

GROW

Course Calendar & Catalog • SEPTEMBER — DECEMBER 2026

ALL About Mushrooms

with Vice President of Education and Conservation

Theresa Augustin

Friday, October 9

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Adult Programs

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Family & Youth Programs

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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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On the Cover: Dyer's polypore (*Phaeolus schweinitzii*) photo by NBG Weddings & Events Manager Frances A. Buckley



Frequently Asked Questions:

- Question:** How can I be added to the waitlist if a class is sold out?
- Answer:** Please email registrar@nbgs.org with your name, contact information, and the number of tickets needed.
- Question:** Where is my class located?
- Answer:** You will receive a reminder email the day before class is held with the class location and time.
- Question:** Do I need to bring supplies?
- Answer:** No, all supplies are provided by NBG unless otherwise stated.
- Question:** Can my child or teenager enroll in a class with me?
- Answer:** Adult classes are recommended for teenagers and up. Call the registrar for more specific information.



Scan code to register for
classes online.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Course Color Key: Garden • Create • Explore • Live Well • Dig Deeper • Sprouts/Family Fun • Special Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Moth Night Sunset Kayaking	2 Beyond Pansies-Hardy Plants for the Fall Garden Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)	3 Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)	4 Friday Yoga (4-Week Class)	5 Storybook Tea Party
13 Grand Opening Celebration for The Garden of Tomorrow	14	8 Learn to Crochet (3-Week Class) Sunset Kayaking Evening Yoga (4-Week Class)	9 Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)	10	11	12 Grand Opening Celebration for The Garden of Tomorrow
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20	21	22 Beginner-Stained Glass Workshop Sunset Kayaking	23 Dig & Divide at Statuary Vista	24 Online Plug Sale Pave Arrangement Owl Prowl Bread Making Workshop	25 Online Plug Sale Phytoremediation (Nature's Cleanup Crew) Garden Family Overnight	26 Online Plug Sale Watercolors: Heron and Cattails Needle Felting
27 Online Plug Sale	28 Blackwater Ecological Preserve Field Trip	29 Sunset Kayaking The Fundamentals of Pizza Making Fred Heutte Garden Field Trip	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 Virginia Coastal Plain Natives) as well as individual species. All kits contain native perennials (15 plants, 5 species, 3 of each) and an educational pamphlet with plant information. Sept. 24—27 Online Sale • Pickup Oct. 1—3			

OCTOBER 2026

Course Color Key: Garden • Create • Explore • Live Well • Dig Deeper • Sprouts/Family Fun • Special Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fall Tree & Shrub Sale Shop in-person for trees and shrubs that thrive in Coastal Virginia, many of which are sought-after natives. We will offer beautiful ornamentals, various fruit trees, shade trees, and shrubs. Exclusive Member Only Day Oct. 2, 10 AM – 7 PM Open to the Public Oct. 3 & 4, 10 AM – 4 PM						
NBG Fall Plant Sale						
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NOVEMBER 2026

Course Color Key: Garden • Create • Explore • Live Well • Dig Deeper • Sprouts/Family Fun • Special Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		3 Sumi-e: Japanese Ink Painting (5-Week Class) Birding Walk & Talk	4 Autumn Hike through Mirror Lake Watercolors (4-Week Class)	5 Fall Tree Walk & Talk	6 Trees and Ecology Dominion Energy Garden of Lights begins	7 Camellia Society Show & Sale Needle Felting Everlasting Wreath Workshop Winter Wellness Storybook Tea Party
		10 Fabulous Fall Containers Beginner-Stained Glass Workshop	11 Brumation/Overwintering Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)	12 Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)	13	14 Fall Beauty in the Garden Walk & Talk Watercolors: Cardinal and American Holly Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101
		17 Intro to Carnivorous Plants Holiday Ornament Clay Workshop	18 Fall Color Walk & Talk Wednesday Yoga (4-Week Class)	19	20 Friday Yoga (4-Week Class)	21 Garden Artists: Thanksgiving Plates

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29	30



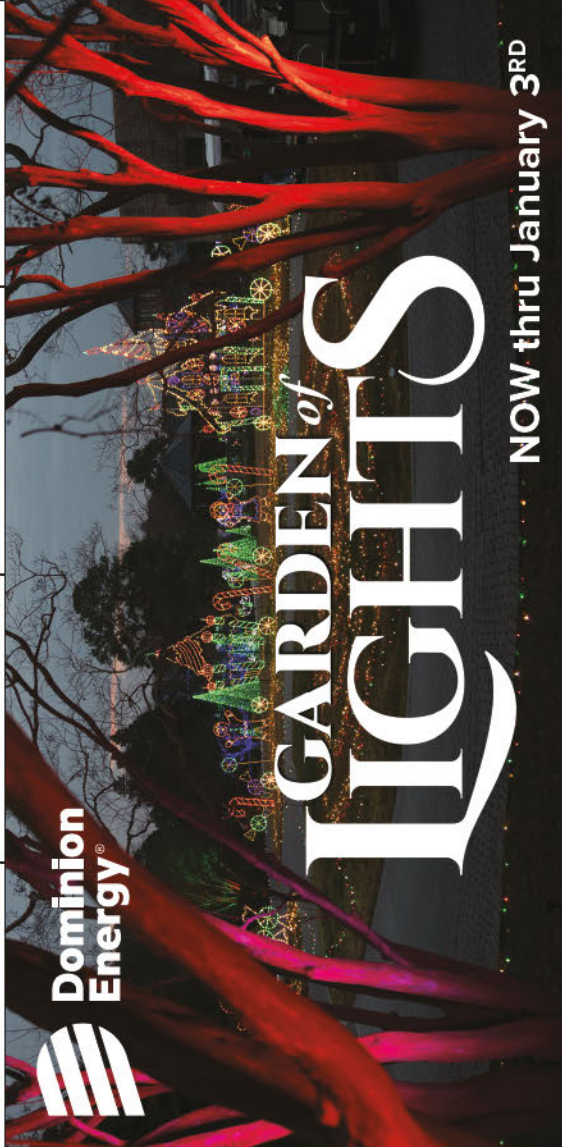
GARDEN of LIGHTS

Beginning
November 6TH
thru
January 3RD

Tickets On-Sale:
Oct. 1 (Members)
Oct. 8 (Not-Yet-Members)
NBGLights.org

DECEMBER 2026

Course Color Key: Garden • Create • Explore • Live Well • Dig Deeper • Sprouts/Family Fun • Special Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Holiday Wreath	4 Coastal Ornament Workshop	5 The Coastal Virginia Garden in Winter Watercolors: Amaryllis Storybook Tea Party Fairy & Gnome Winter Homes
		8 Holiday Glass Tree Workshop	9	10	11 Book Binding	12 Cookie Plates & Cocoa Mugs
13 Cookie Plates & Cocoa Mugs	14	15 Sound Bath Meditation	16	17	18 Holiday Glass Tree Workshop	19 Holiday Nature Ornaments
	20	21 Holiday Centerpiece				
	27	28	29			

Member Price | Non-member Price

Beyond Pansies-Hardy Plants for the Fall Garden with Vice President of Horticulture Les Parks

Wednesday, September 2 • 9:30–11 AM

\$20 | \$25

There's more to fall flowers than the famous pansy. Learn about the variety of plants available to liven up your garden as temperatures cool down.

Dig & Divide at Statuary Vista with Horticulturist IV Dakayla Calhoun

Wednesday, September 23 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$35 | \$45

Gain good insight on how to divide various perennials and bring a piece of the garden home with you when we're finished! Walking required. Please dress for gardening.

ALL About Mushrooms with Vice President of Education and Conservation Theresa Augustin

Friday, October 9 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$20 | \$25

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.

Roses: An Introduction with Volunteer Catherine Severo

Tuesday, October 13 • 10–11:30 AM

\$20 | \$25

In this class we will discuss the different classes of roses, including species roses and hybrids, their incredible diversity and their uses in the garden.

Worm Composting with Master Gardener Kandy Keith

Tuesday, October 13 • 6:30–8:30 PM

\$40 | \$55

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.

Botanical Plants of Halloween with

Education Specialist Brittany Gernheuser

Wednesday, October 14 • 1–3 PM

\$20 | \$25

Come explore the history, folklore, and science behind some of Halloween's most famous plants.

Autumn Hike through Mirror Lake with Horticulturist III Shelby Correia

Wednesday, November 4 • 10–11:30 AM

\$20 | \$25

This guided hiking tour is your opportunity to take in the beautiful fall color, mushrooms, and wildlife of Mirror Lake. Approximately 2 miles of walking. Please note: Walking trails will include mulched paths and uneven terrain. Please ensure you bring appropriate shoes, plenty of water, sunscreen/bug spray and a snack.



Making a Reflection Bowl with Horticulturist III Emily Wilson

Thursday, September 17 • 1–2:30 PM

\$20 | \$25

This class teaches you how to create and maintain a reflection bowl using blooms and foliage from around the Garden.

Fabulous Fall Containers

with Curator of Herbaceous Plants Mary Toth

Tuesday, November 10 • 1–2:30 PM

\$40 | \$55

Create colorful and lush planters with winter annuals that will wow all your neighbors.

The Coastal Virginia Garden in Winter

with Vice President of Horticulture Les Parks

Saturday, December 5 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$20 | \$25

Southeastern Virginia with its zone 8 climate is different from the rest of the state, allowing you the opportunity to enjoy your garden 12 months of the year. A few design tips for the winter landscape will also be provided.

GARDEN

Intro to Carnivorous Plants with Senior Director of Adult Education & Conservation Alexandra Cantwell

**Tuesday, November 17 • 11:30 AM–1 PM
\$20 | \$25**

Explore the world of carnivorous plants, with a heavy focus on those native to the US! Students will learn about the ecology of these interesting plants, as well as cultivation and care.



GARDEN WALK & TALKS

These casual informative walks allow plenty of time for questions and photos. Outdoor program with moderate walking, weather permitting. Mobility scooters available upon request - call to reserve when registering.

Space limited; pre-registration required.

\$5 | \$25

Rose Garden Walk & Talk

with Horticulturist III Tensaie Fesshaye

Tuesday, September 15 • 11 AM–12 PM

Healing Garden Walk & Talk

with Horticulturist III Steve Saunders

Wednesday, September 16 • 10–11:30 AM

Birding Walk & Talk with Blackwater Ecological

Preserve Manager Nicholas Flanders

Tuesday, November 3 • 9:30–11 AM

Fall Tree Walk & Talk

with Horticulturist IV Daniel Fulford

Thursday, November 5 • 10–11:30 AM

Fall Beauty in the Garden Walk & Talk

with Vice President of Horticulture Les Parks

Saturday, November 14 • 9:30–11 AM

Fall Color Walk & Talk with Senior Director of

Adult Education & Conservation Alexandra Cantwell

Wednesday, November 18 • 10–11:30 AM

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Wednesday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)

with Artist Rowena Federico Finn

Wednesdays, Sept. 2–Oct. 28 (no class on Sept. 9),
Nov. 11–Jan. 20 (no class on Nov. 25, Dec. 23, or 30)

9:45–11:45 AM

\$175 | \$200

Thursday Oil Painting (8-Week Class)

with Artist Rowena Federico Finn

Thursdays, Sept. 3–Oct. 29 (no class on Sept. 10)
Nov. 12–Jan. 21 (no class on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 or 31)

9:45–11:45 AM

\$175 | \$200

Watercolors with Artist Diana Davis

Saturdays • 9 AM–12 PM

Heron and Cattails • September 26

Tree Frogs and Palm Trees • October 17

Cardinal and American Holly • November 14

Amaryllis • December 5

\$60 | \$75

Floral Design Workshops with Curator of Herbaceous

Plants & Certified Floral Designer Mary Toth

Pave Arrangement • Sept. 24 • 1–2:30 PM

Pumpkin Centerpiece • Oct. 15 • 1–2:30 PM

Asymmetrical Triangle Centerpiece • Oct. 20 • 1–2:30 PM

Thanksgiving Centerpiece • Nov. 23 • 1–2:30 PM

Holiday Centerpiece • Dec. 22 • 1–2:30 PM

\$60 | \$75

Holiday Wreath • Dec. 3 • 9:30–11 AM or 1–2:30 PM

\$65 | \$80

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

with Artist Norene Spencer

Tuesdays, November 3–December 1 • 11 AM–1 PM

\$95 | \$120

Exploring Nature in Watercolor & Gouache

(4-Week Class) with Artist Rowena Federico Finn

Tuesdays, October 6–October 27 • 10 AM–12:30 PM

\$150 | \$175

Needle Felting

with Instructor Marilyn Estrada

Saturday, September 26 • 10 AM–12 PM

Saturday, November 7 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$40 | \$50

Beginner-Stained Glass Workshop with Instructor Sue Hill,

Shill Creations Studio, LLC

Tuesday, September 22 • 9:30 AM–1 PM

Tuesday, November 10 • 9:30 AM–1 PM

\$115 | \$125



Succulent Pumpkin Planter Workshop

with Instructor Melissa Tebbenhoff

Saturday, October 17 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$70 | \$80

Crochet/Knit with Level 1 Certified Knit & Crochet Instructor

Mandie Burns, Owner of Yarn Party

Learn to Crochet (3-Week Class)

Tuesdays, September 8–September 22 • 6–8 PM

\$85 | \$95

Knit 101 • Saturday, October 24 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$45 | \$55

The Art of Pressing Flowers with Briana from So Many Flowers

Tuesday, October 20 • 6–8 PM

\$75 | \$85

Everlasting Wreath Workshop with Instructor Dee Hall Goodwin,

Floral Designer & Flower Farmer, Mermaid City Flowers

Saturday, November 7 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$80 | \$90

Holiday Ornament Clay Workshop with Instructor Greg Bryant

Tuesday, November 17 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$50 | \$60

Watercolors (4-Week Class) with Artist Gina Buzby

Wednesdays, Nov. 4–Dec. 2 (no class on Nov. 25) • 10 AM–12 PM

\$150 | \$175

Coastal Ornament Workshop

with Laurie Call of Salty Sea Co.

Friday, December 4 • 1–3 PM

\$50 | \$60

Holiday Glass Tree Workshop

with Instructor Sue Hill,

Shill Creations Studio, LLC

Tuesday, December 8 • 9:30 AM–12 PM

Friday, December 18 • 9:30 AM–12 PM

\$115 | \$125

Book Binding with Artist Meredith Brown

Friday, December 11 • 9:30–11:30 AM

\$30 | \$40



LIVE WELL



Sow the seeds of a healthy lifestyle.

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Yoga (4–Week Class) with Certified Instructor Carly Joelle

Wednesdays, Sept. 9–Sept. 30

Oct. 14–Nov. 4, Nov. 18–Dec. 16 (no class on Nov. 25)

9:30–10:30 AM or 10:45–11:45 AM

with Certified Instructor Brier King

Fridays, Sept. 4–Oct. 2 (no class on Sept. 11)

Oct. 16–Nov. 6, Nov. 20–Dec. 18 (no class on Nov. 27) • 9:30–10:30 AM

\$50 | \$65

Beginner T'ai Chi (8–Week Class) in partnership with the Tidewater T'ai Chi Center

Thursdays, Oct. 8–Dec. 3 (no class on Nov. 26) • 9:30–10:30 AM

\$100 | \$120

Intermediate T'ai Chi (8–Week Class) in partnership with the Tidewater T'ai Chi Center

Thursdays, Oct. 8–Dec. 3 (no class on Nov. 26) • 10:30–11:30 AM

\$100 | \$120

Evening Yoga (4–Week Class) with Certified Instructor Karen Babcock

Tuesdays, September 8–September 29 • 6–7 PM

Thursdays, October 8–October 29 • 6–7 PM

With Certified Instructor Brier King

Tuesdays, October 6–October 27 • 6–7 PM

\$50 | \$65

Bread Making Workshop with Tylor Alexander from Pilgrim Bread

Thursday, September 24 • 6–8 PM

Thursday, October 15 • 6–8 PM

\$85 | \$95

The Fundamentals of Pizza Making with Chef David Hannah

Tuesday, September 29 • 6–8 PM

Tuesday, October 27 • 6–8 PM

\$45 | \$55

Jam, Jelly, and Canning 101 with Chef David Hannah

Saturday, October 24 • 10 AM–12 PM

Saturday, November 14 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$45 | \$55

Roots, Bark, Berries & Seed Medicine with Herbalist Mary K Scott

Saturday, October 17 • 10 AM–1 PM

\$50 | \$60

Explore and identify some of the most medicinally beneficial winter/fall offerings that nature provides to add to your home apothecary! Learn different methods of extraction. Take home a 1 oz. tincture.

Winter Wellness with Herbalist Mary K Scott

Saturday, November 7 • 10 AM–1 PM

\$50 | \$60

Experience an afternoon learning how to concoct fire cider, teas, syrups, onion plasters and an overview of many beneficial tinctures specific for cold and flu prevention. Each participant will receive a bottle of elderberry syrup.

Sound Bath Meditation with Certified Instructor Carly Joelle

Tuesday, December 15 • 10–11 AM

\$25 | \$35

EXPLORE

Let curiosity take root with our nature and wildlife programs.



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Moth Night with Maurice A. Cullen, Local Naturalist and Moth Aficionado

Tuesday, September 1 • 8–10 PM

\$20 | \$30

Come learn about moths with an indoor presentation slideshow of many local moths and how to attract them.

Garden Stars in partnership with the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers

Thursday, September 17 • 8–9:30 PM

Tuesday, October 20 • 7:30–9 PM

\$10 | \$20

Come out for an evening under the stars with the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers and their powerful telescopes. Walking required.

Owl Prowl with Nature's Nanny Wildlife Rehabilitation

Thursday, September 24 • 7–9 PM

Thursday, October 15 • 7–9 PM

\$25 | \$35

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

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 5:30 PM–Sunset

\$50 | \$65

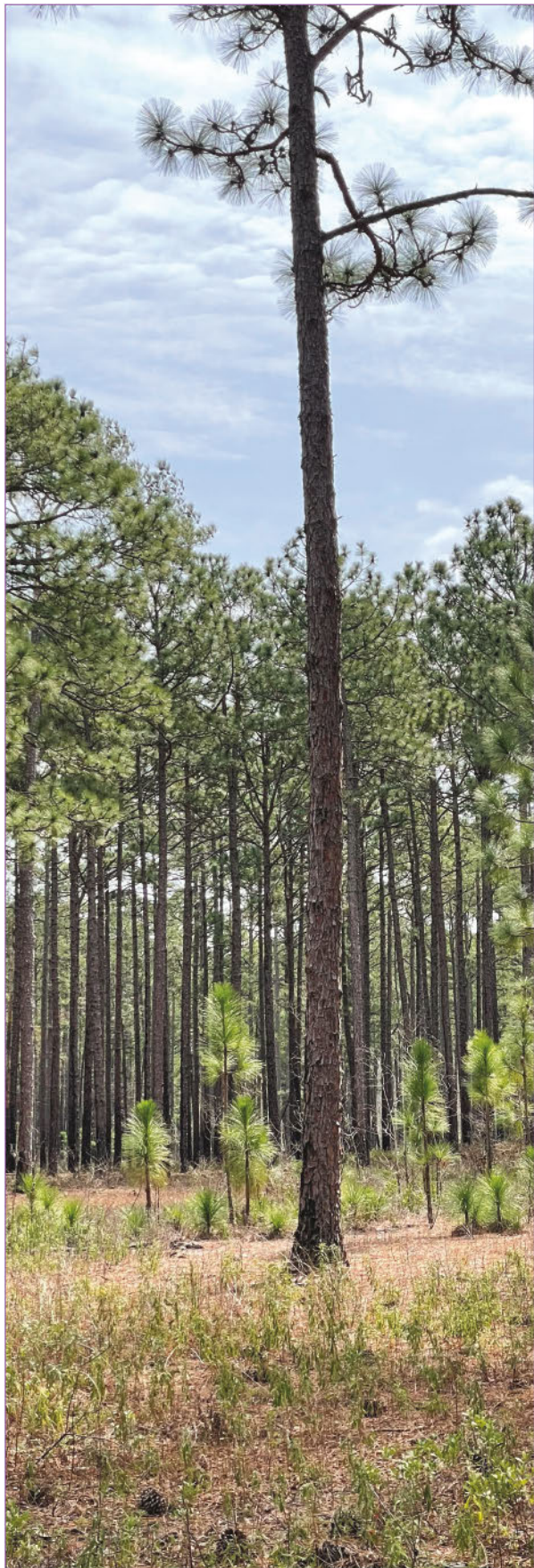
Enjoy a relaxing paddle on Lake Whitehurst with experienced guides. No experience necessary.



Moth Night at NBG, Photo by Ted Pusser

DIG DEEPER

Go beyond the basics for a deeper understanding.



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Phytoremediation (Nature's Cleanup Crew) with Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox

Friday, September 25 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$20 | \$25

Phytoremediation is the use of plants to reduce or remove contaminants from soil, air, and water. This session covers how phytoremediation works, highlights plants known for their environmental cleanup potential, and discusses practical applications in landscapes.

Blackwater Ecological Preserve Field Trip with Blackwater Ecological Preserve Manager Nicholas Flanders

Monday, September 28 • 9:30 AM–3 PM

\$55 | \$65

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 communities.

Fred Heutte Garden Field Trip

Tuesday, September 29 • 10 –11:30 AM

\$5 | \$10

Join us for a presentation on the history of Fred Heutte and The Fred Heutte Garden. Indoor presentation followed by a tour of the grounds.

Indoor Propagation for Spring Transplants with Assistant Professor-Greenhouse Specialist at Hampton Roads AREC Dr. Eric Stallknecht

Friday, October 23 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$20 | \$25

Learn how to successfully propagate and produce young plants indoors. This hands-on course introduces participants to the fundamentals of indoor propagation, including lighting, environmental control, irrigation, substrates, fertility, and system design considerations needed to produce healthy, high-quality transplants in the home.

Trees and Ecology with Horticulture Associate of Virginia Tech Dr. Laurie Fox

Friday, November 6 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$20 | \$25

We all know trees are amazing for many different reasons. Let's go beyond the trees in your landscape and learn how trees connect us to and support the bigger ecological landscape and community. Trees recommended for the Hampton Roads area will be reviewed.

Brumation/Overwintering with Maurice A. Cullen, Local Naturalist and Moth Aficionado

Wednesday, November 11 • 10 AM–12 PM

\$20 | \$30

Discover how five orders of native animals survive the winter months in this program led by local naturalist Maurice Cullen.





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. Nonmember 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.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Little Sprout Explorers

Monday Mornings

Introduce your pre-k aged children to nature and science through crafts, hands-on exploration, walking tours, and story time.

Recommended for ages 3-6.

Homeschool Garden Science

Tuesday Mornings

Introduce your homeschoolers to garden science through sensory activities, experiments, STEM-based projects, and more!

Recommended for ages 6-10.

Homeschool Garden Stewards

Tuesday Afternoons

Review topics relating to botany, water ecology, environmental science, and more to elevate your garden scientist to a garden steward!

Recommended for ages 9-14.

Member Exclusive: Little Critter Club

Saturday Mornings

Bring your little critters to the WOW Children's Garden for hands-on, sensory-based nature exploration.

Recommended for ages 18-Months to 3.



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Book a birthday party in the WOW Children's Garden! Pricing starts at \$300 and includes a WOW classroom rental, staff to assist with day-of logistics, themed table decorations, paperware for the party, and Garden admission for party guests. Once the party is complete, party hosts and guests can go out and enjoy the 175-acre Garden!

Complimentary Add-on Activity

All birthday party rentals hosted in October through December will include our complimentary A Very Hungry Caterpillar themed decorations, story time, and craft!

Add-on Activities

Interested in our add-on activity options? Starting at \$5/child, hosts can include crafts, walking tours, goodie bags, and more! For the full list of pricing and available add-on activities, email youthed@nbgs.org.



SPROUTS

NBG MEMBER EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMS

Join us in the Garden on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for **FREE** NBG Member programs! All activities are recommended for ages 3+.

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

Caterpillar Club

September • 9:30AM

Meet at the Butterfly House to say good morning to the caterpillars and butterflies.

Tunes for Tots

October • 10AM

Shake, rattle, and roll to some nature-inspired music to learn about rhythm, beat, and sound.

Tales for Tots

November • 10AM

Complete a craft and walking tour themed after some of our favorite garden storybooks.

Winter in the Garden

December • 10AM

Explore how plants and animals in the Garden gets ready for winter.



NEW!

Garden Family Overnight

Join us for the debut of our new overnight program in the Garden! Complete nighttime walking tours and activities, sleepover glamping-style in the Rose Garden Hall ballroom, then enjoy an early morning bird walk and a light breakfast before the Garden opens the next day. Restricted to children ages 8+ with chaperone attendance. All attending children and adults must have a registered ticket. Visit the NBG website for additional information on our overnight programs!



Friday, September 25 – Saturday, September 26 6PM–9AM

\$70/person for Members.

\$85/person for non-members, tickets include NBG admission for the following day.

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, September 5 • 10–11AM • Pirate

Saturday, October 3 • 10–11AM • Pumpkin

Saturday, November 7 • 10–11AM • Scarecrow

Saturday, December 5 • 10–11AM • Snowman

\$14/child for Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members

Family Twilight Trek

Join us for after-hours tours while learning about some of our favorite nocturnal Garden creatures. Recommended for ages 5+ with some chaperone assistance. 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 starts!

Friday, Sept. 18 • 7–8:30PM - Moths

Friday, Oct. 16 • 6:30–8PM - Owls

\$12/child and \$5/adult for Members

\$20/child and \$16/adult for non-members

Garden Artists: Autumn Mugs

Paint a set of ceramic mugs for warm and delicious fall drinks! Recommended for ages 3+ with some chaperone assistance.

Saturday, Sept. 19 • 10–11AM

Saturday, Oct. 10 • 10–11AM

\$14/child for Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members

Garden Artists: Cornhusk Scarecrows

Decorate your own cornhusk scarecrow, then plant veggie seeds to start your scarecrow's garden. Recommended for ages 5+ with some chaperone assistance.

Saturday, Oct. 3 • 10–11AM

\$14/child for Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members

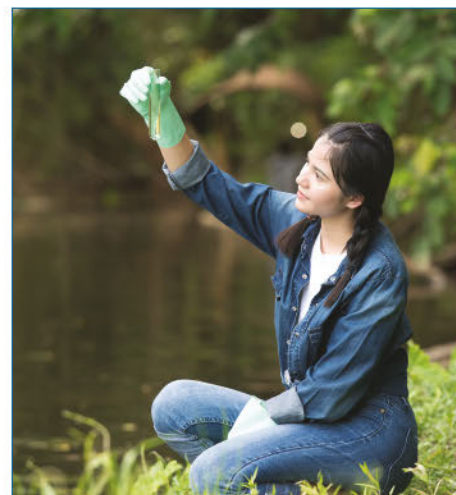
Homeschool Day: Fall in the Garden

Join us to complete STEAM-inspired guided and self-guided activities while celebrating fall in the Garden. Recommended for children 5-14 with some chaperone assistance. All children and adults must have a registered ticket.

Friday, Oct. 9 • 10AM–3:30PM

\$10/child for NBG Members.

\$15/person for non-members





TRICK 'R TREES

Join our Garden ghouls and goblins for a family-friendly evening of games, crafts, and light trick or treating. Recommended for ages 3+ with some chaperone assistance. All children and adults must have a registered ticket. Moderate walking required.

Thursday, October 22 · 5–6:30PM

Friday, October 23 · 5–6:30PM

\$12/child and \$5/adult for Members

\$20/child and \$16/adult for non-members

Fairy & Gnome Fall Homes

Make a fun fall home for the fairy and gnomes in your garden. Recommended for ages 4+ with some chaperone assistance.

Saturday, Oct. 10 · 10–11AM

\$14/child for NBG Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members



Garden Artists: Thanksgiving Plates

Paint the perfect set of decorative plates for your Thanksgiving table. Set includes two ceramic plates. Recommended for ages 3+ with some chaperone assistance.

Saturday, Nov. 21 · 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

Sunday, Nov. 22 · 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

\$14/child for NBG Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members

Fairy & Gnome Winter Homes

Make a festive and decorative winter home for the fairy and gnomes in your garden. Recommended for ages 4+ with some chaperone assistance.

Saturday, December 5 · 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

\$14/child for NBG Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members

Cookie Plates & Cocoa Mugs

Get ready for the holidays with your own festive plate and mug set. Set includes one ceramic plate and one ceramic mug. Recommended for ages 3+ with some chaperone assistance.

Saturday, December 12 · 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

Sunday, December 13 · 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

\$14/child for NBG Members

\$22/child and \$20/adult for non-members



Girl Scout Outdoor Art Day

Bring your Girl Scouts to NBG to earn their Outdoor Art Badge. This program includes self-guided and guided activities and the corresponding program badges for each Girl Scout level.

Saturday, October 17 · 11AM or 2PM

\$18/Scout and \$20/Adult chaperones. Adult NBG members may chaperone for free.



Holiday Nature Ornaments

Make a set of nature-inspired ornaments for your tree. Recommended for children ages 3+ with chaperone assistance.

Saturday, Dec. 19 · 10AM–3:30PM

\$10/child for NBG Members

\$15/child and \$15/adult for non-members

SPROUTS

GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

Bring your Girl Scouts to the Garden for a guided or self-guided program this fall! Each program includes the needed materials and allows participating Girl Scouts 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 Night Owl Badge
Cadette Tree Badge
Outdoor Art Badges
Math in Nature Badges



CUB SCOUT PROGRAMS

Bring your Scouting America Cub Scouts to the Garden for a guided or self-guided program this fall! Each program includes the needed materials and allows participating Cub Scouts to earn the corresponding loop or pin.

Cub Scout Required and Elective Outdoor Adventures:

Lion "Mountain Lion" Loop
Tiger "Tigers in the Wild" Loop
Wolf "Paws on the Path" Loop
Bear "Habitat" Loop
Webelos "Webelos Walkabout" Pin
Lion "Ready, Set, Grow" Loop
Arrow of Light "Into the Woods" Pin
Arrow of Light "Into the Wild" Pin
"Champions for Nature" Loops



EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NBG Fall Educator Night

Join NBG for an evening of light refreshments, networking, and break-out sessions to kick off the 2026-2027 school year! Tickets include two bar tickets, snacks, private tram rides, raffles, tours of the new conservatories, and more! Educator Nights are open to public and private school educators, homeschool educators, and future educators (college students).

Friday, October 16 · 4:30-8PM

\$20/Educator

*Registration opens on Friday, August 7.
(Pre-Registration Required)*

Scan the QR code to visit our website for more information on how to register!



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS & OUTREACHES

Book an NBG field trip or outreach program for the 2026-2027 school year!

Our K-12 programs are Virginia SOLs aligned, and help students to apply concepts relating to nature, environmental science, ecology, and human impact through hands-on learning experiences.

New this school year, visiting students can complete our Math in Nature field trip or take a guided tour of the new conservatories!

Scan the QR code to visit our School Programs website page for more information!

