

# NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

May 2025



## Compost Crafting - Turning Scraps into Soil

Thursday, May 8 | 3:30. to 5 p.m.

NYPL Van Cortlandt Library | 3882 Cannon Place, Bronx

The experts from NYBG's Bronx Green-Up team will lead a hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to compost effectively and turn your food waste into valuable, eco-friendly garden gold.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned gardener,

this session will teach you the art of composting, from basic techniques to creative ways to enrich your soil. This program will be geared toward school age children, families and teenagers. Light snacks and drinks provided. Pre-registration encouraged.

To register, go to <https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2025/05/08/nypl-green-compost-crafting-turning-scraps-soil-nybg-bronx-green>.

## Butterfly Project NYC Native Plant Share

Wednesday, April 17 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | 786 Eagle Avenue (at E. 159 Street)

Registration is required by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for a Native Plant Share, where Bronx Green-Up will be distributing native plants for community gardens, school gardens, and other public spaces. This event is presented in partnership with Bronx Green-Up/NYBG, City Parks Foundation, Citywide Nursery, GrowNYC Education, and NYC Parks GreenThumb. Let's grow a greener, more resilient Bronx—together.



To register, [go to https://www.nybg.org/event/native-plant-share/](https://www.nybg.org/event/native-plant-share/)

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## Mayoral Forum on Reclaiming Community Gardens

*Saturday, May 24 | 12 to 2:00 p.m.*

*St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery | 131 East 10th Street, New York*

This mayoral forum will highlight the role of community gardens in New York City's sustainability and environmental future. We will address the vital role of community gardens in New York's infrastructure, followed by a

moderated Q&A with mayoral candidates. The event will also challenge the narrative that community gardens obstruct affordable housing development, exploring solutions to balance urban growth and green space preservation. Hosted by The New York City Community Garden Coalition (NYCCGC) and Loisaída United Neighborhood Gardens (LUNGS).

To register, go to <https://nyccgc.org/2025/03/mayoral-forum-on-community-gardens-and-environmental-policy-in-nyc/>

## Natural Dye Workshop El Flamboyán Community Garden

*Saturday, May 17 | 12 to 4 p.m. El Flamboyán Community Garden| 586 Tinton Ave, Bronx, NY*

Join Sajata-E and the Herbarium + Community Gardens Initiative for a natural dye workshop from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 17th at El Flamboyán Community Garden! We'll be dyeing woolen items from scratch, creating different color dyes from various raw plant materials with workshop facilitator Sajata, creator of Sajata-E Design Studios. All workshop materials will be provided, and no prior natural dye experience is necessary. Light food and refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to all.4.



To register, email [ecoppell@nybg.org](mailto:ecoppell@nybg.org)

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## Citywide Master Composter Certificate Course

The Master Composter Certificate Course educates and empowers New Yorkers to get involved in community composting via education, outreach, advocacy and more. This advanced education and outreach program is open to New Yorkers who are at least 18 years of age. We are grateful that funding for this program was restored for FY25 from the City Council. Currently funding is through June 30, 2025. Don't miss

your chance to get certified before then! For more information and to register, go to <https://nyccommunitycompostnetwork.org/mastercomposter>



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## Volunteer Opportunities in May

We have volunteer opportunities in May! Join us for hands-on gardening and composting at community gardens. **To register for any of these volunteer opportunities, email [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org).**

### Compost Workday at La Finca Del Sur

*Thursday, May 1 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*La Finca Del Sur | East 138th Street & Grand Concourse*

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## **Volunteer Garden Workday at Davidson Avenue Community Garden**

*Saturday, May 3 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Davidson Avenue Community Garden / 2387 Davidson Avenue*

## **Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm**

*Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, & 30 / 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Karol's Community Farm / Havemeyer & Lacombe Avenue, Bronx*

## **Home Gardening Center Compost Maintenance**

*Thursday, May 21 / 10 to 12 p.m.*

*New York Botanical Garden / 2950 Southern Boulevard, Bronx*

**Email [compost@nybg.org](mailto:compost@nybg.org) to register**

## **Volunteer Garden Workday at New Roots Farm**

*Thursday, May 22, & Wednesday, May 28 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*New Roots Community Farm / 670 Grand Concourse*

## **Volunteer Garden Workday at Enchanted Garden**

*Thursday, May 29 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Enchanted Garden at John F. Kennedy High School / 99 Terrace View Avenue*

## **Volunteer Workday at St. Ann's Church**

*Saturday, May 31 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Ann's Church / 295 St. Ann's Avenue*

*We ask that you register so we can communicate with you if we need to cancel an event due to inclement weather. However, you can just show up! We encourage you to get all the experience that you want and the gardens can use all hands-on deck. But please do check in with us if there is a weather event.*

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## **Follow us on Instagram!**



We're excited to announce our brand-new Instagram account, @bronxgreenup! Follow us to stay informed about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, certificate programs, and more. Have an event at your community garden? Send it our way, and we'll share it! You'll also find volunteer and gardener spotlights and get to know our dedicated team. Don't miss out—hit that follow button to stay connected!



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## Events, Grants, and Resources

For more information about other local gardening events, volunteer opportunities, and community trainings, please visit our Events and Resources Page at

<https://www.nybg.org/gardens/bronx-green-up/events/>

For a calendar of relevant funding opportunities, please visit our **Grants and Awards Page** at <https://bit.ly/3XdNUFM>

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