We say goodbye to Edie Stone, GreenThumb’s director for the past 15 years with the help of NYC Parks Commissioner Veronica White, Deputy Commissioner Larry Scott Blackmon, GreenThumb staff and community gardeners. We proudly say thank you to our Director for her service and dedication to the city of New York. (Photo taken at this year’s Harvest Fair in the Bronx on September 7, 2013.)

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

Gloves • Ice Breakers • Salt (Calcium Chloride) • Snow Shovels • Soil / Compost / Mulch Request (For Spring Delivery)

Please note that garden members must attend workshops to receive supplies. All workshops are free and open to the public, with no pre-registration (unless otherwise noted). Workshops are rain or shine, canceled only in the event of lightning or other dangerous conditions. All supplies are for registered gardens only and are available first come, first served, while supplies last.
**Winter Supply Giveaway**

*GreenThumb Staff*

Pick up basic gardening and maintenance supplies for your garden. One pickup per garden group. Only gardens and farms in good standing are eligible to receive supplies and other gardening tools. Gardeners picking up for others must notify GreenThumb. The compound gates will open at 10 a.m. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. Remember to keep your garden sidewalks, walkways and curbs inside and adjacent to the garden clean and free of snow, ice, garbage and plant debris.

**Supplies:** 50 lb. bags of Calcium Chloride Pellets (salt), Gloves, Ice Breakers, Snow Shovels

**Saturday, December 7th / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

QUEENS

GreenThumb/LRP Compound

(See below for directions)

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**Wreath Making**

*Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb*

Learn how to create your own natural holiday wreath for indoors or outdoors. Supplies will be provided along with natural pine cones and ribbons. Bring your favorite decorations to add as well. Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring along kids and family members. Making wreaths is a fun craft idea for winter decorating and can be a great community garden activity or garden fundraising event.

**Supplies:** 6" Wreath Ring, Wire, Pine Cones, Ribbon

**Wednesday, December 11th / 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

BRONX

New York Botanical Garden, Watson Building, Room 315
200th Street and Kazimiroff Blvd

**Bus:** Bx41, Bx55, or Bx26 to Webster and Bedford Park Blvd.

**Train:** B,D, or 4 train to Bedford Park Blvd. Transfer to the Bx2.

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**QUIZ:** How cold does it have to be for snow to reach the ground without melting? *(answer on page 7)*

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**Directions to the GreenThumb/LRP Compound**

**BY SUBWAY**

**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, 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 BUS**

**Q19A, Q32, Q60, Q66, Q101, Q101R, Q102 and Q103** all run along or intersect with Queens Plaza South (QPS). Exit closest to 10th St. and QPS. Compound is across from 10th St.

**BY CAR**

**From Manhattan and 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 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 (QPS). Continue on QPS until 10th St. Compound is on your right, across from 10th St.

**From Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island**

Take the BQE to the McGuinness Blvd exit. Make a left onto McGuinness Blvd. Continue straight into Queens (over the Pulaski Skyway Bridge). McGuinness 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.
Membership Update

GreenThumb Staff

It is that time of the year when gardeners need to update their community garden membership lists. We are also introducing our new Membership Agreement Form (available in four languages). A copy of the MA form is also available on the GreenThumb website. Gardeners must ensure their garden records are kept up to date with garden registration and license agreement current with no outstanding violation (in good standing) to be eligible to receive supplies/technical assistance and services throughout the year.

**Supplies:** Membership Agreements / Registration Forms

**Saturday, December 14th / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
BROOKLYN
Herbert Von King Recreation Center Auditorium
670 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, 11216
**Bus:** B38 to Lafayette Avenue and Marcy Avenue
**Train:** G to Classon Avenue or A to Nostrand Avenue

**Saturday, February 1st / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
MANHATTAN
Alfred E. Smith Recreation Center
Multi-Purpose Room and Gymnasium
80 Catherine Street, 10038
**Bus:** M22 to Madison and Oliver Street
**Train:** F to East Broadway

**Saturday, February 8th / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
BRONX
New York Botanical Garden, Watson Building, Room 315
200th Street & Kazimiroff Blvd., 10458
**Bus:** Bx41, Bx55, or Bx26 to Webster and Bedford Park Blvd.
**Train:** B,D, or 4 train to Bedford Park Blvd.

Picking up Supplies for Other Garden Groups

When attending a GreenThumb giveaway, you are only eligible to pick up materials for your garden group, unless arrangements are made with the office. Without prior notice, GreenThumb cannot provide materials to garden members who are there to pick up for other groups.

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Healthy Holiday Treats

Rasheed Hislop, GreenThumb

Come and warm up in the kitchen as we prepare holiday treats for our family and friends. Learn how to put together simple recipes that are nutritious and delicious using ingredients grown in most gardens. Participants will be able to work together to prepare treats, share recipes and tips for food and drinks of the season and best of all, chow down in the best of company, your fellow community gardeners.

**Supplies:** Just Food Veggie Tip Sheets and Gardening Books

**Tuesday, December 17th / 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
MANHATTAN
Whole Foods Market, 95 East Houston St., 10002
2nd Floor Community Classroom
**Bus:** M21, M103 to Bowery and Houston Sts.
**Train:** 6 to Bleecker Street or F to 2nd Avenue

Please save the date!

30th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Conference
Saturday, March 29, 2014

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**Apply to take the**

**NYC Compost Project Master Composter Certificate Course**

Develop community-based activities that reach and teach others about composting.

Start, manage, and maintain indoor and outdoor composting systems.

Contact your local NYC Compost Project for info about the next Master Composter Certificate Course in your borough!

**NYC Compost Project Contact Info**

Bronx: (718) 817-8543; compost@nybg.org
Brooklyn: (718) 623-7290; compost@bbg.org
Manhattan: (212) 477-3155; info@escologycenter.org
Queens: (718) 539-5296; compost@queensbotanical.org
Staten Island: (718) 425-3558; compost@snug-harbor.org

Funded and managed by the NYC Department of Sanitation’s Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse, & Recycling, the NYC Compost Project provides compost education and outreach in all five boroughs.

www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compostproject
Grant Writing (Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation)

Roland Chouloute, GreenThumb

Learn how to apply for individual grants for your garden group and what elements constitute a winning grant. Gardeners will focus on the key sections of successful proposals and will understand the diversity of the funding community and how to respond to various guidelines. Also come learn the difference between Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, though complementary and both important documents, it is important to know and understand that Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation serve very different functions. Learn the difference between them and how applying for grants can be an excellent opportunity for gardeners and partners to discuss the vision of their community gardens or open space.

Wednesday, January 15th / 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office, 49 Chambers Street, 10007
Room 1020, 10th Floor

Navigating City Government

CCNYC and GreenThumb Staff

Learn the basic functions of NYC government and what city agencies to approach for help with your community improvement projects. Workshops are for new garden groups and individuals interested in working on community improvement projects. This new orientation workshop is in partnership with Citizens Committee for New York City. RSVP at Roland.Chouloute@parks.nyc.gov or call 212-788-8070.

Wednesday, January 22nd / 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office, 49 Chambers Street, 10007
Room 1020, 10th Floor
Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51
Train: J, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E, to Chambers St.
*You will need an ID to enter the building

TREECYCLE!

Take your tree to MulchFest 2014!
Saturday & Sunday, January 11 & 12

For more information, visit nyc.gov & search for “MulchFest,” or call 311.
Community Supported Agriculture and Community Gardens
Paula Lukats, Just Food and GreenThumb Staff

Are you curious about how a CSA works? Why do farmers decide to sell through CSAs? Learn about the ins and outs of setting up and running a CSA in your community. Learn how you can get connected with a farmer, how to set up flexible payment options for community members and how Just Food can help you get started. We’ll hear from experienced CSA organizers about their partnership with their farms and the work they do to manage their CSAs.

**Supplies:** CSA Tool Kit

**Wednesday, January 29th / 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
**MANHATTAN**
GreenThumb Office, 49 Chambers Street, 10007
Room 1020, 10th Floor

Organizing Your Group
CCNYC and GreenThumb Staff

Bring neighbors together to bring about meaningful community change. You will gain tools you can use to craft a mission statement, strategize your action plan, recruit volunteers, and build alliances. Workshops are for volunteer-led garden groups and individuals interested in working on community improvement projects. This new orientation workshop is in partnership with Citizens Committee for New York City. RSVP at Roland.Chouloute@parks.nyc.gov or call 212-788-8070.

**Wednesday, February 5th / 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
**MANHATTAN**
GreenThumb Office, 49 Chambers Street, 10007
Room 1020, 10th Floor

Crazy for Composting / Rodent Prevention
Jodie Colón, Compost Educator, The NYC Compost Project in the Bronx and Caroline Bragdon, NYC Dept of Health

**Session A (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**
Crazy for Composting — Jodie Colón
Are you passionate about composting but want more from your bin? This Q&A session provides the practical tips, advice and encouragement you need to take composting to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging in for years. Registered GreenThumb community gardens will be able to request an order of compost, soil, or clean fill for early spring delivery.

**Supplies:** Compost / Soil / Cleanfill / Mulch Request (for spring delivery)

**Saturday, February 15th**
Compost Q&A / 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
**BRONX**
The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building
200th St and Kazimiroff Blvd., 10458
Bus: Bx41, Bx55 or Bx26 to Webster and Bedford Park Blvd.
Train: B, D or 4 train to Bedford Park Blvd. Transfer to the Bx26 bus, or walk eight blocks down the hill on Bedford Park Blvd. to Kazimiroff Blvd. Please enter via gate on Kazimiroff Blvd., between Mosholu Parkway and Bedford Park Blvd.

Have a great idea for a community improvement project? Apply for a grant!

Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants of up to $3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school improvement projects addressing issues that they identify as important to them and that bring neighbors together.

From East Tremont in the Bronx to West Brighton on Staten Island, the groups we support are carrying out projects as varied as community gardening, theater and fine arts, nutrition awareness, composting, tenant organizing, physical fitness and more!

Our next grant application deadline is January 27. For more info, visit citizensnyc.org, or contact Arif Ullah at 212.822.9580 or aullah@citizensnyc.org.
GrowTogether
T-Shirt Design Contest

This year’s theme is
Growing Forward – The Next 30
(Creciendo Adelante – El Próximo 30).

So pick up a pen, crayon, pencil or whatever you use to draw, and submit your artwork to the GrowTogether T-shirt contest! The winning design will appear on the 2014 GrowTogether T-shirts, worn by hundreds of gardeners all over the city. Any GreenThumb gardener is welcome to enter. Applicants may send in up to 3 entries.

RULES:
• Artwork must relate to the contest theme
• Designs must be in black and white only
• Artwork must be signed
• Entries must include name, address, garden affiliation and phone number
• Any size paper is acceptable
• If you’re a minor, please include your age on the entry

PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO:
Attn: T-shirt Design
49 Chambers St, Room 1020
New York, New York 10007
Or email: greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov

DEADLINE:
Monday, January 14th, 2014

Grow More Vegetables Certificate Series

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 at The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building, Bronx

The Grow More Vegetables Certificate Series is an edible gardening course designed to equip community gardeners, teachers, and city residents with the best organic techniques for growing vegetables safely and effectively, particularly in an urban setting. The program consists of six classes, both in the classroom and with hands-on gardening instruction in the field. Each student will have the opportunity to design his or her own urban vegetable gardening project as a final component of the course. The projects are open-ended with two main goals: to grow more food and to pass on what will have been learned to an identified group in your community.

For more information, or to apply, please contact Bronx Green-Up at 718.817.8026 or bronxgreenup@nybg.org.
GreenThumb Workshops & Events
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**Quiz Answer:**  
*For snow to settle, the temperature needs to be 2 degrees Celsius (35.6 degrees Fahrenheit) or less.*
Be Greener!

Sign up to get the GreenThumb Program Guide by email instead of postal mail and you'll save trees AND get it up to a month sooner!