



# Green Teacher Network

The **Green Teacher Network** (GTN) is a powerful collaboration of three Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Openlands, and Chicago Botanic Garden. GTN's major goal is to fulfill multiple related needs: those of the schools and teachers to find more creative ways to engage and educate their students; to ensure that school gardens remain viable by connecting them to the indoor classroom; and those of the students to learn basic information and skills in core subjects. Teachers need not have a school garden to benefit from this rich resource of green activities.

Green Teacher Network (GTN) serves instructors at Chicago-area schools by providing professional development for plant-based education. Workshops aim to integrate gardens into each school's curriculum over a broad spectrum of subjects. GTN has provided workshops to more than 800 teachers from hundreds of schools, teaching in grades K-12. CPDUs are given for participation in each workshop.



## 2011-12 Green Teacher Network Workshop Dates

Workshop I

**Saturday, October 8, 2011 9am – 4pm**

Dyett High School 555 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60615  
TO BE CONFIRMED

Workshop II

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012 4pm – 7pm**

Garfield Park Conservatory 300 North Central Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60624

*Worms in Class: Join us as we explore the science and wonders of worm composting.*

*Each teacher will walk away with their own countertop worm bin (complete with worms) for use with students in the classroom.*

Workshop III

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4pm – 7pm**

North Park Village Nature Center 5801 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60646

*North Park Village Nature center has the distinction of having all four major native Illinois ecosystems on-site. We'll tour wetlands, woodlands, prairie and savanna ecosystems with the Nature Center staff, as well as see their maple sugaring process in action!*

Workshop IV

**Saturday, May 12, 2012**

**9am – 4pm**

Edison Park Elementary

6220 North Olcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

Ebinger Elementary

7350 West Pratt Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

*Join us for a tour of two school gardens that were formerly asphalt. Edison Park and Ebinger have infused "greening" into their school community for several years. We'll also highlight fruit tree growing in urban areas – why and how!*

## Membership to GTN includes:

- Four programs featuring leaders in the field, lessons for the classroom, networking opportunities and more.
- Each meeting includes refreshments, gifts, and raffle prizes at possible field trip locations for your students
- Workshop admittance for any interested parents/volunteers or teachers at your school (maximum 3 per school)
- Electronic listserv that will keep members up-to-date on the latest programs, classes and reviews
- An opportunity for teachers to increase their content knowledge from experts in the field in areas of school gardening, plant science and community building
- Information that will help teachers turn their garden into a living laboratory

As always, once your school becomes a member, the workshops are open to your entire staff. Encourage more people in your school to come to a workshop and become involved in your garden!



### **Green Teacher Network Application 2011-12**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zipcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **What grade(s) do you teach?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**One year membership fee: \$50 per school**

**Please make checks payable to: Openlands**

**Credit Card Payment:**

\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send or fax your application to:

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