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GreenThumb is celebrating their 40th anniversary and as part of this special year, they are hosting Open Garden Day NYC! Community Gardens across the city will open their gates to the public from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018 (rain or shine). 6/15 Green is proud to be one of the participating gardens. Admission to the garden and all events is free.

Public programs start at 11:00 with a children's concert, featuring The Sparrow Sisters, Brooke Dramer, and others to be announced. At 1:00, a Guided Meditation will be led by Elena Tate, LMT, Faculty at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. Educational programs with question & answer sessions will be presented between 2 and 3, featuring the following:

Makrand Bhoot, 6/15 Green member and Architect, will be making a presentation updating the public on efforts to appropriately deal with plastics in Brooklyn, New York City and New York State. This issue relates to phasing out plastic carry bags at businesses like The Park Slope Food Coop, and finding biodegradable alternatives to plastic use in general. This also ties in with achieving Global Goals in Climate Adaptability.

**Not Just Honeybees...Lifestyles of Urban Bees**

6/15 Green garden-member and urban beekeeper Jessica Katz will host a discussion and Q&A that delves into the widely-varied lifestyles of some of our local bees. Did you know that there are over 200 species of bees that make NYC their home? We'll discuss where and how some of these lovely pollinators live and simple steps we can take to create bee-friendly habitats in our yards and gardens. Jessica has been keeping honeybees and "condos" for native bees in Brooklyn for almost a decade.

Additional presentations to be announced. Garden tours will be offered.

A bake sale may also be part of the program.

6/15 Green is a 501 ( c ) 3 organization, and contributions are tax-deductible. Donations are welcome! Visit [615green.org](http://615green.org) for more information. 6/15 is a proud founding member of the Brooklyn Alliance of Neighborhood Gardens Land Trust (BANG). See [banglandtrust.org](http://banglandtrust.org) for more information.

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