

SENATOR KLEIN & THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN BEGIN SEASONAL FREE HOME GARDENING PROGRAMS

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Bronx, NY - Senator Jeff Klein and New York Botanical Garden green thumbs launched this year's series of free home gardening programs at the NYBG on Sunday.

This first "The Fundamentals of Gardening" class focused on pruning. Ann Perkowski, founder and owner of Lady Clippers Inc., offered tips and tricks on pruning a variety of

shrubs and trees, including evergreens, deciduous tree, shrubs and woody plants.

Senator Klein was presented with a plaque commemorating the 125th anniversary of The New York Botanical Garden. The esteemed site was established by the New York State Legislature and incorporated into state law in 1891.

"This year I have the pleasure to again co-host a wonderful series of free gardening programs at the idyllic New York Botanical Garden. I'm especially grateful for the honor I received commemorating the milestone anniversary of the Garden, which was established by our state legislature. These special gardening programs are offered without cost to my constituents in the 34th Senate District. Participants will receive invaluable tips on gardening, which beautifies our neighborhoods and boosts property values," said Senator Jeff Klein.

"The New York Botanical Garden is honored to once again partner with Senator Jeff Klein to deliver the highly successful Home Gardening Program to residents of the 34th Senatorial District. This free series of seminars highlights simple gardening techniques which help keep communities green and beautiful," said Aaron Bouska, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, The New York Botanical Garden.

Sunday's pruning program was the first of three classes. The next class on March 26 will focus on perennial plant combinations. The series wraps up on April 2 with a class on gardening fundamentals taught by NYBG Gardening Program Coordinator Daryl Beyers.