

# SUMMER SOLSTICE WEEKEND: Garden Worm Release & Planting, Live Music, Wellness Class, Drawing and Canine Good Citizen Test



Summer begins Saturday with the solstice. Bring your friends and neighbors, and join us in the Garden this weekend for community gardening, live music, wellness classes, drawing and the Canine Good Citizen test (leashed dogs only, please), as we celebrate the "longest day" of the year. All activities are free and open to the public.

## **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: DON'T MISS OUR WORM RELEASE AND PLANTING WORKSHOPS**

### **Community Gardening:**

#### **Soil Food Web and Worm Release**

**Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

No need to be squeamish! Earthworms and beneficial nematodes are the troopers of the garden. Learn about the community of organisms living all or part of their lives in the soil, and explore the symbiotic relationship between healthy soils and plant growth.

### **Planting and Garden Care**

**Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Thinking about growing your own basil, kale, tomatoes, beets, strawberries, bok choy?... Whether you are an experienced gardener or one ambitious to learn, come

to the Garden with a few of your your favorite herbs and edibles to plant. (Farmers markets are a good local source.) We also have some seeds to sow. Let's get our hands "in the dirt" and learn to grow and care for a healthy urban garden.

If you are not available Sunday to plant and would still like to at another time, please email [gardening@elizabethstreetgarden.org](mailto:gardening@elizabethstreetgarden.org)<<mailto:aaron@elizabethstreetgarden.org>>.

Our community gardening this season is made possible in part with funding provided by Citizens Committee for New York City. Elizabeth Street Garden has been awarded a Neighborhood Grant to support Bees, Butterflies & Worms, our neighborhood-led initiative to educate children and adults about eco-gardening, habitat creation, urban wildlife and sustainable stewardship. We also seek to engage our larger community in the ongoing effort to beautify and maintain the Garden as a vital urban green space and valuable neighborhood resource.

BB&W, which began in late May, culminates in October with our second annual Harvest Festival. Focused on restoring existing planting beds and creating new ones, our initiative is supplemented with weekly hands-on gardening opportunities for children and adults. Garden volunteers and expert practitioners lead a series of workshops, scheduled throughout the growing season in four phases: Soil Food Web, Edible Gardens, Cool Bugs and Garden Harvest.

We are also working with P.S. 1, City-As-School public high school and other educational organizations to engage New York City students with the Garden.

If you or your local community organization would like to volunteer this season, please email [emily@elizabethstreetgarden.org](mailto:emily@elizabethstreetgarden.org)<<mailto:emily@elizabethstreetgarden.org>>.