

## **Green Teacher Network**

The **Green Teacher Network** is a powerful collaboration of Chicago Botanic Garden, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, and Openlands. Green Teacher Network's 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 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. CPDUs are given for participation in each workshop.

## Membership to GTN includes:

- Four workshops featuring leaders in the field, lessons for the classroom, networking opportunities and more.
- Workshop admittance for any interested parents/volunteers or teachers at your school (maximum 3 per school/ workshop title)
- A reduced admission to the School Gardening Conference for up to two people.
- Electronic listserv that keeps 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.

Once your school becomes a member, the workshops are open to your entire staff. Encourage more people in your school to attend a workshop and become involved in your garden! GTN can help teachers make the school garden a classroom of discovery!



## **Green Teacher Network Application 2012-13**

Name	
School	
Address	City/State/Zipcode
School Telephone	_ Phone
E-mail	
What grade(s) do you teach?	
One year membership fee: \$100 per school year	
Please make checks payable to: Openlands	T (198)
Credit Card Payment:Visa Mastercard Exp. Date:	
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Please send or fax your application to: Kristin LoVerde, Openlands 25 East Washington, Suite1650 Chicago, IL 60602	

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