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# Chicago's Greening Quarterly

A publication  
for Chicago's  
Greening Community

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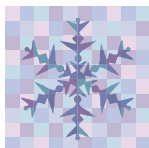
Future of Mini Grants

POLLS STILL OPEN FOR 2009  
ONE SEED CHICAGO

Attention Chicago Community Greeners:  
Check out the 2009 Calendar of Events!

SAVE THE DATE – GREEN & GROWING FAIR 4-25-09

## January



10 (Jan. 10—Mar. 21) 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Garden Design Workshop: Preparing plants for an exhibit at Flower and Garden Show. Wicker Park and GPC, Reservations-NO charge, For more info: 773-278-9075, <wpgarden@aol.com>

12 Lecture—One Drop at the Time-sustainable water practices, by Marcus de la Fleur. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wicker Park Field House. Reservations \$8. Contact above.

13 Chicago/Cook Co. Master Gardener Training - U of I Extension volunteer certification program - Tuesdays (Jan. 13—April 9): 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at GPC. \$250 fee. Contact Sue Gasper <smgasper@illinois.edu> or 773-233-0476.

28 Green Teacher Network (GTN) Workshop II - 4 - 7 p.m. - GPC. For more info: Jaime at 312-863-6256.

31 Building Urban Gardens (BUGS) Classes begin Saturdays (Jan 31 - Mar. 28). A survey course in organic gardening for city gardeners. 9:30 - 12 noon at GPC. \$100 non-members, \$80 for members! Graduate education credit available from Aurora University. Contact Julie at <jsamuels@openlands.org> or 312-863-6256.

## February

2 Lecture—First Practical Steps to Greening Your Home and Garden, by Julie Siegel. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wicker Park Field House. Reservations \$8. Contact 773-278-9075, <wpgarden@aol.com>

7 Seed Starting Basics, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Kilbourn Organic Greenhouse—3501 N. Kilbourn. \$20 Fee. Contact Kirsten at 773-685-3359.

7, 14, & 21 Sweet Saturdays, brought to you by Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance: 11a.m. - 4 p.m. Come sample the facts, the flavors, and the fun of the Conservatory's most tantalizing tropical treats. Hands-on activities too. All ages. \$2 per person suggested donation. Contact Robin at 773-638-1766 ext.18

25 GreenNet Member Retreat 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Edgebrook Forest Preserve Center - 6100 N. Central. MEMBERS ONLY

\*\*\* REMINDER: Be sure to submit your GreenNet Mini Grant application by mid-March Deadline. Details will be posted soon at <greenetchicago.org>



## March

6 Chicago GreenCorps SEED Distribution Registration Deadline\*. Contact 312-744-8691 or <greencorps@cityofchicago.org>

7 Openlands TreeKeepers Classes, Saturdays: (Mar. 7 - April 18) 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave. Fee \$80. Graduate education credit available from Aurora University. Contact: Glenda 312-863-6256.

7-15 Chicago Flower and Garden Show, M - Sat. 10 - 8 p.m., Sun. 10 - 6 p.m. Navy Pier \$12 weekdays and \$14 weekends.

14 Chicago GreenCorps SEED Distribution Day. Contact above.

18 Green Teacher Network Workshop III 4 - 7 p.m. Yates Elementary School. For more info contact: Jaime at <JZaplatosch@openlands.org> or 312-863-6256.

28 Seed & Plant Propagation Workshop 10 a.m. - 12 noon, by Wicker Park Garden Club members. Reservation \$15 - location given upon registration. Contact 773-278-9075, <wpgarden@aol.com>

\*NOTE: All gardens must be certified with GreenCorps Chicago prior to registration for distribution events. Call 312-744-8691 for more info.

## April

6 Lecture—Shade Garden Design, by Carolyn Ulrich. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wicker Park Field House. Reservations \$8. Contact: 773-278-9075, <wpgarden@aol.com>



18 Sharpen Your Garden Tools Workshop, by Wicker Park Garden Club. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Reservations \$15. Location given upon reservation. Contact: 773-278-9075, <wpgarden@aol.com>

25 17th Annual Green and Growing Fair 10am-3pm GreenNet's annual urban gardening festival at the Garfield Park Conservatory. FREE

25 Green Teacher Network Workshop IV - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Garfield Park Conservatory Contact Jaime for more info: 312-863-6256.

\*\* Master Gardeners will be giving tours at the Museum of Science and Industry—Smart Home: Green + Wired Exhibit beginning in April through this fall. Guided tours of vegetable garden and native landscapes are included with the Smart Home tour.

## May

2 - 3 Wicker Park Basics of Container Planting Workshops: Learn new and exciting container ideas for all seasons. 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Wicker Park—1425 N. Damen. Good weather—outside the field house, poor weather—gym. Reservations: \$15. Contact: 773-278-9075, <wpgarden@aol.com>

2 - 3 Central States Dahlia Society Sale. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Chicago Botanic Garden-Regenstein Center. Call 847-835-5440.

8 Chicago GreenCorps VEGETABLE Distribution Registration Deadline\*. For more details contact 312-744-8691 or <greencorps@cityofchicago.org>

16 Chicago GreenCorps VEGETABLE Distribution Day.

16-17 Chicago Green Festival, Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sun. 11 - 6 p.m. Navy Pier. \$15 Fest Pass More info at <Greenfestivals.org>

16-17 Kilbourn Park's Annual Organic Plant Sale 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 3501 N. Kilbourn

30- 31 Northern IL. Hosta Society Show and Sale 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Chicago Botanic Garden-Regenstein Center.

31-June 2 Greening and Heartland Conference. COBO Center, Detroit, Michigan.

## June



3 - 4 Green Procurement Exposition and Conference, Navy Pier. \$245 Conference Fee.

5 UN World Environment Day United Nations (UN) stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action annually on this day.

7 National Trails Day National Trails Day is a celebration of trails to increase the awareness of community trails and help volunteer trail clubs.

19 Chicago GreenCorps ANNUAL Distribution Registration Deadline\*. For more details contact 312-744-8691 or <greencorps@cityofchicago.org>

21 Pilsen Community Market Opening Day. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open every Sunday through September 27.

27 Chicago GreenCorps ANNUAL Distribution Day. Contact above.

### Calendar Directory

Call to confirm time, location and fees associated with the programs!

<b>C3</b> – Chicago Conservations Corps	312-743-9283
<b>CBG</b> – Chicago Botanic Garden	847-835-5440
<b>CCGT</b> – Chgo Ctr. for Green Technology	312-746-4155
<b>CPD</b> – Chicago Park District	312-742-PLAY
<b>CW</b> – Chicago Wilderness Consortium	312-580-2137
<b>FOCR</b> – Friends of the Chicago River	312-939-0490
<b>FOTP</b> – Friends of the Parks	312-857-2757
<b>GCC</b> – Greencorps Chicago	312-744-8691
<b>GH</b> – Growing Home	312-435-8601
<b>GPC</b> – Garfield Pk Conservatory	773-638-1766
<b>GN</b> – GreenNet	773-251-7515
<b>GTN</b> – Green Teacher Network	312-863-6270
<b>NPVNC</b> – North Pk Village Nature Center	773-744-5472
<b>OL</b> – Openlands	312-863-6256
<b>UIX</b> – University of Illinois Extension	773-233-0476
<b>WP</b> – Wicker Park Garden Club	773-278-9075

### NEWS

#### **2009 Member Retreat**

GreenNet is happy to announce that the 2009 Retreat will be hosted at the new Edgebrook Forest Preserve Volunteer Center. Hopefully you are all looking forward to this year's retreat to be held on February 26th. Lunch and refreshments will be provided courtesy of GreenNet. So sit back, relax and enjoy – you've earned it! Details will be forwarded to the member organizations email list.



#### **What lies ahead for GreenNet Mini-Grants?**

2009 may very well be the last year for Mini-Grants. GreenNet has reached its bounds with Prince Charitable Trusts. Prince has graciously supported GreenNet for over ten years. THANK YOU PRINCE!! This past year Prince announced that they could no longer support GreenNet. The major program that will be affected is Mini-Grants. GreenNet members will be doing their best to source funding for this program, but it is a challenge because members need to support their own organizations. GreenNet does not want to discourage community gardeners, so it is time to get creative and sustainable! Start saving your seeds, dividing your perennials and seeking salvaged materials. Also be sure to take advantage of GreenCorps Chicago distribution days.

#### **Chicago Examiner featuring Jaime Zaplatosch.....**

Chicago Examiner is an online news source (at least here in Chicago - in other cities they have print editions). The concept is having local specialist inform the public on what is going on around town. One of her recent post features a great study about how green cities benefit children. Her Examiner page (the Chicago Gardening Examiner) can be viewed at <<http://www.examiner.com/x-464-Chicago-Gardening-Examiner>>. You can subscribe to her page by emailing Jaime at <[JZaplatosch@openlands.org](mailto:JZaplatosch@openlands.org)>. Jaime is also open to topic suggestions.



### **What Is GREENNET?**

GREENNET is a coalition of non-profit organizations and public agencies committed to: sharing information and resources; serving as a clearinghouse for information about greening in Chicago; and to developing joint efforts to improve the quality, amount, use, and wide geographic distribution of sustainable, green open space in the City of Chicago. GREENNET is supported in part by Prince Charitable Trusts and by its members.

#### **2009 GreenNet Members**

Chicago Botanic Garden  
Chicago Park District Fourth Presbyterian Church  
Friends of the Parks  
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance  
Greencorps Chicago  
Kilbourn Organic Greenhouse  
Midwest Ecological Landscape Association  
NeighborSpace  
Openlands  
U of I Extension and Master Gardeners  
WRD Environmental

#### **Contributing Individuals**

Erin Duncan—Eco Broker & Realtor  
Lori Bortnick

### **BE SURE TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!**

#### UPDATES...

#### **One Seed Chicago: Vote now for the 2009 seed!**

The polls are still open for One Seed Chicago 2009. Polls close February 2, 2009. NeighborSpace has taken the lead on One Seed Chicago for 2009 and has developed a website that can be viewed at

<[www.oneseedchicago.com](http://www.oneseedchicago.com)>. Please visit this website to meet the candidates and cast your vote. Your choice of nominees include: bean, cucumber, eggplant and okra. If you have additional questions please contact Ben Helphand at <[bhelphand@neighbor-space.org](mailto:bhelphand@neighbor-space.org)>.

#### **GreenPages will be going electronic this year.**

Be sure to check the GreenNet homepage in February for the electronic version of GreenPages. The GreenPages are a guide to resources for community gardeners in and around Chicago. The Index of Services lists what urban gardeners need. From permits to trainings to compost, it's is there. Service Provider Descriptions give contact information and a brief description for each vendor or organization and note if those materials are provided through a government agency, a non-profit or a commercial company. To download your free copy visit: <[www.greennetchicago.org](http://www.greennetchicago.org)>. Call GreenNet at 773-251-7515 to report updates.

~Nancy Kreith—GN President

## July

11 21st Annual L.A.T.E. Ride. Chicago's only after-midnight bicycle ride. Sponsored by McDonald's in partnership with Friends of the Park. Learn more by call 800-334-1821.



25 - 26 Cactus and Succulent Society of Greater Chicago Show and Sale 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Chicago Botanic Garden. A show and sale of cactuses and succulents. A free children's educational program will be provided by Multidisciplinary Education for the Environment (ME4E).

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Check out a guided tour of Lurie Garden at Millennium Park—Downtown Chicago: 55 N. Michigan Ave. Call 312-742-5222 for more information. Tours every Sunday at 10 a.m., July—August.

## August

6 -9 30th Annual American Community Gardening Association Annual Conference. Franklin Park Conservatory-Columbus, Ohio. Details to follow at <[www.communitygarden.org](http://www.communitygarden.org)>

7 - 9 Green Street at Lollapalooza Music Festival. Grant Park—Downtown Chicago. Lollapalooza-Green St. vendors will be selling and demonstrating a wide variety of green and local products. Must have a festival ticket to visit Green St. To learn more about the fest's green efforts visit: <[www.lollapalooza.com/greenlolla/green-street.htm](http://www.lollapalooza.com/greenlolla/green-street.htm)>

8 - 9 Gardeners of the North Shore Show. Aug. 8, 12 - 4:30 p.m., Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Chicago Botanic Gardens. Annual show, which includes a judged exhibition with more than 500 entries of anything a home gardener can grow, including flowers, vegetables, herbs, and houseplants.

18- 20 Independent Garden Center Show. Aug. 18: 2 - 6 p.m., Aug. 19: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 20 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Navy Pier. Visit <[www.igcshow.com](http://www.igcshow.com)> for more info.

## September

19 Annual County Fair. 11 - 3 p.m. Garfield Park Conservatory. Harvest competition, live demos and children's activities. Be sure to bring your One Seed Chicago plant entry-FREE seeds at <[www.oneseedchicago.com](http://www.oneseedchicago.com)>. FREE event. Learn more at <[www.garfield-conservatory.org](http://www.garfield-conservatory.org)>

19 Great Perennial Divide Drop-Off. For more details contact 312-744-8691 or <[greencorps@cityofchicago.org](mailto:greencorps@cityofchicago.org)>

26 Great Perennial Divide Pick Up. Various location. Contact above for more info.

26 National Public Lands Day. The nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. Stewardship events throughout region. <[Publiclandsday.org](http://Publiclandsday.org)>

27 Pilsen Community Market Closing Day. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## October

3 - 4 Harvest Festival and Bulb Bazaar, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Chicago Botanic Garden. Fresh fruit and vegetable market and bulb sale.

3, 10,17 U of I Extension Master Composter Training Location TBD. 9 - 3 p.m. Learn the basics of indoor and outdoor composting. 30 volunteer hours of service required upon completion of training. \$75 Fee. Contact Nancy at <[nkreith@gmail.com](mailto:nkreith@gmail.com)> or 773-233-0476.

16 Chicago GreenCorps BULBS Distribution Registration Deadline\* For more details contact 312-744-8691 or <[greencorps@cityofchicago.org](mailto:greencorps@cityofchicago.org)>

24 Chicago GreenCorps VEGETABLE Distribution Day. Contact above.



## November

Look forward to these November Events. Dates to be determined...



Mayor Daley's Landscape Awards Ceremony - Garfield Park Conservatory - 300 N. Central Park

GreenNet Annual Community Greener Potluck & Awards Ceremony - Garfield Park Conservatory

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\*\*\*\*Natural Area Restoration Workdays Saturdays & Sundays nearly year-round, volunteer stewardship groups hold workdays all over Chicago in Forest Preserve District & Chicago Park District woodlands & prairies. New volunteers are always welcome & fall is a great time to start! Find a site near you at <[www.fpdccvolunteers.org](http://www.fpdccvolunteers.org)> or <[ChicagoParkDistrict.com](http://ChicagoParkDistrict.com)>.

## December

Upcoming events and reminders for December...

Winter Solstice Celebration. North Park Village Nature Center - 5801 N. Pulaski. Call 773-744-5472 for date and more information.

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\*\*\*\*Start putting together your grant reports for Friends of the Park's Seed Grants and begin planning for other 2010 grant deadlines!

\*\*\*\*Get things in order for upcoming University of Illinois Extension—Master Gardener Training and Openlands-BUGS classes.

