GreenThumb Summer Festival 2013 was an exciting event for the whole family. Thanks to Harlem Seeds for their delicious food demonstration and to all of our Greening Partners, volunteers, supporters and performers. Special thanks to all of our GreenThumb gardeners who participated in this event.

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

Bulbs • Canning Supplies • Pruning Certificate • Rain Water Harvesting Supplies
Seeds for Cover Crops • Tool Cleaning Supplies • Soil / Compost / Mulch

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.
Annual Harvest Fair

Join Bronx Green-Up and 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! This year we will feature a healthy food demonstration, activities for kids, including face painting, domino tournament, live music and our annual Harvest Contest! It will be a day filled with fun activities, food, performances, gardening demonstrations and raffle prizes, plus a photo contest. It’s a celebration for all ages! To be eligible for garden raffle prizes, make sure that you are on the updated garden membership list.

For more information or if you wish to table at this event, please contact Lillian Reyes at 212.788.8070 or lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov.

GreenThumb will provide bus service for Brooklyn gardeners/guests on a first come first served basis.

Do you think you’ve harvested an award winner? Enter the Harvest Contest in any of the following categories (see page 3 for specific categories): Vegetables, Flowers, Art from Nature, Culinary, and Children’s (for youth 12 and under).

Saturday, September 7th, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
Wanaqua Community Garden
460 E. 136th Street between
Brown Place & Willis Ave., Bronx

Co-sponsored by Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden,
El Batey Borincano, NYC Parks
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 should be clean and neatly trimmed for exhibition.
- All entries should be brought to the registration area between 1 and 2:30 p.m. 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.
   A. Beans (bush or pole): 2 pods, 1/2” stems
   B. Cucumbers: 3 fruits, 6-8” long
   C. Eggplants: 2 fruits, 1” stems
   D. Greens (collards, kale, chard, etc.): whole stalk
   E. Okra: 3 pods
   F. Onions: 3 bulbs, 2” stems
   G. Peppers (sweet bell): 3 fruits, 1” stems
   H. Peppers (hot): 3 fruits, 1” stems
   I. Peppers (frying): 3 fruits, 1” stems
   J. Squash (summer): 3 fruits, 1” stems
   K. Squash (zucchini): 2 fruits, 8-10” long
   L. Squash (largest by weight): 1 fruit, 2” stem
   M. Squash (largest by length): 1 fruit
   N. Sunflower (largest): 1 flower
   O. Tomato (standard): 3 fruits, no stems
   P. Tomato (cherry): 9 fruits, no stems
   Q. Tomato (plum): 5 fruits, no stems
   R. Tomato (largest by weight): 1 fruit, no stem
   S. Tomato (best tasting): 1 fruit, no stem

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.
   T. Dahlia: Single bloom or cluster
   U. Marigold: Single bloom or cluster
   V. Zinnia: Single bloom or cluster
   W. Rose: Single bloom or cluster

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.
   X. Bountiful basket: At least 5 varieties of home-grown veggies.
   Y. Garden bouquet: At least 5 varieties of home grown flowers.
   Z. Herb bouquet: At least 5 varieties of home grown herbs.

IV. CULINARY CATEGORY: All entries must be made with ingredients from your garden.
   AA. Pie: Any savory or sweet pie prepared with ingredients from your garden.
   BB. Herb recipe: Any herb recipe prepared with ingredients from your garden.
   CC. Pickles: Savory or sweet pickled fruit or vegetable.*
   DD. Jam: Best sweet jam.*
   EE. Honey: Honey from a hive in your garden.*

V. CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES: Open to kids under 12
   FF. Creepy critters: Creatures or objects made of plant materials, cut-up or whole.
   GG. Pint-size posies: At least 5 varieties of home-grown flowers in a pint milk or juice container.
   HH. Bountiful basket Jr.: At least 5 varieties of fruits or veggies.

VI. PHOTO CONTEST: Entries must be in poster or photo collage format, highlighting garden events, produce, or other harvest-related moments.

*New category!

Bronx Urban Farms Trolley Tour

Italian Culinary Tour / September 7: Our Culinary Tour of the Bronx will begin at the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden at The New York Botanical Garden, where longtime volunteer and Bronxite Frank Russo will guide us through the Global Gardens, and vegetable plots with cultural themes. Next up, historic Arthur Avenue, an Italian culinary gem, where participants will visit the market to learn about cheese-making at Mike’s Deli. Finally, participants will drop in on the Annual Bronx Green-Up and GreenThumb Harvest Fair for community gardeners citywide. You’ll have the opportunity to mingle with gardeners from all over the city and visit a community garden in all its harvest glory. Tour Guide: Frank Russo, and Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden

Healthy Community Tour / October 12: Our fall tour will feature all things wellness: get outside, eat well, and exercise! Visit the Garden of Happiness, where chickens roam among a plethora of Mexican herbs and garden vegetables. Have lunch at Tremont Community Garden, a Bronx Land Trust (BLT) garden where seniors grow food. Our last stop will be Jacqueline Denise Davis (JDD) Garden, which features a rainwater harvesting roof that provides shade and water to gardeners, courtesy of GrowNYC, who also use the space for their Learn It, Grow It, Eat It youth program. Lunch is included. Tour Guide: Regina Ginyard, Bronx Food and Sustainability Coalition, Gotham Cooks, Urban Farmer, La Finca Del Sur

For more information, please go to www.nybg.org or call (718) 817-8026.
Building a Rainwater Harvesting System
Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb

Rainwater harvesting is the practice of catching and holding rain for later use. Since 2002, community gardens have been leading the charge to conserve water and redirect storm water runoff by collecting rainwater. This workshop will be an opportunity to learn more about these efforts and how you can build a simple 2-barrel system using materials that are readily available and at little to no cost. In order to receive one of the 10 available RWH Kits (Rain Water Harvesting) your garden group must qualify by pre-registering and answering a few questions to determine if the system is a good fit for your site and your group. Please email Lillian Reyes at lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov or call 212-788-8070.

Supplies: Materials for Rainwater Harvesting System

Wednesday, September 4th 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
BRONX
Vogue Community Garden
431 E. 156th Street

Wednesday, September 18th 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
BRONX
St. John Cantius Parish Community Garden
476 New Jersey Avenue

Canning & Preserving the Harvest
Just Food Trainer

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. This workshop is offered in partnership with Just Food (www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops).

Supplies: Canning kits and book

Tuesday, September 10th 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
BROOKLYN
East End Community Garden
530-532 Glenmore at Van Siclen Ave

Wednesday, November 6th 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
BRONX
Garden of Life & Health
157th Melrose Avenue

Saturday, November 9th 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
QUEENS
GreenThumb Compound
Queens Plaza South at 10th St.

QUIZ: When did the tradition of carving pumpkins begin? (answer on page 6)
Working with Teens in the Garden
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 Gloves, Wheelbarrows and Trowels

Wednesday, October 9th 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
BRONX
La Isla Community Garden
98-98 W. 163rd Street

Reap the Benefits of Cover Crops
Ursula Chanse, Bronx Green-Up, The New York Botanical Garden

Join us in preparing garden beds for winter by using cover crops. We’ll discuss the role of cover crops to replenish the soil and prevent erosion, talk about recommended crop choices and practice sowing seeds.

Supplies: Cover Crop Seeds

Saturday, October 19th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
BRONX
La Finca del Sur Urban Farm
138th Street & Grand Concourse

How to Build a 3-Bin Compost System
Just Food, NYC Compost Project in Manhattan

Learn the basics of composting garden and food waste to make the soil in your garden burst with healthy fruits and vegetables.

Supplies: Soil/Compost/Cleanfill (for spring delivery)

Friday, October 4th 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
QUEENS
GreenThumb Compound
Queens Plaza South at 10th St.

Wednesday, October 23rd 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Chenchita’s Garden
1691-93 Madison Avenue

Thanks to the Forces of Nature Dance Troupe for their amazing performance at this year’s GreenThumb Summer Festival.

Pruning Certificate Series
The Pruning Certificate course has been designed to help you learn to prune properly and improve your community garden. This course is ideal for community gardeners who want to keep their gardens in good shape. The focus of the class will be on pruning small trees and shrubs, with a full class devoted to fruit tree pruning. To receive a pruning certificate you must attend the four classes listed below and demonstrate your pruning skills through 8 hours of practice at community garden workdays. Open to all registered GreenThumb gardens. Pre-registration is required.

Wednesdays, October 16, 23, 30 and November 6
6pm - 8:30pm
The New York Botanical Garden • Watson Education Building
To register or for more information, call 718-817-8026 or e-mail: skatz@nybg.org.

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
Maintaining Your Garden Tools
Lillian Reyes, Outreach Coordinator

Learn how to maintain your garden tools and extend their use to make them more effective. Learn how to sharpen your hand pruners and your other gardening tools.

Supplies: WD-40, Naval Jelly, Silicone Spray, Rubbing Alcohol 70%, Wire Tool Brush, Steel Wool, Linseed Oil and Blade Sharpener

Wednesday, October 16th
First segment 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Second segment 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office
49 Chambers Street, Rm 1020

How to Build and Manage Seed Libraries
Eric-Michael Rodriguez, Curator of Living Cultivations and Farm Manager at Weeksville Heritage Center

Seed saving is a timeless way to keep food traditions alive, reduce materials costs, and to promote and protect biodiversity and food sovereignty. Participants will leave the workshop with a tool kit with information on how to build their own basic seed saving equipment and how to save and distribute seeds on a community scale. In preparation, we invite you all to save your seeds and catalogue them. Please RSVP with Mr. Rodriguez at eric@weeksvillesociety.org or call (718) 756-5250.

“While farmers continue to have their seeds in their hands, there will never be poverty, never be hunger.” — Dr. Vandana Shiva

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 20th to confirm with Lillian Reyes: 212-788-8070.

Supplies: assorted bulbs

Saturday, November 20th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
QUEENS
GreenThumb Compound
Queens Plaza South at 10th St.

2nd Annual Community Garden Domino Tournament

Championship Game and Trophy Ceremony
September 21st, 11 a.m. sharp
The Little Green Garden / Rock Garden, 160 Elton Ave, Bronx, NY 10451

Thanks to all of our gardens that hosted events this season.

Hydroponics
Boswyck Farms

Learn about the benefits of growing hydroponically as well as how to construct a hydroponics system with household materials. Growing hydroponically is highly efficient and environmentally sustainable. It's estimated that hydroponics systems use 70%-90% less water than conventional growing because the water is continually circulated through the systems. In addition the problems of run-off and soil erosion are non-existent. Growing hydroponically means that crops can be grown in smaller spaces—a great advantage and practical in urban settings—while producing significant yields of fruits and vegetables.

Supplies: seeds and growing medium

Monday, September 23rd 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Creative Little Garden
530 East 8th Street between Avenue A and B

QUIZ ANSWER: The first Halloween in the USA is believed to have been celebrated in the year 1840. The Irish and many Scottish carved lanterns out of all sorts of vegetables (turnips, potatoes, rutabagas) before they came to the Americas. They kept these lanterns in front of their house to ward off evil spirits and bring in the good spirits. However, it was not until the mid-1800s that pumpkin carving replaced assorted vegetable carving when these new immigrants discovered that the huge, brightly colored pumpkin (a new world vegetable, not found in their native land) was much easier to carve; thus starting the tradition of carving pumpkin faces and lanterns for Halloween.
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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!