Volunteer Opportunities

Season Kickoff • New Roots Bronx
Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23 • 10am – 1pm
New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse
Composting, clean-up around the Farm, Green House & High Tunnel, light carpentry, fixes and more to help our Farm community get started for the 2024 growing season. Contact commnunityfarmbx@gmail.com for more information.

Restore the River Corridor • Bronx River Alliance
Volunteer with the Bronx River Alliance to protect and restore the Bronx River ecosystem! Clean up debris in Starlight Park, plant trees in the Bronx River Forest, maintain rain gardens, and more while learning about river stewardship. Learn more at: https://bronxriver.org/visit-the-river/calendar

Youth-Led Park Restoration • Bronx is Blooming
Volunteer with Bronx is Blooming to restore neighborhood parks across the Bronx while supporting a culture of youth leadership and environmental stewardship. Help maintain local greenspaces by caring for young trees, removing invasive species, planting, applying mulch, and more. Learn more at: https://www.bronxisblooming.org/upcomingevents

Communal Gardening Project • Bissel Gardens & Praxis
We invite you to our Communal Gardening Project. We'll share the sowing, maintaining and the harvest! We'll grow for ourselves and for others, and you'll be a part of it. Don't like to dig but like to participate in community activities? We've got you covered, there's a variety of garden maintenance that doesn't involve digging, and we also need help with social media. We're in two Wakefield locations in the Bronx. To learn more, contact: connect@urbancultivated.com

Forest & Wetland Restoration • NYC Parks Stewardship
Volunteer with NYC Parks Stewardship to support forest and wetland restoration across the city. Help plant and prune street trees, propagate native seeds, and monitor local wildlife while learning more about the city’s natural landscape. Want to lead your own stewardship projects?
Volunteering is the first step to become a Super Steward. Learn more at: https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship

GARDEN & PARK RENOVATION • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT
Volunteer with New York Restoration project to renovate gardens, restore parks, plant trees, promote urban agriculture, and build a greener, more resilient city. Find a community garden near you, or register online to assist with forest stewardship, wetland stewardship, gardening, composting, and litter removal in focus parks. Learn more at: https://www.nyrp.org/en/get-involved/#events

“IT’S MY PARK” • PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS
Volunteer with Partnerships for Parks and affiliated local park stewardship groups to beautify neighborhood green spaces through cleaning, painting, and gardening. Learn more at: https://cityparksfoundation.org/volunteer-its-my-park/

FOREST RESTORATION & TRAIL WORK • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance works with over 2,000 volunteers a year to complete community stewardship projects throughout the 1,146 acres of Van Cortlandt Park. Search for upcoming volunteer opportunities and event here, https://vancortlandt.org/calendar-of-events/

PARK AND PLAYGROUND CARE • FRIENDS OF MOSHOLU PARKLAND
Contribute to the parkland, edible garden, and community by volunteering for compost duties, pruning, weeding, harvesting, cleaning, trash pickup, and maintenance. Volunteer at the Edible Garden Monday thru Friday (contact for weekend hours) and for playground patrol at Kossuth Playground, Moshulu Playground, Whalen Playground, Williamsbridge Oval Playground, Knox-Gates Playground, French Charley’s Playground, and Frisch Baseball Field. For more information, please visit https://www.mosholuparkland.org/howtovolunteer/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COLD TEA INFUSIONS WORKSHOP • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE
Friday, March 1 • 6 – 7 p.m.
Bronx River House • 1490 Sheridan Blvd.
Discover the refreshing simplicity of cold infusions. Learn how to harness the subtle flavors and medicinal properties of various herbs through the gentle steeping process. Perfect for warm days and cool evenings, cold infusions offer a delightful way to enjoy the benefits of herbs. FREE workshop led by Artist in Residence Journei Bimwala. Register here: https://bronxriver.org/event/cold-tea-infusions-workshop

MUSHROOM ID WORKSHOP • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE
Saturday, March 2 • 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Burke Avenue Bridge • Bronx Forest
Join Journei Bimwala of the Bronx River Alliance and Ethan Crenson of the @newyorkmyc for a Winter Mushroom ID walk through Bronx River Forest. Learn about the mushrooms that call the Bronx River Home and how to support their existence. Register here: https://bronxriver.org/event/mushroom-id-workshop

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STARTING SEEDS IN A GREENHOUSE OR OUTDOORS • GREEN THUMB
Saturday, March 9 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Praxis Warren Residence • 4339 White Plains Road
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. Members of registered GreenThumb community gardens in good standing will be eligible to receive seed starting supplies. To register, go to:
https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/03/09/starting-seeds-in-a-greenhouse-or-indoors

HOT TEA INFUSIONS WORKSHOP • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE
Friday, March 15 • 6 – 7 p.m.
Bronx River House • 1490 Sheridan Blvd.
Dive into the comforting world of hot infusions. Explore the nuanced art of brewing herbs in hot water to create soothing and aromatic elixirs. From calming teas to invigorating blends, unlock the secrets to crafting perfect hot infusions for any occasion. FREE workshop led by Artist in Residence Journei Bimwala. Register here: https://bronxriver.org/event/hot-tea-infusions-workshop

GROWING TOMATOES: AN IN-DEPTH LOOK FROM SEED TO HARVEST • NEW ROOTS BRONX
Saturday, March 16 • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse
Join us to learn best practices and successful ways to grow tomatoes from Jason Grauer, Director of Farm Innovation at Stone Barns. During this interactive workshop, we will explore topics such as: choosing the right tomatoes for your garden, how and when to start tomatoes from seeds, spacing & pruning, and more. This is a free workshop. RSVP required. To register, email communityfarmbx@gmail.com.

COUNCIL OF GARDENERS MEETING • GREEN GUERILLAS
Saturday, March 16 • 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Virtual Event
The Council of Gardeners is an inclusive, cross-borough group of community gardeners coming together to voice the needs of gardeners, to initiate collective action, to seek funding opportunities, to connect well-resourced gardens with under-resourced gardens, and to connect seasoned leaders with emerging leaders. To register, go to:
https://www.greenguerillas.org/upcoming-events/council-of-gardeners-meeting-3

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS: GROUP STRUCTURE (PART 1 OF 2) • GREEN THUMB
Thursday, March 21 • 6 – 8 p.m.
Virtual Event
This two–part workshop series is designed to help your garden group build a strong foundation for your group’s leadership and decision–making structures. In this webinar, we will discuss different styles of group structure and share examples with one another around the good, the bad, and the ugly of garden governance issues. To register, go to:
https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/03/21/organizing-for-garden-success-group-structure-part-1-of-2

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2024 GREENTHUMB SPRING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION • GREEN THUMB
Saturday, March 23 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Registration deadline Saturday, March 17 at 11:59 p.m.
La Finca del Sur • 175 East 138 Street
Pick up basic gardening and maintenance supplies for your GreenThumb garden group at Green Thumb’s seasonal distribution event. To learn more and to register, go to:
https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=x2_1MoFfk6pWxYaZIE777vIgzejC_gFHh0eUoNhEMEdUNDIUQk4zNDhENDJEUzhlREU5V09CViIZOSSQlQCN0PWcu

HERBAL DECOCTIONS WORKSHOP • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE
Friday, March 29 • 6 – 7 p.m.
Bronx River House • 1490 Sheridan Blvd.
Uncover the ancient technique of decoction. Delve deep into the method of simmering herbs to extract their potent medicinal qualities. From immune-boosting tonics to healing brews, discover how to harness the power of decoction to support your well-being. FREE workshop led by Artist in Residence Journei Bimwala. To register, go to: https://bronxriver.org/event/herbal-decoctions-workshop

MUSHROOM GROWING WORKSHOP • NEW ROOTS BRONX
Saturday, March 30 • 10am – 1pm
New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse
More details to come! Follow New Roots Community Farm on Instagram for updates @newrootsbronx, or email communityfarmbx@gmail.com to receive the New Roots e-newsletter

TRAININGS

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Wednesday, March 20 • 4–6 p.m.
Virtual Event
Learn about rat prevention methods from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. To register, go to: https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page

MATERIALS & TOOLS

2024 TREE GIVEAWAY • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT
The 2024 NYRP free tree giveaway season kicks off on Saturday, April 13 and will continue on Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, May 12. If you have received a tree from NYRP in the past, you may be eligible to register for the tree you want this season before 2024 general registration opens to the public. Learn more here: https://www.nyrp.org/en/get-involved/tree-giveaways

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS
Volunteer-operated Food Scrap Drop-Off locations are open. For more information and sites in other boroughs, visit http://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps

LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS
Mondays • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. • Year Round
Lehman College • 250 Bedford Park Blvd West

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DREW GARDENS VOLUNTEERS
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays • 4–7 p.m. • Year Round
Drew Gardens • 1070 East Tremont Avenue

PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN
Mondays • 12.–5 p.m. • Year Round
Padre Plaza Community Garden • 541 East 139 Street

NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM STAFF
Fridays • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. • Year Round
New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

FORDHAM PLAZA GREENMARKET
Fridays • 8–11:30 a.m. • Year Round
East Fordham Road between Webster Avenue and Third Avenue

KELLY STREET GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Year Round
Kelly Street Garden • 924 Kelly Street

JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
For current jobs and internship opportunities please visit the list at http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB

YEAR-ROUND and ONGOING RESOURCES
For resources available year-round, please visit our 2023 Resource Page at https://bit.ly/34AlihY

GRANTS AND AWARDS
For an annual schedule of funding opportunities, please visit our 2023 Grants and Awards page https://bit.ly/3XdNUFM

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