GreenThumb’s Spring
Program Guide 2006
March • April • May

Winter Program Activities:
Marissa Bellino and Geoff Hockert of the High School for Environmental Studies practice transplanting collard green seedlings during GreenThumb's Seed Starting Indoors 2: Next Steps workshop held on February 7th at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Over 100 community and school gardeners attended GT's 3 seed giveaway events. Vegetable, flower and herb seed packets along with seed starting trays and mix were distributed and 4 indoor grow light systems were raffled off.

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

- Vegetable & Herb Plant Starts
- Untreated Lumber for Raised Beds, Screws, Water Sealant
- Hydrant Wrenches & Adapters, Hose Splitters, Watering Wands
- Wheelbarrows and Pitch Forks

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.
Walking Tour of East New York Farms

**Untreated Lumber, 2x10x8, Screws, Safe Coat Sealant**

WITH JONAH BRAVERMAN, EAST NEW YORK FARMS COORDINATOR AND EAST NEW YORK FARMS YOUTH INTERNS

East New York Farm’s Coordinator and Youth Interns will lead a walking tour of their urban farm. They will discuss the benefits of raised mounds and how to build them. Come learn about ENYF’s seasonal farmers’ market, bee-keeping and rainwater harvesting.

Mar 30th 5:30-7pm BROOKLYN
at East New York Farms, United Community Centers, 610-620 Schenck Ave. at Livonia
Subway: 3 to Van Siclen Ave., Bus: B83 to Van Siclen and New Lots; B20 to New Lots and Schenck Ave.

Power Tools 101

**Untreated Lumber, 2x10x8, Screws, Safe Coat Sealant**

WITH FRANCESKA SANTIAGO, TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

Power tools are used to build many of the most common structures in community and school gardens - raised beds, benches and picnic tables. Come learn the essentials about these tools, how to use and maintain them and basic safety tips. Power tool use will be demonstrated during the workshop.

Apr 1ST 10:30am-12noon MANHATTAN
at Diamante Garden
306-310 East 118th St., between 1st and 2nd Ave.
Subway: 6 to 116th St., walk east 3 avenues, Bus: M116 to 2nd Ave. & 116th St., M15 to 2nd Ave. & 118th St., M98/M101/M103 to 3rd Ave. & 118th St.

Building Basic Raised Beds

**Untreated Lumber, 2x10x8, Screws, Safe Coat Sealant**

WITH HAROLD PAYNTER, GREENTHUMB CITYWIDE OUTREACH COORDINATOR

A get-your-hands-on demonstration of how to build sturdy, lasting raised beds using untreated lumber, screws and Safe-Coat water shield.

Apr 4TH 5:30-7pm BRONX
at El Batey de Dona Prouit
1956 Bathgate at 178th St.
Subway: B/D to Tremont, walk east on Tremont 6 blocks, turn left on Bathgate, Bus: Bx36 to 180th St. & Bathgate.

It’s My Park! Day - May 13th, 2006

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Bringing thousands of volunteers together in more than 150 sites in all five boroughs. Projects and events are organized by local community groups, corporate partners, or Parks and City Parks Foundation staff, semi-annually in May and October.

VISIT WWW.ITSMYPARK.ORG OR WWW.PARTNERSHIPSFORPARKS.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.
Be Water-Wise in Your Garden

** Hydrant Wrenches, Hydrant Adapters, Hose Splitters, Watering Wands **
WATER WISE COUNCIL OF NEW YORK AND METROHORT GROUP
Learn how to conserve water in your garden while spending less time watering. Practical tips along with examples from NYC community gardens will be presented.

** Apr 25th 5:30-7pm ** MANHATTAN
at William A. Harris Garden
Northwest corner of 153rd Street & St. Nicholas Ave.

Rainwater Harvesting 101

** Hydrant Wrenches, Hydrant Adapters, Hose Splitters, Watering Wands **
JASON SHEETS, NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT AND WATER RESOURCES GROUP
Come see a large rainwater harvesting system in a community garden. Learn how the system operates and how to maintain it, as well as how to install a simple system in your own garden.

** Apr 27th 5:30-7pm ** MANHATTAN
at Bronx Community & Cultural Garden
Northeast corner of 143rd St. & Willis Ave.
Subway: 2/5 to 3rd Ave., 149th St, Bus: Bx15 to Willis Ave. & 143rd St.; Bx2/Bx21 to 3rd Ave. & 143rd St.

Our Water Cycle

** Hydrant Wrenches, Hydrant Adapters, Hose Splitters, Watering Wands **
WITH LENNY LIBRIZZI AND LARS CHELLBERG, COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF NEW YORK CITY AND SUSAN FIELDS, GREENTHUMB
Where does our water come from? Where does it go after we use it? What are the biggest threats to the global water supply? To our local water supply? Learn about these issues and how to capture rainwater for your garden. Come see a simple rainwater harvesting system in action and learn how to install one in your garden.

** Apr 29th 10am-12noon ** MANHATTAN
at Miracle Garden
194-196 East 3rd St., between Aves. A & B.
Subway: F/V to 2nd Ave., B/D/F/V to B’way-Lafayette,
Bus: M21 to Houston & Ave. A or M14A to Ave A & 3rd St.
or M9 to Ave. B & 3rd St.

Market Gardens: Dreams to Reality

** Vegetable and Herb Plant Starts **
WITH KATHLEEN MCTIGUE, JUST FOOD, AND KAREN WASHINGTON, LA FAMILIA VERDE GARDEN COALITION
Have you ever dreamed of a fresh vegetable market in your community or of raising money for your community garden by selling fresh vegetables to your neighbors? Come learn ways to make your Market Garden dreams a reality.

** May 4th 5:30-7pm ** BRONX
at Claremont Neighborhood Garden
Teller Ave at 169th St
Subway: D to 170th St.
Bus: Bx41 on Webster Ave to 169th St.
Growing Prize-Winning Vegetables and Flowers

**Vegetable and Herb Plant Starts**

WITH MELVIN FOSTER OF CLIFTON PLACE MEMORIAL PARK & GARDEN, HARRY RAMLAHAN OF HAMER-CAMPOS FARM, MCKINLEY HIGHTOWER-BEYAH OF P.U.L.L. GARDEN, KELVIN HOSEIN OF EUCLID 500 ASSOCIATION, MARILYN JOHNSON OF FLOYD BENNETT GARDEN ASSOCIATION AND CLASSIE PARKER OF FIVE STAR BLOCK ASSOCIATION

Want to have the biggest sunflower, the tastiest tomato, and the longest beans this year? Come learn growing tips and tricks from past Harvest Fair Contest winners.

**May 6TH 11am-12:30pm** BROOKLYN
at Clifton Place Memorial Park & Garden
1033-31 Bedford Ave at Clifton Place
Subway: G to Bedford-Nostrand Ave/Lafayette Ave, A/C to Franklin Ave/Fulton St, Bus: B44 exit Bedford Ave at Clifton Place, B38 exit Lafayette Ave at Bedford Ave.

Companion Planting

**Vegetable and Herb Plant Starts**

WITH SOLITA STEPHENS, OLYMPUS GARDEN CLUB

Did you know catnip repels cabbage pests & aphids? Or that rue repels Japanese beetles and basil scares off the tomato hornworm? Learn to grow stronger & healthier crops without chemicals by pairing crops with companion plants.

**May 9TH 5:30-7pm** MANHATTAN
at West 104th Street Community Garden
6-10 and 14-18 West 104th St, between Central Park West & Manhattan Ave.
Subway: B/C to 103rd St, Bus: M10 exit Central Park West near 104th St, M7/M11 exit on Columbus & 100th St.

NYC Community Gardens and the Asian Longhorned Beetle

**Wheelbarrow Kits, Pitch Forks**

WITH MATTHEW URBAN, USDA ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE PROGRAM

How do I properly dispose of tree prunings? Can I accept wood chips from another part of the city? Whom should I call if I suspect an Asian Longhorned Beetle is in my garden? What is used to 'vaccinate' trees against the Asian Longhorned Beetle? Is it Safe? Learn the answers to these questions and more with USDA experts.

**May 18TH 5:30-7pm** BROOKLYN
at Cooper Street Garden
41 Cooper St, between Bushwick Ave and Broadway
Subway: J/Z to Chauncey St, Bus: B60 exit Rockaway Ave & Broadway, B20 exit Broadway & Cooper St.

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**May 23TH 5:30-7pm** MANHATTAN
at West 132nd Street Garden
108-114 West 132nd St, between Lenox Ave & Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.
Subway: 2/3 to 135th Street, B/C to 135th St, Bus: M120 exit Lenox Ave & 132nd St, M7 exit Lenox Ave & 132nd St, M2 exit Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. & 132nd Street.

Mulching Tools

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Winter Program Activities:

On October 21st GreenThumb Gardeners picked up their Spring Bulbs while lending a helping hand to the revitalizing garden group at Dean St. North Community Garden in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. Seasoned GreenThumb Gardeners prepped beds, planted bulbs and brought an extra tool or a piece of garden wisdom to welcome the new group. Pictured from left to right are Dennis Moore of Highland Park Children’s Garden, GreenThumb Citywide Outreach Coordinator Harold Paynter, and Jennifer Kessler of the Automotive High School.

National Gardening Month in New York City

CO-SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL GARDENING ASSOCIATION AND NYC PARKS & RECREATION

EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHS IN APRIL.
CHECK WWW.NYC.GOV/PARKS OR WWW.GARDEN.ORG OR WWW.NATIONALGARDENMONTH.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

Be sure not to miss NYC Grows

a one day festival in Union Square Park APRIL 29TH 2006
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#### Market Gardens

**MARKET GARDENS DREAMS TO REALITY (BX)**

**Growing Prize Vegetables and Flowers (BK)**

**Gardens & Asian Longhorned Beetle (BK)**

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**Companion Planting (M)**

#### GreenThumb

**22nd Annual GreenThumb**

**GrowTogether**

**Dig Deep, Grow Strong**

Hostos Community College

Saturday, March 18th, 2006

9:00am to 4:00pm

- 60 workshops, many
- New this year
- Learning Tree Dance Performance
- Will Allen, of Growing Power - Speaker

**Patagonia Clothing Raffle**

Pre-register $3, includes lunch & t-shirt

Register that day $5, no t-shirt, lunch if available
**Winter Program Activities:**

Sun and smiles kept GreenThumb gardeners and GT staff warm on the second day of our Winter Supply Pick-Up at the GreenThumb/LRP Compound on December 10. Pictured are GT staff members Jennifer Aase-Remedios (Bear) and Susan Fields, with Grover Fuller of the Davidson Avenue GreenThumbs and Stella Varvans of the Dias y Flores Garden receiving back-saver snow shovels, environmentally friendly snow melt, push brooms, garbage bags, gloves and an ice-breaker.

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**Summer Program Guide 2006 Preview**

- basic summer supply pick-up
- picnic table building
- kestrel boxes
- herbs for health

**If you have any workshop suggestions or would like to host an event, please call Susan Fields**

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