Please welcome our new GreenThumb Director, Nancy Kohn. (Photo by Malcolm Pinckney.)

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

Seeds • Plant Starts • Hydrant Adaptors and Hoses • Soil / Compost / Mulch Request (For Fall 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.
### EVENT CALENDAR

**GreenThumb Workshops & Events**

**Greening Partners**

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**BRONX**

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Saturday, March 22nd / 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
**BRONX**

**greenthumb growtogether**
Saturday, March 29th / 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
**BRONX**

**Just Food conference**
Saturday, April 5th / 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 6th / 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
**MANHATTAN**

**Working with Kids in Community Gardens**
Saturday, April 12th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
**BRONX**

**Water Conservation and Hydrant Permits**
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30th Annual
GreenThumb GrowTogether

You are invited to join thousands of community gardeners and greening professionals from all over New York City for a day of learning, sharing, networking and greening inspiration at the 30th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether on March 29th! Please pass this information out to the rest of your garden group and anyone else who might be interested. This year’s conference features favorite workshops from past years, as well as exciting new ones, including many hands-on workshops for youth gardeners.

Saturday, March 29th
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Hostos Community College
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451

Train: 2, 4 or 5 to 149th St.
Bus: BX1 or cross-town BX19 to 149th St.
(Eugenio Maria de Hostos Boulevard and the Grand Concourse)

Pre-register by March 21st for breakfast, lunch, workshops, and t-shirt ($5).
Register at the door on March 29th for breakfast and workshops ($7).

If you do not pre-register, you are not guaranteed lunch or a t-shirt. For more information, go to http://www.greenthumbnyc.org.

To pre-register:
• Visit http://bpt.me/554890
OR
• Fill out the form on page 7 and mail the completed form with your payment to City Parks Foundation/GreenThumb before March 21st to guarantee conference participation, breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt.

Do you need lumber for your school’s garden? Consider secondhand materials!

You can save money and help the environment by incorporating reuse in your green space. Build It Green!NYC has two nonprofit reuse centers filled with low-cost salvaged building materials.

Since 2011, BIG!NYC has donated 104 tons of salvaged lumber to community & school gardens in NYC - enough to make over 2,200 raised garden beds!

BIG!NYC is a proud partner with GreenThumb school gardens and Grow to Learn. Please contact Grow to Learn to learn more about free lumber via BIG!NYC’s BIG!Blooms program.

BUILD IT GREEN! NYC
LOW COST SALVAGE SURPLUS BUILDING MATERIALS

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QUEENS: 3-17 26th Ave. Astoria NY 11102
BROOKLYN: 69 9th St. Gowanus NY 11215

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Shop reuse and save 40-70% off retail prices!
Starting Seeds Indoors/ Comensando sus Semillas Adentro

NYBG and Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb

Learn the basics of seed starting and find the answers to: When to start seeds indoors, which seeds should I start indoors, and what do they need to thrive indoors? Pick up vegetable, flower and herb seeds for your garden group.

Aprende lo básico de empezar a sembrar y descubre las respuestas a estas preguntas: ¿Cuando debería empezar a sembrar, y cuales semillas debería empezar a usar? ¿Que necesitan las semillas para sobrevivir dentro de la casa? Recibes semillas de vegetales, flores y hierbas para su grupo de jardinería.

This is a Bilingual English/Spanish workshop. Este programa va a estar presentado en español y ingles.

Wednesday, March 5th / 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16th / 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

BRONX
Garden of Life and Health, 157th St. and Melrose Ave.
Train: 5 or 2 to 149th and 3rd Ave., then take X41 bus or walk to 157th St. and Melrose Ave.

Seed Giveaway
GreenThumb Staff

Pick up a mix of vegetable, fruit, flower, and herb seeds for the upcoming season! For registered GreenThumb gardens only. A limit to the number of seeds per group will be determined by how many seeds we receive.

Supplies: Seed Packets
Wednesday, March 12th / 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office, 49 Chambers St., Room 1020.
Please bring ID to enter the building.
Train: R, J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall. 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St.
Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51

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 our office prior to the giveaway. Without prior notice, GreenThumb cannot provide materials to garden members who are there to pick up for other groups. For gardeners who have not attended a GreenThumb workshop in 2012-13: Send someone from your garden and they will receive a surprise bonus resource for your garden. Recent bonus supplies have included design books, tree identification guides, soil testing kits, rain gauges and metal plant stakes.

12th Annual NYCHA Grows With its Gardeners Conference

James Weldon Johnson Community Center
1833 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10029
Friday, March 14th, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

This annual event is hosted by NYCHA’s Garden & Greening Program! This year, nearly 30 partners will be on hand to offer technical support, seeds and planting materials, garden education literature, and interactive botanical and horticultural workshops! Free and open to NYCHA residents. For registration or more information, call 212-306-2919.

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

NYBG and Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb

March is a great month to finish winter pruning. Help to prune the small trees and shrubs at this community garden. Learn how to prune fruit trees to improve production and protect tree health. We will demonstrate and explain the techniques first and then assist as you prune on your own.

Saturday March 22nd / 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

BRONX
Jardín de la Roca / The Rock Garden / Little Green Garden, corner of Elton Ave. and East 160th St.
Train: 5 or 2 to 149th St. and 3rd Ave., then take X41 bus to 160th St. and Elton Ave.
Working with Kids in Community Gardens

Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb

Navigate the fun, but often challenging world of working with kids in the garden. We will go over proper garden behavior and stewardship practices with hands-on demonstrations. We also hope to offer strategies that will allow you to get work done in the garden while still executing a successful lesson plan.

Supplies: Kids’ Wheelbarrows and Tools
Saturday, April 12th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
BRONX
Padre Plaza (Success Garden), 541 East 139th St., corner of Saint Anne’s Ave. and East 139th St.
Train: 6 to Brook Ave.

Water Conservation and Hydrant Permits

GreenThumb Staff

We will cover simple techniques that can save you water, as well as time, in your gardens. Your garden plants will also be able to stay healthy and strong through the hotter parts of the growing season. All registered GreenThumb gardens are granted special permission from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to access hydrants for garden use. New gardens are strongly encouraged to attend and also learn about the steps to get a hydrant permit.

Saturday, April 5th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Bears / Pacific Street Garden, Flatbush Ave. and Pacific St.
Train: D, N, R to Pacific St.
Bus: B41 or B67 to Flatbush Ave. and Pacific St.

Saturday, April 12th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Creative Little Garden, 530 East 6th St. between Aves. A and B
Train: J to Essex St. or 6 to Astor Pl.
Bus: M14A to Ave. A and East 5th St.

Saturday, April 19th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
BRONX
Bronx Sunshine Community Garden, 1768 Bryant Ave. between East 174th and East 175th Sts. (in shopping center parking lot)
Train: 2 or 5 to 174th St.

Plant Starts Giveaway

GreenThumb Staff

Get your vegetable transplants at our annual giveaway, plus free tips on square foot gardening. After a tour of the garden site (Bronx garden only), you can pick up several tasty vegetable starters. Starts will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and are solely for community garden groups. Starts will be distributed at two locations. Community garden groups may only pick up from one location.

Saturday, April 26th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Hattie Carthan Community Garden, 654 Lafayette Ave.
Train: A or C to Nostrand Ave. G Train to Bedford and Nostrand Aves.
Bus: B44 to Nostrand and Lafayette Aves.

Saturday, May 3rd / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
BRONX
Melrose New Generation, 160 Melrose Ave.
Train: 5 or 2 to 149th St. and 3rd Ave., then take X41 bus or walk to 160th St. and Melrose Ave.
Explore the Many Uses of Herbs

*GreenThumb Staff*

We will cover some of the culinary and healing properties of herbs commonly cultivated in New York City. Learn how to make some simple products with the herbs you grow, from sun tea to salve.

**Supplies:** Herbs  
**Saturday, May 3rd / 12 p.m.–2 p.m.**  
**MANHATTAN**  
Creative Little Garden, 530 East 6th St. between Aves. A and B  
**Train:** J to Essex St. or 6 to Astor Pl.  
**Bus:** M14A to Ave. A and East 5th St.

**Wednesday, May 8th / 4 p.m.–6 p.m.**  
**BRONX**  
A. Badillo Community Rose Garden, 924 Melrose Ave. at E. 163rd St.  
**Train:** 5 or 2 to 149th St. and 3rd Ave., then take X41 bus or walk to 163rd St. and Melrose Ave.

Butterfly Project NYC Native Plant Share

*NYBG and GreenThumb Staff*

Join Bronx Green-Up, the Butterfly Project NYC, NYC Wildflower Week and GreenThumb for the annual native plant share. Learn more about the importance of native plants and pollinators and how to encourage their presence in urban landscapes. Plants will be available for pickup to be used in schoolyards, community gardens, and other public spaces, while supplies last. To R.S.V.P., e-mail info@butterflyprojectnyc.org.

**Saturday, May 10th / 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**BRONX**  
New Roots Community Garden, E. 153rd St. and Grand Concourse  
**Train:** 5 or 2 to 149th St.

Attracting Native Pollinators

*Rasheed Hislop, GreenThumb*

Want to attract native bees, butterflies and other pollinators? Come and learn how to do so with wonderful smelling plants with showy flowers and fragrances that will also welcome your neighbors. We will talk about the different perennial plants that bring in the pollinators and how to care for them and keep them coming for many years.

**Saturday, May 24th / 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**  
**BROOKLYN**  
Union Street Garden and Community Development, 970 Union St.  
**Train:** 2, 3, 4, 5 to Franklin Ave.  
**Bus:** B48 to Franklin Ave. and Union St.

Community Composting Operations: Scaling Up

*Earth Matter / NYC Compost Project and GreenThumb*

Want to produce more finished compost for your community garden and improve your garden’s soil? Come tour the Earth Matter composting system on Governor’s Island and learn advanced composting techniques from fellow gardeners and compost experts, such as forced aeration and browns recipe manipulations. We will discuss ways to shorten the nutrient cycle and turn waste into black gold. These techniques will enable you to take your composting system to the next level. Earth Matter accepts and processes food scraps as part of the NYC Compost Project Local Organics Recovery Program, funded by the NYC Department of Sanitation. See bit.ly/nycLORP for more info. The workshop will begin at 12 p.m., but in order to make it in time, you will need to make the ferry to Governor’s Island by 11 a.m.

**Supplies:** Soil/Compost/Mulch Requests (For Fall Delivery)  
**Saturday May 31st / 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
**MANHATTAN**  
Governor’s Island  
**Train:** 1 to South Ferry Station, 4, 5 to Bowling Green, R to Whitehall St.  
**Bus:** M5, M15, M20, X8 and X14 to State St. and Whitehall St.
# 30th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Mail-In Registration

Please print clearly. The cost is $5 per person; kids 12 and under are free. Send check or money order, payable to City Parks Foundation/GreenThumb. If you are also signing up for bus service, please return the bus form with the registration. MAIL TO: GrowTogether, 49 Chambers St., Rm 1020, New York, NY 10007.

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For those gardeners from Brooklyn or Queens who would prefer to take a bus, GreenThumb has scheduled bus pickups in several locations throughout Brooklyn. Departure is at 8 a.m. Without a reservation, you will not be guaranteed a seat on the bus. To reserve your space on a bus, check off which site you will depart from, and return this form with your GrowTogether registration.

- [ ] Brooklyn Bears Pacific St. Garden, corner of Atlantic and Flatbush Ave. and Pacific St.
- [ ] Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton St., between Utica and Malcolm X Blvd.
- [ ] Thomas Jefferson High School, 400 Pennsylvania Ave., between Dumont and Blake Aves.

Your Name: __________________________ Garden Name: __________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
Telephone (day): __________________________ (evening): __________________________
Number of attendees, including yourself: ____

Questions? Call GreenThumb at (212) 788-8070.
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!