

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

October 2024

Harvest Fair New Roots x NYBG

Saturday, October 5 • 12 – 4 p.m.

New Roots Community Garden • 670 Grand Concourse
at East 153rd Street

Come pay tribute to another successful and beautiful growing season. Join us for a day filled with fun, food, and festivities at New Roots' annual 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. For more information and to RSVP go here,

<https://www.nybg.org/event/bronx-green-up-x-new-roots-harvest-fair-2024/>



Workshop Series | The Underground: Soil is Alive!

This three-part workshop series focuses on maintaining and building healthy soil. Whether you grow vegetables, flowers, or trees. Learn the dynamics of soils, how to make organic amendments, and discuss some challenges with our New York City urban soils. Two virtual classes will take place on the following Wednesdays: October 16 and October 23 from 6–8 p.m. The hands-on class will take place on Saturday,

October 19 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (Community Garden TBD). **Pre-registration is required: register by October 6, 2024.**

Priority will be given to Bronx community gardeners, but others are welcome if space allows. Email bronxgreenup@nybg or call 718.817.8026 for more information. To register, go to

<https://www.nybg.org/event/the-underground-soil-is-alive-workshop-series/>

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Fall Pruning Activities

Interested in hands-on pruning experience? Need more hours to complete your pruning certificate? Join Bronx Green-Up's fall pruning activities to refine your skills pruning trees, shrubs, and perennials. To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org or call 718.817.8026.

Pruning Workday at La Isla Youth Garden

*Thursday, October 3rd • 12 p.m.–2 p.m.
La Isla Youth Garden • 836 Elton Ave*

Pruning Workday at Karol's Urban Community Farm

Thursday, October 10th • 12 p.m.–2 p.m.

Karol's Urban Community Farm • 2118 Lacombe Ave

Pruning Workday at Bronx River Community Garden

*Thursday, October 17th • 12 p.m.–2 p.m.
Bronx River Community Garden • 1086 E. 180 St*

Pruning Workday at River's Run Community Farm

*Thursday, October 24th • 12 p.m.–2 p.m.
River's Run Community Farm • Co-op City Blvd (North of Bellamy Loop, beside the Little League Field)*

Volunteer Opportunities in October

Join us for hands-on gardening and composting at community gardens in the Bronx! For more information or to register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Volunteer Farm Workdays at Karol's Farm

*Fridays October 4, 11, 18, 25 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Karol's Community Farm • Havemeyer & Lacombe Avenue,
Bronx*

Join the Karol's Farm crew and Castle Hill Houses community members for a weekly produce distribution and volunteer workday! Even during the winter, the farm needs care. For more information, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

Volunteer Compost Workday at Riverdale Neighborhood House

*Saturday, October 12 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Riverdale Neighborhood House • 5521 Mosholu Avenue,*



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Have you ever wondered how compost is made? Help us maintain the three-bin compost system at Riverdale Neighborhood House for a front-row seat! No experience necessary. To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

New Roots Community Farm Workday

Wednesday, October 16 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

New Roots Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

Come join us and maintain the three-bin compost systems at this one-acre farm. To register, email compost@nybg.org

Bathgate Community Garden Compost Workday

Thursday, October 17 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Bathgate Community Garden • 1818 Bathgate Avenue

Bathgate Garden has a six-bin system! Join us as we support this garden and chop and turn yard waste, and sift finished compost and spread it in their garden beds. This is a great opportunity to support a community garden and hone your compost skills. To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

Lee Street Garden Workday

Saturday, October 26 • 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Lee Street Garden • Hutchinson River Parkway East & Lee Street

Come out and tend to the Lee Street Garden. Among the day's activities: Fall Harvest! Pumpkins! Also, tree stump removal, tilling, maintenance, and planting daffodil bulbs to be enjoyed in the Spring To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

FALL-O-WEEN Deinstallation

Monday, October 28 • 8 a.m.–11 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern Boulevard, Bronx

We will need two volunteers to help staff deinstall the pumpkin exhibit at NYBG! If you ever wondered what goes into taking down an exhibition in a garden, this is your chance. Help staff remove the many pumpkins that decorate this garden to celebrate fall and Halloween. Depending on the condition of the leftover pumpkins they are either composted or taken to community centers to be distributed as food. To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

Compost Demonstration site Maintenance at NYBG

Wednesday, October 30 • 9:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

Home Garden Center at the New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Help care for and beautify the compost demonstration site at NYBG! We will process and add material to the three-bin system, maintain the compost tumblers, sift and pack finished compost, weed, add mulch to the site, and more. Other garden tasks may be included. All are welcome! To register, send us an email at compost@nybg.org

SAVE THE DATE: Pumpkin Smash 2024

Wednesday, November 6 • 12–4 p.m.

Lehman College • 250 Bedford Park Blvd

Don't let those Halloween pumpkins go to waste! Bring your Pumpkins, Jack-o-Lanterns, and Gourds for a smashing good time! Lehman College turns your old squash into compost, which will be used to revitalize the soils in City parks, community gardens, and other green spaces. If you don't have your own pumpkin, we will be happy to provide one for you.



NYBG Herbarium + Community Gardens Initiative.

NYBG Herbarium + Community Gardens Initiative's collaborates with gardeners and other community members to support community-led dialogues and organizing around local ethnobotanical research, preservation, and knowledge sharing. The Initiative meets twice a month online, holds events in community spaces, and sends a monthly newsletter.

Regiven Environmental Project Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 19 • 1–5 p.m.

William B. Washington • 321 W 126 Street, Manhattan

Join us for the Regiven Environmental Project Harvest Festival, a mid-fall celebration of local environmental justice, composting, and collective artmaking. Enjoy a compost demonstration, guided garden tour, collaborative mural creation, and connect with community care organizations through engaging discussions and activities. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. To read more about the event and register click [here](#).

Meg's Garden Tea Festival

Saturday, October 26 • 11 a.m.– 3 p.m.

James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center • At the corner of Goulden Ave, Sedgwick Ave, and W. Mosholu Parkway South

Join us for Meg's Garden Tea Festival at the JBOLC Farmers Market, a mid-fall celebration of local wild plant ecologies. In collaboration with NYBG Herbarium + Community Initiative and Einstein School of Medicine, the event will feature opportunities to learn about medicinal and herbal plants, their benefits, and the importance of biodiversity, all set in a garden filled with music and ceremony. Engage in dialogue about the relationship between people and plants and their role in community. To read more about the event, click [here](#).

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Follow us on Instagram!

We're excited to announce our brand-new Instagram account, [@bronxgreenup](https://www.instagram.com/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!



Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project

Launched in 2021, the Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project exists to preserve the food histories and life experiences of long-time community gardeners and urban farmers across the borough. Listen to the interviews and learn more at:

www.nybg.org/learn/humanities-institute/bronx-foodways-oral-histories-project

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