

BROCKWELL PARK COMMUNITY GREENHOUSES

Registered Charity: 1098239

Chair: Fabrice Boltho

Public Opening Times: Sundays, 1 - 5.30

Members & Inducted Volunteers: Wednesdays & Thursdays, 1 - 5.30 (visitors welcome: see notices for further details)

Volunteer Inductions: Sundays, from 1

Sales of produce and plants: Sundays only

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Upcoming events and charity information:

www.brockwellparkcommunitygreenhouses.org.uk (main site still under construction)

It's another busy year at the Greenhouses, and we've some exciting projects on the go:

Latin American Food Culture Summer: the Greenhouses provide the venue for a growing spectacle in the park, and a series of events showcasing Latin American food culture and the diversity of Latin American food plants, demonstrating how plants from Latin America have become a core part of the diets of people across the world. Under the supervision of the Greenhouses gardeners, volunteers from both the Latin American and local communities have been participating in regular gardening activities, growing a wide range of rare and everyday plants that have their roots in Latin America, and learning how to grow food for themselves using many techniques that can be used at home.

Through this project, volunteers from the Latin American community are also being given an opportunity to reconnect with plants that are significant to them and not commonly found in the UK. For example, herbs that can be used in infusions, and unusual potato and tomato varieties.

Conceived and developed by Fabrice Boltho, in partnership with Martin Snowdon (BPCG volunteer & St Mungo's 'Putting Down Roots'). Run in partnership with volunteers from the Latin American Disabled Peoples Project [LADPP], Anos Dorados (Golden Years), and with Sofia Buchuk (PROPERUVIAN ART UK).

Funded through a £1,500 grant from 'LDA Small Grants for Sustainable Food for London'.

London Beekeepers Association (LBKA): BPCG are delighted to announce a partnership with the LBKA, who are setting up their practical training apiary with us. Practical components of beekeeping courses will be run from the site, from an apiary located in the area of the lower greenhouse, with a long-term aim of recruiting 12 trainee beekeepers. For more information, please contact Simon Wilks (LBKA, Site Manager): simon@wilks.com or visit the LBKA website: www.lbka.org.uk

Local Schools: BPCG has this year expanded its work with local schools, with a weekly programme of gardening sessions for pupils with severe learning difficulties from Michael Tippett School (Milkwood Road), and 19-23 year-olds with multiple and severe learning difficulties from Orchard Hill College (Tulse Hill). Supervision has been provided by Diane

Sullock and Fabrice Boltho, who have also undertaken outreach work with Norwood Girls' School, providing consultation and practical help for the creation of an organic vegetable sculpture garden at the school. Pupils also visited the Greenhouses to grow plants which will be supplied for their garden.

Turney School: pupils were offered an opportunity this year to produce two designs for flower beds in the Walled Garden. The chosen designs were reproduced in the Walled Garden using plants grown to order by volunteers at BPCG. The pupils joined park staff and a volunteer from the Greenhouses to plant the beds and create a colourful display.

BPCG is grateful to Theresa Hoare (Development & Education Officer) for her help on this project, and during visits from Jubilee and Corpus Christi Primary Schools earlier in the year.

For more information about schools and education at BPCG, please contact Diane Sullock (Education Officer): dianesullock@hotmail.com

BPCG is a small charity, managed and maintained solely through the work of its volunteers. Work to develop this very special site as a resource for the wider community, and as a visitor attraction in Brockwell Park, is ongoing, and the charity depends greatly on the tireless work of a small number of people. Opportunities are currently available for professionals with experience in working for charities, in management, and in areas such as accounting, to become involved in building an exceptional 'project of projects' within their local community, and any offers of voluntary help would be greatly appreciated.

Look out for our stall at the Lambeth Country Show (in the Flower Tent), or take refuge from the crowds in the peace and quiet of the site.

To join the charity's mail list, please send your email address to: bpcgsecretary@gmail.com