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COURSE COLOR KEY

- GARDEN
- EXPLORE
- CREATE
- LIVE WELL
- DIG DEEPER
- SPROUTS/FAMILY FUN
- SPECIAL EVENT

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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.

SUSTAINABILITY

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- 05/3 Storybook Tea Party
- 05/6 Sumi-e: Japanese Ink Painting (5-Week Class)
Rose Garden Walk & Talk
- 05/8 Mother's Day Floral Arrangement
Garden Stars
- 05/9 Family Twilight Trek
- 05/10 Jr. Garden Artists: Mother's Day Mugs
- 05/13 Tidewater Mushroom Company Field Trip
Butterfly Container Workshop
Homeschool Garden Stewards: Wild Wetlands
- 05/14 Intro to Edible Weeds
- 05/15 Intro to Granny Squares
Owl Prowl
- 05/16 Great Dismal Swamp National
Wildlife Refuge Field Trip
- 05/17 Virginia Bonsai Society Show & Sale - Day 1
- 05/18 Virginia Bonsai Society Show & Sale - Day 2
- 05/20 Transform Your Lawn
Dried Flower Wreath Workshop
Sustainable & Resilient Landscapes – Zoom
- 05/21 Late Spring Walk & Talk
- 05/22 10TH Annual Rotary Club of Norfolk Suds & Buds
- 05/23 Cadette Night Owl Party!
- 05/27 Buds and Blooms Walk & Talk
- 05/28 Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)
Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
- 05/29 Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
Statuary Vista Walk & Talk
Superb Summer Container Workshop
- 05/30 Friday Yoga (4-Week Class)
Hardy Ferns of Virginia

Creative Currents: A Members-Only Arts Experience

Performance Art on Wednesday Evenings in
 Renaissance Court
 June 11, July 9 & August 13
 6 – 8 PM



Plant Society Shows & Sales:

Virginia Bonsai Society
 May 17TH & 18TH

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- 06/3 **Art in Statuary Vista Walk & Talk**
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/4 **Hummingbird Container Workshop**
- 06/5 **Cut Flowers Around the Garden**
Evening Yoga (4-Week Class)
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/7 **Storybook Tea Party**
- 06/8 **Tidewater Daylily Society Show & Sale**
- 06/10 **Sunset Kayaking**
Garden Stars
- 06/11 **Creative Currents: Member-Only Event**
- 06/12 **Mirror Lake Walk & Talk**
Hydrangeas – the Big Leaf and the Beautiful
Pressed Flower Coaster Workshop
Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/13 **Herb Container Workshop**
Family Twilight Trek
- 06/14 **Jr. Garden Artists: Father's Day Mugs**
- 06/15 **Summer Butterfly House Opens**
- 06/17 **Beginner Stained Glass Workshop**
Bread Making Workshop
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/19 **Beginner T'ai Chi (8-Week Class)**
Intermediate T'ai Chi (8-Week Class)
Woody Plant Pruning – Summer Edition
Dinosaurs in the Garden
Artful Walking
Owl Prowl
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/24 **Agriculture Research and Extension Center**
Field Trip
Basket Floral Arrangement
Crochet 101
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/25 **Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)**
- 06/26 **The Fundamentals of Pizza Making**
Sunset Kayaking
- 06/27 **Friday Yoga (4-Week Class)**

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.

Rose Garden Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist III Tensaie Fesshaye
Tuesday, May 6 • 11 AM–12 PM

Late Spring Walk & Talk

With Vice President of Horticulture Les Parks
Wednesday, May 21 • 10–11:30 AM

Buds and Blooms Walk & Talk

With Conservatory Director Michelle Baudanza
Tuesday, May 27 • 10–11:30 AM

Statuary Vista Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist III Dakayla Calhoun
Thursday, May 29 • 9–11 AM
This tour will provide in-depth knowledge of Statuary Vista including maintenance, favorite plants, and history of the statues all while the hydrangeas are in bloom!

Art in Statuary Vista Walk & Talk

With Director of Development & Grants Leslie Van Horn
Tuesday, June 3 • 10–11:30 AM
Wednesday, August 13 • 10–11:30 AM

Mirror Lake Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist III Shelby Correia
Thursday, June 12 • 10–11:30 AM
Join me for a casual walking tour of Mirror Lake! Trails may have roots, uneven terrain, or mulch, so please wear appropriate footwear. Walking required.

Le Jardin Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist III Steve Saunders
Wednesday, July 16 • 10–11:30 AM
This walk & talk will focus on summer color coordinated through herbaceous annuals and perennials as well as woody plants.

Crape Myrtle Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist II Izabelle Armistead
Thursday, July 24 • 10–11:30 AM

Native Tree Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist IV Dan Fulford
Thursday, July 31 • 10–11:30 AM

Salvia Walk & Talk

With Horticulturist III Dakayla Calhoun
Thursday, August 7 • 10–11:30 AM



Statue of Michelangelo by Moses Ezekiel is one of eleven life-size marble sculptures on display in Statuary Vista.

Tidewater Daylily Society
June 8TH



Cultivate your creativity in the Garden this Summer



july

This summer, bring the whole family to explore the beauty of art in nature! Our summer theme celebrates the stunning one-of-a-kind artwork throughout the Garden while inspiring guests to discover the artistic wonders found in the natural world. From vibrant floral patterns to sculptural tree formations, nature is an artist in its own right! Come see the garden through an artist's eyes and create unforgettable memories together!



Andante (Dancing Girls) bronze sculpture by Josef Mario Korbel is located between the Perennial Garden and Renaissance Court.

Artful Walking

With Writer and Landscape Designer Kelly Morse

Thursday, June 19 • 10 –11:30 AM

Friday, July 18 • 10 –11:30 AM

Thursday, August 21 • 10 –11:30 AM

\$18 (\$23 for not-yet-members)

Artist Paul Klee described drawing as "simply a line going for a walk". In this spirit of playful possibility come learn and practice simple mindfulness exercises while visiting various artworks in the garden. Includes a handout with additional resources and prompts. Walking required.

Anton Bakker (b. 1962, Dutch)
Koos Knoopje, 2018
Sculpture

- 07/1 **Sunset Kayaking**
Garden Stars
- 07/2 **Plastic-Free July Vendors**
- 07/5 **Storybook Tea Party**
- 07/8 **Diversity of Plants on Earth**
Mindful Mobility (4-Week Class)
Bread Making Workshop
Sunset Kayaking
- 07/9 **Plastic-Free July Vendors**
Pave Floral Arrangement
Creative Currents: Member-Only Event
- 07/10 **Crochet 102**
Worm Composting
Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes
Sunset Kayaking
- 07/11 **Family Twilight Trek**
- 07/12 **Jr. Garden Artists: Picnic Plates**
- 07/15 **Tropical Flair for Our Tidewater Climate**
Watercolor Open Studio (2-Day Class)
Sunset Kayaking
Moth Night
- 07/16 **Plastic-Free July Vendors**
Le Jardin Walk & Talk
- 07/17 **Pruning A to Z – Zoom**
Dinosaurs in the Garden
Sunset Kayaking
- 07/18 **Artful Walking**
- 07/19 **Watercolors: Lotus Blossom from Japanese Garden**
Branch Loom Workshop
- 07/22 **Mosaic Workshop**
Sunset Kayaking
- 07/23 **Plastic-Free July Vendors**
Holy Botany II – Spectacular Flowers of the Bible
- 07/24 **Crape Myrtle Walk & Talk**
Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101
Sunset Kayaking
Owl Prowl
- 07/29 **LED and Birds Class**
Sunset Kayaking
- 07/30 **Plastic-Free July Vendors**
- 07/31 **Native Tree Walk & Talk**
Store Bought Bouquet Design
Sunset Kayaking



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- 08/2 Storybook Tea Party
- 08/5 Watercolor Workshop (2-Day Class)
Sunset Kayaking
- 08/6 Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)
Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
- 08/7 Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)
Salvia Walk & Talk
Evening Yoga (4-Week Class)
Sunset Kayaking
- 08/8 Friday Yoga (4-Week Class)
Family Twilight Trek
- 08/9 Watercolors: Little House with Living
Roof Landscape
Knit 101
Dog Days of Summer
Jr. Garden Artists: Picnic Plates
- 08/12 Plant Adaptations Walk & Talk
Beyond the Desert: Thriving Succulents for Our
Tidewater Climate
Sunset Kayaking
- 08/13 Art in Statuary Vista Walk & Talk
Creative Currents: Member-Only Event
- 08/14 Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101
Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes
Sunset Kayaking
- 08/19 Floating Tea Cup Arrangement
Sunset Kayaking
- 08/21 Dinosaurs in the Garden
Artful Walking
Sunset Kayaking
Owl Prowl
- 08/26 Sunset Kayaking
- 08/28 Sunset Kayaking
Garden Stars
- 08/29 WOW End of Summer Celebration



Plant Adaptations Walk & Talk

With ODU Graduate student
Devani Jolman

Tuesday, August 12 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not-yet-members)

Ecosystems offer a peak into the amazing evolutionary history of our planet. Over time, plants have developed traits that allow them to survive and thrive in different types of ecosystems! Come and walk with me through different ecosystems within NBG and learn about the unique adaptations that plants have for each system!

Sunset Kayaking is Back!

Tuesdays & Thursdays this Summer
See the EXPLORE catalog page for details



garden

Grow your green thumb and learn how to keep your garden thriving.

Butterfly Container Workshop

With Senior Event Designer & Horticulturist Linda Saunders

Tuesday, May 13 • 1–3 PM

\$40 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Create a colorful and lush planter that will attract butterflies and wow all your neighbors. All supplies included.

Intro to Edible Weeds

With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Mary Toth

Wednesday, May 14 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$18 (\$23 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.

Superb Summer Container Workshop

With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Mary Toth

Thursday, May 29 • 1–3 PM

\$40 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Create a colorful and lush planter with summer annuals that will wow all your neighbors. All supplies included.

Hardy Ferns of Virginia

With Horticulturist II Annika Kohler

Friday, May 30 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 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 walking tour.

Hummingbird Container Workshop

With Horticulturist II Sarah Huseman

Wednesday, June 4 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$40 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Create a colorful and lush planter that will invite new friends to your yard. All materials included.

Cut Flowers Around the Garden

With Curator of Herbaceous Plants Mary Toth

Thursday, June 5 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

Take a look through the garden to find flowers and shrubs that are great options for us in floral arrangements. Walking required.

Hydrangeas—the Big Leaf and the Beautiful

With Horticulturist IV Scott Blair

Thursday, June 12 • 1–3 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

In this class we will discuss the different species and their role in the garden. After a slideshow and a walk through our Hydrangea Collection you will be familiar with multiple species of Hydrangea as well as some care practices that can help you get your plants in shape for the season.



Herb Container Workshop

With Horticulturist II Annika Kohler

Friday, 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.

Woody Plant Pruning—Summer Edition

With Horticulturist IV Scott Blair

Thursday, June 19 • 1–3 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

This class will focus on when and how to prune woody plants. We will discuss general pruning practices and then focus in on a few types of plants and common species seen in our landscapes. The class will include hands-on training (weather permitting) and discuss choosing the right tools for the job. Walking required.

Worm Composting

With Master Gardener Kandy Keith

Thursday, July 10 • 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.

Tropical Flair for Our Tidewater Climate

With Senior Event Designer & Horticulturist Linda Saunders

Tuesday, July 15 • 1–2:30 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

This class will show you how to transform your landscape with hardy tropical plants that thrive in unexpected climates! We'll cover the best cold-hardy palms, bananas, ginger, and other resilient exotics, plus expert tips on microclimates, overwintering, and design tricks to make your garden feel like an island escape—no matter where you live. Get ready to turn your backyard into a tropical retreat!

Dog Days of Summer

With Vice President of Horticulture Les Parks

Saturday, August 9 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$18 (\$23 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.

Beyond the Desert: Thriving Succulents for Our Tidewater Climate

With Senior Event Designer & Horticulturist Linda Saunders

Tuesday, August 12 • 1–2:30 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

This class will teach you how to use hardy sedums, sempervivums, agaves, and other tough-as-nails succulents that can handle our local conditions. We'll cover planting techniques, soil secrets, creative design ideas, and how to keep your succulents thriving through every season. Whether you're creating a rock garden, a modern xeriscape, or just adding unique textures to your landscape, this class will give you everything you need to succeed!



create

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

Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)

With Artist Adele Loomans

Wednesdays, May 28-July 23 (no class on July 2), August 6-September 24 • 9:45–11:45 AM
\$175 (\$200 for not-yet-members)

Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)

With Artist Adele Loomans

Thursdays, May 29-July 24 (no class on July 3), August 7-September 25 • 9:45–11:45 AM
\$175 (\$200 for not-yet-members)

Watercolors

With Artist Diana Davis

Saturdays • 9 AM–12 PM

Lotus Blossom from Japanese Garden • July 19

Little House with Living Roof Landscape • August 9

\$60 (\$75 for not-yet-members)

Floral Design Workshops

With Curator of Herbaceous Plants & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth

Mother's Day Floral Arrangement • May 8 • 1–2:30 PM

Basket Floral Arrangement • June 24 • 1–2:30 PM

Pave Floral Arrangement • July 9 • 1–2:30 PM

Store Bought Bouquet Design • July 31 • 1–2 PM

Floating Tea Cup Arrangement • August 19 • 1–2:30 PM

\$60/Workshop (\$75 for not-yet-members)

Sumi-e: Japanese Ink Painting (5-Week Class)

With Artist Norene Spencer

Tuesdays • May 6-June 3 • 11 AM–1 PM

\$85 (\$110 for not-yet-members)

Dried Flower Wreath Workshop

With Briana from So Many Flowers

Tuesday, May 20 • 6 –8 PM

\$60 (\$70 for not-yet-members)

Join us to make a spring wreath to brighten up your space! You will use a grapevine base, colorful dried flowers, eucalyptus, and hand dyed ribbon to make a beautiful decoration for your door or wall. The instructor dried many of her own flowers and will offer tips on growing and drying your own flowers!

Pressed Flower Coaster Workshop

With Briana from So Many Flowers

Thursday, June 12 • 6 –8 PM

\$55 (\$65 for not-yet-members)

In this class you will make two beautiful coasters using beveled glass and pressed flowers that are sure to brighten up your space. The instructor presses all her own flowers and will offer tips for pressing and working with pressed flowers.



Beginner Stained Glass Workshop

With Instructor Sue Hill, Shill Creations Studio, LLC

Tuesday, June 17 • 9:30 AM–1 PM

\$115 (\$125 for not-yet-members)

In this workshop, learn the basics of cutting glass, assembling, soldering, and finishing under the guidance of an experienced instructor. This eco-friendly class will use vintage glass to create a minimal waste environment. Learn all of the basics of stained glass from an experienced local artist!

Crochet/Knit

With Level 1 Certified Knit and Crochet Instructor Mandie Burns, Owner of Yarn Party

Intro to Granny Squares • Thursday, May 15 • 6 –8 PM

\$35 (\$45 for not-yet-members)

Crochet 101 • Tuesday, June 24 • 6 –8 PM

\$35 (\$45 for not-yet-members)

Crochet 102 • Thursday, July 10 • 6 –8 PM

\$35 (\$45 for not-yet-members)

Knit 101 • Saturday, August 9 • 9:30 –11:30 AM

\$35 (\$45 for not-yet-members)

Intermediate Watercolor Workshop (2-Day Class)

With Artist Lynne Frailing

Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 15, 17 • 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

\$100 (\$125 for not-yet-members)

This watercolor class is an exploration of color mixing and paint properties. Watercolor is a great medium for color exploration and is easily used to create a myriad of colors. Students are encouraged to bring a simple photo or drawing from which they will create several color studies on watercolor paper in this class.

Branch Loom Workshop

With Instructor Marilyn Estrada

Saturday, July 19 • 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

\$35 (\$45 for not-yet-members)

Branch out and create a beautiful, one of a kind nature-inspired woven art piece. In this workshop we'll be taking Mother Natures' bounty of abundant natural elements such as Y-shaped branches, twigs, colorful yarns and strings, various lichens, mosses, feathers, and shells to customize and make your art piece flourish. Supplies are included but feel free to bring any items of your own to add to your branch loom.

Mosaic Workshop

With Instructor Sue Hill, Shill Creations Studio, LLC

Tuesday, July 22 • 9:30 AM–1 PM

\$115 (\$125 for not-yet-members)

In this workshop, make an 8x10 framed glass on glass mosaic art piece while learning the basic techniques of cutting, assembling, attaching, and grouting under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Dive into the mosaic art process while exploring the many possibilities of found and reclaimed glass.

Watercolor Workshop (2-Day Class)

With Artist Lynne Frailing

Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 5, 7 • 3–6 PM

\$100 (\$125 for not-yet-members)

Drawing and painting helps us remember what we have seen or what we have done. Students will be instructed to use a loose quick watercolor style to paint from sight and or from memory with consideration of mood, season or time of day in the palette of colors they select. Photos, objects or imagination are all sources for this style of painting.

dig deeper

Go beyond the basics for a deeper understanding.

Tidewater Mushroom Company Field Trip

With Tidewater Mushroom Company Owner Jason Hess

Tuesday, May 13 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

In this class you will learn about the day-to-day cultivation of mushrooms and how we operate as an urban farm.

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Field Trip

With Volunteer Allen Carter

Friday, May 16 • 10 AM–2 PM

\$45 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Hike along Washington Ditch where you will learn about the unique cultural and natural history of the Great Dismal Swamp. We'll begin in the Suffolk Escarpment and transition into wetter habitats with bald cypress and black gum trees. Hike is approximately 1 ½ hours. Please meet at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Transportation included.

Transform Your Lawn

With ODU Graduate student Devani Jolman

Tuesday, May 20 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

There are many alternatives for a lawn that are both beautiful and ecologically beneficial. These lawn alternatives save water, money, and time, while encouraging visits by pollinators and birds. This class will explain why you should transform your lawn and how to begin!

Sustainable & Resilient Landscapes-Zoom

With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox

Tuesday, May 20 • 6–7 PM

\$5 (\$10 for not–yet–members)

Who doesn't want a landscape that takes care of itself and bounces back when problems occur? Join Dr. Laurie Fox for tips and practices that will make your landscape more sustainable and resilient and save you time, effort and money.

Agriculture Research and Extension Center Field Trip

With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox

Tuesday, June 24 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

The demonstration gardens at the Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center (AREC) in Virginia Beach have been welcoming visitors for 51 years. There are now 31 gardens including two arboretums and two trails. Join Dr. Laurie Fox for a little history and a lot of beautiful flowers on a walk and talk through the gardens. This tour involves a moderate amount of walking. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Participants will receive information on where to meet after registration.

Artful Walking

With Writer and Landscape Designer Kelly Morse

Thursday, June 19 • 10 –11:30 AM

Friday, July 18 • 10 –11:30 AM

Thursday, August 21 • 10 –11:30 AM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

Artist Paul Klee described drawing as "simply a line going for a walk". In this spirit of playful possibility come learn and practice simple mindfulness exercises while visiting various artworks in the garden. Includes a handout with additional resources and prompts. Walking required.

Diversity of Plants on Earth

With ODU Graduate student Devani Jolman

Tuesday, July 8 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

The diversity of plants not only makes our planet work but also provides beauty and wonder. Come and learn about the major groups of plants, how plants sustain our planet, and some wonderfully wacky plants!

Moth Night

With Maurice A. Cullen, Local Naturalist and Moth Aficionado

Tuesday, July 15 • 8:30–10:30 PM

\$20 (\$30 for not–yet–members)

Come learn about moths beginning with an indoor presentation of many local moths and how to attract them. There will also be mounted specimen displays as well as live moth caterpillars. Participants will then move outside to see what species of moths are attracted to sheets using both UV and mercury vapor lights. A bait station will also be set up for moths that are not particularly attracted to lights and the use of a blacklight flashlight will be shown as a way to locate caterpillars.



Pruning A to Z-Zoom

With Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox

Thursday, July 17 • 6–7 PM

\$5 (\$10 for not–yet–members)

Proper pruning is both art and skill. Because each plant is different, each pruning activity will be different. Join Dr. Laurie Fox to learn about plant assessment, pruning techniques, tools and timing so you too can prune in a way that is healthy for the plant and achieves your desired effect.

Holy Botany II-Spectacular Flowers of the Bible

With Mary Payne Hogan Professor Botany, emeritus Lytton John Musselman

Wednesday, July 23 • 1–3 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

Bible readers are well acquainted with the King James translations of the wildflowers lily-of-the-field, lily-of-the-valley, rose-of-Sharon. But these are not lilies nor roses. See these beautiful plants in their natural settings as well as flowering shrubs and trees and their role in Bible imagery. Lytton John Musselman is a leading authority on plants of the Bible and has studied them in many Middle Eastern countries.

LED and Birds Class

With Liz Paiste with Citizens for Responsible Lighting and Pat Scanlon with Cape Henry Audubon Society

Tuesday, July 29 • 6–8 PM

Members-free (\$10 for not–yet–members)

Bird Safe/Lights Out Hampton Roads is an initiative that encourages high rise building managers and home owners to turn off or dim their lights during migration spring and fall. Light pollution draws birds into the city wherein they collide with buildings and windows. Solutions to mitigate bird strikes at home and at the office will be discussed. Citizens for Responsible Lighting will review the impact of outdoor artificial lights, specifically high-intensity LED lights, on our health and ecosystem. We will also review lighting solutions for a healthier and safer environment.

Plant Adaptations Walk & Talk

With ODU Graduate student Devani Jolman

Tuesday, August 12 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$18 (\$23 for not–yet–members)

Over time, plants have developed traits that allow them to survive and thrive in different types of ecosystems. Walk with Devani through different ecosystems within NBG.

live well

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

Yoga (4–Week Class)

Wednesdays, May 28–June 18,

June 25–July 23 (no class on July 2),

August 6–August 27

9:30–10:30 AM

With Certified Instructor Carly Joelle

Fridays, May 30–June 20,

June 27–July 25 (no class on July 4),

August 8–August 29

9:30–10:30 AM

With Certified Instructor Brier King

\$40 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Beginner T'ai Chi (8–Week Class)

In partnership with the Tidewater T'ai Chi Center

Thursdays, June 19–August 14

(no class on July 3)

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 19–August 14

(no class on July 3)

10:30–11:30 AM

\$100 (\$120 for not–yet–members)

Evening Yoga (4–Week Class)

With Certified Instructor Karen Babcock

Thursdays, June 5–June 26,

August 7–August 28

6–7 PM

\$40 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Mindful Mobility (4–Week Class)

With Certified Instructor Brier King

Tuesdays, July 8–July 29 • 6–7 PM

\$40 (\$55 for not–yet–members)

Bread Making Workshop

With Tylor Alexander from Pilgrim Bread

Tuesday, June 17 • 6–8 PM

Tuesday, July 8 • 6–8 PM

\$85 (\$95 for not–yet–members)

Join Pilgrim Bread's owner and head baker Tylor Alexander in a class on naturally leavened bread using fresh milled flour. In this workshop we will explore fermentation, mix flour with water, fold, and shape dough that you will take home and bake the next day. Students will also take home their own bread making kits which include: fresh milled flour, starter, proof basket, dough scraper, lame (scoring tool), and instruction manual.

The Fundamentals of Pizza Making

With Chef David Hannah

Thursday, June 26 • 6–8 PM

\$45 (\$55 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, making the ideal pizza sauce, and make your own pizza for your personal enjoyment.

Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101

With Chef David Hannah

Thursday, July 24 • 6–8 PM

Thursday, August 14 • 6–8 PM

\$40 (\$50 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.



explore

Let curiosity take root with our nature and wildlife programs.

Garden Stars

In partnership with the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers

Thursday, May 8 • 8:30–10 PM

Tuesday, June 10 • 8:30–10 PM

Tuesday, July 1 • 8:30–10 PM

Thursday, August 28 • 8:30–10 PM

\$10 (\$20 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 15 • 7–9 PM

Thursday, June 19 • 7–9 PM

Thursday, July 24 • 7–9 PM

Thursday, August 21 • 7–9 PM

\$25 (\$35 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.

Sunset Kayaking

In partnership with Tula Paddle Sports

June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 • 6:30 PM–Sunset

July 1, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 • 6:30 PM–Sunset

August 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 • 6 PM–Sunset

\$50 (\$65 for not-yet-members)

Enjoy a relaxing paddle on Lake Whitehurst with experienced guides. No experience necessary.



GARDEN TO-GO KITS Online Sale • September 11–14

Exclusive Member-Only Access Sept. 11 and 10% DISCOUNT



Pre-fabricated kits of native perennials for Sun Loving, Shade Loving, Hummingbird Haven, Banquet for Birds, and Pollinator Powerhouse, as well as a selection of individual species.

sprouts

Programs and events for the whole family.



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@nbg.org.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Critter Club

Tuesday Mornings

Go into the woods to learn about some of the different critters who call the Garden home! Recommended for ages 5-12.

Garden Artists

Friday Mornings

Cultivate your child's creativity as we use craft supplies and natural materials to create garden-inspired works of art. Recommended for ages 6-10.

Jr. Master Gardeners

Saturday Mornings

Join us as we Learn, Grow, Eat & Go with the Early Childhood Jr Master Gardener program. Recommended for ages 3-6.



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 registered children.

Saturday, May 3 · 10-11AM

Saturday, June 7 · 10-11AM

Saturday, July 5 · 10-11AM

Saturday, August 2 · 10-11AM

\$12/child for NBG Members.

(\$20/child and \$18/adult for not-yet-members.)

Family Twilight Trek

Join us each month this summer for exclusive after-hours tours while learning about some of our featured Garden creatures. Recommended for ages 5+ with caregiver participation. Moderate walking required. All child and adult participants must have a registered ticket. *Not-yet-members are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy the Garden before the program start time!*

Friday, May 9 · 7-8:30PM · Frogs

Friday, June 13 · 7:30-9PM · Fireflies

Friday, July 11 · 7:30-9PM · Cicadas

Friday, August 8 · 7:30-9PM · Owls

\$12/child and \$5/adult for NBG members.

(\$20/child and \$16/adult for not-yet-members.)

Jr. Garden Artists: Mother's Day Mugs

Paint the perfect set of mugs as a gift for someone special in your life. Recommended for ages 4+.

Saturday, May 10 · 10-11AM

\$12/child for NBG Members.

(\$20/child and \$18/adult for not-yet-members.)

Homeschool Garden Stewards: Wild Wetlands

Explore above and below the surfaces of our lake and ponds to investigate freshwater ecosystems. Recommended for ages 9-14..

Tuesday, May 13 · 1-2:30PM

\$16/child for NBG Members.

(\$24/child and \$18/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 23 · 7-9PM

\$15/Scout and \$10/adult chaperones.

(Adult NBG members may chaperone this evening Scout program for free.)

Please no sibling tag-alongs.



Jr. Garden Artists: Father's Day Mugs

Paint the perfect set of mugs as a gift for someone special in your life. Recommended for ages 4+.

Saturday, June 14 · 10-11AM

\$12/child for NBG Members.

(\$20/child and \$18/adult for not-yet-members.)

NBG MEMBER EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMS

Join us in the Garden for free Member programs on Wednesday and Thursday mornings this summer! Activities recommended for ages 3+.

Pre-registration required. **Space is limited to the first 15 registered children.** Adult chaperone attendance and supervision is required.

Flower Fun

June · 10AM

Meet at the WOW Children's Garden to create flower-inspired works of art.

Pollinator Patterns

July · 9:30AM

Meet at the Butterfly House to examine the patterns and symmetry of pollinators.

Cultivating Creativity

August · 10AM

Meet at the Picnic Shelter to create nature-inspired art.



Other activities such as scavenger hunts, story times, crafts, walking tours, and discovery carts are offered daily in the WOW Children's Garden!



Fairy & Gnome Summer Homes

Make a miniature summer home for the fairies and gnomes in your garden. Each fairy garden includes an air plant! Recommended for ages 5+ with some chaperone assistance.

Thursday, June 12 · 10-11AM

Thursday, July 10 · 10-11AM

Thursday, August 14 · 10-11AM

\$16/child for NBG Members.

(\$24/child and \$18/adult for not-yet-members.)

Dinosaurs in the Garden

Learn about the dinosaur plants and animals who live in the Garden, and then make your own dinosaur terrarium to take home. Each dinosaur terrarium includes an air plant!

Recommended for ages 8+.

Thursday, June 19 · 10-11:30AM

Thursday, July 17 · 10-11:30AM

Thursday, August 21 · 10-11:30AM

\$16/child for NBG Members.

(\$24/child and \$18/adult for not-yet-members.)

Jr. Garden Artists: Picnic Plates

Paint a set of plates to take on your summer picnics.

Recommended for ages 4+.

Saturday, July 12 · 10-11AM

Saturday, August 9 · 10-11AM

\$12/child for NBG Members.

(\$20/child and \$18/adult for not-yet-members.)

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 some chaperone assistance.

Friday, August 29 · 7-8:30PM

\$12/child and \$5/adult for NBG members.

(\$20/child and \$16/adult for not-yet-members.)

2025 WOW THEME: CULTIVATING CREATIVITY



Join us in the WOW Children's Garden for our summer theme, *Cultivating Creativity: Nature Inspired Art*, to explore the connections between art and nature by completing scavenger hunts, crafts, tours, and other nature-inspired art activities.

Make sure to stop by in late spring to participate in a perennial plant plug giveaway!

GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

Bring your Girl Scout Troop to the Garden this summer for a guided or self-guided program! Each of our offered programs allow the participating Scouts to complete the necessary requirements to earn the corresponding badge or patch.

Girl Scout Programs:
GSCCC Explore NBG Patch
Daisy Animal Observer Badge
Brownie Bug Badge
Junior Flower Badge
Cadette Tree Badge
Cadette Night Owl Badge
Outdoor Art Badges
Math in Nature Badges

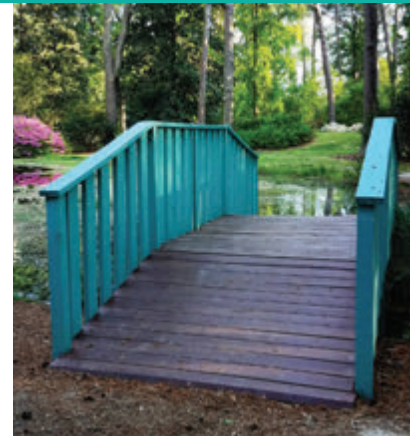
GIRL SCOUT BRIDGING CEREMONIES

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

DELUXE CEREMONY OPTION:

Add a one-hour WOW classroom rental to your bridging ceremony to celebrate with your Troop!

Pricing starts at \$300.



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Book a birthday party in the WOW Children's Garden! Rental pricing starts at \$300 for NBG Members and includes a WOW classroom rental, themed table decorations, Garden admission for party guests, and paperware for the party. Once the party is complete, party hosts and guests can explore the Garden, play in the WOW Splash Fountains, visit the seasonal Butterfly House, and more!

ADD-ON ACTIVITY: Interested in an add-on activity to include with your rental package? Activity pricing begins at \$5/Child and can include crafts, walking tours, goodies bags, and more! For the full list of pricing and options, email youthed@nbg.org.