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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Floral Design Certification

With Horticulturist IV & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth

Back by Popular Demand!
Registration opens Fall 2024

8-Week Class (2 classes/week)
Sept. 5—Oct. 29 • 6–8 PM

Learn the basics of Floral Design, from flower identification and care to designing by season and the theme.

Funky Fungi
Nature's Curious Creations

This summer exhibit will immerse visitors in the wonder of mushrooms with educational tours, art installations and interactive experiences.
Garden Walk & Talks

These casual informative walks allow plenty of time for questions and photos.

Walking required.

Space is limited, pre-registration is required!

Free with Garden admission.

06/06 Rose Garden Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist II/Rose Garden Tensaie Fesshaye
Tuesday, May 7 • 11 AM–12 PM

06/09 Late Spring Walk & Talk
With Director of Horticulture Les Parks
Saturday, May 18 • 10–11:30 AM

06/10 Spring Bulbs and Blooms Walk & Talk
With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Michelle Baudanza
Tuesday, May 28 • 10–11:30 AM

06/13 Butterfly Garden Walk & Talk
With Senior Event Designer & Horticulturist Linda Saunders
Tuesday, June 11 • 10–11:30 AM

06/17 Mirror Lake Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist II Shelby Correia
Thursday, June 20 • 10–11:30 AM

06/20 Garden Highlights Walk & Talk
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Tuesday, July 16 • 10 AM–11:30 PM

06/23 Salvia Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist II Dakayla Calhoun
Wednesday, July 24 • 10 AM–12 PM

06/26 Crape Myrtle Walk & Talk
With Horticulturist II Andrew Earehart
Wednesday, July 31 • 10–11:30 AM
July

07/2 Sunset Kayaking

07/4 Garden Artists: Picnic Plates

07/5 Storybook Tea Party

07/9 Sunset Kayaking
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Worm Composting
Sunset Kayaking
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07/17 Building a Bird Habitat
Garden Highlights Walk & Talk

07/18 Owl Prowl
Mindful Stitches: Knit
Dinosaurs in the Garden

07/20 Butterfly Festival

07/26 Family Twilight Trek

07/23 Sunset Kayaking
Digital Photography: Intermediate/
Advanced Nailing Exposure
Butterfly Garden Walk & Talk

07/24 Saliva Walk & Talk

07/27 Mushroom Masterclass

07/30 Sunset Kayaking
Photographing Butterflies

07/31 Crape Myrtle Walk & Talk

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Gallery Talk: Healing the Earth: The Perfect Garden
With artist Caroline Garrett Hardy
Wednesday, July 10 • 2–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)

Paper artist Caroline Garrett Hardy will discuss the motivation and purpose behind her recent series of paper kimonos entitled: Healing the Earth: The Perfect Garden.

Class will meet in the Baker Hall Visitor Center where her work is on display.

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Mushroom Masterclass

With State Certified Mycologists Vicky & Christopher Vacher

Saturday, July 27 • 9:30 AM–1:30 PM
$110 ($130 for not–yet–members)

Vicki and Christopher, 2 of only 13 state certified mycologists, will guide you on a fun and immersive journey into the world of fungi. This class provides an exploration of fungal biology, identification, foraging, cultivation, medicinal mushrooms, mycoremediation, and culinary tips. Students will enjoy a presentation, hands-on workshop preparing their own shiitake mushroom log and learning how to care for them at home. We will also discuss medicinal mushrooms followed by a cooking demonstration to taste a variety of mushrooms and learn about their unique culinary applications.
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08/06  Sunset Kayaking
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       The Fundamentals of Pizza Making
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       Family Twilight Trek
       Friday Morning Yoga (4-Week Class)
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       Knit 101
       Bread Making Workshop
08/13  Sunset Kayaking
       Diversity of Flowers Walk & Talk
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       Garden Stars
       Mushroom Cultivation
       Dinosaurs in the Garden
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08/20  Sunset Kayaking
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Intro to Edible Weeds
With Horticulturist IV & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth
Wednesday, May 15 • 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.

Plant Breeder for a Day
With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Michelle Baudanza
Wednesday, May 15 • 3–5 PM
$50 ($65 for not–yet–members)
This class will begin with a brief history on the Magnolia family as well as an overview of flower morphology. Students will travel into the Garden for a demonstration on how to pollinate a flower. Participants will then have the opportunity to gather pollen to make their own unique cross. Students whose cross produces seed will be contacted in the fall to pick up their seeds or have them mailed. Who knows, you might just create the next new Magnolia cultivar!

Dig & Divide Pollinator Garden
With Nursery Manager Pat Sisson and Horticulturist II Tyler Greenwell
Thursday, May 16 • 9:30–11 AM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Tour the pollinator garden and learn the proper way to divide and transplant a variety of perennial plants that participants will then take home. Walking required. Please dress for gardening.

Hardy Ferns of Virginia
With Horticulturist III Bailey Bunn
Friday, May 31 • 10 AM–12 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Learn about the best ferns to use in your home landscape—excluding design elements and plant care. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor tour.

Hydrangeas-the Big Leaf and the Beautiful
With Horticulturist IV Scott Blair
Wednesday, June 12 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
The instructor will help guide you in the right direction when it comes to plantings in an outdoor garden. Some plants grow larger and taller whereas others grow smaller and wider. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour. Walking required.

Mysterious Mushrooms and Fantastic Fungi
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Thursday, June 20 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Fungi not only play an important role in the natural world, but in our day to day one as well! Learn about their impact on history and culture over time, as well as the basics of their biology and many uses in the modern world.

Small Trees for Today’s Garden
With Director of Horticulture Les Parks
Saturday, July 13 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Most gardeners are aware just how important trees are to the environment, wildlife, and to enhance a landscape. However, not all gardeners have room for large shade trees. This talk will explore a number of trees that grow well in Coastal Virginia without taking up much room. This class will be indoors and presented via PowerPoint, but weather permitting, attendees who are interested can join me for a quick tour afterwards to see a few of the trees mentioned in the Garden.

Dune-The Plants Must Grow!
With Horticulturist IV Scott Blair
Tuesday, July 16 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
In part due to urban development, coastal areas like ours are more susceptible to issues such as flooding, erosion, and water pollution. In this class we will discuss how important coastal plantings, living shorelines, and riparian buffers are to ecosystems and how they can help us give our future more solid ground. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor walking tour.

Worm Composting
With Master Gardener Kandy Keith
Tuesday, July 16 • 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.

Herb Container Workshop
With Horticulturist III Hunter Clark
Thursday, June 13 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$40 ($55 for not–yet–members)
Make and take! Learn all about various herbs and their uses, including those we’ll be planting. Then take home herbs for the summer too! All materials included.

Root Down: Plant Microbiomes
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Tuesday, June 11 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Who knew such small critters could make a large impact? 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.

Conifers of Southeast Virginia
With Curator of Woody Plants Carl Simmons
Tuesday, June 18 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Learn about the conifers that grow well in Hampton Roads, and our experiences with a variety of them here at the Garden, followed by a walking tour. Walking required.

Planning a Pollinator Garden
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Tuesday, June 18 • 1–3 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!
Building a Bird Habitat
With Director of Adult Education Alexandra Cantwell
Wednesday, July 17 • 1–3 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.

All About Mushrooms
With Vice President of Education Theresa Augustin
Thursday, August 15 • 9:30—11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Curious about mushrooms? Learn which ones are common to our area, how to identify them, and the role they play in nature. This class will be held outdoors. Walking required.

Flower ID from A to Z
With Horticulturist IV & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth
Thursday, August 29 • 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 style of the many flower types.

Sunset Kayaking
In partnership with Tula Paddle Sports
Tuesday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 • 6:30 PM–Sunset
Tuesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6:30 PM–Sunset
Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20, 27 • 6 PM–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 23 • 8:30–10 PM
Thursday, June 13 • 8:30–10 PM
Thursday, July 11 • 8:30–10 PM
Thursday, August 15 • 8:30–10 PM
$16 ($26 for not–yet–members)
Come out for an evening under the stars with the Back Bay Astronomers and their powerful telescopes. Walking required.

Owl Prowl
With Nature’s Nanny Wildlife Rehab
Thursday, May 9 • 7–9 PM
Thursday, June 20 • 7–9 PM
Thursday, July 18 • 7–9 PM
Thursday, August 8 • 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.

Bluebird Trail Walk
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Thursday, May 2 • 9–11 AM
Thursday, June 6 • 9–11 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Walk through NBG’s 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. Observe acting nesting activity at various stages and keep an eye out for dutiful parents flying in and out of nests. Learn about attracting birds to your yard, backyard birding, and bird habits with our Virginia Bluebird Society Liaison and birding enthusiast, Ray Volkin. Class will be held outdoors. Walking required.

Bluebird Guide
With Plant Recorder Ray Volkin
Thursday, June 6 • 1–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
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. Indoor presentation followed by outdoor tour.
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Cultivate your creativity with these garden-inspired workshops. All supplies included.

**Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)**
With Artist Adele Loomans
Wednesdays, June 19-August 14 (no class on July 3) • 9:45–11:45 AM
$175 ($200 for not–yet–members)

**Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)**
With Artist Adele Loomans
Thursdays, June 20-August 15 (no class on July 4) • 9:45–11:45 AM
$175 ($200 for not–yet–members)

**Watercolors**
With Artist Diana Davis
Saturdays • 9 AM–1:30 PM
Iris • May 18
Bee Balm and Spicebush Swallowtail • June 15
Forest with Pond • July 13
Sunflowers and Mushrooms • August 10
$60 ($75 for not–yet–members)

**Digital Photography**
With Instructor Luca Pfeiffer
Everything about Wildlife Photography • May 23 • 6–8 PM
Intermediate/Advanced Nailing Exposure • July 23 • 6–8 PM
With professional photographer Dee Akright
Photographing Butterflies • July 30 • 10 AM–12 PM
$40 ($55 for not–yet–members)
Bring your camera and manual.

**Floral Design Workshops**
With Horticulturist IV & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth
Mother’s Day Floral Arrangement • May 9 • 1–2:30 PM
Basket Floral Arrangement • May 29 • 1–2:30 PM
Wildflower Bouquet • June 6 • 1–2:30 PM
Asymmetrical Arrangement • June 26 • 1–2:30 PM
Biedermeier Centerpiece • July 9 • 1–2:30 PM
Woodland Floral Arrangement • August 21 • 1–2:30 PM
$60/Workshop ($75 for not–yet–members)

**Watercolor Workshop (4-Week Class)**
With Artist Lynne Frailing
Tuesdays, May 7-May 28 • 9:15 AM–12:30 PM
$150 ($175 for not–yet–members)
This is a lively interactive workshop where the instructor presents both concepts of design and composition as well as materials and methods of watercolor. Materials provided but students are encouraged to bring their own supplies if they have them. A suggested supply list will be provided for each student.

**Crochet/Knitting**
With Instructor Mandie Burns
Crochet: Granny Squares • Tuesday, May 7 • 6–8PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Crochet 101 • Saturday, June 15 • 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Mindful Stitches: Knit • Thursday, July 18 • 6–8 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Knit 101 • Saturday, August 10 • 9:30 AM–12: 30 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)

**Zentangle Workshop**
With Certified Zentangle Teacher Donna Wynn
Saturday, May 18 • 9:30–11:30 AM
Wednesday, July 10 • 10 AM–12 PM
$25 ($35 for not–yet–members)
Come and learn the magical process of meditative drawing called Zentangle! We can be overwhelmed with thoughts, errands and life demands. The Zentangle drawing process is a unique opportunity to offer focus, relaxation, memory improvement and calm.

**Gallery Talk “Healing the Earth: The Perfect Garden”**
With artist Caroline Garrett Hardy
Wednesday, July 10 • 2–3 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Paper artist Caroline Garrett Hardy will discuss the motivation and purpose behind her recent series of paper kimonos entitled: “Healing the Earth: The Perfect Garden”. Class will meet in the Baker Hall Visitor Center where her work is on display.

**Intro to Cross Stitching**
With Instructor Erin Smyth
Friday, August 23 • 1–3 PM
$25 ($35 for not–yet–members)
Students will learn the basics of crossing stitching to create a cute mushroom design. All supplies included.
### Garden Yoga (4-Week Class)
With Certified Instructor Carly Joelle  
**Weekly Days:** Wednesdays, May 29 - June 19, June 26 - July 24 (no class on July 3), August 7 - August 28  
**Times:** 9:30 - 10:30 AM  
*All supplies included.*

### Beginner T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
In partnership with Tidewater T’ai Chi Center  
**Weekly Days:** Thursdays, May 9 - June 27, July 11 - August 29  
**Times:** 9:30 - 10:30 AM  
*All supplies included.*

### Intermediate T’ai Chi (8-Week Class)
In partnership with Tidewater T’ai Chi Center  
**Weekly Days:** Thursdays, May 9 - June 27, July 11 - August 29  
**Times:** 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
*All supplies included.*

### Better Breathing (4-Week Class)
With Certified Instructor Brier King  
**Weekly Days:** Tuesdays, June 4 - June 25  
**Times:** 6 - 7 PM  
*All supplies included.*

### Evening Yoga (4-Week Class)
With Certified Instructor Karen Babcock  
**Weekly Days:** Tuesdays, July 9 - July 30  
**Times:** 6 - 7 PM  
*All supplies included.*

### Mindful Mobility (4-Week Class)
With Certified Instructor Brier King  
**Weekly Days:** Tuesdays, August 6 - August 27  
**Times:** 6 - 7 PM  
*All supplies included.*

### The Taste of Honey
With Horticulturist III Bailey Bunn  
**Weekly Days:** Thursday, May 9  
**Times:** 1 - 3 PM  
*All supplies included.*

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### Bread Making Workshop
With Tylor Alexander from Pilgrim Bread  
**Weekly Days:** Thursday, May 23  
**Times:** 6 - 8 PM  
**Weekly Days:** Saturday, June 8  
**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
**Weekly Days:** Saturday, August 10  
**Times:** 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
*All supplies included.*

### Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101
With Chef David Hannah  
**Weekly Days:** Saturday, May 18  
**Times:** 10 AM - 12 PM  
**Weekly Days:** Saturday, July 13  
**Times:** 10 AM - 12 PM  
*All supplies included.*

### The Fundamentals of Pizza Making
With Chef David Hannah  
**Weekly Days:** Thursday, June 13  
**Times:** 6 - 8 PM  
**Weekly Days:** Thursday, August 8  
**Times:** 6 - 8 PM  
*All supplies included.*

### Grounding in Mirror Lake
With Greenhouse Technician Nicole Ordway  
**Weekly Days:** Tuesday, June 4  
**Times:** 9:30 - 11 AM  
*All supplies included.*

### Grounding in the Enchanted Forest
With Greenhouse Technician Nicole Ordway  
**Weekly Days:** Tuesday, July 9  
**Times:** 9:30 - 11 AM  
*All supplies included.*

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Sow the seeds for your healthy lifestyle.

All supplies included.

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**Register Online at NorfolkBotanicalGarden.org or Call 757-441-5830 ext. 338**
Go beyond the basics for a deeper understanding.

Cooking with Mushrooms
With Ryan Staab of Capstone Mushroom
Tuesday, May 21 • 6–8 PM
Thursday, July 11 • 6–8 PM
$45 ($55 for not–yet–members)
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. Class includes a take home Capstone Mushroom to go kit.

The Power of Pollinators
With ODU graduate student, Devani Jolman
Tuesday, May 21 • 10 AM–12 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Pollinators are essential for managing ecosystems and most of the food on our plates. Unfortunately, we are facing a pollinator decline, putting biodiversity and food security at risk. Come and learn about our wonderful pollinators, the status of their populations, and the current pollinator conservation efforts. We will finish the class by walking around the Garden to observe pollinators in action!

Phenology Walk & Talk
With Dr. Lisa Wallace of Old Dominion University
Wednesday, May 22 • 10–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Scientists are eager to understand the responses of plants and animals to a warming climate and rely on a network of citizens who regularly observe these species. 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. Participants are encouraged to install the Nature’s Notebook app on a mobile device and set up an account prior to the walk.

Gardening as You Age
With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox
Friday, May 24 • 10–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
It’s hard to admit that you can’t work as long or as hard in the garden as you used to. So, you just have to work smarter! Dr. Laurie Fox with Virginia Tech will share some frustrations and fixes for gardening with the challenges that come with age.

Wild Herb Foraging Walk
Botanist and Founder of Wild Herb Academy April Punsalan
Saturday, June 15 • 9:30–11:30 AM
$25 ($35 for not–yet–members)
Join April Punsalan, Founder of Wild Herb Academy, on a wild herb stroll through the enchanted forest. Learn how to connect and use pine, yaupon, wax myrtle, sea myrtle, and many other common wild herbs in the Chesapeake Bay Area. Learn how to identify wild herbs and how to connect with wild herbs daily to improve your health.

Mushroom Medicine
With Ryan Staab of Capstone Mushroom
Tuesday, June 11 • 6–8 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Come 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.

Mushroom Masterclass
With State Certified Mycologists Vicki & Christopher Vacher
Saturday, July 27 • 9:30 AM–1:30 PM
$110 ($130 for not–yet–members)
State certified mycologists Vicki and Christopher will guide you on an immersive journey into the world of fungi. Explore fungal biology, identification, foraging and much more. Students will enjoy a presentation, a hands-on workshop preparing their own shiitake mushroom log and discuss medicinal mushrooms and their associated benefits. Cooking demonstration of mushrooms to follow.

Know Your Ecosystems
With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox
Friday, August 9 • 10–11:30 AM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Knowing our ecosystems helps us garden more successfully, helps us be more aware, respectful and appreciative of the natural systems that surround us and helps us understand our place, impact and responsibility in the larger environmental picture.

Diversity of Flowers Walk & Talk
With ODU graduate student, Devani Jolman
Tuesday, August 13 • 10 AM–12 PM
$16 ($21 for not–yet–members)
Angiosperms, or flowering plants, make up over 90% of plants on Earth! The wide variety of flowers is not only beautiful, but functional - there is a reason for all of the different shapes, forms, and colors. Join me as we walk around the Garden and learn about the diversity of flowers!

Mushroom Cultivation
With Ryan Staab of Capstone Mushroom
Thursday, August 15 • 6–8 PM
$35 ($45 for not–yet–members)
Ryan Staab, owner of Capstone Mushroom farm, grows thousands of pounds of mushrooms a year. He will share his knowledge and some trade secrets to help you get started growing your own mushrooms in no time. Hands on demonstrations, your own take home workbook, and more, including your very own mushroom "grow kit."

Beginning Beekeeping (3-Week Class)
With The Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia
Tuesdays, August 27-September 10 • 6:30–8:30 PM
$50 ($65 for not–yet–members)
Learn about the biology, equipment and management before you start your own beehive!
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-member tickets must be purchased for children and adults for all programs. For additional information on all of our offered programs or to register for a class, visit the NBG website or email us at youthed@nbgs.org.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Little Sprout Explorers  
**Monday Mornings**
Introduce your pre-k aged children to nature and science concepts through crafts, hands-on exploration, walking tours, and a story time. Recommended for ages 3-6.

Critter Club  
**Tuesday Mornings**
Go into the woods to learn about some of the different critters who call the Garden home! Recommended for ages 6-11.

Jr. Garden Artists  
**Wednesday Mornings**
Use craft supplies and natural materials to create garden-inspired works of art. Recommended for ages 5-12.

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 10 · 7-8:30PM
- Friday, May 24 · 7-8:30PM
- Friday, June 14 · 7-8:30PM
- Friday, June 28 · 7:30-9PM
- Friday, July 12 · 7:30-9PM
- Friday, July 26 · 7:30-9PM
- Friday, August 9 · 7:30-9PM
- Friday, August 23 · 7:30-9PM
$12/child and $5/adult for NBG members.
($20/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members)

Cadette Night Owl Party!
Bring your Cadette Girl Scouts to the Garden to enjoy an evening of walking tours, an owl pellet dissection, and more to earn their Night Owl badge! Don’t forget to pack a picnic-style dinner to enjoy at sunset.
- Friday, May 17 · 7-9PM
$18/Scout and $16/adult chaperones.
(Adult NBG members may chaperone Scout program for free.)
Please no sibling tag-alongs.

Garden Artists: Picnic Plates
Paint the perfect set of plates to take on your summer picnics. Recommended for ages 4+.
- Thursday, June 6 · 10-11AM
- Thursday, July 4 · 10-11AM
- Thursday, August 1 · 10-11AM
$12/child ($20/child and $16/adult for not-yet-members.)

Other activities such as scavenger hunts, story times, crafts, walking tours, and discovery carts are offered daily in the WOW Children’s Garden!
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Don't forget to check out our summer calendar for our scheduled summer Scout events!

As a new option, the Garden is a great location to complete your Girl Scout Journey requirements! Email us at youthed@nbgs.org for more information.

Book a birthday party in the WOW Children's Garden! Pricing starts at $275 and includes a WOW classroom rental, 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 decorations, story time, and craft!

DELUXE PARTY ADD-ON: The Deluxe Dinosaur option includes dinosaur decorations for the classroom, and the option to add-on dinosaur-themed terrariums and goodie bags for the attending children. Deluxe parties include all the standard rental amenities.

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Book one of our self-guided Girl Scout programs, and then visit one of our scenic bridges in the Garden to complete your Girl Scout bridging ceremony.

DELUXE OPTION: Add a one-hour WOW classroom rental to your bridging ceremony! Pricing starts at $275.

Bring your summer students, campers, or youth group to play, splash, and explore with us this summer! All summer field trips include scheduled access to the Butterfly House and WOW Children's Garden Splash Fountains, with the option to include either our Plant & Pollinator Pals or Into the Woods guided summer tours. Don’t forget to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy during your visit.

Scan the QR code to visit our Field Trip website page for more information!