As we navigate these uncertain times, we appreciate your understanding and flexibility moving forward. Educating the public is a core mission of the Garden, and we’re working toward what that looks like, while maintaining the highest of safety standards. In addition to rigorous sanitation procedures and social distancing guidelines, we will more than likely have to limit class capacities, and cancel certain programs. Our instructors and our students are essential to the Garden, and we want to create an environment in which all feel comfortable and safe, however the COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, and all plans are tentative. For this reason, we have decided to forgo our printed catalog, GROW, and have moved all education information online. Class listings and new content like our blog, Sow it Grows!, and educational videos can be accessed from the homepage of our website norfolkbotanicalgarden.org or follow the links below to get started:

**New Blog: Sow it Grows!**

Join us as we explore horticultural how-to’s and history, environmental education and creative crafts, and more! Please feel free to suggest topics by emailing us at SowitGrows@nbgs.org.

**New Educational Videos**

Would you like to know how to prune azaleas or how to make chamomile tea with flower blossoms? These are other garden-themed, DIY educational videos are available now.

**MILES OF MULCH**

CLICK HERE TO READ MORE

**HOW TO PRUNE AZALEAS**

CLICK HERE TO VIEW NOW

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**Get in the Know — Join our Facebook Pages**

Did you know NBG hosts several Facebook pages specifically for adult and youth education, as well a page devoted to our volunteers? Click on these boxes to visit each page and follow!

- NBG Adult Education
- NBG Youth & Family Programs
- NBG Volunteers @NBGVolunteers
This summer, the Garden’s Potager Kitchen Garden will become a Victory Garden. Most famously utilized during World War I and World War II, Victory Gardens consisted of a variety of vegetable, fruit, and herb gardens planted at private residences, as well as schools, parks and other public spaces across the country. In war time, Victory Gardens were not only used to replenish the food supply, but also served as a time for families to work together and boost morale. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII and as we continue to fight the wars of climate change and COVID-19, it’s fitting for all of us to have a Victory Garden. Look for growing vegetables all summer long at NBG along with interpretive signage to help you create a Victory Garden at home.

Get Inspired

In mid-May, NBG Master Gardener volunteers Peter Hatchard, Steve Gunn and Jean Harris harvested over 73 lbs. of lettuce that was donated to the Food Bank.
In an effort to maintain a sense of normalcy in our “new normal,” and to ensure our commitment to the safety of our staff and guests, the Youth Education Department will be offering smaller scale, outdoor classes this summer, with the added requirement that all class attendants follow current public health orders inclusive of masks for all guests. The department will also offer to-go class kits that can be picked up at the Garden and completed at home. We love and appreciate all of the families who sign up for our classes, and we want to create a learning environment in which all participants feel comfortable and safe.

Recognizing the COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, all our scheduled classes are tentative. To provide current and updated information, all education information has moved online including our GROW catalog. For any questions relating to our Sprouts programs or our updated registration information, please email us at youthed@nbgs.org.

Youth Education Learning-in-Place Online Resources

HOMESCHOOL
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

BACKYARD EXPLORERS
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

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06/12  NatureKid To-Go Kits: Little Gardener
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06/22  Homeschool Summer Science: Brilliant Botanicals
06/23  Jr. Garden Artists: Garden Landscapes
06/26  NatureKid To-Go Kits: Fairy & Gnome Garden Home
06/29  Homeschool Summer Science: Buggin’ Out
06/30  Jr. Garden Artists: Picnic Plates

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07/08  Tween Garden Artists: Rock Succulent Gardens
07/10  NatureKid To-Go Kits: Little Gardener
07/13  Little Sprout Explorers: Under a Log
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07/22  Tween Garden Artists: Leaf Painting
07/24  NatureKid To-Go Kits: Fairy & Gnome Garden Home
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Homeschool Summer Science
Birds, botany, and bugs, oh my! In this series, become a field scientist as you learn the ins and outs of a botanical garden. Recommended for children ages 5-9 with caregiver participation.

Birds of a Feather
Monday, June 15 · 10—11 AM
Brilliant Botanicals
Monday, June 22 · 10—11 AM
Buggin’ Out
Monday, June 29 · 10—11 AM
$10/child/class for NBG Members
($15/person/class for not-yet-members)

Little Sprout Explorers
Introduce your little ones to the wondrous world of water this spring! Each themed program includes a story, craft, and guided walking adventure in the Garden. Recommended for ages 3-5 with caregiver participation.

Under a Log
Monday, July 13 · 10—11 AM
Up in a Tree
Monday, July 20 · 10—11 AM
In Your Backyard
Monday, July 27 · 10—11 AM
$10/child/class for NBG Members
($15/person/class for not-yet-members)

Jr. Garden Artists
Get ready for summer with these garden-themed painting programs! Recommended for ages 3-9 with caregiver participation.

Bee Waterers
Wednesday, June 16 · 10—11 AM
Garden Landscapes
Wednesday, June 23 · 10—11 AM
Picnic Plates
Wednesday, June 30 · 10—11 AM
$10/child/class for NBG Members
($15/person/class for not-yet-members)

Homeschool Summer Science
Make a splash this summer as you investigate freshwater habitats! Recommended for children ages 5-9 with caregiver participation.

Water Ecology 101
Monday, August 3 · 10—11 AM
Fish are Friends
Monday, August 10 · 10—11 AM
Watersheds
Monday, August 17 · 10—11 AM
$10/child/class for NBG Members
($15/person/class for not-yet-members)

Tween Garden Artists
Let the Garden inspire you as you create nature-themed art. All supplies included. Program recommended for ages 10-17 with an adult chaperone.

Rock Succulent Gardens
Wednesday, July 8 · 10—11 AM
Nature Sculpting
Wednesday, July 15 · 10—11 AM
Leaf Painting
Wednesday, July 22 · 10—11 AM
$10/child/class for NBG Members
($15/person/class for not-yet-members)

Jr. Garden Artists
Enjoy the last weeks of summer by creating nature-inspired art! Recommended for ages 3-9 with caregiver participation.

Nature Mobiles
Wednesday, August 5 · 10—11 AM
Rock Art
Wednesday, August 12 · 10—11 AM
Leaf Pressing
Wednesday, August 19 · 10—11 AM
$10/child/class for NBG Members
($15/person/class for not-yet-members)

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WHERE DID THE FOOD ON YOUR PLATE ORIGINATE?
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
NEW NatureKids To-Go Kits Available

Pick up one of our themed to-go kits to add some nature-themed excitement to your plans!

Kits are scheduled to be picked up from the Garden, and completed at home. Each kit will include instructions on how to access additional materials on Google Classroom.

NatureKid To-Go Kits: Little Gardener
Start your own veggie garden at home, and then add some flare to your garden by painting a small, wooden bird house! Recommended for ages 4+ with some caregiver participation.
- Friday, June 12 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Friday, July 10 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Friday, August 7 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
$15/kit for NBG Members.
($20/kit for not-yet-members.)

NatureKid To-Go Kits: Kid Scientist
Dissect an owl pellet, and then practice using the scientific method on a seed germination experiment. Recommended for ages 8+ with some caregiver participation.
- Friday, June 19 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Friday, July 17 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Friday, August 14 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
$15/kit for NBG Members.
($20/kit for not-yet-members.)

NatureKid To-Go Kits: Fairy & Gnome Garden Home
Make a miniature home for the fairies and gnomes in your garden! All supplies included. Recommended for ages 4+ with caregiver participation.
- Friday, June 26 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Friday, July 24 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Friday, August 21 · 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
$15/kit for NBG Members.
($20/kit for not-yet-members.)

WOW Fountains & Butterfly House
Currently, the splash fountains in WOW are off and the Butterfly House will not open this summer due to the continuing crowd restrictions from COVID-19. The house is a crowd pleaser and attracts thousands of visitors a season—all in close proximity. You can still experience butterflies in their natural habitat all over the Garden, especially next to the Butterfly House in the Butterfly Garden. Look for educational programming that includes butterflies and other pollinators in the near future. Though many events have been canceled and programming changed, please visit our website at NBGTogether.org for the most up-to-date information.