GreenThumb’s Spring Program Guide 2007

March • April • May

GreenThumb GrowTogether, 2007

The 23rd Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether soared to new heights with well over 1,000 attendees, many new workshops and a timely theme “Farming the Future - Cultivando el Futuro”. The opening ceremony highlighted both national and local efforts of community gardeners to help secure fresh, healthy food for their communities. Speakers from Just Food, Added Value’s Red Hook Farm and La Familia Verde Garden Coalition talked about the movement to create a just food system in New York City and introduced two films from Media that Matters: Good Food series - “Food Justice: A Growing Movement” and “Inch by Inch: Providence Youth Gardens for Education”. Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the day a bountiful success -- especially More Gardens! (pictured) who always seem to have the most fun of all, leading puppet making and face painting workshops!

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

- Lumber for Building Raised Beds
- Vegetable Plants - Tomatoes, Peppers, Collards, Herbs, and more!
- Soil, Compost, Cleanfill (Fall/Winter orders are being delivered now)

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.
Beyond the Rectangle: Creating Unique & Efficient Planting Spaces

Untreated Lumber

GARY BAUM, CITY BEAUTIFUL CARPENTRY
ERIC THOMANN, TWIGCRAFT AND BACKYARD GARDEN

Do you have odd-shaped planting spaces in your garden? Looking for alternatives to the 4’ X 8’ rectangular bed?

Work with a professional carpenter and craftsman to devise interesting and practical solutions to your planting bed woes. Also, learn techniques to get more planting space out of your lumber. We will discuss creative and efficient shapes that maximize your planting area.

After the workshop, GT staff will be on hand to help you complete a lumber order request. Priority will be given to gardens that have not received lumber in 2 years.

Thurs. May 10th 5:30-7:30pm BROOKLYN
at 64th Street Garden
64th St., west of 4th Ave.
Subway: Brooklyn bound N/R to 59th St. N.B. use the front car to exit on 61st St. Walk down 4th Ave. to 64th St. & turn right; the garden is at the end of the dead end street.
Bus: B63 down 5th Ave. to 63rd St. Walk down 5th Ave. to 64th St. & turn right.

Raised Bed Building

Untreated Lumber

HAROLD PAYNTER, GT OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Join GreenThumb’s own Harold Paynter and a special guest to discuss the benefits of raised beds. Participate in a hands-on demonstration of how to construct a basic raised bed, as well as L-shaped beds and double-height beds.

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Sat. May 12th 12-2pm QUEENS
at McKinley Children’s Garden
108-56 Union Hall St. at 109th Ave.
Subway: E, F, or J to Parsons Blvd, walk 1 block west of Guy R. Brewer to 160th St. Then walk 4 blocks south to 109th Ave.
Bus: Q 111 or Q 113 to 109th Ave. Walk 1 block west to Union Hall St.
Urban Oasis Tour

Tomatoes, Peppers, Collards, Herbs, Eggplants and more

SUSAN BRAVERMAN, URBAN OASIS

Since 2002, GreenThumb has contracted with Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital's Urban Oasis program to grow out vegetable starts for distribution to community gardens. This program is a horticultural therapy project that grows tasty vegetables while supporting the growth and well-being of its clients.

Thanks to this partnership GreenThumb is able to distribute organic, non-GMO plants in unique varieties unavailable in your local nursery.

Come tour the facility, including a commercial greenhouse and urban agriculture site. Learn about the Urban Oasis program and meet the growers.

After the tour, hundreds of tasty vegetable plants will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The hospital has special security precautions to protect clients. Please see the special instructions for attending this workshop below. Parking is available on-site, see directions below.

Sat. May 19th 10-12noon  BROOKLYN

at Urban Oasis
Clarkson Avenue between Albany & Utica Aves.
Subway: 2 or 5 to Winthrop St. 3 or 4 to Utica Ave. & Eastern Pkwy, follow bus directions below or walk about 12 blocks to Utica & Clarkson.
Bus: BK 46 to Clarkson Ave. or BK14 to Utica Ave.
Driving: See Below
Parking is available on the grounds.

Fresh Food Now!

Tomatoes, Peppers, Collards, Herbs, Eggplants and more

Learn about NYC's grassroots efforts to increase access to fresh, locally grown foods. Hear about GreenThumb's efforts to support urban agriculture projects and find out how the Farm Bill affects your access to fresh, affordable local food.

After the tour, hundreds of tasty vegetable plants will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tues. May 22nd 5:30-7:30pm  BRONX

at El Girasol
624-638 East 138th St. between St. Ann's & Cypress Aves.
Subway: 6 local to Cypress Avenue, walk ½ block
Bus: BX17 & BX33

Driving Directions to Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital's Urban Oasis

FROM MANHATTAN & THE BRONX: Manhattan Bridge to Flatbush Ave. Continue on Flatbush Ave. & proceed around Grand Army Plaza and Eastern Pkwy. Take Eastern Pkwy. to Albany Ave. Make a right turn & proceed up to Clarkson Ave. Make a left turn.

FROM QUEENS OR LONG ISLAND (NORTH SHORE): Grand Central Pkwy. to Jackie Robinson Pkwy. Exit at Bushwick Ave. Go 3 lights to Eastern Pkwy Extension. Make a left & proceed 2 miles to Albany Ave. Make a left turn & proceed until Clarkson Ave. & make a left turn.

FROM QUEENS OR LONG ISLAND (SOUTH SHORE): Southern State to Belt Pkwy. and Pennsylvania Ave. Proceed to Linden Blvd. & make a left. Continue for approximately 2 miles to Utica & make a right. Proceed to Clarkson Ave. & make a left.

FROM STATEN ISLAND: Cross Verrazano Narrows Bridge to Belt Pkwy, going toward Kennedy International Airport. Exit at Pennsylvania Ave. Proceed to Linden Boulevard & make a left. Continue for approximately 2 miles to Utica Ave & make a right. Proceed to Clarkson Ave. & make a left.

Once you arrive show the security guard the GreenThumb calendar/flyer for the veggie start event. You then will be given a visitor's pass. Once your are at the gate, walk straight along the road until it ends then turn right and follow the road until you reach the greenhouse (on the left). GreenThumb Staff will be on hand to help direct.
GreenThumb wishes to thank all the many, many workshop presenters, tablers and volunteers. It is your continuing support that makes the GrowTogether better every year!

Our personal thank-yous go out to the:

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**Workshop Presenters (Continued overleaf)**
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Poster Session Organizations and Individuals

Nancy Moore, our T-Shirt Design Winner & Hostos Community College

See You All in 2008!
SCHOOLS, FOOD & GARDENING

Cultivating a Healthy Future

PANELS · WORKSHOPS · RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday, April 21, 8:30 am — 6pm

Teachers College Columbia University · 120th Street and Broadway

From family farms and school gardens to cafeterias and classrooms, locally grown food weaves together nutrition, environmental education and cultural education, thus contributing to the health and well-being of our children. With the support of programs like Farm to School, SchoolFood Plus and Adopt A School Garden, a holistic approach is encouraging healthy food choices in our schools — a touchstone in the battle against childhood obesity and other diet-related diseases.

Join 400 practitioners, parents and advocates for a very full day of panels, workshops, a resource fair and networking lunch. Explore how food and gardening initiatives are taking root in schools and how we can build upon these efforts to ensure a healthier future for New York’s children.

Advanced registration is required.
Last year’s conference sold out! Register now to reserve your space.
For more information, please visit: www.baumforum.org or call 718.884.5716.

GREENTHUMB IS OFFERING A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH GARDEN AND SCHOOL GARDEN LEADERS TO ATTEND. INTERESTED? CALL SUSAN FIELDS AT GREENTHUMB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - 212.788.8078.
New York City celebrates National Garden Month®
April 2007 • all events are FREE!

La Plaza Springfest / Fundraiser
SATURDAY, MAY 19
5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
The La Plaza Cultural Armando Perez Garden located on the southwest corner of Avenue C and East 9th Street
COST: $15.00 per adult and $5.00 per child
Come to the La Plaza Springfest the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. Help support La Plaza Cultural Armando Perez Community Garden. Celebrate a new East Village tradition with us. Our event is a successor to the Rites Of Spring held on the same day. Eat, drink, and dance to live music for only $15.00 per adult and $5.00 per child. For info please call the La Plaza Information Line at 212-592-0154.
COMMUNITY GARDENERS ESPECIALLY WELCOME

Earth Day Celebration in Central Park
Central Park Conservancy
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
The Great Hill and the Children’s Glade (enter the Park at 103rd Street at Central Park West)
Join the Central Park Conservancy and Green Apple Music and Arts Festival as we celebrate Earth Day 2007 in Central Park
Please check our website for more details: www.centralparknyc.org.

NYC Grows!
THE NATIONAL GARDENING ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, UNION SQUARE PARK
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
National Garden Month culminates in a festival including exhibits, gardening demonstrations, artists, writers, chefs, crafts and more
Please visit www.nationalgardenmonth.org or www.garden.org

Lower East Side (LES) Community Garden & Greenspace Walking Tour
Throughout April
Check www.nyc.gov/parks for a complete list of times and dates, or to download a self-guided LES Podcast

Adventures in the Arts
Presents - Shades of Light and Dark
A Fine Art Show at the
La Plaza Cultural Armando Perez Garden
632-650 E. 9th Street
April 28th, 2007
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Featured Artist:
Alexandra Zevin - Egg Dream
Richard (Kwku) Amoah - African Art

For information on more National Garden Month Events in NYC, call 311, or visit our website www.nyc.gov/parks
SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, APRIL 26th,
2007, 6-9 PM
1st Annual NYC Community
Gardens Coalition

Awards Dinner
Alhambra Ballroom,
2116 7th Avenue, Harlem, NY

Special Guest Speaker - Gerard Lordahl
Director-Greening Project,
Council on the Environment of NYC
Immediate Past President,
American Community Gardening Association

Awards to 4 NYC Community/
Business/Political/Governmental
and Gardening Leaders,
Live Entertainment,
Delicious Dinner and Desserts,
Exciting Raffle.

Donation - $50 “Tax Deductible”
(Includes 1-yr Coalition Membership)

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Hoses, Watering Supplies
◆ Pathmark Vouchers
◆ Pest Management Supplies
◆ Row Covers
◆ and more!

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LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT, PLEASE CALL
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