GreenThumb’s Winter Program Guide 2005

December • January • February

Fall Program Activities:

On October 15 at the Dias y Flores Community Garden in the East Village the “Outdoor Multi-Bin Compost Building Demonstration” was held. Leslie Ross, a Dias y Flores community gardener lead the workshop with the help of GreenThumb staff. Everyone was put to work creating the garden's new compost system. Pictured from left to right are Margaret Jones of the Margrichantie Community Garden, Carolyn McCrory of Dias y Flores and Kathryn Ryan of the Lower East Side People Care Community Garden.

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

- seeds, seed starting trays, grow lights
- hand pruners, loppers, pruning saws
- Junior Master Gardener Training
- Pathmark vouchers
- Environmentally friendly sidewalk snow salt
- snow shovels, ice breakers, gloves, garbage bags

Please note that garden members must attend a workshops in order to receive supplies.
Winter Workshops Calendar 2005

Winter Supply Pick-Up

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**garbage bags (1 box), snow shovels (2), ice breaker (1), gloves (12), calcium chloride sidewalk pellets (2 bags)**

Pick up basic supplies to help maintain your community garden through the winter and early spring. Visit with other community gardeners and GT staff while enjoying a hot drink.

**Dec 9th 11am-2pm QUEENS**

**Dec 10th 11am-2pm QUEENS**

at the GreenThumb Compound

Map and directions to the GT Compound on pg #6.

Seeds!

**Seed Starting Indoors 1: Basic Steps**

**seeds, seed starting supplies, grow lights (raffle prize)**

WITH SUSAN FIELDS, GT DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CITYWIDE PROGRAM

Learn the basics of seed starting - When should I start seeds indoors? Which seeds should I start indoors? What do they need to thrive indoors? Pick up vegetable, fruit, flower and herb seeds for your garden group.

**Jan 31st 6-8pm BRONX**

at Concourse House

2751 Grand Concourse at 196th Street. Please use the 196th Street entrance, ring buzzer, sign security register, proceed to workshop.

Subway: 'B', 'D' to Kingsbridge Road, use the northwest stairwell exit at 196th St.

Bus: Bx1, Bx2 exit at Grand Concourse and 196th St.

**Seed Starting Indoors 2: Next Steps**

**seeds, seed starting supplies, grow lights (raffle prize)**

WITH SUSAN FIELDS, GT DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CITYWIDE PROGRAM

When do I transplant my indoor seed starts to the garden? What do they need to thrive outdoors? Pick up vegetable, fruit, flower and herb seeds for your garden group.

**Feb 7th 6-8pm BROOKLYN**

at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

1000 Washington Avenue

Subway: ‘B’ or ‘Q’ to Prospect Park, ‘2’ or ‘3’ to Eastern Parkway/Museum

Bus: B41, B43, B48, B71

Seed Pick-up at the GreenThumb Office

**seeds, seed starting supplies**

WITH GREENTHUMB STAFF

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

**Feb 8th 10-12noon & 5-7pm MANHATTAN**

at GreenThumb Office

49 Chambers Street, Room 1020, between Broadway and Centre Streets. Please bring ID to enter the building.


Bus: M22, M15, M1, M6, B51
Organizing your Group for the Gardening Season

Pathmark vouchers ($50) for Spring garden events
WITH NICOLE MOOREHEAD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION
This workshop is designed to assist gardeners in creating a plan and schedule for the gardening season. We will discuss how to organize your group to get the most out of GreenThumb services and opportunities, as well as how to best meet our requirements. Gardeners will leave the workshop with an outline of detailed priorities that can be built upon to create an agenda for the garden group’s first meeting of the season.

Feb 20TH 3-4:30pm BROOKLYN
at St. John’s Recreation Center
St. John’s Recreational Center, 1251 Prospect Place (b/t Troy and Schenectady Avenues)
Subway: ‘3’ or ‘4’ to Utica Ave/Eastern Parkway, walk north along Utica Ave. 5 blocks, make left on Prospect Place. ‘A’ or ‘C’ to Utica Ave/Fulton St, walk south along Utica Ave 7 blocks to Prospect Pl, make right on Prospect Place.
Bus: Bk46, Bk 65, Bk15

Pruning Workshop

hand pruners(1), loppers(1), folding saw(1), gloves
WITH LUIS LEMUS, BGU/NYBG
Learn the basics of pruning with an expert, Luis Lemus, Community Horticulturalist of Bronx Green Up.

Feb 22ND 6:30-8:30pm BRONX
at New York Botanical Garden
Watson Building, Room 102, use the Mosholu Gate entrance. Enter on Kazmiroff Blvd, across from the Metro North Station.
Subway: ‘4’ or ‘D’ to Bedford Park Blvd., walk east.
Bus: Bx1, Bx2, Bx32

Basic Composting

soil, compost, cleanfill request
WITH JODIE COLON, BRONX GREEN UP/NYBG
Learn the basics of composting during this Valentine’s Day workshop.
Feb 14TH 6:30-8:30pm BRONX
at New York Botanical Garden
Watson Building, Room 102, use the Mosholu Gate entrance. Enter on Kazmiroff Blvd, across from the Metro North Station.
Subway: ‘4’ or ‘D’ to Bedford Park Blvd., walk east.
Bus: Bx1, Bx2, Bx32

El Arte del Compostaje

Solicita un envío directo a su jardín comunitario de tierra, abono orgánico o material de relleno
WITH KARLA OSORIO-PEREZ, BROOKLYN GREENBRIDGE/BBG
Permite que las hojas del jardín, los desperdicios orgánicos de la cocina y las malas hierbas se conviertan en oro para las plantas a través del compostaje. Hacer abono orgánico-oscuro y rico en nutrientes- no toma mucho tiempo, trabajo ni espacio. Esta clase cubrirá temas como: qué es el proceso del compostaje, cómo lograr hacer abono orgánico en limitados espacios, cómo resolver y evitar algunos problemas en el abono y cuáles equipos o herramientas son necesarias para hacer éste. Participantes recibirán una copia del libro Easy Compost: The Secret to Great Soil and Spectacular Plants; publicado por BBG. Gratis! Pero debe registrarse. Comuníquese con Karla Osorio 718-623-7368.
Feb 27TH 6-8pm BROOKLYN
at Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Avenue
Subway: ‘B’ or ‘Q’ to Prospect Park, ‘2’ or ‘3’ to Eastern Parkway/Museum
Bus: B41,B43,B48, B71
School Gardens...

- Coming Soon! 2006 GreenTumb school garden registration information! Look out for our mailing.

- The Junior Master Gardeners Training is perfect for educators working in youth gardens. Remember to apply by December 16th. See pg 4 for details.

- Seed Starting is a great classroom activity. Come by any of the seed starting workshops (pg 2) to pick up a variety of seeds, seed starting trays, grow-mix, and enter a raffle for grow lights.

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**Fall Program Activities:**

Hannah Riseley-White of Pleasant Park Garden closely inspects red wiggler worms at the 'Composting Indoors with Worms' workshop held on October 11th at the Windsor Terrace-Kensington Veteran's Memorial Garden/East 4th Street Community Garden, Brooklyn. Garden members Enrique Flores, Grace Danylychuk and Ryan O’Hara (in the rear) listen closely to a presentation made by Kate Zidar of the Lower East Side Ecology Center. After the workshop participants took home indoor composting bins and worms, and were able to order soil, compost or cleanfill for their community garden.
**Directions to the Green Thumb Compound**

**By Train**

F TRAIN: to 21st St./Queensbridge - walk south on 21st St. towards Queens Plaza South. Make right onto QPS, walk 4 blocks to 10th St, Compound on your right.

N, W, 7 TRAINS: to Queensboro Plaza/Bridge Plaza - walk along Queens Plaza South, towards the East River, to 10th St. Compound is on your right.

**By Car**

FROM MANHATTAN & THE BRONX:

Take FDR to 61 St. exit. Follow signs to Queensboro Bridge. Exit bridge at Northern Blvd. exit. Make a right onto 21st St. and a left onto Queens Plaza South. Continue on QPS till 10th St. Compound is on your right, across from 10th St.

FROM BROOKLYN, QUEENS & STATEN ISLAND: Take the BQE to McGuinness Blvd. exit. Take McGuinness Blvd. all the way to Queens. McGuinness Blvd. turns into 11th St. Continue on 11th St, then make left onto Queens Plaza South. Go one block, Compound is on your right.

**By Bus** - Q19a, Q32, Q60, Q66, Q101, Q101R, Q102 and Q103 all run along or intersect with Queens Plaza South. Exit closest to 10th St. and QPS. Compound is across from 10th St.
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Please contact Susan Fields Deputy Director, Citywide Program, if you have any suggestions for a workshop or if you would like to volunteer to teach a workshop at the GrowTogether. We are reaching out early this year to incorporate as many of your NEW IDEAS as we can, so call us, at (212) 788.8078.

Be on the look out for the SAVE THE DATE card for the GrowTogether. We will announce the GrowTogether theme and invite you to submit your ideas for our annual T-shirt design contest! Will you be the winner for 2006?
Spring Program Guide 2006 Preview

◆ lumber for building raised beds
◆ vegetable plants
◆ hydrant wrenches and adapters
◆ shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, garbage bags

IF YOU HAVE ANY WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT PLEASE CALL SUSAN FIELDS (212) 788-8078

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GreenThumb community and school gardens received a private after-hours tour of the new Butterfly Exhibit at the Bronx Zoo on September 16th. After the tour gardeners picked up a large variety of perennials to promote butterfly habitat in their gardens. Pictured on the giant caterpillar outside the exhibit are from left to right - Solita Stephens of the Olympus Garden Club, Earline and Dariel James of Greene Acres and Hattie Carthan community gardens and Omarsha Ambakisyze of the First Temple of David Garden.

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