th St.  
**Train:** Take the L train to 1st Ave. Walk East on 1st Ave for one block. Turn right on Ave A and walk one block. Turn left onto E13th Street and walk half a block.

GREENTHUMB’S PHOTO CONTEST!  
In celebration of GreenThumb’s 30th Anniversary, we want to see photos of your community in your community gardens. Submit your favorite shots for the chance to have them displayed in the Parks Art Gallery! Rules, deadlines, and more information at www.greenthumb.nyc.org
**Fruit Tree Care Primer**
*with Sara Katz, Community Horticulturist & Ursula Chanse, Director, Bronx Green-Up, NYBG*

Join us for a workshop on tree planting and post-planting care. Stay after the workshop to help plant trees in this garden.

*** Bare-root Fruit Trees ***

**Thursday, April 16th**
**5:30 - 7pm**
**BRONX**
Las Casitas Community Garden,
1130 Woodycrest Ave, between 166th & 167th Sts.

**Directions**
**Bus:** Take the BX11 to 168th and Woodycrest Ave.
**Train:** Take the 4 train Uptown to 167th St. Go west on E 167th St. Turn left onto Jerome Ave, then right on Shakespeare Ave. Then left onto Anderson Ave, right on W 167th St, and finally left onto Woodycrest Ave.

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**Street Tree Care Primer**
*with Central Forestry*

In this basic workshop, you’ll learn to care for young street trees, receive free tools, and get a Parks Volunteer Permit, which will allow you to care for street trees and green-streets.

*** Hand Cultivator, Trowels, Weeders, 5-Gallon Buckets, Hoses, Gloves ***

**Saturday, April 25th**
**10am - 12pm**
**QUEENS**
ARROW Recreation Center, 35-50 35th St, Astoria

**Directions**
**Train:** Take the N or W to 36th Ave. Walk east on 36th Ave and turn left on 35th St. ARROW is in the middle of the block.

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Partnerships for Parks is also hosting two of these workshops. Advance registration is required. To register, contact channaly.philipp@parks.nyc.gov or (212) 676-1929 with your name and email and/or phone number. (Workshop does not cover pruning.)

**Tuesday, March 31**, 7-9 p.m
Chelsea Recreation Center, Manhattan.

**Friday, April 24**, 5-7 p.m.
Pelham Fritz Recreation Center, Harlem, Manhattan.

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**Arbor Day Arts**
*with Kenneth Dale, GreenThumb*

For all ages. Come out and celebrate Arbor Day with a fun arts and crafts project. Learn how to create earthy picture frames from twigs for your favorite pictures or photographs. Please make sure that all pictures or photos are no smaller than 5” by 7”, and no larger than 8” by 11”. Participants just need to bring pictures to the workshop, all other materials will be supplied by GreenThumb. The following workshop is in concert with Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Academy, The Gateway Academy, and Millennium Art Academy.

*** Natural Frames, Bird Feeders, Books ***

**Wednesday, April 29th**
**3:30 - 5:30pm**
**BRONX**
Adlai Stevenson Campus Community Garden,
1980 Lafayette Ave
(In case of rain, will be in the Student Cafeteria Rm 180)

**Directions**
**Bus:** Take the BX05 to Lafayette Ave and Pugsley Ave. Walk West on Lafayette Ave to 1980, the school is on your right.
**Train:** Take the 6 to E 177th street-Parkchester. Take the BX36 Bus toward Soundview Pugsley Ave to Lafayette Ave and White Plains Road.

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**Community Garden Bike Tour**

**Sunday, April 19th** with Eric Thomann & Owen Taylor
Starts at Taqwa Community Farm in the Bronx.
April’s bike theme will be be chickens!

**Sunday, May 17th** with Eric Thomann in East New York
Location & Theme TBD

**Gather at 9:30am, ride from 10am - 1pm**

For more information, email Helen Ho at helen.ho@parks.nyc.gov or call her at (212) 788-8060.
The Butterfly Project
with members of the Butterfly Project, Bronx
Green-Up, and NYBG

Join the Butterfly Project in learning the importance of pollinators and how to use native plants to design gardens to nurture them. This event is also part of NYC Wildflower Week. Native plants will be distributed after the workshop.

◆◆ Native Plants ◆◆

Saturday, May 2nd 11am - 1pm
BRONX
Franklin Memorial Garden,
1062 Cauldwell Ave near Boston Road.

Directions
Bus: Take the M15L to East Harlem, getting off at E 125th St. Transfer to the BX15 and get off at 3rd Ave and E 163rd St. Walk north on 3rd Ave towards Boston Rd. Turn right onto Boston Rd, then right onto E 165th St, and finally, left onto Cauldwell Ave.
Train: Take the 2 to Prospect Ave. Walk north on Prospect Ave towards E 161st St. Turn right on E 161st St, and then right onto Cauldwell Ave.

Composting in Schools
with a Master Composter

All gardeners are welcome to this workshop which will focus on composting in schools. Learn how to establish a 3 bin compost system and how to compost indoors with worms. We will discuss how food scraps can be collected from the lunchroom or from home and what may/may not be added to your compost bins. All gardeners are welcome and we will be discussing how compost can be incorporated into lesson plans.

◆◆ Sign up for Soil, Compost, and Clean-fill Delivery ◆◆

Thursday, May 14th 4:30 - 6pm
MANHATTAN
P.S. 76, A. Phillip Randolph High School, 220 West 121 St

Directions
Bus: M2 to Adam Clayton Powell between 121st and 122nd streets. Walk south to 121st and make a right. The school is on your right.
Train: 2 or 3 to 125th St. Walk south on Malcolm X Blvd to 121st St. Turn right on 121st St. The school is on your right.

Plant Starts Giveaway
with Susan Braverman, Urban Oasis

Since 2002, Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital’s Urban Oasis program has grown vegetable, flower, and herb starts for Green Thumb community gardens. This horticultural therapy program provides Green Thumb gardeners with tasty vegetables while also supporting the growth and well-being of Urban Oasis clients.

There will be a tour and a demonstration on seed starting at home or in your garden as well as preparing beds for planting.

We will be distributing hundreds of plant starts which will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Parking is available on-site. See directions below for how to get there. The hospital has security precautions in place to protect clients, so please read the special note.

SPECIAL NOTE: Once you arrive, please show the security guard this Green Thumb program guide. Explain that you are here for a Green Thumb workshop, and you will be given a visitor’s pass. Once you are through the gate, walk along the road until it ends. Then turn right and follow that road until you reach the greenhouse (it will be on your left). Green Thumb staff will be on hand to help direct you.

◆◆ Plant Starts (Veggies, Flowers, & Herbs) ◆◆

Saturday, May 16th 10am - 2pm
BROOKLYN
Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital’s Urban Oasis, Clarkson Ave, between Albany & Utica Aves.

Directions
Bus: BK 46 to Clarkson Ave or BK 14 to Utica Ave. Transfer to BK 46.
Train: Take the 2 or 5 to Winthrop St, or take the 3 or 4 to Utica Ave & Eastern Pkwy. Follow bus directions above or walk approximately 12 blocks to Utica & Clarkson.
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Saturday, March 7th 11am - 1pm  
BRONX

**25th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether**
Saturday, March 21st 9am - 4pm  
BRONX

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Thursday, May 14th 4:30 - 6pm  
MANHATTAN

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Saturday, May 16th 10am - 2pm  
BROOKLYN

**It’s My Park! Day**
Saturday, May 16th  All day  
CITYWIDE

**Community Bike Tour**
Sunday, May 17th  
BROOKLYN

**Plant Starts Giveaway, Part Two**
Sunday, May 23rd 10am - 12pm  
MANHATTAN
**Plant Starts Giveaway, Part Two**  
*with a Just Food Trainer*

This is your second opportunity to receive plants, even if your garden group made it to the first giveaway. There will be a short review of seed starting and propagation methods, including making soil mixes.

**Veggie, Flower, and Herb Starts**

**Saturday, May 23rd**  
10am - 2pm  
**MANHATTAN**  
East Harlem Garden  
429-433 E 117th St between 1st and Pleasant Aves.

**Directions**

**Bus:** Take the M15 Limited Bus to East Harlem, getting off at E 116th St. Start out going North on 1st Ave towards E 117th St and turn right onto E 117th St.

**Train:** Take the 6 to 116th St. Start out going East on E 116th St towards 3rd Ave. Turn left onto 1st Ave, and then right onto E 117th St.

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**SHARE YOUR FILMS!**

*Have you completed video projects in your garden?*

Do you want to share your work and inspire community members for the next growing season?

Food Systems Network NYC is launching a NYC community food systems video archive. We will be featuring a single video each month in 2009 and building a valuable educational resource for all.

Please contact us at info@foodsystemsny.org for more information about getting involved!

To learn more about us, visit www.foodsystemsny.org or call us at (646) 233-3058.

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**Osborn Elliott Award for Community Service**

The Citizens Committee of New York City recently awarded **Yonette Flemming** of Hattie Carthan Community Garden the Osborn Elliott Award for Community Service for her outstanding work in Brooklyn and throughout the City. We salute you!

http://www.citizensnyc.org/about/ny_awards.html

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**Partnerships for Parks presents**

**It’s My Park! Day**

*Saturday, May 16, 2009*

Join thousands of New Yorkers to care for and celebrate New York City parks on It’s My Park! Day. Participate in volunteer projects and free events organized by local community groups, as well as fun activities provided by Parks & Recreation and City Parks Foundation. Come out to East River Park, Soundview Park, Kaiser Park and over 150 parks across the city as we focus this spring on “Reclaiming Our Waterfront Parks.”

For more information, or to learn how your group can get involved in an It’s My Park! Day project or event near you, please visit www.PartnershipsForParks.org.

**Partnerships for Parks** is a joint program of City Parks Foundation and the Department of Parks & Recreation.

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Do you want to learn about growing food or food justice?

Attend a City Farms workshop!  
For more information:  
www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops

Or contact Owen:  
(212) 645-9880 x229, owen@justfood.org

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Do you want to sell your garden vegetables at a farmers market?

Call Jane for more about starting or joining markets:  
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Just Food is a NYC based non-profit working to grow fresh, locally-grown food in the neighborhoods of NYC.

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