Fall Program Activities:
Victoria Gerskik-Ostrovsky and Dan Tainow of the Compost Project at the Queens Botanical Garden demonstrate how to screen compost for use in your raised beds, container gardens, or houseplants at GreenThumb’s ‘Get Your Compost On!’ workshop held on September 19th at the Pelham Fritz Recreation Center in Marcus Garvey Park. Need a compost screen for your garden? Come to GreenThumb’s Compost Screen Building workshop to be held on February 24th, details inside.

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

- Sidewalk Salt
- Snow Shovels
- Ice Breakers
- Garbage Bags
- Gloves
- Garbage Cans
- Compost, Soil, Cleanfill
- Compost Screens
- Planting Soil Mix
- Pathmark Vouchers

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.
Winter Supply Giveaway

**Winter Supply Pick-Up**

- Sidewalk Salt, Snow Shovels, Ice Breakers, Garbage Bags, Gloves, Garbage Cans

Pick-up basic winter maintenance supplies for your garden. One pick-up per garden group. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. Call GreenThumb if you need the contact names of gardens near you.

**Dec 2nd 10am-2pm QUEENS**

at the GreenThumb Compound

Queens Plaza South at 10th St. See below for directions.

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**Directions to the GreenThumb Compound**

**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.

**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 61st St exit. Follow signs to Queensboro Bridge. Staying in the right-hand lane of the bridge, exit to local streets. Continue straight to end, Northern Blvd/Jackson Avenue intersection. Make a right onto Jackson Ave (Northern Blvd). Make a right onto 21st St and then a left onto Queens Plaza South. Continue on QPS til 10th St. Compound is on your right, across from 10th St.

FROM BROOKLYN, QUEENS & STATEN ISLAND: From Brooklyn, Queens & Staten Island: Take the BQE to McGuiness Blvd exit. Make a left onto McGuiness Blvd. Continue straight into Queens (over the Pulaski Skyway Bridge). McGuiness Blvd becomes 11th St. Stay straight on 11th St, make left onto Queens Plaza South. Go 1 block to 10th St. Compound is on your right.
GreenThumb Garden Registration 2007-08

Parks and all other city agencies except HPD

Under the terms of the 2002 settlement garden groups must register, sign new licenses every two years and remain in good standing in order to remain the legal stewards of community gardens on Parks property. Even if you have registered recently, you must attend and sign the new 2007 license to retain permission to use your garden.

The designated primary or alternate contact and at least one representative from your garden group must attend a registration session.

Your garden group may attend any of the ‘Parks’ registration sessions in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan or the Bronx.

Jan 8TH 1-3pm or 6-8pm QUEENS
at Queens Botanical Garden
43-50 Main Street (Education Building, Rm 1).
Subway: Take the 7 train to Main Street/Flushing, then follow the bus directions. Bus: Take the Q44 bus from Main Street and Roosevelt Aves., get off at the stop at Main Street and Elder Ave., walk to garden entrance.

Jan 18TH 12-2pm or 6:30-8:30pm MAN.
at Tony Dapolito Recreation Center
Clarkson St. and 7th Ave. South.
Subway: 1 to Houston St. (Walk one block north to Clarkson); A, E, D, F trains to W. 4th St. (Walk West to 7th Ave. and then South to Clarkson). Bus: The M21 runs along Houston St. (Clarkson is one block north of Houston) The M20 runs down 7th Ave.

Jan 27TH 2:30-5:30pm BRONX
at Immaculate Conception Church, Neumann Hall
601 Melrose Ave. btwn E.150th and E.151st Streets.
Subway: Take the 2 or the 5 train to the 3rd Ave. - 149 St. stop. Exit near the intersection of Willis Ave. and Melrose Ave. Walk North on Melrose. Neumann Hall is btwn 150th and 151st Streets. Bus: The Bx2 and the Bx41 run along Melrose Ave.

1. Complete registration materials... the primary contact for your garden group will receive a registration packet in early December, please complete and submit during a registration session.

2. Attend a registration session... the sessions will be organized based on your garden’s land jurisdiction, please read below for further details.

Feb 3TH 1-4pm BROOKLYN
at St. John’s Recreation Center
1251 Prospect Pl. btwn. Troy and Schenectady Aves.
Subway: Take the A train to Utica Ave and walk 6 blocks South to Prospect Pl. Turn right and walk 1 ½ blocks to the center. Or take the 3 or 4 to Utica Ave. Walk six blocks North, turn left to Prospect Pl. and walk ½ blocks to the center. Bus: Take the B65 or B15 to Schenectady Ave. and walk two blocks South. Or take the B45 to Schenectady Ave. and walk three blocks North.

HPD (Housing and Preservation Development)

Under the terms of the 2002 settlement, garden groups must register, sign new licenses every two years and remain in good standing in order to remain the legal stewards of community gardens on HPD property. Even if you have registered recently, you must attend and sign the new 2007 license to retain permission to use your garden.

The designated primary or alternate contact and at least one representative from your garden group must attend a registration session.

Your garden group may attend either of the ‘HPD’ registration sessions in Manhattan.

Jan 24TH 12-2pm or 6:30-8:30pm MAN.
at Thomas Jefferson Rec. Center
2180 1st Ave. (at 112th St).
Subway: Take the 6 train to 110th St. Walk east to 1st Ave. and then walk north 2 blocks. Bus: M15 to 112th Street or M116 to 116th St. and 1st Ave.

Please turn over for more registration information.
What Do I Do With All this Woody Debris?

IF YOU HAVE OLD BRANCHES AND OTHER DEAD WOOD IN YOUR GARDEN AND WOULD LIKE TO GET IT OUT, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO...

BUNDLE ONLY wood that is smaller than 10 inches in diameter and shorter than 4 feet into bales that are no larger than 3 by 4 feet with twine.

CALL 311 and ask to schedule a “Woody Debris Pickup” using the garden’s street address and zip code. Occasionally a 311 operator will claim the service is only available to homeowners. That is NOT true. If the operator refuses to take the appointment, call back.

Please - NO LUMBER, PALLETs OR WOOD FURNITURE.

You Can Also:

Go to the GreenThumb website and click on the Resources Page for the link to the Parks Department’s online Woody Debris Removal Request page or go directly to the Parks Department website www.nycgovparks.org. Scroll down to the ‘Services’ section and click on ‘Woody Debris Removal’.
Crazy for Composting

Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill and a Valentine’s Day surprise

WITH JODIE COLON, COMPOST EDUCATOR, NYBG
A compost clinic for those who are passionate about composting, but want more from their bins. This Q & A session will provide you with the practical tips, advice and encouragement you need to take it to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging in for years.

Feb 14TH 6:30-8:30pm BRONX
at The New York Botanical Garden
Watson Building Rm 102, Bronx River Pkwy at Fordham Rd.
Subway: D or 4 trains to Bedford Park Blvd. Walk south-east on Bedford to the Garden, or take the Bx26 bus to the Garden gate. Bus: The Bx12, Bx19, Bx26, and Bx41 buses stop near the Garden entrances.

Compost Screen Building

Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill & Compost Screens

WITH SOLITA STEPHENS; MASTER COMPOSTER, OLYMPUS GARDEN CLUB
Come learn about compost sifting -- why to sift compost, how to use finished compost, and the benefits of black gold. After a brief presentation, there will be a hands-on compost screen building demonstration. Workshop participants will assemble their own compost screens to take home.

Please pre-register for this workshop and reserve a compost screen kit by calling (212) 788-8068.

Feb 24TH 11am-1pm BROOKLYN
at The Von King Recreation Center
Herbert Von King Rec. Center; Lafayette Ave.
btwm Tompkins and Marcy Aves.
Subway: G to Bedford/Nostrand Aves. Follow exits signs to south-east corner. Walk one block east on Lafayette Ave., passing Salvation Army and church on the left until you reach Von King Park and Cultural Arts Center. Von King is in the park located on the south-east corner of Marcy and Lafayette Aves.
Bus: B38 bus to Marcy and Lafayette Aves. Bus stops on the same block as park.

Plantsing Mixes

Order Compost, Soil, Cleanfill & Planting Soil Mix

WITH JOHN AMEROSO, CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION-NYC
Come to this workshop and learn how to make your own planting mixes! A hands-on demonstration using various materials (vermiculite, perlite, peat, coir, compost, etc.) to make your own planting mixes to bring home for house-plants and/or other containers. Go home with a bag of your own personally mixed potting soil. This activity is a fun way to learn about water-retention, drainage, nutrients, pH, and other soil facts.

Feb 27TH 5:30-7:30pm MANHATTAN
at Black Veterans for Social Justice
119th St. Veterans Residence, Cafeteria (1st Floor);
22 East 119th St. btwn 5th and Madison.
Subway: 4/5/6 to 125th St. Exit near intersection of Dr Martin L. King Jr. Blvd and Lexington Ave. walk to M103 Bus at Lexington and 124th. Bus: Take M103 Bus South on Lexington Ave. to 119th St. Walk West on 119th St. to 22 East 119th St. btwn Madison and 5th Ave.

Save the Date...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006
Brooklyn's Bounty Forum: Farms, Food, & Healthy Communities

Share your voice to ensure farmers markets and healthy food for you and your neighbors!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP,
CONTACT JUST FOOD:
PHONE: 212-645-9880 X228


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Get BONUS SUPPLIES

AT A GREENTHUMB WORKSHOP IN THE WINTER

For GreenThumb gardeners who have not attended a GreenThumb workshop in 2005-06. Send someone from your garden who has not attended a GT workshop in the last 2 years and they will receive a surprise Bonus Resource for your garden. Recent bonus supplies have included design books, tree i.d. guides, soil testing kits, rain gauges, disposable cameras and metal plant stakes.

Congratulations to the following individuals who received Bonus Supplies by attending a fall workshop:

Jane Chaney, The Bainbridge Garden
Carl Williams, Woodycrest Community Garden
Maya Faerstein-Weiss, Dias y Flores
Leah Faerstein, Dias Y Flores
George Malave, Little Green Garden

Rev. Omega, Rev. Lynette C. Williamson
Memorial Park
Melissa Dowd, The Green School
Angel Morales, La Isla Verde
Larry Berds, Dias y Flores

Celebrating Sustainability for the New Year

PathMark Vouchers for $50

WITH AVA HSU, (PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP-SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE) AND JONAH BRAVERMAN, COORDINATOR FOR UCC

Join us at UCC’s urban youth farm for a film screening around food safety, featuring The Meatrix (12 mins) and the Safe Food Committee Sponsored Lobby Day (26 mins). Then stick around to celebrate the holidays with us and participate in some de-LIGHT-ful, festive fun! GreenThumb gardens can sign up to receive $50 Pathmark vouchers.

Jan 6TH 4:30-6:30pm BROOKLYN
at the United Community Centers Youth Farm / UCC
613 New Lots Ave., on the corner of Schenck.
Subway: 3 train to Van Siclen Avenue. After going thru the turnstyles take the stairs to the right, and at the bottom of the stairs, continue straight. At the corner, turn left onto New Lotts Ave, and walk two blocks to Schenck. Bus: B155 or the B14 to Barbey Street, walk two blocks to Blake Ave.

If you would like to host an Adventures in the Arts event or you are an artist who needs a stage, call Glenis Holder, the Adventures in the Arts Coordinator. 212.788.8073 glenis.holder@parks.nyc.gov

WWW.GREENTHUMBNYC.ORG
Fall Rain Garden Workshop

Lenny Librizzi of the Council On the Environment of New York City (far left) explains how the newly planted ‘rain garden’ in front of him will help capture storm water in the garden -- supporting plant life -- while reducing storm water overflow in our sewers during heavy rains. The rain garden pictured was installed in the PBC Washington Memorial Garden in upper Manhattan, during the September 28th ‘Creating a Rain Garden’ workshop and perennial giveaway. GreenThumb distributed over 500 perennials during the workshop.

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- Seeds, Seed Starting Supplies
- Lumber for Raised Beds
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- Vegetable Starts
- Pathmark Vouchers

IF YOU HAVE ANY WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT, PLEASE CALL SUSAN FIELDS (212) 788-8078 susan.fields@parks.nyc.gov