GreenThumb 2014
Summer Program Guide

June • July • August

Lee Mandell from Boswyck Farms teaches GreenThumb gardeners about the art of cloning plants at this year’s Grow Together Conference held at Hostos Community College on March 29th. Photo by Phillip Kester | GreenThumb

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

- Hydrant Adaptors and Hoses
- Steel Rakes
- Native Plants
- Garden Books
- EZ Reachers
- Dog Waste Bags and Dispensers
- Row Cover
- Galvanized Wire
- Bird House Kits
- Black and Clear Garbage Bags
- Gloves
- Lumber Requests
- DSNY Compost, Mulch and Potting Mix

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.

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EVENT CALENDAR

GreenThumb Workshops & Events
Greening Partners

Summer Supply Giveaway
Saturday, June 7 / 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
QUEENS

Summer Festival
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BRONX
Summer Festival 2014

Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Marcus Garvey Park, 122nd St. and Mt. Morris Park West, Manhattan

GreenThumb invites you to join our community gardeners and partners for the 2014 GreenThumb Summer Festival! This festival is a celebration to recognize GreenThumb community volunteer gardeners throughout New York City. This event will feature live music and dance, gardening workshops, children’s activities, food demonstrations and much more. Come meet GreenThumb’s many partner organizations and learn about the resources we offer to help New Yorkers grow successful urban gardens.

BRONX URBAN FARMS TROLLEY TOUR

Caribbean Culture June 7
Join in the festivities of NYC’s annual Puerto Rican Day Parade. First we’ll do some gardening with the folks at Roberto Clemente Community Garden. Next we’ll visit the folks at El Flamboyan Community Garden in the South Bronx. Dominoes may be played! Finally, we’ll sway to the rhythm of live drums coming from the casita at Little Green/Rock Garden. Tour Guide: Bobby Gonzalez

Independent Spirit July 12
This tour will feature some of the Bronx’s community-led food and garden projects. Our first stop is Padre Plaza Success Community Garden, where gardeners grow and cook healthy food, sell produce at their seasonal farmers market and teach others about gardening in the community. We will have lunch at the Waterfront Garden in Soundview, an apt stop on City of Water Day. Finally, we will visit La Finca del Sur Urban Farm, a women-led, non-profit farm and community for food, family, gardening and fun. Tour Guide: Dior Doward

Farming Innovations August 9
Visit WHEDco’s rooftop farm, where organic produce is grown by building residents who use the food to support healthy eating habits. We’ll visit the Children’s Garden at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, a National Landmark. There, they use historically based methods like composting and companion planting. Our final stop is Brook Park, where youth and families garden and raise chickens and bees, and where many arts and cultural events take place. Tour Guide: Ray Figueroa

Proudly presented by the Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., the Bronx Tourism Council, Bronx Green-Up of the New York Botanical Garden and NYC Parks/GreenThumb.

For more information, please visit www.nybg.org or call (718) 817-8026.
**Summer Supply Giveaway**
*GreenThumb Staff*

Pick up basic gardening and maintenance supplies for your garden. One pickup per garden group. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation. If another garden group is picking up supplies for your group, you must call the GreenThumb office beforehand to confirm.

**Saturday, June 7 / 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**
**QUEENS**
GreenThumb / LRP Compound
Queens Plaza South and 10th St.
**Train:** F to 21st St./Queensbridge or N, 7 to Queensboro Plaza

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**Double Raised Bed Building**
*D. Rooney and Eric Thomann, Just Food Trainer and GreenThumb Staff*

We will be learning how to raise beds higher to make them more accessible, especially for seniors and those with limited mobility. This workshop will be hands-on and gardeners are welcome to join in.

**Supplies:** Lumber requests

**Wednesday, June 11 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**MANHATTAN**
Relaxation Garden, 209 Avenue B

**Wednesday, June 25 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**BRONX**
Latinos Unidos, 427 East 157th St.
**Train:** 2 or 5 to 3rd Ave. and 149th St.

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**Grow Your Garden Group**
*Karen Washington, Just Food Trainer and GreenThumb Staff*

Since the weather is nice and the garden is looking lush with greenery, you must be getting a lot of visitors inquiring about becoming a member or getting a box to grow. By having membership procedures and agreements in place, it will be very easy to welcome new folks. If you are having trouble getting folks to visit or stop by, what better way to draw them in than with an exciting event or two? In this workshop, we will discuss the necessity of drafting membership procedures and agreements. We will go over successful event planning tips. We encourage groups to share their challenges and successes so we can learn from each other.

**Supplies:** Community organizing book

**Thursday, July 10 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**BRONX**
Sunflower Garden / Girasol, 635 E. 137th St.
**Train:** 6 to Cypress Avenue

**Wednesday, July 23 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**BROOKLYN**
New Vision Garden, 590 Schenck Ave.
**Train:** 6 to Cypress Avenue

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**Native Edible and Medicinal Plants**
*Jacoby Ballard, Just Food Trainer and GreenThumb Staff*

If you are curious to learn about increasing health and wellness through nutrition and herbal medicine, this workshop is for you! Please join us as we explore and discuss the uses of many native edibles and medicinal plants in our gardens.

**Wednesday, July 9 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**BROOKLYN**
Walt L. Shemal Garden, 1093 Dean St.
**Train:** A or C to Nostrand Ave. Walk toward Bedford Ave., then south on Bedford Ave.

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**Creative Garden Design and Native Plant Giveaway**
*Edie Kean, Landscape Architect and GreenThumb Staff*

Have you ever wanted to do something different than the same old 4-by-8-foot wooden raised bed to create a new planting space? We will explore the basic elements and best practices of designing planting spaces for your garden. This will include a number of topics, from selecting the right space to adapting your design to the elements and working with found objects or inexpensive materials. Attendees may be invited to participate in helping to enhance a new planting space at the host garden.

**Supplies:** Garden design book and native plants

**Thursday, July 17 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**MANHATTAN**
Carolina Garden, 121 East 122nd St.
**Train:** 4, 5, or 6 to 125th St. and Lexington Ave.
**Bus:** Bx15, M100, M101, or M60 bus to 125th Street and Lexington Avenue. Walk to 123 East 122nd St. between Park and Lexington Avenues.
Beekeeping 101
Gemma Garcia and GreenThumb Staff

This is a basic beekeeping workshop — showing you how the hive is built and the basic things you need to know about keeping bees in your community garden. We will also cover the life cycle of the bees, the different members of the bee family and the roles they play in the hive and gardens. We will also discuss the benefits of keeping bees in community gardens (aside from delicious honey!) as well as the steps involved in getting trained as a beekeeper and starting a hive of your own.

**Supplies:** Beekeeping for Beginners Book
**Wednesday, July 30 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
**BROOKLYN**
St. John Cantius Community Garden
476-484 New Jersey Ave.
**Train:** 3 to Pennsylvania Ave.
**Bus:** B20 or B83 to Pennsylvania and Dumont Aves.

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Fall Planting and Season Extension
GreenThumb Staff

Do you want to get more fresh and healthy vegetables? If you’ve ever seen your collard green plants last through the winter, surrounded by snow, you know it’s possible! Come to this workshop to learn about ways to lengthen your gardening season. We’ll discuss what to plant and when to plant it in order to get an early start on your fall harvests, as well as how to have a garden that lasts into the cold wintry months. You will learn about techniques like row covering and mulching, low tunneling and the use of greenhouses.

**Supplies:** Row cover, galvanized wire, handouts
**Saturday, August 2 / 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
**BROOKLYN**
Phoenix Community Garden
16 Somers St.
**Train:** C to Rockaway Ave.
**Bus:** B7 or B25 to Fulton St. and Thomas Boyland St.
Please Save the Date!

GreenThumb Harvest Fair
Saturday, September 13 / 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Green Gems Community Garden
947 Glenmore Ave., Brooklyn

Celebrate the bountiful harvest of GreenThumb gardeners from across the city at our annual Harvest Fair. If you want more information and/or wish to table at this event, please contact Harold Paynter at 212-788-8070 or harold.paynter@parks.nyc.gov.

Maintaining the Garden Perimeter

GreenThumb Staff

We will learn how to make our own simple and inexpensive dog waste bag dispensers to hang on your garden gates. We will also discuss all the different aspects of maintaining your garden perimeter year-round, with particular emphasis on neighborhood relations and relationships with the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).

Supplies: EZ-Reachers, dog waste bag dispensers, biodegradable dog waste bags, Curb Your Dog signs

Tuesday, August 5 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Umoja Garden Beautiful, 1029 Putnam Ave.
Train: J to Halsey St.
Bus: B44 to Nostrand and Lafayette Aves.

Seed Savers Harvesting and Processing Basics

Ursula Chanse, Bronx Green-Up, and Eric-Michael Rodriguez, Weeksville Heritage Center and GreenThumb Staff

Interested in saving seeds? Planning to start a seed library? Bronx Green-Up, NYC Parks/GreenThumb, and Weeksville Heritage Center have come together to present a Seed Savers Series, where you will explore the ins and outs of seed saving. This is the second workshop in the three-part series that explores how to plan a seed saving garden, the basics of harvesting, processing, and storing seeds to the logistics of setting up a community seed library. We will be offering materials and technical support to help set up your libraries.

Saturday, August 16 / 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
BRONX
River Garden, 1086 East 180th St.
Train: 2 or 5 to East 180th St.

Keeping The Rats Out! Rat Prevention in Community Gardens

Caroline Bragdon, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and GreenThumb Staff

This workshop will cover rat prevention in your gardens. We will walk around El Jardin Del Paraiso and discuss how to recognize signs of rat activity and ways to discourage rats from establishing burrow systems in your garden. There will be a giveaway of rat-resistant garbage cans for all garden groups that attend the workshop.

Wednesday, August 20 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
El Jardin Del Paraiso, 706 East 5th St.
Train: 6 to Astor Place, F to 2nd Ave. or L to 1st Ave.
Bus: M14A to 2nd St. and Avenue A or M9 to 8th St. and Avenue C.

Thursday, August 28 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
Isla Verde Garden, 625 Wales Ave. between Wales and E. 151st St.
Train: 2 or 5 to Jackson Ave.

Building a Garden Birdhouse

Bryan Swann, College Avenue Garden and GreenThumb Staff

Want to bring more winged wildlife into your garden? A great way to attract birds is to put up a birdhouse. In this workshop you will learn how to assemble your very own birdhouse. We will also cover some best practices for making your garden more bird-friendly and providing a habitat for particular species.

Supplies: Birdhouse kit

Thursday, August 14 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
BRONX
College Avenue Garden, 1420 College Ave.
Train: D to 170th Street
Free East New York Garden Tour

Saturday, June 28, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Rain or shine)

Walking tour will start at UCC Youth Farm, 600 Schenck Ave., between Livonia and New Lots Avenues, Brooklyn.

East New York gardeners welcome you to see their rich world. You’ll find a United Nations of food production for every taste and style. Come hear about diverse neighbors sowing the seeds of community in almost two dozen lively gardens. We’ll visit five gardens to celebrate traditions from the past and ones emerging now. Honey, fruit, chickens, vegetables and more await!

This historical walking tour is a collaboration between Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation, East New York Farms (ENY Farms), NYC Parks/GreenThumb, and New York Restoration Project (NYRP). The tour will be led by Morgan Powell, who covered East New York as a journalist with Our Time Press newspaper.

For more information, please contact Daryl Marshall at 718-649-7979 or daryl@eastnewyorkfarms.org.

GreenThumb is happy to announce a collaborative effort to highlight and support Brooklyn gardens in Community Boards B05 and B16. In conjunction with NYRP, ENY Farms and the Verde Program of the Cypress Hills LDC, we will be offering a variety of resources to struggling gardens, creating a garden-to-garden support network and co-hosting workshops and events, including a walking tour that celebrates the many wonderful gardens in the neighborhood.

If you are a member of a garden in East New York (B05) or Brownsville (B16) and are interested in more information, please contact Bilen Berhanu at 212-442-8961 or bilen.berhanu@parks.nyc.gov.
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