

*GREENNET, Chicago's Greening Network, invites you and your organization to participate as an exhibitor or vendor in our 20th annual.....*

## **GREEN & GROWING... AN URBAN GARDENING FAIR!**

**Saturday, April 28th, 2012**

**Garfield Park Conservatory - 300 N. Central Park Blvd. in Chicago**

**Entrance for visitors to the Fair is free and runs from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Exhibitor set-up time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

*We invite you* to join us again this year, to share your services, expertise, and products with hundreds of Chicagoland gardeners of all levels of interest and experience. The Fair exhibit space in Horticulture Hall is accessible by general visitors to the Conservatory as well as fair-goers. *All* visitors to the Conservatory are a select crowd with an interest in plants and everything related to plants – that's why they come! Last year we had over 1500 people attend! Attendees will be able to explore the Fair all day for free to:

- Visit exhibits and purchase plants, local produce, crafts and more from our vendors (you!) at the “First Farmer’s Market” of the season .
- Participate in hands-on activities at our Stop & Grow Stations, located throughout the Conservatory.
- Join in bidding for garden related goods in the Silent Auction
- Enjoy refreshments and musical entertainments in our **Green Cafe**
- Attend mini-workshops held throughout the day.

*In addition to the Fair, gardeners are invited to attend an Evaluation and Reflection session to give their input into the future of gardening in Chicago.*

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*A few facts for you to keep in mind:*

- Every year we work to improve our advertising and marketing - so the sooner you apply, the more likely you will be included in early press releases.
- Please note again this year that we will need your help at the end of the day to fold and store the tables & chairs provided for your use.
- Please bring a table cover of your choice - we recommend something colorful!
- Please do not bring “junk food” to sell, or excessive packaging – we aim to present a healthy, “waste free” as well as “waist free” message through this event!
- We provide food for our volunteers, but unfortunately not for vendors. We are planning for you to be able to purchase food on site, but you may want to come prepared, just in case.

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To reserve table space for your organization, please fill out and return the enclosed application by April 2, 2012. Exhibit space is limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Please include your email for your registration confirmation.

[NOTE: Acceptance of applications is based on the nature of the products you have to sell or exhibit and whether or not they support our goal of open space and urban greening].

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