
Archiving of Community Garden Materials and Records

Thursday, February 6 • 6–8 p.m.

Online

Looking for practical, cost-effective solutions for maintaining your garden's history and materials? Join NYBG's Reference Archivist, Ashley Aberg, for a hands-on workshop designed to help you develop practical, budget-friendly strategies for archiving and stewarding your garden's materials and records.



Unlike traditional archives that separate materials from their creators, community archives keep knowledge and resources within the community. This ensures your garden's unique history is preserved and shared on your terms. Whether you're part of a garden or a community organization, you'll learn accessible techniques to safeguard important documents and resources without overextending your budget.

This 35-minute session will be followed by a Q&A to address your specific questions and challenges.

<https://www.nybg.org/event/community-archiving-of-garden-materials-and-records-workshop/>



Bronx Parks Speak Up

*Saturday, February 22 • 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Dining Room, Music Building*

Please stop by our table at Bronx Parks Speak Up! We'll share information about Bronx Green-Up's programming, upcoming events and more! There will be an opportunity to network and attend a panel discussion. The BPSP event advocates and organizes for all parks in the Bronx. To register, go to <https://www.bronxspeakup.org/>

Systems, Tools, and Scales Workshop

Wednesday, February 5 • 2–4 p.m.

Online

What are the different scales of compost collection and processing systems? What are the basic tools and forms of personal protection often used at composting sites? Learn about the pros and cons of different compost systems, as well as examples of how these systems currently exist in New York City. This workshop is one of six in the Citywide Master Composter Certificate Course.

Compost Advocacy & Community Building Workshop

Thursday, February 27 • 6–8 p.m.

Online

What is the current landscape of citywide compost advocacy, and how can you get involved? What techniques can we use to build compost awareness, engagement, and collective power? Learn how to engage your community in composting! This workshop is one of six in the Citywide Master Composter Certificate Course.

<https://nyccompostnetwork.org/mc-registration>



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2025: Climate Change and The Bronx
Tuesday, February 25th, 6 –7:30p.m.
Online

Join Horticulturists and Naturalists Jason Bonet and Bernie Conway as they break down the basics of what Climate Change is and how it relates to the changing Bronx environment. Learn about natural archives, current climate data and how the Bronx environment is being specifically impacted. This workshop is a great foundation for the rest of the series, which

focuses on our changing climate. To register, go to

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/1fWAXkShRtSfaNIJnjdHCQ#/registration>

NYBG + Community Open House

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. –1 p.m.

The Lu Esther T Mertz Library at NYBG • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join NYBG's Herbarium + Community Gardens Initiative for our Community Open House. This event will feature a guided tour of the William & Lynda Steere Herbarium and talks from NYBG staff members Lucas Mertekihian (Director, Humanities Institute), Zoë Arcidiacono (Outreach & Education Coordinator, Bronx Green Up), Brooke Lorenzetti (Garden Manager, Edible Academy), Ashley Aberg (Reference Archivist, LuEsther T. Mertz Library), and Kenneth Walker (Biocultural Diversity Collections Project Manager, William & Lynda Steere Herbarium). This is a great opportunity to learn about valuable resources available at NYBG, connect with staff, and meet fellow community members. This event is funded in part by the Humanities of NY Action Grant through the Herbarium + Community Initiative, an interdisciplinary collaboration between community members and the NYBG Herbarium, Humanities Institute, and Bronx Green-Up. Light food and refreshments will be provided. To register, go here



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Volunteer Opportunities in February

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



Garden Tool Care Workshop & Worm Bin TLC

Wednesday, February 12 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join us for a morning of caring for the tools and worms that take care of us! Join the Bronx Green-Up team for an interactive morning focused on the care and maintenance of garden tools and vermicompost bins. Together, we'll clean, sharpen, repair, and restore our tools to

ensure they last longer and work more efficiently, helping us better serve our community. At the same time, you can help make compost inside by caring for the worms in our vermicompost bin. You will gain hands-on knowledge on how to care for red wiggler worms as they turn food scraps into compost. For more information and to sign up, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 • 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.

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!



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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 Abu Talib's story of perseverance, abundance, and legacy. At 90 years old he still farms a few blocks from Yankee Stadium at Taqwa Community Farm to learn more, watch here

<https://www.nybg.org/education/humanities-institute/bronx-foodways-oral-histories-project/bronx-foodways-oral-histories-project-2021->

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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