For a full listing of class offerings, updates and information, visit our website!

Changes to Adult Education
Class Registration

Due to the uncertain nature of these times, registration for our programs will be done on a month-to-month basis. This allows us time to adapt to any changes in COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Please call (757) 441-5830 ext 338 with any questions. For the most up to date information regarding programs, please check our website and Facebook pages. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Changes to Youth & Family Programs

In an effort to balance a “new normal” with the uncertainties that lay ahead of us, some of our more regularly offered winter family programs may be modified as virtual programs, offered as a “to-go” option, or not offered this season. We recommend frequently checking our website and/or Facebook page for all up-to-date information on our scheduled programs.
january

01/04  Garden Yoga (4-Week Class)
01/06  Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
        Garden Yoga (4-Week Class)
01/07  Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
01/12  Digital Photography · Food
01/16  Watercolors · Landscape Water Scene
        Origami · Flowers in a Vase
01/19  Wintering Water Birds
01/20  Moss Gardening
01/21  Beginner T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
        Intermediate T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
        Garden Stars
01/23  Essential Oils
01/26  Winter Tree ID — Bark and Buds

february

02/04  Winter Pruning
02/08  Garden Yoga (4-Week Class)
02/09  Sustainable Gardening 101 — Intro to Permaculture, Sustainable Practices, and Urban Farming
02/10  Garden Yoga (4-Week Class)
02/11  Owl Prowl
02/13  Watercolors · Roses
        Origami · Orchids
02/16  Digital Photography · Low Light
02/17  Backyard Composting
02/18  Garden Stars
02/20  Essential Oils

HIGHLIGHTS

Wintering Water Birds
With Horticulturist Sarah Davis
Tuesday, January 19 · 9:30–11:30 AM
$10 ($15 for not–yet–members)
Come learn which water birds frequent our area during winter. Geared for beginning birders, please bring binoculars. Walking required.

Moss Gardening
With Horticulturist Mary Toth
Wednesday, January 20 · 1–3 PM
$25 ($30 for not–yet–members)
Learn about bryophyte benefits, growth patterns and the simple art of moss gardening. Participants will take home their own tray of moss.

Winter Tree ID—Bark and Buds
With Horticulturist Scott Blair
Tuesday, January 26 · 1–3 PM
$10 ($15 for not–yet–members)
We’ll discuss how and why bark is formed, where to look for clues, and what a bud can tell you. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour. Walking required.

Sustainable Gardening 101—Intro to Permaculture, Sustainable Practices, and Urban Farming
With Horticulturist Scott Blair
Tuesday, February 9 · 1–3 PM
$10 ($15 for not–yet–members)
Learn how developing a more interactive relationship with nature can benefit you. This class will teach you the basics of utilizing natural conditions, optimizing outdoor space, and learning how to integrate edible plants into your yard.

Backyard Composting
With Horticulturist Mary Toth
Wednesday, February 17 · 1–3 PM
$10 ($15 for not–yet–members)
This class will teach you how to compost your food scraps and yard waste, which compost bin fits your needs and how to maximize the composting process. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour. Walking required.

Cut Flowers for the Home Gardener
With Horticulturist Mary Toth
Wednesday, March 10 · 1–3 PM
$25 ($30 for not–yet–members)
Discover what varieties of cut flowers you can easily from in your own backyard. Learn when and how to plant along with when to harvest flowers to be used in arrangements all season long. Participants will take home seeds to start their own cutting garden. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour. Walking required.
Garden Walk & Talks

These casual informative walks allow plenty of time for questions and photos. Walking required.
$10 ($15 for not–yet–members)

NATO Tower Walk & Talk
With Director of Facilities Don Brown
Thursday, January 7 • 10–11 AM

Camellia Walk & Talk
With Adult Education Manager Alexandra Cantwell
Friday, March 5 • 11 AM–12:30 PM

Art in the Garden
With President and CEO Michael Desplaines
Thursday, March 11 • 10–11:30 AM

Narcissus & Other Early Spring Bloomers
With Director of Horticulture Les Parks
Saturday, March 13 • 1–2:30 PM

Bulbs & Blooms
With Horticulturist Jimmy Van Meter
Saturday, March 20 • 10–11:30 AM

Bulbs & Blooms
With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Michelle Baudanza
Saturday, March 27 • 10:30 AM–12 PM

Mirror Lake Azaleas
With Horticulturist Scott Blair
Tuesday, April 6 • 1–2:30 PM

Enchanted Forest Azaleas
With Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser
Thursday, April 15 • 1–2:30 PM
Saturday, April 17 • 10–11:30 AM

Bulbs & Blooms American Sign Language Tour
With Horticulturist Jeremy Breland
Saturday, April 17 • 10–11:30 AM

Azaleas Walk & Talk
With Adult Education Manager Alexandra Cantwell
Friday, April 23 • 11 AM–12:30 PM

Beginner T’ai Chi (8–Week Class)
In partnership with the Tidewater T’ai Chi Center
Thursdays, January 21 - March 11 • 9:30–10:30 AM
$100 ($120 for not–yet–members)

Intermediate T’ai Chi (8–Week Class)
In partnership with the Tidewater T’ai Chi Center
Thursdays, January 21 - March 11 • 10:30–11:30 AM
$100 ($120 for not–yet–members)

Origami
With Paper Artist Rich Gray
Saturdays • 10 AM–12 PM

March

03/10  Cut Flowers for the Home Gardener
03/16  Owl Prowl
03/18  Digital Photography • Light Painting/Writing
03/20  Watercolors • Hellebores & Daffodils
03/23  Garden Stars

April

04/01  Easter Spring Centerpiece Floral Design
04/06  Smartphone Photography
04/08  Owl Prowl
04/13  Digital Photography • Portraits
04/14  Deciduous Azaleas
04/17  Watercolors • Wisteria & Hummingbird
04/20  Azalea Pruning Workshop
04/24  Azalea Pruning Workshop
04/24  Hummingbird Container Workshop
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

In January, February, and March, the Youth Education Department will offer paid online classes, new educational to-go kits, and free digital learning content that align with some of our most popular onsite programs:

Little Sprout Explorers
Homeschool in the Garden
Jr. Garden Artists
NatureKid To-Go Kits

Make sure to check the Children & Family Programs page on the NBG website for the most up-to-date schedule and class information!

Our in-person Children & Family Programs will resume in April 2021!

YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Unless otherwise noted, NBG Member adults may register a free chaperone ticket with a registered child participant for in-person programs. Not-yet-members tickets must be purchased for children and adults for all in-person programs. Member and Not-yet-members household rates will additionally be offered for all online programs. For additional information or to register for a class, visit our website or email us at youthed@nbgs.org.

SCOUT PROGRAMS

New this winter, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts will be able to complete onsite self-guided activities and to-go kits at home to earn select badges, patches, loops, and pins!

Brownie Bug Badge
Junior Flower Badge
Outdoor Art Badges
Cub Scout Adventure Loops
Into the Woods Pin

Scouts will also be able to access free digital content offered through the NBG website!

LanternAsia 2021 programs will be announced soon!

SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIPS

Enhance your student virtual learning experience by booking a self-guided field trip at Norfolk Botanical Garden! All programs are aligned with the Virginia SOLs, and will help your student apply concepts covering during the school year. For more information email youthed@nbgs.org.

Coffee Curiosities
With Adult Education Manager Alexandra Cantwell
Thursday, January 14 • 6–7 PM • $10
Explore the world of coffee, from cultivation to cup!

A World of Wine
With Adult Education Manager Alexandra Cantwell
Thursday, February 11 • 6–7 PM • $10
From ancient civilizations to most menus and pantries, wine has been closely paired with human history. Participants will learn basics of both viticulture and viniculture.

Orchids 101
With Horticulturist Joelle Miller
Thursday, February 18 • 6–7 PM • $10
Think you can't grow orchids? Come to this class and learn how easy it can be!

Edible Landscaping
With Director of Horticulture Les Parks
Tuesday, February 23 • 6–7 PM • $10
Learn about the hardiest and easiest to grow fruiting trees, shrubs, and vines. Will discuss perennial herbs, all of which can be used ornamentally as well.

Hoppy Hour
With Adult Education Manager Alexandra Cantwell
Thursday, March 18 • 6–7 PM • $10
Delve into the history behind one of the world's oldest beverages, learning about the horticulture of the crops involved and the basics of brewing!

Tales of Tea
With Adult Education Manager Alexandra Cantwell
Thursday, April 15 • 6–7 PM • $10
Learn about the journey from tea leaf to tea pot, with plenty of horticulture and history of one of the world's most favored beverages!