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For Immediate Release:

**The HARLEM GREEN Community Garden EXPO- August 12-19, 2017**

**INFO: 212.662.2878**

The HARLEM GREEN Community Garden Tour, in existence for eleven years, has taken it to another level! This year, August 12-19, we are hosting the **HARLEM GREEN Community Garden EXPO!** Gardens in both East and West Harlem & Washington Heights will take part in the EXPO. A “Kick-off” is scheduled for Saturday, August 12—1-4 PM with Caribbean art & music, at the William H. Harris Garden, 153<sup>rd</sup> & St. Nicholas Ave. The final event will be a jazz concert with Marcus Steele & Friends at 5:30 PM in the Clayton Williams Community Garden, 126<sup>th</sup> & Frederick Douglass Blvd. There will also be walking/bike tours of the gardens on both Saturday, August 12, and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Jennie Benitez, master gardener and founder of “Jenny’s Garden” on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 138<sup>th</sup> St. will present a workshop on plant division. On Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Greenthumb will host a workshop, “Gardening Traditions,” with veteran urban farmer Willie Morgan at “Our Little Green Acre,” near the corner of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street & Frederick Douglass Blvd. Many gardens “in action”(as listed below) can be visited throughout the week.. Tourists will see the outstanding “Homage to Seurat: La Grande Jatte in Harlem,” the 1986 mural by Eva Cockcroft, a backdrop to the Hope Steven Garden at 142<sup>nd</sup> & Amsterdam, “VOICES,’ a beautiful & moving community youth mural project at Brotherhood-Sister Sol on West 143<sup>rd</sup> between Hamilton Pl. & Broadway, the diligent work of youths at Harlem Grown on 134<sup>th</sup> Street, and the amazing “Magie’s Magic Garden” on Lexington between 101<sup>st</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup>.. A field of wildflowers, the work of local artists, beautiful ponds, extraordinarily repurposed materials, feral cat colonies, fat productive chickens,grape arbors heavy with fruit, sumptuous vegetation, and much, much more await the visitor’s discovery.

Harlem’s gardeners have a long history of tilling the soil and being one with the earth. Haja Worley, an EXPO organizer said, “Our community gardens encourage us to live in a positive, optimistic way. They cultivate hope, self-sufficiency, and personal autonomy. Many bear the name of an unsung hero, a grassroots developer, who connected intimately with the earth and

its people. Each garden has an aura all its own, which brings life, beauty, and magic to the concrete jungle.”

Informational tabloids with map inserts will be available at gardens, community centers, Park Centers, & libraries. Call 212.662.2878 for further information. Sponsored by the Harlem Green Committee, Project Harmony, inc.; The William H. Harris Garden, The Clayton Williams Community Garden, with special thanks to Greenthumb (NYC Dept. Of Parks & Recreation, ); Partnerships for Parks, NYCCGC, The Green Guerillas, all Harlem gardens and gardeners.

## Gardens in Action/Jardines en Acción

Most gardens are open every day, but the gardens listed here will be active as noted.

**Diamante/Diamantis Garden:** 118<sup>th</sup> Street btw 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues: Open: Every day  
**Harlem Grown/Success Garden;** 118 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street btw. MalcolmX & AC Powell Blvds. Open: M-F: 8a-6p; S/S: 12p-5p.

**Jenny’s Garden/ Riverside Valley Community Garden:**138<sup>th</sup> Street/12<sup>th</sup> Ave.. Open: T/Th-10-1PM; WORKSHOP ON PLANT DIVISION WITH MASTER GARDENER JENNY BENITEZ  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 11:00 AM.

**Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial Garden: Please Join us on Thursday, the 17th!**  
219 West 122<sup>nd</sup> Street btw Powell & Douglass. Open: every day, 10-dusk.

**THURSDAYS ARE ESPECIALLY ACTIVE DAYS AT THE JD WILSON GARDEN:: FOOD PREP DEMOS & tasting:12-6PM;**

**STORY-TIME & ARTS & CRAFTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 10:30AM; PEOPLE’S MARKET- 11AM-7 PM;**

**CSA DISTRIBUTION –5-7:30PM**

**MAGGIE’S MAGIC GARDEN, Lexington Ave. btw 101 & 100 St. Open Daily.**

**CHENCHITA’S GARDEN, 111<sup>TH</sup> & MADISON: [www.meetup.com/chenchitasgarden](http://www.meetup.com/chenchitasgarden)**

## **WALKING/BIKE TOURS/ EXCURSIONES A PIE / BICICLETA**

### **SELF-GUIDED—FOLLOW THE MAP— OR JOIN A TOUR GROUP**

**Please Note: Your tour guides may take you to gardens that are mapped, although they may not be listed here. They are well worth seeing!!**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12: 10AM-4PM:**

**#1-West Harlem, Washington Heights: Tour Guide: Eren T. Gibson**

**Starting Point: Jenny’s Garden-138th &12th Ave.**

**Hope Steven-142nd & Amsterdam**

**Frank White/Brotherhood-Sister Sol: 143rd //Hamilton PI & Boadway**

Robert Clinkscales: 146<sup>th</sup> //7th & 8th  
Maggie's Garden: 149// Broadway & Amsterdam  
Morris-Jumel: West 162/Amsterdam  
Convent: 151st & Convent

**Harris Garden: 153rd/ St. Nicholas (music, art, Kick-Off Ceremony–  
4PM)**

**#2: EAST HARLEM : Tour Guide: Christine Johnson**

**Starting Point:**Pleasant Village Community Garden:Pleasant Avenue //118 & 119.  
Diamante/Diamantis Garden: 118th //1st & 2nd Aves.  
El Gallo Garden: corner 118th & Lexington.  
117th Street Garden,: 117 //Lexington & 3rd.  
Carver: 124th // 2nd & 3rd.  
Harlem Rose Garden founded by Carolyn Schaefer:  
4 East 129th Street // 5th & Madison.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH: 12-5PM**

**#1 EAST HARLEM—Tour Guide: Christine Johnson**

**Starting Point:**Maggie's Magic Garden, Lexington Ave. //101st & 100th  
Friendly Garden, 111th & Park  
Chenchita's Garden, 111th & Madison  
Rodale Pleasant Park: 437 East 114th St.  
Peaceful Valley Garden, 117th near Madison Ave

**#2a WEST/CENTRAL HARLEM: 1:00-5:00PM—Tour Guide: Eren T.**

**Gibson**

**Starting Point:** Electric Lady Bug Garden, 111th // Powell & Douglass  
Luigi's Garden, 227 West 115th //Powell & Douglass  
Garden of Love, 302 West 116th St. //Douglass Blvd. & Manhattan Ave.  
Luigi's Garden of Love, 227 West 115th Street //Douglass & Powell.  
Carrie McCracken/TRUCE Garden, 118th & St. Nicholas Ave.  
Five Star Garden, 252 West 121st Street // Ppowell & Douglass.  
Our Little Green Acre (in case you missed the workshop eatlier!) 122nd near  
corner of Douglass).  
PCB Wm. B. Washington Garden , 126TH NEAR St. Nichollas Ave.

Mandela Garden, 126th //Douglass & Powell.

Clayton Williams Garden 126th & Fred Douglass—Final Event, Jazz with Marcus Steele & Co. 5:30pm.

**#2b: Central/West Harlem: 1:00-5:00 PM—Tour Guide: Marouh Hussein**

**Starting Point:**Joseph Daniel Wilson Memorial Garden, 219 W. 122nd //Powell & Douglass.

New 123rd Street Garden, 123rd // Powell & Malcolm X

Rev. Linnette Williamson/Unity Park ,52 West 128th Street // 5th Ave. & MalcolmX Blvd.

132nd Street Garden,: 108-114 West 132nd // Powell & MalcolmX.

T/Th-10-1PM;

Margrichante/Swing Street Garden, 155-159 West 133rd Street // Powell & Blvd.

Harlem Grown/Success Garden 118 West 134th Street//Powell & Malcolm X Blvd.

**Clayton Williams Community Garden: 126th & Douglass,**  
**FINAL EVENT: JAZZ with Marcus Steele & Co. 5:30PM.**