GreenThumb 2019
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Established in 1978, NYC Parks GreenThumb is proud to be the nation’s largest urban gardening program, assisting over 550 gardens and over 20,000 volunteer gardeners on 100 combined acres of open space throughout New York City. GreenThumb’s mission is to educate and support community gardens across the five boroughs while preserving open space. By providing free garden materials, technical assistance, educational workshops, and seasonal programs, GreenThumb supports neighborhood volunteers who steward community gardens as active resources that strengthen communities.
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- **Microbes and Fungi: The Life of the Soil Party**
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**GreenThumb Workshops & Events**

- **Living Mulch for Street Trees**
  - Wednesday, April 3 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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- **Include the Food: Introduction to Community Composting**
  - Saturday, April 6 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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- **Happy Hydration with your Hydrant**
  - Thursday, April 11 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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- **GreenThumb Spring Supply Distribution**
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- **Safe Soil Gardening Practices: Limiting our Legacy of Lead**
  - Saturday, April 13 / 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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  - Tuesday, April 16 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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- **Aphids, Flea Beetles, and Snails, Oh My!**
  - Wednesday, April 17 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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- **Organizing for Garden Success: Group Structure (Part 1 of 2)**
  - Tuesday, April 23 / 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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- **Weeds and Herbs Walk**
  - Wednesday, April 24 / 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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- **Art in the Garden: Mosaic Paver Stones**
  - Saturday, April 27 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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You may request translation services for any GreenThumb workshop for any language at least three weeks in advance at greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov.
Microbes and Fungi: The Life of the Soil Party
GreenThumb

Get to know the soil in your garden. If we take care of the soil, the soil will take care of our plants and crops. Meet the microbes and other members of the soil food web who recycle nutrients and also learn best practices for soil care. Please bring a small ziplock bag of soil or compost from your garden if you’d like to look at your soil microbes under a microscope. Workshop attendees who are members of registered GreenThumb community gardens may be eligible to take home a small kit for testing soil nutrients.

Please bring a photo ID and allow time to get through security.

Wednesday, March 6 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office
100 Gold St., Third Floor Grand Conference Room
Train: J/Z to Chambers St., 4/5/6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall, A/C or 2/3 to Fulton St., R to City Hall
Bus: M15, M22, QM7, QM8, QM11, QM25, X8, X14, X15 to Pearl St./Frankfort St.

Garden Design with Perennial Edibles
John Paul Learn and GreenThumb

Do you want to grow superfoods in your community garden? Gardening with perennial edible plants can be easy with some guidance. Learn about some locally adapted fruits, nuts, and vegetables and how to harvest nutrient-dense, delicious crops year after year.

Tuesday, March 12 / 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN
McCarren Play Center McCarren Park
Multipurpose Room C
776 Lorimer St.
Train: L to Lorimer St., G to Nassau Ave.
Bus: B48 to Lorimer St./Bayard St.

Food Justice 101 Part 2: A Workshop for Kids and Teens
GreenThumb

The first part of this series served as an introduction and we will continue to delve deeper into questions such as: What is the food system? Where does our food come from and how does it get to our plates? Why do some New Yorkers have better access to healthy food options while others do not? Throughout New York City, there are many efforts underway to create alternative ways of producing and accessing food, including urban farms, community and school gardens, soup kitchens, and compost facilities. In order to fix our broken food system, a crucial first step is to understand it. This workshop is designed to arm young people with the tools they need to critically explore the food system and learn how they can be active participants in its transformation. You do not need to have attended the first part of this series to attend this one — all youth are welcome and students under 21 are particularly encouraged to attend.

Thursday, March 14 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
GreenThumb Office
100 Gold St., Suite 3100 (Third Floor)
Train: J/Z to Chambers Street, 4/5/6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall, A/C or 2/3 to Fulton Street, R to City Hall
Bus: M15, M22, QM7, QM8, QM11, QM25, X8, X14, X15 to Pearl Street/Frankfort Street

Starting Seeds in a Greenhouse or Indoors
Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden and GreenThumb

Get gardening early by starting your seeds in a greenhouse or sunny window. We’ll walk you through sowing, growing, and documenting your plant growth from seed to mature crop. In partnership with NYC Parks GreenThumb, Praxis, and Urban Cultivated.

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Saturday, March 16 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BRONX
Praxis Warren Residence
4339 White Plains Rd.
Train: 2/5 to Nereid
Bus: Bx39 to White Plains Rd./E 237 St.
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Fruit Tree Care
Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden and GreenThumb

Have you ever wondered what you can do to get a great harvest from fruit trees in your garden? This workshop will cover the basics of maintaining healthy fruit trees year-round with an emphasis on the current spring season. We will cover best practices for maximizing fruit production. Participants will have an opportunity to get hands-on practice in assessing and caring for fruit trees in a community garden. Members of registered GreenThumb community gardens may be eligible to receive a small hand tool for pruning.

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Saturday, March 23 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BRONX
Woodycrest Community Garden
949 Woodycrest Ave.
Train: 4/B/D to 161st St./Yankee Stadium
Bus: Bx13 to Ogden Ave./W. 162nd St., Bx6 to E. 161st St./Jerome Ave.

Include the Food: Introduction to Community Composting
NYC Compost Project hosted by Snug Harbor and GreenThumb

Did you know that one-third of what the average home in NYC throws away can be composted? You have the power to recover this waste from your community and turn it into coveted black gold at your community compost site! Learn how to organize a community food scrap drop-off program, successfully compost food waste, and rebuild soils in your community.

Saturday, April 6 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
STATEN ISLAND
Hill Street Community Garden
50 Hill St.
Train to Staten Island Ferry Terminal in Manhattan:
1 to South Ferry, 4/5 to Bowling Green, R to Whitehall
Train from St. George Ferry Terminal: SIR to Clifton
Bus: S78/S52 to Tompkins Ave./Hill St., S76 to Vanderbilt Ave./Tompkins Ave., S74 to Broad St./Cedar St.

Happy Hydration with Your Hydrant
Robin Randazzo – NYC Department of Environmental Protection and GreenThumb

Learn the ins and outs of connecting a garden hose to your fire hydrant, including which permits you need and how to get them. Practice using a hydrant wrench and attaching a reduced pressure zone backflow preventer (RPZ) between the hose and the hydrant. Members of registered community gardens in good standing that bring a copy of their hydrant permit for 2019 may be eligible to receive a hydrant wrench at this workshop (one per garden).

Thursday, April 11 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
William B. Washington Memorial Garden
325 W. 126th St.
Train: A/C/B/D to 125th St.
Bus: M3 to St. Nicholas Ave./W. 125th St., Bx15/M100/M101/M104 to Morningside Ave./W. 125th St., M10 to Frederick Douglass Blvd./W. 125th St.

Workshops
If you would like to reserve space at a GreenThumb workshop for a group of six or more, or if you would like to propose a workshop for your community garden, please contact Mara.Gittleman@parks.nyc.gov in advance. Workshop cancellations will be posted at nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb.

Talleres
Si quiere reservar un espacio en el taller de GreenThumb para un grupo de seis personas o más, o si quiere proponer un taller para su jardín comunitario, comuníquese con Mara.Gittleman@parks.nyc.gov con antelación. Las cancelaciones de los talleres se publicarán en nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb.
GreenThumb Spring Supply Distribution

GreenThumb

Pick up basic gardening and maintenance supplies for your registered GreenThumb garden.

- You must RSVP online at nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb or by calling (212) 602-5300 by April 11
- Please let us know if another garden group is picking up on behalf of your group
- On-site pick-up only at the dates and locations below
- One pick-up per garden group
- You can carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation
- We encourage gardeners to take inventory of your tool sheds to see what you already have before coming to the supply giveaway
- This distribution is only for registered GreenThumb gardens. Gardens in schools, NYCHA developments, or privately-owned yards are not eligible

Pick-up by RSVP from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Walk-ins from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

Saturday, April 13 / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Hattie Carthan Community Garden
719 Marcy Ave.
Train: G to Bedford – Nostrand Ave.
Bus: B38 to Lafayette Ave./Marcy Ave.,
B44-SBS to Bedford Ave./Lafayette Ave.

BROOKLYN
Powell Street Community Garden
410 Livonia St.
Train: L to Livonia Ave., 3 to Rockaway Ave.
Bus: B14 to Powell St./Dumont Ave.,
B15 to New Lots Ave./Sackman St.

BRONX
Brook Park
494 E. 141st St.
Train: 6 to Brook Ave., 4 or 5 to 138th St./Grand Concourse
Bus: Bx15 to Willis Ave./E. 140th St.

MANHATTAN
Green Oasis Community Garden
382 E. 8th St.
Train: L to 1st Ave., F to 2nd Ave.
Bus: M9/M8 to Ave. C/E. 10 St.
Stop and Plant Some Roses

Shinichi Harada – community gardener and member of the Manhattan Rose Society and American Rose Society, and GreenThumb

Roses come in many varieties and are a garden classic. Come learn the basics of planting and caring for roses with rose expert Shinichi Harada. Members of registered GreenThumb community gardens may be eligible to take home a rose bush to plant in their community gardens!

Tuesday, April 16 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Dias y Flores Community Garden
520 E. 13th St.
Train: L to 1st Ave., 4/5/6/N/Q/R/W/L to Union Square
Bus: 14A/14D to E. 14th St./Ave. A, M8 to E. 10th St./Ave. B

Aphids, Flea Beetles, and Snails, Oh My!

GreenThumb and Grow to Learn

Struggling with aphids, whiteflies, and other pests in your garden? Join us for an overview of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) focusing on simple organic methods for dealing with pests in your garden. Bring your own tips and tactics to share with your fellow gardeners!

Wednesday, April 17 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Walt L. Shamel Community Garden
1095 Dean St.
Train: S/C to Franklin Ave., A/C to Nostrand Ave.
Bus: B49/B65 to Bedford Ave./Dean St., B48 to Franklin Ave./Bergen St.

Weeds and Herbs Walk

Jess Turner and GreenThumb

Dandelion, burdock, violet leaf, and ground ivy: just a few of the plants we’ve all encountered growing in our school and community gardens in between the rows of neatly cultivated tomatoes, carrots, and brassicas. Unwelcome as they may seem, these plants have been valued for centuries as medicines and sources of wild food. In this workshop, we will develop our plant identification skills and an appreciation of the healing plants — often discarded as mere weeds — that grow abundantly all over our city.

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Wednesday, April 24 / 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Pa’lante Community Garden
1651 Madison Ave.
Train: 6 to 110th St., 2/3 to Central Park North/110th St./Lenox Ave.
Bus: M1 to Madison Ave./East 109th St., M2/M3/M4 to Central Park North/Fifth Ave., M101/M102/M103 to Lexington Ave./East 110th St.
Art in the Garden: Mosaic Paver Stones

Ceramic specialist Essye Klempner and GreenThumb

Enhance your garden’s character by creating unique and colorful mosaic stepping stones. We will use the tiles we made in Part 1 of this series held over the winter, and we will provide additional recycled tiles, ceramics, glass, and other materials so that everyone can participate. Feel free to bring your own tiles, seashells, or other materials for making mosaic designs, as well as take-out containers for shaping the stones, and creative ideas! You do not need to have attended Part 1 in order to come to this workshop.

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Saturday, April 27 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Parque de Tranquilidad
314 E. 4th St.
Train: F/M/J/Z to Essex St./Delancey St., F to 2nd Ave.
Bus: M9 to Ave. C/E. 3rd St., M21 to E. Houston St./Ridge St., M14D to Ave. D/E. 6th St.

Participants at the Mosaic Paver Stones workshop in 2017 at LaGuardia Corner Gardens | Photo by Mara Gittleman, GreenThumb

Citizen Pruner Certification

Trees New York and GreenThumb

With Citizen Pruner certification from Trees New York, members of GreenThumb community gardens can do basic pruning of small trees and shrubs in the garden and nearby street tree beds. Trees New York’s Citizen Pruner Tree Care Course trains volunteers in tree care, biology, identification, and pruning. The course consists of eight hours of classroom training, four hours of hands-on experience in the field, and a test on the information learned in the class. Pruning helps produce strong, healthy and attractive trees. Pruning strengthens a tree’s resistance to damage and breakage and prevents the formation of large wounds that often lead to tree failure or decay. Removing dead and damaged limbs improves the overall health of the tree and reduces the likelihood of branches falling, which can cause injuries and property damage.

To apply, please visit bit.ly/GreenThumbPruner. Deadline to apply: Monday, April 8.

GreenThumb has reserved a limited number of seats for community gardeners to get certified. Gardeners must apply to take the course. If accepted, they will be required to take a test and complete eight hours of volunteer time helping with the pruning needs at GreenThumb community gardens. Upon completion, graduates will receive a small set of pruning tools.

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, and 23 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 / 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Location provided to attendees
GreenThumb Plant Starts Distribution

GreenThumb

Get your veggie and native plant starts at our annual distribution, plus tips on growing native plants in your garden. Supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis while they last, with preference given to those who RSVP, so please plan to arrive early. One site pick-up only. This distribution is only for registered GreenThumb gardens. Gardens in schools, NYCHA developments, or privately-owned yards are not eligible. Please RSVP online at nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb or call (212) 602-5300.

Saturday, May 4 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Native Plant Workshop: 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.  
Distribution: 11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN  
UCC Youth Farm  
East New York Farms!  
620 Schenck Ave.  
Train: 3 to Van Siclen Ave.

Bus: B155 or B14 to Barbey St.

BRONX  
Melrose New Generation Garden  
377 E. 160th St.  
Train: 2/5 to 149th St./3rd Ave., 4/B/D to 161st St. 
Yankee Stadium  
Bus: Bx41 to Melrose Ave./E. 160th St., Bx6/Bx13 to E. 161st St./Melrose Ave.

Workshop in partnership with Bronx Green-Up

Events on a Shoestring: Designing your Garden for Events (Part 2 of 2)

GreenThumb

Do you need to make improvements to your garden for upcoming events? What are key elements that make your garden great for hosting? Learn how to make your space amenable to volunteer events, community engagement activities, and much more. This interactive design workshop will help your garden make friends and become a place visitors will enjoy.

Wednesday, May 8 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
MANHATTAN  
GreenThumb Office  
100 Gold St., Third Floor Grand Conference Room

Train: J/Z to Chambers St., 4/5/6 to Brooklyn Bridge/ 
City Hall, A/C or 2/3 to Fulton St., R to City Hall

Bus: M15, M22, QM7, QM8, QM11, QM25, X8, X14, X15 to Pearl St./Frankfort St.

Organizing for Garden Success: Bylaws (Part 2 of 2)

GreenThumb

Disorganization creates dysfunction. This two-part workshop series is designed to help your garden group build a strong foundation to deal with the many issues that arise in a community space. In this workshop, we will be discussing writing garden bylaws that assist in decision-making, and that will satisfy the GreenThumb requirement for bylaws. Registered GreenThumb gardeners who attend both sessions will be eligible to receive a free book to share with their garden group (one per garden group and while supplies last).

Tuesday, May 7 / 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
MANHATTAN  
GreenThumb Office  
100 Gold St., Third Fl. Grand Conference Room

Train: J/Z to Chambers St., 4/5/6 to Brooklyn Bridge/ 
City Hall, A/C or 2/3 to Fulton St., R to City Hall

Bus: M15, M22, QM7, QM8, QM11, QM25, X8, X14, X15 to Pearl St./Frankfort St.

Butterfly Project NYC Native Plant Share

Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden, City Parks Foundation, Grow to Learn, and GreenThumb

Join Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden and Butterfly Project NYC to find out more about the connections between native plants and pollinators and how to encourage them in urban landscapes. This year’s workshop is part of NYC Wildflower Week. Plants will be available for pick-up, to be used in schoolyards, community gardens, and other public spaces while supplies last.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please email or call Bronx Green-Up at bronxgreenup@nybg.org / (718) 817-8026 by May 7 at 5:00 p.m. Many thanks to our partners: City Parks Foundation, NYC Wildflower Week and Grow to Learn NYC.

Saturday, May 11 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
BRONX  
Grove Hill Community Garden  
797 Eagle Ave.  
Train: 2/5 to Jackson Ave.

Bus: Bx13/Bx15/Bx21 to 3 Ave./East 161st St., Bx15/Bx21 to 3rd Ave./East 156th St.
Raised Bed Design: Wheelchair Accessible Table-Top Raised Beds

Grow to Learn and GreenThumb

Gardens should be accessible to everyone, regardless of age or mobility. This workshop will show common garden structures that ensure everyone will enjoy your garden. We will build one table-top raised bed as a demonstration.

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Tuesday, May 14 / 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Powers St. Community Garden
276 Powers St.
Train: L to Grand St.
Bus: Q54/Q59 to Grand St./Bushwick Ave.

Direct Sow and Transplant Workshop

Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden and GreenThumb

Want to grow more food in less space? Tired of struggling or having stunted transplants? This workshop will focus on the preparation, seeding, transplanting, and care of plants to maximize production. In partnership with GreenThumb, vegetable seeds will be available to participants to be used in schoolyards, community gardens, and other public spaces while supplies last.

Pre-registration is required. To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org or call (718) 817-8026.

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Saturday, May 18 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BRONX
Wishing Well Garden
864 Reverend James A. Polite Ave.
Train: 2/5 to Prospect Ave., 6 to Longwood Ave.
Bus: Bx6 to E. 163rd St./Westchester Ave., 
Bx4/Bx4A to Westchester Ave./Tiffany St., 
Bx17 to Prospect Ave./Westchester Ave.

South Asian Medicinal Plants

Muhammad Rahman (Gardener at Drew Gardens) and GreenThumb

Join gardeners at Drew Gardens to discuss South Asian medicinal plants that grow in this region such as turmeric, ginger, black seed/nigella, bay leaf, moringa, bitter melon, and stinging nettle, as well as mushrooms.

Wednesday, May 15 / 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
BRONX
Drew Gardens
1059 E. Tremont Ave.
Train: 2/5 to West Farms Square-East Tremont Ave.
Bus: Bx21/Bx40/Bx42/Q44-SBS to East Tremont Ave./E. 177 St. or Bx21/Bx36 to Boston Rd./East Tremont Ave.

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Marvelous Mushrooms

Jan Mun (Brooklyn College) and Gil Lopez (Gardener at Smiling Hogshead Ranch)

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 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, May 19 / 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
BRONX
Genesis Community Garden
1183 Franklin Ave.
Train: 2/5 to Intervale Ave., 4 to 167th St.
Bus: Bx35 to E. 168th St./Franklin Ave., Bx21 to Boston Rd./E. 168th St., Bx15 to 3rd Ave./E. 168th St.

Sharing our Farm Traditions: Oko Farms

Oko Farms is a GreenThumb community garden known for its aquaponics system — a hybrid of aquaculture and hydroponics that raises freshwater fish along with a variety of vegetables and fruits. Join farmers Yemi Amu and Lexi Harder to tour the farm, learn about their favorite crops to grow, hear their farming stories, and learn about the long history of aquaponics around the world.

Wednesday, May 22 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Oko Farms Aquaponics Education Garden
104 Moore St.
Train: L to Montrose Ave., M/J to Flushing Ave.
Bus: B43 to Graham Ave./Seigel St., B46 to Broadway/Cook St.

Basic Chicken Care: Part 1

GreenThumb

Learn the nuts and bolts of keeping chickens in the city. This workshop will be the first in a three-part series: this summer we'll cover chicken health, and in the fall we'll discuss winterizing and maintenance for fall and winter. Garden groups who attend all three sessions will be eligible to receive a book on keeping chickens!

Tuesday, May 28 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
100 Quincy Street Community Garden
100 Quincy St.
Train: G to Classon Ave. or C to Franklin Ave.
Bus: B48 to Franklin Ave./Gates Ave., B52 to Gates Ave./Classon Ave.

Planting Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes

Grow to Learn and GreenThumb

Potatoes and sweet potatoes come in all shapes and colors. Learn the secrets to planting these underground wonders with an opportunity to dig in the dirt. Members of GreenThumb community gardens will be eligible to pick up some tubers and slips to plant at their community garden.

Thursday, May 30 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
QUEENS
Rockaway Youth Task Force Garden
310 Beach 58th St.
Train: A to Beach 60th St./Straiton Ave.
Bus: Q22 to Beach Channel Dr./Beach 59th St, Q52 to Averne Blvd./Beach 59th St.
Greening Partner Events and Announcements

Rose Pruning
Rosarian Shinichi Harada and Dr. Karin Kiontke
(gardeners at LaGuardia Corner Garden)

This workshop will explore the correct way to prune the many different varieties of roses. LaGuardia Corner Garden is a 40-year-old community garden with close to 100 rose bushes. Please dress warmly — this is an outdoor workshop.

Saturday, March 9 / 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Rain date: Sunday, March 10 / 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
LaGuardia Corner Garden
511 LaGuardia Place
Train: A/B/C/D/E/F/M to West 4th St./Washington Square, 1 to Houston St., 4/6 to Bleecker St., N/Q/R/W to Prince St.
Bus: M21 to West Houston St./LaGuardia Place

Making a DIY Sub-irrigated Window Box
Nina Browne (Brooklyn Botanic Garden Community Greening)

Almost any container can be converted into a water-wise, sub-irrigated planter. Learn how, with the right plant choices, you can keep your sill looking lush with less work and up to 80% less water than a traditional window box!

Pre-registration required at bbg.org/learn/community.

Wednesday, March 27 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Ave.
Train: 2/3 to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum, S to Botanic Garden, 2/3/4/5 to Franklin Ave.
Bus: B48 to Washington Ave./Montgomery St.

Living Mulch for Street Trees
Carla Rodriguez and Deneen Reynolds-Knott (Brooklyn Botanic Garden Community Greening)

Low growing plants, or groundcovers, protect soil, absorb rainwater, and deter weeds — they are a living mulch! You’ll learn about plants suited to conditions from hot sun to deep shade for a tree bed that’s low-maintenance, resilient, and beautiful.

Pre-registration required at bbg.org/learn/community.

Wednesday, April 3 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Ave.
Train: 2/3 to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum, S to Botanic Garden, 2/3/4/5 to Franklin Ave.
Bus: B48 to Washington Ave./Montgomery St.

Growing a Greener City, Block by Block

Saturday, March 9 | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Kick off the gardening season with an inspiring day of free workshops, tours, exhibitors, and networking. This conference is free, but you must register for workshops and the keynote address at 10 a.m. on the day of the event. Visit bbg.org/mbb or contact community@bbg.org for more information.
Safe Soil Gardening Practices: Limiting our Legacy of Lead

The Legacy Lead Consortium, CUNY Brooklyn College, the Advanced Science Research Center and Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden

What is lead (Pb)? How did it get in our soils? What can we do to minimize risks? Come hear the story of this notorious element, and develop your toolkit for staying informed, proactive, and limiting the exposure of lead, and other soil contaminants. Gardeners have a wide range of highly effective ways of keeping themselves and their cities safe. We’ll learn firsthand from the farmers at La Finca del Sur how they keep their site safe, active, and abundant. Come share your success stories and concerns, your experiments and questions. Bring your soil or compost samples — free lead testing will be provided!

Saturday, April 13 / 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
BRONX
La Finca del Sur
175 E. 138th St. (corner of Grand Concourse)
Train: 4 or 5 to 138th St./Grand Concourse
Bus: Bx1 or Bx33 to Grand Concourse/East 138th St.

Open a Public Food Scrap Drop-Off Site for Your Community!

All across the city, New Yorkers are helping their neighbors turn food scraps and yard waste into compost and clean energy.

Get involved!
Host a public food scrap drop-off site at your community garden!

Learn more at nyc.gov/organicsdropoffhost, or email nycorganics@dsny.nyc.gov.
35th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Conference

Roots, Shoots, and Fruits: Celebrating Generations of Gardening

Join NYC Parks GreenThumb as we celebrate our 35th annual GrowTogether Conference, kicking-off the community gardening season in New York City! The day will be packed with workshops on garden-related topics, including: food systems, growing techniques, youth engagement, and much more!

Saturday, March 30, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION!
CUNY Graduate Center
365 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10016

REGISTRATION
Register by March 28, or until capacity is reached. Space is limited, please register early!

GreenThumb cannot guarantee a t-shirt to walk-in participants.

Please note: Lunch is not included with your event registration, and will NOT be available for purchase on site. If you would like to pre-order lunch, you must order by March 20 on the Eventbrite registration page or in person at the GreenThumb Office.

Register Online:

Register In Person:
GreenThumb
100 Gold St., Suite 3100
New York, NY 10038

Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Please bring your ID to get through security.

For more information, please visit the GreenThumb website nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb, call (212) 602-5300 or email greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov.
35ª Conferencia Anual de GreenThumb GrowTogether

Raíces, Brotes y Frutos: Celebramos Generaciones de Jardinería

¡Únase a NYC Parks GreenThumb para celebrar nuestra 35a conferencia anual GrowTogether, que dará comienzo a la temporada de jardinería comunitaria en la ciudad de Nueva York! El día estará lleno de talleres sobre temas relacionados con la jardinería, que incluyen: sistemas de alimentos, técnicas de cultivo, participación de jóvenes y mucho más.

Sábado 30 de marzo de 2019
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

¡NUEVA UBICACIÓN!

CUNY Graduate Center
365 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10016

INSCRIPCIÓN

Regístrese antes del 28 de marzo o hasta que se colme la capacidad. El espacio es limitado, ¡registrese cuanto antes!

GreenThumb no puede garantizar que las personas que lleguen sin haberse registrado reciban una camiseta.

Tenga en cuenta: no se incluye el almuerzo con la inscripción al evento y no podrá comprarse en el lugar. Si desea reservar un almuerzo, debe solicitarlo antes del 20 de marzo en la página de registro de Eventbrite o personalmente en la oficina de GreenThumb.

Regístrese en línea:

Regístrese personalmente:
GreenThumb
100 Gold St., Suite 3100
New York, NY 10038

De lunes a miércoles,
de 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Por favor de traer su ID para pasar por seguridad.

Para más información, visite el sitio web de GreenThumb
nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb, llame al (212) 602-5300 o
envíe un email a greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov.
Applying to join the Youth Leadership Council

Cultivating the Next Generation of Gardeners

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) provides opportunities for civic engagement, promotes intergenerational learning, and fosters the next generation of community gardeners.

Applications are now being accepted from youth between the ages of 12 to 21, on a rolling basis. Participants must commit to volunteering in a garden at least twice a month and accumulate at least 20 service hours between April and August.

To apply, visit bit.ly/YLCParticipantApplication. Deadline is Friday, April 19. For more information, please contact YLC Coordinator Amber Qureshi at Amber.Qureshi@parks.nyc.gov.

We are looking forward to a successful season — thank you to the host gardens participating in the Youth Leadership Council 2019 season!

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2018 Youth Leadership Council Graduation at the United Nations | Photo by Elena Dubas, GreenThumb
Envíe una solicitud para unirse al Consejo de Liderazgo Juvenil de GreenThumb (Youth Leadership Council)

Cultivando la próxima generación de jardineros

El Consejo de Liderazgo Juvenil (YLC por sus siglas en inglés) ofrece oportunidades para la participación cívica, promueve el aprendizaje intergeneracional y fomenta la próxima generación de jardineros comunitarios.

En este momento se aceptan solicitudes de jóvenes entre 12 y 21 años de manera continua. Los participantes deben comprometerse a trabajar como voluntarios en un jardín al menos dos veces al mes y deben acumular al menos 20 horas de servicio entre abril y agosto.


Esperamos tener una temporada exitosa. ¡Gracias a los jardines anfitriones que participan en el Consejo de Liderazgo Juvenil en la temporada 2019!

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Graduación del Consejo de Liderazgo Juvenil 2018 en las Naciones Unidas | Foto de Elena Dubas, GreenThumb
GreenThumb Safe Soil
Gardening Requirements

Prevent heavy metals from entering your food by adhering to the GreenThumb requirement of growing food crops in containers or raised beds lined with landscaping fabric and filled with clean topsoil and compost. In addition, please observe the following guidelines:

• Add organic matter such as compost to your soil. Organic particles will bind with metals and help prevent them from being absorbed by your plants.
• Keep pH levels close to neutral and make sure drainage is adequate to ensure that the contaminants don't move in your soil. Your ideal pH level is between 6.5 and 6.8. If soils contain heavy metals, a pH closer to 7.0 is better.
• Keep play/seating areas and pathways covered in mulch to reduce exposure to the soil.
• Wear gloves when gardening and thoroughly wash hands after gardening. Shake off any excess soil from boots and clothes before going home.
• Thoroughly wash produce and peel root vegetables before eating.
Upcoming Events
Make sure to mark your calendars for these fun events happening later this year.

Volunteer Opportunity for Earth Day
Join GreenThumb to help clean up Brooklyn community gardens in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area on Saturday, April 20, in preparation for Earth Day on April 22. We need volunteers to rebuild raised beds, organize tool sheds, and clean gardens in preparation for the 2019 planting season. To get involved, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Eddie Glass: Edward.Glass@parks.nyc.gov or Project and Design Coordinator, Babbie Dunnington: Babbie.Dunnington@parks.nyc.gov.

Próximos Eventos
Asegúrese de anotar en su calendario estos eventos divertidos que se realizarán este año.

Oportunidad de Voluntariado en el Día de la Tierra
Únase a GreenThumb para ayudar a limpiar los jardines comunitarios de Brooklyn en el área de Bedford-Stuyvesant el sábado 20 de abril, a modo de preparación para el Día de la Tierra el 22 de abril. Necesitamos voluntarios para reconstruir camas elevadas, organizar cobertizos para herramientas y limpiar jardines para que estén preparados para la temporada de siembra de 2019. Para participar, comuníquese con el coordinador de voluntarios Eddie Glass: Edward.Glass@parks.nyc.gov o con la Coordinadora de Proyectos y Diseño, Babbie Dunnington: Babbie.Dunnington@parks.nyc.gov.

Make Music New York
Bring music into your garden on June 21, the longest day of the year, as part of Make Music New York, the annual festival that brings music to public spaces throughout the city! To have your garden host a performance, please sign up at bit.ly/MMNY2019SignUp or go to nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb for more information.

Make Music New York
El 21 de junio, el día más largo del año, lleve la música a su jardín como parte de Make Music New York, ¡el festival anual que lleva música a los espacios públicos en toda la ciudad! Para que haya una presentación en su jardín, inscríbase en bit.ly/MMNY2019SignUp o visite nyc.gov/parks/greenthumb para más información.

Save the Date: Harvest Fair
Mark your calendars for GreenThumb’s 40th Annual Harvest Fair on Sept. 21!
Brooklyn Bears Pacific St. Garden
590 Pacific St., between Flatbush Ave. and 4th Ave.
BROOKLYN
Open Garden Day NYC

Saturday, July 20

We are seeking community gardens across the city to participate in the second annual Open Garden Day NYC by opening their gates to the public from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20 (rain or shine). Your garden group can join by hosting a free activity or event for the public to enjoy. Activities can include arts and crafts, music performances, composting, planting, a food demonstration, or feel free to suggest your own activity. Last year, over 70 gardens participated, with activities such as making terrariums, holding a yoga class, learning about gardening, and hosting musical performances.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form at bit.ly/OpenGardenDayNYC2019 by Friday, May 17.

Participating gardens will receive support from NYC Parks GreenThumb with marketing and publicity.

Sábado 20 de Julio

Estamos buscando jardines comunitarios en la ciudad para que participen en el segundo evento anual Open Garden Day NYC. Los jardines deberán abrir sus puertas al público de 11:00 a.m. a 3 p.m. el sábado 20 de julio (sin importar el clima). Su grupo de jardinería puede participar organizando una actividad o evento gratuito para el público. Las actividades pueden incluir arte y artesanías, presentaciones musicales, compost, siembra, una demostración de comida o cualquier actividad que le gustaría realizar. El año pasado participaron más de 70 jardines, con actividades como armado de terrarios, clases de yoga, clases de jardinería y presentaciones musicales.

Si quiere participar, complete este formulario bit.ly/OpenGardenDayNYC2019 antes del viernes 17 de mayo.

Los jardines participantes recibirán apoyo de publicidad por parte de NYC Parks GreenThumb.
Cómo Plantar Semillas en un Invernadero o en el Interior

Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden y GreenThumb

Comience la jardinería plantando semillas en un invernadero o junto a una ventana por donde entre el sol. Lo ayudaremos con la siembra, el cultivo y el registro del crecimiento de su planta desde la etapa de semilla hasta que sea un cultivo maduro. En asociación con NYC Parks GreenThumb, Praxis y Urban Cultivated.

Sábado 16 de marzo / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BRONX
Praxis Warren Residence
4339 White Plains Rd.
Tren: 2/5 a Nereid
Bus: Bx39 a White Plains Rd./E 237 St.

Cuidado de Árboles Frutales

Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden y GreenThumb

¿Alguna vez se ha preguntado qué puede hacer para tener una cosecha excelente de los árboles frutales en su jardín? Este taller tratará los aspectos básicos sobre cómo mantener en buen estado los árboles frutales durante todo el año, con especial atención en la temporada actual de primavera. Hablaremos de las mejores prácticas para maximizar la producción de frutas. Los participantes tendrán la oportunidad de realizar prácticas para evaluar y cuidar árboles frutales en un jardín comunitario. Los miembros de los jardines comunitarios GreenThumb registrados son elegibles para recibir una pequeña herramienta manual para podar.

Sábado 23 de marzo / 11:00 AM a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BRONX
Jardín Comunitario Woodycrest
949 Woodycrest Ave.
Tren: 4/B/D a 161st St./Yankee Stadium
Bus: Bx13 a Ogden Ave./W. 162nd St., Bx6 a E. 161st St./Jerome Ave.

Recorrido por Malezas y Hierbas

Jess Turner y GreenThumb

Diente de león, bardana, violetas y hiedra terrestre: estas son solo algunas de las plantas que hemos encontrado en nuestros jardines escolares y comunitarios entre las filas de tomates, zanahorias y brassica prolijamente cultivados. Pese a que pueden no ser bienvenidas, estas plantas han sido valoradas durante años como medicinas y fuente de alimentos salvajes. En este taller, desarrollaremos nuestras habilidades para identificar las plantas y una valoración de las plantas curativas, a menudo dejadas de lado como malezas, que crecen de manera abundante en toda la ciudad.

Miércoles 24 de abril / 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Jardín Comunitario Pa’lante
1651 Madison Ave.
Tren: 6 a 110th St., 2/3 a Central Park North/110th St./Lenox Ave.
Bus: M1 a Madison Ave./E. 109th St., M2/M3/M4 a Central Park North/Fifth Ave., M101/M102/M103 a Lexington Ave./E. 110th St.

Arte en el Jardín: Mosaic Paver Stones

Especialista en cerámica Essye Klempner y GreenThumb

Mejore el aspecto de su jardín creando un camino de piedras originales y coloridos con mosaicos. Usaremos las baldosas que hicimos en la Parte 1 de esta serie, que se realizó en el invierno, y proporcionaremos más mosaicos, cerámicas, vidrio y otros materiales reciclados para que todos puedan participar. Puede traer sus propios mosaicos, caracolas u otros materiales para hacer diseños, así como también recipientes para darle forma a las piedras e ideas creativas. No es necesario haber asistido a la Parte 1 para participar en este taller.

Sábado 27 de abril / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MANHATTAN
Jardín Comunitario Clinton (LES)
171 Stanton St.
Tren: F/M/J/Z a Essex St./Delancy St.
Bus: M9/M14A a Essex St./East Houston St., M9/M21 a East Houston St./Norfolk St./Ave. B, B39 a Delancey St./Ludlow St.
**Diseño de Camas Elevadas:**
Camas Elevadas de Mesa, Aptas para Sillas de Ruedas

*GreenThumb y Grow to Learn*

Todos deben tener acceso a los jardines, sin importar la edad o la movilidad. Este taller mostrará estructuras comunes de jardines que garantizan que todos puedan disfrutar de su jardín. Construiremos una camas elevada de mesa a modo de demostración.

**Martes 14 de mayo / 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

BROOKLYN
Jardín Comunitario Powers St.
276 Powers St.
**Tren:** L a Grand St.
**Bus:** Q54/Q59 a Grand St./Bushwick Ave.

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**Taller sobre Siembra y Trasplante Directos**

*Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden y GreenThumb*

¿Quiere cultivar más alimentos en menos espacio? ¿Está cansado de esforzarse o de que se le estropee en los trasplantes? En este taller aprenderá a cómo preparar, plantar, trasplantar y cuidar de las plantas para maximizar la producción. En asociación con GreenThumb, habrá semillas de verduras disponibles para usar en patios escolares, jardines comunitarios y otros espacios públicos, hasta agotar existencias.

Se requiere inscripción previa. Para inscribirse, envíe un email a bronxgreenup@nybg.org o llame al (718) 817-8026.

**Sábado 18 de mayo / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

BRONX
Wishing Well Garden
**Tren:** 2/5 a Prospect Ave., 6 a Longwood Ave.
**Bus:** Bx6 a E. 163rd St./Westchester Ave., Bx4/Bx4A a Westchester Ave./Tiffany St., Bx17 a Prospect Ave./Westchester Ave.

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**Distribución de Plantas de GreenThumb**

*GreenThumb*

Reciba sus vegetales y las plantas nativas en nuestra distribución anual, además se ofrecerá un taller acerca de jardinería con las plantas nativas. Esta distribución es solo para jardines comunitarios registrados con GreenThumb y disponible en orden de llegada hasta que los suministros se acaben. Un solo paquete de suministro por jardín. Deben reservar si van a recoger suministros para más de dos jardines.

Jardines escolares o en propiedad de NYCHA o patios privados sin acceso al público no son elegibles.

Por favor reservar en nuestra página web greenthumbnyc.org o llame al (212) 602-5300.

**Sábado 4 de mayo / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Taller de Plantas Nativas:** 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
**Distribución:** 11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN
UCC Youth Farm
East New York Farms!
620 Schenck Ave.
**Tren:** 3 a Van Siclen Ave.
**Bus:** B155 o B14 a Barbey St.

BRONX
Melrose New Generation Garden
377 E. 160th St.
**Tren:** 2/5 a 149th St./3rd Ave., 4/B/D a 161st St. Yankee Stadium
**Bus:** Bx41 a Melrose Ave./E. 160th St., Bx6/Bx13 a E. 161st St./Melrose Ave.

*Taller en colaboración con Bronx Green-Up*
Distribución de Suministros de Primavera de GreenThumb

GreenThumb
Reciba suministros básicos de jardinería y mantenimiento para su jardín comunitario registrado con GreenThumb.

- Usted debe hacer su reservación a través de greenthumbnyc.org o al llamar a nuestra línea principal (212) 602-5300 hasta el 11 de abril
- Déjenos saber si otro grupo de jardinería va a recoger los suministros en representación de su grupo
- La distribución es solo en la fecha y lugares establecidos
- Un solo paquete de suministros por jardín
- Usted puede venir con otros grupos de jardines en el mismo automóvil
- Por favor realice un inventario de las herramientas del jardín antes de la distribución para tener una idea de las cosas que verdaderamente necesita
- Esta distribución es solo para los jardines registrados con GreenThumb. Jardines escolares o en propiedad de NYCHA o patios privados sin acceso al público no son elegibles

Grupos con reservación pueden recibir suministros desde las 10:00 a.m. hasta 12:30 p.m.
Grupos sin reservación pueden recibir suministros desde las 12:30 p.m. hasta 1:00 p.m. en orden de llegada hasta que los suministros se acaben.

Sábado 13 de abril / 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN
Hattie Carthan Community Garden
719 Marcy Ave.
Tren: G a Bedford/Nostrand Ave.
Bus: B38 a Lafayette Ave./Marcy Ave., B44-SBS a Bedford Ave./Lafayette Ave.

BROOKLYN
Powell Street Community Garden
410 Livonia St.
Tren: L a Livonia Ave., 3 a Rockaway Ave.
Bus: B14 a Powell St./Dumont Ave., B15 a New Lots Ave./Sackman St.

BRONX
Brook Park
494 E. 141st St.
Tren: 6 a Brook Ave., 4 o 5 a 138th St./Grand Concourse
Bus: Bx15 a Willis Ave./E. 140th St.

MANHATTAN
Green Oasis Community Garden
382 E. 8th St.
Tren: L a 1st Ave., F a 2nd Ave.
Bus: M9/M8 a Ave. C/E. 10 St.

Jardineros Judy Dozier de Big Red Community Garden y Marlene Wilks de Hands and Heart Garden llenas de sonrisas al momento de recibir los suministros de jardinería durante la distribución en el año 2018 en New Vision Garden | Foto por Elena Dubas, GreenThumb

Los Coordinadores Comunitarios de GreenThumb K.C. Alvey y Greg Anderson listos para ayudar en la distribución del año 2018 en Hattie Carthan | Foto por Karyn Williams, GreenThumb
Hill Street Garden in the Stapleton neighborhood of Staten Island just completed its first growing season in 2018! They were hard at work building raised beds, spreading woodchips, planning events, and inviting the community to get involved. The garden group is always looking for more members! If you are interested in learning more, contact GreenThumb Senior Outreach Coordinator Anthony Reuter at Anthony.Reuter@parks.nyc.gov.

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