



# GreenThumb 2012

## Spring Program Guide

March · April · May



*Horticulturalist Seburt Harper leading his workshop, "The Power of Herbs" at the 2010 GrowTogether.*

It's already almost here, we can hardly believe it, the 28th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether!

See pages 3 and 4 of this guide for information on registration or to register online:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/225186>.

We look forward to kicking off the growing season with you!

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

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- Seeds · Gardening Book · Lumber Request (for May delivery) ·
- Grant Writing Handouts · Native Plants · Plant Starts ·
- Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request (for fall 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, cancelled 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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## Seed Giveaway

Pick up vegetable, fruit, flower, and herb seeds for the upcoming season! For registered GreenThumb gardens only. A limit to the number of seeds per group will be determined by how many seeds we will have.

Recibes semillas de frutas, vegetales, flores y hierbas para su grupo de jardinería.

### Supplies: Assorted Seeds

**Tuesday, March 13th** **10am - 6pm**  
MANHATTAN  
GreenThumb Office  
49 Chambers St Room 1020

**Bus:** M22, M15, M6, B51.  
**Train:** J, M, Z, 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall station; R to City Hall station; 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to Chambers St. station.

## Starting Your Vegetable Garden

With Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden

Learn how to start your vegetable seeds outdoors. This workshop will cover the basic principles of vegetable garden preparation and planting for the spring.

### Supplies: The New Self-Sufficient Gardener Book

**Saturday, April 14th** **12 - 1:30pm**  
BRONX  
Leave It Better Kids' Garden  
1970 Grand Avenue at West Tremont Ave

**Train:** 4 train to Burnside Ave. Walk south to Tremont Ave and turn right. Garden will be on the next corner on your right, at Grand Ave

## Raised Bed Skillshare

With Eric Thomann, Just Food Trainer

Ever wonder how your fellow gardeners use their space and creatively repurpose found materials to build raised beds? Now is the time for you to bring pictures or plans and share your unique raised bed building experiences with others. There will be time to ask questions or troubleshoot issues you are encountering with bed design in your garden. Please come prepared to fill out a lumber request form with the following information: Garden name, address, parking regulations, gate width and two member's contact information who can receive the delivery. **Please only attend one session.**


### Supplies: Lumber Request (for May delivery)

**Tuesday, April 3** **5:30 - 7pm**  
MANHATTAN  
Five Star Star Community Garden  
250-252 W. 121st St,

**Train:** Take the A to 125th St. Walk south toward 121st St. Walk east. Garden is between Adam Clayton Powell Jr and Fredric Douglass Blvd

**Thursday, April 12th** **5:30 - 7pm**  
BROOKLYN  
New Vision Garden  
590-594 Schenck Ave

**Train:** Take the 3 train to Van Siclin Ave. Walk east toward Hendrix St.



**Farming Concrete**  
www.farmingconcrete.org

## Crop Count 2012

Calling all community gardeners! Does your garden grow food? Do you ever wonder how much food your garden grows? How about the whole city?

Find out, be entered into a garden supply giveaway, and give everyone a better understanding of how much NYC community gardens contribute to our local food system and to sustainability overall.

Contact us at [gardens@farmingconcrete.org](mailto:gardens@farmingconcrete.org) for English or Español



# 28th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether

You are invited on March 31st to join a thousand community gardeners and greening professionals from all over New York City for a day of learning, sharing, networking and greening inspiration at the 28th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether! Please pass this information out to the rest of your garden group and anyone else who might be interested. This form is also available to download on our website. This year's conference features favorite workshops from past years, as well as exciting new ones, including many hands on workshops, and new ones for youth gardeners.

**Saturday, March 31st**  
8:30am to 4pm  
Hostos Community College  
500 Grand Concourse  
Bronx, NY 10451

Directions: Take 2,4 or 5 train to 149th Street (Eugenio María de Hostos Boulevard) and the Grand Concourse.  
or by bus, take the Bx1 or cross-town Bx19 to 149th Street (Eugenio María de Hostos Boulevard)

**Pre-register by March 27th**  
\$3 = breakfast + workshops + lunch + t-shirt  
**Register at the door on March 31\***  
\$5 = breakfast + workshops

TO PRE-REGISTER go to: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/225186>  
OR

Fill out the form on page 4 and mail the completed form with your payment to: GreenThumb **BEFORE MARCH 27th** to guarantee breakfast, lunch, conference participation and t-shirt.

\*If you do not pre-register, you are not guaranteed lunch or a t-shirt  
For more information or additional forms go to:  
<http://www.greenthumbnyc.org>

## Apply to Farm School NYC!

Farm School NYC: The New York City School of Urban Agriculture offers comprehensive training in all aspects of urban agriculture through a wide range of individual courses and a two-year certificate program.

### What is Farm School NYC?

- Unique, community-based approach
- Advanced urban agriculture training
- Sliding scale payments
- Seasonal enrollment (winter, spring, summer, fall)

### NYC is your Classroom:

Farm School NYC classes take place in a variety of classrooms across the city, including community gardens and urban farms.

### Core courses include:

- Training of Trainers
- Introduction to Food Justice
- Botany
- Propagation
- Growing Soil
- Irrigation
- Crops Management
- Pest/Disease ID and Management
- Carpentry and Building Intro
- Season Extension
- Preparing for Winter
- Small Farm Design and Planning

**Summer Class Application Deadline: May 15, 2012**  
(application available May 1, 2012)



**Learn More:** [www.justfood.org/farmschoolnyc](http://www.justfood.org/farmschoolnyc)  
212-645-9880 ext.224  
[farmschoolnyc@justfood.org](mailto:farmschoolnyc@justfood.org)  
1155 Avenue of the Americas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
NY, NY 10036





# 28th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether Mail In Registration



Please print clearly. The cost is \$3 per person; kids 12 and under are free. Send check or money order, payable to GreenThumb Community Fund Inc. If you are also signing up for bus service, please return the bus form with the registration.

MAIL TO: GrowTogether, 49 Chambers St. Rm 1020, NY, New York 10007

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**FOR THOSE GARDENERS FROM BROOKLYN OR QUEENS** who would prefer to take a bus, GreenThumb has scheduled bus pickups in several locations throughout Brooklyn. Departure is at 8am. Without a reservation you will not be guaranteed a seat on the bus. To reserve your space on a bus, check off which site you will depart from, and return this form with your GrowTogether registration.



- Thomas Jefferson High School, 400 Pennsylvania Ave., between Dumont and Blake
- Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton St., between Utica and Malcolm X Blvd.
- Brooklyn Bears Pacific St. Garden, corner of Atlantic and Flatbush Ave. and Pacific St.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people coming with you including yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call GreenThumb at (212) 788-8070



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## Grant Writing Tips & How to Build a Tree Fence

With Roland Chouloute and Lillian Reyes, NYC Parks & Recreation / GreenThumb

Learn how to get free money for your community garden by successfully applying for grants. Participants will also learn how to build a tree fence. Bring your family and friends!

### Supplies: Informational Handouts

**Saturday, April 21st** **12pm - 4pm**  
BRONX  
Jardin de la Roca / The Rock Garden

Train: Take the 2 or 5 train to 3rd Avenue – 149th St Station. Walk North on Melrose Ave towards E. 160th St. Turn left onto E. 160th St and walk to Elton St. Garden is on the corner.

## Butterfly Project Workshop and Native Plant Giveaway

Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden and Butterfly Project

Join Bronx Green-Up and the Butterfly Project to learn about the importance of pollinators and how to attract them to your garden using native plants. This year's workshop will focus on the proper planting and upkeep techniques of native plants.

### Supplies: Native Plants

**Saturday, May 19th** **11am - 1pm**  
BRONX  
Garden of Eden  
1686 Weeks Avenue, at E. 173rd Street

Train: Take the B or D to 174th-175th Streets. Walk south on Morris Avenue for 3 blocks until you reach 173rd Street. Walk east two blocks to reach Weeks Ave. Garden is on the corner.

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## Plant Starts Giveaway

Since 2002, GreenThumb has contracted with Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital's Urban Oasis program to grow out vegetable starts for distribution to community gardens. This program is a horticultural therapy project that grows tasty vegetables while supporting the growth and wellbeing of its clients. Thanks to this partnership, GreenThumb is able to distribute organic, non-GMO plants in unique varieties unavailable at local nurseries. Come tour the facility, including a commercial greenhouse and urban agriculture site. Learn about the Urban Oasis program and meet the growers. In addition to getting your plant starts, you will also learn square foot gardening tips and techniques.

**All supplies are for registered GreenThumb gardens only. Gardens are only eligible to pick up at one session April 28th OR May 5th. Sorry, this giveaway is not open to School Gardens.**

**Saturday, April 28th** **10am - 1pm**  
BROOKLYN  
Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital's Urban Oasis  
Clarkson Ave between Albany & Utica Aves

Bus: B12 to corner of Clarkson & Albany Aves.  
Train: 2 or 5 to Winthrop St Station. Walk south two blocks to Clarkson Ave, then turn left & walk eight blocks to entrance at E 43rd St.

OR

**Saturday, May 5th** **10am - 1pm**  
BRONX  
Jardin de la Roca / The Rock Garden

Train: Take the 2 or 5 train to 3rd Avenue – 149th St Station. Walk North on Melrose Ave towards E. 160th St. Turn left onto E. 160th St and walk to Elton St. Garden is on the corner.





# To Till or Not to Till?

With Pamela Davis and Maureen O'Brien, Just Food Trainers

That is the question! There are many factors that come into play when making a decision about tilling and it can get a little bit confusing! Join us for a discussion of the benefits of till and no-till methods. Please come prepared to fill out a soil/compost/cleanfill request form with the following information: Garden name, address, parking regulations, gate width and two member's contact information who can receive the delivery.

## Supplies: Soil/Compost/Cleanfill Request (for fall delivery)

**Tuesday, May 8th** **5:30 - 7pm**  
BRONX  
La Finca del Sur,  
138th and Grand Concourse

Train: Take the 4 or 5 Train to the Bronx get off at 138th street Exit near intersection of Grand Concourse and E 138th St . Start out going South on Grand Concourse towards E 138th St Arrive at E 138TH st and Grand Concourse,

OR

**Tuesday, May 15th** **5:30 - 7pm**  
BROOKLYN  
6/15 Green, 274 15th St

Train: R to Prospect Ave stop. Walk toward 15th Street. Walk East toward 5th Avr. Garden is between 5th and 6 th Ave.

## Learn to grow more food!

Attend a City Farms workshop!

For more information:  
[www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops](http://www.justfood.org/cityfarms/workshops)

Or contact Owen:  
212-645-9880 x229, [owen@justfood.org](mailto:owen@justfood.org)



## Sell your garden vegetables at a farmers market!

Call Nadia for details about starting or joining markets:  
(212) 645-9880 x228, [nadia@justfood.org](mailto:nadia@justfood.org)



## Join the City Farming NYC Meetup!

Find out about upcoming workshops and events, post on a discussion board, and answer each others' questions about farming in NYC. <http://www.meetup.com/City-Farming-NYC/>

**JUST FOOD** is a NYC based non-profit working to grow fresh, locally-grown food in the neighborhoods of NYC



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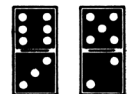
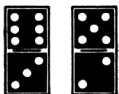
## First Annual Community Garden Domino Tournament: Game 1

This free domino tournament is open to players of all ages, rating, and strength. There will be bonuses, including an award ceremony for tournament participants. Games will be held two Saturdays a month from May 26th through August 25th in El Flamboyant Community Garden. Stop by and learn how you can host future domino events in your garden!

El Flamboyant Community Garden  
Tinton Avenue and East 150th street

Directions: Take the 4 train to Jackson Ave. Go South on Jackson Ave. Turn left onto E. 151st St then right onto Tinton Avenue.

To register or for more information e-mail [Lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov) or call 1-212-788-8065







# MARCH

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# SPRING EVENT CALENDAR



GreenThumb  
Workshops & Events



Greening Partners

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**BRONX**

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Tuesday, May 15th # 5:30 - 7pm  
**BROOKLYN**

### Domino Tournament: Game 1

Saturday, May 26th 2pm - 7pm  
**BRONX**



**GreenThumb**  
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
49 Chambers Street, Room 1020  
New York, NY 10007

## Just a reminder...

We need your 2012 membership lists and contact information submitted via email by April. Forms can be downloaded at:

<http://www.greenthumbnyc.org/resources.html>

Questions?

Contact the office or [greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:greenthumbinfo@parks.nyc.gov)

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