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REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Preregistration is required for all classes and programs unless otherwise indicated. Register online, in person, or by phone. Become a member and receive a discount on classes & much more! Membership fees can be included with your registration. All class prices include Garden admission.

MEMBER DISCOUNT POLICY
Members with an individual membership receive a discount on 1 ticket per class. Members with a family membership receive a discount on up to 2 tickets per class for adult classes and up to 6 tickets per program for youth and family programs.

CLASS REFUND POLICY
Cancellations five or more business days prior to the program start date, refunds less 20% processing fee (min. $5). No refunds for cancellations one to four business days prior to program start date. Courses canceled by the Garden due to low enrollment or hazardous weather conditions are fully refunded.

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Coming This Fall:
Floral Design Certification

with Senior Horticulturist
Mary Toth
9—week class
(2 classes/week)
September—November
6—8 PM

Mary completed a 10-week course with the Floral Design Institute and is now a Certified Floral Designer. We are excited to offer a Floral Design Certification class with her this fall.
June

06/01 Under the ‘Scope: Roses (3-Week Class)
Backyard Bluebirds
Meditation (4-Week Class)
Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes

06/02 NBG Homeschool Field Day!

06/06 Seed Dispersion Walk & Talk

06/07 Summer Succulent Wreath

06/08 Beginner T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
Intermediate T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
Origami
Owl Prowl

06/09 Garden Highlights Walk & Talk
Family Twilight Trek

06/10 Watercolors

06/13 Digital Photography
Worm Composting
Root Down: Plant Microbiomes
Mushroom Cultivation

06/14 Herb Container Workshop
Summer Elegance Floral Design

06/15 Introduction to Moths and Butterflies-Zoom
Impressions in Clay

06/16 Storybook Tea Party

06/19 Monday Yoga (4-Week Class)

06/20 Hydrangeas-The Big Leaf and the Beautiful
Planning a Pollinator Garden
Landscape Design-Zoom

06/21 Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)

06/23 Bluebird Trail Walk & Talk
Family Twilight Trek

06/28 Basket Floral Arrangement

06/29 The Fundamentals of Pizza Making
Garden Stars
Backyard Bird Buds

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Backyard Bluebirds
With retired Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser
Tuesday, May 16 • 9:30—11:30 AM
Thursday, June 1 • 9:30—11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not-yet-members)

Retired Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser will give you tips on how to attract Eastern Bluebirds to your yard (and hopefully nest in a box you provide!) based on his experiences here at NBG as well as his own backyard. This class will start with a short classroom presentation followed by a tour of nesting activity in our 15-box Bluebird Trail.

Bluebird Trail Walk
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Friday, June 23 • 10 AM—12 AM
$16 ($21 for not-yet-members)

Observe the nesting activity of Eastern Bluebirds within our 15-box Bluebird Trail. Get an extensive look at how we care for our bird boxes and what our boxes do for the environment and the community. Learn about attracting birds to your yard, backyard birding, and bird habits with our Virginia Bluebird Society Liason and birding enthusiast Ray Volkin. Extensive walking required.
FREE GARDEN WALK & TALKS

INCLUDED WITH GARDEN ADMISSION
Walking required, weather permitting. These casual informative walks will allow plenty of time for questions and photos. Registration required.

Mirror Lake Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist Sarah Chiat
Tuesday, May 9 • 10–11:30 AM

Spring/Summer Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist Dan Fulford
Tuesday, May 16 • 1–2:30 PM

Spring Blooms Walk & Talk
With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Michelle Baudanza
Wednesday, May 17 • 10–11:30 AM

Rose Garden Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist Tensaie Fesshaye
Wednesday, May 24 • 1–2 PM

Birding Walk & Talk
With Blackwater Ecological Preserve Manager Nicholas Flanders
Friday, May 26 • 9:30–11 AM

Crape Myrtle Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist Dan Fulford
Wednesday, July 19 • 10–11:30 AM

Butterfly Garden Walk & Talk
With Senior Horticulturist Linda Saunders
Tuesday, July 25 • 10–11:30 AM
Tuesday, August 1 • 10–11:30 AM

Garden Highlights Walk & Talk
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Friday, June 9 • 10–11:30 AM
Friday, August 4 • 10–11:30 AM

July

07/6 Wildflower Bouquet Floral Design
Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes

07/7 Family Twilight Trek

07/8 Dog Days Gardening, Plants that Can Take the Heat and Flower at the Hottest Time of the Year
Watercolors

07/11 Building a Bird Habitat
Intro to Crochet (3-Week Class)
Origami

07/12 Succulent Driftwood Centerpiece

07/13 Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101

07/14 Storybook Tea Party

07/18 Southern Fire: History of Fire and Longleaf Pine Savannas

07/19 Crape Myrtle Walk & Talk

07/20 Digital Photography
Owl Prowl

07/21 Family Twilight Trek

07/24 Monday Yoga (4-Week Class)

07/25 Butterfly Garden Walk & Talk
Mushroom Medicine
Moth Night

07/26 Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)

07/27 Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
Intro to Kombucha Brewing
Garden Stars
Dinosaurs in the Garden
august

08/1  Butterfly Garden Walk & Talk
08/2  Monogram Wooden Succulent Centerpiece
08/3  Fairy & Gnomes Summer Homes
08/4  Garden Highlights Walk & Talk
      Family Twilight Trek
08/5  Watercolors
08/8  Cork-filled Centerpiece Floral Design
      Digital Photography
      Origami
08/9  Longleaf Pine Walk & Talk
08/10 Beginner T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
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      Owl Prowl
08/15 Hardy Ferns
      Cooking with Mushrooms
08/17 Biedermeier Style Floral Arrangement
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      Family Twilight Trek
08/23 The History of Our Plants
08/24 Flower ID from A to Z
      Worm Composting
      Garden Stars
08/25 WOW End of Summer Celebration
08/29 Beginning Beekeeping (3-Week Class)
08/31 Fall Veggie Gardens

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GARDEN KITS TO GO
ONLINE SALE

Exclusive Member Access Sept. 7TH
PLUS 10% DISCOUNT

Open to the public on Sept 8—10

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Partial Shade
Suburban Wildlife Oasis-Field Trip
With Nursery Manager Pat Sisson and retired Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser
Thursday, May 11 • 10–11:30 AM
Saturday, May 13 • 10–11:30 AM
$50 ($55 for not–yet–members)
Nursery Manager Pat Sisson and retired Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser invite you to view their yard and discuss in detail their efforts and experiences in planting a sanctuary for native wildlife. Discussion topics will include native plant selection, native butterfly host plants, wildlife friendly cultural practices, bluebird nest boxes and more. If you’re interested in supporting and sustaining our local wildlife, this class will show you that YOUR yard can make a difference! We will provide beverages and have plenty of chairs. Participants will be required to drive to our house, there is ample on-street parking. Class participants will receive a native plant.

Intro to Edible Weeds
With Senior Horticulturist & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth
Thursday, May 18 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Learn how to identify, prepare and get familiar with the nutritional wonders of the wild weeds that are growing in our backyard. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor tour.

Salad Bowl Container Workshop
With Horticulturist Kent Lewark
Wednesday, May 31 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Love a good salad? Limited space for growing food at home? This workshop will cover growing and harvesting various lettuces, salad greens, herbs, and complimentary planter vegetables in containers. The knowledge you come away with can later be applied to larger containers, or raised or ground beds when you’re ready to increase your yield.

Root Down: Plant Microbiomes
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Tuesday, June 13 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Explore the world of the rhizosphere and find out what you could be welcoming into your garden—both helpful and harmful. Learn how to potentially keep your plants healthy with a balanced microbiome with some simple at-home remedies.

Herb Container Workshop
With Horticulturist Hunter Clark
Wednesday, June 14 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$40 ($55 for not–yet–members)
Make and take your own container full of fresh herbs. You’ll learn all about various herbs and their uses, including those we’ll be planting. Enjoy your herbs all summer long! All materials included.

Hydrangeas-The Big Leaf and the Beautiful
With Senior Horticulturist Scott Blair
Tuesday, June 20 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
In this class we will discuss the different species and their role in the garden. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour.

Planning a Pollinator Garden
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Tuesday, June 20 • 1–2:30 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Celebrate Pollinator Week with this introductory course on pollinators and how to support them - starting in your own backyard!

Under the ‘Scope’: Roses (3-Week Class)
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Thursdays, June 1, July 6, August 3 • 1–2 PM
$25 ($30 for not–yet–members)
Every month, take a deep dive into what goes into breeding a rose. Find the answers to questions like "what makes a rose smell like a rose?" "Are blue roses real?" and many more! Expect to leave each session with a new piece of knowledge and a greater understanding of genes through the lens of a rose.

Worm Composting
With Master Gardener Kandy Keith
Tuesday, June 13 • 6:30–8:30 PM
Thursday, August 24 • 6:30–8:30 PM
$40 ($55 for not–yet–members)
Turn your kitchen waste into a dark rich soil conditioner. Each participant will make a worm compost bin, complete with starter worms! All supplies included.

Dog Days Gardening, Plants That Can Take the Heat and Flower at the Hottest Time of the Year
With Director of Horticulture Les Parks
Saturday, July 8 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
With our long hot summers, it might seem difficult to find flower color that lasts through the summer. However, there are a number of plants that not only put on a good show then, but actually thrive in the heat and humidity. This class will introduce participants to some of these perennials, shrubs, and trees that look their best in the heat.

Building a Bird Habitat
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Tuesday, July 11 • 1–2:30 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Learn the basics of what it means to build a backyard bird habitat, and why it’s important now more than ever.

Hardy Ferns
With Horticulturist Bailey Bunn
Tuesday, August 15 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Learn about the best ferns to use in your home landscape— including design elements and plant care. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor tour.
explore
Let curiosity take root with our nature and wildlife programs.

Sunset Kayaking
In partnership with Tula Paddle Sports
Tuesday, May 16, 23, 30 • 6 PM–Sunset
Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20, 27 • 6:30 PM–Sunset
Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25 • 6:30 PM–Sunset
Tuesday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 6 PM–Sunset
Tuesday, September 5, 12, 19, 26 • 5:30–Sunset
$50 ($65 for not–yet–members)
Enjoy a relaxing paddle on Lake Whitehurst with experienced guides. No experience necessary.

Garden Stars
In partnership with the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers
Thursday, May 25 • 8:30–10 PM
Thursday, June 29 • 8:30–10 PM
Thursday, July 27 • 8:30–10 PM
Thursday, August 24 • 8:30–10 PM
$16 ($26 for not–yet–members)
Come out for an evening under the stars with the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers and their powerful telescopes. Walking required.

Owl Prowl
With Nature’s Nanny Wildlife Rehab
Thursday, May 11 • 7–9 PM
Thursday, June 8 • 7–9 PM
Thursday, July 20 • 7–9 PM
Thursday, August 10 • 7–9 PM
$21 ($26 for not–yet–members)
Join us for a guided tour of the Garden in search of these magnificent night hunters—after meeting them in person! Walking required.

Plants that Kill
With Horticultrist Julia Trzcinski
Wednesday, August 16 • 1–3 PM
$21 ($26 for not–yet–members)
Explore the darker side of the plant kingdom with a dive into the history and science of poisonous plants, including their harmful effects in contrast to more positive or medicinal uses. This course will include a lecture and garden tour. Participants will go home with a seedling to start their own ‘Poison’ garden.

Flower ID from A to Z
With Senior Horticulturist & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth
Thursday, August 24 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
There are many types of flowers available in the florist industry from locally grown to tropic imports. Learn to identify old favorites, new varieties and various foliage’s along with their special needs and design styles of the many flower types.

Moth Night
With Maurice A. Cullen, Russ Halvorsen, Nate Gilbert of the Butterfly Society of Virginia
Tuesday, July 25 • 8:30–10:30 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Come learn about moths beginning with an indoor presentation of mounted specimens of both local and tropical moths, with a Q and A session. Participants will then move outside to see what species of moths are attracted to sheets using both UV and mercury vapor lights. Bait stations will also be set up for moths that are not particularly attracted to lights.

Backyard Bluebirds
With retired Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser
Tuesday, May 16 • 9:30–11:30 AM
Thursday, June 1 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$16/class ($21/class for not–yet–members)
Senior Horticulturist Tom Houser will give you tips on how to attract Eastern Bluebirds to your yard (and hopefully nest in a box you provide!) based on his experiences here at NBG as well as his own back yard. This class will start with a short classroom presentation followed by a tour of nesting activity in our 15-box Bluebird Trail.

Bluebird Trail Walk
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Friday, June 23 • 10 AM–12 PM
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Observe the nesting activity of bluebirds within our 15-box bluebird trail. Get an extensive look at how we care for our bird boxes and what our boxes do for the environment and the community. Learn about attracting birds to your yard, backyard birding, and bird habits with our Virginia Bluebird Society Liaison and birding enthusiast, Ray Volkin. Extensive Walking.
create

Cultivate your creativity with these garden-inspired workshops. All supplies included.

**Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)**
With Artist Adele Loomans
**Wednesdays, May 24—July 12, July 26—September 13**
9:45–11:45 AM
$175 ($200 for not-yet-members)

**Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)**
With Artist Adele Loomans
**Thursdays, May 25—July 13, July 27—September 14**
9:45–11:45 AM
$175 ($200 for not-yet-members)

**Watercolors**
With Artist Diana Davis
**Saturdays • 9 AM–1:30 PM**
Hummingbirds and Flowering Branches • May 13
Landscape on the Water • June 10
Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly and Trumpet Vine • July 8
Sunflowers and Goldfinch • August 5
$60 ($75 for not-yet-members)

**Origami**
With Paper Artist Rich Gray
**Iris • June 8 • 6:30–8:30 PM**
Fish Mobile • July 11 • 6:30–8:30 PM
Shadow Lantern • August 8 • 6:30–8:30 PM
$21 ($26 for not-yet-members)

**Digital Photography**
With professional photographer Dee Akright
**6:30–8:30 PM**
Travel Photography • May 25
Macro Photography • June 13
Portrait Photography • July 20
Advanced Flash • August 8
$40 ($55 for not-yet-members)
Bring your camera and manual.

**Gourd Workshop**
With Artist Debbie Simpson
**Thursday, May 25 • 9 AM–12 PM**
$30 ($40 for not-yet-members)
In this class, gourd artist Deborah Simpson will explain the different types of gourds and their uses and history. There will be an introduction to the various Gourd Societies in the US. A prepared gourd will be provided for each participant to design and paint their own Gourd Birdhouse to take home. All supplies will be included. Wear clothing that you don’t mind getting paint on.

**Impressions in Clay**
With Instructor Greg Bryant
**Thursday, June 15 • 6–8 PM**
$40 ($50 for not-yet-members)
An introduction to ceramic techniques with an emphasis on botanical designs. Participants will make their very own porcelain pendant or tile!

**Floral Design Workshops**
With Senior Horticulturist & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth
**Mother’s Day Floral Arrangement • May 12 • 1–2:30 PM**
**Summer Elegance • June 14 • 1–2:30 PM**
**Basket Floral Arrangement • June 28 • 1–2:30 PM**
**Wildflower Bouquet • July 6 • 1–2:30 PM**
**Cork-filled Centerpiece • August 8 • 1–2:30 PM**
**Biedermeier Style Floral Arrangement • August 17 • 1–2:30 PM**
$60/Workshop ($75 for not-yet-members)

**Intro to Crochet (3-Week Class)**
With Mandie Burns
**Tuesdays, July 11-July 25 • 6–8 PM**
$85 ($95 for not-yet-members)
Students will learn basic crochet skills while creating a whimsical hat project written especially for beginners. Skills taught include: chaining, single & double crochet stitches, turning corners, binding off, slip knots, adding embellishments, pattern reading, finishing, and more. This class series is designed for beginners with no prior crochet experience. All supplies are included.

**Succulent Workshop**
With Melissa Tebbenhoff
**Living Succulent Wall Art • May 23 • 6:30–8:30 PM**
$85 ($90 for not-yet-members)
**Summer Succulent Wreath • June 7 • 6:30–8:30 PM**
$80 ($85 for not-yet-members)
**Succulent Driftwood Centerpiece • July 12 • 6:30–8:30 PM**
$100 ($105 for not-yet-members)
**Monogram Wooden Succulent Centerpiece • August 2 • 6:30–8:30 PM**
$85 ($90 for not-yet-members)

**Sumi-e: Japanese Ink Painting (5-Week Class)**
With Artist Norene Spencer
**Tuesdays • May 9—June 6**
**11 AM–1 PM**
$85 ($110 for not-yet-members)
live well

Sow the seeds for your healthy lifestyle. All supplies included.

**Garden Yoga (4–Week Class)**
Mondays, May 8—June 5 (no class on May 29),
June 19—July 10, July 24—August 14
9:30–10:30 AM
With Certified Instructor Ann Williams
**Beginner T’ai Chi (8–Week Class)**
In partnership with the Tidewater T’ai Chi Center
Thursdays, June 8—July 27, August 10—September 28
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, June 8—July 27, August 10—September 28
10:30–11:30 AM
$100 ($120 for not–yet–members)

**Evening Yoga (4–Week Class)**
With Certified Instructor Hailey Biscow
Tuesdays, May 9—May 30 • 6–7 PM
$40 ($55 for not–yet–members)

**Meditation (4–Week Class)**
With Certified Instructor Hailey Biscow
Thursdays, June 1—June 22 • 6–7 PM
$40 ($55 for not–yet–members)

**The Fundamentals of Pizza Making**
With Chef David Hannah
Thursday, June 29 • 6–8 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
In this class attendees will learn the basics of making Neapolitan style pizza. You will learn various techniques in making dough, the ideal pizza sauce, and your own pizza for your personal enjoyment.

**Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101**
With Chef David Hannah
Thursday, July 13 • 6–8 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Learn the basic fundamentals of canning as you make and take home your own jars of pepper jelly. You’ll learn various skills and techniques to take your jelly from basic to the high end bistro sandwich. We will be sampling foods that compliment pepper jelly recipe so save room for snacks.

**Intro to Kombucha Brewing**
With Horticulturist Julia Trzcinski
Thursday, July 27 • 6–8 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Have you ever wanted to learn how to make kombucha? Well now is your chance! In this class we will walk you through the steps to have your own thriving Kombucha Scoby, what a Scoby is and how to care for it, discuss flavor options, and even do a kombucha tasting together. You will go home with your own scoby and all the information and supplies you need to make your next batch of kombucha at home.
Cooking with Mushrooms
With Ryan Staab of Capstone Mushroom
**Tuesday, May 23 • 6–8 PM**
**Tuesday, August 15 • 6–8 PM**
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
In this class Ryan Staab, owner of Capstone Mushroom, will prepare gourmet mushrooms directly from his farm in Virginia Beach. King Trumpet Jerky, Lion’s Mane “crab” cakes, beer battered fried oyster mushrooms and more. After class ends you will depart with your own Capstone Mushrooms to go home with and show off your new skills.

Mushroom Cultivation
With Ryan Staab of Capstone Mushroom
**Tuesday, June 13 • 6–8 PM**
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Join Ryan Staab, owner of Capstone Mushroom farm, in learning all about mushroom cultivation including the trade secrets that help him grow thousands of pounds of mushrooms annually. Through hands-on demonstrations, a take home workbook, and grow kit, you’ll know how to grow your own mushrooms in no time.

Mushroom Medicine
With Ryan Staab of Capstone Mushroom
**Tuesday, July 25 • 6–8 PM**
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Explore the world of medicinal fungi with Ryan Staab, owner of Capstone Mushroom, as he shares how mushrooms can lead to a healthier and happier life for you and your family. You will be taught basic identification methods, how to make your own mushroom medicines, as well as the most up to date science of the how and why mushrooms can help heal our planet and families during this pivotal time in history.

Phenology Walk & Talk
With Dr. Lisa Wallace of Old Dominion University
**Thursday, May 18 • 10–11:30 AM**
$11 ($16 for not–yet–members)
Climate change is shifting the natural world in many ways. Did you know that plants and animals are changing their yearly growth patterns? Scientists are eager to understand these responses of plants and animals to a warming climate and rely on a network of citizens who regularly observe species through the National Phenology Network. In this walk and talk, learn about this Network, some of the effects that we’ve seen in plants at the Garden, and how you can contribute observations from your own backyard to help local scientists understand the shifting landscape in Southeast Virginia. Participants are encouraged to install the Nature’s Notebook app on a mobile device and set up an account prior to the walk.

Seed Dispersion Walk & Talk
With ODU graduate student Devani Jolman
**Tuesday, June 6 • 10–11:30 AM**
$11 ($16 for not–yet–members)
Explore the many different ways that seeds disperse. Learn about the various types of seed dispersion methods, different fruit types (i.e., why isn’t a raspberry a berry?) and more!

Introduction to Moths and Butterflies–Zoom
With Dr. Shawn Dash of Hampton University
**Thursday, June 15 • 6–7 PM**
$5 ($10 for not–yet–members)
This lecture covers the evolution, diversity, reproduction, life cycles, fun interesting facts about moths and butterflies, and of course pollination.

Landscape Design–Zoom
With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox
**Tuesday, June 20 • 6–7 PM**
$5 ($10 for not–yet–members)
Ever wonder how landscape designers do what they do? Dr. Laurie Fox from Virginia Tech will talk about the landscape design process and insights from her 35 years of experience.

Southern Fire: History of Fire and Longleaf Pine Savannahs
With ODU student Nathan Teel
**Tuesday, July 18 • 10–11:30 AM**
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Fire has long been deeply engrained in the life history of the longleaf pine. Learn about the key role fires have played in shaping the multiple and complex links between the cultural history of the South, ecology, and evolution of southern ecosystems. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour.

The Value of Trees–Zoom
With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox
**Thursday, August 10 • 6–7 PM**
$5 ($10 for not–yet–members)
Ever wonder what the real cost is when a tree is cut down or blown down in a storm? Take a look at the real value of trees with Dr. Laurie Fox from Virginia Tech. You might be surprised, and you might even be inspired to go plant one.

The History of Our Plants
With ODU graduate student Devani Jolman
**Wednesday, August 23 • 9:30–11:30 AM**
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Plants on earth are beautiful and diverse, but they weren’t always this way! Come with me through time and learn about how plants evolved from tiny green algae, to tree-like horsetails, to the plants we know and love today.

Beginning Beekeeping (3-Week Class)
With The Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia
**Tuesdays, August 29-September 12 • 6:30–8:30 PM**
$50 ($65 for not–yet–members)
Learn about the biology, equipment and management before you start your own beehive!
**YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

All youth and family programs require pre-registration. Unless otherwise noted, NBG Member adults may register a free chaperone ticket with a registered child participant. Not-yet-members tickets must be purchased for all attending children and adults for all programs. For additional information on all our offered programs or to register for a class, visit our website or email us at: youthed@nbgs.org.

**SUMMER PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**Little Sprout Explorers**
Introduce your pre-k aged children to nature and science concepts through crafts, hands-on exploration, walking tours, and a story time.

**Critter Club**
Go pond dipping, go on a bird search, study pollinators, and so much more! Most Critter Club programs are recommended for ages 6-11.

**Club Nothin’ But Green!**
Join Club NBG to learn about gardening and green careers through field investigation, crafts, and other hands-on, scientific activities. Program recommended for ages 13-16.

**Family Twilight Trek**
Dissect an owl pellet and decorate a set of binoculars, then go on a sunset walk through the Garden. Recommended for ages 5+ with caregiver participation. Moderate walking required. All child and adult participants must have a registered ticket.

- Friday, May 12 · 7–8:30PM
- Friday, May 26 · 7–8:30PM
- Friday, June 9 · 7:30–9PM
- Friday, June 23 · 7:30–9PM
- Friday, July 7 · 7:30–9PM
- Friday, July 21 · 7:30–9PM
- Friday, August 4 · 7:30–9PM
- Friday, August 18 · 7:30–9PM

$10/child and $5/adult for NBG members. ($15/person for not-yet-members.)

**Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes**
Make a miniature summer home for the fairies and gnomes in your garden. Recommended for ages 4+.

- Thursday, June 1 · 10–11AM
- Thursday, July 6 · 10–11AM
- Thursday, August 3 · 10–11AM

$10/child for NBG Members. ($18/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

**NBG Homeschool Field Day!**
Join NBG Youth Educators to complete fun and educational guided and self-guided activities to celebrate the end of the school year! Each child participant will be provided an activity kit with all needed materials to complete the activities. Recommended for children ages 5+ with significant chaperone participation. Moderate walking required.

- Friday, June 2 · 10AM–2PM

$10/child for NBG Members. ($18/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

**Storybook Tea Party**
Meet us in the WOW Children’s Garden for a storybook-themed tea party! Recommended for ages 3+. Light refreshments included for participating children.

- Friday, June 16 · 10–11AM
- Friday, July 14 · 10–11AM
- Friday, August 18 · 10–11AM

$10/child for NBG Members. ($18/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

**Join us in the Garden for free Member programs this summer! All activities are recommended for ages 3+ and require pre-registration. Space is limited to the first 15 registered children. Adult chaperone attendance and supervision is required.**

**Busy Bees**
Wednesdays in June · 10AM
Meet in the WOW Children's Garden to see the busy bees who call the Garden home!

**Caterpillar Club**
Wednesdays in July · 9:30AM
Thursdays in July · 9:30AM
Meet at the Butterfly House to say good morning to the caterpillars and butterflies!

**Pollinator Pals**
Wednesdays in August · 10AM
Meet in the WOW Children's Garden to learn about the importance of garden pollinators.

**Other activities included with Garden admission such as scavenger hunts, story times, crafts, walking tours, and discovery carts are offered daily in the WOW Children’s Garden!**
**Backyard Bird Buds**  
Learn about the birds you might see in the Garden and in your backyard, then paint a miniature bird feeder to take home.  
Recommended for ages 7+.  
**Thursday, June 29 · 10–11:30AM**  
$15/child for NBG Members.  
($20/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

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**Dinosaurs in the Garden**  
Learn about the dinosaur plants and animals who live in the Garden, then make your own dinosaur terrarium to take home. Each dinosaur terrarium includes an air plant! Recommended for ages 7+.  
**Thursday, July 27 · 10–11:30AM**  
$15/child for NBG Members.  
($20/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

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**Fall Veggie Gardens**  
Did you know it’s time to start your fall veggies? Go on a tour of our kitchen garden to learn about the different parts of a plant we eat and what grows best in our grow zone, then start your own fall veggie garden to take home. Recommended for ages 7+.  
**Thursday, August 31 · 10–11:30AM**  
$15/child for NBG Members.  
($20/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

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**WOW End of Summer Celebration**  
Join us in the WOW Children’s Garden after hours to complete crafts, games, and other fun activities! Make sure to come out early to play in the fountains! Recommended for ages 3+ with caregiver participation.  
**Friday, August 25 · 7–8:30PM**  
$10/child and $5/adult for NBG members.  
($15/person for not-yet-members.)

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**2023 PLANT & POLLINATOR PALS**

Join us in the WOW Children's Garden this summer to learn about the different pollinators who call the Garden home! Complete scavenger hunts, games, crafts, field activities, and more to help you and your family become a pollinator pal. All scheduled programs will be listed on the NBG website, including a plant plug giveaway in May and June!

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**CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Book a birthday party in the WOW Children’s Garden! Pricing starts at $275 and includes a WOW classroom rental, themed table decorations, Garden admission for party guests, and paperware for the party.

**ADD-ON ACTIVITY:** For $5/child, upgrade your rental to include A Very Hungry Caterpillar themed classroom decorations, a story time, and a craft!

**DELUXE PARTY OPTION:** The Deluxe Dinosaur Party includes dinosaur decorations for the classroom, and the option to add dinosaur-themed terrariums and/or goodie bags for attending children. Deluxe parties include all the standard rental amenities.

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**SUMMER SCOUT PROGRAMS**

Bring your Scouts to the Garden for a guided or self-guided program this summer! Each offered program allows participating Scouts to earn the corresponding badge, patch, pin, or loop!

Some options include:  
- GSCCC Explore NBG Patch  
- Brownie Bug Badge  
- Junior Flower Badge  
- Outdoor Art Badges  
- Math in Nature Badges  
- Lions “Ready, Set, Grow”  
- Tigers “My Tiger Jungle”  
- Bears “Fur, Feather, & Fern”  
- Into the Woods Adventure  
- Into the Wild Adventure

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**BRIDGING CEREMONIES**

Book a guided or self-guided Girl Scout program, and then visit Friendship Pond or one of our other bridges in the Garden to complete your bridging ceremony!

**DELUXE CEREMONY OPTION:**  
Add a one-hour WOW classroom rental to your bridging ceremony to celebrate with your Troop!

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**SUMMER FIELD TRIPS**

Bring your summer youth groups and campers to play, splash, and learn with us this summer!  
All summer field trips to the Garden include scheduled access to the WOW Splash Fountains, the Butterfly House, and our Plant & Pollinator Pals summer activities!  
Scan the QR code to visit our Field Trip website page for more information!