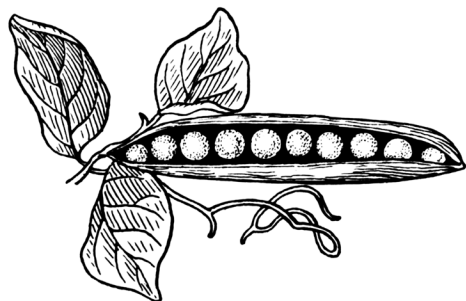


The Garden of Union

Union St. between 4th & 5th Ave.
Park Slope, Brooklyn, New York



Open Hours

For the growing season April through October:
weather and volunteers permitting!

Saturdays: 10am – 2pm

Sundays: noon – 6pm

Tuesdays: 2pm – 7pm
(CSA in the garden, see back panel)

Thursdays: 3pm – 8pm
(CSA in the garden, see back panel)

A Brief History

Annie's Garden and the Garden of Union were both founded in the mid-70's by Annie and John Thompson and many of their neighbors. The Garden was made permanent NYC parkland in 1998. Many dedicated individuals and organizations have contributed to the Garden's success.

Gardening in Community

We practice organic gardening: the garden does not use artificial fertilizers, chemical pesticides or genetically modified seeds. Members plan and work collaboratively and individually. There are a variety of ways you can help. We ask that if you harvest from the Garden you give your time and energy back to the Garden.

We are a community based organic garden. Activities and services for the public including school tours, garden mentoring and compost education are offered by volunteers. Anyone can become a member and non-members are welcome to visit and tour the garden during open hours and whenever the gate is open. If you would like to participate in any way, we welcome you year-round.

Joining

You can join the Garden at any time by mailing the attached form (or a copy) along with a check for membership dues to our treasurer. Or, bring it to a monthly business meeting. The Garden of Union uses the money to pay for seeds, supplies, fencing and other expenses.

Orientation

Indicate on your form if you need an orientation tour and a member will contact you to schedule one. Or, contact the garden administrator. At your orientation tour, you will be given the combination to the gate lock and informed of the basic rules and procedures. Members who open the gate are responsible for enforcing the rules.



Join Us!

Membership Form

Date: _____

- New Member
- Renewing Member
- Compost participant
- Orientation requested

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You will be automatically added to the garden listserve unless you ask us not to.

Membership Dues

\$25 single member

Other amount: \$ _____

No one is turned away for lack of funds.

Application for membership constitutes an agreement to follow the rules of the Garden and to direct guests and visitors to follow these rules.

I have read the rules of the garden and agree to follow them.

Signature: _____

Come to a meeting or mail your membership to:

Beatrice Harmon
670 President St. #3D
Brooklyn, NY 11215
T: (718) 857-2232

Make checks payable to the Garden of Union.



To Start Gardening

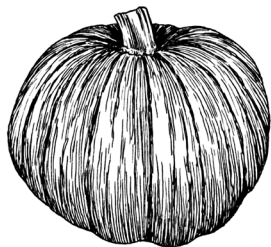
Rather than assigning individual plots, garden beds and areas are overseen by stewards who coordinate communal planning and care of the space. After joining the Garden, please contact one or more of the stewards. Their contact information is kept inside the tool shed or can be sent to you by the garden administrator. Administrator: Claudia Joseph
T: (718) 369-1139 email: permie@earthlink.net

Garden Organization

Though it varies by year and steward, the beds on the inside of the Garden are generally reserved for annuals – with some exceptions – and the perimeter area of the garden is mostly planted with perennials. Changes to the garden often occur slowly, over time. Stewards take greater responsibilities for integrating new members, planning the garden, and tending to garden business. Stewardship positions are open to everyone, and applications are available in the fall.

Monthly Meetings

The Garden of Union has open board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7PM. They usually take place at Ozzie's Coffee Shop, 249 5th Avenue in Park Slope. Please check ahead to confirm. You can attend meetings or submit your ideas in writing in the meeting. Our meetings are organized around principles of consensus and we make every effort to be sure that all voices are heard. Respect for others is required.



Rules and Guidelines

Anytime you unlock the gate to the Garden, be sure to secure the lock back onto the gate to ensure that it is not stolen, lost or damaged.

The Parks Department requires that we open the gate when members are in the garden. Lock it when you leave, even if you are near-by.

If you plan an activity in the Garden, please contact the Board. This includes school tours and parties. Everyone is invited to all events held in the Garden.

Children and guests may need help following the general garden rules. Children are not allowed to run the hose or faucet, climb the trees, step in the beds or race on the paths.

We practice water and soil conservation.

Dogs are welcome if they are well behaved and leashed. Do not allow your dog to pee or poop in the garden, eat plants, dig, or swim in the pond.

Visitors are responsible for their own safety.

NO:

Smoking

Illegal drugs or alcohol

Bare feet

Unsupervised children or visitors

Fires

Harmful behavior

Unleashed dogs

Passing the combination to friends

Disturbing the pond (don't throw anything in it or stir it!)

To learn more, visit www.gardenofunion.org

To subscribe to our e-mail list, members can send a blank e-mail to uniongarden-subscribe@google.com

Composting

Compost helps to keep our garden organic by providing structural improvement of the soil and preventing the need for artificial fertilizers. The garden composts its waste and accepts material from neighbors and from the Park Slope Food Coop. Compost contributions are encouraged and appreciated and we ask contributors to follow a few simple guidelines.

The compost deposits rotate between bins, and the bin that is currently in use will be written on the chalkboard outside the tool shed. Please only deposit compost in the bin designated for compost at that time.

Remember to:

- chop your compost material at home
- cover it with sawdust after you dump it in the bin
- close the bin securely (with bricks) when you are finished

If you want to learn more about compost, please contact us for a quick question, a tour or training. Compost contributions do not entitle members to harvest from the garden. Please do not pass the combination along to friends or roommates.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

The Park Slope CSA distributes its produce at the Garden of Union mid-June through mid-November on Thursdays from 4PM – 8PM.

Tuesday pick-ups begin June 16

Thursday pick-ups begin June 18

It is an open group of pre-paid members who receive a weekly box of organically raised vegetables and other items. For approximately half the year, food is delivered from upstate and in 2006 there were over 100 members. Food stamps are accepted.

For more information on the CSA, visit www.parkslopecsa.org or contact Judy Janda at (718) 638-8939 or jjanda@igc.org

The Garden of Union supports the practice of eating locally grown food and we encourage members to be present during the CSA hours of operation.