GreenThumb is proud to assist in the establishment of the first United Nations Food Garden at the UN headquarters on 42nd Street in Manhattan. Planting the first vegetables are, from left, H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa, President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda; Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, NYC Parks Commissioner; Nancy Kohn, Director of GreenThumb, Ms. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet; and Ms. Penny Abeywardena, NYC Commissioner for International Affairs. Photo by Phillip Kester | GreenThumb

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

Canning Kits • Soil Testing Kits • Bulbs • Greenhouse Supplies • Straw Bales • Mushroom Growing Supplies • Pumpkins • Garden Books • Row Cover • Soil • Compost • Mulch, Clean Fill and Lumber Requests (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.
### EVENT CALENDAR

**GreenThumb Workshops & Events**

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GreenThumb
Annual Harvest Fair

Saturday, September 12, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registration opens at 11am
Free / Rain or Shine

Join GreenThumb for our annual celebration that honors thousands of community gardeners and greening professionals across New York City for their work during the season and gives them the opportunity to show off their harvests! It’s a celebration for all ages!

This year’s Harvest Fair will include:
• Harvest Fair Contest
• Live music from Hernan Romero and Bomba Yo
• Gardening Workshops
• Tour of Diamante Garden
• Kids Activities
• Cooking Demonstrations
• Farmers Market
• Stan’s Pepper Steppers Double Dutch
• Family Yoga
• Raffle Prizes
• Greening Partners

And for the first time ever –
GreenThumb Fresh Chef Contest
(Pre-registration required)

Prizes will be given to the 1st and 2nd place winners and all participants will receive a chef’s hat and apron.

Diamante Garden
307 East 118th Street
New York, NY 10035
Between 1st and 2nd Avenue

Do you think you’ve harvested an award winner? Enter the Harvest Contest. Enter the Harvest Contest for your chance at a blue ribbon (see page 4 for details).
# Harvest Fair Competition Rules and Categories

All entries must be from members of a community garden in New York City.

- One entry per category per person. Entries must be clean and neatly trimmed for exhibition.
- All entries should be brought to the registration area between 11am and 12:30pm. **No late entries will be accepted.**

And don’t forget to bring your vegetable oddities and strange fruits for our exhibition table!

## I. VEGETABLES:

All entries must be free of soil, spots, cracks, splits, sores, insects, and disease. Entries should be fresh, firm, and mature or ripe. Extra credit will be given for entries specifying variety. Entries will be judged on condition and quality.

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<td>A. Beans (bush or pole)</td>
<td>2 pods, ½” stems</td>
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<td>B. Cucumbers</td>
<td>3 fruits, 6-8” long</td>
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<td>C. Eggplants</td>
<td>2 fruits, 1” stems</td>
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<td>D. Greens (collards, kale, chard, etc.)</td>
<td>whole stalk</td>
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<td>E. Okra</td>
<td>3 pods</td>
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<td>F. Onions</td>
<td>3 bulbs, 2” stems</td>
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<td>G. Peppers (sweet bell)</td>
<td>3 fruits, 1” stems</td>
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<td>2 fruits, 8-10” long</td>
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<td>L. Squash (largest by weight)</td>
<td>1 fruit, 2” stem</td>
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<td>O. Tomato (standard)</td>
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<td>S. Tomato (best tasting)</td>
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## II. FLOWERS:

All entries must be free of soil, insects, and disease damage. Foliage should be left on display table and will be considered by judges. Containers will not be judged.

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<td>T. Dahlia</td>
<td>Single bloom or cluster</td>
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<td>W. Rose</td>
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## III. ART FROM NATURE:

All entries must be free of soil and disease damage. Entries will be judged on creativity and imaginative use of vegetables, herbs, or flowers to achieve overall artistic effect.

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<td>X. Bountiful basket</td>
<td>At least 5 varieties of home-grown veggies.</td>
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<td>Y. Garden bouquet</td>
<td>At least 5 varieties of home-grown flowers.</td>
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<td>Z. Herb bouquet</td>
<td>At least 5 varieties of homegrown herbs.</td>
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## IV. CULINARY CATEGORY:

All entries must be made with ingredients from your garden.

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<td>AA. Pie</td>
<td>Any savory or sweet pie prepared with ingredients from your garden.</td>
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<td>BB. Herb recipe</td>
<td>Any herb recipe prepared with ingredients from your garden.</td>
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<td>CC. Pickles</td>
<td>Savory or sweet pickled fruit or vegetable.</td>
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<td>DD. Jam</td>
<td>Best sweet jam.</td>
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<td>EE. Honey</td>
<td>Honey from a hive in your garden.</td>
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## V. CHILDREN’S CATEGORIES:

Open to kids under 12

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<td>FF. Creepy critters</td>
<td>Creatures or objects made of plant materials, cut-up or whole.</td>
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<td>GG. Pint-size posies</td>
<td>At least 5 varieties of home-grown flowers in a pint milk or juice container.</td>
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<td>HH. Bountiful basket Jr.</td>
<td>At least 5 varieties of fruits or veggies.</td>
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## VI. PHOTO CONTEST:

Entries must be in poster or photo collage format, highlighting garden events, produce or other harvest related moments and will be kept at the GT office for future prizes and awards.

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# Canning & Preserving the Harvest

_Just Food and GreenThumb Staff_

Enjoy the bounty of the growing season and learn to preserve your harvest! Join Just Food trainers as they demonstrate how to preserve your cucumbers, create fruit jams and enjoy the harvest all year long.

**Supplies:** Canning Kit, Book

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**Saturday, September 5th / 2pm – 4pm**

**BRONX**

Rainbow Garden of Life & Health
762 Melrose Avenue

**Train:** 5 or 2 to 149th 3rd Ave.

**Saturday, November 7th / 12pm – 2pm**

**MANHATTAN**

Mission Garden
1691 Madison Avenue

**Train:** 6 to 110th St. and Lexington Ave. or 2, 3 to 110th St. (Central Park North)
Low Tunneling and Season Extension
GreenThumb Staff

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 how to build a low tunnel house over your raised bed using PVC pipe and greenhouse plastic.

Saturday, September 26th / 11am – 1pm
BROOKLYN
Student Farm Project Garden
514 Rockaway Avenue
Train: 3 to Rockaway Avenue

Wednesday, November 4th / 5:30pm – 7pm
BRONX
Bronx Sunshine Community Garden
1768 Bryant Avenue
Train: 5 or 2 to 174th St.

Sign Making
GreenThumb Staff

Kids and adults are invited to this workshop to paint signs that will help tell the story of your garden to your community - including the name, open hours, rules, and mission. Afterwards, be sure to attend the Sign Installation workshop (10/06/2015) to learn how to properly install your handmade creations.

Friday, September 11th / 5pm – 7pm
BROOKLYN
New Vision Garden
590 Schenck Avenue
Train: 3 to Van Siclen Ave

Double Raised Bed Building
GreenThumb Staff

Learn how to build double raised beds for your community garden. The double bed will provide an easier gardening experience for senior members.

Wednesday, September 16th / 5pm – 7pm
BROOKLYN
Festival Garden
790 Blake Avenue
Train: C to Van Siclen Ave
Bus: B14 to Van Siclen Ave

GreenThumb’s Main office has moved!
Our new office location in Manhattan is:
100 Gold Street, Suite 3100
New York, NY 10038

Growing in Small Spaces
GreenThumb Staff

Learn how urban gardeners can make the most out of every inch of available space in window boxes and containers like straw bales to grow edibles or ornamentals that will look great in your garden. Straw bales are an ideal vehicle for growing in small spaces and are an exciting alternative for traditional raised beds.

Wednesday, September 16th / 12pm – 2pm
BRONX
Vogue Community Garden
431 E. 156th Street
Train: 5 or 2 to 149th 3rd ave.

Marvelous Mushrooms
GreenThumb Staff

Fungi can be helpful in your garden and delicious in the kitchen. This class offers a peek into the fungi kingdom at large and addresses DIY indoor growing and cultivation methods with the option to transfer your fungi to your outdoor garden in the spring. In addition to a demonstration of basic propagation techniques, the class offers resources for finding mushroom materials to work with as you set about on your homegrown mycological pursuits.

Sunday, September 20th / 11am – 2pm
QUEENS
Smiling Hogshead Ranch
25-30 Skillman Avenue
Train: G to Court Square, 7 train to Hunters Point Avenue

Terrariums and Mini-SIPS
GreenThumb Staff

With some commonly found materials, GreenThumb will teach gardeners and community members how to simply build miniature terrariums and SIPS (sub-irrigated planting systems). This workshop is perfect for kids, teachers, and gardeners of all levels that want to upcycle in their gardens.

Thursday, October 1st / 5:30pm – 7pm
MANHATTAN
Siempre Verde Garden
181 Stanton Street
Train: J/M/Z to Essex Street, F to Delancy Street
Bus: M14A to Houston Street, M15-SBS to Houston Street
As we approach the end of the growing season, let’s take some time to reflect on our efforts in supporting our neighborhoods and the community gardens within them. Are you interested in increasing programming and/or membership? 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 with an exciting event. We will go over successful event planning tips. We encourage groups to share their challenges and success so we can learn from each other.

**Sign Installation**
*GreenThumb Staff*

Come to this workshop to learn how to install signs that you made from the Sign Making workshop (9/11/2015) or any other signs you have lying around. To request a sign in advance of this workshop, please call 212-788-8070.

**Saturday, October 10th / 11am – 1pm**
QUEENS
GreenThumb Compound (Long Island City)
Queens Plaza South and 10th Street
**Train:** 7/Q/N to Queensboro Plaza, E/R/M to Queens Plaza
**Bus:** Q32 to 28th Street, B62 or Q39 to Queens Plaza South, B32 to 45th Avenue

**Garlic Planting**
*GreenThumb Staff*

This workshop will provide tips on garlic planting, growing and harvesting.

**Thursday, October 8th / 5pm – 6pm**
QUEENS
Farm Rockaway
310 Beach 58th Street
**Train:** A to Beach 60th Street

**3-Bin Compost System**
*Just Food and GreenThumb Staff*

Learn how to turn “waste” from your community garden and kitchen into black gold. We will teach you step-by-step how to build a 3-bin compost system so you can blend greens (rich in nitrogen) and browns (rich in carbon) into compost and improve your soil’s fertility.

**Tuesday, October 13th / 5pm – 6:30pm**
BRONX
Sherman Avenue Community Garden
955 Sherman Avenue
**Train:** 4 to 161st St - Yankee Stadium, B to 167th St.
**Bus:** BxM4 to E 161st Street

**Grow Your Garden Group**
*Just Food and GreenThumb Staff*

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**Morgan Powell Tribute Walk and Tree Dedication**
*GreenThumb Staff*

Join us as we do a walking tour of 5 East NY Gardens and plant a tree in memory of New York City gardener, activist and historian Morgan Powell.

**Saturday, October 17th / 11am – 1pm**
BROOKLYN
UCC Youth Farm
613 Schenck Avenue
**Train:** 3 to New Lots Avenue

**Pumpkin Carving**
*GreenThumb Staff*

It’s that time of year to use your creative chops and turn gourds into illuminated Jack O’Lanterns. GreenThumb will have pumpkins and carving tools ready, but please bring your own supplies and decorating materials to add to your seasonal creations.

**Wednesday, October 21st / 5:30pm – 7pm**
BROOKLYN
Berry Street Garden
303 Berry Street
**Train:** J/M/Z to Marcy Ave, L to Bedford Ave.
**Bus:** B39 to Washington Plaza

**Saturday, October 24th 1pm – 3pm**
BRONX
Little Green Garden
422 East 160th St.
**Train:** 5 or 2 to 149th 3rd Ave.
Group Structure and By-Laws 101
GreenThumb Staff

Is your garden group in need of structure and more organization? This workshop will help you to hone the fundamentals of group structure. Learn the basics of by-laws and how to write them so that your garden group has a guide to working 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. This workshop will help you work issues of membership and conflict into your group structure.

Thursday, November 19th / 6:30pm – 8pm
STATEN ISLAND
Staten Island Borough Hall
10 Richmond Street #2
Across from Staten Island Ferry

Putting the Garden to Bed
GreenThumb Staff

Want to get a jumpstart on planning for next season? This workshop is all about planning ahead and taking the time you have during late Fall and Winter to get ready for Spring. We will discuss bed planning, cover cropping, crop rotation, getting garden finances in order, debriefing for the season and other ways to better prepare your garden during the off months.

Saturday, November 21st / 11am – 1pm
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Botanic Garden (Lily Pool Room)
1000 Washington Ave.
Train: 2,3,4,5 to Franklin Ave.
Bus: B48 to President Street

Fall Bulb Giveaway
GreenThumb Staff

Pick up a selection of spring flowering bulbs for fall planting at our compound. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold bulbs for anyone. Please note: This is only for registered GreenThumb garden groups. One giveaway per group. If you are planning to pick up for more than one garden group you must call by Tuesday, November 2 to confirm with Lillian Reyes 212-788-8065

Saturday, November 14th / 10am – 1pm
QUEENS
GreenThumb Compound (Long Island City)
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Train: 7/Q/N to Queensboro Plaza, E/R/M to Queens Plaza
Bus: Q32 to 28th Street, B62 or Q39 to Queens Plaza South, B32 to 45th Avenue

Healthy Soils
GreenThumb Staff

Want to learn how to keep your plants growing strong this season? Plant health is usually directly linked to the health of the soil it is growing in. We will cover soil health basics. Included in this will be different ways of checking to see how your soil is doing based upon special indicators. We will also cover the ways you can amend or prepare your soil differently in order to improve its health, thereby getting your plants well nourished and viable.

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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!

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Brooklyn/Queens outreach coordinator Isak Mendes prepares a GreenThumb shed for delivery to Brooklyn. Photo by Brittany Quale | GreenThumb