

## Bucktown GardenWalk 2010

July 10 – 11, 2010

11 am to 5 pm



The Bucktown Community Organization is excited to sponsor the 2010 Neighborhood GardenWalk. Last year over 700 attendees enjoyed wonderful weather while viewing 107 gardens of various sizes and locations in the Bucktown neighborhood - North Ave to Fullerton Ave - Western Ave to Ashland Ave. Our trolley transported them around this one square mile neighborhood and dropped them off at some of our gracious sponsors for refreshments.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds to be reinvested in the beautification of our neighborhood, and to bring community members together in sharing the inspiration of their personal green spaces. The Bucktown GardenWalks have funded the Gateway Green at Cortland and Western, the perennial and bulb border at Churchill Park on Damen Ave, the greenspace at Drummond Montessori School, 1845 W. Cortland, the 1000 spring bulbs and the fall mums at the Bucktown-Wicker Park Library, 1701 N. Milwaukee, and the creation of the new "Community Green" Garden on Hoyne at Wilmot/St Paul.

"Art in the Garden" continues with painters from the Plein Air Painters of Chicago working in the gardens and on the streets during the event. We have invited these artists back so keep an eye out for them.

The Bucktown TreeWalk was well received last year and used for several education tours during the other seasons of the year. It is included in the Guidebook and includes over 50 species of trees. Most of the trees highlighted will be in parkways while exceptional and unusual trees in private gardens are noted.

The GardenWalk Guidebook will be available for a \$5 donation at our presenting sponsor location, Club Lucky, 1824 W Wabansia, and on the Free Trolley that will be circulating the neighborhood during the walk hours of 11 am - 5pm. A map of the trolley route and stops will be available in advance at [www.bucktown.org/gardenwalk](http://www.bucktown.org/gardenwalk).

To promote the event, we will be aggressively marketing the Bucktown GardenWalk via posters, note cards, newspapers, magazines and direct mail to the members of the Bucktown Community Organization (which is comprised of over 300 neighborhood households and businesses), as well as our email newsletter to over 1000 area contacts and in other online news sources. This marketing strategy provides an excellent opportunity for our sponsors and corporate citizens to gain great exposure to the residents of Chicago's Best Neighborhood!

We request your participation in this event and look forward to working together in building a strong community. Your garden is welcome no matter how small or contained. Your patronage is also encouraged. Your time as a volunteer is needed. All gardeners, volunteers and patrons are also invited to the Post GardenWalk Party at Club Lucky on Sunday from 5:30 - 6:30 pm for free appetizers and soft drinks.

The Bucktown Community Organization is an all volunteer based not-for-profit that strives to enhance the general welfare of Bucktown neighborhood residents by supporting and promoting educational, social, recreational, environmental, and cultural enrichment activities that serve the needs and interests of our community. If you are not a member yet, please join at [www.bucktown.org](http://www.bucktown.org)

Information and free online garden sign up can be found at [www.bucktown.org/gardenwalk](http://www.bucktown.org/gardenwalk) or please contact Eva Bergant, GardenWalk Chairman and BCO VP at 773.486.4353 or [EvaB@Bucktown.org](mailto:EvaB@Bucktown.org) with any questions. We are looking forward to a great neighborhood event!



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