
Community Events & Resources

Discover public resources for your community including grants, job openings, and internships.

COMMUNITY & GARDENING EVENTS

ECOQUEST CHALLENGE • THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

EcoQuests, part of the NYC EcoFlora Project, challenge New Yorkers to become citizen scientists and observe, study, and help conserve the native plants and animals of the City using *iNaturalist*, an easy-to-use mobile app. Each month, take part in a new challenge to help document the city's living things.

<http://bit.ly/2i651XD>

WORKING WITH YOUTH IN THE GARDEN • GREENTHUMB

Thursday, December 5 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Tony Dapolito Recreation Center • 1 Clarkson Street, Manhattan

Several programs, including the Summer Youth Employment Program (with the NYC Dept. of Youth and Community Development) and GreenThumb's Youth Leadership Council program, allow for youth to be able to get into the garden and experience it firsthand either as volunteers or as employees. This workshop will cover some best practices for hosting youth in gardens and also provide some clear guidelines for specifically working in GreenThumb gardens with youth. RSVP is required at **[eventbrite.com/e/working-with-youth-in-the-garden-tickets-79382692771](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/working-with-youth-in-the-garden-tickets-79382692771)**

MAKE IT RAIN: GRANTS FOR YOUR GREEN SPACE • PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS, CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NYC & GREENTHUMB

Tuesday, December 10 • 6–8 p.m.

Brooklyn Public Library • 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn

Are you working to improve your local park, community garden, street trees, or other green space in your neighborhood? Come hear from Citizens Committee for NYC and Partnerships for Parks, who provide grants of up to \$3,000 for community green space projects. Learn about the financial resources they offer and tips to secure funding for your 2020 projects. RSVP is required at **[eventbrite.com/e/make-it-rain-grants-for-your-green-space-tickets-79384442003](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-it-rain-grants-for-your-green-space-tickets-79384442003)**

THE ENTERPRISING GARDEN: SALES, FUNDRAISERS, AND MARKETS • NY STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS & GREENTHUMB

Wednesday, December 11 • 6–8 p.m.

GreenThumb Office • 100 Gold Street, Manhattan

Community gardeners are innovative growers, talented chefs, knowledgeable about herbal healing practices, and at the forefront of providing fresh, local food to their communities. In this workshop, learn how to leverage some of those skills to generate support for your garden and the broader community. We will discuss scaling up and navigating the NYC Parks concessions process, city and state licensing, food safety concerns, and how to develop markets and farm stands at your garden, all in alignment with GreenThumb guidelines.

DIY GARDEN SWAG: SCREEN PRINTING • ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS ROBERT BLACKBURN PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP & GREENTHUMB

Saturday, December 14 • 12–4 p.m.

Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop • 323 West 39th Street

Learn how to screen print your own tote bags, t-shirts, and more for your community garden. Bring a design or your garden's logo to trace, or create something new at the studio. Participants will be able to take home the screens they make so they can re-use them to make more garden swag.

Pre-registration required. Space is limited, and priority will be given to members of registered GreenThumb community gardens. RSVP is required at eventbrite.com/e/diy-garden-swag-screen-printing-tickets-79578606755

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Tuesday, December 17 • 6–8 p.m.

St. Mary's Recreation Center • St. Ann's Avenue and 145th Street, Bronx

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FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS • For more information visit: <https://on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps>

LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS

Mondays • 8–10 a.m.

Lehman College • Quad near Shuster Hall

WOODYCREST COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Mondays • 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Woodycrest Community Garden • 94 West 162nd Street

MOSHOLU PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Mondays • 12–4 p.m.

Mosholu Preservation • 3400 Reservoir Oval East

THE CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR VOLUNTEERS

Tuesdays • 8–10 a.m.

The Church of the Mediator • West 231st Street and Kingsbridge Avenue

PRAXIS HOUSING VOLUNTEERS

Wednesdays • 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Praxis Housing • 4339 White Plains Road

BROOK PARK VOLUNTEERS

Saturdays • 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Brook Park • 494 East 141 Street

TARGET BRONX COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Fridays • 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. & Saturdays • 12–4 p.m.

Target Bronx Community Garden • 1025 Anderson Avenue

RESOURCES

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN COMMUNITY GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP FOR IDNYC CARDHOLDERS

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is pleased to participate by providing a complimentary Community Grounds Membership to IDNYC cardholders. For more information about obtaining an IDNYC, please call 311 or visit the City's IDNYC web site: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/benefits/benefits.page>.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP WITH CULTURE PASS

The New York Botanical Garden is pleased to participate in the Culture Pass program by providing complimentary Grounds-Only Pass access on weekdays. Passes must be reserved online in advance via the Culture Pass website. <https://www.culturepass.nyc/faq>

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION CURBSIDE COMPOSTING SERVICE

The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collects food scraps and yard waste to turn them into compost. DSNY is expanding NYC Organics to serve all New Yorkers with either curbside service or convenient neighborhood drop-off sites. Find out about your eligibility for curbside collection of organics and options for recycling organics in your neighborhood by visiting www.nyc.gov/organics.

ZERO WASTE PLEDGE SCHOOLS

The Department of Education's Office of Sustainability and the Department of Sanitation are excited to introduce the next chapter in Zero Waste Schools. Schools will be required to complete three phases of operational and educational activities—in return they will receive a one-on-one consultation and recycling materials. Find out more information by visiting

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/zws/contest/announcements.shtml>

COMMUNITY SEED DONATIONS • SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE

They donate seeds each year to hundreds of gardens across the United States.

<https://www.seedsavers.org/seed-donation-program>

EQUIPMENT LOAN LIBRARY • CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY

Equipment Share gives neighborhood leaders free and easy access to digital cameras, video projectors, projection screens, tents and amplifiers. <http://www.citizensnyc.org/equipment-loan-library>

NATIVE TREE SEEDLING • NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The National Wildlife Federation provides free native tree seedlings to partners who in turn plant them through local restoration projects or community tree giveaway events. <https://www.nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife/Request-Trees>

GARDENS FOR THE CITY • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

Is there a community space in your neighborhood you'd like to see transformed? If so, apply for help from NYRP below. They provide support for project of various scales—from building a few vegetables beds to large-scale restoration work. <https://www.nyrp.org/gardensforthecity>

SEEDLINGS AND PLANTS • GOWANUS CANAL CONSERVANCY

All school and community gardens now receive a 35% discount on GCC native plants!

<https://gowanuscanalconservancy.org/nursery/>

LOVE YOUR CITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM • CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF NYC

Looking for extra volunteers? Citizens Committee for New York City's Love Your City program brings corporate volunteer groups to help out with one-time community projects. Group sizes range from 5 to 75 people and work days generally range from 2 to 5 hours. Whether you want help painting, planting, tutoring kids, or something else, we would love to lend a whole bunch of hands. Contact Andrew at **arohrberger@citizensnyc.org** or (212) 822-9555.

FARMER'S MARKET • LA FAMILIA VERDE

Come celebrate with us every Tuesday from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. in Tremont Park at Tremont Ave between La Fontaine and Arthur Ave. Meet the farmers who grow the food right in your local neighborhood.

<https://bestfarmersmarkets.org/place/la-familia-verde-farmers-market-bronx-ny.html>

JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For current jobs and internship opportunities please visit the list at **<http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB>**

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Maximum Amount	Deadline	Project Keywords	Grant
\$3,000	March 1	Culture, Environment	Capacity Fund Grant https://cityparksfoundation.org/grants-resources/
\$500	Rolling Basis	Art, Repurposing	Artfully Reimagined Reimagine It Grant http://www.artfullyreimagined.com/ReimagineltGrant
\$1,000	Rolling Basis	Project	Awesome Foundation Grant https://www.awesomefoundation.org/
\$25,000	Rolling Basis	Health, Education, Culture, Civics	The Barker Welfare Foundation http://barkerwelfare.org/index.php
\$5,000	Rolling Basis	Education, Recycling	Can'd Aid Foundation Crush It Crusade http://candaid.org/crush-it-crusade-grants/
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Fruit Trees, Schools, Volunteers	Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Orchard Grant https://www.ftpf.org/apply
\$5,000	Rolling Basis	Education, Youth	Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant Program https://www.kindermorgan.com/pages/community/km_foundation_guidelines.aspx
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Agriculture, Education, Environment	The Harry Chapin Foundation http://harrychapinfoundation.org/apply/
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Community, Environment, Youth	Singing for Change Social and Environmental Problem Solving Grants http://www.singingforchange.org/guidelines.html
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The NYC Compost Project, created by the NYC Department of Sanitation in 1993, works to rebuild NYC's soils by providing New Yorkers with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to produce and use compost locally.

nyc.gov/compostproject | call 311 | [f](#) [t](#) [@](#) NYCsanitation



Rebuilding our soil,
neighborhood
by neighborhood.