

GREENNET, Chicago's Greening Network, invites you and your organization to participate as an exhibitor or vendor in our 18th annual.....

GREEN & GROWING... AN URBAN GARDENING FAIR!

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Garfield Park Conservatory - 300 N. Central Park Blvd. in Chicago

Entrance to the Fair is free and runs from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Exhibitor set-up time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

We invite you to join us again this year, to share your services, expertise, and products with hundreds of Chicagoland gardeners of all levels of interest and experience. The Fair exhibit space in Horticulture Hall is accessible by general visitors to the Conservatory as well as fair-goers. *All* visitors to the Conservatory are a select crowd with an interest in plants and everything related to plants – that's why they come! Last year we had over 1000 people attend! Attendees will be able to explore the Fair all day for free to:

- Participate in hands-on activities in the Conservatory Demonstration Garden & the Blue Stone Terrace
- Plant a seed in a "rot-pot" for our second annual "One Seed Chicago" event!
- Join in bidding for garden related goods in the Silent Auction
- Enjoy refreshments and musical entertainments in our **Green Cafe**
- Visit exhibits and purchase plants, produce, crafts, and more from our vendors (you!)

In addition to the Fair, visitors can choose to attend presentations @ \$5.00 each that appeal to school teachers, community greeners, home gardeners, and the curious. There will be two morning presentations, leaving the afternoon entirely free for visitors to stop by your exhibit and shop! Topics this year:

- **"Woody Natives for Home & School Gardens"** - 10:00– 10:45 a.m. - presented by Kelsey Shaw
- **"Prairie Style & Naturalistic Landscape Design"** - 11:00– 11:45 a.m. – presented by Barbara Geiger

A few facts for you to keep in mind:

- Every year we work to improve our advertising and marketing - so the sooner you apply, the more likely you will be included in early press releases.
- Please note again this year that we will need your help at the end of the day to fold and store the tables & chairs provided for your use.
- Please bring a table cover of your choice - we recommend something colorful!
- Please do not bring "junk food" to sell, or excessive packaging – we aim to present a healthy, "waste free" as well as "waist free" message through this event!
- We provide food for our volunteers, but unfortunately not for vendors. You will be able to purchase breakfast, lunch and snacks on site.

To reserve table space for your organization, please fill out and return the enclosed application by April 6, 2010. Exhibit space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. [**NOTE: Acceptance of applications is based on the nature of the products you have to sell or exhibit and whether or not they support our goal of open space and urban greening**].

- GreenNet members enjoy a reduced fee. Please include your email so we can send you a registration confirmation.
- For more information email (preferred) Julie Samuels, Openlands jsamuels@openlands.org or 312/863-6256.



The GREEN & GROWING FAIR is sponsored by GREENNET: CHICAGO'S GREENING NETWORK

Members include: Chicago Botanic Garden, Friends of the Parks, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance; GreenCorps Chicago, Midwest Ecological Landscaping Association; NeighborSpace; Openlands; U of I Extension; WRD Environmental

GreenNet is supported by its members and the income from this annual Green and Growing Fair event

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@ the Garfield Park Conservatory

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10 am to 3 pm

(Exhibitors set up between 8 am and 9 am.)

VENDOR & EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

Please complete and return by Monday April 5, 2010 -Tables go fast!!



Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Daytime phone: _____ E-mail _____

"Fee" Includes one 2x4.5ft. table and 2 chairs. Please fill in all that apply:

GreenNet Member:	Fees	Tables- (How many?)	Electrical outlet (limited)	Total Fees
Exhibitor (Display only)	\$25.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vendor (Sales)	\$25.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional tables (each)	\$25.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-Member:				
Exhibitor (Display only)	\$50.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vendor (Sales)	\$50.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional Tables (each)	\$25.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Donation to GreenNet			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Check to "GreenNet" Enclosed for: \$ _____

We will **sell or exhibit** the following: [NOTE: Interactive displays are popular and encouraged]

We will donate the following for the **Silent Auction**:

Estimated Value or suggested auction price \$ _____

Return this form with your check (made out to GreenNet) to: Julie Samuels, Openlands, 25 East Washington St., Suite 1650, Chicago, IL 60602 – questions? jsamuels@openlands.org

The income from this annual event supports GreenNet activities for community gardeners and greeners all year long such as the Community Greener Potuck and Greener of the Year Awards and the County Fair in the fall. If you work for an organization that promotes public openspace and are interested in becoming a member let us know. Membership not only lowers the exhibitor fees for Green and Growing Fair but you will enjoy the benefits of close networking relationships with other member organizations and individuals who are dedicated to the same purpose. Partnerships and collaborative projects are more likely to become reality when you know the 'greening' news & trends before they happen!