

COMMUNITY & GARDENING EVENTS

GreenThumb Membership Workshop

As part of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation's overall *Green Initiative*, the data collection system is being revamped to become greener and paperless.

Representatives from registered GreenThumb gardens need to provide accurate membership and contact information. Attendance is mandatory for at least one of the two workshop dates. Gardeners who attend will receive the *GreenThumb Gardener's Handbook*. For more information, visit the [GreenThumb event](#) site.

Thursday, January 12 • 5:30–7:30 p.m. • Central Park, The Arsenal • 830 Fifth Avenue • Manhattan

or

Saturday, January 21 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m. • Von King Cultural Arts Center • 670 Lafayette Avenue • Brooklyn

Winter Green at The New York Botanical Garden

Visit the Garden's Arthur and Janet Ross Conifer Arboretum and the Benenson Ornamental Conifers to walk among a fine selection of rare evergreens and get into the spirit of the winter season. Now that deciduous trees have dropped their leaves, the conifers' year-round color pops against the muted landscape. For more information, visit the [Ross Conifer Arboretum](#) and [Benenson Ornamental Conifers](#) sites.

Open normal operating days and hours • The New York Botanical Garden, Ross Conifer Arboretum and the Benenson Ornamental Conifers (Admission to the Garden's grounds is free all day Wednesday and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.)

GrowNYC's Year-Round Greenmarkets

Even on the coldest, slushiest days you can find local fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, and more at the 21 Greenmarkets open year-round. To find the one nearest you, visit the [GrowNYC](#) site or call 212.341.2321.

GRANT INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant, *deadline January 9*

In an effort to sow the seeds of respect, the Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden is designed to help schools teach lessons of peace and hunger awareness through garden activities. For more information and to apply, visit the [Peace Garden grant](#) site.

Citizen Committee Grants for Community Improvement Projects, *deadline January 31*

Citizens Committee for NYC awards grants of from \$500 to \$3,000 to volunteer-led groups and public schools to work on community improvement projects addressing a range of issues. For more information, call 212.822.9580 or visit the [Community Improvement Projects Grants](#) site.

Merck Family Fund, *deadline February 1*

The Merck Family Fund offers grants to projects that help address the problems faced by socially and economically disadvantaged people by focusing on urban community-building and meeting the needs of disadvantaged youth. For more information or to apply, visit the [Merck Family Fund](#) site.

Open Meadows Foundation, *deadline February 15*

Grants of up to \$2,000 are offered to assist projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls who have limited financial access and that have an annual budget of less than \$150,000. Projects should reflect the diversity of the community served in both its leadership and organization. For more information and how to apply, visit the [Open Meadows Foundation](#) site.

Constellation Energy EcoStar Grants, *deadline March 1*

Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded to fund local community environmental stewardship projects that focus on the areas of pollution prevention, education, energy efficiency, preservation, or community activism. For more information or to apply, visit the [EcoStar Grants](#) site.

The Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant Program, *deadline March 10*

The Kinder Morgan Foundation provides funding of up to \$5,000 to nonprofit programs in which youth are provided the opportunity to learn and grow through education, the arts, and the environment. For grant guidelines and to apply, visit the [grant program](#) site.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The New York Botanical Garden Openings

Several full-time and part-time employment opportunities are available, including Tree Climber/Pruner, Garden Aide, Postdoctoral Researchers, Visitor Service Attendants, and more. For a complete listing and details of each position, visit the [Garden's Employment Opportunities](#) site.