



Boston's Community Gardens: The Ultimate Edible Landscape

Sunday, September 26, 2010
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Walking Tour of Eleven Community Gardens
Begins at Berkeley Gardens
(East Berkeley Street between Tremont and Shawmut Ave)

\$15.00 ELA Member or \$20 Non-Member

Join our host, Betsy Johnson for a walking tour of eleven diverse and plentiful community gardens in Boston including:

- **Frederic Douglass Peace Garden:** Located at the end of cobble-stoned Cabot Street, this garden transformed a weed-filled lot into a multi-level garden with planters, trees, and a gazebo that hosts a full schedule of concerts, performances, and neighborhood gatherings.
- **Bessie Barnes Community Garden and Bessie Barnes Memorial Park:** Named for the “Mayor” of Greenwich Street, this garden features above-ground planters that provide healthy growing conditions above the original, contaminated soil.
- **Harrison Urban Garden:** Unique to the Boston landscape, this community garden was built above a parking garage in a collaborative effort to maximize buildable land while conserving green space.
- **Lenox-Kendall:** Providing year-round beauty along Tremont Street, this 38-plot garden is bordered by evergreen hedges, includes a gazebo, boasts serious vegetable growing, and hosts great barbecues.
- **Blackwood/Claremont and Greenwich/Cumberland Gardens:** Built in the 1980s, these two (of eleven) Southwest Corridor Parkland community gardens sit above the Orange Line subway in an area of park that runs from Back Bay Station to Forest Hills Station.
- **Worcester Street Community Garden:** With over 100 plots, this 1970s garden features the recent addition of a shade pavilion.
- **West Springfield Community Garden:** Another 1970s community garden, this plentiful neighborhood garden includes plots that are tended by many of the original gardeners.
- **Rutland's Haven and Rutland Washington:** Also known as the Gazebo Garden, this garden serves diverse populations from elderly housing to high end condo tenants and features a border of perennials, divided for a spring sale.
- **Berkeley:** One of the city's largest and most visible community gardens, this garden is known for the predominance of “cages” of squash, melons, and beans protecting tender greens below. Many area residents stroll through this garden in lieu of the sidewalk along Berkeley Street.

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Betsy Johnson is the president of the South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, an all volunteer neighborhood-based urban land trust that owns and manages 16 community gardens. Ms. Johnson is active with the Boston Collaborative for Food & Fitness and the effort to establish a statewide Food Policy Council. A former teacher, she has over 30 years of community activism experience in urban open space improvement, air quality, occupational health, recycling, and neighborhood development issues.

