GreenThumb welcomes food justice activist and keynote speaker LaDonna Redmond (center) at this year’s GrowTogether, along with Larry Scoones, Bronx Chief of Operations; Liam Kavanagh, First Deputy Commissioner; Mitchell J. Silver FAICP, Commissioner; and Nancy Kohn, Director of GreenThumb. Photo | Malcolm Pickney, NYC Parks

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

- Hydrant Adaptors
- Wrenches and Hoses
- Native Plants
- Garden Books
- Row Cover
- Bird House Kits
- Grass Seeds
- Soil Testing Kits
- Hand Cultivators
- Garden Hoes
- Soil
- Compost
- Mulch and Lumber Requests (for Fall Delivery)
- Black and Clear Garbage Bags
- Gloves and 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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Summer Supply Giveaway
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 for your group, you must call the GreenThumb office beforehand to confirm details.

Saturday, June 6th | 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

Double Raised Bed Building
Just Food Trainer
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 request forms

Thursday, June 11th | 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN
P.S. 53 Garden
522 Bradford St.
Train: 3 to Van Siclen
Bus: B15, B83 to New Lots Ave. – Bradford St.

Freshkills Park Tour
Community Gardens in New York City are the result of hard work by the hands of many dedicated people who transform previously neglected spaces into spaces that are beautiful and life sustaining. Not all community gardens are used as places to grow vegetables or fruits; many are used as places of relaxation, recreation, and gathering. Join NYC gardeners for a tour of Freshkills Park and see land transformation on an expansive scale. At 2,200 acres, Freshkills Park is the world’s largest landfill to park conversion project. The tour will show how balance is being restored to this landscape of wetlands, creeks and green rolling hills with magnificent vistas. You must RSVP ahead of time to this event as space is limited. A bus will be waiting at the Staten Island Ferry to shuttle registered participants to and from the park. Please RSVP at http://goo.gl/forms/R9RUFj1iOu and for more information contact Gahl Shottan at (212) 227-1383.

Saturday, June 13th | 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
STATEN ISLAND

Garden Design
GreenThumb Staff & Partnerships for Parks
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 learn strategies for gathering design ideas to make gardens that fit the community’s unique need and character. We will also explore the basic elements and best practices of designing spaces for your garden and field your garden-specific design questions.

Wednesday, June 17th | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Red Gate Garden
604 Marcy Ave.
Train: G to Myrtle - Willoughby Aves.
Bus: B38 to Marcy Ave.

Perennial Swap
GreenThumb & New York Botanical Garden
Perennials are plants like oregano or day lily, which grow and bloom in spring and summer, die back in winter and then return each spring. Perennials live for more than two years and for some plants, indefinitely. Divide, dig up and swap perennial plants to increase the diversity of plants in your community garden. Please come to the workshop with a disease-free perennial plant to swap.

For questions, call 718.817.8026 or email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Thursday June 18th | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
River Garden
1086 East 180th St.
Train: 2 or 5 to East 180th
Bus: Bx21 or BXM10 to Morris Pk Ave./Adams St.

nycbeekeeping.org
welcomes gardeners and urban farmers to learn about bees as pollinators and producers of honey and other products. We offer a ready knowledge base, hands-on training/mentoring, harvest facilities, and material support for responsible urban beekeeping. Hands-on events are scheduled throughout the season. The field studies group offers an in-depth learning opportunity with a full-year commitment. We are weather-dependent, and the schedule depends on the bees’ needs, so please sign up for announcements and check our calendar at nycbeekeeping.org.
Birdhouse Building

Just Food Trainer

Interested in building a birdhouse? Come to the Clayton Williams Community Garden and learn how to build it. The first 30 attendees will receive materials for building a birdhouse.

**Supplies:** Birdhouse Kits

**Saturday June 20th | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

MANHATTAN
Clayton Williams Community Garden
303 West 126th St.
**Train:** A, B, C, or D to 125th St.
**Bus:** M100, M101, M15 or M60 west to 125th and Frederick Douglass Blvd.; M10 to 125th and Frederick Douglass Blvd.

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Lawns and Meadows 101

GreenThumb Staff

Maintaining a quality lawn area involves more than irrigation, fertilization and pesticide applications. Healthy grass demands proper mowing techniques, occasional de-thatching, and aeration. Knowing when and how to apply these practices will lead to a dense, vigorous grassy area.

**Supplies:** Grass seeds

**Wednesday, July 8th | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

BRONX
Latinos Unidos
427 East 157th St.
**Train:** 2, 3 to 3rd Ave./149th St.
**Bus:** Bx41 to Melrose Ave. – E. 156th St.

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Composting

NYC Compost Project & GreenThumb Staff

These three monthly workshops will teach you everything you need to know to successfully use compost in your garden: learn the basics of composting at Composting 101, how to supercharge your garden with compost tea at Tea for 2 Billion... Organisms, and how to use compost to improve your plants and soil at Feed the Soil, Not the Plants.

**Supplies:** Soil/Compost/Cleanfill/Mulch request forms

**Composting 101**

**Saturday June 20th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

STATEN ISLAND
Westervelt Community Garden
143 Westervelt Ave.
**Bus:** S42/S52 toward Staten Island Hospital/Seaview Ave.

**Tea for 2 Billion... Organisms**

**Saturday July 11th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

STATEN ISLAND
Moravian Churches Community Garden
1657 Victory Blvd.
**Bus:** S61/S66 toward Staten Island Mall/Yukon Ave.

**Feed the Soil, Not the Plants**

**Sunday August 9th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

STATEN ISLAND
Joe Holzka Community Garden
1170 Castleton Ave.
**Bus:** S46 to West Shore Plaza via Castleton

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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 and provide the tools you need to thrive. 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 where there is confusion about how the organization runs.

**Thursday, July 9th | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Lily Pool Room
1000 Washington Ave.
**Train:** 2, 3, 4, 5 to Franklin Ave., Shuttle to Botanic Garden
**Bus:** B48 to President St.
Building Your Garden’s Presence

New York Botanical Garden & GreenThumb Staff

We’ll focus on how to collect your garden’s history in oral, written or visual ways. We’ll feature a garden’s new website, created this year with assistance from Green Guerrillas. Please come to the workshop with a piece of history from your garden, such as an elder or founding garden member, photo, or story

Supplies: Papier-mâché Notebook and Photo Album

Saturday, July 11th | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
BRONX
Neighborhood Advisory Committee Garden
360 E. 151st St.
Train: 2, 5 to 3rd Ave./149th St.
Bus: Bx41 to Melrose Ave. – E. 150th St.

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, including different ways of checking to see how your soil is doing. We will also cover the ways you can amend or prepare your soil in order to improve its health.

Supplies: Soil Testing Kits

Monday, July 13th | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
Eagle Slope/Granja Farm
586 Westchester Ave.
Train: 2, 5 to Jackson Ave.
Bus: Bx19 to St. Ann’s Ave.

Pest Management

GreenThumb Staff

Learn the differences between good and bad insects in your garden; how to attract the good ones and deter the bad. We will be discussing how to create a plan for pest management for your garden.

Saturday, July 18th | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Warren-St. Marks Community Garden
623 Warren St.
Train: D, N, R, B, Q, 2, 3, 4, 5 to Atlantic Ave. Barclays Center
Bus: B103 to 4th Ave./Warren St.

Bookkeeping and Accounting

GreenThumb Staff

Learn how to effectively keep track of your community garden expenses. This workshop is an introduction to basic bookkeeping tools and systems to manage garden finances, including receipt organization and sticking to a budget.

Tuesday, July 21st | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Public Library
10 Grand Army Plaza
Trustees Room
Train: 2, 3 to Grand Army Plaza
Bus: B41 to Grand Army Plaza/Flatbush

Intergenerational Gardener Workshop

GreenThumb Staff

Join gardeners young and old for an evening to come together and find solutions to issues that commonly arise between new and experienced gardeners. We will walk through scenarios, find solutions, and learn how to harness everyone’s unique talent to help gardens thrive for years to come.

Thursday, July 30th | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
La Perla Community Garden
76 West 105th Street
Train: C or 1 to 103rd St.
Bus: M116 to 106th St. and Duke Ellington Blvd.

Chef Rosalind Francis from Corbin Hill Farm and founding director of Health and Education Programs at Harlem Seeds enjoys the sun after her healthy food demonstration. Photo | Phillip Kester, GreenThumb
Drip Irrigation 101
GreenThumb Staff
An efficient irrigation system is the backbone to any garden or landscape. Proper water techniques improve plant health and fruit production. This workshop will teach you how to design a system that will effectively deliver water to the plants in your garden with the least amount of waste.
Saturday, August 1st | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Hands and Heart Community Garden
290 New Lots Ave.
Train: L to New Lots Ave., 3 to Pennsylvania Ave.
Bus: B15 to New Lots Ave. – Malta St.

Using Water Wisely
New York Botanical Garden & GreenThumb Staff
Gardeners can collect and store the best water available for their plants, rainwater. We’ll show a simple way to connect a rain barrel to a shade structure.
Tuesday, August 4th | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
Fordham Bedford Lotbusters
2597 Bainbridge Ave.
Train: Metro North to Fordham Road or B, D to Kingsbridge Road
Bus: Bx22 to East Fordham Road – Decatur Ave.

Fundraising / Citizen Philanthropy
ioby & GreenThumb Staff
ioby (in our back yards) is a national, nonprofit crowd-resourcing platform designed to support community-led, neighbor-funded projects. Join their staff to hear about the growing field of crowdfunding, bust some common myths, and learn how crowdfunding can be both an important fundraising and community engagement tool for urban gardeners. Through case studies of successfully funded garden projects, this session will give attendees a firm understanding of when and how to use crowdfunding to support their neighborhood transforming work.
Wednesday, August 12th | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Clifton Place Memorial Park & Garden
1031 Bedford Ave.
Train: G to Bedford - Nostrand Ave.
Bus: B38 to Bedford Ave. or B44 to Greene Ave.

Grass Roots Organizing 101
Just Food & GreenThumb Staff
This workshop will focus on building community support and engagement to help participants do advocacy and grassroots campaigning on food justice issues that impact their community.
Saturday August, 15th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
BRONX
La Finca Del Sur/South Bronx Farmers
250 138th St. and Grand Concourse
Train: 4 or 5 to East 138th St.
Bus: M3 to St. Nicholas Ave. – W. 135th St.

Culinary Education
Just Food & GreenThumb Staff
Join GreenThumb and Just Food for a cooking demonstration in the Clayton Williams Community Garden. Learn how to make the most of the summer’s bounty of fresh produce. Join one of Just Food’s community chefs for a cooking demonstration of how to prepare local and seasonal vegetable-centered dishes that will inspire the whole family.
Saturday August, 22nd | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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303 West 126th St.
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Harlem Green: 10th Anniversary Celebration and Tour of Harlem’s Community Gardens
To celebrate our tenth year we will host a series of workshops, discussions, demonstrations and more (beekeeping, canning, fermentation, etc.) throughout the summer in Harlem gardens. For more information check here: www.facebook.com/groups/JosephDanielWilsonCommunityGarden
Saturday August, 29th | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Cover Crops

GreenThumb Staff

Cover crops are grown to replenish the soil and prevent erosion. Plant a fall cover crop to put your garden to bed for the season. In the spring, till under the plants to rejuvenate the soil. We will discuss the role of cover crops in enhancing soil health, talk about recommended crop choices and practice sowing seed.

Saturday August, 29th | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Poppa & Momma Jones Historical Garden
337 Van Siclen Ave.
Train: C to Van Siclen Ave.
Bus: B14 to Sutter Ave. – Van Siclen Ave.

Container Gardening

GreenThumb Staff

Making the most out of every inch of available ground is essential for urban gardeners. Window boxes and containers are the perfect solution when you’re short on growing space. Learn the design elements for a good container or window box, soil mixtures that work well, and tips for planting and maintaining containers all year.

Supplies: Plants, Containers and Soil Mix

Saturday August 15th | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
BRONX
Hornaday Community Garden
859 Hornaday Place (between Mohegan Ave. & Crotona Pkwy.)
Train: 5 to East 180th St.
Bus: BxM18 Express to West 230th St./Corlear Ave. Start out going east on W. 230th St. Turn left onto Broadway, transfer to the Bx9 bus to Southern Blvd.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

GreenThumb Harvest Fair

Celebrate the bountiful harvest of GreenThumb gardeners from across the city at our annual Harvest Fair. If you want more information, please check our website www.greenthumbnyc.org

Saturday, Sept. 12th | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bronx Food & Farm Tours 2015

JUNE 6 – Caribbean Culture Tour

We’ll celebrate the Puerto Rican Day Parade with drumming at the garden casita of Rincón Criollo Garden. Lunch will be served under a roof that collects rainwater at River Garden. You will meet gardeners who will show you what they grow. Finally, take a stroll along the Bronx River, at Drew Gardens, a live example of Bronx ecology and over 40 plots for growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) invites you to partake in a garden celebration of students’ artwork from two local high schools who worked with teaching artists, Patricia Cazorla and Manuel Acevedo, on the themes of immigration and food.

TOUR GUIDE: Dior Doward, Activist

JULY 11 – Youth Tour

Our Youth Tour will feature the inspiring work of young people who are gardening in The Bronx. First, pay a visit to the chickens and bees at Brook Park, a community garden serving countless youth each year in activities ranging from gardening, environmental, and waterfront activism, to arts and cultural events. Next, enjoy lunch while visiting the children’s garden at historic Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum. Finally, we will close at the recently renovated New York Restoration Project’s Willis Ave. Community Garden.

TOUR GUIDE: Nancy Ortiz-Surun, Co-founder of La Finca del Sur

AUGUST 8 – Arts in the Garden

Join our Arts in the Garden tour! At Padre Plaza Success Garden, we will learn how to press plants for use in art or to compile botanical samples of what we grow. We’ll enjoy lunch on The Bronx shore at Waterfront Community Garden in Soundview. Our final stop will be Kelly St. Garden, a backyard garden built for residents and spruced up by community-led projects to include a greenhouse, mural, and trellises. We’ll see what this one-year-old garden is growing!

TOUR GUIDE: Jennifer Plewka, Garden and Nutrition Educator

To reserve your seat, please contact us at: Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden, 718.817.8026 or e-mail bronxgreenup@nybg.org

2 pickup locations in NYC or The Bronx:
Meet the trolley at 9:30 a.m. at the Lucerne Hotel in Manhattan, 201 West 79th St., corner of Amsterdam Ave. Return at 2:30 p.m.
OR
Meet the trolley at 10 a.m. at the Opera House Hotel in The Bronx, 436 East 149th St., between Bergen and Brook Aves. Return at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are $30, cash or check made out to La Familia Verde. Credit card payment is also accepted via our website. Please visit ilovethebronx.com
The Learning Tree African Dance Ensemble electrifies the crowd at this year’s GrowTogether Conference on March 21st, 2015. Photo | Malcolm Pickney, NYC Parks

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!

An estimated 87,000 pounds of edible food is produced in GreenThumb gardens each year.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON MANY OTHER EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS.