Brookside Gardens
1800 Glenallan Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland 20902
brooksidegardens.org

Brookside Gardens is open every day except December 25.

Hours
Gardens: Sunrise–Sunset
Conservatories: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Visitor Center: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
(closed some holidays)

Horticulture Reference Library
10:00 am–5:00 pm Monday through Friday, except holidays
301-962-1476

Master Gardeners —
Plant Clinics at Brookside Gardens
Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 pm
(April 5 – September 25)
Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 pm
(Mid-February – Mid-November)

The Shops at Brookside Gardens
Visitor Center and Conservatory
10:00 am–4:00 pm (hours vary seasonally)

McCrillis Gardens
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The Shops at Brookside Gardens
Botanical and nature-inspired gifts
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (hours vary seasonally)
301-962-1448

Events at Brookside Gardens

Celebrate your special occasion with us!
For detailed pricing and availability:
301 962 1404 | Event.Manager@MontgomeryParks.org
In 2019, Brookside Gardens celebrates a milestone anniversary: 50 years of serving Montgomery County residents. But what has the impact been? Has Brookside Gardens made a difference? We could gather dry statistics about the number of specimen plants accessioned, how many school children were taught, or how the number of visitors has increased in tandem with the County’s growth. Instead, as we prepare for this celebratory year, staff have been gathering stories from our visitors of their memories made here. Those stories highlight how a public garden can be many things to many people, each with a depth of attachment only that individual knows. We’ve seen the photos of the first wedding at Brookside Gardens back in August 1973, the first of many couples who started their lives together here. We’ve watched young families grow up, bringing their children, then grandchildren to explore. We’ve witnessed grieving families find comfort to remember their loved ones through a tribute gift they return to year after year. We’ve mentored young people fascinated by plants as they’ve turned their career path to horticulture after interning with us. We’ve seen artists return season after season to capture the beauty of the garden in many media. For every story we hear, there are thousands more we’ll never know. And that’s ok, because you know them. So, this year let’s celebrate our stories together, and plan to make new memories in the years to come.

Happy Gardening!

Stephanie Oberle, Director
Cultivating Community for 50 Years

On July 13, Brookside Gardens will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening to the public. Starting with the Conservatory as the garden hub in 1969, the Gardens grew into a full-scale public garden, founded to showcase plants that thrive in the mid-Atlantic climate, providing homeowers with inspiration for their home gardens. The Conservatory combined tropical plants with ornamentals, delighting visitors with colorful combinations and themes – especially in winter months, when community members searched for some much-needed respite from the cold. To this day, the Conservatory serves this important function for area residents. Over the years, the Gardens' mission has expanded, finding new and creative ways to serve the community, but always coming back to horticulture and plants as a way to bring people together.

For 50 years Brookside Gardens has served not only local residents, but also regional, national and international visitors. In 2019 we’ll celebrate our past while looking to the future through garden designs and programming. Each month, we will focus on a plant of importance to the Gardens; visitors will see educational programs and materials highlighting these plants, not to mention Gift Shop items allowing visitors to continue the celebration after they leave the Gardens. See the Featured Flora list at right – mark your calendar if there are plants that are special to you!

Brookside’s gardeners have been hard at work creating special garden designs to commemorate 50 years of providing inspiration to home gardeners. The North Conservatory will become a study in the contrasts between Little and Large. Conservatory Manager, Kathy Stevens, has used her design skills to produce a striking display concentrating on one plant in particular – Taro or Colocasia esculenta, which is one of the oldest cultivated plants in the world. The summer conservatory display will highlight the range of sizes (leaves ranging from four feet across to only a few inches wide), shapes and textures of Colocasia. A variety of other plants, such as frilly Coleus, red-leaved Rhoeo (oyster plant), and miniature golden Acorus, will create accent in texture, color and size. This is a display of contrasts, with the biggest and smallest placed side by side.

Lisa Tayerle brings attention to Brookside Gardens' efforts to be sustainable in its daily practices. Her design, Going Green with Clean Electric Carts located in the rain garden bed, puts a new spin on a rather functional piece of equipment. Our electric carts are a great example of Brookside Gardens' commitment to "Going Green." Their carbon footprint and actual footprint is much smaller than other vehicles. Electric carts are small, quiet, and produce no emissions, except the one in the Rain Garden display, which appears to be "exhausting" colorful plants. Come sit in this Brookside Gardens "Green" cart and have a photo taken!

Kelly Heim's vision for the Trial Garden takes visitors back to 1969 – not only the year of Brookside Gardens' opening, but also the year of the first moon landing – with her Fly Me to the Moon design. The Trial Garden will feature sweeps of bright white, cream, silver, dark purple and black. Expertly clipped shrubs and shapely topiary will dot the flower beds like moon rocks, and shimmering smokestacks of Silver Falls Dichondra bellow out like planetary heat vents. You might find yourself humming Frank Sinatra's classic ballad – Fly Me to the Moon – as you stroll through this other-worldly design.

Jeanette Proudfoot will transform the Parking Garden into a mind-bending experience with the Psychedelic Garden. The 1969 psychedelia sub-culture will be represented with a variety of psychedelic plants, ones that may cause an altered state of mind. Plant combinations in the Parking Garden will feature brightly colored flowers and foliage in combinations that will blow your mind!

Moving into the present with a nod to sustainable practices, "trash" sculptures created from recycled materials will be placed in the Parking Garden beds, the Children’s Garden, and other garden areas. Local artists and school children will create these intriguing pieces of art specifically for Brookside Gardens' 50 anniversary celebration. Don’t miss Jeanette's special recycled pot creations, which prove that one man’s trash really is another man’s (or person’s) treasure!

To celebrate Brookside Gardens 50th anniversary, Friends of Brookside Gardens embarked on a successful campaign, called Gild the Gardens, which resulted in a donation of 50,000 daffodil bulbs that were planted in the Gardens by volunteers and staff in October and November. Visitors should see the golden glow of daffodils in April. Many thanks to Friends of Brookside Gardens for the cheery gift!

Plan to join Brookside Gardens throughout 2019 as we celebrate 50 years of beauty, inspiration, and growing with our community!
Believing in Brookside Gardens: Annie May DeFrank

Annie May DeFrank was a fixture at the Visitor Center Information desk dating back to February 1998, when the first class of volunteers trained to staff the desk. Living nearby, she often visited the Gardens with her husband Tony, even when his increasing illness confined him to a wheelchair. After Tony passed, Brookside Gardens became her home away from home. Self-described as “spunky,” Annie May had a special connection with the staff, providing gifts based on what she knew the staff needed to improve the Gardens or to help them with their work programs. One of her first donations was the wrought iron sculpture behind the information desk, but she supported many other garden functions as well. After Annie May passed in December 2016, just shy of her 91st birthday, we learned that she was still caring for the gardens, remembering Brookside Gardens in her will with a generous gift of $161,000, to be used where the Gardens needed it most. As former Director of Brookside Gardens, David Vismara recalled “Over the years, I developed a close friendship with Annie May. I can tell you Annie May LOVED Brookside Gardens. The gardens were very special to her, but her love of Brookside came from her weekly, sometimes daily, interaction with the staff.”

If you have an interest in a planned gift to Brookside Gardens, please contact the Montgomery Parks Foundation at 301-495-2490 or visit www.MontgomeryParksFoundation.org.

Brookside Gardens

During Brookside Gardens’ first fifty years, hundreds of thousands of visitors have visited and experienced the Gardens in many ways. As we reminisce about our past, we encourage our visitors to share their memories as well. The Brookside Stories Campaign is an effort to gather individual stories and images through a variety of methods:

- Join the Facebook Group, 50th Anniversary, Brookside Gardens Story
- Share your images at #BrooksideGardens50 and #BrooksideGardensStory
- Fill out a story card at the new community board in the Visitor Center
- Bring a picture to post on the community board

Our combined histories document the impact Brookside Gardens has made in our community. And think what fun all these stories will be to read in 2069 for our 100th anniversary!
News Notes

New Staff

Welcome Nathan Roehrich, Brookside Gardens’ new Greenhouse Manager. Nate comes to us from Meadowbrook Farm, a property of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, where he served as the Greenhouse Manager. While there he grew plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia public landscapes, QVC, and public gardens. In 2014, Nate was recognized by Grower Magazine as one of the Top 40 under 40 in the United States within the horticultural industry. Nate has a degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design from Delaware Valley University. Though he is originally from Easton, Pennsylvania, he’s an avid New Orleans Saints fan (sorry Ravens fans!). He has a three-year-old daughter, loves hot sauce, cheese, hot wings and all Marvel Comics movies. We’re looking forward to all the fabulous plants Nate plans to grow in the new O’Rourke Greenhouse!

Farewell to Bob Rinker

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to a longtime friend of Brookside Gardens. Bob Rinker, Conservatory manager from 1969 to 1992, passed away in November 2018. In 1961 Carl Schoening (retired Deputy Director of Montgomery Parks) hired Bob to oversee plant production in an old greenhouse located at Meadowbrook – now a Parks maintenance yard. As plans were developing for Brookside Gardens, Carl knew Bob would be the perfect person to oversee plant production needs for the Gardens. At the time, the South House of the Conservatory was used for production, and only the North House was open to the public; Bob oversaw both houses. Bob truly blossomed in the position, producing not only beautiful plants, but also designing and installing fabulous flower shows that delighted visitors with their colorful profusion and creativity. Bob was recognized as an exemplary employee of the Gardens, a great philanthropist, and a fabulous photographer. He was a lover of fuschias and collected as many varieties as he could find. Bob’s memorable flower shows will be in the hearts and minds of many for years to come as we miss his affable visits to Brookside Gardens.

Joan & John O’Rourke
Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting

The Joan & John O’Rourke Greenhouse formally opened in September 2018. This production facility was made possible through a generous gift from Joan O’Rourke, long-time friend of the Gardens. Pictured here at the ribbon-cutting are, from left, Michael F. Riley, Director of Montgomery Parks; Joe Kraut, retired greenhouse manager; Joan O’Rourke; Yumi Hogan, wife to Governor Larry Hogan; Stephanie Oberle, Brookside Gardens Director. Look for an in-depth article about the greenhouse in the fall/winter Cultivate Magazine.
Volunteer Update

Jared Ashling, Ellen Hartranft and Albert Arevalo, past and present volunteer coordinators.

Volunteers have played a vital role in Brookside Gardens’ success, and as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we’d like to reflect on the impact you have contributed.

It wasn’t until the beginning of the millennium that we officially developed a position whose sole responsibility would be dedicated to volunteers. Since then, we’ve been able to better record our volunteers’ contributions and develop a formal volunteer program. Our 12,676 past and present corporate groups and volunteers have worked in 110 volunteer jobs and collectively contributed 488,395 volunteer hours to Brookside Gardens! Which is equivalent to $11,789,855 in in-kind time donated to Brookside Gardens.

We can’t thank you enough for all your dedication, but please find a few kind words from past and present Volunteer Coordinators:

“I was honored to be the first full time volunteer coordinator at Brookside Gardens, starting in January 2001. I was able to formalize many of the policies and procedures that are so important in volunteer management, and I think it laid a strong foundation that contributed to the overall growth of the volunteer program over the years. Looking back over my time in the position, I most value getting to know so many wonderful volunteers from all walks of life and developing lasting relationships with both the volunteers and staff at Brookside Gardens.”

— Ellen Hartranft 2001-2008
(Ellen is the current Visitor Services Supervisor for Brookside Gardens.)

“Brookside Gardens volunteers have always been eager to pitch in and help whenever and however they can. It’s that kind of dedication and commitment that makes the Gardens such a special place to so many... It is a garden for the people, and in no small part, by the people, of Montgomery County thanks to the contributions of volunteers.”

— Jared Ashling 2009-2016

“Thank you for supporting Brookside Gardens! Because of your service we can provide a better quality of life to everyone in Montgomery County.”

— Albert Arevalo 2017-Present

The new Children’s Garden, Explore Maryland!, opened in spring 2018. Children (and those who are young at heart!) can climb on boulders in the Mountain area, make pretend dishes in the Agriculture area, and drive a boat in the Coastal Plain area.
Thank You Donors!

The Montgomery Parks Foundation and the Friends of Brookside Gardens would like to thank all the generous donors to Brookside Gardens from June 1, 2018 to December 15, 2018. Your gifts have been invaluable in providing resources, programming and additional support to the Gardens. To learn more about making a donation to support Brookside Gardens, please visit MontgomeryParksFoundation.org/donate-now/ or FriendsOfBrooksideGardens.org.

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BrooksideGardens.org
Celebrate Earth Day with Montgomery County GreenFest at Brookside Gardens

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens
Sunday | April 28 | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
FREE | no registration required

Our planet is priceless! Come to Brookside Gardens to celebrate our planet and learn ways to keep it healthy. Brookside Gardens is proud to combine its annual Earth Day celebration with GreenFest – one of the premiere environmental festivals in Montgomery County, Maryland. A free event, GreenFest is a chance for residents, businesses, nonprofits and neighbors, to come together, share ideas and learn. This event offers something for everyone; a green craft fair, plant sale, community art project, and lectures by industry experts. The event features family activities from kids’ tree climbing and an interactive electric car display to live music and food trucks. Hope to see you there!

Shakespeare In the Garden

Much Ado About Nothing
Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens
Tuesday | July 9 | 6:30 – 8:45pm
FREE | no registration required
Brookside Gardens Grounds

Join us for year three of Shakespeare in the Garden with Much Ado About Nothing. Whether this is your first encounter with Shakespeare or you are a seasoned scholar, this professional production is sure to delight. Bring a picnic or enjoy a meal from food trucks.

Art Exhibits

Leah Schaperow | Mixed Media/Acrylic
Pauline Rakis | Acrylic
Terry Pellmar | Digital Creations
January 14 - March 3

Ruth Brown | Photographs
Don James | Water and Ice Reflection
Barbara Mandel | Oil paintings
Jen Eidson | Oils
Robert Shiao | Primitive Art
March 4 - March 30

Summer Twilight Concert Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens
Note: no concert scheduled Tuesday, June 25.
Join us Tuesday evenings in June, plus one in July, for a series of musical performances set in the beauty of the Gardens! Admission is free, and no registration is required. Bring your friends and family, and don’t forget your chairs, blankets and picnics (allowed in the Gardens on concert evenings only). Food trucks will also be available for your dining pleasure. All concerts will be located on the Visitor Center lawn.

Kurlou Reggae Band

Reggae
Tuesday | June 4 | 6:30 - 8:00pm

Trio Caliente

Spanish Flamenco / Latin Pop
Tuesday | June 11 | 6:30 – 8:00pm

Kantinka

African World Beat
Tuesday | June 18 | 6:30 – 8:00pm

Crawdaddies

Cajun / Zydeco / Roots Rock
Tuesday | July 2 | 6:30 – 8:00pm
Special Exhibit
April 1 - April 30
The Legacy Project – Our Lives of Consumption and Waste
North Conservatory & Gardens
Interdisciplinary visual artist and choreographer Keira Hart-Mendoza presents The Legacy Project- Our Lives of Consumption and Waste, an outdoor art exhibit situated within the landscapes at Brookside Gardens. This juxtaposition of art from collected trash materials explores our consumption habits and their impact on our natural settings. Witness the encroaching problem of our trash through a series of installations. The project culminates with a dance performance in and around the installation sites at GreenFest on April 28th. Visit www.uprooteddance.com to learn more about the project.

Spring & Summer Conservatory Displays

Step into Another World
• South Conservatory: Saturday, January 19 – Sunday, March 24
• North Conservatory: Saturday, January 19 – Sunday, April 7
The conservatories are at their most inviting in the winter. Moist air greets you, carrying fragrances from plants like Citrus and Jasmine. The spring display features plants native to regions with mild winters that flower when daylength shortens and temperatures are cool but still above freezing. Familiar garden plants such as snapdragons, violas and primroses mingle with those from South Africa, South America and the Mediterranean. The effect is a tapestry of color, form and fragrance to lift the spirits when the outside world is cloaked in winter’s somber dress.

Large and Little
North Conservatory: Saturday, April 13 – Sunday, September 29
The summer conservatory display will feature seven different kinds of taro, Colocasia esculenta, and one of its cousins in the genus Alocasia, the elephant ear plants. This display will use a variety of small-scale plants as a play in contrasts against the large, bold leaves of the taro. The largest and the littlest will be side by side in a lush and colorful display.

Wings of Fancy
South Conservatory: Wednesday, April 17 – Sunday, September 22
(see back cover for details)

Brookside Gardens Spring 2019 Vendor Showcase and Open House
Sunday | March 3 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Planning your dream wedding or a family celebration? Enjoy samples from caterers, tour the garden, sign up for vendor discounts, and enter the door prize raffle. Pre-registrants will receive a Swag Bag upon arrival, including a free bonus raffle ticket!

Plant Society Shows & Sales
Brookside Gardens hosts local, regional, and national plant society events throughout the year. Many of the societies’ shows feature passionate collectors, eager to share their enthusiasm with others.

Friends of Brookside Gardens Orchid Festival
Saturday | March 16 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday | March 17 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Camellia Society of Potomac Valley Show and Sale
Saturday | April 6
Show: 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Sale: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Silver Spring Garden Club Garden Mart
Saturday | May 11 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

National Capital Daylily Society Show and Sale
Sunday | June 30
Show: 1:30 – 5:00 pm
Sale: 11:00 am until supplies run out

National Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale
Saturday | August 3
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Wings and Wine
Thursday | May 9 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
$40 | FOBG $36 | #62555 | Registration required
Brookside Gardens Conservatory
What do butterflies do when the sun sets? Find out with exclusive evening access to our Wings of Fancy exhibit, where you’ll learn more about the fascinating family of butterflies – Lepidoptera. Sample several wine varieties and enjoy light refreshments as butterflies and music swirl around you in our tropical conservatory. Finish off the evening with a decadent dessert.
Brookside Gardens is turning 50! Join us for programs and events celebrating our 50th anniversary throughout the year. Each month we will highlight a Featured Flora (see list on page 4). Look for these programs marked with the 50th anniversary logo. Also check out the Gift Shop for items related to the Featured Flora.

Note: Please visit BrooksideGardens.org for advanced botanical art & illustration classes.

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

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

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

**Horticulture Classes**

**Registration required**

- **Landscape Design I & II – Upgrading Your Piece of Paradise**
  
  *Jason Gedeik & Kelley Heim, Brookside Gardens Staff*
  
  **Adult Classroom**
  
  Whether you’re looking to upgrade your existing garden or develop an entirely new area, you’ll learn the fundamentals of landscape design to create functional, enjoyable, and beautiful outdoor spaces.

  **Session I:** This class will focus on practical steps to approach the design process, including site analysis, creating a concept design, and determining the functional goals for your space. You’ll learn the importance of designing with the right plant for the right place while leveraging layering, texture, and color as important design tools.
  
  **Saturday | March 16 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm**
  
  **$25 | FOBG $22 | #62582**

  **Session II:** Learn how to put theory from the first session into practical application with plant combinations and lists that address site specific challenges like sun vs. shade and dry vs. wet conditions. We’ll review planting designs that exemplify balance, repetition, and cohesiveness, in addition to formal and informal landscapes. The class will use Brookside Gardens as a living field lab and review sustainable gardening practices with an eye towards native plants.
  
  **Saturday | April 13 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**
  
  **$25 | FOBG $22 | #62581**

**How to Get Your Orchid to Rebloom**

**Saturday | March 30 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**$25 | FOBG $22 | #62580**

**Adult Classroom**

*Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff and Former Orchid Curator at Hillwood Museum & Gardens*

Have you been given an orchid and don’t know what to do with it? Proud that you haven’t killed it yet, but it hasn’t rebloomed in years? This interactive workshop covers the specific “tricks” of getting your orchid to rebloom, including the proper light, water, temperature, fertilizer, and potting media. Basics of pests & diseases will also be covered.

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the summer season. This program presents the broad spectrum of ornamental beauties appropriate to the D.C. metro area. We’ll explore colorful additions to the garden from wintersweet, witchhazels and viburnums to Japanese apricots, magnolias, and azaleas. The diversity of beautiful tidal basin cherry trees will also be highlighted.

- **Perfect Plant Marriages**
  - Saturday | April 27 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
  - Adult Classroom
  - Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff
  - All good gardeners strive to create exciting and eye-catching designs that maximize color, form, and texture. But finding the perfect plant combinations can often be an exhausting experience of trial and error that wastes money and time. This class will save you the hassle by presenting groupings of plants that guarantee not only provide beauty but also work well together in the landscape. We’ll review ideal pairings arranged by the four seasons of shrubs, bulbs, perennials, grasses, vines, and other hopefuls. Students will take home plant lists to help them with designing and sourcing new materials.

- **Stormwater Solutions: Conservation Landscapes and Rain Gardens**
  - Wednesday | May 5 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm
  - Adult Classroom
  - Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
  - It is possible to have a landscape that not only absorbs stormwater and uses native plants, but is also beautiful! The Department of Environmental Protection staff will show you how to evaluate your site, design and implement a landscape, and qualify to receive a RainScapes Reward rebate.

- **Water in the Landscape: Creating a Garden Oasis**
  - Tuesday | June 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm
  - Auditorium
  - Kathy Jentz, Editor/Publisher, Washington Gardener Magazine
  - Water features and water gardens can be a magical addition to your landscape. Water can be stimulating or calming, depending on how it is used. There are numerous uses for water gardens from sustaining native wildlife to masking ambient noise. This class explains the basics of installing and maintaining a garden water feature of any size. It also highlights water garden plant choices appropriate for our region.
Common Garden Pests & Diseases
Saturday | June 29 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
$25 | FOBG $22 | #63468
Adult Classroom
Carol Allen, Assistant Professor, Montgomery Community College
Pests and diseases are a concern for the home gardener who has worked hard at creating a beautiful landscape. Join Carol as she examines pest, disease and abiotic issues common to the home garden. Learn how to recognize the symptoms of plant disease, the conditions that cause it, and when and how to apply remediation measures, including proper horticultural practices, resistant cultivars, plus chemical and organic methods. Understand how to distinguish between harmful and beneficial insects while exploring pest life cycles and applications of natural, biological and chemical controls as elements of an integrated pest management program.

Care and Handling of Butterflies
Thursday | July 11 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$25 | FOBG $22 | #63469
Adult Classroom
Kathy Stevens, Brookside Gardens Staff
Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to raise butterflies at home by closely examining all the life stages using specimens from the Wings of Fancy exhibit and the gardens. We will go behind the scenes to learn how exhibit staff maintain healthy butterflies. Discussion will cover parasites and diseases along with rearing techniques used in conservation. Students will learn through observation & discussion how butterflies behave in each season and survive from year to year in our area.

Garden Tours
Registration required for all tours, including free tours
Enjoy free tours of Brookside Gardens in Wheaton or McCrillis Gardens in Bethesda. Brookside Gardens is an award-winning display garden, featuring an abundance of annual and perennial displays throughout the year. McCrillis Gardens is a naturalistic strolling garden, offering shady woodland walks and splashes of color in spring. Highly trained, knowledgeable guides offer engaging horticultural tours, focusing on the plants that make each garden unique.

Brookside Gardens Saturday Walks
Free
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Saturday | April 20 | 10:00 – 11:00am
#62415
Saturday | May 18 | 10:00 – 11:00am
#62565
Saturday | June 1 | 10:00 – 11:00am
#62567
Saturday | June 22 | 10:00 – 11:00am
#62573

McCrillis Gardens Sunday Walks
Free
Meet at McCrillis House in Bethesda at 6910 Greentree Road
Sunday | May 5 | 2:00 – 3:00pm
#62577
Sunday | May 12 | 2:00 – 3:00pm
#62576

Private Group Tours
$8 per person | $40 minimum
Clubs and other organizations interested in private tours are welcome throughout the year. For information and to schedule a date, call 301-962-1407. Adult tour agreements are payable due two weeks in advance.
Brookside Gardens Azalea & Rhododendron Tour
Wednesday | May 1 | 1:00 - 2:30pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #62560
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Jim Deramus, Brookside Gardens Staff
Join Jim for a walking tour of Brookside Gardens’ late spring blooming shrubs and deciduous plants. Explore our colorful collection of azaleas and rhododendrons while learning how to incorporate them into your own home gardens.

Full Moon Hike
Friday | May 17 | 8:30 – 10:00pm
$22 | FOBG $18 | #63465
Brookside Gardens Staff
Meet at Visitor Center Entrance.
Explore Brookside Gardens and the neighboring Wheaton Regional Park forest in a whole new way – by moon light! We’ll hike as a group along moonlit gardens, streams, and woods. You’ll discover seasonal garden highlights and friendly nighttime wildlife. Make sure to prepare accordingly with sturdy shoes and comfortable clothes as the hour and a half hike will cover some hilly and uneven terrain – not your typical garden tour!

Focus on Butterflies
Bring your tripod and enjoy two quiet hours of photography in our Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit before it opens to the public. Register for as many sessions as you like.

$30 | FOBG $27
Meet at the Conservatory Entrance
Saturday | May 4 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62406
Sunday | May 19 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62410
Saturday | June 1 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62444
Sunday | June 16 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62544
Saturday | June 29 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62547
Sunday | July 14 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62548
Saturday | July 27 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62549
Sunday | August 11 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62550
Saturday | August 24 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62551
Sunday | September 8 | 8:00 – 10:00am
#62552

Brookside Gardens Behind-The-Scenes Greenhouse Facility Tour
Sunday | April 14 | 2:00 - 3:00pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #62616
or
Wednesday | April 24 | 2:00 – 3:00pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #64199
Nate Roehrich, Greenhouse Manager, Brookside Gardens
This first time offering provides the public with a behind-the-scenes tour of Brookside Gardens’ new greenhouse facility. Opened in 2018, the greenhouse consists of five unique bays and several growing areas totaling 10,000 square feet under glass. Participants will enjoy learning about the state-of-the-art technology and how it enables the greenhouse staff to grow a variety of beautiful plants year-round. You’ll enjoy exploring the thousands of colorful and fragrant summer annuals being grown for the garden displays. Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.
Hands-on Workshops
Registration required

- **Make & Take Rain Barrels**
  Thursday | April 4 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm
  $15 | FOBG $13 | #62591
  or
  Monday | April 8 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm
  $15 | FOBG $13 | #62592

**Adult Classroom**

*Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection*

Gather and store water from your rooftop to help control the stormwater impact to your yard. Each participant will receive a rain barrel with fittings and simple instructions. Remember, you’ll need a vehicle large enough to fit a 55-gallon barrel!

- **Art & Nature Journaling with Mixed Media**
  Saturday | April 13 | 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
  $70 | FOBG $63 | #65526
  Level: Beginner
  *Tina Thieme Brown*
  Did you know that John Muir, first president of the Sierra Club, was an avid nature journaler? Enjoy a brief walk through Brookside Gardens’ woodland trail where you’ll be inspired to create a sketchbook page under the guidance of a professional artist. Discover how color pencils and pen and ink bring your drawings to life. Join us to create a seasonal observation in your sketchbook. The only experience required is a love of nature. Course fee includes a journal. Students will be given a basic materials list to purchase prior to class.

- **Miniature Perennial Container**
  Tuesday | April 23 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
  $60 | FOBG $54 | #62593
  **Adult Classroom**
  *Joan O’Rourke, Friends of Brookside Gardens*
  Joan has found miniature perennial plants that are just like the grown-up ones, including tiny dianthus and the smallest heuchera. Learn how to design and maintain a very small garden followed by potting up your own unique perennial container – perfect for the garden or back porch!

- **Summer Annual Container**
  Saturday | May 4 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
  $50 | FOBG $45 | #62595
  **Adult Classroom**
  *Kelley Heim, Brookside Gardens Staff*
  Jazz up a patio, add charm to an entryway or bring serenity to a balcony. Enjoy selecting your own plants featured in Brookside Gardens’ summer displays to create a lush annual container. Learn how to plant the right combination of thrillers, fillers, and spillers to craft a beautiful composition rich in color, texture, and form. Plant options available for both sun and shade gardens.

- **Mother’s Day Floral Design**
  Saturday | May 11 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
  $50 | FOBG $45 | #62600
  **Adult Classroom**
  *Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff & former Head of Design Operations at Hillwood Museum & Gardens*
  This is a great opportunity to create a beautiful floral arrangement to either keep or give away as a gift for Mother’s Day. This course offers a high-level overview of practical floral arrangement techniques and new design concepts. Students will have fun creating their own arrangements with one-on-one guidance from the instructor.

- **Hanging Baskets**
  Wednesday | May 8 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm
  $50 | FOBG $45 | #62597
  **Adult Classroom**
  *Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens*
  Create your own display of beautiful summer flowers and foliage in a 16” hanging basket. Enjoy a selection of plants grown in the Gardens’ greenhouses with options for full sun or partial shade. Enjoy new plant cultivars and color introductions that will add surprises to this perennially favorite workshop.

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beautiful summer blooms. A short tour of the gardens to explore the unique plants and landscaping of our region. From short, local trips to full day, out-of-state adventures, there’s an excursion just for you. Please wear walking shoes and dress for the weather.

**Philadelphia Flower Show – Flower Power**

**Tuesday | March 5 | 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

$95 | #55274

or

**Thursday | March 7 | 9:00 am – 9:00 pm**

$95 | #55275

**Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance**

Join us for Flower Power, which will pay tribute to the enormous impact of flowers on our lives. From the first blooms of spring in home gardens to the expansive fields that fuel whole economies, flowers influence how we feel, think and act in small and global ways. Exhibits will showcase sweeping landscapes and artful interpretations that inspire, convey emotions, examine fragrance and color and express a universal language. Fee includes coach transportation and entrance fee. Your lunch/dinner may be purchased at the show or nearby Reading Terminal Market.

**Spring Tulips at Sherwood Gardens and Rawlings Conservatory**

Wednesday | April 17 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

$70 | #62605

**Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance**

Join us for a day in Baltimore with a visit to Sherwood Gardens, a six-acre Baltimore landmark created in the 1920’s by John W. Sherwood, local petroleum pioneer and conservationist. Approximately 80,000 tulip bulbs are planted annually along with other spring flowering bulbs. Dogwoods, flowering cherries, wisteria and magnolias bloom throughout the gardens. Enjoy lunch on your own at the famous Lexington Market. The final stop will be a guided tour at the historic Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens, offering a virtual trip around the world through the Palm and Orchid, Mediterranean, Tropical and Desert conservatory houses. Fee includes charter bus and tour fees.

**Pepper’s Greenhouses Nursery & Red Mill Pond Botanic Garden**

**Thursday | May 16 | 8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

$95 | #62615

**Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance**

Enjoy a shopping trip to popular Pepper’s Nursery in Milton, Delaware for a wide selection of annuals, perennials and ornamental shrubs followed by a lunch at nearby Irish Eyes Restaurant. Our final stop will be a visit to charming Red Mill Pond Botanic Garden in Lewes, Delaware designed by former Brookside horticulturist Mike Zajic. Red Mill Pond is a collection of mature trees, scenic vistas and beautiful water frontage. The garden includes a lovely Koi pond, stream and waterfalls, gazebo and deck, three large separate gardens, and an abundance of native plants mixed with choice ornamentals. In addition, the Pond is home to a vast number of birds including Bald Eagles, Ospreys, and many others. Fee includes charter bus transportation, tour fees and lunch.

**Morris Arboretum Trip**

**Wednesday | June 12 | 8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

$95 | #63478

**Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance**

Known for its impressive collection of woody plant species, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is 92 acres of lush gardens nestled in a historic landscape. Morris Arboretum began in 1887 as the private garden of John and Lydia Morris and continues growing today as a public garden. The plant collection includes specimens from North America, Asia and Europe. Amid its winding paths, rose gardens, and swan pond, you can find the 8-sided glass Doris H. Hamilton Fernery that contains 523 varieties of ferns. Built in 1899, the fernery is the only remaining freestanding Victorian structure on site. Enjoy a guided tour and a buffet lunch in the Compton Café Outdoor pavilion. Fee includes charter bus transportation, tour fees and lunch.
ADULT PROGRAMS

United States National Arboretum
Thursday | August 8
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
$50 | #63485
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Explore this hidden gem of 446 acres of cultivated gardens and wild forest. We’ll start the visit with a lecture from Dr. Margaret Pooler, Research Geneticist for the National Arboretum, who will share the fascinating story behind how her organization became a world leading hybridizer of crepe myrtles. We’ll then take a guided tour of the crepe myrtle collection to view the diversity of available hybrid selections. Afterward, we will return indoors for a box lunch and then enjoy free time to explore the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum or other Arboretum garden interests. Fee includes van transportation, lecture fee and lunch.

The Allure of Naturalistic Planting
Thursday | April 11 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
FREE | #63486
Auditorium
Carolyn Mullet, garden designer, author and owner of CarexTours
A garden designer in the DC metro area for 30-plus years, Carolyn also leads garden tours to Europe each spring and summer. In this lecture, Carolyn will explore how gardeners around the world are embracing naturalistic planting. Taking cues from the way plants grow in the wild, this planting style focuses on arrangements of perennials and grasses to achieve an artful spontaneity. Carolyn will help you gain a deeper understanding of what naturalism is and then suggest practical steps that can be taken to introduce this style in your garden. The talk will be illustrated by a visual feast of photos taken on Carolyn’s European garden tours.

Speaker Series
Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens
Programs free, but registration required
The Mid-Atlantic is home to a wide range of well-known horticulturists, botanists, authors, and speakers. Get to know the experts in your own backyard!

Culinary Justice: Defining a Theory of Gastronomic Sovereignty
Thursday | May 30 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
FREE | #63524
Auditorium
Michael Twitty, African-American and Jewish writer, culinary historian, and educator
Michael is author of "The Cooking Gene" winner of the 2018 James Beard Foundation Book of the Year Award as well as the category for writing. He will present on his work preparing, preserving and promoting African American foodways, its parent traditions in Africa and legacy in the food culture of the American South. He’ll explore food, social and environmental justice, and food sovereignty—an entire language that has developed around how we want to see and live in a better world where fairness and right action prevail. Michael will promote his notion of culinary justice—the idea that historically oppressed peoples have a right to authority, sovereignty, prosperity and acknowledgement in their contribution to national and global foodways. Join Michael for a lively discussion to explore how the preparation of food unites and divides our narratives and ways we can use it for the good.

Undaunted Daffodils
Sunday | March 31
3:00 – 4:30 pm
FREE | #62062
Auditorium
Brent Heath, Owner of Brent & Becky’s Bulbs
These unstoppable, diverse, pest-free, beauties have captured the hearts and borders of gardeners in all fifty marvelous states and their various climates. This lecture will take you from very early spring to early summer, exploring the multiplicity of different types of these incredible bulb flowers. Design strategies will be reviewed that combine daffodils with annuals, perennials, groundcovers, trees, shrubs, and vegetables. We will discuss the best cultural practices and requirements of these easy to grow bulbs. We’ll then take a tour of the gardens and enjoy the new daffodils planted to celebrate Brookside Gardens’ 50th anniversary.
Health and Wellness

Registration required
Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you. ~ Frank Lloyd Wright

Forest Bathing
Saturday | April 20 | 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
$30 | FOBG $27 | #62603
Meet at Visitor Center Entrance
Melanie Choukas-Bradley, author, naturalist, and certified Forest Therapy Guide
Participants will be led on a forest bathing walk through the springtime blossoms and leafing trees at Brookside Gardens and the surrounding forest in Wheaton Regional Park. Experience the incomparable beauty of the springtime ephemerals as you stroll the grounds at a slow pace, stopping to smell the flowers, hear the birds, and ponder the many small miracles of spring unfolding. We’ll close the walk by enjoying pure maple syrup in Japanese tea cups, pure maple candies and walnuts.

*Note: Portable stools available during the walk

About Forest Bathing
The Forest Agency of Japan began promoting forest bathing, or shinrin-yoku, in the 1980s as a response to the stresses of urban living and long work hours. This nature-oriented mindfulness practice, which is rooted in the traditional Japanese reverence for the natural world, has since become popular all over the world, bringing joy and improved mental and physical health to millions of people. Numerous health studies have confirmed forest bathing’s benefits and doctors and nurses in our region are taking note. Many are prescribing “Nature” to their patients.

Goat Yoga at Brookside Gardens
Saturday | May 18 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
$35 | FOBG $31 | #64688
or
Saturday | May 18 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm
$35 | FOBG $31 | #64689
Meet at Visitor Center Entrance
Amanda Bowen, GoatToBeZen Yoga
If you enjoy yoga and have always wanted to play up close with baby goats, then this is a once in a lifetime experience you won’t want to miss! With high energy and playfulness, these goats will challenge your ability to hold a yoga pose without falling over laughing. This event includes introductory time with the goats, the yoga session, and time to take photos and snuggle with the goats. This class is open to all yoga experience levels including those who have never tried yoga before. Bring a yoga mat or towel that you won’t mind if it gets stepped on (or pooped on) by goats. Please remember that this event is held with live animals. While they are tame and friendly, there is still a possibility to encounter nibbling, climbing, bleating, urine and feces. A liability waiver must be signed before joining the event.

Yoga at Brookside Gardens
$10 | FOBG $9 per class
Japanese Tea House
Tanory Ateek
Come enjoy one or all eleven sessions of yoga held in a peaceful setting under the cover of Brookside Gardens’ pondside Japanese Tea House. Designed to increase flexibility and physical strength and to cultivate mental focus, these classes are a beautiful and relaxing way to begin your weekend. Mats are not included.
Saturday | May 4 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #64770,
Saturday | May 11 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #62607,
Saturday | May 18 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #62608,
Saturday | May 25 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #62609
Saturday | June 1 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #63529
Saturday | June 8 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #63530
Saturday | June 15 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #63531
Saturday | June 22 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #63532
Saturday | June 29 | 9:30 – 10:30 am #63533

Tai Chi at Brookside Gardens
$12 | FOBG $10 per class
Japanese Tea House
Charles Votaw
Tai Chi is an ancient, Chinese form of exercise perfect for adults seeking stress reduction while strengthening muscles, improving balance, and increasing flexibility. The repetitive patterns (Forms) emphasize slow, flowing motions and controlled movements. This series of introductory classes will help beginners learn the Forms while allowing regular practitioners to practice them under the cover of Brookside Gardens’ pondside Japanese Tea House.
Wednesday | May 22 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #62613
Wednesday | May 29 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #62614
Wednesday | June 5 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63537
Wednesday | June 12 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63538,
Wednesday | June 19 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63539
Wednesday | June 26 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63540
Wednesday | July 3 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63541
Wednesday | July 10 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63542
Wednesday | July 17 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63543
Wednesday | July 24 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63544
Wednesday | July 31 | 9:00 – 10:15 am #63545
**Flower Buds Preschool Classes**
$7 per child (adult free)
On the second Monday of every month treat your 3- to 5-year-old to gardening activities, stories, crafts and garden walks. Younger siblings are welcome, but the crafts are designed for older kids. Adults must accompany children. (Please note: there will not be a Flower Buds program in April.)
- **Monday | March 11 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
  - #60463
- **Monday | May 13 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
  - #60468
- **Monday | June 10 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
  - #60469
- **Monday | July 8 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
  - #60470
- **Monday | August 12 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
  - #60471

**Children’s Garden**
**“Explore Maryland!”**
Experience a unique mini-Maryland in our new children's garden. Explore Maryland! From the mountains to the ocean, Explore Maryland! is an opportunity for children to explore a beautiful garden, pretend among mountain boulders, play in an old farm house, cook in a kitchen, boat in the sea, and gain knowledge about Maryland’s natural history, flora and fauna. Search for and learn about the state's iconic symbols and what they stand for!

**Papermaking**
Sunday | March 24 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #62308
Learn to create your own beautiful, handmade “seed paper” using materials found in nature, native plant seed, “upcycled” gift wrap, and other paper. We will explore the gardens to look for flower petals and other natural fibers to use in our handmade paper. Final product will be suitable for a gift card or journal cover. (Students enrolled in two or more Eco-Explorers workshops will receive a mini field sketch book to cover.)

**Pollinators**
Sunday | March 31 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #62391
Learn about the important relationship between soil, flowers and pollinators, explore the gardens to learn about how different flower shapes & colors attract different animals, and plant a mini pollinator greenhouse to take home, using organic soil, compost, and upcycled materials.

**Bird Songs of Brookside Gardens**
Sunday | April 7 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #62392
Learn why birds sing and try out a variety of games and journal techniques for learning bird songs. We will then explore the habitat in and around the gardens, watching and listening for birds with binoculars and field notebooks. We may even write a bird song haiku together!

**Spring Break!**
Check out our Plant Exploration Station!
April 17, 18, & 19 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Look for the exploration cart located in one of our popular garden areas. We’ll help to enrich your garden visit with fun activities and learning experiences. Cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

**Stream Safari**
Sunday | April 14 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #62393
Explore the aquatic gardens, then splash in the stream while surveying for aquatic creatures that tell us about water quality and observe secretive creatures that visit our streambanks. Create a unique piece of scratch art based on your stream observations. Please bring an extra pair of close-toed water shoes, old sneakers, or rubber boots that can get wet.

**Garden Eco-Explorers Spring Workshop Series**
All ages are welcome to explore Brookside Gardens and search for signs of spring with ecologist Dr. Stacy Small-Lorenz! Learn about plants and critters that make their homes in and around the gardens, discuss ways to take good care of the Earth, and create nature-themed arts and crafts.
St. Patrick’s Day Green and Growing Scavenger Hunt
Friday | March 15 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
$7 | Ages 2-6 | #45475
You don’t have to be Irish to like the color green! Visit the Children’s Classroom for a fun garden planting craft, story, and games. Afterwards make your way outside to find Leprechaun riddles and clues! Solve the riddles to find buried treasure just for you and meet our friendly garden Leprechaun!

Youth Groups and Families
Spring Seasonal Story Walk
April 30 – June 1
Spring fever is here! While you are enjoying the beauty of the new season check out our story book walk! Pick up a map at the Visitor Center Information Desk. Your self-guided walk and map will lead you around the Gude Garden. The walk is approximately ½ mile. At each stop find a story book page to read and a prompt to find a seasonal item. Along the way see how literature can boost your outdoor experience. An adult must walk with each child and assist in the activities.

Movement Workshops for Preschoolers
$7 | Ages 3-6
Keira Hart-Mendoza, founder of UpRooted Dance, will capture your preschooler’s energy and add imagination and movement in a series of fun workshops just for little ones. Intersections between dance and other art forms will be created in the beautiful setting of Brookside Gardens. UpRooted Dance explores our use of trash as a means to create costumes, sets, and as an inspiration to create movement. Register for one or all workshops.
Monday | April 8 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
#61618
Monday | April 15 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
#61619
Monday | April 22 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
#61620

Summer Camps

Garden Fairies and Gnomes
June 24-28 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
$300 | Ages 6-9 | #60656
Do your children love fairy tales and flowers? This camp will spark their imagination, encourage creativity, and teach them an appreciation for nature and growing things. We will make fairy and gnome gardens, learn about flowers and fun plant lore, meet new friends, make crafts, and play fun garden games.
Extended Care
June 24-28 | 3:30 – 5:30 pm
$80 | #60657

Garden Architects and Inventors
July 15-19 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
$300 | Ages 7-12 | #28659
Plan, build and invent structures or homes for garden wildlife and critters. Using natural materials, garden items, and wood kits to create fun and imaginative habitat homes, including a toad abode, wildlife hotel, birdhouse or fairy house that you can take home! Every day we will also explore Brookside Gardens’ many beautiful habitats, discover plants and animals, plus play fun games. Bring your excitement and enthusiasm!
Extended Care
July 15-19 | 3:30 – 5:30 pm
$80 | #28658

Farms, Food, Fun and Sun
July 22-26 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
$315 | Ages 7-12 | #60654
Give your child a taste of the simpler, more natural (and delicious!) time with this camp. We’ll visit working farms, a farmer’s market, take a cooking class, and plant our own container herb garden to take home. Bonus: We’ll tour the Herr’s snack factory in Nottingham, Pennsylvania and see how potatoes become chips!
Extended Care
July 22-26 | 3:30 – 5:30 pm
$80 | #60658

Garden Eco Explorers Camp
July 29-Aug 2 | 9:00 am – 3:30pm
$315 | Ages 7-12 | #60985
Join ecologist Stacy Small-Lorenz in a fun-filled camp exploring ecology throughout the gardens. Through stories, songs, walks, and nature discovery be fascinated each day learning about garden science, ecology, plants and critters! Explore different habitats, conduct science experiments and gain an appreciation for citizen science.
Extended Care
July 29- Aug 2 | 3:30 – 5:30 pm
$80 | #60986

Botanical Art Camp
Aug 5-9 | 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
$165 | Ages 7-12 | #60987
This camp will give your child the opportunity to experience nature in a creative way. Campers will learn different techniques of observation and fieldwork. They will collect and make pressed plant specimens, then sketch, draw and paint what they’ve found. Sketchbook, media choices, and matting for one piece of artwork included.
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* - Program Meets Multiple Days  ** - Program Meets Multiple Times
REGISTRATION

Registration opens February 11.

To Register Online: ActiveMONTGOMERY.org

To register by mail, or in person:
Complete the registration form and mail with payment (or drop off form and payment) to:
BROOKSIDE GARDENS, Attn. Registrar, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902
Make checks payable to Active Montgomery

For registration information, call 301-962-1451.

Already have an ActiveMONTGOMERY account? Just fill in the first three boxes.

*Last Name  *First Name  *Daytime Phone

Need to register a child? Fill in these three boxes.

*Last Name  *First Name  *Date of birth

Need to open an ActiveMONTGOMERY account? Please fill in all the boxes.

Middle Initial  (JR, SR, II, III)  Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)  Gender: M/F
Street Address
City, State, Zip Code
Primary Phone  Secondary Phone
Email

❑ Are you requesting an ADA disability-related modification?

Payment policy: Due to new PCI Compliance Standards, we can no longer accept credit card payments by mail. To pay with a credit card, please register online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org or by phone at 301-962-1451 between the hours of 9:00am-12:00pm Monday through Friday. We apologize for this inconvenience.

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

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Important Registration Information
1. You must open an ActiveMONTGOMERY account in order to register for any program.
2. We regret that it is not possible to include babies or children in classes designed for adults, unless specified.
3. All programs will run rain or shine, unless a rain date is listed; for cancellation information call 301-962-1451.
4. FOBG members should enter the discounted FOBG rate in the Fee column. For information about joining FOBG, call 301-962-1455 or check brooksidegardens.org.
5. Confirmation of your registration will be made by mail or email. If an event is filled to capacity, your check will be returned and your name placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted by phone if an opening occurs.
6. Deadline for registration is 7 days prior to event date, unless otherwise stated. Participants will be enrolled in the order received.
7. Unless otherwise indicated by the participant or a parent/guardian in writing at the time of registration, photographs of participants for use in Commission publications may be taken while participating in program activities.

Refund Policy: If a program is cancelled you will be notified and receive a full refund. If you choose to cancel your registration from an event please visit ActiveMONTGOMERY.org for withdrawal and refund policies.

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Wings of Fancy
Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit
April 17 – September 22

Hours
April 17 – June 30
10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily

July 1 – August 31
10:00 am – 1:00 pm weekdays
10:00 am – 5:00 pm weekends

September 1 – 22
10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily

Ages 13+ $8
Ages 3-12 $5
Ages 0-2 Free

Groups of 15 or more by appointment only. Call 301-962-1467 for reservations.

We regret that we are unable to accommodate strollers in the Exhibit.

Brookside Gardens South Conservatory

Wings of Fancy Info Line:
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