



Jefferson Market Garden News

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*Follow your nose, Water your plants, Love
your roses, All else is the shade Of alien
wildwood.*

--Fernando Pessoa 1888-1935
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NINETY-TWO IN THE SHADE. Summer 2011 has been a tough act, hard on humans and horticulture. As we observe petals and leaves dry and curl, we appreciate the yeoman service of Horticulturist **Susan Sipos and our volunteer gardeners**, who are all doing their level best to keep the Garden looking as pretty and fresh as they can.

It seems as if Spring sped by in a roadster. Glimpses of daffodils and tulips. Flashes of allium. A peony. Was that a rose? Round the curve, lickety-split. When did we give this sultry summer the green light? Thank goodness for the hollyhocks, hosta, hydrangea and rudbeckia—black-eyed Susans to thee and me, friends—which will be around in glorious clumps through Summer, fingers crossed.

REMEMBRANCE OF SPRINGS PAST. We do remember there was a perfectly swell **Children's Festival of Flowers** in May, which brought real joy to Village kids. A great big fat thank you for the whole shebang to **Mary Giannusa, Christine Gros, Laurie Moody, the JMG Volunteers and David Goldberg.** "Dave the Worm Guy" mesmerized everyone with show-and-tell about how worms and kids of all ages can save Mother Earth. Each kid went home to Mom with a plastic bag of "worm doody" for the family plants.

Thanks, too, to **Frank Collierius** and the **Jefferson Market Library**; Officer **Celines Lebron** and the **NYC Law Enforcement Explorers**, Post 2206, at the Sixth Precinct; and **Julie Averill** of **Kids at Work**. (Julie's own "kid," a beautiful baby boy named Peter Daniel, "attended" prior to his birth just two weeks later!)

This we know because kids tell us so: The Festival gets better *every* year.

Other good things we know:

- **Yoga** in the Garden continues through August with a wise and wonderful teacher, **Cory Washburn**. Breathe in. Out. Clear your mind. Saturdays 9:30 am to 11 am. \$20 per class. Check it out.
- The Music Man is back: **Eric Oxendine**'s free classical guitar concerts on Wednesdays, weather permitting, 4:30 to 6:00 pm. **SummerMusic in the Garden** through September. Consider yourself invited.
- Apropos of nothing but sound advice, our favorite bumper sticker of the Spring was sighted on a car with Vermont plates parked on West 11th Street: **Practice random acts of Gardening**.

AIN'T SHE SWEET? The internationally celebrated artist and potter **Marianne Yoors** has conceived one sweet event to benefit Jefferson Market Garden this Fall. Working with JMG volunteer **Susan Quist**, Marianne will stage "**Adopt-a-Pot**" here on Saturday afternoon, October 1. (Rain date: October 2) She and fellow **Greenwich House** potters will donate flowerpots and vases, plates and small garden-themed sculptures for the benefit. This is Marianne's way of giving back, since much of her own work has been inspired by JMG's leaves and ferns. ***Do not miss*** this opportunity to acquire a unique piece of gardening art and to support the Garden. (We have *our* eye on a birdhouse!)

A NEW LEAF. Over the past few years Horticulturist **Susan Sipos** has steadily strengthened sustainability practices at Jefferson Market Garden. We thought you would like to know:

- All products used in the Garden are organic or natural.
- Our feeding program utilizes compost teas and organic microbes for trees.
- We have instituted ongoing composting. Most green and wood waste is composted and reintroduced into the Garden.
- To reduce our carbon footprint, we have retired our gas-powered lawnmower and replaced it with a state-of-the-art electric mower.
- When the Spring flowering bulbs are lifted following bloom, we make them available to the community to plant in their own gardens. Recycling at its best, says Sipos.

THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING. **Yvonne Caruthers**, mother of the beautiful **Eileen Flowers** who married **William Ho** in a garden ceremony in June, sent us this gratifying note:

*"It was perfectly lovely! I appreciated all the thoughtful attention to detail that your entire staff (read: volunteers) provided. We felt very welcome and well cared for. The gardens are so lovely and intimate, **it was the perfect setting for a small outdoor wedding.**"*

So, if you know anyone with marriage in mind, do pass along the good words from the gracious Ms. Caruthers. Our website www.jeffersonmarketgarden.org offers guidelines that will help you to schedule that special day with our own **Virginia Giordano**, to contact Virginia, go to the Booking Page, click the link that says, "**Bookings.**"

What if you slept? And what if, In your sleep You dreamed? And what if, In your dream, You went to Heaven And there plucked A strange and Beautiful flower? And what if, When you awoke You had the flower In your hand? Ah, what then? --Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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