

Open Hours Summer, Spring and Fall

Thursdays: 5pm – 7pm

Saturday: 12pm – 4pm

Sundays: 12pm – 4pm



M'Finda Kalunga
COMMUNITY GARDEN

Protecting and improving the community for the people who live and work here.



We welcome new members to join in the work and joy of caring for the plants, the community and the chickens!

Best way to join: Come to a meeting (usually the second Sunday of the month between April–October 31).

Go to the website (www.mkgarden.org) for more information.

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M'Finda Kalunga Community Garden is a “communal backyard” for those who live and work on the Lower East-side. By volunteering as gardeners, members express a shared commitment to gardening and the community.

In exchange for this small patch of nature, gardeners agree to be active participants in the maintenance and growth of this valuable community green space and agree to share in its responsibilities.

M'Finda Kalunga Garden means "Garden at the Edge of the Other Side of the World" in the Kikongo language. It is named in memory of an African American burial ground that was located on Chrystie Street between Rivington and Stanton Streets.

The M'Finda Kalunga Community Garden began in 1982 as a group organizing to rid the Sara Roosevelt Park area of drugs and crime and to protect low-income housing and services in the neighborhood. This beautiful garden—almost a city block long—was born of that effort. Nearly thirty years later, the original group of organizers continues to garden at M'Finda Kalunga.



One of the garden's founders, Bob Humber, in earlier days.

Garden members tend allocated plots and common areas, and periodically do garden-wide seasonal maintenance. There is a childrens' area with a sandbox, a Bocce court and a patio area for events and gatherings. Tables and benches are dotted throughout the garden, where people can sit and picnic during open hours.



The garden hosts cultural celebrations: Halloween/Samhain, Chinese Moon Festival, Juneteenth, Cinco de Mayo, and Sukkot.

We also partner with local organizations and residents to insure the garden is well used by the neighborhood.



There is always something happening in the garden: Urban Park Rangers day, It's My Park Days, Senior and Head-Start Gardening classes, story hours, Pet Adoption Days, compost, chicken-care and raised-bed building workshops, live music, poetry readings, a housing round-table.



The community "donated" several chickens to the garden one night. We built a coop to house them and they have become the stars of the garden, fascinating children and donating eggs to the senior center.



We are dedicated to being an activist community garden as well as a place of respite. We welcome volunteers, visitors, and new members.

