NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

October 2025



Harvest Fair!

Saturday, October 4 | 12 to 4 p.m. New Roots Community Garden | 670 Grand Concourse at East 153 Street

Come pay tribute to another successful and beautiful growing season. Join us for a day filled with fun, food, and festivities at our Harvest Celebration. Bring your friends and family for entertainment, delicious free food catered by B-Blossom, contests for the best

harvest, arts and crafts, face painting, and more! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet local environmental organizations, mingle with gardeners, and connect with community members who share your passion for nature and sustainability.

This event is in partnership with B-Blossom Catering, International Rescue Committee, New Roots Community Farm, Montefiore-Einstein, and NYC Parks GreenThumb.

To register, go to www.nybg.org/event/harvest-fair-2025/

Seed Saving Workshop

Friday, October 3 \(\begin{aligned} 10 \) a.m. to 12 p.m.

Castle Hill Community Center \(\begin{aligned} 625 \) Castle Hill

Avenue

Join the Bronx Green-Up team as we explore the rich history of seed saving and its significance across cultures worldwide. Learn how preserving seeds from the crops we grow at Karol's Community Farm helps carry on generations of tradition, knowledge, and sustainability. Let's keep the legacy of seed saving alive—one seed at a time!





Workshop Series | The Underground: Soil is Alive!



This three-part workshop series focuses on understanding, building, and maintaining healthy soil in an urban garden context. Learn about soil science, how to assess soil health, and how to develop and implement a soil amendment strategy.

Workshops 1 and 3 are virtual, on Thursdays, October 23 and 30 from 6-8 p.m. Workshop 2 is Saturday, October 25 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Karol's Community Farm. Pre-registration is required. Priority will be given to Bronx community gardeners, but

others are welcome if space allows. Email bronxgreenup@nybg.org or call 718.817.8026 for more information.

Virtual Sessions:

Two Thursdays, October 23 and 30 | 6 to 8 p.m.

In-Person Session:

Saturday, October 25 | 10:30 to 1 p.m. Karol's Community Farm | Havemeyer & Lacombe Avenue, Bronx

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 14

To register, go to http://bit.ly/4lPsZDu

Mushroom Growing Workshop

Saturday, October 11/11 a.m. to 1 p.m. James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center • 100 West Mosholu Parkway South, Bronx

Join Jason Bonet, Community Horticulturalist at Bronx Green-Up, as we dive into the world of fungi!

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the essentials of growing mushrooms, watch a demonstration on log inoculation of



Shiitake and Lions Mane. Then, stick around for a tasting of a mystery mushroom. While you're there, check out the JBOLC Farmers Market!

To register, go to http://www.nybg.org/event/mushroom-growing-workshop/?

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Bee Box Workshop

Saturday, October 18 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drew Garden | 1070 E. Tremont Ave, Bronx

Join Dr. Aaron Sexton (Cornell University) and Bronx Green-Up to learn about wild cavitynesting bees and how to build nests for them. Aaron will provide background on the ecology and biology of these wild cavity-nesting bees and their importance in urban areas.

We'll walk through, step-by-step, on how to build a nest and raffle off a couple of prebuilt nests. Come learn about the native pollinators in your neighborhood, how you can get involved in future research efforts, or how your garden can be part of future research efforts!

To learn more, go to https://www.nybg.org/event/bee-box-workshop-2025/?

Volunteer Opportunities in October

We have volunteer opportunities in October! Join us for hands-on gardening and composting at community gardens. To register for any of these volunteer opportunities, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Compost Workday at Synergi Urban Garden

Friday, October 3 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Synergi Urban Garden | 1211 Hoe Avenue, Bronx

Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm

Fridays, October 3, 17, 24, 31/11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 16 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Karol's Community Farm | Havemeyer & Lacombe Avenue, Bronx



Gardening with Native Plants at Community Access

Friday, October 3/12 to 3 p.m.

Community Access - East 172nd Street Site | 111 East 172 Street, Bronx

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Community Access - Franklin site | 1363 Franklin Avenue, Bronx

Home Gardening Center Compost Maintenance

Wednesday, October 15/10 to 12 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden | 2950 Southern Boulevard, Bronx

Riverdale Y Sunday Market Information Tabling

Sunday, October 26/10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Riverdale Y | 4545 Independence Avenue

Compost Workday at Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Garden

Thursday, October 30 / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Garden | 6100 Mosholu Ave, Bronx, (Across from horse stables)

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! But, please do check in with us if there is a weather event.

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!





Events, Grants, and Resources

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

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

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