

GREENNET, Chicago's Greening Network, invites you and your organization to participate as an exhibitor or vendor in our 16th annual.....

GREEN & GROWING... AN URBAN GARDENING FAIR!



Saturday, April 26, 2008



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

Fair hours & Exhibits Open: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Exhibitor set-up time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

If you choose to participate in this popular event you will be able 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! Attendees will be able to explore the Fair all day for free to:

- Participate in hands-on activities in the Conservatory Demonstration Garden
- Plant a Sunflower seed in a “rot-pot” for our first 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 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:

- “**Native Landscaping Know-How**” - 10:00 a.m. - presented by Geoff Deigan, President of WRD Environmental.
- “**Comp(osting) 101** - 11:00 a.m. – presented by **U of I** Master Composters, Ruth Melulis and Ella Russell.

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 some changes this year: the fair will close earlier, at 3:00 pm. , and we will need you to help us at the end of the day by folding & storing the tables & chairs provided for your use. Please bring a table cover of your choice - we recommend something colorful!

To reserve table space for your organization, please fill out and return the enclosed application by April 4, 2008. Exhibit space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. GreenNet members enjoy a reduced fee. Please include your fax and/or email so we can send you a registration confirmation. For more information contact: Julie Samuels, Openlands, email: jsamuels@openlands.org or 312/863-6256.



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