GreenThumb’s Summer

Program Guide 2006

June • July • August

Spring Program Activities:
Pat McLaughlin of the Children’s Workshop School, Beverly Kellum-McClain of Campos Community Garden and Amy Burrous of LIC Roots Garden/NYC International High School show off the ‘Know & Show Sombreros they made on March 4 during the Junior Master Gardener training sponsored by GreenThumb and Cornell Cooperative Extension. School garden and community garden youth educators participated in a hands-on 2-day curriculum training, upon successful completion they received Junior Master Gardener textbooks and curriculum supplies.

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

- Gloves, Garden Hoses, Garbage Bags, Garden Forks, Shovels, Hoes and Rakes
- Market Garden Canvas Bags
- Birdhouse Kits
- Small Hoop House Kits
- Conflict Resolution Training & Certification
- Integrated Pest Management Guide
- Just Food’s Veggie Tip Sheet
- Pathmark Vouchers for Garden Events
- Garden Design Book and Design Tools
- Just Food’s ‘Urban Chicken Management Guides’
- Dried Herbal Teas and Herbal Recipes

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.
Summer Workshops Calendar 2006

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**Summer Supply Pick-Up**

- gloves, garden hoses, garbage bags, garden forks, shovels, hoes and rakes

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

**June 3rd** 11am-2pm  QUEENS
at LRP Compound, QNS  See directions on pg 7.

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**Basic Summer Supplies**

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**Pathmark Vouchers**

- Pathmark vouchers ($50)

**Adventures in the Arts Information Session**

- GLENIS HOLDER, GT ADVENTURES IN ART COORDINATOR

Art events are an excellent way to attract new members to your garden and to engage the surrounding community. Come out to the Adventures in the Arts workshop to learn how you can get involved in this new initiative. Sign up for Pathmark vouchers to purchase food for your events.

**June 6th** 5:30-7pm  MANHATTAN
at Creative Little Garden
530 East 6th Street, between Ave. A & B.
Subway: F/V to 2nd Ave. 6 to Astor Place.
Bus: M8 runs E-W on 8th St. M14A runs N-S on Ave. A, M9 runs N-S on Ave. B.

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**Adventures in the Arts Kick-off Event**

- Pathmark vouchers ($50)

**ARTIST AND GARDEN TO BE ANNOUNCED!!**

GreenThumb wants to encourage dancers, musicians, filmmaker and fine artists to stage performances in GreenThumb gardens! Are you a Brooklyn gardener working to make your garden a haven for the emerging artists in your community? Or are you or someone you know an artist seeking exposure? GreenThumb wants to help! Look out for the Adventures in the Arts mailing, then apply to participate.

**Aug 25th** 6-8pm  BROOKLYN
(Location & Artist To Be Announced.)

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**MEMBERS FIGHTING? DISAGREEMENTS WITH GARDEN NEIGHBORS?**

CONTENTIOUS GARDEN MEETINGS?

APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN A 2-SESSION INTENSIVE TRAINING WITH SAFE HORIZON MEDIATION PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL TRAINERS, (PG 5).

(20 gardeners, two 3 hour sessions on August 17th and 24th, 2006.)
DINNER WILL BE SERVED
Healthy Herbs

Summer Herbal Wellness Workshop

* * dried herbs, herbal recipes and fresh foods *

WITH MICHELLE JOHNSON, HERBAL JOURNEYWOMAN

Come Celebrate the Flavors of Summer with Michelle Johnson! Sample rose petal lemonade & other floral/fruity summer coolers. Enjoy homemade treats & savory finger foods. Learn creative ways to use your summer-harvested herbs.

**June 24th 2-3:30pm MANHATTAN**

*at Five Star Block Association*

250-252 W. 121st Street
Subway: A/B/C/D to 125th Street
Bus: M10, M3, M18, M2

Garden Design

Garden Design Workshop

* * garden design book, design tools *

WITH LUIS LEMUS, COMMUNITY HORTICULTURIST, BRONX GREEN UP/NYBG

Learn the basics of garden design - conducting a site analysis, planning for the use of the site & choosing plants.

**June 29th 5:30-7pm BRONX**

*at Franklin Memorial Garden*

1062 Cauldwell Ave, corner of Boston Rd.
Subway: 2, 5 trains to Prospect Ave & Westchester Ave stop. Bus: Bx21 along Boston Rd to Cauldwell Ave, Bx6 along E.163rd St to Cauldwell Ave.

Tips: For Getting to GreenThumb Events

1. Ask all members of your garden group if they are able to attend or if they have access to a car.

2. Ask neighbors and anyone that stops to admire the garden if they would have time to help out the garden.

3. Check with local churches and community organizations to see if they have a van or car that could be used for attending workshops or picking up supplies.

4. Visit local businesses to see if they have a delivery van that might be perfect for picking up supplies.

5. Check with all the community gardens near you and see if they would be willing to carpool. Call GreenThumb if you need names and phone numbers for these gardens.

6. Put a sign on your garden gate “Support your local community garden - Volunteers needed to pick up supplies.”

7. Split the cost of a rental van among several community gardens (3 gardens for about $20).

Chicken Coop Building

* * Just Food's 'Urban Chicken Management' Guides *

2 hr lecture, lunch, afternoon building demo

WITH JUST FOOD’S CHICKEN WORKING GROUP

Come learn about keeping chickens in community gardens. The workshop will begin with a review of the relevant federal, state and municipal regulations followed by lunch in the garden. Afterwards participate in a chicken coop building demonstration. Learn how to maintain healthy chickens in a community garden and the many benefits.

**July 15th 11am-4pm MANHATTAN**

*at El Jardin del Paraiso*

706-718 E. 5th St, between Aves C & D.
Subway: F, V trains to 2nd Ave stop, 6 train to Astor Pl stop. Bus: M8 along 8th St to Ave C, M21 along Ave C to E. 5th St, M14D along Ave D to E. 5th St.
Integrated Pest Management

**IPM Workshop**

- Integrated pest management books

WITH MAUREEN O’BRIEN, 6/15 GARDEN, JENNIFER AASE-REMEDIOS, GT CITYWIDE OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Learn new information about improving the conditions in your gardens with sound methods aimed at using chemicals only when deemed absolutely necessary. Learn how to increase yields with IPM: giving plants what they need to be healthy, preventing the causes of diseases, and working with beneficial insects in your gardens. Get advice on how to recognize and assess pest problems as they occur, learn about plant culture and selection and the physical means of control.

**July 11th 5:30-7pm BROOKLYN**

at Six Fifteen Green Garden

6th Ave. and 16th St.

Subway: F to either 7th Ave. or Prospect Park/15th St. M/R to Prospect Ave. Bus: B67 runs N-S on 7th Ave. B63 runs N-S on 5th Ave. B103 runs N-S on 4th Ave. and cuts East along Prospect Expressway to 6th Ave.

Bird House Building

- Bird house kits

WITH HAROLD PAYNTER, GT CITYWIDE OUTREACH COORDINATOR BRIAN SWAN, CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

Come construct a simple pine board birdhouse for your community or school garden. This is a hands-on building workshop. Limited to 15 participants. You must pre-register for this workshop by calling 212-788-8078.

**July 29th 10:30am-12:30pm MANHATTAN**

at William A. Harris Community Garden

West 153rd St. and St. Nicholas Ave.

Subway: 1 to 157th St. (on St. Nicholas Ave.), C to West 155th St. Bus: M100/M101 runs N-S on Amsterdam Ave. M3 runs N-S on St. Nicholas Ave. BX6 from the Bronx runs E-W on West 155th St.

**August 5th 10:30am-12:30pm BROOKLYN**

at New Vision Garden

590-594 Schenck Ave, northwest corner of Livonia Ave.

Subway: 3 train to Van Siclen Ave & Livonia Ave. Bus: B15 along New Lots Ave to Schenck Ave, B83 to New Lots Ave & Van Siclen Ave, or B6 to New Lots Ave & Van Siclen Ave.

Healthy Cooking Demos

- Just Food 'Veggie Tip Sheet' books, Market Garden canvas bags

WITH COMMUNITY FOOD EDUCATOR, JUST FOOD, LA FAMILIA VERDE GARDEN COALITION & FOR A BETTER BRONX

Visit a farmer’s market sponsored by community gardens, enjoy a cooking demonstration and receive an excellent guide to cooking fresh vegetables as well as a Market Gardens canvas bag.

**July 25th 11:30am-12:30pm BRONX**

at La Familia Verde Garden Coalition

East Tremont and LaFontaine

Subway: 2 to East Tremont/West Farms Square

Bus: BX 40, BX 42

**July 26th 4:30-5:30pm BRONX**

at South Bronx Community Garden Market

Subway: 6 to Brooke Ave. exit at 138th and Brook Ave. Walk north on Brooke Ave 3 blocks until you reach 141st. Take a left on 141st: market entrance at second park gate on the left.

Extend the Season

- Hoops for raised beds and row covering

WITH MAUREEN O’BRIEN, CITY FARM’S TRAINER, JUST FOOD

Come learn how to grow food early in the spring and late into the fall by using simple hoops and row covering on raised beds.

**August 10th 5:30-7pm MANHATTAN**

at Margechante Garden

155-158 W.133rd St, between Lenox Ave. & Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.

Subway: 2, 3 trains to W.135th St & Lenox Ave. stop.

Bus: M7, M102 along Lenox Ave. to W.133rd St, M2 along Adam Clayton Powell Blvd to W.133rd St.
Conflict Resolution & Basic Communication Skills

**conflict resolution training certification**

WITH SAFE HORIZON MEDIATION PROGRAM

Members fighting? Disagreements with garden neighbors? Contentious garden meetings? Are you interested in learning how to handle these situations in your garden and in other community activities? Would you like to help other gardens coping with these situations? Apply to participate in a 2-session intensive training with Safe Horizon Mediation Program professional trainers. **Limited to 20 participants. Call 212-788-8078 to learn how to apply for this training. Dinner will be served.**

**Aug 17TH 5:30-8:30pm BROOKLYN**

Aug 24TH 5:30-8:30pm BROOKLYN

at Safe Horizon downtown Brooklyn Offices

Receive directions once to are pre-registered.

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**TUESDAYS 8AM-2PM**

East Tremont and LaFontaine Ave., East Tremont/Crotona.

The Market at Bisset Gardens,

**SATURDAYS, 9AM-1PM & WEDNESDAYS, 8AM-4PM,**

Baychester Ave., just south of 241st Street, Wakefield

The South Bronx Com. Garden Market,

**WEDNESDAY, 12NOON-7PM**

141st Street between Brook Ave & Willis Ave, Mott Haven.

Laqua Com. Farmstand,

**SATURDAYS, 9AM-4PM,**

Ogden Avenue and 164th Street, Highbridge.

West Farmer’s Market,

**WEDNESDAY, 10AM-3PM,**

Just east of the intersection of East Tremont & Boston Rd, East Tremont.

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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 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.

**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.
On Saturday, March 18th, 2006 approximately 1,000 people attended the 22nd Annual GrowTogether Conference. There were 65 workshops covering horticulture, compost, cultivating involvement, food security, health and well-being, kids activities, making things, and youth garden leadership. Thanks to a generous donation of four high quality outdoor jackets from Patagonia, GreenThumb was able to hold a raffle with the 270 conference evaluations we received! Many thanks to Patagonia and everyone who completed an evaluation. Raffle winners are pictured with GreenThumb’s own Rose Green. From top clockwise - Leona Blocker of Garden of Eden, Rebecca Neher of Wave Hill an Walli Raninger of West 104th Street Garden. Not pictures is Yvonne Jordan of the 97th Street Block Association.

Presenting the GreenThumb GrowTogether Raffle Winners

The GreenThumb 22nd Annual GrowTogether

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