La Casita Verde garden volunteers are joined by Jason Mraz and his band along with Director Nancy Kohn and GreenThumb/Land Restoration Project staff after a successful workday on September 17, 2014. Photo by Phillip Kester | GreenThumb

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

Gloves • Ice Breakers • Salt (Calcium Chloride) • GreenThumb Handbook • Wreath Making Supplies • 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.
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Garden Registration & License Renewal

All GreenThumb gardens under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation hold licenses that are set to expire on December 31, 2014. The following registration sessions will allow all GreenThumb gardens on city property to update their registration. Gardeners will only be able to sign new licenses once registration forms have been reviewed and all materials are complete including membership lists, open hours and the general rules and requirements of joining and being an active member of the garden. Membership lists must include at least 10 garden members with full contact information for primary contacts and mailing or e-mail addresses for regular garden members. Gardens must update their registration in order to remain in good standing (with no violations) to be eligible to receive supplies, assistance and services. Sessions are conveniently located in all five boroughs.

Thursday, Dec. 4 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
We Stay/Nos Quedamos, Inc.
754 Melrose Ave., Bronx, NY 10451
Bus: Bx41 to 157th Melrose Ave.
Train: 2, 5 to 149th St. and 3rd Ave. or 4, D to 161st St.

Saturday, Dec. 13 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Herbert Von King Recreation Center Auditorium
670 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216
Bus: B38 to Lafayette Ave. and Marcy Ave.
Train: G to Classon Ave. or A to Nostrand Ave.

Saturday, Jan. 24 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Grow NYC Office
49 Chambers St., New York, NY 10007, Room 1225A, 12th Floor (You must have ID to enter the building)
Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51
Train: J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
STATEN ISLAND
Faber Park Field House
2175 Richmond Terr., Staten Island, NY 10301
Bus: S90, S40 to Goethals Rd. via Richmond Terr.
Get off at Richmond Terr. and North St.

Thursday, Jan. 15 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
New York Botanical Garden, Watson Building, Room 315
200th St. and Kazimiroff Blvd., Bronx, NY 10458
Bus: Bx41, Bx55, Bx26 to Webster and Bedford Park Blvd.
Train: B, D, 4 to Bedford Park Blvd.

Thursday, Feb. 19 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
United Community Center
613 New Lots Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207
Bus: B6 to Livonia Ave. – Ashford St.
Train: 3 to Van Siclen Ave.

Saturday, Feb. 28 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Grow NYC Office
49 Chambers St., Room 1225A, New York, NY 10007, 12th Floor (You must have ID to enter the building)
Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51
Train: J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St.

Saturday, Feb. 7 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
QUEENS
Al Oerter Recreation Center
131-40 Fowler Ave. Flushing, NY 11355
Bus: Q58 to College Pt. Blvd. – Fowler Ave.
Train: 7 to Mets-Willets Point
Winter Supply Giveaway

GreenThumb

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 10:00 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, Garbage Bags

Saturday, Dec. 6 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
QUEENS
GreenThumb/LRP Compound
Queens Plaza South at 10th St.
Train: F to Queensbridge 21st St. or N, Q, 7 to Queensboro Plaza

Wreath Making

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, Dec. 10 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p. m.
BRONX
New York Botanical Garden
Watson Education Building, Room 315
200th St. and Kazimiroff Blvd., Bronx, NY 10458
Bus: Bx41, Bx55, Bx26 to Webster and Bedford Park Blvd.
Train: B, D, 4 to Bedford Park Blvd.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 / 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Herbert Von King Recreation Center Dance Room
670 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216
Bus: B38 to Lafayette Ave. and Marcy Ave.
Train: G to Classon Ave. or A to Nostrand Ave.

Please Save the Date!

Saturday, March 21, 2015 is our 31st Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Conference.
Group Structure and By-Laws 101

CCNYC and GreenThumb

Is your garden group in need of structure and more organization? This workshop will help you to hone the fundamentals of group structure and basics of by-laws and how to write them so that you have a resource to guide how you work together effectively. While all registered GreenThumb gardens must follow the GreenThumb rules, the by-laws serve as a reference for situations in which there is confusion about how the organization runs or works such as decision-making, membership, etc. All gardens are strongly encouraged to submit by-laws in order to complete their registration and this workshop will serve as an excellent guide for groups in need of assistance getting their by-laws completed. All gardeners must RSVP in order to attend.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Citizens Committee for NYC
77 Water St., Suite 202, New York, NY 10005
Train: 2, 3 to Wall St. or N, R to Whitehall St.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Citizens Committee for NYC
77 Water St., Suite 202, New York, NY 10005
Train: 2, 3 to Wall St. or N, R to Whitehall St.

Thursday, Feb. 26 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Grow NYC Office
49 Chambers St., Room 1225A, New York, NY 10007
12th Floor (You must have ID to enter the building)
Bus: M22, M15, M6, B51
Train: J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall; R to City Hall; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St.

Crazy for Composting

Jodie Colón, Compost Educator,
The NYC Compost Project in the Bronx

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 spring delivery. Registration required; e-mail compost@nybg.org or call 718.817.8543 to register for one or both sessions.

Supplies: Compost / Soil / Cleanfill / Mulch Request (for spring delivery)
Saturday, Feb. 14 / 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
BRONX
The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building, 200th St. and Kazimiroff Blvd., Bronx, NY 10458
Bus: Bx41, Bx55 or Bx26 to Webster and Bedford Park Blvd.
Train: B, D, 4 to Bedford Park Blvd. Transfer to the Bx26 bus, or walk down Bedford Park Blvd to Kazimiroff Blvd. Enter via gate on Kazimiroff Blvd, between Mosholu Parkway and 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.

NYC Compost Project
Master Composter Certificate Program

Learn how to:
• Compost at home or in your community
• Use compost to rebuild NYC’s soils
• Create, maintain, or improve a community composting site
• Teach others about composting

Apply to the class of 2015 at nyc.gov/compostproject

The NYC Compost Project is funded and managed by the NYC Department of Sanitation’s Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability.
Learn more at nyc.gov/compostproject.
GrowTogether T-Shirt Design Contest

This year’s theme is... Nurture a Garden, Feed Your Soul.

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 2015 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 three entries.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS:
Monday, January 12, 2015

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 Contest
49 Chambers St, Room 1020
New York, New York 10007
Or email greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov

Take your tree to MulchFest 2015!
Saturday & Sunday, January 10 & 11

For more information, visit nyc.gov & search for “MulchFest,” or call 311.
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 neighborhood and school groups to work on self-directed community improvement projects. 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 26. For more info, visit citizensnyc.org, or contact Arif Ullah at 212.822.9580 or aullah@citizensnyc.org.

City Chicken Project – Hens and Eggs

For New York City Gardens, Schools, and Urban Farms

Chickens are a great addition to any gardening program. They help improve the environment, build fertilizer for your soil, educate your students, and provide eggs for your community!

In 2015, Just Food’s City Chicken Project will help three Community Food Projects build new chicken coops, learn about keeping healthy hens and help you get chickens for your project. Applicants must be a New York City public school, community garden, or urban farm working to help communities access fresh local food. Applicants must have 8 square feet of space for each hen, and should have a plan to use the eggs to feed their school and/or community.

Application deadline:
Feb. 27, 2015

For more information or an application, please contact Greg at Just Food: 212.645.9880 x229 or greg@justfood.org.

As we put our garden beds to rest for the season, GreenThumb remembers all our beloved gardeners lost in 2014. May they rest in peace.
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!

Sebert Harper shows off his beautiful terrarium at the Annual GreenThumb Harvest Fair at Green Gems Community Garden in Brooklyn. Photo by Daniel Avila | NYC Parks

Over 1,000 tons of soil and compost are delivered to gardens each year.