

Jefferson Market Garden Newsletter

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You are invited to....

Free Classical Guitar Music

SummerMusic in the Garden
by our Music Man **Eric
Oxendine** on Wednesdays and
Saturdays, 4:30-6:00 pm
weather permitting & when no
events are scheduled.

Free Children's Harvest Festival

Entertainment, Crafts and Fun!
October 20th, 11 am - 2 pm

Adopt-a-Pot

Marianne Yoors and fellow
Greenwich House Potters will
donate Greenwich House
Potters will donate some of
their work for your adoption. A

Where did the SPRING go? 97° F in the shade
from March 14th through March 19th made us open
the Garden on the earliest date in its history.

People were lined up at the gate to come in, so on the
19th we mustered our great **Gate Volunteers**, headed
by **Kacie Carl** to invite them in and to keep the garden
open from that date on.



On average, we experience 70
days of temperatures below
freezing during the winter. This
winter, we had only 7 days below
freezing setting the stage for a
most challenging spring and
summer for our garden. The trees
and plants never had the
opportunity to quiet down during
the winter which essentially
weakened them. Much of the insect population (both
beneficial and harmful) made it through to the
spring.

Additionally, an unexpected heat wave forced all of
the flowering trees into bloom. Five days after
blooming, we had a cold snap accompanied with wind
in which we lost all of the blooms on our magnolias
and flowering shrubs. The upside was that our lawn

Saturday in October to be announced

Visit our [Website](#)

See photos of recent events, dates of events to come, our new [Bloom Guide](#) and more.

Book a Wedding

For a special Garden Wedding, contact our booking department vgpnyc@gmail.com

Donate

Donations in all amounts are welcome. Each one matters. Contribute via PayPal OR send your tax-deductible contribution to: Jefferson Market Garden, 70A Greenwich Ave., PMB 372, New York, NY 10011.



Quick Links



was strewn with beautiful petals evoking the feeling of a botanical confetti celebration. During the early wet weather, warm and then cold spring, mold, mildew and soil borne pathogens took hold. Weeds that had never been seen in our green space had established a foothold. Plant material failed to thrive and a second spring planting took place. In fact, multiple plantings have occurred this year. Not only does this take an exorbitant amount of time, but additional finances. **Susan Sipos**, our Horticulturist and Designer and her **Monday Team of Garden Volunteers**, have worked relentlessly to maintain the highest horticultural standards and a visual experience that is uniquely ours.

We appreciate the talent and service of Horticulturist Susan Sipos and our Volunteer Gardeners under her direction, who are working diligently to keep the Garden healthy and looking its very best.

It seems that Spring flew by at jet-plane speed.

**Remembering our
SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS**

We had our annual **May Children's Festival of Flowers**, which brought real joy to Village kids. **Dave Goldberg "The Worm Guy"** mesmerized everyone with his show & tell about how worms and kids of all ages can save Mother Earth. Each kid went home with a bag of "culture" for the family plants.

Thanks to **Frank Collierius** and the **Jefferson Market Library** for providing storytelling entertainment. And congratulations to the Library for its great look after complete restoration!



Yellowwood Tree in Bloom



Dave "The Worm Guy"



Jefferson Market Library

Thanks also to **Julie Averill** and her **Kids at Work** for providing music for dancing and instruments to play.

A big **Thank You** goes to **Christine Gros** who planned and ran the event with the help of **Laurie Moody**, JMG Volunteers, **Celines Lebron** and the **NYC Law Enforcement Explorers**, Post 2206, at the 6th Precinct. The Festival gets better every year.

Friends Garden Party



On June 18th, an evening of perfect weather in a garden that was picture perfect, we held our **Annual Friends Garden Party**. We had the largest attendance we ever had, which shows the number of our Friends is growing.

Rosemary's, a newly opened Italian-themed **Enoteca & Trattoria** across from the Garden on the corner of Greenwich Avenue and 10th Street, provided delicious hors d'oeuvres. Their staff greeted our Friends with Prosecco at the gate while the owner himself, **Carlos Suarez**, oversaw the food service. Rosemary's has a green roof-garden where Carlos uses his green thumb to grow fresh vegetables and herbs. He loves having our Garden in his front yard.

Thanks to **Soojin Chae** of **The Village Vintner**, 448 6th Avenue, for his contribution of a case of white wine and **Golden Rule Wine and Liquor**, 457 Hudson Street, for a contribution of a case of red



Kids at Work



Christine Gros
NYC Law Enforcement
Explorers



George Paulos & Kirsti Bambridge



Rosemary's
Enoteca & Trattoria

wine.

Also special thanks to the **12th Street Woodwinds** that, for the fifth year, provided beautiful soft music throughout the evening.

Weddings

We have had an increase in the number of Weddings this year as the Garden has slowly become a hotspot for weddings. One of the recent brides wrote us to say, "The Garden is so lovely and intimate and the volunteer staff make you feel welcome and cared for."

If you know anyone who is planning a wedding, do mention the garden as a great site. Our Website www.jeffersonmarketgarden.org offers guidelines to help schedule that special day with our own Virginia Giordano, vgpnyc@gmail.com, who will provide guidance through the process.

Looking Forward

The internationally celebrated artist and potter **Marianne Yoors** conceived one great event to benefit the Garden that was a huge success last October and will be repeated on a Saturday this October. She and fellow Greenwich House potters will donate pots, vases, small plates and small garden sculptures that you may adopt for a donation to the Garden. Marianne says this **Adopt-a-Pot** event is her way of giving back since much of her own work has been inspired by the Garden's leaves and ferns. Do not miss this opportunity to acquire a unique piece of garden art and to support the Garden. Watch for the exact date on our Website or on Facebook.



Hors d'oeuvres



The 12th Street Woodwinds



Adopt-a-Pot

Photographs by

Maggie Berkvist
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Laurie Moody

Our Green Leaf

Over the past few years, Horticulturist **Susan Sipos** has steadily strengthened sustainability practices and is continuing to do so. All products used in the Garden are organic or natural! Our feeding program utilizes compost teas and organic microbes for our trees, many of which are stressed by age. Unfortunately, 2 unstable trees need to be removed this year. This is never a decision that is made lightly. Your support to our **Tree Fund** will not only help with the replacement of our trees, but also continue our tree care program.

We continue to do ongoing composting. Most plant and wood waste is composted and reintroduced to the Garden! In addition, we purchased a new electric-powered mower this year to reduce our carbon footprint. When the spring flowering bulbs are lifted following bloom, we make them available to community members to plant on their own gardens. Recycling at its best!

Thanks to Volunteers and Friends

Lastly, a special thanks to all our **Volunteers** that keep the Garden Programs operating and the Garden looking so beautiful even under the hash conditions of this summer season.

The Garden treasures all its **Friends**. Thank you for your support!

George Paulos

Chairman, The Jefferson Market Garden

Barbara Sievert



Village Committee for the Jefferson Market Area
Our latest annual report may be obtained, upon request, from the Office of the
Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

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