

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

December 2024

Urban Jungle 101: Master Houseplant Care

Saturday, December 14 • 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. New York Botanical Garden • Watson Classroom 315

Are you a houseplant enthusiast or dreaming of starting an apartment garden but unsure where to begin? This workshop is perfect for you! Discover the native climates of popular houseplants and how they influence care essentials like soil type, light requirements, watering techniques, and proper fertilization. We'll highlight plants that thrive in city apartments and explore basic propagation methods to expand your greenery. Have a plant that's not thriving? Bring it along, and we'll discuss tips to help it flourish! Registration required.



Mushroom Log Inoculation Workshop

Sunday, December 15 • 11 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Padre Plaza Community Garden • 281-283 St. Ann's Avenue



Dive into the fascinating world of fungi! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the essentials of mushroom cultivation, including the life cycle and ecological roles of fungi, how to select wood and prepare logs, techniques for spawn handling, inoculation, and sealing, and best practices for log storage and care. Join us to gain the skills you need to grow your own mushrooms at home! To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

Annual Award Ceremony & Private Train Show Viewing

Thursday, December 19 • 6–8:00 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join us in celebrating another fantastic year with Bronx Green-Up! This special evening honors our collective achievements, fosters community connections, and recognizes those who completed our certification programs this year.

Enjoy light refreshments as you mingle with fellow gardeners, explore a virtual showcase of this year's accomplishments, and learn how to get involved next year. The evening will culminate in an inspiring awards ceremony, followed by an exclusive treat: complimentary tickets to a private viewing of the NYBG Holiday Train Show—just for our guests! We can't wait to see you there Capacity is limited, please register here by December 12.



Bronx Green-Up Pruning Certificate

Are you ready to enhance your gardening skills and transform your garden into a healthy, thriving space? The Bronx Green-Up Pruning Certificate course is designed to teach participants the art of proper pruning techniques for small trees and shrubs, with a special focus on fruit-bearing trees. This hands-on course is perfect for anyone looking to keep their garden vibrant

and flourishing. To get certified, you must:

- Attend four virtual classes on Thursday evenings: January 23 & 30, February 6 & 13
- Join five in-person lessons at community gardens:
- Complete six hours of pruning practice at a Bronx Green-Up community garden (dates and times to be announced).

Application Deadline: January 9, 2025

*Priority enrollment is given to Bronx community gardeners, but all are welcome to apply if space permits.

<https://www.nybg.org/event/bronx-green-up-pruning-certificate-course-2024/>

Bronx Green-Up, the community gardening outreach program of the New York Botanical Garden, provides horticultural advice, technical assistance, and training to community gardeners, school groups, and other organizations interested in improving urban neighborhoods through greening projects. Please visit [nybg.org/bronxgreenup](https://www.nybg.org/bronxgreenup) for more information. To sign up for our mailing list or e-list, send your contact information to bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Volunteer Opportunities in December



Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm

Fridays, December 6 & 13 • 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

Garden Prep Project at Rivers Run Community Garden

Tuesday, December 10 • 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Rivers Run Community Garden – 675 Co-Op City Boulevard

Bundle up and join us for a morning of teamwork and fresh air at Rivers Run Community Garden! Together, we'll prepare for the upcoming growing season by painting garden bed frames and securing enclosures with hardware cloth. Let's get the garden ready for another fruitful season! All are welcome. To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

Holiday Award Ceremony Prep

Tuesday, December 17 • 10 a.m.–1p.m.

New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join us for a festive volunteer opportunity to help prepare for our Holiday Award Ceremony! Bring your creativity and enthusiasm as we decorate wreaths for the raffle, pack gifts for certificate awardees, add the final touches to this special year-end celebration. Let's make this event truly memorable for our community. We'll have tea and cookies! To register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org

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

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!



Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project

Bronx Foodways: Stories of Growth and Community



As a valuable social and historical resource for students and the wider community, the Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project continues to expand and evolve. Discover the inspiring story of **Karen Washington**—a trailblazer in urban gardening. As the cofounder of the very first Bronx Green-Up garden, a member of the NYBG board, and co-owner of Rise & Root Farm in Chester, New York, Karen's journey highlights her incredible contributions to food justice and community building.

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