

Events in the Gardens

The gardens have provided a wealth of summer events including the Harlem Mulberry Festival, the Mott Haven Summer Festival, and the NYC Gardens Festival. A Rally was held on July 19th in support of Jardin de la 10 and the Mendez Mural Garden, which are scheduled to be destroyed September 30, 1997. The event was attended by Mayoral Candidates Sal Albanese and Rev. Al Sharpton; Manhattan Borough President Candidates Deborah Glick and Adam Clayton Powell 4th; and City Council candidates Margarita Lopez and Kathryn Freed, as well as over 100 supporters. On Saturday, August 2nd, the Community Unity March, attended by several hundred, again drew support for the Mendez Mural Garden, Jardin de la 10, and received coverage in the New York Times on Sunday, August 3rd.

On Thursday, July 29th, gardeners, supporters and members of the NYC Coalition, and greening organizations gathered at City Hall for a hearing on Community Gardens for the Subcommittee on the Private Use of Public Space. As members from the Administration's Operation Greenthumb and Housing Preservation and Development failed to attend, the hearing will continue on Thursday, August 21st. The four hour hearing was broadcast July 29th and 30th on Cable Television, Crosswalks. Gardeners and supporters are encouraged to testify on August 21st.

Garden Calendar

EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
Call for updated information (212) 777-7969.

August 15, 5 pm

Garden Blessing at Jardin de la 10 (10th Street between Aves B & C) For additional events including the Revival of Latino Cine film screenings call (212) 505-3246. Garden is scheduled to be destroyed on September 30, 1997. Come enjoy the garden and show your support.

August 15 & 22, 7pm

Poetry Reading Series at the Mendez Mural Garden (East 11th Street between Aves A & B). Garden is scheduled to be destroyed on September 30, 1997. Come enjoy the garden and show your support.

August 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31, 5-8pm

Readings by the Actor's Studio at La Plaza Cultural (SW corner of 9th Street & Avenue C).

August 21, 1pm

Community Gardens Hearing: Subcommittee on the Private Use of Public Space. City Hall, Committee Room, 2nd flr. Testify on behalf of community gardens. For more info call the NYC Coalition at 212-777-7969.

August 21, 9pm & August 23, 7pm

Dominican Festival at the 6th Street & Avenue B Garden (SW corner) Slide show on August 21st. Workshop on music and dance of the Dominican Republic on August 23rd.

August 30, 2 - 10 pm.

Chico Mendez Celebration to Save the Garden at the Mendez Mural Garden (East 11th Street between Aves A & B) politicians, music, film.

August 31, 8pm.

Gardens Real and Imagined at the 6th Street & Avenue B Garden (SW corner) An international festival of storytelling and music.

August 30th, 31st, and Sept 6th, 7th

Renaissance Festival at La Plaza Cultural (SW corner of 9th Street & Avenue C) Shakespearean-style performances, 2-4pm.

Sept 3, 4, 5, & 6, 8-10 pm

TheaterCo at La Plaza Cultural (SW corner of 9th Street & Avenue C)

September 7th, 2pm

Children's Day festivities.

George W. Brown Memorial Garden, 122nd Street and 8th Avenue (NW corner) Info: 212-662-2878.

September 10th, 7pm

NYC Coalition monthly meeting at 638 East Sixth Street, 3rd fl. Information call (212) 777-7969.

Thursday, September 25, 7pm

Rites of Spring Slide Show & Pot Luck Party

Featuring images from Earth Celebrations' *Rites of Spring: Procession to Save Our Gardens.*

Saturdays & Sundays, 1-3pm

Let the Gardens Live!

Lower East Side Endangered Gardens Walking Tours Reservations-Info-Group tours: 212-533-3841. Adults \$10- Kids free.

Join NYC Coalition for the Preservation of the Gardens

YES! I want to join the fight to save New York's community gardens.

Name

Address

City / State / Zip

Tel: (Day) (Evening)

Fax: E-mail:

Here's what I can do:

Make a donation: Voting Member \$5 Friend \$25 Donor \$50 Supporter \$100 Sponsor \$250 or more

(Make checks payable to Earth Celebrations, with note: "FOR NYC COALITION")

Enclosed is my check for \$ (All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.)

Volunteer to: Act as liaison for my community Work on phone bank Do computer work Work on the Newsletter Help with mailings

Attend rallies/events Assist Events Committee Assist Legal Committee Assist Research Committee Assist Outreach Committee

Assist Media/Press Committee Other (please specify)

My skills are: Computer graphics Word Processing/Database Writing Public Speaking Bilingual (what languages)

Photo/Video Other (please specify)

Detach this form and mail to: NYC Coalition for the Preservation of the Gardens, 638 East 6th Street, 3rd Floor New York NY 10009 or

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