

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

October 2026



Extend Your Growing Season with Low Tunnels

*Saturday, October 10 / 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Karol's
Urban Community Farm / 2303 Lacombe
Avenue*

Urban gardening doesn't have to end when temperatures drop. In this workshop, hosted in partnership with GreenThumb, you will learn how to build low tunnels to protect cold-hardy crops and extend your growing

season in small spaces like community plots, backyards, and rooftops. Learn which winter crops thrive in NYC's climate and how to choose and use materials that fit tight urban gardens. Gain practical, space-efficient skills to construct sturdy low tunnels so you can keep growing fresh produce through the winter.

To register, [GreenThumb Workshops Registration : NYC Parks](#)

The Underground: Soil is Alive! Workshop Series 2026

Workshop 1: Introduction to Soil Science and Soil Health

Thursday, October 15 / 6 to 8 p.m.

Virtual

Workshop 2: Techniques for Assessing Soil Health

Sunday, October 18 / 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Karol's Urban Community Farm / 2303 Lacombe Avenue

Workshop 3: Strategies for Soil Amendment

Thursday, October 22 / 6 to 8 p.m.

Virtual

Deadline to apply: October 5

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.



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Pre-registration is required. Priority will be given to Bronx community gardeners, but others are welcome if space allows.

To register, [The Underground: Soil Is Alive! Workshop Series 2026 | New York Botanical Garden](#)

HarvFest & 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 17 / 12 to 5 p.m.

Bronx River Community Garden / 1086 East 180th Street between Devoe and Boston Road

Join the Bronx River Garden Community Garden as it celebrates 50 years of community gardening with a festive HarvestFest! This free, family-friendly event is open to all and features a day of fun, community spirit, and seasonal festivities. Come honor five decades of gardening, neighborhood connections, and local stewardship while enjoying activities for all ages. Rain or shine, everyone is welcome!



Master Composter Field Trip: Explore NYBG's Green Zone

Wednesday, October 21 / 3 to 5 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden / 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join us for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the New York Botanical Garden's Green Zone, where horticulturists transform the enormous volume of plant material generated by caring for more than one million living plants into valuable resources

for the landscape.

Learn how NYBG's composting operation diverts green waste from landfills, reduces truck traffic and carbon emissions, and demonstrates a sustainable closed-loop system that turns garden waste into a valuable resource. Email bronxgreenup@nybg.org to register or register with the [Master Composter network](#).

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From Garden to Kitchen: Sofrito Making Workshop

Friday, October 23 / 12 to 2 p.m.

Karol's Urban Community Farm / 2303 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx

Add some spice to your life and discover the flavors and traditions of sofrito, a staple ingredient in many Caribbean and Latin

American kitchens. Join us for a hands-on workshop at Karol's, where you'll learn about sofrito's history and cultural significance, prepare your own fresh batch, and take home recipes and tips for using it in everyday cooking. All ingredients are provided. **Email bronxgreenup@nybg.org to register.**



Plant by Plant Native Plant Distribution

Sunday, October 25 / 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

La Finca del Sur / 670 110 East 138 Street

Calling all community gardeners, urban growers, and green space stewards in NYC! Join Bronx Green-Up, [Plant By Plant](#), and NYC Pollinators at La Finca del Sur for a Fall Native Plant Distribution designed to support NYC's gardens, tree beds, parks, and community green spaces.

Take home a selection of native plants, grown and cared for by the folks over at Plant By Plant, that are well-adapted to our local climate and provide critical habitat and food sources for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. RSVP below to register to pick up plants. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at bronxgreenup@nybg.org.



Register here, www.nybg.org/event/fall-native-plant-distribution-at-la-finca-del-sur-with-plant-by-plant/

Community Garden Self-Governance Clinic

Saturday, November 14 / 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 / 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Bronx River Art Center / 1087 East Tremont Avenue

Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 11, at 11:59 p.m.



The Community Garden Self-Governance Clinic is a two-class in-person training for Bronx community gardeners. This training will cover the fundamentals of community garden self-governance as well as strategies to help garden members steer through obstacles that hold them back from collective clarity and mutual responsibility.

We hope to knock down some of the language barriers for gardeners to learn together. Each class will have English-Spanish and Spanish-English interpretation and all materials will be available in both English and Spanish.

[Fall-Winter 2026 — Community Garden Self-Governance Clinic](#)



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.*

Workday at Ujamaa Community Garden

Saturday, October 3 / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ujamaa Community Garden / 3601 Marolla Place

NYBG Farmer's Market Information Share

Wednesday, October 14 / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden / 2950 Southern Boulevard

Compost Workday at Taqwa Community Farm

Wednesday, October 21 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Taqwa Community Farm / 90 West 164 Street

Workday at Karol's Urban Community Farm

Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Karol's Urban Community Farm / 2303 Lacombe Avenue

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