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From the **PRESIDENT**



President & CEO Peter Schmidt stands across the canal from the new Perry Conservatory.

Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year. It's when the leaves begin to change, and a feeling of renewal and new beginnings is on the horizon. Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) is a perfect place to witness the vibrant fall foliage, providing a stunning backdrop for photographers and social media enthusiasts. I encourage everyone to take time to enjoy the cooler weather and the calmness of the season before the holidays arrive.

Speaking of holidays, can you believe our holiday light show turns 30 this year? What started as a small fundraising event has evolved into an internationally recognized immersive garden experience. The Dominion Energy Garden of Lights has grown each year into an annual tradition for many. We're

honored to be part of something that brings friends and family together. This year, there are some new holiday light surprises created by our dedicated staff and amazing volunteers. When you enjoy a walk through the Garden, wave to our production team nestled in the former Café building. They are the true heroes of our iconic show.

Thank you to all who plan to return to celebrate with us this year. Your ticket purchases over the years have allowed us to expand our educational programming, community outreach, plant collection, conservation efforts and environmental initiatives. We deeply appreciate your continued support!

Ahead of the holidays, I want to pause and thank all of our members and volunteers. Today, we have over 15,000 members who invest in the Garden each year. This commitment keeps us a vibrant and beautiful space, protects our natural and native areas, and allows our team to offer unique classes and provide a place for kids and adults to explore. For many, including myself, NBG is a place of wellness that is always here when needed. To our 15,000 members and our nearly 1,100 volunteers, a heartfelt thank you!

Looking ahead, ***The Garden of Tomorrow*** is officially a year away. We are grateful for all who have and continue to support this critical project. Not only will we protect the rarest and most endangered plants from around the world, but we're also expanding our ability to provide educational opportunities and further our role as a community resource.

You can be a part of this mission. Learn more about our plant conservation efforts and discover how you can get involved. Check out the facing page on Environmental Action highlighting one of the many endangered plants we're working to preserve.

Thank you for being a part of the NBG community. Your continued support makes all the difference!

THE MISSION OF NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN:

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We Need Your HELP

Your Support = Environmental Action

If you've visited the Garden lately, you've been able to see the Perry Conservatory come to life – a 26,000 sq. ft. conservatory that will house and protect some of the most threatened tropical and desert plants from around the world.

One of the plants we would be proud to preserve and display is *Philodendron spiritus-sancti*, an endangered plant native to southeastern Brazil in the state of Espirito Santo. It is often referred to as the “holy grail” of philodendrons due to its rarity, beauty and cost. It became the most sought-after houseplant globally during the COVID-19 pandemic, with large specimens being auctioned for thousands of dollars. While there are only six wild specimens left due to overdevelopment in its native region, our goal is to ensure the acquisition and care of this rare plant and to raise awareness about deforestation and actions that we all can take to combat climate change.

Scientists need time to study their potential impact – possibly feeding millions or curing a disease – and you can help make that happen by donating today.

Support Beyond your Membership

Just think: if each of our 15,000 members donated a gift beyond their membership, we will be able to preserve this plant and other endangered and threatened species like it. Please use the enclosed envelope or scan this QR code to take action today. Thank you in advance for making a contribution to support the acquisition, ongoing care and unique habitat needed for our collection that will go on display in the fall of 2025.

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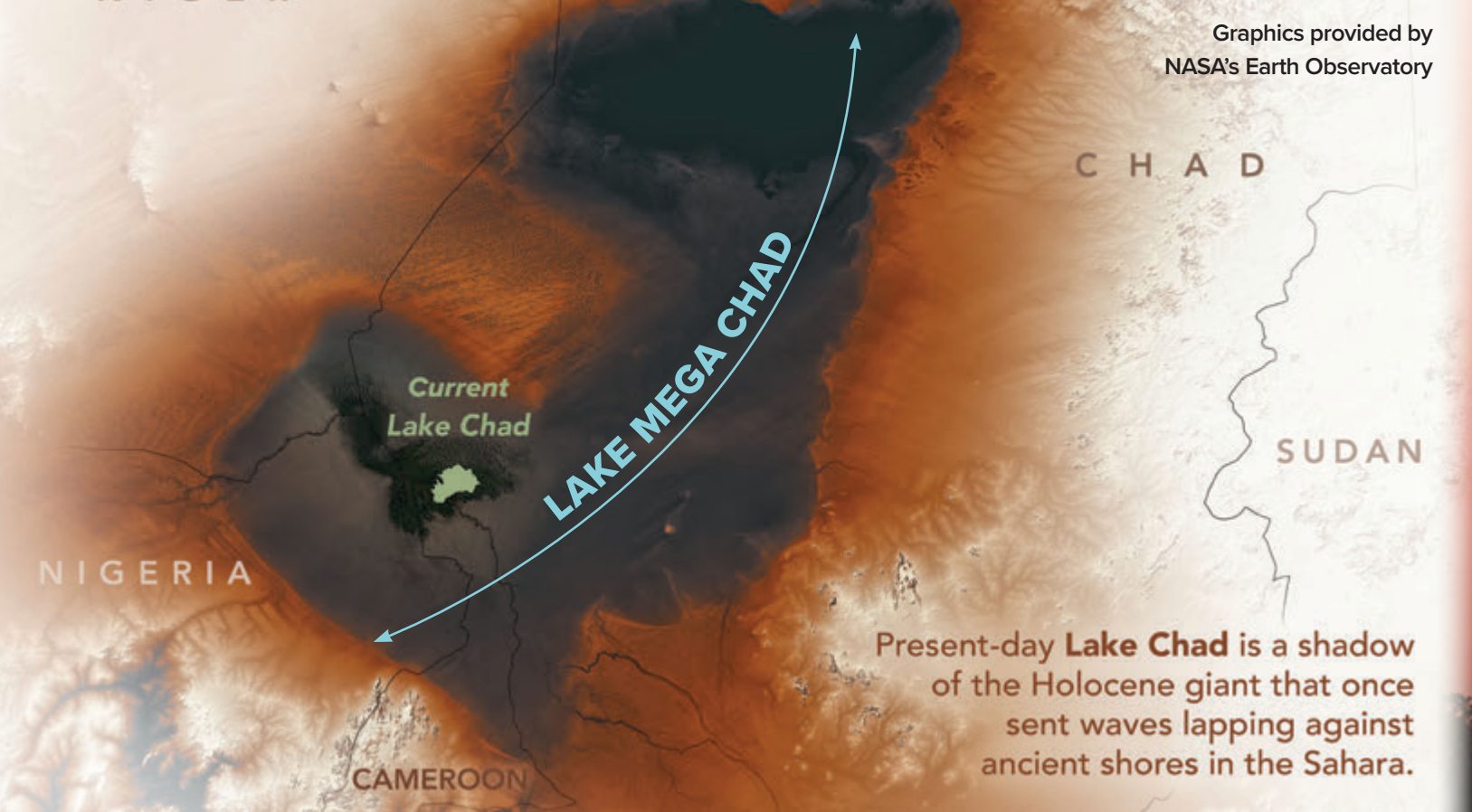
Only 6 left in the wild!

Unique Facts About *Philodendron spiritus-sancti*:

- Rare in cultivation
- Threatened by habitat loss
- Requires high humidity
- Black-marked leaves
- Fast climber but slow grower
- Flowers briefly at night and generates heat to attract pollinating beetles

Philodendron spiritus-sancti

Leaves can grow up to 30 inches in length.



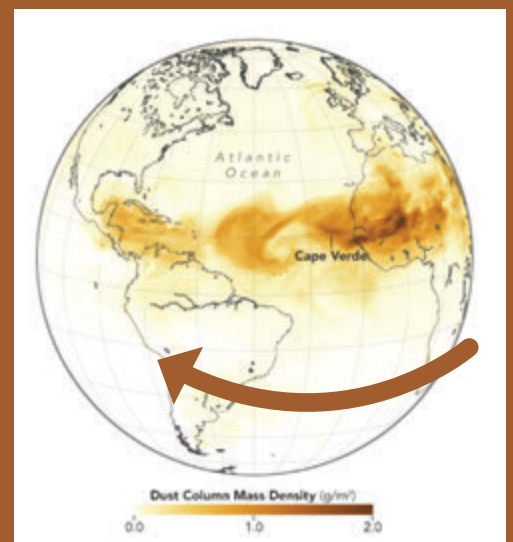
CONSERVATION in Action

Global Connections

About 7,000 years ago, a lake larger than the Caspian Sea, and the sixth largest ever on the planet, encompassed an area of over half a million acres in Central Africa. During the Holocene era this area was known as Lake Mega Chad. Present-day Lake Chad is currently less than 1/10th its original size. Lake Mega Chad vanished due to climate change, development of modern irrigation systems and an ever-increasing human demand for freshwater. Current threats to Lake Chad include unstable irrigation and a massive infestation of the invasive plants *Typha australis* and *Phragmites australis* which are now covering about 50% of the remaining surface.

It was primarily climate change that caused Lake Mega Chad to dry up along with the Sahara Desert, which astonishingly was once a lush grassland with forests and flowing rivers. Historically, the Sahara has bounced between humidity and aridity due to slight wobbles in the tilt of Earth's orbital axis. This tilt in turn changed the angle at which solar radiation infiltrated the atmosphere, affecting the monsoon seasons, either positively or negatively. Between 8,000 and 4,500 years ago, however, much like Lake Mega Chad, this area dried far more rapidly than in the past, resulting in the area known today as the Sahara Desert. What was once a lush and diverse grassland is now one of the most inhospitable locations on the planet. The exact reason for this accelerated change is still not entirely understood.

Conversely, over 1,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean in the Amazon rainforest resides one of the most diverse ecological communities on the planet. It hosts millions of plant and animal species, and it is often referred to as the "lungs of our planet" because it absorbs about a quarter of the Earth's atmospheric carbon dioxide and produces roughly 6% of the world's oxygen. So, how can one of the most inhospitable places on the planet and one of the most diverse places, separated by the Atlantic Ocean, be intimately tied together?



CONSTRUCTION

Update: Opening Fall 2025

It is hard to believe but ***The Garden of Tomorrow*** construction is a year out and the entire project is really coming to life. Most of the glass has been installed, mechanical systems that include electrical, HVAC and plumbing are nearly complete and the overhead walkway steel structure should be completed later this fall.

"The biomes of the new Perry Conservatory will demonstrate global connection while saving the world's most threatened plants. Join us in preserving botanical diversity."

— Peter Schmidt

Around 180 million tons of Saharan dust are transported across the Atlantic every year, generated by strong summer winds that whip westward across the continent of Africa. The dust contains various minerals such as phosphorus, quartz, iron and organic matter. Phosphorus in the dust is derived from diatoms, microscopic organisms that once lived in ancient Lake Mega Chad thousands of years ago.

Tropical rainforests like the Amazon are notoriously poor in nutrients and phosphorus is particularly scarce. This is due to heavy rainfall which leaches nutrients away, as well as iron oxides in tropical soil that bind to phosphorus making it unavailable to plants. The ancient organisms and dust that is carried across the ocean helps to fertilize the nutrient poor Amazon rainforest. The dust is crucial for the survival of the rainforest.

Although it is unfortunate that this ancient lake is mostly gone, the loss generates new life in South America. The juxtaposition of these two ecosystems couldn't be more absolute, yet they are bound together much like the two continents themselves once were. It is a beautiful reminder that everything is interconnected. The biomes of the new Perry Conservatory—tropical and desert—will reflect this symbolism and serve as a reminder to guests that we are all connected no matter how seemingly far apart.



NBG President & CEO Peter Schmidt gives an update to The Garden of Tomorrow donors. Construction is expected to be complete by fall of 2025.



Construction progress on the Kay & Al Abiouness Skywalk (far left) leading to the future rooftop garden of the Brock Entry Pavilion (right).

The Garden of Tomorrow is privately funded by over 1,700 generous donors who have contributed more than \$32 million to this project. **THANK YOU!**
We need your **HELP** to **BUILD & PLANT** the future.

The Garden of
Tomorrow



HORTICULTURE Highlights



Japanese anemones (*Anemone × hybrida*) bloom at the time of the year when most other perennials, and a few gardeners as well, are exhausted by summer's heat. Their common name is a bit misleading, as they are actually hybrids of Chinese species. Regardless, they have attractive foliage which can be semi-evergreen for us locally, then in September taller flower stalks arise with typically pink or white blooms with prominent yellow stamens. The flowers attract butterflies and flower arrangers will appreciate them as well. One of the best selections is 'Honerine Jobert', which was chosen as the 2016 Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association. Here at the Garden you can see them in several places including surrounding the WPA lawn and in the Holly Garden.

The aster family is a big one with many members. Most provide food for butterflies and other insect pollinators and birds like the seeds which follow later. Additionally, gardeners appreciate asters for the punch of color they add to gardens late in the season. One species that horticulture staff have been planting more of is Georgia aster (*Symphyotrichum georgianum*). The plantings are critical, as this particular species is threatened by habitat loss in its native areas and might actually end up on the endangered species list. Fortunately, it responds well to being cultivated adding bold purple color to gardens with flowers somewhat larger and showier than other asters. You too can appreciate them in our English Border Garden, just beyond the Baker Perennial Fountain.



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Throughout the Garden, there are a number of common persimmons (*Diospyros virginiana*) growing. It is doubtful any of them were planted on purpose as it is indeed one of Coastal Virginia's most common native trees. In the fall, the plant's foliage can turn an array of colors just as the orange fruits ripen with the first frosts. This fruit provides a bounty for local birds, raccoons, possums, deer, bear and other animals. Historically, the dried fruits were an important food source for indigenous peoples and the early colonists made great use of it as well. Horticulturally, common persimmon is known as a tree that can thrive in sandy soil and has the ability to withstand heat, humidity, salt, urban conditions and the occasional drought.

The strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) is unusual because it takes an entire year for the fruit to ripen. It flowers and fruits at the same time, all in colors appropriate for the holiday season. Dark evergreen foliage, pure white flowers and red fruit all come together in December. On top of that, it also has handsomely textured cinnamon-colored bark. Although it is native to much of the Mediterranean and isolated pockets of southern Ireland, it grows well in Coastal Virginia. There are several planted in the Garden, including NATO Hill, Baker Overlook and on the Airport Berm.



Fall Plant Sale

Friday, Oct. 18
Exclusive Member Only Day
10 AM—4 PM

Open to the Public:
Saturday, Oct. 19 & Sunday Oct. 20
10 AM—4 PM



NBG Horticulture staff will be on-hand to answer questions and help you select plants.



GARDEN TO-GO KITS

Online Sale Sept. 12—15
Pickup Sept. 19—21

Garden To-Go kits are back this fall with 6 different kits to choose from: Pollinator Powerhouse, Hummingbird Haven, Banquet for Birds, Sun Loving, Shade Loving, and Partial Shade. All kits contain native perennials (15 plants, 5 species, 3 of each) and an educational pamphlet with plant information.

Don't miss our first-ever

NBG Mushroom FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 8 • 10—4 PM

A fun-filled day with activities centered around mushrooms including cooking demonstrations, walking tours, food trucks, craft vendors and more.

Special Guest Speaker Tradd Cotter,
Author and Mycologist



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Funky Fungi Nature's Curious Creations

thru Sept. 30TH

This year our summer exhibit focused on the magical world of mushrooms and their eco-awesome importance. Through the end of September, local artwork of all kinds, from life-like to playful and imaginative, are featured in an indoor display throughout the Baker Hall Visitor Center and the adjoining Education Hallway.

Outside in the Enchanted Forest, there are dozens of larger-than-life-sized mushroom sculptures ranging from the realistic to the whimsical, all created by local artists and our own talented staff. Sprinkled throughout the outdoor exhibit is interpretive signage, highlighting all sorts of fascinating mushroom facts.

While mushrooms grab our attention, the real action is happening underground in the soil or inside that old stump at the edge of the woods. That's where the mycelium—a massive network of thread-like filaments is weaving its magic, decomposing organic matter and absorbing nutrients. This intricate web also connects to trees and plants, enabling each to share nutrients and information. This symbiotic exchange, referred to as a mycorrhizal relationship, helps maintain a healthy ecosystem.

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EDUCATIONAL Impact

Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) has partnered with the Virginia Beach Public Schools Environmental Studies Program since 2021. Our third group of seniors graduated this past spring and NBG couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments! Students are exposed to the wide variety of career options in the field of horticulture. From multi-week dendrology field work, to invasive plant identification and removal, students not only learn in the classroom, but gain valuable hands-on experience with staff.

Over the duration of the year, students work towards completion of EcoSummit projects. Several students this year worked with our propagation team to harvest and process native perennial seeds, which they compiled information on and then packaged. These seeds were then used to fill a community seed library at the Brock Environmental Center. Students created this project with the intent that future interns can continue to support it.

We're proud to say this year's group all agreed they'd like to include horticulture and conservation in their future studies with three of the students declaring majors at their future universities in horticulture and botany. One student in particular, Philip Durant, has declared his environmental horticulture major at Virginia Tech and joined the NBG staff as a Summer Butterfly House intern. Thanks to the Environmental Studies Program and lead teacher Christopher Freeman for including Norfolk Botanical Garden in the students' educational journey.



Students learn about native perennial seed harvesting and plant propagation with NBG Greenhouse Manager Meredith Simmons (far left).

GROW COURSE HIGHLIGHT:

Blackwater Ecological Preserve Field Trip

with Blackwater Ecological Preserve
Manager Nicholas Flanders

Friday, September 20 • 9:30 AM–3 PM

Friday, October 18 • 9:30 AM–3 PM

\$45 (\$55 for not-yet-members)

Blackwater Ecological Preserve is a three hundred plus acre site forty miles from the Old Dominion University Campus in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. This area includes some of the rarest habitat types in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The preserve is part of the Zuni Pine Barrens Natural Area which has recently expanded to more than 1000 acres.

Join us to see the diversity of fall wildflowers at the Preserve including some found nowhere else in the state. Learn about “The Tree that Built Tidewater” by visiting one of our very few intact longleaf pine communities. Although little appreciated today, the establishment of shipyards and naval bases depended on this tree. Nicholas Flanders along with retired ODU Professor Lytton John Musselman have decades of research and experience teaching at the Preserve and have received recognition and awards for their work. Moderate walking. Transportation included. Please bring a packed lunch.



Carphephorus bellidifolius Asteraceae
Photo by Lytton John Musselman,
Mary Payne Hogan Professor
of Botany, emeritus

COMMUNITY Connections

Spring Plant Sale

Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) held its annual spring plant sale in April. This year was a little different with the entire first day of the sale exclusively open to NBG Members as a thank you to our members for their support. Last year NBG designed a new catalog to help people learn more about the plants offered. In March an online interactive spring version of the catalog was published—judging by shoppers wish lists, many guests utilized it.

You may not have realized, but nearly all the plants are grown and cared for by horticulture staff, either by dividing them from the Garden, sowing from seed or by purchasing plugs to grow. This year's plants looked especially diverse, beautiful and healthy. Combining good plants, effective marketing, supportive members and ideal weather, it was the best plant sale ever! Though NBG is a nonprofit and values the critical need for monetary support, NBG is thrilled that more than 9,000 new plants are now in local landscapes. Many of the plantings provide support for local pollinators and bird life, but also add beauty to a world that needs more of it. Thank you!



Shoppers fill their cart with a variety of new plants.

NBG Youth Education

NBG's Youth Education Department offers a variety of educational experiences to engage learners of all ages with the natural world in the WOW Children's Garden. Whether through field trips, homeschool or Scout programs, or daily interactive learning opportunities, our Youth Educators seek to inspire the next generation to become environmental stewards. With the new raised bed gardening space, the WOW Children's Garden continues to expand its outdoor classroom learning spaces to invite children, families and students to dig in the dirt and cultivate interest in gardening at home.



5,000 Students visited NBG during the 2023–2024 School Year.



SAVE THE DATE: 16TH Annual WPA Garden Heritage Celebration

Sunday, September 29 • 2–3 PM
Rose Garden Hall

Join us in honoring the original Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers who cleared the land and planted the first azaleas in 1938. Ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. in Rose Garden Hall followed by light refreshments served in the Baker Hall Visitor Center. Free Garden admission from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

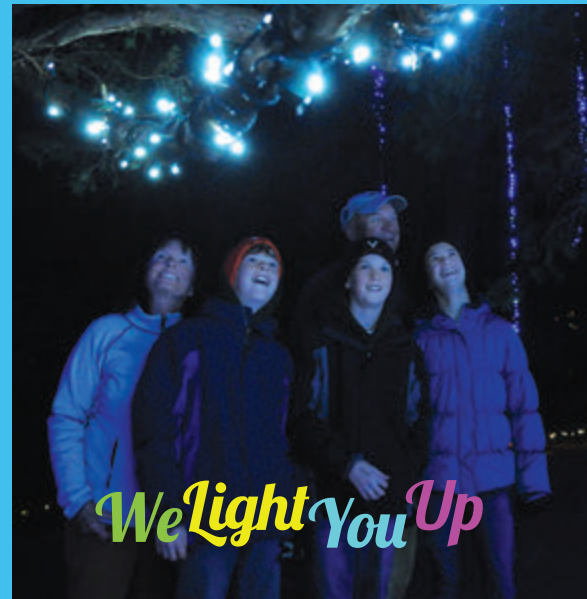


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GARDEN of LIGHTS

30 year anniversary





WALK THE GARDEN AGLOW

Norfolk Botanical Garden has been lighting up your holidays for 30 years! What started out as a small event has turned into the Garden's largest and most celebrated fundraiser, supporting education & youth programs, plant conservation efforts and community outreach programs. *Did you know that the entire show is designed, created and installed by Garden staff and volunteers?* No need for an outside contractor, the talented NBG light crew and dedicated volunteers have been working since January to bring you the most spectacular experience in the Garden's history. There is a lot of love put into each and every designed piece displayed throughout The Dominion Energy Garden of Lights, a holiday tradition with more than 100,000 guests each year. Look for more lights than ever before! There is an all new underwater scene with rainbow fish and a six foot stingray that swims above the crowd in lights. Technology is also being utilized more than ever to enhance your immersive experience. There's so much more! Join us this holiday season and walk the Garden aglow!

**Tickets on sale Oct. 1 (Members)
Oct. 8 (Not-Yet-Members)**

Environmental impact: All lights are LED and the show is powered by 100% renewable energy!



SCIENCE & Conservation

Herpetology Survey

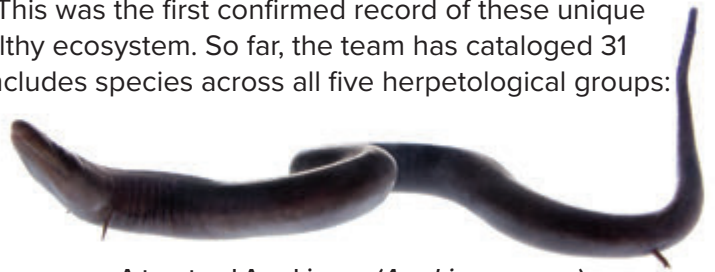
The Virginia Herpetological Society (VHS) conducted another reptile and amphibian survey in May, building upon last year's findings. Staff and volunteers joined scientist and Professor Jason Gibson in searching for new species across the Garden. In June, Jason Gibson returned with Paul Sattler, another professor and member of the VHS, to conduct an overnight live-trapping survey in the World of Wonder's Frog Bog.



Members of the Virginia Herpetological Society, NBG staff and local volunteers before the all-day search and cataloging of species found on the NBG campus.

Two Two-toed Amphiumas (*Amphiuma means*) were trapped and released, which was an exciting biological discovery for the Garden! This was the first confirmed record of these unique looking salamanders in the City of Norfolk, indicating a healthy ecosystem. So far, the team has cataloged 31 different species that call the Garden home. This number includes species across all five herpetological groups: frogs/toads, salamanders, lizards, snakes and turtles.

The society is working to create a publication highlighting these findings. In the meantime, the Garden is working to set up routine on-site surveys to grow our list even longer!



A two-toed Amphiumas (*Amphiuma means*).

Native Plants Donated to the Elizabeth River Trail



Delegate Phil Hernandez (far left) is pictured along with ERT & NBG staff, volunteers, and Norfolk Master Gardeners.

This spring, Norfolk Botanical Garden joined forces with the Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) on their trail beatification day, providing 175 native perennials for one of their trail sites. ERT's mission is to create an inclusive and resilient urban riverfront trail that connects and inspires people and businesses in the region, and while doing so, they restore crucial habitat in urban areas, and get folks outside and in nature. With such similar goals, Garden staff were more than happy to be included on their workday, alongside their incredible team of volunteers, planting native plants for the community and wildlife to enjoy.

Bluebird Update

This year's bluebird nesting season has been off to a great start. There have been 29 bluebird younglings grow up and leave the nest, with another 16 currently being cared for by their parents. This year is on par with years prior, with at least half the boxes occupied at any one point. The Garden's boxes continue to make a positive impact for bluebirds and other native cavity nesting birds. If you're out and about in the Garden, keep your eyes up and you will inevitably see one of these beautiful creatures perching nearby.



Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)

NBG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcoming Vickie Matheis as New Board Chair

Norfolk Botanical Garden's Board of Directors is comprised of dedicated volunteers committed to advancing our mission and making NBG a premier destination in Hampton Roads. At our Annual Meeting in June, the Board elected new officers for the 2025 fiscal year, welcomed a new member, and bid farewell to two long-serving members.

The newly elected officers

for fiscal year 2024—2025 are:

Chair: Vickie A. Matheis

Vice Chair: Lin Miller

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Newly elected Chair of NBG Board of Directors Vickie Matheis.

Vickie A. Matheis brings a wealth of experience from her career in the healthcare industry, holding a Nursing degree with a focus on critical care from the University of Kentucky Elizabethtown. Vickie is on the Board at the Sentara Brock Cancer Center, co-chairs the fundraising committee for two new mobile mammogram vans, volunteers with the Virginia Symphony and is a supporter of the Friends of the Virginia Beach Mounted Police. A Master Gardener, Vickie enjoys gardening, hiking, and fly fishing. She and her husband, Dennis, reside in Virginia Beach and have three adult children and four grandchildren. We are grateful for Vickie's dedication and are excited to have her lead our Board.

Vickie succeeds **Jillian L. Swenson**, one of our retiring Board members. Jillian has over 30 years of experience in IT consulting, engineering, sales, and sales leadership, currently leading the Federal Small Business organization at Amazon Web Services. A lifelong Hampton Roads resident and Virginia Wesleyan College graduate, Jillian is passionate about helping the Garden achieve its goals. Throughout her tenure, she has been a driving force behind many of our initiatives, leaving a lasting legacy. She lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, Scott.

We also say farewell to **Katherine W. Wynne**, another devoted Board member. Katherine, originally from Columbus, GA, earned a Business degree from the University of Georgia and is an interior designer with Elizabeth Hartz Interior Design. She is active with the CHKD Future Generations' Board, the Junior Virginia Beach Garden Club, and the flower guild at Galilee Episcopal Church. Katherine's dedication to the Garden has been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed.

We are delighted to welcome our newest Board member, **Peggy A. Layne** who recently retired from a 40-year career with Dominion Energy. Peggy is an active community volunteer who has served on various boards, including the Virginia Musical Theater and An Achievable Dream. She and her husband, Aubrey, live in Chesapeake and have two grown children and one grandson.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is grateful for the service and support of all our Board members who volunteer their time as we continue to grow and thrive.

Thank You Wiley Grandy and CMA CGM Volunteers!



Board of Directors Member Wiley Grandy (far right) has served on the board since December 2021 and recently spent some time with co-workers from CMA CGM (America) LLC (Compagnie Maritime d'Affrètement Compagnie Générale Maritime - located in Norfolk) volunteering outdoors in the Garden. They assisted our horticulture staff in preparing the Sarah Lee Baker Perennial Garden channel beds for seasonal annual change outs. Thanks to Wiley and the CMA CGM volunteers!

THANK YOU, MILITARY VOLUNTEERS!



Sailors from PCU John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) planting bulbs.



NBG Senior Event Designer and Horticulturist Linda Saunders (left) with Tactical Training Group Atlantic (TTGL).



Sailors from USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) repotting plants in the NBG nursery.



Sailors from USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) catch a ride to the area of NBG where they will get to work.

The staff at Norfolk Botanical Garden are very appreciative of our many great volunteer partnerships, especially our partnership with military service members.

The Navy ship crews and other military personnel provide excellent support for many projects. From large scale mulching, laying pavers/stone, mass weeding and more, they get the job done with excellence and efficiency. We always look forward to their support and try and make their time with us a welcoming connection to the outdoors or a relaxing team building project—a reprieve from their hectic military responsibilities. These groups truly are amazing. Last year a total of 424 total volunteers from the Navy came out to volunteer providing 1,251 hours of work that keeps the Garden looking beautiful. Thank you!

Interested in Volunteering at NBG?

Contact our Volunteer Department by email at volunteer@nbgs.org or scan QR code to learn more.



PLANT TOMORROW: LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

— Warren Buffett

Your charitable gift to Norfolk Botanical Garden creates an immediate impact and a lasting legacy.

By including us in your planned giving, you ensure that our mission of conservation, education, and community engagement thrives for generations.

Your contribution, whether a bequest, trust, or beneficiary designation, reflects your commitment to a greener future and leaves a lasting mark on the world.

How can I make a planned gift to Norfolk Botanical Garden?

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable intentions.
- Contact your financial advisor, a financial planner, lawyer or accountant and ask for help in establishing a charitable gift.
- Think beyond cash—you can leave stocks, real estate, insurance policies and personal property to Norfolk Botanical Garden.
- Make Norfolk Botanical Garden a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA.

If you have already consulted a financial advisor and made such a provision in your estate plans, please contact Cathy Fitzgerald at (757) 441-5830 ext. 319 or email cathy.fitzgerald@nbgs.org so that we may recognize and thank you as an Evergreen Society supporter. Of course your wishes for anonymity are respected.

Thank You for joining the Evergreen Society

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