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# YOUR CATALOG

Use this catalog to discover classes and events offered for a diversity of learners, from young explorers to budding enthusiasts to skilled gardeners. Come grow with us!

In your catalog, you will find the following site codes and class/event types:

## SITE CODES FOR CLASSES

MBG: Missouri Botanical Garden

BC: Bayer Center

SNR: Shaw Nature Reserve

Offsite: Check class listing

BH: Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

CBEC: Commerce Bank Center for Science Education

Full details will be provided with your class registration. Zoom links and handouts for online classes will be emailed to registrants prior to class. Closed captioning will be available via auto-transcription for all online classes.

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"To discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life."

*—mission of the Missouri Botanical Garden*

# THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME



## PATTERNS IN NATURE

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## Sachs Museum

### The Literary Garden: The Cultivation of Plants and Gardens in Narratives

The next special exhibition at the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum explores the myriad ways that different cultures represent plants and gardens through literary media, such as herbals, novels, poems, comics, and other types of stories. Highlighting Garden collections, and using books, images, objects, and botanical specimens, The Literary Garden highlights how authors and creators depict plants to build our worlds of knowledge, fiction, and fantasy as they rely on a common vocabulary and vision of the plants we know and experience every day. Museum Curator Nezka Pfeifer has also planned a content-related performance series exploring many of the genres represented through plants in the exhibition.

May 8, 2026–March 31, 2027  
Sachs Museum

### Storytime in the Sachs Museum

Join Garden staff from Education, Horticulture, and Science & Conservation, as they read one of their favorite children's books aloud. Explore the special exhibition throughout the museum. For all ages. Interactive and themed activities.

Second Wednesdays,

May 13, 2026–March 11, 2027  
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Sachs Museum

SPECIAL EXHIBITS at the GARDEN

# ADULT CLASSES

## DIY CRAFTS

All materials are provided and no prior experience is necessary unless otherwise noted.

### **Botanical Card Making and Its History (CBEC)**

Plant presses are and have been invaluable to Garden researchers and horticulture staff to preserve and catalog plants from around the world. Brittany Schultz, Living Collections Data Specialist, will demonstrate how to make a voucher using plant materials with a variety of techniques and explain how to make your own press using materials found around your home. By the end of the class, you will know how to use pressed flowers and leaves to make your own cards.

**Saturday, March 21; 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

**\$36 members; \$46 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
rooms 126 and 127**

**Brittany Schultz**



### **Weave Your Own Pillow Cover (CBEC) NEW**

Learn how to weave using natural fibers. With a pre-warped loom, you will be ready to weave a 14" x 14" pillow cover, then hand-sew your piece to a premade pillow. Your hand-woven creation will make a refreshing addition to your spring décor at home! Feel free to bring a lunch or snacks.

**Saturday, March 21; 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**\$100 members; \$125 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125**

**Jill Kettler**

### **Japanese Art of Flower Arranging (CBEC)**

*Ikebana*, the centuries-old Japanese art of flower arranging, transforms plants and flower materials into beautiful and elegant expressions. After learning about the history of *ikebana* and a how-to demonstration, students will create an arrangement and learn skills relevant to this practice of bringing nature and design together in a disciplined art form. No prior experience is necessary. Bring a pair of scissors; all other materials will be provided.

**Tuesday, March 24**

**or Tuesday, April 28; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$70 members; \$88 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
rooms 126 and 127**

**Anne Brown**

### **Natural Dyes in Action (MBG)**

Join Erin Luna in the Kemper Center for Home Gardening Kitchen to see the beauty of natural dyes in action. In this hands-on workshop, you will create beautiful, unique pieces of wearable art to keep for yourself or give as a gift. Wear appropriate clothing and come inspired!

**Saturday, March 28; 12:30–3 p.m.**

**\$50 members; \$63 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom  
Erin Luna**

**Think About Tables Workshop (SNR)**

For ages 16 and up. Create a unique table from honeysuckle. In North America, bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) is an invasive species. Yet honeysuckle wood is sturdy, strong, grows in interesting shapes, and is ideal for transforming a problem into a creative opportunity. We'll start with a demonstration and then make a table to take home. All materials provided (honeysuckle, tools, and safety protective gear). Feel free to bring a lunch or snacks.

**Saturday, March 28**

or **Saturday, April 11; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**\$40 members; \$50 nonmembers**

Glassberg Family Pavilions

Dale Dufer

**Paint with Thread: Shasta Daisy Embroidery on Raw Silk (CBEC) NEW**

Join artist and instructor JoAnna Jackson for a day of stitching at the Garden. In this class, JoAnna will guide you through creating a shasta daisy in painterly shades of pink, red, and soft orange—a fresh take on a classic bloom. Using raw silk as your canvas, you'll explore how embroidery can feel like painting with thread, blending color and texture to bring your flower to life. All materials are provided, including your threads, needle, fabric, and a practice piece. Perfect for both beginners and seasoned stitchers, this workshop offers a relaxing, creative experience inspired by nature's quiet beauty.

**Saturday, April 11; 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**\$54 members; \$68 nonmembers**

Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, rooms 126 and 127

JoAnna Jackson

**Twill Tote Workshop (SNR) NEW**

Join basket maker Pat Moore as she teaches you how to create a sturdy tote by doing a twill weave, over two and under two, in a staggered pattern. You'll learn how to make a 10" x 14" x 8" basket, complete with a twill cloth handle called Shaker tape, and be proud to use it as a tote. All supplies and tools are provided.

**Saturday, April 11; 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**\$70 members; \$88 nonmembers**

Adlyne Freund Center

Pat Moore

**European Spring Garden Basket (MBG)**

Join Pat Scace, Garden Floral Display Supervisor, for a hands-on class in the Garden's Floral Display workshop. Get in the spring mood as you create a one-of-a-kind spring garden basket for your home. Spring bulbs, mosses, and other flowers will grace your table this season.

**Tuesday, April 14; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$43 members; \$54 nonmembers**

Taylor Visitor Center Check-in

Pat Scace

**Kokedama Workshop (CBEC)**

Learn the art of creating Japanese-style moss plantings, called *kokedama*, and create two of your own to take home. Beginners welcome!

**Saturday, April 18; 10–11:30 a.m.**

or 12:30–2 p.m.

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, rooms 126 and 127

Chris Mower

**Japanese Stab Binding (BC)**

Join local bookbinder and restorer Joanne Kluba as she teaches you the basics of traditional Japanese stab binding. Using a varied four-hole technique called *kikko-toji*, you will leave with a journal of your own, ready for your tranquil thoughts and observations. The last 30 minutes will include a short tour of the Garden's book restoration studio in our Library on the fourth floor.

**Saturday, April 25; 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$46 members; \$57 nonmembers**

Bayer Center Lecture Hall

Joanne Kluba

**Make Your Own DIY Personal and Home Care Products (CBEC)**

Learn to make your own DIY lip balm, bath bombs, sugar scrub, and also Clear Air Cleaner—a simple yet effective homemade spray cleaner. We use simple, mostly natural ingredients great for those wanting to use less hazardous products or who have sensitive skin or allergies. You'll go home with actual items you've made and the recipes to make them again yourself. Come have fun!

**Wednesday, May 6; 6–8:30 p.m.**

**\$36 members; \$43 nonmembers**

Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, rooms 126 and 127

Glenda Abney and Carolyn Schmaltz

DIY CRAFTS *continued...***Houndstooth Scarf Weaving (CBEC)**

In this class, Jill Kettler will focus on the houndstooth weave as you create a beautiful scarf using black and white yarn. Although this is an intermediate weaving skill, Jill makes it easy for even beginning weavers to take part in this class. The looms will be pre-warped when you arrive so you will be ready to jump into this project. You are welcome to bring snacks or lunch if you would like.

**Friday, May 15; 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**\$100 members; \$125 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125**

**Jill Kettler**

**Indigo Dyeing Workshop (MBG)**

Experience the magic of indigo dyeing, the only source of natural blue dye. In this hands-on workshop, you will create beautiful, unique pieces of wearable art to keep for yourself or give as a gift. Using natural dyes can be messy, so wear appropriate clothing and come inspired. All materials are provided, including cotton fabric, but feel free to bring your own selection of cotton or linen fabric to dye.

**Saturday, May 16; 12:30–3 p.m.**

**\$50 members; \$63 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening  
Classroom**

**Erin Luna**

**Wagon Wheel Rug (CBEC) NEW**

Imagine yourself on a wagon crossing the prairie. You need a rug to keep the dirt out of your wagon and keep your feet warm. You would have used your wagon wheel to weave a rug. In this class we will use a hula hoop instead of a wagon wheel to make this historic, resourceful rug. Students should bring sharp fabric scissors. All other supplies will be provided.

**Saturday, May 30; 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$54 members; \$68 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
rooms 126 and 127**

**Nola Heidbreder**

**Paint and Sip: Bees on Canvas (BH)**

Let your inner artist take flight with this perfect pairing! After an inspirational stroll through our butterfly-filled Tropical Conservatory, our instructor will lead you through the creation of a unique art piece inspired by the Butterfly House. Enjoy a relaxing night of painting, wine, and light snacks that are sure to both stimulate your taste palate and encourage your creative palette.

**Friday, May 22; 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**\$50 members; \$63 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**Painting on the Rocks**

# FINE ARTS

All classes have supply lists unless noted. A link to the supply list will be on your confirmation.

## WATERCOLOR

### **Watercolor: Wet and Wild (CBEC)**

All levels. Painting wildlife in watercolor uses its characteristics of fluidity and luminosity to capture the personality of both domestic and wild animals. Artists will learn how to paint the textures of fur, whiskers, and feathers while painting wildlife realistically with a touch of whimsy. Basic watercolor skills, wet on wet, dry brush, color, and composition will be an essential part of the class. Wildlife photo reference material will be provided.

**8 Fridays: March 6, 13, 20, 27;**

**April 3, 17, 24; May 1**

**10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$280 members; \$336 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125**

**Judy Seyfert**

### **Painting from Nature (MBG)**

Beginner/Intermediate. Beginning with pencil, students will learn how to define form and structure, translate proportion and depth, and explore line and value. Students will then learn how to apply watercolor to their compositions, gaining in-depth knowledge of color mixing and paint application. Clear, step-by-step instructions will be provided to enable you to fully understand the process, creating multiple renderings from nature along the way. A final project and critique will round out the workshop. All materials provided.

**3 Saturdays: March 14, 21, 28**

**9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$126 members; \$151 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West  
Meeting Rooms**

**Emily Dustman**

### **The Garden in Watercolor (MBG)**

All levels. Capture the beauty of the Garden in watercolor while learning new techniques and composition skills. Through demonstrations and critiques, you will receive individual and group instruction outdoors when weather permits.

**8 Tuesdays: April 14, 21, 28;**

**May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2**

**9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$280 members; \$336 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Mary Dee Schmidt**

### **Plein Air Watercolor in the Garden (MBG)**

All levels. Through group demonstrations and individual instruction, this class will introduce students to different techniques of watercolor painting. The class will focus on teaching students proper blending/mixing techniques, creation of unique palettes, and both smooth brush wash techniques and painterly brush effects.

**3 Wednesdays: April 22, 29; May 6**

**5–7:30 p.m.**

**\$84 members; \$105 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West  
Meeting Rooms**

**CJ Gaidis**

### **Watercolor and Flower**

#### **Arranging Workshop (CBEC)**

All levels. Step into a hands-on floral design and watercolor combo class. Using an assortment of fresh flowers and plant material, you will create your own arrangement. Rebecca will guide you as you create a fabulous watercolor painting of your floral creation. This is a 4-hour workshop, and you are welcome to bring snacks or a sack lunch.

**Wednesday, May 13; 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**\$60 members; \$75 nonmembers**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125**

**Rebecca Bodicky**

### **Nature Journaling**

#### **with Watercolors 101 (SNR) NEW**

Nature journaling with watercolors is a rewarding process to more deeply connect with the outdoors and create lasting memories of your cherished discoveries and experiences. This practice also comes with a variety of health benefits, which will be shared throughout the program. Join us for a fun and exploratory class as we investigate the use of watercolors for nature journaling. We will cover some basics, as well as experiment with exercises to get you better acquainted with your paints. Furthermore, we will explore some easy ways to capture information about the natural world around you using color boxes, texture boxes, and more.

**Thursday, May 14; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$18 members; \$23 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Angie Jungbluth**

FINE ARTS *continued...***Natural Impressions (MBG) NEW**

Have you ever seen the imprint of leaves on the sidewalk in the fall? Did you ever want to take that part of the sidewalk home so you could always have it? Now you can. With fresh leaves—some provided, some collected—and watercolor paint we will create our own “natural impressions.” Even if you have never used watercolor before, you can see beautiful colors and lines appear like magic in front of your eyes! And these you can keep!

**Monday, May 18; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$40 members; \$50 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Judy McClure**

**Botanical Watercolor Workshop (SNR)**

All levels. Theresa Long, a botanical watercolor artist, offers this 3-day workshop focused on carefully observing botanical specimens selected from the Whitmire Wildflower Garden. Through close observation, learn to record textures, colors, and shapes with accuracy. This workshop includes painting flowering specimens as well as their related parts such as leaves, stems, seeds, and interior structures. Participants will learn to use measurement techniques along with dissection to identify accurate scale. Sessions will wrap up each day with discussion of progress, questions, and insights. A supply list will be included with registration. Participants need to bring a sack lunch or snacks.

**3 Thursdays: May 21, 28; June 4**

**9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**\$211 members; \$253 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Theresa Long**

**SKETCHING and DRAWING****Contour Drawing (CBEC) NEW**

“Contour”, derived from the French word for “outline”, is a style of drawing with a focus on using outlines to capture the shape and form of a subject. Join Rebecca Bodicky for a new workshop to learn the basics of contour drawing. Enjoy the magic of the unexpected creativity your brain has to offer. Come and unplug, let your creativity flow, and throw caution to the wind!

**\$30 members; \$38 nonmembers**

**Rebecca Bodicky**

**Indoor Drawing Class**

**Thursday, March 26; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, rooms 126 and 127**

**Outdoor Drawing Class**

**Tuesday, April 21; 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Pen and Ink Sketching with Tay (MBG)**

All levels. Learn the basics of pen and ink sketching and incorporating illustrations into your journal no matter your level of experience. You will enjoy drawing the unique architecture and plants of the Garden and practice recording your observations with instruction by artist Tay Tuteur. Learn simple sketching exercises to get you started and receive personalized feedback, guidance, and suggestions to gain confidence in drawing. Price per class.

**Saturday, March 28**

**or Saturday, April 25**

**or Saturday, May 16; noon–1:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Tay Tuteur**

**Instructor Spotlight: Theresa Long**

Theresa Long is a professional artist, member of the American Society of Botanical Artists, and teacher. She has been teaching for over 30 years. For 8 years, Theresa has been teaching botanical watercolor and contemporary collage at Shaw Nature Reserve. From her home studio on their family farm in western Franklin County, she continues the theme of painting native plants that “stop me in my tracks.” She hopes that she can make even a small difference through her artwork and teaching by encouraging an appreciation for native species.



**Sketching in the Garden: Part 1 (MBG)**

All levels. Whether you are looking for a way to get started, or just looking for inspiration to get back into drawing, this class will help you begin. By looking closely and spending time with nature you will see your sketches improve with each week's experience. This class is designed for beginners to intermediate, but all drawing levels are welcome! We will visit a different area of the Garden each week and concentrate on its uniqueness for inspirational sketching. Participants will look at different aspects of drawing in each session focusing on but not limited to line, composition, shading, texture, and color. We will begin each class in a classroom setting with demonstrations and resources. Individual instruction will be a part of each session. You will leave with a Garden-inspired sketchbook and experience to continue practicing wherever your sketching life takes you. Supply list will be provided prior to class.

**3 Wednesdays: April 1, 8, 15; 9–11:30 a.m.**

**\$105 members; \$130 nonmembers**

Taylor Visitor Center Check-in

Judy Cobillas

**Sketching in the Garden: Part 2 (MBG) NEW**

The focus of this class is to take your sketches and turn them into finished drawings! We will begin each class in a classroom setting for instruction and proceed into the Garden to begin sketching scenes that you would like to turn into finished work. You will have time to begin a more complex drawing each week to finish at the Garden or at home. You will receive individualized instruction to help you achieve your drawing goals regardless of your skill level. Looking closely and capturing the natural beauty of the Garden is just one of the benefits of taking this class. If you are ready to take your sketching abilities to the next level, then this class is for you. Supply list will be provided prior to class. (It is highly recommended that you take "Sketching in the Garden: Part 1" before taking this class).

**3 Wednesdays: April 22, 29; May 6**

**9–11:30 a.m.**

**\$105 members; 130 nonmembers**

Taylor Visitor Center Check-in

Judy Cobillas

**Nature-Inspired Pen and Ink Drawing at Shaw Nature Reserve (SNR) NEW**

All levels. Capture the beauty of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden and surrounding areas at Shaw Nature Reserve while developing your pen and ink drawing skills. Learn essential techniques to create nature-inspired works, whether focusing on a single flower or a sweeping landscape. The class includes group demonstrations, critiques, and ongoing one-on-one feedback. Weather permitting, students may choose to draw outdoors during individual work time. A supply list will be provided. You may bring a lunch to the class.

**3 Wednesdays: May 6, 13, 20; 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**\$175 members; \$215 nonmembers**

Carriage House

Stacey McAdams

# FOOD and COOKING

All cooking classes are demonstrations only. Chefs provide copies of their recipes. Due to the nature of our demonstration classes, we are unable to accommodate all dietary restrictions and/or preferences. Please call (314) 577-9506 with any food allergy/preference questions two weeks prior to the class.



## BOTANY IN THE KITCHEN

*Welcome to where botany and gastronomy collide. This unique series of cooking classes pairs Garden professionals with local chefs to explore the Garden's work through a fun and delicious way. Perfect for curious foodies, science enthusiasts, and anyone who wants to cook with more knowledge and intention. Look for new classes each season!*

### Plate Full of Petals (MBG) NEW

Flowers can be as flavorful as they are beautiful! Explore the structures of blooms and culinary uses of some of our favorite flowers. We'll go over kinds of edible flowers and our favorite ways to use them. Learn creative ways and new recipes to add more blooms to your dishes.

**Tuesday, March 10; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home  
Gardening Classroom**

**Ben Thomas and Liz Byrde**

### Botanical Macarons (MBG) NEW

Explore the sweeter side of plants with botanical macarons! Learn the different methods of making macarons and discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of them. Watch and learn as Kathy gives you tips and tricks for making these sweet treats at home. We'll be tasting a variety of macarons including lavender macarons filled with a lovely lavender American buttercream.

**Wednesday, March 4; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

**Kathy Hudgins**

### Taste of Ireland (MBG) NEW

Discover the heart of Irish cooking through its most beloved dishes. Come "Get Cheffy" with James and learn the techniques behind a perfectly layered shepherd's pie, the secrets to tender sautéed cabbage, and the art of traditional soda bread. We'll explore how simple ingredients come together to create flavors that have withstood the test of time. Whether you're drawn to Ireland's culinary heritage or simply love hearty, satisfying meals, this class offers a journey into authentic Irish cuisine.

**Saturday, March 7**

**or Saturday, March 21; 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

**James Walsh**

**Coffee Cupping with****Idle Coffee Roasting (MBG)**

Join Idle Coffee for an immersive coffee cupping class, perfect for coffee lovers, curious beginners, and anyone trying to broaden their coffee horizons. This is a hands-on session, where you'll learn how to professionally smell, taste, and evaluate coffees from all around the world. You will be guided by an experienced instructor, using industry-standard cupping techniques. Whether you're new to cupping or looking to refine your palate, this class will deepen your appreciation for the things that make each coffee unique.

**Monday, March 23; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$40 members; \$50 nonmembers**

Taylor Visitor Center East and West

Meeting Rooms

Idle Coffee

**Pack Your Basket:****A Herb Lover's Picnic (MBG) NEW**

The St. Louis Herb Society invites you to join them to freshen up your picnic menus, because every day is a perfect day for a picnic! Learn how to make herb-infused drinks perfect to pack in your thermos or serve over ice. Master how to pickle so your picnics pack a punch! You can anticipate new recipes for foods that will transport well in a basket and can be served at room temperature. The Herb Society will provide recommendations for what to plant in your kitchen garden, so your spring and summer picnics are packed with flavor. A true garden-to-blanket experience.

**Tuesday, March 31; 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

St. Louis Herb Society

**The Secret to a Perfect****Cup of Tea (MBG) NEW**

Do you love tea? Join Liz Byrde, Therapeutic Horticulture Coordinator and resident tea fanatic, to learn about black tea (*Camellia sinensis*) and all the ways it makes us feel good. This class will touch on the fascinating history of tea, as well as ways to use tea as a practice for slowing down and savoring the present moment. You will learn about how different types of tea are made, from white tea to pu'erh, and of course, we will drink a fantastic cup of tea (or two)!

**Tuesday, March 31; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$40 members; \$50 nonmembers**

Farr Auditorium

Liz Byrde

**Memories from the****Queen's Cuisine (MBG) NEW**

Join Jane Muscroft in cooking through her new cookbook! Documenting crowd favorites from her past tea room, learn tips and tricks from Jane herself! She'll be making quiche Lorraine, house salad, coronation chicken croissants, blueberry lemon scones, and lemon curd.

**Tuesday, April 7**

**or Friday, April 17; 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**or Wednesday, April 15; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

Jane Muscroft

**Dressing It Up! Elevating Your****Spring Greens (MBG) NEW**

Lettuce talk about salads and dressings! Let's dress up spring's bounty with fresh vinaigrettes and creamy dressings. Join Chef Michael as we get familiar with all things salad. Meet the leafy greens in conventional salads and take on the unconventional with veggie and bean salads. Spring your next meal to the top with this fun new class!

**Wednesday, April 8; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

Michael McGovern

**FOR THE TEA LOVER**

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to Japanese Tea Ceremony, page 25**

## FOOD and COOKING continued...

**Classic Greek Cuisine (MBG) NEW**

Come "Get Cheffy" with James and learn how to create classic Greek cuisine in this Mediterranean inspired class. You'll leave class knowing how to prepare authentic gyros, flaky spanakopita, and a vibrant hummus platter using traditional techniques with fresh ingredients. Perfect for anyone who loves bold flavors and cultural cuisine and perfect for those wanting to recreate these iconic dishes at home.

**Monday, April 13; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**or Saturday, April 25; 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

James Walsh

**Unwrapping the Secrets of Chocolate (MBG)**

Have you ever taken the time to really taste chocolate and think about why you love it? Join fellow chocophile Kim Petzing to take your chocolate obsession to the next level. Gain insights on how chocolate is made, health benefits, terminology, sustainability in the chocolate world, and pairing chocolate. Sample a variety of chocolates to support the discussion.

**Saturday, April 18; 2–4 p.m.**

**\$40 members; \$50 nonmembers**

Taylor Visitor Center East and West

Meeting Rooms

Kim Petzing

**Missouri Wine Garden Dinner (MBG) NEW**

Come explore the history of wine in the Show Me State with culinary teacher and food historian Suzanne Corbett. Learn about the historic wineries throughout Missouri and the role the Missouri Botanical Garden has played in global wine production. Wine will be cooked into every dish served including vignoles and brie soup, cream sherry chicken, lemon herb risotto with asparagus and pea puree, and red wine cheesecake brownies. Note: All wine will be cooked, and no alcohol will be served.

**Tuesday, April 21; 11 a.m.–1 p.m. or 5–7 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

Suzanne Corbett

**Botanical Cocktails (MBG) NEW**

Peek into the journey from the garden to the glass and see how plants are integrated into everyday life, even behind the bar! Learn from ethnobotanist, Dr. Kate Farley, and The Royale how to step up your cocktail game with demonstrations and tasting. Must be 21 or older to attend.

**Wednesday, April 29; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

Dr. Kate Farley & The Royale

**Sustainability in the Kitchen (MBG)**

Join Chef Evan Buchholz, Executive Chef and Owner of Cleveland Heath, as he walks you through several recipes and techniques to use every part of your veggies. Learn how to minimize your waste and maximize the flavor from your garden bounty. Taste sustainable ingredients on the way to low-waste tacos.

**Tuesday, May 5; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

Evan Buchholz

**Get Your Kicks on Route 66 (MBG) NEW**

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 with a themed BBQ this year. Join us as we explore recipes from various diners and restaurants along "America's Main Street" for inspiration. This "diner-style" menu will feature: Del's chili con queso, Blue Castle salad with celery seed dressing, Rod's Steak House mexicorn chowder, P.J.'s BBQ sweet & sassy chicken, Big Texan caviar, Red Cedar Inn country carrots, Funk's Grove maple syrup bars, and a Santa Monica sunrise mocktail. You're sure to get your "kicks" at this Route 66 party!

**Tuesday, May 19; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom

Mimi Garrison

**KID-FRIENDLY**

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## GARDENING for BIODIVERSITY

### **Native Plant School (SNR)**

*Native Plant School is a year-round series of classes taught by the Horticulture staff at Shaw Nature Reserve and covers various aspects of native landscaping. Native Plant School classes are supported by the St. Louis Wild Ones chapter. Please bring your questions, comments, drawings, and plant specimens. Participation from the audience is encouraged.*

#### **Replacing Lawn with**

#### **Native Plants at Home**

If you have been thinking about installing a native plant garden at home, join Missouri Botanical Garden Staff Jessica Griffard and Taylor Heuermann to learn how to get started. In this class, you will explore the benefits of gardening with native plants, basics of plant selection and garden design, how to care for native gardens, as well as funding opportunities for St. Louis-area residents installing native gardens.

**Thursday, March 26; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Jessica Griffard and Taylor Heuermann**

#### **Native Spring Tonics and Greens**

Join Kate and Jen as we tour the new Ozark Ethnobotany Garden. We'll learn a little about the ethnobotanical properties of some native plants, tour the gardens, and then spend some hands-on time making spring tonics and teas out of them. Meet us at the Carriage House, and we'll set off on foot for a short hike around the gardens.

**Thursday, April 16; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$18 members; \$23 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Dr. Kate Farley and Jen Sieradzki**

#### **Nature's Bumps and Lumps:**

#### **The Mysterious World of Plant Galls**

Galls are often described as “an abnormal growth on a plant,” but they’re much more than that! They may look odd, but they serve as a key structure which many insects, mites, and fungi rely on to complete their life cycles. In this talk, we’ll take a closer look at the mysterious world of plant galls, how they are formed, where they can be found, and some of the most common types seen in the Midwest.

**Thursday, May 21; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Adlyne Freund Center**

**Daria McKelvey**

**GARDENING and LANDSCAPING continued...****Home Landscape Design (MBG)**

Transform your home landscape into a natural oasis that's both beautiful and beneficial to the environment. Beginning with the basics of design, you will learn about how to turn your yard into a personal place, reflective of you and your family. You'll learn about landscapes, sustainability, and plant selection for your home. Develop a landscape plan during class for your own yard and study plant material independently. Some gardening experience recommended. Bring photos and a plat map of your yard to the first session.

**6 Tuesdays: March 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14**  
**6–8:30 p.m.**

**\$210 members; \$252 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**  
**Meeting Rooms**  
**Russ Volmert**

**Grow Fresh Vegetables at Home****from Seed (MBG)**

Nothing is better than fresh, healthy vegetables grown right in your own backyard! In this class, you will explore the easiest veggies to grow in the St. Louis region, how to start a vegetable garden bed in the ground or in a container, the difference between growing vegetables from seed versus nursery-bought plants, and soil and sunlight requirements. You will also take home some seeds to get your vegetable garden started!

**Tuesday, March 10; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**  
**Meeting Rooms**  
**Sharon Lloyd**

**Hardscape Design (MBG)**

Complete your beautifully landscaped yard with hardscaping such as a natural stone path, retaining wall, or a new stone patio. Come learn basic concepts of design for hardscaping projects that will complement any type of landscaping. Beginners welcome!

**Wednesday, March 11; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Farr Auditorium North**  
**Kurt Keister**

**Garden Boot Camp (MBG)**

Designed for beginners. Whether you are new to gardening or just need a refresher, this class is for you. Join us for this intensive, interactive four-part class and discover the importance of soil, mulch, watering, and plant nutrients. Learn about plant location, types of plants, division, and overall maintenance. Come prepared for a 1-mile walk.

**4 Wednesdays: March 12, 25; April 1, 8**

**10 a.m.–noon**

**\$112 members; \$134 nonmembers**

**Farr Auditorium North**

**Sharon Lloyd**

**Planning for Spring Color (MBG)**

This is an introduction on how to incorporate color into your spring landscapes using color schemes, texture, planned plant material, bulbs, and structural elements. This course will help homeowners come up with a plan to give their garden and landscaping direction and the knowledge needed to create a space filled with color for the spring season.

**Tuesday, March 17; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Farr Auditorium North**  
**Kurt Keister**

**Spring Cool-Season Lawn Care (MBG)**

Cool-season lawns of bluegrass and fescue varieties are best for St. Louis. Glenn will focus on seeding, renovating, fertilizing, and watering. He will discuss weeds, disease, and pest control challenges. You'll come away with a complete picture of the steps necessary to maintain your cool-season lawn.

**Wednesday, March 18; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**  
**Meeting Rooms**  
**Glenn Kraemer**

**Introduction to Landscape Design (MBG)**

This is an introduction to basic principles used in designing residential landscapes. It is about helping the homeowner find solutions to their aspirations and practical needs by learning how to create a space that incorporates structure, plant design, and architectural elements.

**Wednesday, March 18; 1–2:30 p.m.**

**or Wednesday, April 22; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

Meeting Rooms

Kurt Keister

**Favorite Things Walk (MBG)**

Take a seasonal walk through the Garden with Sharon Lloyd as she highlights some of her favorites of the season including bulbs, perennials, shrubs, and grasses. Come prepared for a 2-hour walk.

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

Sharon Lloyd

**Sweet Spring Walk**

**Thursday, March 19; 1–3 p.m.**

**Earth Day Walk**

**Wednesday, April 22; 10 a.m.–noon**

**Low-Maintenance Perennials (MBG)**

Every gardener wants beautiful flowers, but most don't have endless hours to work in the garden. Dig deep into the top 20 plants for the St. Louis garden in sunny or shady areas.

**Tuesday, April 7; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

Meeting Rooms

Sharon Lloyd

**Planning for Summer Color (MBG)**

This is an introduction class for those interested in incorporating color into their summer landscapes. You will learn to use color schemes, texture, planned plant material, and structural elements to make your yard "pop" with summer beauty. This class will help homeowners develop a plan for their garden landscape and the knowledge needed to create a space filled with color for the warm summer season.

**Wednesday, April 8; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

Meeting Rooms

Kurt Keister

**Edible Spring Container (MBG)**

Grow something gorgeous—and tasty! In this class, you will design a spring container that blends edible plants with eye-catching color and texture. Perfect for patios, balconies, or any sunny spot, your finished planter will be both functional and beautiful. Then take home your ready-to-grow creation and enjoy!

**Friday, April 10; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$52 members; \$65 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

Sarah Moore

**Landscape Maintenance (MBG)**

Are you struggling to maintain your landscape, knowing what to do and when to do it?

Join us for this comprehensive class using practical skills needed to maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing landscape. We will discuss best practices for sustainable landscaping throughout the year, including proper pruning, weed control, plant identification, watering schedules, and general maintenance for residential landscaping.

**Wednesday, April 15; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

Meeting Rooms

Kurt Keister

**The Beauty of Boxwoods (MBG) NEW**

Our Missouri climate can sometimes be erratic and unpredictable, especially when it comes to growing boxwood. Join members of the Boxwood Society of the Midwest for an informative look at which cultivars of boxwood are well suited for the Midwest, and how to care for your boxwood. A short walk to the Blanke Boxwood Garden for a demonstration on how to prune your boxwood will follow the lecture.

**Saturday, April 18; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

**Boxwood Society of the Midwest**

## GARDENING and LANDSCAPING continued...



### Ornamental Hanging Baskets for Spring (MBG)

Hanging baskets lush with annuals are a Missouri Botanical Garden staple. Have you ever looked at one of those hanging baskets and wondered how to make one yourself? Join Heather Moon, Garden Horticulturist, as she answers your questions and gives you the rundown on how to make your own seasonal hanging basket.

**Monday, April 20; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$62 members; \$78 nonmembers**

**Cohen Amphitheater**

**Heather Moon**

### Tea Pots: Growing a Tea Garden (MBG) NEW

Do you love herbal tea? Do you love gardening? Join Liz from the Therapeutic Horticulture team to explore the ways that tea and gardening can be used to calm the senses and soothe the soul. We will drink tea while we discuss the best herbs to grow for your very own little tea garden. We will also cover how to harvest and dry herbs for use in herbal infusions.

Participants will go home with a small potted tea garden, with three seedlings to get their “tea pot” off to a strong start. There will be no black tea or Camellia tea species in this class—herbal tisanes only!

**Tuesday, April 21; 4–5:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

**Meeting Rooms**

**Liz Byrde**

### Getting to Know the Spring Wildlife in Your Yard (SNR) NEW

Join Jerry Pemberton, long-tenured staff member at Shaw Nature Reserve, as he shares tips and tricks on sharing your space with all the spring wildlife. We will begin indoors before going on a 1-mile walk in the Whitmire Wildflower Garden to observe what's happening at Shaw Nature Reserve. You'll learn to identify what animal is causing damage, track identification, ways to solve and prevent problems, and how to work with whatever wildlife comes into your yard or property. Bring pictures and your questions.

**Thursday, April 23; 4–6 p.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Jerry Pemberton**

### Formal Front Yard Landscaping with Native Plants (MBG)

Landscaping with native plants has become popular with home gardeners, but people who are not familiar with natives can find them wild, messy, or untidy. It is important to convey the sense that a native plant garden is intentional and maintained through plant choice, design, and maintenance. We will show you how to use native plants in a more formal manner for front yard purposes. People will notice your beautiful garden first, which just happens to be native plants, giving you the opportunity to share their benefits to people and wildlife.

**Monday, May 4:30–7 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**James Faupel**

### Mother's Day Porch Pot (MBG)

Looking for something fun to do with mom this year? Grab your mom, friend, or just yourself and join Sarah Moore, Annuals & Seasonal Display Propagator, for a fun and relaxing evening as we explore how to create a container garden just in time for Mother's Day. Create a beautiful container garden filled with summer plants for sun to part shade to take home. Take a walk in the Garden to see this season's creative containers.

**Thursday, May 7; 4–6 p.m.**

**\$62 members; \$78 nonmembers**

**Cohen Amphitheater**

**Sarah Moore**

**Top 10 Natives (MBG)**

Do you see native plants for sale at nurseries but are not sure which ones to choose or how to combine them in your existing garden? Join us as we take a look at the top 10 native plants, shrubs, and trees for the St. Louis area and learn how to incorporate them into your landscape.

**Monday, May 11; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

**Meeting Rooms**

**Sharon Lloyd**

**Grow Your Own Bouquet (MBG)**

Do you love having fresh flowers in your home? Do you struggle with what flower to grow or how to grow them? Think you do not have the space? Join us as we explore simple ways for you to grow in containers or your garden using both foliage and flowering plants. Take home a lovely plant to get you started.

**Thursday, May 14; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

**Sharon Lloyd**

**Cascading Mums****Propagation Tour (MBG) NEW**

Join Garden Horticulturist Heather Moon for a behind-the-scenes look at the greenhouse areas where the mesmerizing cascading mums we see in the fall are started, grown, and shaped. Tour guests will see the cascading mums in their early stages and learn the process of how they are grown and trained into the beautiful display we love.

**Monday, May 18; 4–5 p.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Heather Moon**

**Rose Gardening (MBG)**

Have you stopped gardening with roses because you think they're high maintenance or need lots of sprays? Think again! Join the Garden's Rosarian, Matthew Norman, as he shares his plans for the rose gardens, see the first blooms of the season, and hear how he cares for them. Get inspired to retry these classic flowers along with design ideas for companion plants.

Be prepared for a 1-mile walk.

**Tuesday, May 19; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Matthew Norman**

**Jungle Shade Container (MBG)**

Create a lush, tropical-inspired container designed to thrive in shady spaces. In this hands-on class, you will learn how to combine bold foliage, rich textures, and layered color to achieve a dramatic "jungle" look. Participants will plant up their own shade loving container to take home and enjoy.

**Thursday, May 21; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$62 members; \$78 nonmembers**

**Cohen Amphitheater**

**Sarah Moore**

**Instructor Spotlight: Matthew Norman**

My name is Matthew Norman and I am the Rosarian for the Missouri Botanical Garden. I care for our rose collection, which is displayed in the Gladney and Lehmann Rose Gardens. I am a St. Louis native, and I grew up in and around the natural spaces of St. Louis. I enjoy adventure, discovery, and learning. Music and outdoor activities have always been an integral part of my life.



# GREEN LIVING

## Composting in Small Spaces:

### DIY Worm Bins (CBEC)

Have you been curious about vermicomposting (composting with worms)? Do you want to do your part to divert material from the landfill? Do you have a garden or houseplants? Do you want a pet that requires very little effort? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then this is the workshop for you! Come learn how to use materials from around your house to make your own worm bin!

**Monday, March 9; 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**\$35 members; \$44 nonmembers**

Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125

Ro Kicker

### DIY Rain Barrel Demonstration (CBEC)

Learn to collect rain water in a barrel! In this class, EarthWays Center will share the impact of stormwater on St. Louis and how a rain barrel can prevent pollution, among other benefits. Then, our Perennial staff will demonstrate how to alter 55-gallon drums into rain collectors. Learn to incorporate rain barrels in your yard, including creating a base to elevate them and connecting to gutters. \*You will not create a rain barrel in this class, but be given instruction to create one.

**Wednesday, March 11; 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125

Maggie McCoy and Perennial Staff

### Chicken Tending 101 (CBEC)

Chicken Tending 101 covers proper techniques in husbandry, health and welfare, nutrition, and physical measures to protect your flock. We also discuss the sustainability aspect—which includes “spent” hens, composting, pest control, gardening, etc. You will learn how chickens become loving members of the family and leave with a solid foundation to help care for your feathered friends! Our overall goal is to ensure a positive experience for both you and the chickens.

**Wednesday, March 18; 5:30–8 p.m.**

**or Saturday, April 18; 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$35 members; \$44 nonmembers**

Commerce Bank Center for Science Education,  
room 125

Erica Camp

## So You Want to Talk about Climate? (MBG)

Trying to communicate climate change, but people just don’t seem to respond to your facts and science? Come learn about how to talk to your friends and family about climate change that leads with hope to have productive conversations. This class will feature resources from the National Network on Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI). You will leave with an outline of how to have a positive conversation on the climate issues you most care about.

**Monday, April 6; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$10 members; \$12 nonmembers**

Taylor Visitor Center East and West

Meeting Rooms

Maggie McCoy

## Green Burial (MBG)

Curious about green burial but don’t know what or who to ask? Join Gracie Griffin of the historic St. Louis Bellefontaine Cemetery as she provides a closer look at green burial practices, dispels myths, and explores some fascinating options available throughout the world. Learn the range of “green” funeral and cemetery options available today, like “becoming a tree,” what one can expect when choosing a green service, and the environmental benefits of green burial, as compared to cremation and traditional burial.

**Wednesday, April 8; 6–8 p.m.**

**\$10 members; \$12 nonmembers**

Farr Auditorium

Gracie Griffin



## SAVE THE DATE

**Green Living Festival**

**July 11**

## Technology of

### Single Stream Recycling (Offsite)

Have you ever wondered how your recycling is separated or how a recycling center operates? Take this tour of the Republic recycling center in Hazelwood and see just how amazing the process can be! The tour will include a full tutorial by Republic staff on how the machines operate, an up-close look at the process, and an overview of proper recycling practices to help you learn the dos and don'ts of recycling in our region.

**Thursday, April 9; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$10 members; \$12 nonmembers**

**Republic Services:**

6025 Byassee Dr, Hazelwood MO 63042

**Republic Services Staff**

### Landfill Field Trip (Offsite)

Take a trip to see where things actually end up when you throw your trash "away." On this popular field trip we will tour a local landfill and learn how landfills are designed to reduce their impact on the environment. Learn about the engineering, regulations and monitoring, and the daily routine of modern landfills. We will discuss the impacts of waste and the future outlook for waste disposal in the St. Louis area. Note that we are meeting at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education. Please arrive on time and ready for adventure for this field trip excursion.

This program is supported by funding from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.

**Wednesday, May 6; 8:45–11:15 a.m.**

**\$35 members; \$44 nonmembers**

**Participants will meet at Commerce Bank**

**for Science Education parking lot and  
board the bus to the landfill**

**Waste Connections Staff**



## Give the Gift of the Garden

Share the beauty of the Missouri Botanical Garden with a friend or loved one. Membership includes free daily admission, valuable discounts, special invitations, and more!

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[membership@mobot.org](mailto:membership@mobot.org)

(314) 577-5100



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# GUIDED WALKS and TOURS

Dress for the weather and wear appropriate walking shoes for all guided walks and tours.



## ACCESS TOURS

*The Missouri Botanical Garden offers FREE Access Tours of the Garden to the disability community on select dates. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment by ensuring the Garden is accessible to everyone. Attendance is limited and registration is required.*

### **Take a Walk Down Memory Lane at the Garden (MBG)**

Enjoy a guided tour of the historic Missouri Botanical Garden created especially for people with memory loss and their family and friends. We will be taking a short walk highlighting the history and beauty of the Garden. These tours are for individuals with memory loss and their family/friends/support person.

**Saturday, May 9; 10–11 p.m.**

**Free for members and nonmembers**  
**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**  
**Garden Docent**

### **Audio Description Tour (MBG)**

Explore the Missouri Botanical Garden's history, plants, and culture with a Garden docent-led tour with audio description. These tours are for individuals who are blind or have low vision and their family and friends.

**Saturday, March 21; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**Free for members and nonmembers**  
**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**  
**Garden Docent**

### **American Sign Language Tour (MBG)**

Explore the Missouri Botanical Garden history, plants, and culture with a Garden docent-led tour with American Sign Language Interpretation. These tours are for individuals who are D/deaf or hard of hearing and their family and friends.

**Saturday, April 11; 10–11 a.m.**

**Free for members and nonmembers**  
**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**  
**Garden Docent**

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**Climatron Tour (MBG)**

Step into a lush tropical rainforest under glass, where the air is warm and inviting all year. Join Madison Yocks, Indoor Conservatory Horticulturalist, and encounter incredible plants as old as the dinosaurs, each with its own story to tell. Discover key historic plants that have shaped our collection and experience the vibrant colors and enchanting scents of this indoor paradise. It's a delightful escape into a world of natural wonder, no matter the season.

**Monday, March 9**

**or Tuesday, May 26; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Madison Yocks**

**The Dirt on Soil and Compost at the Garden (MBG) NEW**

Explore the science and practices behind compost and soil health at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Join Mitch McConnell, Garden Horticulturalist, and learn how our horticulture team enrich and sustain the Garden's plant collection through innovative soil management and composting techniques with a behind-the-scenes look. Whether you are looking to improve your own garden or just learn about our practices, our staff will offer hands-on tips and visual demonstration on soil and compost management on a large scale.

**Tuesday, March 24; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Mitch McConnell**

**Spring Ephemerals Hike (SNR)**

For adults. Come hike 2 miles of our rocky and hilly river trails to see ephemerals, which are short-lived flowers. These delicate plants include spring beauty, Dutchman's breeches, rue anemone, and more. Learn how to tell these similar-looking plants apart and enjoy the view of them carpeting the forest floor.

**Saturday, March 28; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Trail House**

**Darla Preiss and Besa Schweitzer**

**Cacti of the Arid House (MBG)**

Plants that grow in arid regions are among the most reluctant to accept defeat. Through the millennia, these plants adapted to harsh climates and scarce resources in spectacularly weird ways. Join the Arid Plant Collections Supervisor Ben Thomas for a fascinating tour of plant evolution in the Shoenerberg Arid House.

**Tuesday, April 7; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Ben Thomas**

**Bluebells Abound! (SNR)**

In the Nature Reserve's Meramec River bottomland, a sea of Virginia bluebells bloom each spring. They are off the beaten path, but we will get you as close as possible. Hike will be 2 miles on rocky terrain with an uphill walk back but the sight is worth the hike.

**Thursday, April 9; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Trail House**

**Rachel Weller**

**Library Tour (BC) NEW**

While almost everyone has visited a library, fewer people have the opportunity to visit a world-class botanical research library. Join Holly Hubenschmidt, Director of the Peter H. Raven Library, Archives, & Press, in the Garden's Peter H. Raven Library to learn the story of the collection. Our rare books document the development of printing and the book, as well as the science of botany. We will venture into the Conservation Lab for an introduction into how we preserve and conserve these treasures. Throughout the tour, we will share how we support botanical research today at the Garden and around the world.

**Saturday, April 11; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Bayer Center Lobby**

**Holly Hubenschmidt**

GUIDED WALKS and TOURS *continued...***Bellefontaine Cemetery Tour (Offsite)**

Join us for a guided trolley tour through Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum, where you'll discover highlights of the grounds, learn about our diverse horticulture, and hear captivating stories of the intriguing historical figures who rest here.

**Saturday, April 11; 1:30–3:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Bellefontaine Cemetery:**

4947 W Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115

**James Faupel**

**Stone Carvings Tour (MBG)**

How many times have you enjoyed a stroll through our Japanese Garden, *Seiwa-en*? Have you ever noticed that the garden contains 29 stone lanterns, basins, and sculptures? What is their history? Why do we have two lanterns from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair? Join Garden Docent, Tom Bush, on a stroll through the Japanese Garden to visit these objects, discuss their history, and to hear some amusing and poignant stories about these beautiful works of art. A copy of *The Stone Carvings of Seiwa-en* booklet is included. Note: The tour will begin at the entrance to *Seiwa-en*, where the English Woodland Garden path intersects the perimeter path of the Japanese Garden.

**Monday, April 13; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Japanese Garden Entrance**

**Tom Bush**

**Spring Bulbs Tour (MBG)**

Join Claire Kroft, Senior Horticulturalist, for an evening stroll and talk through the bulb garden. Explore the beauty and diversity of spring flowering bulbs in this informative talk highlighting the best of the season and tips of upcoming summer.

**Monday, April 13; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Claire Kroft**

**Litzsinger Road Ecology****Center Tour (Offsite)**

Join the staff at Litzsinger Road Ecology Center for a rare opportunity to tour this unique 39-acre educational study center. This location is operated by the Garden but not open to the general public. Tour restored prairie and bottomland located in the heart of a residential area, and learn how this site is used to teach ecology and conduct research.

**Wednesday, April 15; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**9711 Litzsinger Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124**

**LREC Staff**

**Morning River Trail Hike (SNR)**

Take a 2-mile hike along the Rus Goddard River Trail where you'll view scenic Ozark woodlands, dolomite glades, and views of the distant tall hills. Several spring wildflowers will be along the trail and wildlife such as birds, frogs, and more can potentially be seen. Come prepared for a walk over hilly and rocky terrain.

**Friday, April 17; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Trail House**

**Loretta Romanic**

**Ethnobotany Collection Tour (BC)**

Discover a hidden gem of the Garden, the William L. Brown Center's Biocultural Collection. Carolina Romero, Botanist and Collection Manager, will introduce you to our collection and showcase objects that focus on the relationships between humans, plants, and their environment, while also highlighting how this type of collections help the preservation of traditional knowledge and to the documentation of livelihoods.

**Saturday, April 18; 10–11 a.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Bayer Center 1st Floor Lecture Hall**

**Carolina Romero**

**Tour of the Japanese Garden (MBG)**

Experience this popular after-hours walking tour in the Japanese Garden with former Senior Horticulturist Greg Cadice and gain a new appreciation for *Seiwa-en*, the “garden of pure, clear harmony and peace.” Greg highlights features including scenic vistas, Teahouse Island, and how the Horticulture staff and volunteers create an overall feeling of serenity in this special place. Come prepared for a 1-mile walk.

**Tuesday, April 21; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Greg Cadice**

**Outstanding Orchids  
of the Garden (MBG) NEW**

Did you know that the garden has a collection of over 5,000 orchids? Ever wondered where they all go after February's orchid show? Join Sophie Marsh, Climatron Horticulturist, in an exclusive tour of the Orchid Range. Come along to observe the obscure in orchid diversity and explore what's currently in bloom behind the scenes!

**Saturday, April 25; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**or Tuesday, May 12; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Sophia Marsh**

**Teahouse Island Tour (MBG)**

Join Tom Bush, Garden Docent, on this rare opportunity to visit the enchanting Teahouse Island in the heart of the Japanese Garden lake. These intimate guided tours will lead you to the secluded island home of an authentic *soan*, or farm hut-style teahouse, gifted to the Garden by Missouri's sister state of Nagano, Japan. In addition to the teahouse visit, the tour will discuss the history of the stone carvings on the island. The tour will also touch on various aspects of the tea garden and a short summary of how a tea ceremony proceeds. The tour will begin at the entrance to *Seiwa-en*, where the English Woodland Garden path intersects the perimeter path of the Japanese Garden.

**Monday, April 27; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Japanese Garden Entrance**

**Tom Bush**

**Indoor Garden Tour: From the Mediterranean  
to the Tropics (MBG)**

Join Jared Chauncey, Senior Conservatories Horticulturalist, as he guides you through all four indoor Garden conservatories. Visit the tropical collection in the Climatron, cacti and succulents in Shoenberg Arid House, plants of the Mediterranean in Emerson Conservatory, and the historic Linnean House, the oldest continuously operated public greenhouse west of the Mississippi River.

**Monday, April 27; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Jared Chauncey**

**Native Plant Spotting  
at the Garden (MBG) NEW**

Map out new favorite paths through the Garden after discovering Missouri native plants flourishing overheard, down low, and in between. Learn ecological connections and plant-insect buddies supporting nature in the neighborhood. Collect ideas for incorporating Missouri native plants in your outdoor spaces to encourage birds and butterflies to call it home, too!

**Tuesday, April 28**

**or Tuesday, May 19; 3–4:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Eileen Graessle**

**GUIDED WALKS and TOURS continued...****Herbarium Tour (BC)**

The Missouri Botanical Garden's Herbarium is one of the largest in the world, containing over 7 million specimens of dried, preserved plants. Join Dr. Jordan Teisher, Herbarium Director, behind the scenes of the Herbarium. They will give an introduction to how plants are collected, preserved, databased, stored, and used in science and conservation to support the Garden's mission.

**Wednesday, April 29; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Bayer Center Lobby**

**Dr. Jordan Teisher**

**Welcome Walk (SNR)**

Get to know the Nature Reserve on this 1.5- to 2-mile hike on Brush Creek Trail, which traverses through the Whitmire Wildflower Garden, over Brush Creek, and concludes in the prairie where the changing seasons will bring an abundance of flowers and grasses. We will stop to view wildlife and identify plants along the trail. Great for first-time visitors! We will walk the same trail each time so you get familiar with it. Sign up for one or both.

**Thursday, April 30**

**or Thursday, May 28; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Bascom House Front Porch**

**Rachel Weller**

**The Illustrated Garden in the Library (BC)**

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Peter H. Raven Library Rare Book Room and Conservation Lab with Susie Cobblewick, Library conservator. Take a deep dive into the history of botany and botanical illustration while viewing some of the most beautiful natural history books ever printed. You will see examples of wood cuts, etchings, engravings, and lithographs. You will learn how these images were made and visit the book conservation lab to learn (see) how these invaluable books are preserved for future generations.

**Saturday, May 9; 9:30 a.m.–noon**

**\$35 members; \$44 nonmembers**

**Bayer Center Lobby**

**Susie Cobblewick**

**Meet Me in the Garden (MBG) NEW**

Join us for an evening chat in the Garden! Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with staff, ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of the Garden and its work. We will be talking all things home gardening with the Supervisor of Home Gardening Information and Outreach, Daria McKelvey.

**Wednesday, May 13; 5:30–6:30 p.m.**

**\$10 members; \$12 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Daria McKelvey**

**Sacred Seeds Medicinal Walking Tour (MBG)**

Take a tour through a garden showcasing Native American medicinal plants in their natural habitat. Curator of Ethnobotany Dr. Wendy Applequist will be your guide, explaining the rich cultural history of Native Americans in the Missouri region, their traditions of medicinal plant use, and the legacy that these cultures have left on medicine today. Come prepared for a short walk.

**Saturday, May 16; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Dr. Wendy Applequist**

**Kemper Center****for Home Gardening Tour (MBG)**

Take an in-depth tour of the Kemper Center for Home Gardening, one of the largest home gardening information hubs in the world! We'll stroll through some of our 23 unique demonstration gardens, which include a fruit and vegetable garden, annual and perennial trials, experimental garden, and our renovated Prairie Garden, which features Missouri native plants and native cultivars that are ideal for home gardening landscapes. You'll also learn how to utilize our free gardening help resources, such as the Plant Doctor, Horticulture Answer Service, and the Plant Finder database for all your gardening needs. Come prepared for a 1.5-hour walk on uneven terrain.

**Tuesday, May 26; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Entrance**

**Daria McKelvey**



## INSIDE LOOK at SHAW NATURE RESERVE

*Shaw Nature Reserve staff and volunteers will share the history of the Nature Reserve with you through pictures or take you on a tour around the property or behind the scenes in our historic buildings.*

### **History of the Daffodils (SNR)**

Come for a 1-mile walk on rolling terrain to view the thousands of daffodils blooming at Shaw Nature Reserve in late March and early April each year. Hear the history of how the plants came to be here, learn about our different varieties, how to grow them, and view the spectacular display. There will be time to take pictures as well.

**Thursday, April 2; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Visitor Center**

**Shaw Nature Reserve Staff and Volunteers**

### **History of the Trail House**

#### **Wagon Ride (SNR) NEW**

In 1941, August Bielmann became the manager of the Missouri Botanical Garden Arboretum. Under his leadership, the Trail House, a ferry, the serpentine wall, and a sawmill were created. We will take a wagon ride along our 3-mile route to visit most of these, and we will stop to tour inside the Trail House.

**Thursday, May 7; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Bascom House**

**Shaw Nature Reserve Staff and Volunteers**

### **The Way of Tea: An Introduction**

#### **to Japanese Tea Ceremony (MBG) NEW**

Tea ceremony or *chanoyu* (“hot water for tea”), is the Japanese art form that involves the preparation and serving of matcha tea. Guided by the four principles of harmony, respect, purity and tranquility, the practice serves to create a mutually heartwarming experience between the host and guests. In this session, you’ll learn more about the history and philosophy of *chanoyu* and the details surrounding a typical tea gathering. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour Tea House Island and view the Garden’s own tea house, *Nagano-an*.

**Tuesday, April 14; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

**Daria McKelvey**

# NATURE STUDY



## THE WRITTEN WORD

*The written word allows for the sharing of ideas, philosophies, memories, events, and stories. Words connect humans to one another as well as to the natural world through journaling, poetry, stories, and reflections. Explore offerings designed to encourage written expression or join a discussion of a relevant piece of literature. Find the words which will deepen your connections to nature.*

**Poetry in Bloom Workshops (MBG) NEW**  
Invite the Garden to be the backdrop for your poetry during National Poetry Month. Watch your writing blossom in three different sessions curated by different environments within the Garden. From novices to those proficient in poetry, all are welcome. Price per class.

5:30–7 p.m.

\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers

Taylor Visitor Center Check-in  
Jessica Fischoff

### **The Art of Noticing:**

#### **Observation and Imagery**

In this first session, participants will explore how poets learn to observe the natural world with intention. Through a guided walk in the Garden, writers will practice noticing color, texture, movement, and sound, and learn how sensory detail shapes vivid imagery. We'll use these observations to generate new poems grounded in what we encounter in the landscape.

**Tuesday, April 14**

#### **Rooted Language: Metaphor, Symbol and Emotional Landscape**

This session focuses on metaphor and how the natural world can reflect and deepen emotional experience. After a brief discussion about how poets use symbol and metaphor, participants will choose a botanical element as inspiration and explore its emotional resonance. Guided prompts will help writers blend personal experience with the environment to create layered, expressive work.

**Tuesday, April 21**

#### **Cultivating the Poem:**

#### **Revision, Form and Finding Shape**

In our final session, participants will develop and refine the poems begun earlier in the workshop. We'll discuss approachable revision techniques—shaping, pruning, rearranging—and look at poetic forms that can help give structure to a piece. Writers will have time to revise or draft new work, and we'll end with an optional sharing circle to celebrate the poems created throughout the series.

**Wednesday, April 29**

**Haiku Thinking and****Mechanics Workshop (MBG) NEW**

Haiku poetry is much more than the 5/7/5 template taught in school. Haiku starts with being in the right frame of mind, or “Haiku Thinking”. Join St. Louis poet Ben Gaa for an introduction to this frame of mindfulness that can be enjoyed without ever picking up a pen to write or opening a book to read. Ben will guide you through an exploration of haiku mechanics, and you will practice what you’ve learned with two writing prompts. The examples used in the workshop will focus on the works of contemporary

English language poets. No previous writing experience is necessary.

**Saturday, March 14; 10–11 a.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home**

**Gardening Classroom**

**Ben Gaa**

**Writing Workshop (MBG)**

Let the Garden be an inspiration to your writing. During this workshop, participants will be guided through a series of exercises meant to give voice to your inner writer. The Garden will serve as a backdrop for reflective or creative writing, storytelling, and/or poetry. Participants will have an opportunity to share with other writers, provide/receive feedback, and enhance their skills. A variety of locations throughout the Garden will serve as inspiration. No previous experience is required, and all writers are welcome. Writing materials are included, yet you are free to provide your own journal/writing utensils.

**Sunday, April 19; 1–3 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East Meeting Room**

**Sean Doherty**

**Nature Journaling in the Less Traveled Spaces of the Garden (MBG)**

Preserve your precious moments in nature with journaling techniques designed to spark your imagination. Be inspired to sketch and write about your exploration of areas of the Garden that are off the path and often overlooked.

**Tuesday, May 19; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Eileen Graessle**

## NATURE STUDY continued...

**PROJECT POLLINATOR**

*Project Pollinator, a Butterfly House initiative, promotes appreciation of all pollinators through educational programming and the creation of pollinator-friendly gardens. The programs in this series are designed to provide seasonally relevant information as well as conservation actions anyone can take to join our mission to protect these valuable species.*

**Art of Attraction: Butterflies**

Learn how to create a space that Mother Nature cannot resist. This class shares strategies on how to attract native butterflies to your yard, along with insight into what makes these approaches successful.

**Saturday, March 14; 2–3 p.m.**

**\$26 members; \$31 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**BH staff**

**Container Gardening: Bug Friendly Lifestyle**

Learn how to create spaces that are hospitable to bugs. This class includes creating a native pollinator pot to take home.

**Sunday, May 10; 2–3:30 p.m.**

**\$62 members; \$74 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**BH Staff**

**Container Gardening:****Monarch and Friends**

Learn how to create a space that monarchs and other pollinators love to visit. This class includes creating a native pollinator pot to take home.

**Sunday, May 24; 2–3:30 p.m.**

**\$62 members; \$74 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**BH Staff**

**Backyard Birding (MBG)**

Get ready to spread your wings and dive into the wonderful world of birds! Join Ramona Pollard, the Director of Outreach for The Nature Institute, as she spills the secrets to inviting our feathered friends into your backyard. Discover the charming avian residents you might encounter in the St. Louis area this summer, and don't forget, we're going on a laid-back stroll to see who's munching in the garden. So bring your binoculars and your burning questions for this fun-filled talk and walk!

**Monday, March 2; 6–8 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Romona Pollard**

**Spring Mushroom Foraging****and Morel Madness (MBG) NEW**

Deep dive into the mysterious world of fungi and learn about some native seasonal favorites—where they grow, their complex plant connections, and how to safely identify and responsibly forage for over five edible Missouri mushrooms!

**Monday, March 9; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Farr Auditorium**

**Dakota Crider**

**Owls of Missouri (MBG)**

Join us as we learn about the characteristics, relationships, adaptations, and the habitat of the nocturnal, crepuscular, and diurnal owl species of the Show-Me State. We will focus on the four native owl species that live in Missouri and learn of four others who frequent our state during migration and on other occasions. Brenda will give her recommendations on where to look for owls in our area and what clues to look for as well. Afterwards, we'll take a walk around the Garden to hopefully see a few owls that call the Garden home.

**Tuesday, March 24**

**or Tuesday, March 31**

**or Tuesday, April 7**

**or Tuesday, April 21; 6–8 p.m.**

**or Tuesday, May 12; 7–9 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Brenda Hente**

**Woodpeckers of****Shaw Nature Reserve (SNR) NEW**

Learn about the seven species of woodpeckers that call Missouri and Shaw Nature Reserve home. Hear calls, see pictures, learn behaviors, and get tips on how to attract them to your garden and feeders. After the presentation, we'll walk around the Whitmire Wildflower Garden and possibly the River Trail to spot them. The leaf-free views of the canopy in early spring are helpful for finding them.

**Thursday, March 26; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Saundra Lowes and Rachel Weller**

**Aroids: Beyond the Corpse Flower at Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)**

Aroids are a unique group of plants found on all continents except Antarctica. Holding many exciting evolutionary adaptations, we'll take a look at what makes an aroid, as well as discussing home cultivation of a few of our favorite species. Afterward, a Climatron tour will be provided to help you experience the living collection.

**Thursday, April 2; 5–6:30 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Greg Ward**

**Spring Wildflower Walks (SNR)**

Join Dr. James Trager for a 1-mile walk to learn identification, relationships, and habitats of wildflowers and native grasses of the spring season. The Nature Reserve's excellent trail system, winding through prairie, wetland, glade, upland, and bottomland forest, is an ideal place to enjoy spring wildflowers and other natural wonders.

**Thursday, April 9**

**or Thursday, April 23**

**or Thursday, May 14**

**or Thursday, May 28; 9:30 a.m.–noon**

**\$18 members; \$23 nonmembers**

**Will be emailed the Monday before**

**Dr. James Trager**

**In Search of****Zebra Swallowtails Hike (SNR) NEW**

Hike 2 miles along the River Trail and connecting trails to search for the zebra swallowtail butterflies that are found in early April among the pawpaw trees. The zebra swallowtail will lay their eggs on the new leaves so caterpillars can eat them when they hatch. This unique relationship between the butterflies and their host plant creates a sight of numerous zebra swallowtails all in one area, which is a treat to see.

**Friday, April 10; 10 a.m.–noon**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Wetland**

**Loretta Romanic**

**Morning Bird Walk (SNR) NEW**

Join Angie for a 1-mile walk to explore the birds at Shaw Nature Reserve during the start of their peak, spring migration. How does habitat play into identification? What new behaviors are the birds exhibiting that are different from their winter behaviors? Additionally, we will investigate how to identify birds by song, silhouettes, field marks, and more. Resources for further study will be given, and as a bonus, some of the health benefits from time spent exploring our feathered friends will be shared as well. Come to one or all of the walks; each will be different. Price per walk. Bring binoculars.

**9–11 a.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Trail House**

**Angie Jungbluth**

**Trail House**

**Thursday, April 16**

**Whitmire Wildflower Garden**

**Thursday, April 23**

**Wetland**

**Thursday, April 30**



## Help for the Home Gardener

Stop by the William T. Kemper Center for Home Gardening and get your gardening questions answered by our expert staff and Master Gardener volunteers at the Plant Doctor Desk.

Plus, check out our houseplant display and other home gardening resources!

### Plant Doctor Desk (Walk-in)

April–October:

Daily, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

November–March:

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Horticulture Answer Service (Phone and Email)

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon  
(314) 577-5142

[plantinformation@mobot.org](mailto:plantinformation@mobot.org)

*NATURE STUDY* continued...

### Annual Bloom Cycle (ABC)

### Walking Group (SNR) NEW

Join staff scientist, Calvin Maginel, for a 1-mile stroll on the third Monday of each month to take in the spring wildflowers. Calvin will be taking note of what's blooming for an Annual Bloom Cycle research project and will identify plants, point out interesting attributes, and answer questions along the walk.

**2 Mondays: April 20; May 18**

9:30 a.m.–noon

\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers

Will be emailed the Monday before

Calvin Maginel



### Amphibian Chorus along Brush Creek Hike (SNR) NEW

Hike 2 miles along Brush Creek Trail to enjoy the sprinkle or deafening sounds of amphibians calling during spring. Brush Creek and its vernal pools are home to cricket frogs, spring peepers, and tree frogs. We'll visit the ponds in the Whitmire Wildflower Garden to hear the calls from there as well. You'll also learn about these species and the significance they have to these water sources.

**Friday, April 24; 10–11:30 a.m.**

\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers

Carriage Hose

Loretta Romanic

### Bats of Missouri (MBG) NEW

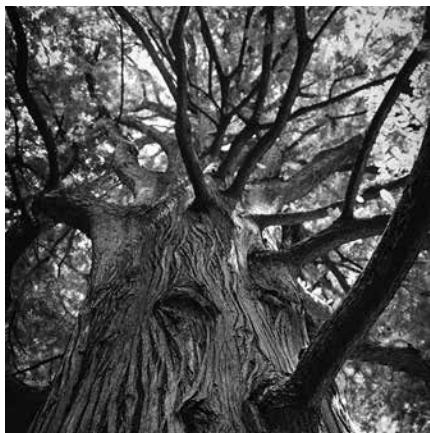
Bat ecologist from Missouri Department of Conservation, Shelly Colatskie, will discuss all things bats! Starting out with what bats are and a little bit about bats of the world, the program will then focus on Missouri's bats, the 16 species that call Missouri home, threats they face, and end on how we can help our bat population not only in Missouri, but around the world.

**Monday, May 4; 5:30–6:30 p.m.**

\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers

Farr Auditorium

Shelly Colatskie



### Easy Tree ID (Offsite)

Do you ever wonder about trees in your neighborhood? Can you tell the difference between a native tree and an invasive? Take a beginner's tree ID class! Learn about the trees that make up your world. Join certified arborist Mark Grueber as he eases students into this multiday learning experience. Be prepared to a walking presentation and exploration of the trees at Powder Valley Nature Center.

**3 Tuesdays: May 5, 12, 19; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$84 members; \$101 nonmembers**

**Powder Valley Nature Center:**

11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122

**Mark Grueber**

### Spring Wildlife Wagon Tour (SNR) NEW

Climb aboard the Shaw Explorer wagon to look for wildlife and hear about all the spring animal activity. Jerry Pemberton, long tenured staff member at Shaw Nature Reserve, will point out areas that typically have the most activity. We will start at the Bascom House, where groundhogs frequent, followed by the Trail House, which is a favorite spot for warblers in the spring. The last spot will be the Bus Stop, where beaver have built a lodge in a nearby pond. Plus, there are hundreds of frogs and salamanders in the wetland.

**Thursday, May 7; 4–6 p.m.**

**\$18 members; \$23 nonmembers**

**Bascom House**

**Jerry Pemberton**

### Green Tomorrows and Guerilla Gardening:

#### Why the Future is Solar Punk (MBG)

This class will explore the movement for a regreening revolution that seeks to take back the reigns of what our personal and collective spaces look like. We will tour the Kemper Center for Home Gardening for a showcase of strategies to reclaim your own landscape for a more productive and ecofriendly environment that the HOA can't shoot down. Attendees will leave with a stealthy seed package for native rewilding and recipe for moss graffiti.

**Monday, May 18; 5:30–7 p.m.**

**\$21 members; \$26 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for Home Gardening Classroom**

**John Lawler**

### The Hidden Code of Nature (MBG) NEW

Fractals, formulas, and Fibonacci, Oh My! Come explore the hidden math of plants and where you can see it in action in the Garden. Learn about the geometry to be found in the beauty of nature: no homework required!

**Wednesday, May 20; 5–6 p.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center East and West**

**Meeting Rooms**

**Julie Hollenback**

**CONNECT WITH NATURE... DIFFERENTLY!**

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# PHOTOGRAPHY



## BUTTERFLY HOUSE

### **Butterfly House Photography: All-Day Workshop NEW**

All levels. Bring your cameras to the Butterfly House and join professional photographer Dan Dreyfus in his hands-on, all-day Butterfly House photography workshop. This class will include presentations and multiple opportunities to practice both technical and aesthetic photography techniques. Plus, the use of wide angle, macro and telephoto lenses, shutter speed, and aperture will be covered. Coffee and light breakfast snacks will be provided. Bring your lunch for picnicking in the park (weather permitting). This class takes place while the Butterfly House is closed to the public.

**Monday, March 30; 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**\$120 members; \$150 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**Dan Dreyfus**



## SHAW NATURE RESERVE

### **Photography Memories**

Advanced. Join Stewart Halperin to think about how we move through the world with our cameras. What do our lens, heart, and soul see? What do our images tell us about ourselves and the world we traverse? In this full-day workshop, you will be introduced to the evolution of Stewart's work over almost six decades, spanning over 90 countries, which began in Tanzania working with Jane Goodall in the early 1970s. This workshop revolves around those attending—their work and how it has evolved and where they hope their photographic life will lead them. Participants will be asked to submit a small sample of their travel-related images. There is no shooting in this workshop, just a deep discussion on how we compose and make images that tell a story, elicit an emotion, or just bring a smile to our face. We will dissect images and look at the elements that take our images from nice to great and then in some cases exceptional. Image submission will be emailed. Lunch provided.

**Saturday, March 7; 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**\$150 members; \$188 nonmembers**

**Adlyne Freund Center**

**Stewart Halperin**

**Floral Encounters of a Different Kind NEW**

Intermediate. Photographer Becky Bowling invites you to step into a world where flowers are not just simply photographed but transformed into stunning works of art. Becky's Ice Garden technique will open your eyes to a whole new way of seeing and capturing the beauty of nature. We will also delve into the world of shooting-through, and we will discover the magic of Lensbaby lenses and how they can bring a dreamy, ethereal quality to your floral images. Becky's guidance will lead you through the step-by-step process of creating your own frozen flower masterpieces, allowing you to unleash your creativity and imagination like never before. With over two decades of experience in flower photography, Becky's expertise shines through as she shares her passion and knowledge with you. Her genuine love for photography infuses her teaching style with a sense of warmth and inspiration that will leave you feeling empowered and ready to take on new challenges in your own photographic journey. Becky's persistence in the frozen flower work culminated in a book titled *Crystalline Moments—Botanicals in Ice* in 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to join Becky at Shaw Nature Reserve for a day of exploration and artistry. Grab your camera and get ready to capture the beauty of flowers in a whole new light. Who knows, you might just discover a newfound love for floral photography that will stay with you for years to come. Bring a sack lunch.

**Saturday, March 14; 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**\$70 members; \$88 nonmembers**

**Adlyne Freund Center**

**Becky Bowling**

**Star Trails Photography**

For adults. Intermediate. Participants are expected to know their camera menus to make adjustments in dark locations and basic photo editing skills. Did you know stars are colorful? Learn to reveal the true color of stars creating star trail photographs in a beautiful Shaw Nature Reserve setting with Lonnie Gatlin. The class will cover how to plan, shoot, and process star trail photos using Adobe Lightroom Classic CC and Photoshop CC.

**Friday, April 17; 6–9 p.m.**

**\$70 members; \$88 nonmembers**

**Adlyne Freund Center**

**Lonnie Gatlin**

**Spring Wildflower Walking****Photography Tour NEW**

All levels. Join us to photograph the spring native wildflowers in bloom. The hike will be 2 miles on grass and gravel trails with rolling hills. This is not a formal class. However, photographer Jane Palmer will be your guide to offer techniques and suggestions. There is potential for every lens. Capture a field of flowers with a wide-angle lens or hone in on a delicate bloom with a macro lens—and everything in between.

**Saturday, April 25; 9 a.m.–noon**

**\$30 members; \$38 nonmembers**

**Whitmire Wildflower Garden**

**Jane Palmer**

**Light + Discovery****Photo Workshop: Level II NEW**

Intermediate to advanced. Light is our language. Direction, color, and quality of light impact images in powerful ways. This workshop will enhance participants' understanding of light while exploring ways to deepen our perception of and connection to the subject. The workshop will be divided into two parts. Following the presentation on light, participants will be challenged with photo exercises in the field. The second part, discovery, will include a presentation and exercises on methods to look and see the subject on a level deeper than surface impressions. Bring a sack lunch.

**Thursday, May 14; 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**\$110 members; \$138 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Dan Dreyfus**

## PHOTOGRAPHY continued...



## MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Photography Boot Camp I**

All levels. Tired of going through confusing manuals and not understanding where to start? In this multi-session, hands-on course we will simplify your life by explaining the key functions on your camera, why they are important, and how to use them to your advantage. We will also discuss camera settings, ISO settings, white balance, and a few other critical features. You should bring a camera and manual to the classes as you will have some class time to practice what you have learned.

**3 Tuesdays: March 10, 17, 24**

**10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**\$126 members; \$151 nonmembers**

**Farr Auditorium North and Taylor Visitor Center East and West Meeting Rooms**

**Scott Avetta**

**iPhone Photography: Japanese Garden**

Join Rebecca Clark to explore all the features and functions your iPhone has to offer. Classroom instruction will include basic and advanced camera functions and editing settings and tips. This class will focus on exploration of the Japanese Garden to practice your new skills while taking beautiful photos fit for sharing online or with family and friends.

**Wednesday, March 25; 5–7 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Rebecca Clark**

**Photographing Garden Architecture**

All levels. Let's concentrate on the amazing and historic structures at the Garden. This after-hours class will help minimize the impact of people within your compositions. Explore the opportunities of photographing the entire structure, architectural details, and surrounding plants. Scott Avetta will give you some basic tips at each location to improve your design.

**Monday, April 6; 5–7:30 p.m.**

**\$42 members; \$53 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Scott Avetta**

**Teahouse Island Photography**

All levels. Get rare access to this special nonpublic space where we will photograph the neutral tone and simple beauty of *Nakajima*, or Teahouse Island, and its limitless patterns and shapes. Slow down, relax the mind, and see what is in front of you. The creative possibilities are endless. As the light changes, so do the images. Space and gear will be limited for this special place.

**Tuesday, April 14**

**or Thursday, April 23; 9 a.m.–noon**

**\$42 members; \$53 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Scott Avetta**

**Photographing Spring Blooms**

All levels. Spring is the perfect time to capture the colors and forms of flowers, especially in early morning light. During this hands-on field class, Scott will concentrate on peak blooms around the Garden. He will increase your understanding of light, composition, and subject selection during this photo shoot. Be prepared to walk around the Garden, and bring your camera and extra batteries.

**Wednesday, May 13; 9:30 a.m.–noon**

**\$42 members; \$53 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Scott Avetta**

**Photographing Iris Blooms**

All levels. Take advantage of evening light to photograph the iris in May bloom. We will discuss how to get better botanical images using wide angle to close-ups. You will learn tips on field photographing, subject selection, and how light plays a significant role in your photograph. Rain or shine.

**Monday, May 18; 5–7:30 p.m.**

**\$42 members; \$53 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Scott Avetta**

## SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Learn more about Light Form:  
[mobot.org/patterns](http://mobot.org/patterns)

**Self-Guided Light Form Exhibit Photography Night NEW**

All levels. Calling all photographers! Bring your camera and equipment to capture this year's featured Garden exhibit: Light Form. The sculptures celebrate the inherent beauty of form, pattern, and dimensions of geometry and will be illuminated after hours for photographers to capture their patterns by night. This is a self-guided evening, with a limited number of tickets for this event, and the Garden will not be open to the general public, making this a perfect evening for you to engage with the exhibit.

**Tuesday, April 14; 5:30–8:30 p.m.**

**\$15 members; \$20 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**iPhone Photography: Light Form NEW**

All levels. Learn how to use your iPhone to capture the brilliance of the Light Form exhibit in the Garden. With tips and tricks from professional photographer, Rebecca Clark, you will explore the best settings, functions, and use of your iPhone to take beautiful night photos and enhance them with editing features.

**Tuesday, April 14; 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Rebecca Clark**

**Photographing Light Form in the Garden NEW**

Receive special access to photograph the Light Form exhibit as it illuminates the Garden at night. Scott will guide you through select installations, sharing the best ways to photograph the subject, be it shape, color, or light. He will discuss how to use light, aperture, backgrounds, and your lens for a stronger image. Tripods are recommended but not required.

**Monday, April 20**

**or Wednesday, April 29**

**or Monday, May 4; 7:30–10 p.m.**

**\$42 members; \$53 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Scott Avetta**

# Become a Member

of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Shaw Nature Reserve, and Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House!

Members receive a 20% discount on all classes, plus a full year of additional benefits.

[mobot.org/membership](http://mobot.org/membership)



# WELL-BEING: MIND and BODY CONNECTIONS

## Nature for Your Brain NEW

In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, explore the many benefits that connections to nature offer for mental wellbeing. Hear from the Alzheimer's Association on topics such as awareness and the importance of being active in nature. Each class is followed by an outdoor walk and a chance to stimulate your brain by learning about plants and insects at each of our sites.

### At the Garden (MBG)

Explore the remarkable trees of the Missouri Botanical Garden and learn about their rich history.

**Thursday, March 19**

or **Wednesday, April 1; 5–6 p.m.**

Free for members and nonmembers

Farr Auditorium

Alzheimer's Association and MBG Staff

### At the Butterfly House (BH)

Discover beautiful butterflies and the plants that they love, as you stroll through the Native Butterfly Garden and Tropical Conservatory habitats of the Butterfly House.

**Saturday, May 16; 4:30–5:30 p.m.**

Free for members and nonmembers

Butterfly House

Alzheimer's Association and BH Staff

### At the Nature Reserve (SNR)

Take a stroll through the Whitmire Wildflower Garden to enjoy the spring wildflowers in bloom and learn about the benefits of native plants for humans and the natural world.

**Wednesday, May 27; 10–11 a.m.**

Free for members and nonmembers

Carriage House

Alzheimer's Association and SNR Staff

## Guided Forest Bathing (MBG)

Immerse yourself in the restorative embrace of the Missouri Botanical Garden during a guided forest bathing and nature journey with Jess Thenhaus, ANFT certified forest and nature therapy guide. Disconnect from the digital world and engage with the living tapestry of the Garden. Delve into *shinrin-yoku*, the Japanese art of forest bathing, and indulge in a sensory exploration amidst the flora.

**Tuesday, March 3**

or **Tuesday, March 17**

or **Wednesday, April 1; 6–8 p.m.**

or **Saturday, April 11; 10 a.m.–noon**

\$28 members; \$35 nonmembers

Taylor Visitor Center Check-in

Jess Thenhaus



## Morning of Hiking (SNR)

For adults. Hike quickly 2.5–3.5 miles on dirt, gravel, and grass trails through woodland, prairie, wetland, and river bottom trails. We will identify what's in bloom and wildlife that we see before or after the hike to keep a continual hike with limited stops. With 18 miles of trails, there will be lots to see as we hike. Price per person.

**6 Wednesdays: March 4; April 1, 15, 29;**

**May 13, 27; 10–11:30 a.m.**

\$36 members; \$45 nonmembers

Follow the signs from the entrance

Rachel Weller

## Garden Yoga (MBG)

Make the Garden your sanctuary with a Sunday morning yoga session among the flowers and trees. Enjoy an hour-long, all-levels yoga class. Beginners are encouraged to join.

**Sunday, March 8**

or **Sunday, April 12**

or **Sunday, May 10; 9:30–10:30 a.m.**

\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers

Taylor Visitor Center Check-in

Katy Mike Smaistria

**Morning Stroll (SNR)**

Hike 2–2.5 miles on dirt, gravel, and grass trails through woodland, prairie, wetland, and river bottom trails. We will pause along the hike to identify a few blooms along the trail and wildlife that we see. With 18 miles of trails, there will be lots to see as we hike.

**6 Wednesdays: March 11, 25; April 8, 22;**

**May 6, 20; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$36 members; \$45 nonmembers**

**Follow the signs from the entrance**

**Rachel Weller**

**Chakra Spring Yoga (SNR) NEW**

Join Barbie Benetin, a certified yoga and Reiki instructor, as she guides you through this class that enhances focus, releases stress, and improves mobility. Through meditation, mantras, and a yoga sequence, we will open and clear the energy each week, concentrating on two *chakras* a night. Classes will be held indoors or outdoors, weather permitting. Sign up for one or all four!

**Mondays, April 20**

**or Monday, April 27**

**or Monday, May 4**

**or Monday, May 11; 4:30–5:30 p.m.**

**\$14 members; \$18 nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Barbie Benetin**

**The Joy of Mindfulness (MBG)**

Enter the Garden and discover nature's enchantment with "fresh eyes." Learn mindfulness techniques to slow down your mind, relax your body, and come fully into the present. Each week you'll practice brief meditations to enrich your sensory experience and allow you to "see and hear" with more sensitivity and appreciation. Learn to quiet mental chatter, calm your emotions, and set aside distractions—both inner and outer. Awaken to the beauty all around you. Improve your overall sense of well-being and leave with practices you can use in your daily life. Dress for the weather and a comfortable stroll.

**2 Mondays: May 4, 11; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**\$42 members; \$53 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center Check-in**

**Rhonda Leifheit**

Sign up online at [mobot.org/classes](http://mobot.org/classes).



## Become a Volunteer

Garden volunteers are special people. They care. They have a sense of commitment to something greater than their own personal needs, and have a direct impact on achieving the mission and goals of the Garden. Take action to bring more significance to your daily life. Become a part of our vital volunteer community!

Learn more:  
[mobot.org/volunteer](http://mobot.org/volunteer)



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

## FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, and FAMILY

### **Canopy Climb**

For adults and/or families with children 8 and older. Whether you're an adventurous adult, a family of explorers, or anyone over eight who loves climbing trees, this experience is a must-do. In this 2-hour course taught by expert instructors, you'll be introduced to the extraordinary world of recreational tree climbing; learn tree-climbing mechanics including techniques, balance, and safety; and have the opportunity to explore different parts of a majestic tree's canopy. This course is designed for first-time climbers. Special offer for groups: register an entire session (12 climbers), and each climber receives the member rate.

**\$45 members; \$56 nonmembers**

Trail House

Vertical Voyages

at Shaw Nature Reserve

Saturday, May 9  
or Sunday, May 10

Trail House

at Missouri Botanical Garden

Saturday, May 16  
or Sunday, May 17

Meet at climb location

### **Spring Peeper Symphony Night Hike for Adults (SNR)**

Enjoy the last bit of sunset as we hike the Wetland Trail to see and listen to the thunderous chorus of frogs calling from the ephemeral pools. Staff will point out the different species as we get a closer look. Hike is 2 miles on mostly flat and small pebble terrain.

**Sunday, March 8; 6:30–8 p.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

Wetland

Shaw Nature Reserve Staff and Volunteers



### **Spring into Nature 5k Trail Run/Walk (SNR)**

Celebrate the start of spring with a 5k (3.1 miles) trail run or walk through the prairies and woodlands at the Nature Reserve. All registrants will receive a Missouri native plant species ready to plant at home. Course will be on hilly trails with uneven footing.

**Saturday, March 21; 9 a.m.–noon**

**\$24 members; \$18 member children;  
\$30 nonmembers; \$22 nonmember children**

Visitor Center

Katrina Jahn

### **Mini Hiking with Rover (SNR)**

For adults. Bring your favorite canine companion for a nice 1-hour hike led by a Shaw Nature Reserve staff. This is a rare opportunity to spend time with your four-legged friend at an area where dogs are not normally allowed. Hike is on trails over rolling terrain. Please be on time! Cancelled if raining.

**Sunday, April 12; 8:30–9:30 a.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

Adlyne Freund Center

Karen Bryan

### **Veterans Fishing Day (SNR) NEW**

For veterans. Join Missouri Department of Conservation and Shaw Nature Reserve staff for fishing at Cypress Lake to catch and keep or catch and release fish. All supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own as well. This is a rare opportunity to fish at the Nature Reserve where normally fishing isn't allowed.

**Thursday, May 14; 9 a.m.–noon**

**Free for members and nonmembers**

Cypress Lake

Missouri Department of Conservation and  
Shaw Nature Reserve staff

## THE LITTLE YEARS (ages 6 and under)

The “Little Years” series is designed for parent-and-child experiences at three St Louis area sites: Missouri Botanical Garden, Butterfly House, and Shaw Nature Reserve.

This series places the focus on your child, you, and the wonders of nature while preparing your child for preschool and kindergarten. Your child will learn skills such as taking turns, listening to the teacher and their friends, sharing, and making choices. Each class in all series includes hands-on activities, songs, stories, snacks, and a short walk. **Price per child. One adult per child please.**

*PLEASE NOTE: Little Years classes are specifically designed as an adult/child program. Having additional children present can distract from the one-on-one experience for you and for others. Please no infants or younger siblings.*



### LITTLE SPROUTS (ages 2–3)

#### Little Sprouts—Spring (MBG)

For ages 2–3. Learn about plants and nature with your toddler during this 6-week series. Each session includes indoor, hands-on activities, songs, stories, snacks, and a walk in the Garden. This spring we will visit a special garden each week, including the Scented Garden, Kemper Vegetable Garden, and Prairie Garden. One adult per child.

10–11:30 a.m.

\$90 members; \$108 nonmembers

Taylor Visitor Center East Meeting Room

Kelly Wehrheim

#### Monday Series

6 Mondays: April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18

#### Tuesday Series

6 Tuesdays: April 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19

#### Thursday Series

6 Thursdays: April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21

### LITTLE BUGS (ages 2–4)

#### Little Bugs (BH)

For ages 2–4. Explore the world of invertebrates with your toddler while developing language, communication, cognitive, and knowledge skills. Every week we'll introduce your little bug to a new arthropod friend! Each week covers a different topic and includes story time, craft, snack, and an adventure in our Native Butterfly Garden or Tropical Conservatory.

**Mondays: 9:30–10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.–noon**

**Tuesdays: 9:30–10:30 a.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**Olivia Phillips**

#### Session 1

**Monday, March 2**

#### Session 2

**Monday, March 9  
or Tuesday, March 10**

#### Session 3

**Monday, April 13  
or Tuesday, April 14**

#### Session 4

**Monday, April 20  
or Tuesday, April 21**

#### Session 5

**Monday, May 11  
or Tuesday, May 12**

#### Session 6

**Monday, May 18  
or Tuesday, May 19**

THE LITTLE YEARS *continued...*



**LITTLE NATURE EXPLORERS  
(ages 3–5)**

**Little Nature Explorers (SNR)**

For ages 3–5. Early childhood peer interaction is key to early development. Each month has a different nature-based theme, hands-on activities, story time, and outdoor exploration including a short walk (weather permitting). All materials provided. Price per child, per class. One adult per child.

**9:30–11 a.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**  
Carriage House  
Shaw Nature Reserve Staff

**Weather**  
**Tuesday, March 3**

**Seeds**  
**Tuesday, April 7**

**Nature's Babies**  
**Tuesday, May 5**



**FRIDAY FAMILY TIME  
in the GARDEN (ages 2–6)**

**Friday Family Time in the Garden (MBG)**

For ages 2–6 with an adult, younger siblings may attend. Each session includes hands-on activities, stories, snacks and a walk in the Garden. Join us as we explore the plants and animals of the Garden each month.

Price per child.

**10–11:30 a.m.**

**or 1–2:30 p.m.**

**\$16 members; \$20 nonmembers**  
Taylor Visitor Center East Meeting Room  
Kelly Wehrheim

**Spring Trees**  
Join us as we search the Garden for trees.  
**Friday, March 13**

**Underground Critters**  
Join us as we learn about the animals that live in the soil.  
**Friday, April 10**

**Flower Power**  
Join us as we search the Garden for flowers.  
**Friday, May 15**



## GARDEN BUDS—SPRING (ages 4–6)

For ages 4–6. Discover the amazing wonders amidst the Garden with your preschooler in Garden Buds! Price includes one child and one adult. Register for three or more Garden Buds classes by March 1, 2026, and your child will receive a t-shirt.

### Tropical Treats (MBG)

Mangos, papayas, and pineapples, oh my! Did you know that many of our yummy treats come from plants in the tropical rainforest? That's bananas! Come along as we explore in the Climatron and then make some of our very own delicious tropical treats!

**Thursday, March 5**

or **Saturday, March 7; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$16 members; \$20 nonmembers**

**3/5 Taylor Visitor Center West Meeting Room**

**3/7 PlantLab**

**Molly Poe**

### Sweet Spring Smells (MBG)

What is that wonderful scent? Spring means new growth, flowers, rain, and sweet smells! We'll use our senses as we explore all the signs of spring in the Garden, and make an aroma-filled craft to remind us of our visit.

**Thursday, March 19**

or **Saturday, March 21; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$16 members; \$20 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Molly Poe**

### The Giving Tree (MBG)

Help us celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by discovering all the treasures we get from trees. We'll eat tree treats and go on a tree-finding hike. We will also learn different ways we can take care of trees and the environment.

**Thursday, April 2**

or **Saturday, April 4; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$16 members; \$20 nonmembers**

**PlantLab**

**Molly Poe**

### Search for Secrets (MBG)

Come search for shapes in nature at Missouri Botanical Garden. From Fibonacci flowers to tessellating terrain, Garden Buds will discover shapes and patterns hiding in plain sight.

**Thursday, April 16**

or **Saturday, April 18; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$16 members; \$20 nonmembers**

**4/16 Taylor Visitor Center West Meeting Room**

**4/18 PlantLab**

**Molly Poe**

### Buzzing and Blooming (MBG)

Discover why bees and flowers are such great friends! We'll learn about pollination as we pretend to be bees and go on a flower hunt. Then we'll pot up some flowers to take home.

**Thursday, May 14**

or **Saturday, May 16; 10–11:30 a.m.**

**\$16 members; \$20 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center West Meeting Room**

**Molly Poe**

# Wondering What's in Bloom?

With 79 acres of beautiful horticultural display to explore at the Garden, it can be hard to decide what to see first.

Use our interactive, digital map to discover what's in bloom—and where to find it—before your next visit.

[mobot.org/inbloom](http://mobot.org/inbloom)



THE LITTLE YEARS *continued...*



**SUPER BUGS (ages 4–6)**

#### **Super Bugs (BH)**

For ages 4–6. Pollinating, hunting, building homes, and hiding in plain sight are just a few of the superpowers bugs possess. Meet a new Super Bug each month and discover the amazing abilities of our invertebrate friends. Little learners will discover their inner Super Bugs through dramatic play, hands-on activities, and up-close bug encounters. Plus, each session includes a snack. One adult included with each registered child.

**Saturday, March 14**

**or Saturday, April 11**

**or Saturday, May 16; 9:30–10:30 a.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**Butterfly House Education Staff**

# THE GROWING YEARS (ages 6 and up)

## BUDDING ARTIST (ages 6-12)

*For ages 6-12. Join us each season as we explore nature by making a seasonal nature journal of your very own or learn about an artist that was inspired by nature. We'll also plant a plant for you to take home so you can continue to make observations. Price per child. One adult per child.*

### **Springtime Journal (MBG)**

Join us as we celebrate spring in the Garden by making a journal. Then we'll use our journals in the Garden to examine the new plant growth and search for animals visiting.

**Sunday, March 22; 1-3 p.m. or 10 a.m.-noon**  
\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers

Taylor Visitor Center East and West

Meeting Rooms

Kelly Wehrheim

### **Collection Bag Journal (MBG)**

Join us as we make a collection bag journal that you can use all summer to keep track of your nature discoveries.

**Sunday, May 17; 1-3 p.m. or 10 a.m.-noon**  
\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers

Taylor Visitor Center East and West

Meeting Rooms

Kelly Wehrheim



## BUDDING SCIENTIST (ages 6-12)

*For ages 6-12. Join us during your spring break to explore and observe plants and animals in the Garden as we become Budding Scientists. We'll learn about plant and animal life cycles, interactions, and ways to become better stewards of the environment. Be prepared to spend the entire time outdoors. Price per child, one adult per three children. Younger siblings may attend. Registration is required.*

### **Cherry Blossom (MBG)**

Join us as we explore the Garden for signs of spring. We'll look for cherry blossoms, leaf budding, and active insects.

**Friday, March 20**

or **Friday, March 27**

or **Friday, April 17**

or **Friday, April 24;**

**10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.**

**Free for members; \$3 nonmembers**

**Meet at the Doris I. Schnuck Children's**

**Garden Ticket Fort**

**Kelly Wehrheim**

## BUDDING CHEF (ages 6-12)

*For ages 6-12. Join us for fun in the kitchen with a focus on herbal and botanical ingredients you can pick from your home garden. Price per child, one adult per child. Register for both Budding Chef classes by March 1, 2026, and your child will receive an apron.*

### **Quesadilla Party (MBG) NEW**

Children will explore fresh garden ingredients as they learn to make their own veggie quesadillas and fresh salsa. With easy steps and hands-on chopping, mixing, and assembling, young chefs will build confidence in the kitchen. Tortillas will contain wheat flour. Tour the vegetable garden after class.

**Sunday, March 15;**

**10 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m.**

**\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for**

**Home Gardening Classroom**

**Molly Poe**

### **Bake & Bloom (MBG) NEW**

Children will learn to bake simple, delicious cookies and decorate them with colorful edible flowers. Come learn how nature can make food as beautiful as it is tasty! Cookies will contain wheat flour.

**Sunday, April 26;**

**10 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m.**

**\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers**

**Kemper Center for**

**Home Gardening Classroom**

**Molly Poe**

**NEW!**



## BUDDING WRITER (ages 6-12)

*For ages 6-12. Come experience the fun of writing in nature! Each class will focus on a different form of writing and include an exploration of part of the Garden. Price per child, one adult per two children.*

### **Creative Writing (MBG) NEW**

This class offering will feature Sean Doherty, Lead Educator for the Garden. He will explore the basics of storytelling and provide helpful tools for writers to build characters, settings, and plots to create small moment stories – inspired by the Garden.

**Sunday, April 19; 10-11:30 a.m.**

**\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center West Meeting Room**

**Molly Poe and Sean Doherty**

### **Poetry in Nature (MBG) NEW**

Students will explore the beauty of the Garden while learning how nature inspires poetry. Through guided activities, they'll observe colors, textures, and sounds to create their own creative poem. Haiku author Ben Gaa will be this month's featured writer.

**Sunday, May 9; 10-11:30 a.m.**

**\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers**

**Taylor Visitor Center West Meeting Room**

**Molly Poe and Ben Gaa**

## GREAT GREEN ADVENTURES (ages 6–12)

*For ages 6–12. Sign up now to explore a special area of the Garden. Price per child, one adult per three children. Younger siblings may attend.*

### **Spectacular Spring (MBG)**

Join us as we search the Garden for the first signs for spring.

**Saturday, March 21;**

10:30–11:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Free for members; \$3 nonmembers

Meet at the Doris I. Schnuck

Children's Garden Ticket Fort

Kelly Wehrheim

### **Getting to Know Trees (MBG)**

Learn how to identify some of the Garden's trees with a few easy tricks. Take home a tree identification key to learn more about your neighborhood trees.

**Saturday, April 18;**

10:30–11:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Free for members; \$3 nonmembers

Meet at the Doris I. Schnuck

Children's Garden Ticket Fort

Kelly Wehrheim

### **Celebrate Urban Birds (MBG)**

Join us as we celebrate birds and learn about this Citizen Science project from Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

**Saturday, May 16;**

10:30–11:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Free for members; \$3 nonmembers

Meet at the Doris I. Schnuck

Children's Garden Ticket Fort

Kelly Wehrheim



### **Plants around the World (MBG) NEW**

Ages 6–12. Join us each season as we learn about different plants from around the world by drawing and journaling them in the Garden. Each class is focused on plants of seasonal interest. Pencils and small journals will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

**Sunday, April 12; 1–3 p.m.**

\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers

PlantLab

Kelly Wehrheim

## FOR ALL AGES

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# FAMILY PROGRAMMING

## SHAW FAMILY ADVENTURES (ages 3–10)

*For families with children ages 3–10 with an accompanying adult. Join us for an adventure and get hands-on with nature! Each class includes activities for your family to learn together about the plants and animals of the Nature Reserve.*

### **Spring Peeper Sunset Hike for Families (SNR)**

The thunderous chorus of spring peepers and other early spring frog calls must be heard to be believed. We'll hike part of the Wetland Trail, learn the different calls, try to spot different amphibians with our flashlights, catch a few, and enjoy the loud sounds of spring. Approximately 1/2 mile on a flat path.

**Sunday, March 8; 4–5:30 p.m.**

**\$10 members; \$13 nonmembers**

**Wetland**

**Shaw Nature Reserve Staff and Volunteers**



### **FrogWatch USA Volunteer Training (SNR)**

Registration required. For ages 14 and older. FrogWatch USA™ is a long-term citizen science monitoring program of frogs and toads. As a volunteer-based monitoring program, FrogWatch USA™ gives citizens across the country an opportunity to be directly involved in gathering information that can ultimately lead to practical and workable ways to stop amphibian decline. You do not have to be a frog or toad expert to be a FrogWatch USA™ volunteer, just have an interest in frogs and toads and a willingness to participate.

**Thursday, March 12; 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Free for members and nonmembers**

**Carriage House**

**Rachel Weller**

### **Bugs Rock! (BH)**

For ages 4–8. You're invited to join us for a rockin' good class! Each month will feature a live animal encounter with a new bug, and we will explore what makes it a unique and important part of our natural world. Learners will go home with their very own hand-painted rock bug to add to their own bug rock garden. Plus, each session includes a snack. One adult included with each registered child.

**Sunday, March 29**

**or Sunday, April 19**

**or Sunday, May 31; 2–3 p.m.**

**\$12 members; \$15 nonmembers**

**Butterfly House**

**Butterfly House Education Staff**

### **Instructor Spotlight: Lily Kelly**

Lily Kelly is an instructor at the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield, MO. Lily has a background in informal education, animal husbandry, and animal training. She loves animals, especially bugs! Lily brings her wit, fun animal facts, and passion about conservation to every class she teaches. She is consistently praised by teachers and students for her intellect, kindness, and positive energy.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

Purchase tickets for these events at [mobot.org/events](http://mobot.org/events).

## BUTTERFLY HOUSE

### Morpho Mania

Trade in those winter blues for the tropics of the Butterfly House at Morpho Mania! Be surrounded with thousands of majestic blue morpho butterflies, from Costa Rica, throughout the month of March. Morpho Mania celebrates the blue morpho, with its 6-inch wingspan that appears almost neon-blue as it flashes through the sky. Visitors will witness a sea of blue morphos, learn about butterflies' critical role in nature, and find out how we can help protect the blue morphos' native habitat. This special exhibition runs through the month of March.

**March 1–31; 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Included with admission**

Butterfly House

### Project Pollinator Plant Sale

Enjoy a wide selection of native plants that benefit butterflies, bees, and other native pollinators. All plant sale proceeds benefit Project Pollinator, our community gardening initiative.

**April 25–26; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**No admission required**

Butterfly House Front Plaza

### Fancy Tea

Don't be late for this very important date! Bring your little ones to our annual Fancy Tea with Wonderland's most curious guest. The party begins at the St. Louis Carousel where families can nibble on tasty treats and drink delightful drinks. Go in search of the white rabbit as the adventure takes you through the gardens of the Butterfly House.

**Saturday, April 25; 2–3:30 p.m.**

**or Sunday, April 26;**

**10–11:30 a.m. or 2–3:30 p.m.**

**\$30 member adults; \$24 member children**

**(ages 3–12); \$36 nonmember adults;**

**\$28 nonmember children (ages 3–12);**

**FREE for children ages 2 & under**

**Faust Park: 15025 Faust Park Dr.,  
Chesterfield, MO 63017**

## SHAW NATURE RESERVE

### Ozark Flora Fest

Celebrate Native Plant Month at Shaw Nature Reserve this May! Enjoy a full month of activities, including pop-up native plant markets, themed plant sales at the Visitor Center, and special classes about native plants. In partnership with non-profit organizations and native plant nurseries throughout the region, we'll bring you expert insights and unique opportunities to grow your native plant knowledge. Join us to connect with nature and the St. Louis native plant community! Visit our [shawnature.org](http://shawnature.org) for a full line-up of events.

**May 1–31; 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

## MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

### Orchid Show

**January 31–March 8**

### Orchid Nights

**February 5 and 19**

### Sake and Sakura

**March 27**

### Chinese Culture Days

**May 2–3**

### Grapes in the Garden

**May 8**

### Whitaker Music Festival

**May 27–July 29**

### Green Living Festival

**July 11**

### Japanese Festival

**September 5–7**

### Best of Missouri Market

**October 9–11**

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## SITE CODES FOR CLASSES

MBG: Missouri Botanical Garden  
SNR: Shaw Nature Reserve  
BH: Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House  
CBEC: Commerce Bank Center  
for Science Education  
BC: Bayer Center  
OFFSITE: Check class listing

# CLASS INFORMATION and POLICIES

## PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE LOCATION OF YOUR CLASSES.

### Location of Classes

Site maps are available at [mobot.org/classes](http://mobot.org/classes). Your confirmation will also include class location and links to campus maps.

### Class Information and Material Lists

Class information is provided on the confirmation. All materials are provided unless otherwise noted. For classes with a materials list, a link will be included on your confirmation.

### Memberships

Garden memberships are non-transferable; classes are not considered the same as admission tickets. Member class rate is offered to the member(s) whose name appears on the card and those residing in the member's household only. Limited to 2 adult member rate seats per class or 1 for individual members.

### Wait List

If your confirmation states that you are on the wait list, you will be called or emailed if an opening occurs.

### Age Restrictions

Adult Education classes are designed for individuals ages 18 and up, unless otherwise noted in description.

### Accessibility

Request ASL interpretation, captions, and audio description for any class you attend while registering online. As always, you will still be able to reach out to us by phone or email to request accommodations. A 2-week notice is preferred.

### Food Allergies and Preferences

Due to the nature of our Food & Cooking demonstration classes, we are unable to accommodate all dietary restrictions and/or preferences. Please contact us with any food allergy/preference questions. A 2-week notice is preferred.

### Inclement Weather

Participants should come dressed for the weather. Most classes are held rain or shine. If we are unable to hold a class due to inclement weather, you will be notified and receive a full refund.

### Dismissal Policy

The Missouri Botanical Garden is committed to offering the highest quality educational experience to all its students. To ensure a quality experience, the Garden reserves the right to dismiss any participant for any reason without refund.

### Recording Classes

Video recording classes is prohibited. Participant agrees not to use commercially any video, photography, or reproduction in any form taken at the Garden.

### Photo Policy

Participant grants permission to the Garden and its designees to utilize participant's image, likeness, voice, video, actions, or statements in any form taken during a visit to the Garden or its locations for the purpose of promoting the Garden and its locations in perpetuity.

### Classes Subject to Change

Class dates, times, and classroom locations are subject to change. Please refer to the online listing, confirmation email, and reminder email for the most current information.

### Cancellations/Refunds

- Class capacity, dates, and times are subject to change. If you are unable to attend due to these changes or should the class get canceled, a full refund will be given.
- Please contact [classes@mobot.org](mailto:classes@mobot.org) or call (314) 577-9506 for cancellations 1 week prior to class date. A full refund, minus a \$5 processing fee, will be issued. Refunds cannot be issued for missed classes or cancellations less than 1 week prior to class.
- Many classes will allow you to send an alternate participant if you are unable to attend. Please call (314) 577-9506 prior to class.
- Participants are encouraged to register early, as programs with insufficient registration (depending on type of class) will be canceled approximately 5 days before the scheduled start date. A full refund will be issued in this case.
- A transfer to another class is handled as a refund and is subject to the above policy.

### Questions?

For general questions, or to register by phone for any class, contact the Missouri Botanical Garden at (314) 577-9506 or [classes@mobot.org](mailto:classes@mobot.org).



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Child's name and age (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Name	Attendee	Location	Date	Fee

## PAYMENT OPTIONS (please check one):

Please check one:  Member  Nonmember

Missouri Botanical Garden Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  Check  Credit Card

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Missouri Botanical Garden, Education Division, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110

Notice: Classes may be photographed and/or recorded for use by the Garden in our communications efforts. Students wishing not to be photographed or recorded should inform the photographer.

## SPRING 2026 CLASSES

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## MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

4344 Shaw Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63110



### REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB. 2 AT 9 A.M.

CLASSES ARE ALSO OFFERED AT:

**Commerce Bank Center for Science Education**  
4651 Shaw Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63110

**Bayer Center**  
4500 Shaw Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63110

**Shaw Nature Reserve**  
307 Pinetum Loop Rd. | Hwy 100 at I-44 (exit 253)  
Gray Summit, MO 63039 | (314) 577-9526

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15050 Faust Park | Chesterfield, MO 63017 | (314) 577-0888  
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