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Letter from the Director:



When I was a kid, growing up in Wheaton, my family spent a lot of time in Wheaton Regional Park. We visited the animals at old MacDonald's farm, played in the old airplane playground, took skating lessons, petted the taxidermy animals at the nature center, and, of course, visited Brookside Gardens. One of my earliest memories is in the Conservatory, way back when the smaller South House was used as the production facility. Looking through the glass, I saw a rabbit. I was convinced it was Peter Rabbit. Peter Rabbit lived at Brookside Gardens! Many years later, that moment of magical discovery still makes me smile.

Our production operations have long since outgrown that little South House, and three years ago, we were fortunate to open a brand new, 11,000 square foot production greenhouse. Now, we have outgrown the Conservatory, that lovely oasis of fragrant and tropical plants that dates to our opening in 1969. Fortunately, Montgomery Parks leadership, our County Executive and the County Council have recognized the need to build a new Conservatory that meets the demands of our community in 2022 by funding a Capital Improvement Program budget to design and build a new Conservatory. A Conservatory that will still be a warm escape on cold snowy days (as I write this, on January 3, 2022 we have 8" of snow and counting). A Conservatory that will be a destination for the 1,000,000 plus visitors who come to Brookside Gardens from near and far. A Conservatory where people can connect to plants that they may only know from their spice rack. A Conservatory where the next generation of kids will discover the wonder of plants.

Exciting days are ahead, stay tuned as our Garden grows!

Happy Gardening!

Stephanie Oberle, *Director*



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Welcome new staff!



Brookside Gardens recently welcomed Elissa Totin as the new Assistant Director for Guest Experiences. Elissa comes to us from the City of Rockville where she was the director of the Croydon Creek Nature Center for 15 years. Prior to that she worked as a Science Educator for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and as the School Programs Coordinator for the Chicago Botanic Garden. Elissa earned a Master's degree in Botany from the University of Georgia focusing on plant taxonomy with field work exploring toxic plants in the US and Latin America. She is excited to join the Brookside Gardens team and continue the amazing work being done to connect people to plants. Elissa lives in Rockville with her husband, two children and dog and loves spending her free time exploring area parks.

News Notes



Friends of Brookside Gardens President, Kathy Kircher (center) and Brookside Gardens Director, Stephanie Oberle (right) honor Friends' founding President, Joan O'Rourke (left) with a commemorative brick on the occasion of Friends' 25th anniversary in July.

The Klipper Family Foundation donated this fabulous new sculpture to Brookside Gardens in honor of Lisa Jin Chen. Titled *Mantle II*, the sculpture was created by English artist, David Harber. Maple Terrace is the perfect setting for this lovely work of art.



On a Journey to *Wabi*...

Wabi is the Japanese term used to describe the simplistic, yet natural and imperfect aesthetic of the Japanese Garden. In collaboration with John Powell, Zoen Japanese Gardens, Brookside Gardens' Gude Garden is in an active transformation to reach *wabi*. The Garden redesign focuses on principles of *shakkei* (borrowed scenery), and *in* and *yō* (a scale balanced by two opposing elements). In melding with the existing stone features of the Garden, we are implementing additional Carderock stone (a local stone quarried since 1926 in Bethesda, Maryland) to stabilize failing pond banks, enhance features such as the newly constructed *tsukiyama* (artificial hill) at the Gude Garden entrance from the Parking Garden, and *tobi-ishi* (steppingstone) paths throughout the Garden, including Gude Island.

As you venture through the Gude Garden, think of the stones as the "bones" of the garden, while plant material is the "flesh." Focus has shifted from deciduous plants to those that are evergreen, including plantings of *Kuromatsu* (Japanese Black Pine, *Pinus thunbergii*), and *Akamatsu* (Japanese Red Pine, *Pinus densiflora*) at Reflection Terrace and Gude Island. Deciduous plants are selected to emphasize seasonal change, such as *Sakura* (Flowering Cherry, *Prunus spp.*) in the spring and *Momiji* and *Kaede* (Maples, *Acer palmatum* and additional species, respectively) for vibrant fall foliage color.

The *Pinus* species are pruned twice yearly, beginning with *midoritsumi* (the thinning of candles and reduction in length of remaining candles) in early summer, while *momiage* (removal of oldest needles, resulting in five to seven pairs remaining at end of branches) in early winter. In spring, short evergreen shrubs are sheared into *tamamono* (low, broad shouldered) to emulate forested mountains and rolling hills (recall borrowed scenery, *shakkei*), while taller evergreen shrubs are sheared into *entoh-kei* (tall, rounded domes). Pruning of deciduous material (emphasis placed on *Momiji* and *Kaede*) occurs in December-January to thin crowded branches, producing an "airy" effect.

Relating to the idea of opposing forces, evergreen material may be considered *in*, while deciduous material may be considered *yō*. The goal of these pruning techniques is to manipulate young plants to appear old and to mimic large features observed in natural areas (locally, I find inspiration in Sugarloaf Mountain, Great Falls, and Spruce Knob). We hope our journey towards *wabi* in the Garden creates a landscape that invokes peace, contemplation, and of course, inspiration. See you in the Gardens!

Josh Demers
Gardener, Lead

Reflection Terrace: Upright, sawn Carderock ashlar installed to stabilize failing pond bank. Evergreen trees and shrubs are *in*, while deciduous trees and shrubs are *yō*. Stone is thought of as "bones," while plants are the "flesh."





Taming the Aquatic Garden

Though Beto Diaz Galvan started working at Brookside Gardens only about a year ago, in that short time he made great strides in battling invasive plants and erosion in the Aquatic Garden. There has been an ongoing problem with several invasive plants in this area for years, but Beto was not deterred by the scope of the project. In fact, during his tenure at Hillwood Museum and Gardens and other previous positions, he became very familiar with a variety of invasive plants and how to eradicate them. One of his first projects upon embarking on his career at Brookside was to remove the porcelainberry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*) from the fences along Glenallan Avenue – the goal was to remove it before it went to seed. Closely related to grape vines, this aggressive plant is reminiscent of its relative as it produces attractive, multi-colored fruits similar to grapes. But these deceptively lovely fruits, with their internal seeds, are problematic. Birds love the fruits and carry and deposit the seeds wherever they may fly, and the seeds germinate readily. Porcelainberry also spreads vegetatively and can grow over and shade out native plants. Beto is proud to say that about 85 percent of the invasive vine has been removed, and, with that strong start, he knows it will be less challenging to remove the rest of it in the coming months.

At the upper pond, Beto and his volunteers have been removing a host of invasive plants, like Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus obiculatus*), and more porcelainberry. Though not invasive, there is also an excess of goldenrod (*Solidago* sp.) and aster (*Symphyotrichum* sp.) that must be removed. He plans to replace these plants with some lower growing plants to maintain views of the pond. Some plants on his list include scarlet mallow (*Hibiscus coccineus*) switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), blazing star (*Liatris spicata*), common rush (*Juncus effusus*) and many other plants that attract pollinators. One plant that visitors have been missing is the winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) that used to inhabit the dam between upper and lower

ponds. Unfortunately, these plants threatened to weaken the dam and had to be removed. However, Beto will plant new winterberry specimens at the upper pond's edge, away from the dam, to bring back their distinct fall and winter beauty. He'll also incorporate American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) and, possibly, blueberries into the mix.

Below the lower Aquatic Garden pond, the peninsula of land surrounded by two streams has, over the years, been inundated with invasive plants – primarily English ivy (*Hedera helix*) and porcelainberry. Though it is a native plant, large stands of poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) also needed to be removed due to its potential toxicity to many visitors. But removal of these plants had an unintended result: erosion of the stream banks. When it became clear to Beto that the erosion needed attention, he contacted Pope Farm Nursery (Montgomery Parks' production nursery) to ask what types of plants they had in stock to control erosion. Taking a cue from nature, Beto decided to add Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), which was already growing along the banks. In addition, he planted a variety of sedges including white-tinged sedge (*Carex albicans*), rosy sedge (*Carex rosea*), low woodland sedge (*Carex socialis*), and eastern star sedge (*Carex radiata*) – all of which helped to reduce the erosion immensely. Though he also removed autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), he left the existing native woodies like American holly (*Ilex opaca*), native black cherry (*Prunus serotina*) and flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*). A total of 460 plants were added to the peninsula, and they are already making a significant difference in holding the stream banks in place.

Beto hasn't been able to achieve all of this success by himself. His gardener assistant, Paul Shelton, along with a team of volunteers, have worked alongside him tirelessly to restore the beauty of the Aquatic Garden. Be sure to visit this area and admire Beto's and his team's work on your next trip to the Gardens!

Thank You Donors!

The Montgomery Parks Foundation and the Friends of Brookside Gardens would like to thank all the generous donors to Brookside Gardens from June 1 to December 15, 2021. Your gifts have been invaluable in providing resources, programming, and additional support to the Gardens. To learn more about making a donation to support Brookside Gardens, please visit MontgomeryParksFoundation.org/donate-now/ or FriendsOfBrooksideGardens.org.

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In Memory of Adda & Clement Clark

Linda Barrett

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Volunteerism: How did we get here?

While it is difficult to credit one event that sparked the creation of "volunteering," one account shares that volunteerism in America began with interested colonial individuals who wanted to help at their local urban centers. Early accounts mention how the first volunteer firehouse was started in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin in 1736. Additionally, the use of the word "volunteer" is taken from the Latin word *voluntarius*, meaning willing or of one's own choice. Official use of the word is traceable to the 17th century, and by the 18th century, it began to be associated with individuals who willingly joined the military service. The creation of official volunteer organizations did not begin until the 19th century, and by the 20th century, many notable organizations were created, including the YMCA and Rotary Clubs. So, while the act of volunteering is no longer strictly connected with military service, the act of community service is still synonymous with volunteering.

Of course, we must recognize that volunteering is a luxury for individuals who can afford to spare time outside of their daily schedules. Formal volunteer programs, like Brookside Gardens', offer services to volunteers by coordinating with their respective schedules and providing structure to their tasks. These individuals offer Brookside Gardens support in programming and operations which helps to maintain an accessible garden for all to enjoy. While we offer individuals the opportunity to join our volunteer cohort, many simply cannot due to their busy schedules. I would argue that we have many free agents who act selflessly and who we consider to be informal volunteers. Many of these individuals continue to act freely and provide services to their community and the Gardens at no cost and with no recognition whatsoever. Nevertheless, these good Samaritans serve the community by picking up litter in the Gardens and answering questions from new visitors. One generous visitor even helped a stranger change their car tire!

Speculating on the origin of our own volunteer program, I would bet that many of the first good Samaritans to Brookside Gardens were simply individuals, and possibly friends, who banded together to support their local public garden. Their willingness and reliable support provided an opportunity for the Gardens to recruit local community members who had the luxury of donating their time and talents to the Gardens at no cost. Community interest gradually grew into the formation of our volunteer office, and we've appreciated everyone who has dedicated their time to making our space what it is today. Whether you are one of our many volunteers working regularly or simply a good Samaritan, thank you for your continued support!

Albert Arevalo
Volunteer & Community Engagement Coordinator

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Celebrate Earth Day with Montgomery County GreenFest

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Saturday | April 23 | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Free; no registration required

#PBG0008 100001

Come to Brookside Gardens to celebrate our planet and learn ways to keep it healthy. Brookside Gardens is proud to combine its annual Earth Day with GreenFest: one of the premiere environmental festivals in Montgomery County, Maryland. A free event, GreenFest is a chance for residents, businesses, nonprofits, and neighbors, to come together, share ideas and get involved. This event offers something for everyone: art and craft vendors, an interactive electric car display, and a variety of food trucks. We'll also have a range of family activities including tree climbing, kids' yoga, plant giveaways, and face painting. Learn more by visiting <https://montgomerycountygreenfest.org/>

Environmental Film Festival at Brookside Gardens

The Montgomery County GreenFest partners will present a series of free documentary screenings in April at Brookside Gardens, followed by a panel discussion of experts. These environmentally themed films are offered as part of Earth Day educational activities and lead up to GreenFest, which is Montgomery County's largest environmental festival. Film selections will be announced by March. For more information about the documentary screenings and GreenFest, please visit <https://montgomerycountygreenfest.org/>

Afternoon Tea at McCrillis Gardens

\$50 per person | Ages 13 and up

1:00 – 3:30 pm

**McCrillis House and Gardens
(6910 Greentree Rd., Bethesda)**

Join us for a traditional English afternoon tea at McCrillis Gardens, hidden in a quiet, tree-lined neighborhood near the heart of Bethesda.

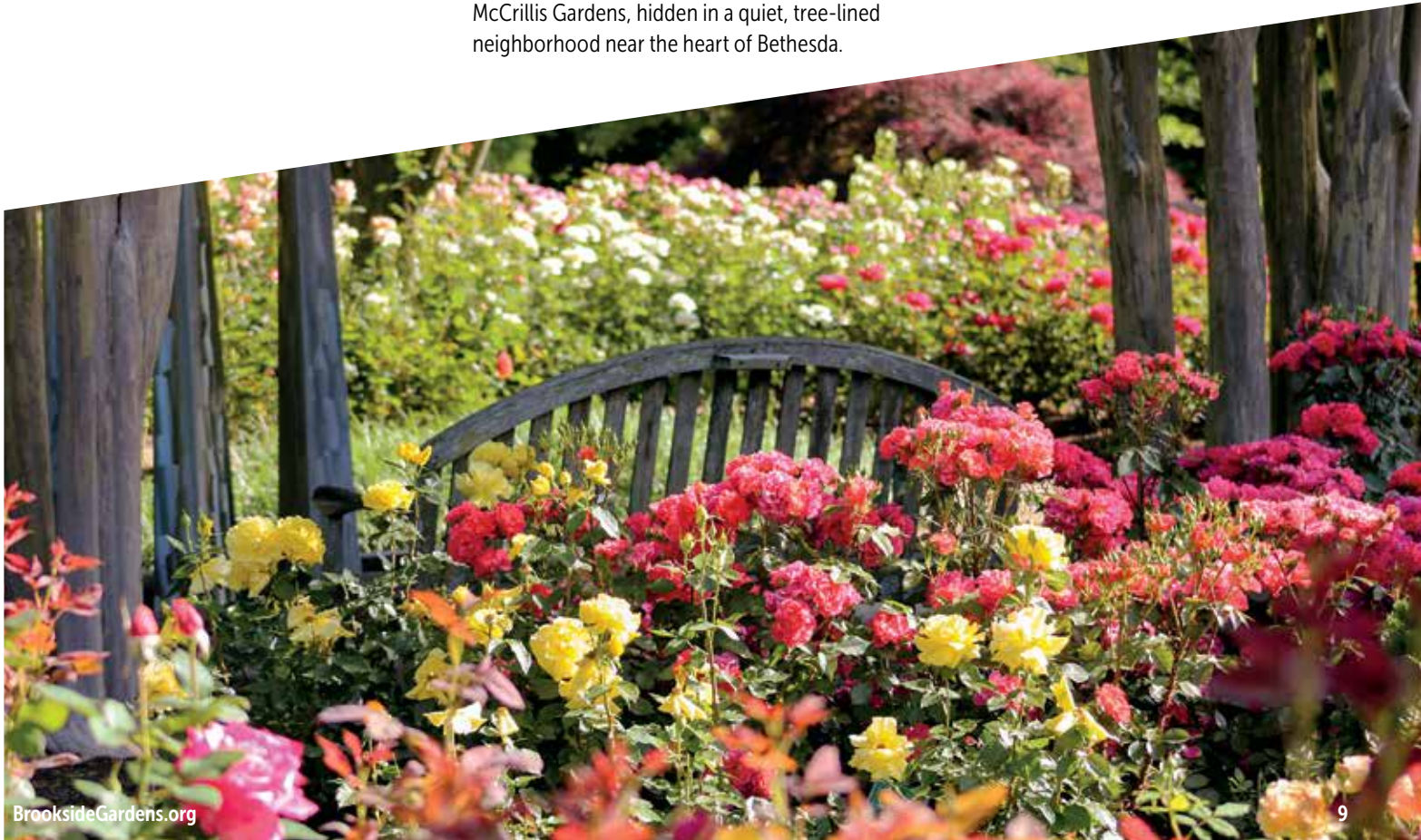
McCrillis Gardens was named one of the seven most "insta-worthy" gardens in the DC region by Washington Gardener Magazine. The gardens are best known for their remarkable collection of mature ornamental trees, shrubs and perennials that offer year-round color and texture. Enjoy a private tour of the gardens followed by a traditional English tea in the Great Room at McCrillis House. Your taste buds will be tempted with a pot of your choice of teas, scones served with Devonshire creme and jam, up to four savory tea sandwiches, and a delectable assortment of pastries (see full menu in online description). Start a new tradition with family and friends!

Saturday | May 7 | #PBG0021 100001

Sunday | May 8 | #PBG0021 100002

Saturday | June 4 | #PBG0021 200001

Sunday | June 5 | #PBG0021 200002



Shakespeare In the Garden

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Tuesday | July 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Free; no registration required

#PBG0027 200001

The Bard returns to Brookside for year four of Shakespeare in the Garden! This year we present a stalwart of English literature: *MacBeth*. The Scottish play, as it's known, is famous for witches, prophesy, ghosts, and assassins. Follow Lord and Lady MacBeth on their fight to the throne by any means necessary. This professional production will dazzle audiences with skilled sword fights, and the gorgeous, unforgettable language of some of Shakespeare's most well-known characters. Join us as the Gude Garden is transformed into the king's palace at Dunsinane for a night of murder, revenge, and descent into madness. Bring a picnic or enjoy a meal from food trucks. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Summer Twilight Concert Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Join us each Tuesday evening in June for a series of musical performances set in the beauty of the Gardens. Admission is free, and no registration is required. Bring your friends and family, and don't forget your chairs, blankets, and picnics (allowed in the Gardens on concert evenings only). Food trucks will also be available for your dining pleasure. All concerts located on the Visitor Center lawn.

Sandra Dean

Classic Rock

Tuesday | June 7 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

San Horizonte

Latin Pop

Tuesday | June 14 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Kurlou Reggae Band

Reggae

Tuesday | June 21 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Moose Jaw

Blue Grass

Tuesday | June 28 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Spring & Summer Conservatory Displays

Spring in the Conservatory

As days start to lengthen, and the sun begins to strengthen, plants respond with fresh growth and flowers. We hurry Spring along by gathering a variety of early flowering plants in a mix of colors, creating a cheerful garden. Familiar favorites like snapdragons, primroses, ranunculus and nasturtium mix with exotic citrus and jasmine. The colors and fragrances create a delightful contrast to the subdued landscape outside.

South Conservatory

Saturday, January 22 – Sunday, April 3

North Conservatory:

Saturday, January 22 – Sunday, May 1

Flamingo Flamboyance

Pink is the featured color of the summer, as a flamboyance of topiary flamingos land in the gardens and the conservatory. *Begonia*, *Petunia*, coleus and *Curcuma*, all in shades of pink, fill the beds and the flamingos, along with the shrimp plant, *Justicia brandageana*, a fun reference to the food that gives these birds their pink color. In contrast, deep tones of chocolate and black *Canna* lilies and *Colocasia* elephant ears create a combination that is bright and cool at the same time, like a peppermint candy.

North Conservatory

Saturday, May 8 – Sunday, September 25

Art Exhibits

Lauren Peltier | Watercolor

Ahmed Alkarkhi | Oils

Christina Haslinger | Mixed media

January 31 – March 14

Montgomery Art Association | Mixed media and craft

March 14 – April 25

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April 25 – May 23

The Pate' Painters | Mixed media

May 23 – June 20

Brookside Gardens School of Botanical Art & Illustration

Botanica

June 20 – July 18

Sumi-e Society of America | Mixed media

July 18 – August 22

Washington Watercolor Association

August 22 – September 19

Plant Society Shows & Sales

**Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley
Camellia Show and Sale**

Show: Saturday | March 26 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sale: Saturday | March 26 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Silver Spring Garden Club

Garden Mart

Saturday | May 7 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

National Capital Daylily Club

Daylily Show

Sunday | June 26 | times to be announced at a later date

National Capital Cactus & Succulent Society Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

Saturday | August 6 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Look for special FOBG program pricing on many adult classes for members of the Friends of Brookside Gardens, a nonprofit organization established to support the mission of the Gardens. For information about joining the Friends of Brookside Gardens, visit www.FriendsofBrooksideGardens.org or call 301-962-1400 to request a brochure.

Look for the following symbols highlighting specific tracks designed to offer more in-depth educational opportunities:

- **Sustainable Horticulture** – a focus on making our homes and gardens “greener.”
- **Landscape Design** – for those wishing to develop skills to compose beautiful and functional garden spaces through the artful juxtaposition of plants and hardscape elements.
- **National Pollinator Week Programming** – in recognition of this special week, these programs focus on supporting pollinators

Speaker Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Programs free, but registration required

Each year Brookside Gardens welcomes nationally and internationally known horticulturists, designers, botanists, and authors to explore a wide range of topics. Note that all lectures will be offered as live online webinars with audience Q&A throughout the presentations.

Origins of Modern Landscape Design: The Wit and Wisdoms of John Brookes

Saturday | March 19 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
FREE | #PBG0035 100001

Gwen van Paasschen, owner of Denmans Garden and chairman of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation

John Brookes transformed garden design starting in the 1960s, promoting the then novel idea that people of all income levels could have designed and fashionable gardens. Recognizing the demands of the contemporary lifestyle, he broke with previous labor-intensive garden design traditions and the emphasis on showcasing plants. Instead he promoted using gardens as extensions of the home that reflect the needs of the owner. His timeless design techniques and philosophy, inspired by modern art, architecture, nature, and the local vernacular remain relevant to gardeners, designers, and homeowners around the world. Join Gwen as she shares lessons from her recently released book, *How to Design a Garden*, an anthology of articles and previously unpublished lectures that lay out John Brookes' approach to landscape design.

Decolonizing Your Garden – Native Plants from a Native Perspective

Saturday | May 7 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
FREE | #PBG0036 100001

Ken Parker, Indigenous horticulturist, member of the Seneca Nation of Indians
Learn from the unique perspective of an Indigenous horticulturist as he explores ecologically sound solutions for landscapes that employ native plants. Ken will share from a Native standpoint about traditional culinary, medicinal, and spiritual uses of North American flora. Learn about his successful efforts leading the *Food is our Medicine* project for the Seneca Nation of Indians, reintroducing Indigenous foods to all ages from toddlers to seniors. Ken will bring Native traditions and wisdom together in an inspiring presentation to help you decolonize your garden and find natural solutions to the landscape challenges you face.

Using Informed Plant Selection to Restore Pollinators and Songbirds

Saturday | June 25 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
FREE | #PBG0037 200001

Desiree Narango, PhD, conservation biologist
Functional food webs are essential for the successful conservation of ecological communities. In terrestrial systems, food webs are built on a foundation of co-evolved interactions between plants and their consumers. Efforts to restore urban and suburban green space, provide ecosystem services, and combat adverse impacts of development have resulted in widespread tree- and garden- planting efforts. Yet,

little attention is given to the importance of plant identity for successfully supporting biodiversity. In this presentation, Dr. Narango will discuss the ecological and evolutionary relationships between plants, pollinators, and songbirds and highlight her recent research demonstrating that particular native plants are crucial for supporting local food webs. She will also share examples where species interaction data can provide quantitative metrics to inform planting guidelines to restore wildlife habitat in shared, living and working landscapes.

Conquer the Soil: Black America and the Untold Stories of Our Country's Gardeners, Farmers, and Growers

Saturday | July 9 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
FREE | #PBG0038 200001

Abra Lee, national speaker, writer, and founder of Conquer the Soil

Black Americans have always been trailblazers, leaders, and visionaries in the world of horticulture, yet their legacy often remains untold. From the first Black florist west of the Mississippi to an entomological artist extraordinaire to head gardeners, businesswomen, and academics who have led the way shaping future generations of horticulturists. Join Abra on a virtual road trip through American history as we celebrate iconic plant people across America and their historic achievements.

Horticulture Classes

Registration required

All horticulture classes will be held online.

After registering, a link will be emailed to you 24 hours prior to the live webinar. Please ensure your Active Montgomery account is updated with your correct email address.

RainScape Your Yard: Sessions I, II, III

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection

A RainScape is a landscape or design technique that helps reduce stormwater runoff from individual properties. These watershed-friendly sites help reduce rainfall runoff and pollutants from entering our streams and the habitats surrounding them. RainScapes projects can include rain gardens, conservation landscapes, green roofs, and permeable pavements. The Montgomery County Department of

Environmental Protection offers a rebate program for approved RainScapes projects for homeowners. To be eligible for rebate, participants must apply and be approved for installation based on a submitted plan before projects are installed. These three sessions are intended to help homeowners create a RainScapes design plan.

Session I: Rethinking Your Yard: What type of RainScapes makes sense for you?

**Thursday | March 3 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0015 100001**

The first step to planning a RainScapes project is to evaluate your site and determine what project(s) are both possible and desirable for you. Learn how to look for places to soak up water on your site, what projects fit where and how big they need to be. This class is a recommended prerequisite to the Planning the Parameters and the Plants & Planting Design classes.

Session II: Planning the Parameters of Your RainScapes Project

**Thursday | March 17 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0015 100002**
Recommended prerequisite: Session I

Clean water starts at home! The RainScapes program has many resources and options to choose from. Learn how beautiful, environmentally friendly native plant gardens, such as conservation landscapes and rain gardens, are designed to manage stormwater issues on residential properties. This session will provide a review of how to evaluate your site to determine the best locations for conservation landscapes or rain gardens on your property. It will also focus on the steps needed to develop and submit a plan for your project to RainScapes Rewards rebate program.

Session III: Plants & Planting Design for RainScapes Gardens

**Thursday | March 31 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0015 100003**
Recommended prerequisites: Session I & II

Join experts to learn how you can create a beautiful garden that supports the environment while addressing stormwater runoff. This class from the RainScapes team

covers garden design strategies that create effective stormwater management solutions. You'll learn how to properly size a garden and estimate plant quantities so that the water slows down, spreads out, and soaks in. We'll focus on rain gardens and conservation landscapes that incorporate native plants for an effective and beautiful garden.

■ Landscape Design I & II

Jason Gedeik & Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens Staff

Whether you're looking to upgrade your existing garden or develop an entirely new area, you'll learn the fundamentals of landscape design to create functional, enjoyable, and beautiful outdoor spaces.

Session I: This class will focus on practical steps to approach the design process, including site analysis, creating a concept design, and determining the functional goals for your space. You'll learn the importance of designing with the right plant for the right place while leveraging layering, texture, and color as important design tools.

**Saturday | March 12 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0012 100001**

Session II: Learn how to put theory from the first session into practical application with plant combinations and lists that address site-specific challenges like sun vs. shade and dry vs. wet conditions. We'll review planting designs that exemplify balance, repetition, and cohesiveness, in addition to formal and informal landscapes. The class will use Brookside Gardens as a living field lab and review sustainable gardening practices with an eye towards native plants.

**Saturday | March 26 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0013 100001**

■ Ecological-Based Landscape Design: Understanding Plants & Planting

\$99 | FOBG \$90 | #PBG0040 100001
Instructor: Noel Kingsbury, writer, horticultural consultant, garden designer

*Prior to each online, live workshop, students will be sent a link to view a one-hour, recorded presentation on each session topic. The teacher will provide additional readings and

weekly assignments that will be reviewed during each of the live sessions. Classes will be recorded with online links sent to students.

Join this interactive learning opportunity with Noel Kingsbury, who is best known for his work in pioneering naturalistic planting design and his collaboration with Dutch garden and landscape designer Piet Oudolf. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn in a small class setting while benefitting from 1:1 help with your design projects.

The long-term performance of plants in the landscape is poorly understood, yet it is the foundation to a successful design and garden. This three-part interactive series helps us to understand plants from an ecological perspective, with emphasis on predicting longevity, rates of spread and how plants interact with each other. The focus will be on perennials and grasses with some discussion of woody plants. This course is aimed at gardeners, designers and landscape professionals who want to learn effective design strategies to create innovative plans for naturalistic and environmentally friendly gardens.

Session I: Plant Ecology and Landscape Plantings

Saturday | April 2 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
Plant succession affects all natural and human-made landscapes. Understanding it is key to appreciating how designed plantings perform and evolve over time. This session will analyze the parallels between the stages of succession in nature and in designed plantings that include habitats, growth cycles, weeds, changes in shade and other aspects of the garden environment. The roles of native and non-native plants will be evaluated, with a focus on invasive species and plants that take longer to establish.

Session II: Plant Survival Strategies

Saturday | April 9 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
This session will focus on the effects of competitive, stress-tolerant and pioneer plants in both resource-rich and poor environments. Students will learn how ecologically based and native plantings are impacted by resource availability and habitat differences. Students

will learn how plantings dominated by competitors, stress-tolerators and pioneers affect their plant selections, long-term performance, and design aesthetics.

Session III: Understanding Perennials, Shrubs and Everything In-Between

Saturday | April 16 | 10:00 – 11:30 am

Reading plant forms is a way of interpreting their growth strategies and, therefore, their prospects for long-term performance. Students will learn about plant lifespans, vegetative strategies, the importance of clonality, and how plant architecture impacts landscape designs. How should the design process integrate these factors to create successful naturalistic plantings? We'll cover various ecological gradients and how they affect the growth, lifespan, and environmental tolerances of plant communities.

■ Latest Research & Trials of Native Plants & Cultivars

Wednesday, May 11 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0039 100001

Sam Hoadley, Manager of Horticultural Research, Mt. Cuba Center

This lecture will highlight a diverse array of native species and cultivars from the extensive trials and research conducted at Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware. Sam will review the top performers and favorites including *Coreopsis*, *Baptisia*, *Monarda*, *Phlox*, *Helenium*, *Echinacea*, and *Hydrangea arborescens* that represent some of the best native plants for the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Sam will evaluate their horticultural performance and discuss their ecological value within the context of the ecosystem services they provide. You'll benefit from important information on varieties that will make beautiful additions to your garden.

■ Native Blooms for The Summer Garden

Thursday, May 19 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0041 10001

Elaine Mills, Virginia Extension Master Gardener

Spring brings an abundance of showy flowering plants to gardens in the mid-Atlantic region, while Fall offers the beauty of colorful foliage, fruits, and seed heads. Summer flowering native plants have equally glorious ornamental qualities and provide your garden with continuity of bloom important to supporting local wildlife. Join Elaine as she describes the characteristics and attributes of 35 native perennials, woody plants, and grasses that bloom during the summer months. Elaine, a creative force behind the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia resource *Tried and True Native Plant Selections for the Mid-Atlantic*, will also discuss landscape uses, as well as care and maintenance tips for these native plants.

■ Ground Covers: Great Alternatives to Turf Grass

Thursday | June 2 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0009 200001

Kathy Jentz, Editor of Washington Gardener Magazine

Groundcovers are low-growing plants that serve many different purposes in the landscape from limiting weed growth to stabilizing slopes to adding texture to your garden. Maintaining a lawn of turf grass is one of the most expensive and time-consuming uses for your land. Constant mowing, fertilizing, weeding, watering, re-seeding, edging, and aerating not only eat up your resources but can be harsh on the environment. Lawns do not absorb water run-off as well as planting beds, and many of the chemicals used for maintenance are toxic to the nearby streambeds and Chesapeake Bay. Find out more about these beautiful, hard-working plants and the best kinds to use for the mid-Atlantic region.

■ Sustainable Gardening Practices

Saturday | June 11 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0045 200001

Jeanette Proudfoot, Brookside Gardens Staff

Sustainable gardening is one of the most necessary and effective practices to benefit not only the environment but our health as well. You'll learn the rules, methods, and tools that can be used to design and maintain a greener garden. Topics covered include native plant selections, companion planting, soil testing, organic amendments, seed saving, garden maintenance, and incorporating food or multi-functional flowers. You'll explore ways to transform your lawn into a landscape for biodiversity in addition to learning gardening practices that save on resources while avoiding chemicals and fertilizers. After discussion, participants will tour the Parking Garden to see how Brookside Gardens incorporates sustainable practices.

■ Managing Pests While Protecting Pollinators

Saturday | June 18 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0044 200001

Emily May, Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Xerces Society

Learn effective strategies to manage pests while protecting pollinators in home landscapes. Along with providing flowering plants and undisturbed places to nest, home gardens also need to be protected from pesticides. This lecture will discuss some of the key pesticide concerns for pollinators and offer pest management tips for a variety of home landscapes. You'll learn helpful methods to make your garden more resilient to pest pressure plus information to help identify and respond to any pests that do arrive.

Garden Tours

Registration required for all tours.

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour

Wednesday | April 13 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 10001

or

Thursday | April 14 | 2:00 – 3:15 pm

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0003 10001

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

Nate Roehrich, Greenhouse Manager, Brookside Gardens

This offering provides the public with a behind-the-scenes tour of Brookside Gardens' state-of-the-art greenhouse facility. Opened in 2018, the greenhouse consists of four growing areas totaling 10,000 square feet under glass. Learn about the state-of-the-art technology and how it enables the greenhouse staff to grow a variety of beautiful plants year-round. Explore the thousands of plants being grown for the garden displays including summer annuals.

Azalea & Rhododendron Tour

Wednesday | May 4 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0001 10001

Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens Staff

or

Friday | May 6 | 10:00 – 11:30 am

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0001 10002

Meet outside the Visitor Center Entrance

Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens Staff

Join us for a walking tour of Brookside Gardens' late spring blooming shrubs and deciduous plants. Explore our colorful collection of azaleas and rhododendrons while learning how to incorporate them into your own home garden.

McCrillis Gardens Spring Tour

Saturday | May 14 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0020 10001

or

Sunday | May 15 | 2:00 – 3:15 pm

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0020 10001

Address and logistics emailed prior to tour

Taffy Turner, Brookside Gardens Volunteer

Enjoy a tour of McCrillis Gardens, a naturalistic garden offering bright splashes of spring color tucked into a residential neighborhood in

Bethesda. The five-acre property was donated to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1978 and is managed by Brookside Gardens. The Gardens feature a remarkable collection of ornamental trees and shrubs, many of which are state and national champions. You'll enjoy hundreds of blooming azaleas and rhododendrons along with bulbs, groundcovers and shade-loving perennials that add year-round color and texture.

■ Pollinator Meadow Tour

Tuesday | June 21 | 2:00 – 3:15 pm

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0043 20001

or

Thursday | June 23 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0043 20002

Meet on the deck outside the entrance to Brookside Nature Center (1400 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902)

Brookside Nature Center & Brookside Gardens Staff

Did you know that behind Brookside Nature Center is an open field of perennials swarming with thousands of pollinators in the summer? Celebrate National Pollinator Week by joining a naturalist on this tour where you'll witness beautiful blooms and the pollinators that rely on them for their lifecycles. Learn about some mid-Atlantic native plants you can incorporate into your garden to help support beneficial insects while adding beauty.

■ Summer Annual Container Design Tour

Wednesday | July 13 | 10:00 – 11:30 am

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0042 20001

Jeanette Proudfoot, Brookside Gardens Staff

or

Thursday, | July 14 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm

\$10 | FOBG \$8 | #PBG0042 20002

Meet outside the Visitor Center Entrance

Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens Staff

Thrillers, fillers, and spillers, oh my! Join our experts as they highlight these three fundamental design concepts while enjoying a walking tour of the gorgeous summer annual containers located throughout the gardens. Learn about unique plant selections, the latest cultivars and how they perform in different garden settings.

Hands-on Workshops

Registration required

Introduction to Plant Propagation: Houseplants & Summer Annuals

Saturday | April 16 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$35 | FOBG \$31 | #PBG0016 10001

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

Nate Roehrich, Greenhouse Manager, Brookside Gardens

Learn the various forms of plant propagation in our state-of-the-art greenhouse facilities. Discover how to produce your own plants inexpensively and easily from start to finish with this hands-on workshop. We'll review the best techniques and plants to propagate from cuttings to get a head start on your summer gardening. The class will focus on propagating a variety of houseplants and summer annuals; participants will take a few potted cuttings from the greenhouse to grow at home.

Miniature Perennials

Saturday | May 14 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$60 | FOBG \$54 | #PBG0023 10001

Brookside Gardens Adult Classroom

Joan O'Rourke, Brookside Gardens Volunteer

Our staff have found miniature perennial plants that are just like the grown-up ones, including tiny hosta and the smallest heuchera. Your container will have a combination of plants including grasses, heuchera, creeping thyme, hosta, sedum, and flowering selections to create a lush mix of textures and colors.

The plants will reward you with beauty year after year!

Summer Annual Container

Saturday | May 21 | 10:00 – 11:30 am

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0024 10001

Brookside Gardens Adult Classroom

Jeanette Proudfoot & Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens Staff

Jazz up your patio, add charm to an entryway, or bring serenity to a balcony. Use the same plants featured in Brookside Gardens' summer displays to create a lush annual container. Your container will feature a combination of thrillers, fillers, and spillers to create a beautiful composition rich in color, texture, and form. The selection of plants is grown in Brookside

Gardens' greenhouses and features new introductions and cultivars not easily found in nurseries. Plant options available for both sun and shade gardens.

Succulent Container

Saturday | July 16 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$50 | FOBG \$45 | #PBG0046 200001

Brookside Gardens Adult Classroom

Joan O'Rourke, Brookside Gardens Volunteer

Have you noticed how many succulents are being showcased in garden magazines and garden centers? Native to arid regions, succulents store water in their fleshy leaves enabling them to resist drought and extreme temperatures. These hardy plants require little watering and do well both inside the home or outside. Plant your own colorful and resilient container garden using specially selected low maintenance, yet gorgeous, succulents.

Health and Wellness

Registration required. Participants are required to wear face masks during all programs.

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. — Albert Einstein

Tai Chi at Brookside Gardens

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | 9:00 – 10:15 am

Visitor Center (March – April sessions)

Japanese Tea House (May – August sessions)

***No walk-ins will be accepted.**

Charles Votaw

Tai Chi is an ancient, Chinese form of exercise perfect for adults seeking stress reduction while strengthening muscles, improving balance, and increasing flexibility. The repetitive patterns (Forms) emphasize slow, flowing motions and controlled movements. This series of introductory classes will help beginners learn the Forms while allowing regular practitioners to practice with an experienced instructor.

Wednesday | March 16 | #PBG0029 100001

Wednesday | March 23 | #PBG0029 100002

Wednesday | March 30 | #PBG0029 100003

Wednesday | April 6 | #PBG0029 100004

Wednesday | April 13 | #PBG0029 100005

Wednesday | April 20 | #PBG0029 100006

Wednesday | April 27 | #PBG0029 100007

Wednesday | May 4 | #PBG0029 100008

Wednesday | May 11 | #PBG0029 100009

Wednesday | May 18 | #PBG0029 100010

Wednesday | May 25 | #PBG0029 100011

Wednesday | June 1 | #PBG0029 200001

Wednesday | June 8 | #PBG0029 200002

Wednesday | June 15 | #PBG0029 200003

Wednesday | June 22 | #PBG0029 200004

Wednesday | June 29 | #PBG0029 200005

Wednesday | July 6 | #PBG0029 200006

Wednesday | July 13 | #PBG0029 200007

Wednesday | July 20 | #PBG0029 200008

Wednesday | July 27 | #PBG0029 200009

Wednesday | August 6 | #PBG0029 200010

Wednesday | August 13 | #PBG0029 200011

Strolls for Well-Being

\$75

Adult Classroom

Brookside Gardens Staff

Struggling with difficulty, stress, or trauma?

Let nature guide your healing process. Strolls

for Well-Being is an evidence-based program

that promotes emotional wellness through

focused time spent in the natural world. Over

the course of eight weeks, you will complete

twelve walks individually in various areas of

Brookside Gardens, on your own schedule and

with a beautiful full-color, 110-page journal

(available in English or Spanish) as your guide.

Dates listed are for facilitated group meetings

with other participants at the beginning,

middle, and end of the program, where you

can share insights and learn about others'

experiences. See the Health and Wellness

section of Brookside Gardens' website for

more information on program purpose,

structure, and benefits. *Please note that while

the Strolls for Well-Being program was created

by a Doctor of Nursing practice, and the

guided journal was written by a licensed social

worker, Brookside Gardens is not a mental

health service provider and group facilitators

are not mental health professionals.

Saturdays | April 9, May 7, and June 4

10:00 – 11:30 am | #PBG0033 100001

or

Tuesdays | April 19, May 17, and June 14

11:00 am – 12:30 pm | #PBG0033 100002

or

Wednesdays | April 20, May 18, and June 15

11:00 am – 12:30 pm | #PBG0033 100003

or

Wednesdays | April 20, May 18, and June 15

6:00 – 7:30 pm | #PBG0033 100004

Full Moon Walk

Friday | April 15 | 8:00 – 9:30 pm

\$22 | FOBG \$20 | #PBG0002 100001

or

Sunday | May 15 | 8:30 – 10:00 pm

\$22 | FOBG \$20 | #PBG0002 100002

Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff

Explore Brookside Gardens in a whole new way: by moon light! We'll walk as a group along moonlit gardens, streams, and woods. You'll discover seasonal garden highlights and friendly nighttime wildlife. Make sure to prepare accordingly with sturdy shoes and comfortable clothes as the hour and a half walk will cover some hilly and uneven terrain, not your typical garden tour!

Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing

Sunday | April 24 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0022 100001

or

Saturday | May 7 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0022 100002

or

Sunday | June 12 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0022 200001

or

Saturday | June 18 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0022 200002

Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance

Ana Ka'ahanui, certified Forest Therapy Guide

During the April and May sessions you'll be led on a forest bathing walk through the springtime blossoms and leafing trees at Brookside Gardens. Experience the incomparable beauty of the springtime ephemerals as you stroll the grounds at a slow pace, stopping to smell the flowers, hear the birds, and ponder the many small miracles of spring unfolding. Participants in the June sessions will be stimulated by the vivid colors and rich fragrances of summer annuals and perennials including lush blooms in the Rose Garden.

Yoga at Brookside Gardens

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | 9:30 – 10:30 am

Japanese Tea House

***No walk-ins will be accepted. Class size limited to 25 people.**

Tanory Ateek

In-person yoga at Brookside Gardens is back! Come enjoy one or all 16 sessions of yoga held in a peaceful setting in an open lawn at the edge of the Azalea Garden behind the Visitor Center. Designed to increase flexibility and physical strength and to cultivate mental focus, these classes are a beautiful and relaxing way to begin your weekend. Mats are not included.

Saturday | April 30 | #PBG0031 100001

Saturday | May 7 | #PBG0031 100002

Saturday | May 14 | #PBG0031 100003

Saturday | May 21 | #PBG0031 100004

Saturday | May 28 | #PBG0031 100005

Saturday | June 4 | #PBG0031 200001

Saturday | June 11 | #PBG0031 200002

Saturday | June 18 | #PBG0031 200003

Saturday | June 25 | #PBG0031 200004

Saturday | July 2 | #PBG0031 200005

Saturday | July 9 | #PBG0031 200006

Saturday | July 16 | #PBG0031 200007

Saturday | July 23 | #PBG0031 200008

Saturday | July 30 | #PBG0031 200009

Saturday | August 6 | #PBG0031 200010

Saturday | August 13 | #PBG0031 200011

Half-day Mindfulness Retreat at Brookside Gardens

Sunday | May 1 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

\$60 | FOBG \$54 | #PBG0018 100001

or

Sunday | June 26 | 8:30am – 12:30 pm

\$60 | FOBG \$54 | #PBG0018 100002

***Class size limited to 15 people.**

Tanory Ateek

Come enjoy a half-day of stress-relieving practices in the 50-acre peaceful sanctuary of Brookside Gardens. Tanory Ateek, long-time yoga teacher at Brookside Gardens, will bring her signature curiosity and playful approach to ancient meditative practices. Participants will

have a chance to learn, discuss and practice different mindfulness techniques including gentle yoga; walking and seated meditation; and the meditative way of the labyrinth.

Whether you are brand new to meditation or a seasoned meditator, this half-day retreat will provide a chance to slow down, connect to nature in new ways, and rekindle a deeper sense of peace and wonder in your life.

Gentle Yoga at Brookside Gardens

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | 10:00 – 11:00 am

Japanese Tea House

***No walk-ins will be accepted. Class size limited to 25 people.**

Sherry Weber

This series of classes features foundational yoga poses that are designed to support better breathing, walking, and space orientation. Yoga movements help build muscle, bone density and core strength while improving balance, posture, and flexibility. Mats are not included.

Thursday | May 5 | #PBG0030 100001

Thursday | May 12 | #PBG0030 100002

Thursday | May 19 | #PBG0030 100003

Thursday | May 26 | #PBG0030 100004

Thursday | June 2 | #PBG0030 200001

Thursday | June 9 | #PBG0030 200002

Thursday | June 16 | #PBG0030 200003

Thursday | June 23 | #PBG0030 200004

Thursday | June 30 | #PBG0030 200005

Thursday | July 7 | #PBG0030 200006

Thursday | July 14 | #PBG0030 200007

Thursday | July 21 | #PBG0030 200008

Thursday | July 28 | #PBG0030 200009

Thursday | August 7 | #PBG0030 200010

Thursday | August 14 | #PBG0030 200011

School of Botanical Art & Illustration

Creating Photograph Quality with Black Pencils & Watercolor on Drafting Film

Friday, June 3 & Saturday, June 4

10:00 am – 3:30 pm

\$210 | FOBG \$189 | #PBG0034 200001

Prerequisite: Intermediate courses in botanical art & illustration

Level: Intermediate to advanced

Alice Tangerini, botanical illustrator and instructor

*Class held in Visitor Center Auditorium with each student at their own table. Fee includes specialized art supplies including Lumograph pencils in 2 grades, drafting film, matte acetate, and Bristol board.

Working with a combination of Black Lumograph pencils, film leads and watercolor on drafting film, participants will create a drawing of a flower with its stem and adjoining leaves. Students will be provided with cut flowers and color prints of the flowers as subject matter, learning translucent layering to create enhanced depth in botanical subjects and a more realistic appearance.

The drawings will begin with a sketch on matte acetate using the color prints for tracing elements of the flower. The graphite layer will be done as a fully rendered drawing of the flower including values with color added in an underlying film layer. The drawing will be refined from observation of the fresh material. The Lumograph pencils have a deep black tonal range so that all the values can be made in the graphite layer. Watercolor is added as a tint in an underlying film layer with some additional back painting and touch ups on its own layer. Color pencils can also be used for additional highlights. This technique is designed to give the drawing the appearance of a hand tinted photograph.

Children & Families

Drag Queen Story Hour

Free | No registration required

10:00 – 11:00 am | ages 3 – 8

Meet at Visitor Center

Join Brookside Gardens as we partner with WAM & Fam and Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) Montgomery County for fun and entertaining story hours. DQSH is just what it sounds like – drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores – and now in the Gardens! DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish, where dress up is real.

Saturday | February 19

Saturday | March 19

Saturday | April 16

Saturday | May 21

Saturday | June 18

Saturday | July 16

Spring Yoga Sprouts!

\$7 per child | ages 3 – 7

All classes held from 10:30 am – 11:10 am

Embrace the beautiful setting of Brookside Gardens with your young toddler, child, and family members. This series of fun and garden-related yoga movement, physical exercise and mindfulness will awaken your senses, boost your energy, and give you good garden vibes to start your day! Classes are planned to be held outdoors, socially distanced. Cancelled in cases of inclement weather. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours! Register all participants.

Saturday | April 30 | #PBG0026 100002

Saturday | May 7 | #PBG0026 100003

Saturday | May 14 | #PBG0026 100004

Saturday | May 21 | #PBG0026 100005

Saturday | May 28 | #PBG0026 100006

Saturday | June 4 | #PBG0026 200001

Saturday | June 11 | #PBG0026 200002

Summer Camps

Plants and Pollinators — Celebrate National Pollinator Week

June 20 – 24 | Ages 6 – 12 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

\$300 | #PBG0048 500001

Help us spread the word to protect pollinators! Along with National Pollinator Week we will celebrate and support the importance of insects and animals that help flowers and plants make their seeds and fruit. Learn why pollination is vital to our survival and how to identify different pollinators in the garden. Make a bee house, plant a butterfly container garden, explore garden habitats, and play fun garden games.

Extended Care

June 20 – 24 | 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

\$80 | #PBG0051 500001

Magical Plants and Mythical Creatures

June 27 – July 1 | Ages 6 – 12 | 9:00 am –

3:30 pm

\$300 | #PBG0049 500001

Be amazed and mesmerized! Use your imagination and creativity designing a garden for your favorite mythical creature – possibly a gnome, fairy, unicorn, dragon or troll. Learn about fascinating, bug-eating plants and make a carnivorous plant terrarium. Explore plant habitats and discover many interesting plant adaptations. Meet new friends and play fun garden games.

Extended Care

June 27 – July 1 | 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

\$80 | #PBG0052 500001

Garden Architects and Inventors

July 11 – July 15 | Ages 6 – 12 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

\$300 | #PBG0050 500001

Plan, build and invent structures or homes for garden wildlife and critters. Use natural materials, garden items, and wood kits to create fun and imaginative habitat homes including a toad abode, wildlife hotel, birdhouse or a fairy and gnome house that you can take home! Every day we will also explore Brookside Gardens' many beautiful habitats, discover plants and animals, plus play fun games.

Extended Care

July 11 – July 15 | 3:30 am – 5:30 pm

\$80 | #PBG0053 500001



PROGRAMS BY DATE

Date	Program	Course #	Fee	FOBG	Page No.
2/19-7/16/2022	Drag Queen Story Hour**	No registration	FREE	FREE	17
3/3/2022	RainScapes Session I: Rethinking Your Yard*	PBG0015 100001	\$12	\$10	12
3/16/2022	Tai Chi at Brookside Gardens**	PBG0029 100001	\$12	\$10	15
3/17/2022	RainScapes Session II: Planning the Parameters of Your RainScapes Project	PBG0015 100002	\$12	\$10	12
3/31/2022	RainScapes Session III: Plants & Landscape Design for RainScape Gardens	PBG0015 100003	\$12	\$10	12
3/12/2022	Landscape Design: Session I	PBG0012 100001	\$12	\$10	12
3/19/2022	Origins of Modern Landscape Design: The Wit and Wisdoms of John Brookes	PBG0035 100001	FREE	FREE	11
3/26/2022	Landscape Design: Session II	PBG0013 100001	\$12	\$10	12
4/8/2022	Ecological-Based Landscape Design - Session I*	PBG0040 100001	\$99	\$90	12
4/9/2022	Strolls for Well-Being *	PBG0033 100001	\$75	\$75	15
4/13/2022	Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour**	PBG0003 100001	\$12	\$10	14
4/15/2022	Brookside Gardens Full Moon Walk**	PBG0002 100001	\$22	\$20	15
4/18/2021	Plant Propagation: Houseplants & Summer Annuals	PBG0016 100001	\$35	\$31	14
4/23/2022	GreenFest	PBG0008 100001	FREE	FREE	9
4/30/2022	Spring Yoga Sprouts!**	PBG0026 100002	\$7	\$7	17
4/30/2022	Yoga at Brookside Gardens**	PBG0031 100001	\$12	\$10	16
5/1/2022	Half-Day Mindfulness Retreat at Brookside Gardens**	PBG0018 100001	\$60	\$54	16
5/5/2022	Gentle Yoga at Brookside Gardens**	PBG0030 100001	\$12	\$10	16
5/6/2022	Brookside Gardens Azalea & Rhododendron Tour**	PBG0001 100001	\$10	\$8	14
5/7/2022	Decolonizing Your Garden - Native Plants from a Native Perspective	PBG0036 100001	FREE	FREE	11
5/7/2022	Afternoon Tea at McCrillis Gardens**	PBG0021 100001	\$50	\$50	9
5/11/2022	Latest Research & Trials of Native Plants & Cultivars	PBG0039 100001	\$12	\$10	13
5/14/2022	McCrillis Gardens Spring Tour**	PBG0020 100001	\$10	\$8	14
5/14/2022	Miniature Perennial Container	PBG0023 100001	\$60	\$54	14
5/19/2022	Native Blooms for The Summer Garden	PBG0041 100001	\$12	\$10	13
5/21/2022	Summer Annual Container	PBG0024 100001	\$55	\$50	14
6/2/2022	Ground Covers: Great Alternatives to Turf Grass	PBG0009 200001	\$12	\$10	13
6/3/2022	Creating Photograph Quality with Black Pencils & Watercolor on Drafting Film*	PBG0034 200001	\$210	\$189	16
6/7/2022	Summer Twilight Concert Series	No registration	FREE	FREE	10
6/11/2022	Sustainable Gardening Practices	PBG0045 200001	\$12	\$10	13
6/18/2022	Managing Pests While Protecting Pollinators	PBG0044 200001	\$12	\$10	13
6/20-6/24/2022	Summer Camp: Plants & Pollinators - Celebrate National Pollinator Week!	PBG0048 500001	\$300	\$300	17
6/25/2022	Using Informed Plant Selection to Restore Pollinators and Songbirds	PBG0037 200001	FREE	FREE	11
6/27-7/1/2022	Summer Camp: Magical Plants & Mythical Creatures	PBG0049 500001	\$300	\$300	17
7/9/2022	Conquer the Soil: Black America and the Untold Stories of Our Country's Gardeners, Farmers, and Grow	PBG0038 200001	FREE	FREE	11
7/11-7/15/2022	Summer Camp: Garden Architects & Inventors	PBG0050 500001	\$300	\$300	17
7/12/2022	Shakespeare in the Garden: Macbeth	PBG0027 200001	FREE	FREE	10
7/13/2022	Summer Annual Container Tour **	PBG0042 200001	\$10	\$8	14
7/16/2022	Succulent Container	PBG0046 200001	\$50	\$45	15
7/21/2022	Pollinator Meadow Tour**	PBG0043 200001	\$10	\$8	14

* - Program Meets Multiple Days ** - Program Meets Multiple Times Per Day

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Open a NEW account
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To Register Online: ActiveMONTGOMERY.org

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Complete the registration form and mail with your check (or drop off form and payment) to:
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Please fill in all the boxes.

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1. You must open a NEW ActiveMONTGOMERY account in order to register for any program.
2. We regret that it is not possible to include babies or children in classes designed for adults, unless specified.
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4. FOBG members should enter the discounted FOBG rate in the Fee column. For information about joining FOBG, call 301-962-1435 or check brooksidegardens.org.
5. Confirmation of your registration will be made by mail or email. If an event is filled to capacity, your check will be returned and your name placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted by phone if an opening occurs.
6. Deadline for registration is 7 days prior to event date, unless otherwise stated. Participants will be enrolled in the order received.
7. Unless otherwise indicated by the participant or a parent/guardian in writing at the time of registration, photographs of participants for use in Commission publications may be taken while participating in program activities.

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Fill out a separate form for each participant. Friends of Brookside Gardens members enter the FOBG rate for each course.

Course No.	Date	Name of Program	Fee
999999	3/1	Sample Program Title	0.00



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Celebrate Earth Day with Montgomery County GreenFest

Saturday, April 23 | 11:00–5:00 pm

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(See page 9 for more information.)

