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Letter from the Director:



If you've walked through the Garden recently, you've probably noticed some exciting new changes: more flowering cherry trees in the Gude Garden, the Crevice Garden bursting with unusual succulents and cactus, new waterlilies in the Upper Aquatic Garden Pond, and wire-frame trees covered in orchids and bromeliads in the Conservatory. All those projects were designed and completed by our talented horticulturists using funds from our annual operating budget, with support from generous donors. While these smaller projects refresh the Garden and spark our horticultural curiosity, we remain firmly focused on achieving the bigger picture laid out in the Master Plan for Brookside Gardens.

When Brookside Gardens opened in 1969, Montgomery County had a much smaller population, and the garden spaces were sized appropriately to meet the community's needs at the time. Fast-forward 56 years, and the county population has grown to over one million residents—and so has our attendance. We're thrilled to be working with a talented team of Parks' architects, landscape architects, and engineers to re-imagine the Conservatory and the gardens surrounding it. Built in 1968, the Conservatory is the oldest structure at Brookside Gardens. While it continues to serve as a beloved space for visitors, its age brings ongoing maintenance needs and highlights the importance of thoughtful upgrades to support its future. In addition to hosting The Butterfly Experience for five months, the tropical plants and colorful displays give visitors a taste of the world outside Wheaton, including the conservation stories of rare and endangered plant species impacted by human actions and climate change.

What's your favorite experience in the Conservatory? Is it the warm, scented air that wraps around you on a chilly winter day? The gentle ripple of goldfish gliding beneath the soothing sound of the waterfall? Or the vibrant orchids cascading from the trees above? This cherished space has long been a place to gather, relax and learn from nature. And we look forward to when it will be even more inspiring—with a new Conservatory designed to offer more of the color, texture, and fragrance you love.

Stephanie Oberle
Director, Brookside Gardens



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Staff Updates



Drew Asbury is the new horticulturist responsible for managing the Gude Garden and surrounding landscapes. Drew has worked 'hands-on' in the horticulture industry for nearly 30 years. Prior to joining Brookside Gardens, he worked for 12 years as the Horticulturist and Volunteer Manager at Hillwood Estate, Museum and Garden in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the Longwood Gardens Professional Gardener Training Program in 2006 and obtained a Master of Professional Studies in Sustainable Landscape Design from George Washington University in 2020. When not at work, Drew enjoys gardening at home, hiking, and traveling.



Jacob Roberson joins Brookside Gardens' production team as the Lead Horticultural Support Technician. Jacob brings with him nearly a decade of experience in the

agricultural and outdoor sectors. His pursuit of a career in agriculture stemmed from his hands-on experience across several industries, including a small hobby farm, a brewery, a vertical indoor farm, and a wholesale perennial plant nursery. Jacob earned an A.A. in Business Administration from Montgomery College before completing a B.A. in Agricultural and Resource Economics with a minor in Sustainability studies at The University of Maryland (UMD). Additionally, he attended the Institute of Applied Agriculture at UMD, specializing in Sustainable Agriculture. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and raised in Maryland, Jacob enjoys spending time with his wife, young daughter, two cats, and two dogs. Outside of work, he is an avid gardener, amateur mycologist, and enjoys reading sci-fi and history.



Eva Andersen (she/her) is a rising senior at Georgetown University studying Environmental Biology with minors in Spanish, and Science, Technology, and International Affairs (STIA). After college, she is hoping to pursue a career in conservation and environmental education. She is especially interested in invasive species management. Eva is from Albany, NY which she appreciated being close to many beautiful hikes and trails! She loves to run, bake, and listen to music. Everyone she has met at Brookside so far has been so kind and welcoming, and she is excited to learn more about botany and horticultural management this summer through the internship program.



Prince Ashina (he/him) is a rising second-year Master of Landscape Architecture student at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he also serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. He earned his bachelor's degree in landscape design and management from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana, West Africa. He is passionate about stormwater management and hopes to use landscape design tools to map flood risk and guide smarter land use decisions, particularly in underserved areas. He brings experience in residential landscape construction and maintenance from his time in Ghana and is committed to designing places where people and water can coexist.



Artemis Maziarski (she/her/they) is a rising second year Master of Landscape Architecture student at the University of Maryland in College Park. Her interests include improving access to green spaces for marginalized communities and exploring the future role landscape architects will play in urban forestry. She holds a B.S. in Health Science from Northeastern University and an A.A.S in Horticulture Technology from Northern Virginia Community College. She is originally from New Jersey and currently lives in Silver Spring with her fiancée and two black cats, Minerva and Desdemona. When not in the garden, she enjoys cooking, hiking, sketching, crossword puzzles, and board games. Artemis previously worked at Brookside Gardens as a Gardener Assistant for two seasons and is thrilled to be returning as an intern this summer!



Kelly Sieberts (she/her) is currently entering the second year of her master's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Maryland, College Park. As an active member of the student chapter executive board for the American Society of Landscape Architects, she hopes to establish her niche in therapeutic landscaping design. Her background lies in music education; teaching the violin and other instruments to a wide age range from kindergarten to adults. While working at Williams Sonoma, Kelly learned valuable design principles and skills that transferred to her studies. Additionally, she worked at Patuxent Nursery where she advised customers on indoor and outdoor plant care, fertilizer practices and pest management techniques.

The Butterfly Experience Returns to Brookside Gardens

After a five-year hiatus, Brookside Gardens is once again alive with the color and movement of butterflies from around the world. The newly reimagined exhibit, **The Butterfly Experience at Brookside Gardens**, opened this spring and has already welcomed thousands of visitors eager to reconnect with this beloved seasonal attraction.

Previously known as Wings of Fancy, the exhibit's new name reflects what guests most often ask: "Where are the butterflies?" We hope this change helps visitors instantly connect with the wonder of the exhibit.

Significant updates have been made to improve the overall experience, which include a refurbished entrance vestibule, a refreshed water feature, and a new glass side wall to enhance visibility and climate control. A new directional path with decals has also been added to manage visitor flow and create a more immersive space for exploration and photography.

The exhibit features butterflies of all shapes, colors, and sizes of both exotic and native species. Inside, visitors will find vibrant planting palettes designed to support various life stages of butterflies. Plants including Aloysia, Pentas, Kalanchoe, Impatiens, and others have been carefully selected to provide nectar for the adult butterflies. Overripe fruit and even Gatorade are also used as supplemental food sources, offering guests an up-close look at butterfly feeding behavior.

A newly trained and passionate staff is on hand to share information about the butterflies and the importance of following

United States Department of Agriculture regulations to ensure exotic species do not escape and disrupt native ecosystems. By sharing this knowledge, we hope to raise awareness of the ecological implications and the importance of responsible exhibit practices. Volunteer docents also play a key role in enhancing the experience by sharing insights into butterfly biology, conservation, and environmental stewardship.

Educational signage has been refreshed to highlight the butterfly life cycle, pollination, and the important relationships between insects and the plants they rely on. The "Fluttering Today" board helps guests identify which species are currently active, and the exhibit is not just about beauty, but an interactive opportunity to understand the importance of insects in our world, from pollination to their vital role in the food chain.

The Butterfly Experience is open daily from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, with adjusted hours of 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekdays from July 1 to August 31 due to summer heat. The Butterfly Experience runs through September 21 and tickets can be purchased at montgomeryparks.org/butterfly

We're thrilled to welcome you back to **The Butterfly Experience**, where beauty, science, and nature take flight once again.

Nate Roehrich, *Assistant Director of Production and Display*





Thank you, Butterfly Experience Volunteers

When The Butterfly Experience at Brookside Gardens re-opened on April 10, 2025, over one hundred volunteers had registered and were trained as Docents, eager to share their knowledge of butterflies and plants with visitors.

Having volunteered for the exhibit in the past, **Pat Zangrillo** was very excited to return this year. Pat shared, "How else could you view butterflies in all their fluttering beauty so up close? The air is alive with wings flying off in all directions. Colorful flowers give them places to land, and make for unique, wonderful photographic opportunities. Almost everyone is tempted to take a photo or two. I know I have shared my images with friends who are not as lucky as I am to be there."

Though the exhibit was physically closed for five years (last opened in 2019), its existence was not forgotten by visitors. **Beth Socol** had been giving tours of the Gardens as a volunteer and reflected, "For the past couple of years one of the most oft-asked questions I got while conducting garden tours was 'when will the butterfly [exhibit] open back up?'" These questions sparked Beth's interest in volunteering for the exhibit when it was re-opened. As a Butterfly Experience Docent volunteer, Beth says "To see people walk into the exhibit and just gasp at the beauty they are surrounded by always gives me a thrill."

Volunteers add a special touch to the staff who are running the exhibit. Their presence enhances the visitor experience by offering knowledge, and an atmosphere of welcome and kindness. They contribute to our community by helping visitors learn about the ecological importance of butterflies and teach them what they can do in their own backyards to help sustain these extraordinary insects. Beth adds, "People who attend the exhibit are curious and have a lot of questions."

Another volunteer, **Lauren Chhay**, echoed Beth's sentiment, "I have heard several adults excitedly proclaim they learned something new, I've watched kids become little scientists as they wander the exhibit with magnifying glasses and put to use new knowledge they learned at the information station, and I've been able to interact with several neurodivergent guests in the same patient and fun way past volunteers engaged with my family. I've seen volunteers put smiles on visitors' faces many times whether it be by sharing their excitement, chatting during check-in, helping guests navigate the online ticket purchase process, sharing information, alerting them to butterflies landing on them, offering to take photos of their group, being silly with them during the exit process, or even reminiscing about past visits they or volunteers have made to the Experience."

Thank you, to the one hundred plus volunteers who have contributed their time and energy to make The Butterfly Experience at Brookside Gardens an engaging and educational experience for our visitors.

Kevin Stewart, *Volunteer Program Manager*

Children's Garden 2025 Redesign Theme: Eco Friends Garden

Over the summer, exciting changes took shape in the Children's Garden. In keeping with the new theme, "Eco Friends Garden," we chose plants and materials that were as eco-friendly as possible to create a fun experience while limiting the impact on the environment and promoting a healthy ecosystem.

Talented craftspeople throughout the Commission collaborated with us to create an engaging garden space for young people. Educators, welders, horticulturists, woodworkers, and visual artists all contributed their skills to this newly renovated area. Most of our favorite features of the Eco Friends Garden include repurposed, reused, or recycled materials.

We partnered with the Wheaton Arts Parade to hire five local artists to share their interpretations of Maryland native birds on flamingo topiary forms that are repurposed from an earlier exhibit. The red cardinal, orange oriole, yellow goldfinch,

green hummingbird, and blue... (you guessed it!) bluebird create a rainbow of color. No pink flamingos allowed! These birds highlight the delicate relationships between plants and wildlife that sustain our local ecosystems in a playful, larger-than-life way.

The playhouse has been repurposed and refreshed with a four-sided mural celebrating important local plants. The native flora include winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), Turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*), Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) and blue flag iris (*Iris versicolor*).

Repurposed, durable, local lumber harvested by Montgomery Parks' arborists and stone will be featured prominently throughout the space. Some of our favorite examples of these materials in the Eco Friends Garden are the natural wood benches, reading thrones,

wooden balance beams and logs, a willow tunnel, and tiered boulders.

As you already know, all our garden spaces are functioning ecosystems affected not only by the plants we cultivate, but also by weather, geology, and local wildlife. We love to promote these relationships in a way that children can enjoy. Although we've highlighted a few features in this article, we recommend coming to explore the Eco Friends Garden in person to get the full effect. After all, anyone, regardless of age, who is willing to take care of the people, animals, insects, and plants around them is welcome in the Eco Friends Garden. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

Liz Bullock, Youth Education Manager;
Thomas Crawley, Horticulturist



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GreenScapes Symposium

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Friday | February 13 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

#PBG0057 400001

Early Bird Fee expires Friday, January 9: \$50

Regular Fee starts Saturday, January 10: \$60

Note: This will be offered as a series of live online lectures with audience Q&A incorporated into the program. All lectures will be recorded and made available for online viewing.

The GreenScapes Symposium is an annual program organized by Brookside Gardens since 2004. The symposium will highlight the intersection of horticulture and environmental issues. Environmental stewardship is a core value of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Brookside Gardens' parent organization. As such, we strive to provide timely information and viable solutions to environmental challenges.

Fall Wedding Vendor Showcase

Sunday | November 16 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

FREE | #PBG0080-300003

Registration Required

Visitor Center

Planning your dream wedding? Explore stunning venues, enjoy guided tours, and get inspired with creative décor ideas. Meet top wedding professionals—DJs, photographers, caterers, florists, and planners—ready to bring your vision to life. Discover expert advice on menus, soundtracks, and more to make your day uniquely yours. Don't miss the door prize raffle, including a free rental at Brookside Gardens. Join us for an unforgettable wedding planning experience!

Fall & Winter Conservatory Displays

Autumn Display

The two most quintessential signs of autumn in nature are pumpkins ripening on the vine, and beautiful blooming Chrysanthemums. This year, we are combining both with our massive "Great Pumpkin" Chrysanthemum form that is sure to take your breath away!

A variety of innovative growing techniques will complement the display, showcasing 32 cultivars of these extraordinary plants in a stunning array of vibrant fall colors you won't want to miss!

South Conservatory:

Saturday, October 4 – Sunday, November 2

South Conservatory Winter Display

Saturday, November 29 – Sunday, January 4

All Aboard! Join us for a beloved seasonal tradition—an enchanting winter wonderland of model trains set under glass. The Washington Virginia Maryland Garden Railway Society returns with a whimsical miniature world featuring local landmarks and playful details. Our horticulturists will plant a backdrop of frosty foliage, creating a charming setting perfect for making fresh memories with family and friends.

Plant Society Shows & Sales

Friends of Brookside Gardens & Brookside Gardens Plant Sale

Saturday | September 13 | 9:00 – 10:00 am

(FOBG Members only)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm* – General Public

*Until sold out

National Capital Dahlia Society Dahlia Show and Bloom Sale

Saturday | September 27 | 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Sunday | September 28 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sale: Sunday | September 28 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Mycological Association of Washington Mushroom Fair

Sunday | October 12 | 12:00 – 5:00 pm

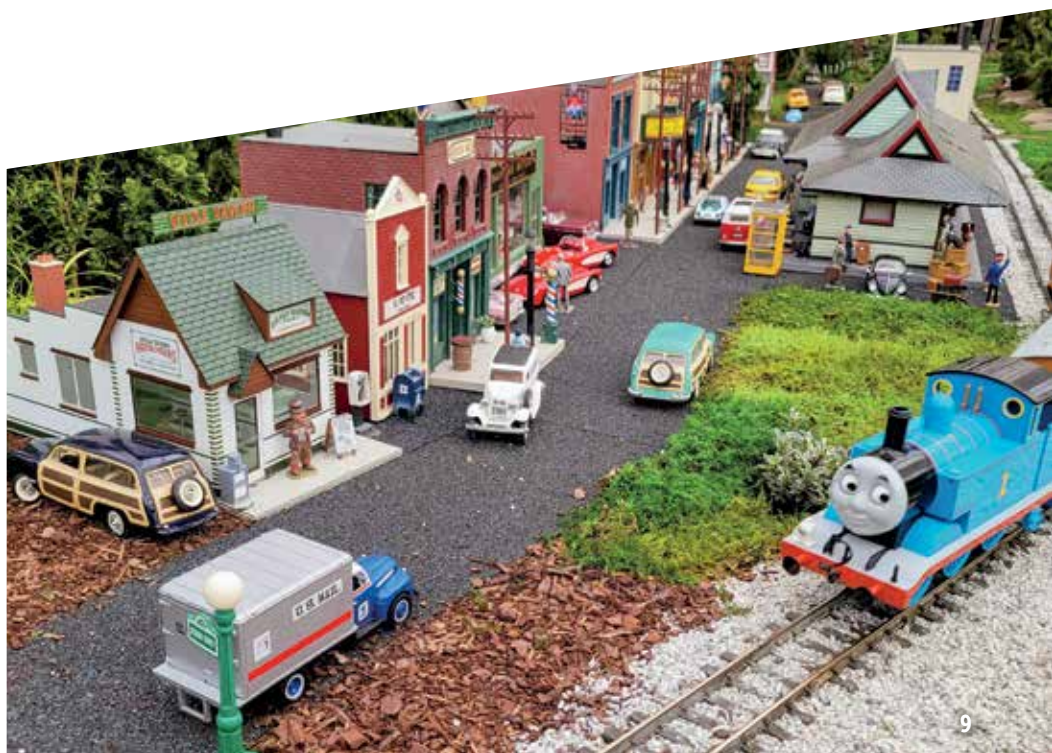
Washington Gardener Magazine Seed Exchange

Saturday | January 31 | 12:30 – 4:00 pm

2025 Garden Railway Display

Saturday, November 29 – Sunday, January 4

The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) and the Brookside Conservatory staff are pleased to present the 2025 Garden Railway Display featuring G-scale model train displays in the South Conservatory. G-scale is the largest commercial model train size and is designed to be run in the garden. The primary display has model trains running through scenery filled with live plants, water features, and a miniature village representing small town Maryland. A second display in the South Conservatory is a historical representation of the Cabin John Trolley Line and its main point of interest, Glen Echo Park. Come join us to experience this wonderful seasonal tradition!





Art in the Garden Exhibit & Sale*

Brookside Gardens Visitor Center
See inside front cover for hours.

William Kunkle | Acrylic Painting
Amy Sands | Watercolor Painting
Joshua Morganstein | Nature Photography

September 8 – October 19

Laurel Art Guild | Multimedia
Lydia Peters | Abstract
October 20 – November 30

Gaithersburg Camera Club | Photography
December 1 – January 25

Mike Cohen | Bird Photography
Philip Deshong | Nature/Landscape Photography
Melisa Karma | Nature/Macro Photography
January 26 – March 22

Julienne Clevenger | Oils Painting
Alexis Dominique Limpiado | Watercolor
Margaret Rose Hahn | Pencil Botanical Illustration
March 23 – May 3

*Visit BrooksideGardens.org and click on *Art in the Garden* under Special Events for more information.



Fall Twilight Concert Series

Wednesdays in September | 6:00 – 7:30 pm
FREE; no registration required | Visitor Center Lawn

Dance the night away with this series of musical performances set in the beauty of the Gardens! 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. Alcohol is prohibited.

Son Horizonte
Latin Pop
September 3

The Sidleys
Indie Rock / Soul
September 17

Patty Reese
70's & 80's Rock Hits
September 10

The Olney Big Band
Traditional Big Band Jazz, Swing & Dance
September 24





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ONLINE PROGRAMS

V This symbol indicates programs offered as live, online Zoom webinars with audience Q&A. After registering, a link will be emailed to you 24 hours prior to the live webinar. Recordings will be made available to students.

Please ensure your Active Montgomery account is updated with your correct email address.

FRIENDS OF BROOKSIDE GARDENS (FOBG) DISCOUNTS

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.

FEE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Reduced fee options are offered to Montgomery County Residents who qualify. For more information and to apply online, please visit: <https://montgomeryparks.org/about/fee-reduction/>

SPECIAL FOCUS TRACKS

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

- ✿ **Sustainability Programs** – a focus on making our homes and gardens “greener.”
- ✿ **Gardener’s Focus** – for experienced gardeners who want to increase their knowledge through advanced cultivation and management techniques.
- ✦ **Landscape Design** – for those wishing to develop skills to compose beautiful and functional garden spaces through the artful juxtaposition of plants and hardscape elements.

Speaker Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Registration required

Each year Brookside Gardens welcomes nationally and internationally well-known horticulturalists, botanists, authors, and speakers to explore a wide range of topics.

✿ How Can I Help?

Saving Nature with Your Yard

Tuesday | September 30 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG: \$22 #PBG0198 300001

Doug Tallamy, author and Professor of Agriculture, Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware

Visitor Center Auditorium

Don’t miss this opportunity to see Doug Tallamy, a national leader of the native plant movement, speak in person. He’ll discuss his new book on ecological landscaping and share insights on biodiversity, native plants, conservation, and how we can help restore ecosystems at home. Tallamy’s new book will be available in the gift shop, with a signing to follow the talk.

V ✦ American Roots: Lessons and Inspiration from the Designers Reimagining Our Home Gardens

Thursday | December 11 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
FREE | #PBG0209 400001

Teresa Woodard, author

Join Teresa as she delves into the new American design aesthetic that embraces regional cultures, plants, and growing conditions. Enjoy a visual journey of exceptional designers and their home gardens covering all the regions of the country. You’ll discover new design influences and take home innovative design tips and plant suggestions.

Garden Tours

Registration required

Guided Bird Walk

Wednesday | September 10 | 7:30am–9am
\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0133 300001

OR

Saturday | September 13 | 8:00 – 9:30 am

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0133 300002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Emily Williams, avian ecologist

Did you know that 168 bird species have been sighted at Brookside Gardens? Marvel at the fall migration and bring your binoculars to look for warblers, Baltimore orioles, orchard orioles, red-winged blackbirds and many more!

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour

Tuesday | September 16 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 300001

OR

Friday | September 19 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 300002

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

Brookside Gardens staff

Opened in 2018, the O’Rourke Greenhouse consists of four growing areas totaling 10,000 square feet under glass. Participants will take a closer look at the state-of-the-art technology that enables staff to grow a variety of beautiful plants year-round while getting a sneak peek at the fall chrysanthemums being grown for displays.

✿ Caminata bilingüe por la naturaleza: plantas nativas, polinizadores y jardines de plantas comestibles

Acompáñenos en un recorrido guiado bilingüe para celebrar la Semana de la Conservación Latina. Explore la biodiversidad que rodea nuestros estanques y arroyos, descubra prácticas de jardinería sostenible y aprenda sobre plantas nativas que atraen colibríes y mariposas. Mientras pasea por el nuevo bosque de alimentos, se sentirá inspirado a cultivar su propio jardín de plantas comestibles en casa.

✿ Bilingual Nature Walk: Native Plants, Pollinators, and Edible Gardens

Join us for a bilingual guided tour celebrating Latino Conservation Week. Explore the biodiversity around our ponds and stream, discover sustainable gardening practices, and learn about native plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. You’ll be inspired to cultivate your own edible garden at home as you stroll through the new food forest.

Monday | September 15 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0212 300001

OR



Thursday | September 18 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0212 300002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Beto Diaz Galvan, Brookside Gardens Staff

★ ♦ Living Field Lab: Sustainable Gardening Strategies

Tuesday | September 23 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0207 300001

Burtonsville, MD (address sent after registration)

This beautiful home garden, created by a Brookside Gardens horticulturist, demonstrates how to transform a conventional landscape into a naturalistic and ecofriendly one. Discover practical strategies for planning in stages and designing garden beds, along with native plant choices for a variety of growing conditions. Plant lists provided.

Glory of Fall Garden Tour

Tuesday | October 28 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0059 300001

OR

Thursday | October 30 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0059 300002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens Staff

Discover a whole new garden brought on by the changing Autumn season. This walking tour highlights the spectacular fall colors in the woody and herbaceous plant collections with a closer look at our staff's favorite fall blooming perennials like asters, coneflowers, sedums, and grasses.

McCrillis Gardens Fall Tour

Wednesday | October 29 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0206 300001

OR

Saturday | November 1 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0206 300002

Karl Quimby, Brookside Gardens Staff

Enjoy this naturalistic garden featuring the rich colors of autumn tucked into a residential neighborhood in Bethesda. The five-acre property was donated in 1978 and is managed by Brookside Gardens. Explore the fall blooming camellias and remarkable collection of ornamental trees and shrubs, many of which are state and national champions.

Chrysanthemum & Conservatory Tour

Friday | October 31 | 1:00 – 2:15 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0060 300001

Brookside Gardens Conservatories

Raymond Carter, Brookside Gardens Staff

Delight in an autumn-inspired display of specialty chrysanthemums—a vibrant finale to the garden season! Discover fascinating facts about these amazing flowers, cultivated since the 15th century with over 20,000 varieties worldwide. Learn how our horticulturists create massive blooms, colorful combinations and impressive forms with this incredible plant!

Brookside Gardens Winter Tour

Wednesday | February 18 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0061 400001

OR

Friday | February 20 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0061 400002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Kristin Davey, Brookside Gardens Staff

Winter brings a different dimension to the gardens that is sometimes overlooked by visitors. Walk and talk with a garden expert to uncover the “bones of the garden” without the distraction of leaves or flowers. Explore the architectural elements that shape the gardens including woody plants, hardscape and other components of design.

Horticulture Classes

Registration required

Note: All horticulture classes will be held online using Zoom unless otherwise noted. Recordings of online lectures will be made available to students. 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.

Perfume in Bloom: A Journey Through Botanical Scents

Thursday | September 11 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0197 300001

Adult Classroom

Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens Staff

Explore the scent-sational world of botanical perfumes! We'll investigate the evolution of perfume and of scent extraction from gardens. Then we will get to know the plants that appear in popular perfumes. After the lecture, we'll take a tour of the Fragrance Garden where you'll see, smell and learn about perfume plants that can be grown in your garden.

V ★ ♦ Native Plant Solutions: Perennials to Fill the Gaps

Thursday | September 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0201 300001

Shannon Currey, Education and Outreach, Izel Native Plants

Uncovered ground invites unwanted growth, like weeds, especially in new or disturbed plantings. This session focuses on dynamic fillers—desirable plants that close gaps, add seasonal color, and reduce weeding and mulching. Learn how to use these resilient native species to create beautiful, low-maintenance landscapes that stay vibrant throughout the seasons.

V ★ ♦ Keystone Plants for the Home Landscape

Thursday | October 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0200 300001

Elaine Mills, Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener

Entomologist Doug Tallamy has drawn public attention to “keystone plants” that are especially supportive of wildlife, especially the insects that are critical to the food web. Join Master Gardener Elaine Mills to hear which trees, shrubs, and perennials native to the Mid-Atlantic region will provide sustenance for birds and pollinators, especially our local butterflies, moths, and pollen specialist bees. Learn about ornamental features, plant pairings, and ideas for landscape uses to help you decide where these high-value plants might fit into your home landscape.

✿ **Seed Saving: Harvesting & Storing Your Garden's Bounty**

Saturday | October 11 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0203 300001

Adult Classroom

Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine

Discover the art of seed saving in this hands-on class! Learn when and how to collect seeds, helpful botanical terms, storage tips, and seed lifespans. We'll process seeds from Kathy's garden together—yours to take home. Explore techniques for long-term storage, keeping seeds animal-proof, and turning your garden into a sustainable seed factory.

◆ **Beyond Formality: Embracing Naturalistic Garden Design**

Saturday | October 4 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0199 300001

Adult Classroom

Eric Evans, Brookside Gardens Staff

Discover how visionary landscape designers like Capability Brown, Gertrude Jekyll and Piet Oudolf created their own version of naturalistic landscape design as a reaction to the standardized formal gardens of their times. Tour garden areas that highlight naturalistic design elements—such as native plants, organic forms, and ecological harmony—and learn how to incorporate these principles into your own home garden.

◆ **Rock Gardens Revealed: Designing Natural Landscapes**

Thursday | October 16 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0202 300001

Adult Classroom

Thomas Crawley, Brookside Gardens Staff

Rock gardens are unique and natural landscapes, offering drought tolerance, weed suppression, and year-round interest. Learn from Brookside Gardens' first year of rock gardening, with practical advice on site selection, layout, and plant choices. After the lecture, a tour will highlight strategies to integrate rocks into your existing garden spaces.

▼ **Growing Older, Gardening Smarter**

Thursday | January 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0211 400001

Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine

As we age, gardening can stay joyful and comfortable with the right adjustments. Discover practical strategies for modifying your landscape and gardening practices to accommodate physical changes and mobility challenges. We'll explore how ergonomic tools, raised beds, and easy-access designs can help. Learn how to keep your body flexible and safe so you can continue gardening with ease and confidence.

How Plants Shaped the World – An Evolutionary Journey

Saturday | January 24 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0210 400001

Adult Classroom

Raymond Carter, Brookside Gardens Staff

Journey through millions of years of evolution in this fascinating lecture. Discover how the plant, fungi and animal kingdoms co-evolved to create the complex ecosystems we know today. Afterward, enjoy a guided tour of the conservatory, where living examples reveal the remarkable adaptations shaped by time and environment.

✿ **Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning**

Saturday | February 7 | 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0063 400001

Adult Classroom

Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens Staff

Discover how to keep your shrubs and trees healthier for longer. Gain invaluable pruning advice for a variety of ornamental trees and bushes to maintain healthy specimens, improve plant structure, reduce hazards and rejuvenate old growth. Participants are invited to submit questions with photos related to their home landscapes, which will be addressed during the final portion of class.





Hands-on Workshops

Registration required

Note: All hands-on workshops will be held in-person at the Visitor Center.

Seasonal Showstopper: Build a Fall-Blooming Container Garden

Friday | September 19 | 10:30 – 11:45 am

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0208 300001

Adult Classroom

Ashia Bunkley, Brookside Gardens Staff

Design a vibrant fall container using plants featured in Brookside Gardens' displays—and take it home! Combine thrillers, fillers, and spillers for a stunning mix of color, texture, and form. These sun-loving plants, including ornamental grasses, kale, and dahlias, will create a bold seasonal addition to your home garden that thrives through autumn.

Introduction to Botanical Art: Drawing Fall Seedpods & Cones

Saturday | October 25 | 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

\$95 | FOBG \$86 | #PBG0204 300001

Adult Classroom

Joan DuCore, Botanical illustrator and instructor

This introductory class explores graphite, a fun and forgiving medium, through examining fall seedpods and cones. You'll learn to observe and capture nature's intricate details, developing essential skills to create beautiful, textured drawings. Through hands-on exercises, discover the unique forms and structures of autumn's botanical treasures. Level: Beginner

Fall Floral Design with Specialty Chrysanthemums

Wednesday | November 5 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

\$65 | FOBG \$58 | #PBG0205 300001

Adult Classroom

Lisa Sutherby & Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff

Create a stunning floral arrangement using specialty chrysanthemums from Brookside Gardens' Fall Conservatory Display, plus seasonal garden blooms. Enjoy hands-on, one-on-one guidance while exploring fresh

design concepts and useful floral techniques. You'll enjoy making something beautiful while bringing the warm, vibrant colors of autumn into your home.

Takuga: Botanical Prints in Ink and Watercolor

Wednesday | November 19 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0158 300001

Adult Classroom

Sue Fierston, teaching artist and president of the International Nature Printing Society

Explore the Japanese art of Takuga, the intersection between printmaking and watercolor! Students will use special ink to hand-print leaves, flowers, or vegetables, and then paint with watercolor. Create artwork on a variety of printmaking papers, ready for framing or cards. Bring materials from your garden or select from options provided in class.

Festive Fresh Greens

Make a long-lasting beautiful centerpiece or wreath using fresh greens! Learn to make an evergreen wreath for your front door, complete with a pinecone and bow accents. The centerpieces will include a candle and seasonal decorations. Fee includes all materials for one wreath or two centerpieces. Both workshops will be held in the Visitor Center Adult Classroom.

Festive Wreaths

Wednesday | December 3 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0065 400001

OR

Wednesday | December 3 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0065 400002

Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff

Festive Centerpieces

Thursday | December 4 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0066 400001

OR

Thursday | December 4 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0066 400002

Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff

✿ Introduction to Plant Propagation

Saturday | January 31 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

\$45 | FOBG \$40 | #PBG0016 400001

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

Nate Roehrich, Brookside Gardens staff

Learn about plant propagation in our state-of-the-art greenhouse facilities. You'll discover how to produce your own houseplants inexpensively and easily from start to finish. We'll review the best techniques and plants to propagate from cuttings. Participants will get to take a few potted cuttings to grow at home.

Garden After Dark

Looking for a special night out with friends or a loved one? Let Brookside Gardens take care of the details! Each fee covers the cost of one person. 21 and up.

Garden After Dark: Holly Daze

Wednesday | December 17 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0068 400001

Adult Classroom

Brookside Gardens staff

Take a leisurely stroll through our annual Garden of Lights display, then come inside for wine, cheese and dessert. Create a festive holiday arrangement to commemorate your visit. Fee includes all refreshments, craft materials and admission to Garden of Lights for one person.

Health and Wellness

Registration required. No walk-ins accepted.

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays | September 4 – December 18 and

January 8 - February 26 | 10:00 – 11:00 am

\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0030

Location: Japanese Tea House (September – October) or Brookside Gardens Visitor Center (mid-October – February)

Sherry Weber

These series of classes feature 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.

Yoga

Saturdays | September 6 – December 20 and January 10 – February 21 | 9:30 – 10:30 am \$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0031

Location: Japanese Tea House (September – October) or Brookside Gardens Visitor Center (mid-October – February)

Tanory Ateek

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.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays | September 3 – December 17 and January 7 – February 18 | 9:15 – 10:30 am \$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0029

Japanese Tea House (September – October) or Brookside Gardens Visitor Center (mid-October – February)

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 Forms are repetitive patterns that emphasize slow, flowing motions and controlled movements. Classes will help beginners to learn the Forms while providing regular practitioners the guidance of an experienced instructor.

Guided Mindfulness Walks

\$28 | FOBG \$25 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meet at South Terrace

Integrative therapist Tania Lanning will lead a series of special walks focused on mindfulness in nature. Participants will receive a small blank journal and will want to dress for the weather, and be comfortable walking and sitting on grass. Sign up for one or all three!

Walk 1: Connections in Nature

Saturday | September 6 | #PBG0108 300001

Uncover the links between yourself and the environment around you in this guided walk through the Gude Garden. Through gentle movement, discussion, journaling, and meditation, you will explore what it means to connect with yourself, with others and with the natural world.

Walk 2: Mindfulness and Motherhood in Nature

Thursday | September 25 | #PBG0125 300001

Reconnect with yourself and the natural world in this workshop designed to support mothers in cultivating mindfulness, self-compassion, and resilience. Through guided movement and mindfulness practices, nature connection, and shared reflection, discover tools to nurture both yourself and your role as a mother. Babies in strollers are welcome.

Walk 3: Mindfulness and Family in Nature

Saturday | October 4 | #PBG0168 300001

Strengthen family bonds and foster emotional well-being with this immersive workshop focused on mindfulness and nature exploration. Engage in fun, mindful activities designed to deepen connection, communication, and presence within your family. Children of all ages with their families are welcome.

Half-day Mindfulness Retreat at Brookside Gardens

Sunday | September 14 | 9:15 am – 1:15 pm

\$70 | FOBG \$63 | #PBG0018 300001

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Tanory Ateek

Tanory will guide you through a half-day of stress relieving practices, including gentle yoga; walking and seated meditation; and the meditative way of the labyrinth. Whether you are new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, this 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.

Strolls for Well-Being

\$75

Tuesdays | September 16, October 14, November 18

11:00am – 12:30pm

#PBG0033 300001

Wednesdays | September 17, October 15, November 12

11:00am – 12:30pm

#PBG0033 300002

Saturdays | September 20, October 18, November 15

10:00am – 11:30pm

#PBG0033 300003

Adult Classroom

Brookside Gardens Staff

Soak up the healing and wellness wisdom of nature in this 8-week evidence-based mindfulness program. The program consists of 3 group meetings and 12 solo strolls in the garden on your own schedule, guided by a beautiful journal with themed readings and prompts encouraging presence and reflection. Dates listed are for the 3 group meetings where you will receive your materials, program information, and discuss insights with others. While the program is for anyone interested in slowing down and being present with nature, those struggling with stress, grief or life transitions may particularly benefit. Further information: [Brookside Gardens.org/wellness](https://brooksidegardens.org/wellness).

Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing

Sunday | October 26 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$35 | FOBG \$30 | #PBG0022 300001

OR

Saturday | November 1 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

\$35 | FOBG \$30 | #PBG0022 300002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Ana Ka'ahanui, certified Forest Therapy Guide

Connect with nature through a forest bathing walk among the beautiful fall colors. Stroll the grounds and neighboring forest at a measured pace that allows you to notice the small miracles of nature unfolding. We'll close the walk by enjoying hot tea and healthy snacks.

New Year Retreat at Brookside Gardens

Sunday | January 4 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

\$95 | FOBG \$85 | #PBG0018 400001

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Tanory Ateek

Bring in 2026 with peace and intention! Treat yourself to a day of yoga, meditation practices, and creative visioning for your new year. We'll use both indoor and outdoor garden spaces (weather permitting). Participants are welcome to bring their lunches.

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Children's Day

Sunday | September 21 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Free | #PBG0077 300007

Explore the science and art of gardening through child-driven art projects and engaging science activities. Groups will rotate through outdoor activity stations designed to educate and entertain. Bring your friends, family and picnics (allowed in the Gardens during this special event only). Registration is encouraged but not required.

BOOtanica

Sunday | October 26 | 3:00 – 6:00 pm
\$20 | #PBG0165 300004

Celebrate Halloween with botanical-themed fun for the whole family! Dress in your favorite costume, trick-or-treat at the indoor activity stations, participate in arts-and-crafts projects, and conduct hands-on science investigations to learn about the fall season. As the sun begins to set, options for older children include costume parades and spooky stories. Registration required for the participating child. One parent/caregiver must accompany child for the duration of event but does not need to register.

Botanical Creatures in Comics

Sunday | October 5 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
\$7 | Ages 10 and up | #PBG0110 300003
Youth Classroom

Thomas Crawley, cartoonist and Brookside Gardens Staff

Imagine a world where plant adaptations give gardens special super-powers or unlock hidden talents! Expand your knowledge of botany and horticulture while activating your creativity and artistic skills. Enjoy exploring the science and art behind plant adaptations in the garden as you illustrate your own comic adapted to extreme environments. Beginner scientists and beginner cartoonists welcome.

Yoga Sprouts!

Select Fall Saturdays | 10:00 – 10:45 am
\$7 | Ages 3 – 9 | #PBG0078
Meet at South Terrace; class in Woodland Glen

Bring your little ones to this series of fun, garden-related yoga movement classes. Physical exercise and mindfulness will awaken senses, boost energy, and give good garden

vibes to start your day. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours. After meeting in the South Terrace, you will walk with the instructor to the outdoor class location. November classes held indoors. Adults must accompany children.

Saturday | September 6 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300009

Saturday | September 13 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300010

Saturday | September 27 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300011

Saturday | October 4 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300012

Saturday | October 11 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300013

Saturday | October 18 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300014

Saturday | October 25 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300015

Saturday | November 1 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300016

Saturday | November 8 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300017

Saturday | November 15 | 10:00 – 10:45 am
#PBG0078 300018

Storytime in the Garden

\$5 | Ages 3 – 7 | #PBG0111

Join us for an interactive story time followed by an outdoor exploration or activity. September–October classes meet in the Outdoor Classroom located in the Children's Garden area. November–February classes will be held in the Visitor Center. Adults must accompany children.

Sunday | September 7 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300004

Monday | September 8 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300005

Sunday | September 14 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300006

Monday | September 15 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300007

Sunday | September 28 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300008

Monday | September 29 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300009

Monday | October 6 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300010

Sunday | October 12 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300011

Monday | October 13 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300012

Sunday | October 19 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300013

Monday | October 20 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300014

Sunday | November 9 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300015

Sunday | November 16 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 300016

Saturday | February 7 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 400005

Saturday | February 14 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 400006

Saturday | February 21 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 400007

Saturday | February 28 | 10:00 am – 10:45 am
#PBG0111 400008

Pop-Up Exploration Cart: iNaturalist

Friday | October 17 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Free | #PBG0195 300001

Registration not required

Join us in cataloguing the wide array of wild, living things that call Brookside Gardens home. Learn how to download and use the helpful iNaturalist identification application to photograph and log observations that will

be utilized by both nature enthusiasts and professional scientists. Drop by the Exploration Cart next to the Children's Garden any time between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Art Outside for Teens

\$45 | Ages 11 – 14 | #PBG0194

Youth Classroom

A day off school is the perfect time to go outside and enjoy a full day of artistic fun. Each session will include a variety of media and activities including nature photography, watercolor painting, and zine making. Bring a lunch and refillable water bottle. Required sign-in procedures and forms will be emailed to guardians prior to program start date.

Thursday | October 2 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

#PBG0194 300001

Monday | January 26 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

#PBG0194 400001

Tuesday | February 17 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

#PBG0194 400002

V Educator Workshop: Teaching with Plants

Tuesday | January 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Free | #PBG0196 400001

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This virtual workshop is ideal for elementary or middle school teachers looking for ways to integrate hands-on gardening projects into existing curriculum. Experienced environmental educators will provide useful tools, resources and ideas for how to engage students with gardening exercises both in the classroom and outdoors. This session counts towards the professional development requirement for the MAEOE Green School Application.

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9/7/2025	Storytime in the Garden**	PBG0111 300001	\$5	\$5	16
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9/15/2025	Bilingual Nature Walk: Native Plants, Pollinators, and Edible Gardens**	PBG0212 300001	\$12	\$10	11
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10/26/2025	Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing**	PBG0022 300001	\$35	\$30	15
10/26/2025	BOOtanica	PBG0165 300004	\$20	\$20	16
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10/31/2025	Chrysanthemum & Conservatory Tour	PBG0060 300001	\$12	\$10	12
11/5/2025	Fall Floral Design with Specialty Chrysanthemums	PBG0205 300001	\$55	\$50	14
11/16/2025	Fall Wedding Vendor Showcase	PBG0080 300003	FREE	FREE	9
11/19/2025	Takuga: Botanical Prints in Ink and Watercolor	PBG0158 300001	\$55	\$50	14
12/3/2025	Festive Fresh Greens: Festive Wreaths**	PBG0065 400001	\$55	\$50	14
12/4/2025	Festive Fresh Greens: Festive Centerpieces**	PBG0066 400001	\$55	\$50	14
12/11/2025	American Roots	PBG0209 400001	FREE	FREE	11
12/17/2025	Garden after Dark: Holly Daze	PBG0068 400001	\$55	\$50	14
1/4/2026	New Year Retreat at Brookside Gardens	PBG0018 400001	\$95	\$85	15
1/13/2026	Educator Workshop: Teaching with Plants	PBG0196 400001	FREE	FREE	17
1/15/2026	Growing Older, Gardening Smarter	PBG0211 400001	\$15	\$12	13
1/24/2026	How Plants Shaped the World - An Evolutionary Journey	PBG0210 400001	\$25	\$22	13
1/31/2026	Introduction to Plant Propagation	PBG0016 400001	\$45	\$40	14
2/7/2026	Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning	PBG0063 400001	\$25	\$22	13
2/13/2026	GreenScapes Symposium***	PBG0057 400001	\$60	\$50	9
2/18/2026	Brookside Gardens Winter Tour**	PBG0061 400001	\$12	\$10	12

* Program Meets Multiple Days

** Multiple Sessions Offered

*** Early Bird Fee

Important Registration Information

1. You must open an ActiveMONTGOMERY account in order to register for any program.
2. For assistance with your ActiveMontgomery account, please email ActiveMONTGOMERYHelp@montgomeryparks.org or call 301-495-2580.
3. For questions related to Brookside Gardens' programs, please call 301-962-1451.

4. FOBG members should enter the discounted FOBG rate in the Fee column. For more information about joining FOBG, visit FriendsOfBrooksideGardens.org.
5. Confirmation of your registration will be sent by email. If you are on the waiting list for a full event, you will be notified if a spot becomes available.

Refund Policy: For details regarding the refund policy, please visit <https://MontgomeryParks.org/classes-camps/activity-withdrawals-and-refunds/>

* Required Info

REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Check here if this is a new address, phone number or email address since your last registration. Please print or type. This form may be copied.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Last Name*	First Name*	Email*		
Address*		City*	State*	ZIP*
Home Phone *	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Birthday (mm/dd/yy)*	

EMERGENCY CONTACT For participants under 18

Name	Relationship	Phone
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Participant's Name (Last, First)	Birthday (mm/dd/yy)	Gender	Activity Name	Activity Number	Fees*
Total Program Fees:					

To which race do you identify most?

- ☐ Asian
☐ Black
☐ Caucasian
☐ Native American
☐ Pacific Island Alaskan
☐ Other

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

PAYMENT OPTIONS*

Total Programs Fees \$ _____
 Non-Resident/Other Fees \$ _____ Check# _____ \$ _____
 Total Fees Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to: ActiveMONTGOMERY. No cash payments.

Will you need an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) disability accommodation (trained support staff, sign language interpreters, companion, Braille/large print, adaptive equipment, assistive listening/auxiliary devices, and/or audio description?)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, please see below:

ADA Requests for Montgomery Parks

To request an accommodation for M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks programs you must contact the Program Access Office at 301-495-2581 or email ProgramAccess@montgomeryparks.org

IMPORTANT: Request should be made before the program begins.

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

The participant assumes all risks associated with participation in the program; Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC does not assume any liability for injury or damages arising from participation in the program. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, each participant is encouraged to consult his or her physician concerning fitness to participate in the program. The participant consents to emergency treatment. The participant also consents to Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC's use of the participant's image and likeness as shown in any photographs, videotapes, motion picture film, or electronic images, and any audio recordings made of the participant's voice in whatever way Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC desires, including television, print and Internet websites. Furthermore, the participant consents that such photographs, films, recordings, electronic images shall be the sole property of Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC. If the participant is a minor, the parent of guardian approves his or her participation in the program. Neither the instructor nor any staff are responsible for children prior to or after scheduled program.



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REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 11



Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens Winter Walk-through Light Display

November 21, 2025 – January 4, 2026
(Closed Nov. 24–27, Dec. 24, 25, Jan. 1)
Open from 5:00–9:00 pm



Visit www.GardenOfLights.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Admission per person:

Fri.–Sat.: **\$16.99** (includes \$1.99 service fee)

Sun. Thurs.: **\$13.99** (includes \$1.99 service fee)

Ages 5 & under - **Free**

All timed tickets sold in advance online **ONLY**.

No tickets will be sold at the gate.

Buses by Advanced Registration Only

Special advanced bus pricing available.

Email Gardens@montgomeryparks.org
for more details.