

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

March 2025

Compost Café

Wednesday, March 5 | 12 to 1 p.m.

Virtual Event

Have you ever wondered how microscopic life in compost impacts and benefits how our gardens grow? In this month's Compost Café, we'll talk about it! **Plant biologist, Sebastiano Nigris** from the University of Padova in Italy, and now at CUNY, will speak about how microbes interact with plants to improve their health, the importance of soil biodiversity, and urban microbiota. To register, email compost@nybg.org



Grow Your Garden: Planting & Transplanting Seedlings

Tuesday, March 11 • 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Garden of Eden • 1686 Weeks Ave, Bronx

Join our workshop to learn how to grow a healthy garden! You'll gain hands-on experience by transplanting seedlings using seed trays and soil. We will cover how many seeds to plant in each cell, transplanting seedlings into raised beds, planning a raised bed with compatible plants, and the basics of crop rotation for healthier soil and better harvests. You'll leave with practical tools

and confidence to successfully grow vegetables, herbs, or flowers.

This workshop is hosted in partnership with NYC Parks GreenThumb.

To register, go to <https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2025/03/11/grow-your-garden-planting-transplanting-seedlings>

Crazy for Composting

Mini- Conference

Saturday, March 15 • 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern
Boulevard, Bronx

Join us for this mini-compost conference to celebrating the cities next generation of compost leaders. This year theme is Inspiring Youth to Learn and Lead Through Composting. We'll be highlighting the organizations that are composting with NYC youth. Enjoy presentations, a panel discussion, compost workshops, and network with other compost enthusiasts. Connect with environmental organizations offering educational, technical, and grant resources. Learn from and elevate the voices of community composters in NYC who are diverting organic waste from landfills, revitalizing our soils to grow food, building resilient communities, and promoting environmental justice.



To register, go to <https://www.nybg.org/event/crazy-for-composting/>

Bronx River Assembly

Thursday, March 20
3 to 5 p.m. | Watershed Planning
5:30 to 8 p.m. | Community Networking
New York Botanical Garden |
2950 Southern Boulevard

As part of NYBG's Bronx River Watershed Health and Resilience Program, we will host the **Bronx River Assembly** in collaboration with our partners from the **Bronx River**

Alliance. The event will include an afternoon and evening session open to all organizations and community members interested in sharing, aligning, and collaborating in service of the Bronx River and its communities.



To register, go to <https://bronxriver.org/event/the-bronx-river-assembly>

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 for more information. To sign up for our mailing list or e-list, send your contact information to bronxgreenup@nybg.org.



Eco Gardening Certificate Course

In this certificate course, we'll explore how our garden spaces are deeply connected to the local ecology through five virtual, interactive two-hour modules, complemented by eight hands-on hours. Together, we'll journey through time, examining historical Bronx landscape maps, analyzing the impact of climate change on the borough, and discovering the diverse plants and animals that call the Bronx home. We'll also dive into strategies for conserving and protecting our local waterways.

This workshop is designed to equip individuals and communities with the knowledge and tools to explore, protect, and nurture their local ecosystems—whether in community gardens, urban farms, or other green spaces.

Required for Certification:

- Attend 5 virtual classes (April 10, 24; May 1, 8, 15 | 6 to 8 p.m.)
- 8 hands-on activity hours
- Completion of Action Plan Project

Priority will be given to Bronx community gardeners, but others are welcome if space allows. **Registration is required by March 21, 2025.** To register, go to **Eco-Gardening Certificate Course | New York Botanical Garden**



Orchid Show Tour & Seed Giveaway

Thursday, March 27 • 4:30 to 6 p.m.
New York Botanical Garden • Haupt Conservatory

Join Bronx Green-Up for NYBG's annual *Orchid Show* and kick off the growing season with a special seed giveaway—one set per Bronx community garden! Registered participants will enjoy a free guided tour of *The Orchid Show: Mexican Modernism* and

have the opportunity to select seeds for their garden. Don't miss this chance to explore stunning orchids and gather essentials for your community garden.

To register, go to <https://www.nybg.org/event/tos-tour-seed-giveaway/>

Volunteer Opportunities in March

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.

Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Karol's Community Farm • Across from 2238 Lacombe Ave, 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.



NYBG Compost Demo Area Maintenance

Wednesdays, March 12 & March 16 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

NYBG's Home Gardening Center • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join us at The New York Botanical Garden for a rewarding day of hands-on work in our Compost demo area! This is where visitors come to learn about composting and explore a variety of composting systems in action. Your help us get the compost area ready for spring!

Waking up the Farm at La Finca del Sur

Saturday, March 22 & Sunday, March 23 | 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

La Finca Del Sur | 138th Street & Grand Concourse

Connect with the land, meet like-minded people, and be part of something special! La Finca Del Sur invites you to come to help us get the farm ready for spring! Enjoy learning farm skills, get moving, and support the work of our South Bronx Community Farm. To register, go to <https://www.instagram.com/lafincadelsurbx/>

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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, 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>