



Join RING!
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Spring, 2007

Dear new, recently renewed, former and future RING members:

The Riverside-Inwood Neighborhood Garden (RING) celebrates 16 years at the Tighe Triangle this year. We are an award-winning, community volunteer-operated, botanical garden, built on top of an asphalted Parks Department triangle. RING's extensive renovation, courtesy of Ruth Messinger's capital outlays as Borough President, allow RING to continue on as a permanent garden, and we plan to make the most of it.

It is important to remember that the government funding Does Not extend to ongoing upkeep or new special projects. From now on, RING is expected to finance, or otherwise procure, all plants, tools, and other equipment. If we wish to have new programs, like performances in the patio, we must finance those ourselves. As always, we are also required (by our license agreement with the City) to undertake all tasks to see to it that the garden is planted and maintained. RING is also required by the Parks department to post at least 10 hours that the garden will actually be open every week from April 1 to Oct. 31. This requires people who will open the garden. Maybe you know an organization that would like to hold meetings there? As long as the gates are open so the public can pass through, its ok. If you join RING, you can get a key on request, and receive our newsletter.

For those of you who recently joined or renewed your membership recently, Welcome and Thanks!! For those who have not renewed for this year yet, please take this opportunity to support Your community garden (see the reverse). If you have any ideas for projects, programs, or anything else pertaining to the garden, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer to help garden, we can provide you training for free. If you'd just like to sit in the garden, keeping it open for the neighborhood, please let us know when. We can be reached at 567-8272, at mclarke@hunter.cuny.edu and our website: www.ringgarden.org

We look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you at upcoming events.

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Cordially,
The RING Board



RING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2007

RING is a *membership and volunteer* nonprofit organization. RING can't thrive without your membership support. We want as many members as possible, so the minimum annual membership fee remains at \$10. RING's needs for this year include:

20 flats of Annual flowers, several perennials & evergreens (\$600)
 Postage and printing for our brochures, newsletters (\$95 x 4 mailings)
 Repairs for watering system, pond, solar

*When filling out the form, be sure to include your email address.
 One benefit of membership is frequent updates and volunteer notices by email!*

Name _____ Date: _____ Home phone: _____

Address _____, _____, _____

Email: _____ AMT. Enclosed: \$ _____

☐ I am enclosing \$10 or more for a basic membership — newsletters, voting privileges, and key to the garden if desired — Check here if you want a key [☐]

☐ I am enclosing \$25 or more for a sustaining membership — all of the above plus a plant from the garden at harvest time — Check here if you want a key [☐]

*Please make your tax-deductible check out to: **IHPA - RING Acct.** and send it to:
 RING, c/o Barbara Motter, 1825 Riverside Drive, #1C, New York, NY 10034*

I would like to volunteer for: _____ *[we provide training where needed!]*

___ Gardening Sat. Mornings ___ Tuesday Evenings ___

___ Garden Sitting Favorite time(s) Sun 11-4 ___ Tue 6:30- dusk ___

Fri 5:30 – dusk ___ Sat 11-1 ___ Other _____

___ Phoning volunteers ___ Flyer distribution ___ Projects (water, solar, etc)

___ Special Events ___ Artistic Endeavors ___ Fundraising ___ Publicity