Spring Program Highlights

On May 1st nearly 60 community gardeners attended the Beyond the Rectangle: Creating Unique & Efficient Planting Spaces workshop at the Garden of Love on 116th Street. Eric Thomann (pictured) of Twigcraft and the Backyard Garden and Gary Baum of City Beautiful Carpentry explained how to build a tiered planting bed, a six-sided bed, a raised bed with an attached trellis and a standard raised bed. Afterwards, registered GreenThumb gardens were eligible to order untreated lumber for building raised beds in their own gardens. Remember - if you missed ordering soil and compost from GreenThumb to fill up your beds - it is not too late to pick up free compost -- check out www.nyccompost.org for details.

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

- gloves, garbage bags, garden forks, shovels, hoes, rakes, hydrant wrenches, hydrant adapters
- perennials
- plants, containers, soil mix
- hammers, work gloves
- Pathmark vouchers
- The Composting Toilet System, by Steinfeld and Del Porto
- watering wands and hose splitters
- push mowers, grass seed for shady and sunny areas
- gloves, garbage bags, buckets, hoses
- Water Gardens by Lang and Williams, and mosquito dunks
- photo albums
- fish emulsion fertilizer, soil pH testing kits
- floating row covers, ground stakes

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.

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Summer Supply Pick-Up

- gloves, garbage bags, garden forks, shovels, hoes, rakes, hydrant wrenches, hydrant adapters

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.

A Shade Gardening workshop & plant giveaway will begin at 1pm.

Summer 2007 Workshops Calendar

For available supplies look for this symbol

Summer Supply Giveaway

Due to limited supplies - Hydrant wrenches & hydrant adapters will only be available to registered garden groups that have not received them in 2 years.

The compound gates will not open until 10:45am. Thank-you for your patience.

Sat. June 9th 11am-2pm
QUEENS
at the GreenThumb Compound
Queens Plaza South at 10th St.
See below for directions.

Shade Gardening

- perennials for deep shade and partial shade

CHRISTOPHER BATTENHORST, GARDEN DESIGNER - MEMBER OF 11BC & CAMPOS GARDENS

Most community gardens have shady areas --- learn how to select appropriate plants and care for them. Pick up special tips from an experienced landscape designer on how to make the most of a shady planting area.

Sat. June 9th 1-2pm
at the GreenThumb Compound
See below for directions.

Directions to the 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.
Summer Workshops

Container Gardening at the Solstice

EDIE STONE AND JENNIFER AASE-REMEDEIOS, GREENTHUMB
Making the most out of every inch of available ground is essential for urban gardeners. Window boxes and containers are the perfect solution when you’re short on growing space. Learn the design elements for a good container or window box, soil mixtures that work well, and tips for planting and maintaining containers all year.

Sat. June 21st 5-6pm MANHATTAN
at West 132nd Street Garden
110 West 132nd Street b/t Lenox & Adam Clayton Powell
Subway: 2/3 to West 135th Street. Bus: M2 runs N-S on Adam Clayton Powell. M7 runs N-S on Lenox. BX33 runs from the Bronx E-W on 135th St.

Creating & Maintaining a Lawn Area

LUIS LEMUS, BRONX GREEN-UP SENIOR COMMUNITY HORTICULTURIST, NYBG
Luis will show you how to beautify your garden by creating a lawn area. Learn the basics in creating and maintaining a lawn area and receive the necessary materials to get you started!

Sat. June 30th 10-11:30am BRONX
at El Flamboyan Garden
580 Tinton Avenue, at East 150th Street
Subway: 6 to East 149th St. Walk west on 149th 2 blocks. Turn right. Bus: BX17 runs N-S on Prospect, E-W on 149th. BX19 runs N-S on Southern Blvd and E-W on 149th.

Rainwater Harvesting Building Demonstration

MARISA DEDOMINICIS, TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND SUSAN FIELDS, GREENTHUMB
Do you have a small shed or casita that your garden group would like to harvest rainwater off of for use in the garden? If so, come by the Mott Haven Garden to see how a simple, inexpensive barrel system is being built.

Mon. July 2nd 4-7pm BRONX
at Mott Haven Garden
136th Street, at Bruckner Boulevard (west side)

Caring for Young Street Trees

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS AND THE NEW YORK TREE TRUST
Learn how to care for your young street trees near your community garden and qualify to receive a Parks volunteer permit at these outdoor, hands-on workshops.

Healthy street trees lower the temperature on the street in the summer, provide habitat for birds and help capture stormwater before it overflows our sewer systems.

Registration is required for this event.
For more information or to register, email channaly.oum@parks.nyc.gov.

Mon. July 9th 7-9pm MANHATTAN
at Pelham Fritz Recreation Center at Marcus Garvey Park: W. 122nd St & Mt. Morris Park West
Subway: 4/5/6 to 125th St, 2/3 to 125th St. Bus: M1 to 121st St.

Would Your Garden Like to Host a Workshop?

The City Farms program of Just Food has a network of skilled garden trainers who can lead workshops for your garden and your community to grow skills and grow more food. Available workshops include: Market and Garden Planning, Seed Starting, Soil Preparation, Planting Your Garden, Community Food Security, Cooking and Canning and many others. If you are interested, please call Owen at Just Food: 212.645.9880 x229 to set up the workshops. Be sure to check our website for upcoming garden workshops!

http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops/
Build and Keep a Healthy Pond - Tour

“Water Gardens” by Lang and Williams, and mosquito dunks

CARY YORK, 6BC BOTANICAL GARDEN, WILLIAM HOHAUSER, 6TH STREET & AVENUE B GARDEN, AND PAM PIER, GREEN OASIS COMMUNITY GARDENS

Want to build a pond? Have a pond that needs help? Meet us at 6BC Garden and learn about how to set up a successful pond. Then we'll have a look at the pond at 6th & B and learn about some of the pitfalls and problems of ponds. Finally, we'll finish up exploring the pond at Green Oasis and learn all about how to care for and sustain a healthy pond ecosystem.

Sat. July 14th 10am-12noon MANHATTAN

TOUR BEGINS: 6BC BOTANICAL GARDEN-624 East 6th St.
CONTINUES TO: 6th St. & Ave. B GARDEN-6th St & Ave. B
TOUR ENDS: GREEN OASIS COMMUNITY GARDEN-376 E8th St.
Subway To 6BC Botanical Garden: F/V to 2nd Ave. 6 to Astor Place
Bus: M8 runs E-W on 8th St. M14 runs N-S on Ave. A. M9 runs N-S on Ave. B

Organic Gardening

fish emulsion fertilizer, soil pH testing kits, “Organic Gardening” magazine and a raffle for 2 ACGA memberships

GERARD LORDAHL, DIRECTOR-OPEN SPACE GREENING PROGRAM, CENYC

“Organic” -- what does it mean? Gerard will demystify the word with practical advice on how to fertilize your plants, promote healthy soil and manage pests using organic methods.

Thurs. July 19th 5:30-7:30pm MANHATTAN

at La Plaza Cultural -Armando Perez
650 East 9th Street @ Avenue C

GT Approved Structures

hammers, work gloves, GT approved guidelines handout

EDIE STONE, GREENTHUMB AND LENNY LIBRIZZI, OPEN SPACE GREENING PROGRAM, CENYC

Ever wondered -- What can I build in my community garden? GreenThumb has recently been issued guidelines from the Department of Buildings for acceptable structures in community gardens. Come hear the director of GT talk about how these guidelines will impact existing and future gazebos, casitas, shade pavilions and sheds.

Afterwards, Lenny will give a short talk on how Model Ts structure was built to provide shade and meeting space while harvesting rainwater.

Mon. July 23rd 5:30-7:30pm BRONX

at Model T Garden
1312 Bristow Street, b/t Jennings & Freeman
Subway: 2/5 to Freeman Street. Walk west on Freeman 2 blocks. Turn right Garden is on the right, next to the school. Bus: BX19 runs N-S on Southern Boulevard.

Integrated Pest Management

pest management guides and supplies

ERIC THOMANN, BACKYARD GARDEN AND JUST FOOD TRAINER, CO-SPONSORED BY NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

Control insect pests in your garden the natural way. Learn how to keep your garden safe and healthy.

Mon. July 25th 6-8pm MANHATTAN

at Glover Street Garden
1627 Glover Street, b/t Castle Hill Avenue & St. Raymond’s Avenue
Subway: 6 to Castle Hill Avenue
Bus: Bx22 to Castle Hill Avenue & Starling, Bx 4 to Castle Hill Avenue & Westchester, Bx14 to Metropolitan Avenue & Castle Hill

The Poop on Composting Toilets


TOM TWENTE, OPEN SPACE GREENING PROGRAM, CENYC DAN TAINOW, COMPOST PROJECT, QUEENS BOTANICAL GARDEN AND HANNAH RISELEY-WHITE, GREEN GUERILLAS
Join Dan and Tom, as they provide an overview of composting toilet technology and alternatives. Dan will address the basics of composting toilets. The new, sustainable Visitor/Administrative building at QBG will have a composting toilet to conserve water, nutrients, and sewage capacity. Tom will cover relevant city codes and standards and focus on realistic compost toilet system options for community gardens. Hannah will give a detailed tour of her garden’s compost toilet.

Thurs. Aug 2nd 5:30-7:30pm MANHATTAN

at Pleasant Park
439 East 114th Street b/t 1st & Pleasant Ave
Subway: 6 to 116th Street
Bus: M16 runs N-S on Southern Boulevard. M15 runs S on 2nd Ave & N on 1st Ave. Walk east on 116th 3 blocks, turn right on 1st Ave. Turn left on E.114th St.
Community Percussion

**Artist Circle**

**photo albums**

YONNETTE FLEMING RECORDING ARTIST OF PRIMORDIAL PULSE MEDITATION, PLANT AND SOUND MEDICINE PRACTITIONER AND COMMUNITY GARDENER & MICHAEL SAMPSON

Participants should bring water, scarves for dancing and an organic instrument of their choice.

**Sat. Aug 18th 4-7pm BRONX**

**at El Flamboyan Garden**

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Join us at our **FOOD SECURITY WORKSHOP**

Sat. June 23rd, 2007 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
The Hattie Carthan Community Garden
(Lafayette & Marcy, Brooklyn)

**Eating Locally and Seasonally**

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**Membership Development**

**Pathmark vouchers**

CELI MOULTRIE, REV. DOROTHY OMEGA AND PAUL JOSEPH COPPA, THE REV. LINNETTE C. WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

What’s the essential crop for a successful Greenthumb garden? We all love vegetables, herbs and flowers, but our most cherished harvest is “community.” It grows all year round. Gardens strengthen neighborhoods by uniting people as big-city farmers. Let’s plant more “community” in your garden by learning how to successfully recruit new members. We’ll tell you what works for us -- please share your own garden’s success stories in recruiting new members!

Mon. Aug 7th 5:30-7:30pm MANHATTAN at The Rev. Linnette C. Williamson Memorial Park Association

Unity Park 53-55 West 128th Street b/t 5th and Lenox Ave
Subway: 2/3 to 125th Street. Bus: M1 runs N on Madison, S on 5th. M60, M10, M101, BX15 run E-W on 125th St.

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**Extend the Growing Season**

**floating row covers, ground stakes**

BOBBY WATSON, TAQWA COMMUNITY FARM AND JUST FOOD TRAINER

Learn how to grow more food in the early spring and late into the fall using season extension techniques. Floating row covers and ground stakes will be demonstrated and distributed to workshop participants, along with fall crop seeds.

**Wed. August 22nd 5:30-7:30pm BRONX**

at Taqwa Community Farm

90 W. 164th Street, at Ogden Avenue
Subway: B, D and 4 to 161st Street - walk west on 161st, turn north on Woodycrest walk 2 blocks, turn west on 164th St, walk west to garden Bus: Bx13 runs along Ogden Avenue, Bx6 exit at 161st St. follow walking directions above.

All are welcome to **CHILDREN’S DAY**

Saturday, July 14th, 2007 from 12-7 pm at

Georgia Avenue Garden, Brooklyn
(on the corner of Georgia & New lots Aves.)

**LOADS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!!**


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**STEW-MAP =**

Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project

STEW-MAP is New York City’s first ever inventory and map of the more than 5,000 civic environmental groups working in our amazing city. This spring you should be receiving a mail or email form from the STEW-MAP team and we are encouraging you to participate!

GreenThumb, along with a dozen different citywide greening groups and 20 other organizations are working with researchers from the US Forest Service and Columbia University on this project. Together we will count, map, and connect all the different forms of environmental work happening in NYC - including gardening, park advocacy, beach cleanup, education, and more. Remember: it is the people who clean and green NYC for the present and the future.

If you have any questions: contact Lindsay Campbell of the Forest Service at 212-637-4175 or email stewmap@columbia.edu.
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On June 21st, public spaces in all five boroughs will be turned into informal musical stages for all New Yorkers, amateurs and professionals. We encourage you to Make Music New York (MMNY)!

On June 20th or 21st, amNewYork will print a lengthy “Make Music” supplement with complete concert listings for all 5 boroughs. Also MMNY will print thousands of copies of the poster shown. Congratulations to Danielle MacIndoe’s of the Parsons School for her innovative design.

Visit www.makemusicny.org or call 917.779.9709 for more information.

Do You Want to Keep Chickens?

Chickens can be a terrific addition to your community garden - they lay delicious, healthy eggs, eat pests and weeds, fertilize and aerate your soil, and delight children and adults alike.

If you are interested, please contact Owen Taylor owen@justfood.org 212.645.9880 x229 www.justfood.org
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2007 Preview

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◆ and more!

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