

# Bronx Green-Up • THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



Bronx Green-Up, the outreach program of The New York Botanical Garden, provides horticultural advice, technical assistance, and training to community gardeners, school groups, and other organizations interested in improving urban neighborhoods through greening projects. At the heart of Bronx Green-Up are the community gardens of the Bronx and a compost education program. For more information, please visit [www.nybg.org/green\\_up](http://www.nybg.org/green_up)

## Winter–Spring 2009 Event Schedule

*Pre-registration recommended. To reserve your place, please contact Bronx Green-Up at 718.817.8026 or [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org)*

### Bring Your Fall Leaves to Drew Gardens

Even though the NYC Department of Sanitation suspended fall leaf composting collection this year, you can still do your part and compost your leaves. Bring bagged leaves to this Bronx community garden and Drew gardeners will turn them into rich compost. To arrange a drop-off, call 718.817.8026 or e-mail [jplewka@phippssny.org](mailto:jplewka@phippssny.org)

**Ongoing • Drew Gardens • East Tremont Avenue just east of Boston Road**

### Outdoor Compost Bin Maintenance

As cooler temperatures set in, it's time to winterize compost bins to maximize decomposition and to deter unwanted visitors from taking up residence over the winter. RSVP required. Send an e-mail to [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org) or call 718.817.8543.

**Saturday, December 13 □ 10 a.m.–1 p.m. □ Padre Plaza Success Community Garden □ Corner of East 139th Street and St. Anns Avenue**

### Build a Bamboo Fence

Learn how to build a natural fence made of bamboo by helping us construct a small fence around the newly built pond at this community garden. Join youth volunteers from Building with Books!

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### Crazy for Composting

Are you passionate about composting but want more from bin? This Q&A session will provide you with the practical tips, advice, and encouragement you need to take composting to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging in for years. RSVP required. Send an e-mail to [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org) or call 718.817.8543.

**Thursday, February 12 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building, Room 302**

### Seed-Starting Workshop and Compost Project Information Table:

#### Bronx Parks Speak-Up

Join us for a hands-on workshop that will help you jump-start your growing season. Learn easy ways to start seeds indoors. (*Workshop begins at 2:45 p.m.*) Stop by for free tip sheets, pamphlets, and workshop schedules designed to help gardeners increase their horticultural expertise.

**Saturday, February 28 • 12:30–5 p.m. • Lehman Community College • 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West**

#### Fruit Tree Pruning

Learn the proper methods of pruning fruit-bearing trees and shrubs with techniques that increase the size and quality of your fruit. We will practice pruning peach, apple, and pear trees; fig and blackberry bushes; and grapevines.

**Saturday, March 7 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m. • Taqwa Community Farm, corner of West 164th Street and Ogden Avenue**

#### Worm Bins Made Easy

This hands-on workshop on the essentials of indoor composting with worms is ideal for those who want to compost food scraps but do not have access to an outdoor space. Participants will be eligible to “adopt” a dozen worms in a mini-bin made of recycled materials and can receive a discount coupon toward the purchase of a larger system from the Union Square GreenMarket. RSVP required. Send an e-mail to [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org) or call 718.817.8543.

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## **Maintaining Your Tools**

Come to this hands-on workshop and learn the best methods to clean and sharpen your garden tools to make them last longer.

**Saturday, March 14 • 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. • The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building, Room 302**

## ***The Orchid Show Tour***

Community gardeners are invited to join us for a tour of the country's premier orchid exhibition.

**Wednesday, March 18 • 4:30–5:30 p.m. • The New York Botanical Garden, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory**

## **Bronx Green-Up and Compost Project Workshops and Information Table**

Stop by for free tip sheets, pamphlets, and workshop schedules designed to help gardeners increase their horticultural expertise. Look for Bronx Green-Up at GreenThumbs's annual GrowTogether conference. Bronx Green-Up workshops to be announced.

**Saturday, March 21 • 10 a.m. –5 p.m. • Hostos Community College • 149th Street and Grand Concourse**

## **Creating a Children's Garden**

This hands-on workshop will provide ideas and steps to create garden spaces for children. Learn how to build a safe learning environment that is fun for kids by helping us start a children's area at this community garden.

**Saturday, March 28 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m. • Fordham Bedford Lotbusters • East 193<sup>rd</sup> Street and Bainbridge Avenue**

## **Planning a Vegetable Garden**

Learn how to successfully plan your vegetable garden, beginning with cool-season spring crops. We will cover planting techniques that maximize space and minimize pest problems through companion planting. Gardeners will begin to map out their gardens for the season.

**Thursday, April 2 • 3:30–5 p.m. • Phipps Community Education Center, corner of East 178th Street and Boston Road (class will be indoors)**

## **Spring 2009 Bronx Green-Up Certificate Programs**

### **Grow More Vegetables Certificate Program**

Do you wish to grow more food in your community garden? This course is designed to equip you with the best organic techniques for growing vegetables safely and effectively. The program consists of six courses, both in-classroom and hands-on garden instruction. For an application and more details, contact Sara Katz at 718.817.8038 or [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org). Applications must be received by February 1, 2009. **Six Thursdays, February 19–March 26 • 6–8:30 p.m. • The New York Botanical Garden**

### **Master Composter Certificate Program**

This comprehensive “train-the-trainer” course is designed to promote the practice of composting in home and community gardens. The program consists of six Tuesday evening classes, two Saturday field trips, and 30 hours of volunteer outreach service in compost education and promotion. For an application and course details, contact Bronx Green-Up at 718.817.8543 or [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org) or visit [www.nyccompost.org/program/master.html](http://www.nyccompost.org/program/master.html). Applications must be received by February 20, 2009.

**6 Tuesdays, March 31–May 12 (no class on April 14) and 2 Saturdays in April • 6–9 p.m. • The New York Botanical Garden**

### **Community Garden Compost Certificate Program**

The Community Garden Compost Certificate is awarded to Bronx Green-Up gardens that demonstrate a commitment to creating and maintaining their own composting system. To become certified, a garden must demonstrate leadership, team-building, and troubleshooting skills among its own gardeners and with others to make and harvest compost at their site. This certificate program is tailored for each participating Bronx community garden. To enroll your community garden in this program, please contact Bronx Green-Up.