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When Brookside Gardens opened in 1969, Montgomery County was a different place, in terms of population, demographics and development. Today, we live in a community that is rich with a diversity of people, cultures, languages, and opportunities but also stressed by the pressure to succeed personally, academically, and financially. Brookside Gardens has evolved during that time, as well. Throughout our fifty-year history, our living plant collections have grown and matured. Our staff, programs and visitors have increased. But at our core, our mission stays the same: to connect people to plants. Plants have the power to impact all aspects of our lives: plants provide us essentials like fresh air, clean water and productive soils; plants provide food that nourishes our bodies and helps to express our cultural heritage; plants inspire creativity through garden design and the arts; and plants provide an essential green respite from the busy built environment. As we look forward to the next fifty years, I am excited by the possibilities of the future growth of Brookside Gardens within our traditional services, but also in new directions like green jobs for youth, well-being for all, and nurturing connections to plants and to each other.

Happy Gardening!

Stephanie Oberle, Director
2019 Summer Interns

Ryan Herilla is a rising senior at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is studying Landscape Architecture and minoring in History. Ryan’s passion for plants and the outdoors was sparked by his many years as a Boy Scout, through which he earned his Eagle Scout award. Prior to working for Brookside Gardens, Ryan operated his own small landscaping company, which serviced seven lawns around his community. Services provided for his clients include: general lawn maintenance, leaf and snow removal, shrub and tree pruning, as well as designing and planting small flower beds around the clients’ homes. After graduating Ryan hopes to focus on commercial design and the preservation of land for people to utilize as a way to be active while also experiencing the natural environment around them.

Faith Jordy is a native of Maryland, currently studying at Towson University for her B.S. in Environmental Science and Studies. She received her A.A. in the Arts and Sciences from Carroll Community College in Westminster, Maryland in 2017 and transferred to Towson in fall of 2018. She is interested in sustainability management and sustainable farming techniques. Two areas of employment that specifically affected her interest in the green industry were Catoctin Mountain Growers, a 15-acre greenhouse business located in Thurmont, Maryland where she assisted in plant propagation and organization of the greenhouse; and Beechfield Landscaping of Woodbine, where she aided in landscape design and maintenance. For two summers prior to this, Faith was responsible for groundskeeping at a bed-and-breakfast in Taneytown, Maryland.

Kelsey Ridlen is from the small town of Hayes Center in the southwest corner of Nebraska. Her love of plants began when she became a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) floriculture team. She worked alongside her agriculture teacher in the school greenhouse to grow and organize containers for an annual plant sale. From high school her interest and need for knowledge of plants grew. Now, she is currently a senior at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She is a horticulture major with an emphasis in landscape design. Kelsey hopes to one day make an impact in this world through plants and nature.

Olivia Terrell graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in Communication in 2017. From there, she worked in different restaurants and cafes before securing an office job with an academic publishing company. Editing academic papers piqued her interest in the sciences, and she found that she wanted a more active career, so she enrolled in the Horticultural Science program at North Carolina State University. She’s always had a love for nature and the living world, so growing plants felt natural to her, and she fit right in with the horticulture program. She enjoys hiking, dancing, and camping, grows myriad houseplants, and works at Juniper Level Botanic Garden as a gardener during the academic year, where she’s been learning about the diverse plant collection. She’s thrilled to be at Brookside for the summer!

Laitman Gift to Help Fund Gardens Internships

The Milton and Harriet Laitman Trust named the Friends of Brookside Gardens as a beneficiary of their estate. The Trust disbursed a gift of a $90,500, which was received by FOBG this past spring. The Trust specified that the Friends of Brookside Gardens uses the funds “...to establish an Intern Program at Brookside Gardens designed to provide knowledge and experience for college students in the field of horticulture. In the event that such a program is already in place, then said funds shall be used to enhance the program as determined by the Board of Directors of such organization.” Needless to say, we are thrilled that the Laitmans chose to remember Brookside Gardens in their will. We will work with the board of FOBG to determine how the funds will be used to enhance the existing internship program. The college internship at Brookside Gardens is in its third year and hosts four students each summer.
In the spring of 2018, the Joan & John O’Rourke Greenhouse officially opened for Brookside Gardens’ plant production staff to start growing plants for the Gardens. The culmination of several years of planning and construction, the resulting structure and surrounding support facilities are truly an amazing addition to and integral part of the Gardens. Nate Roehrich, Brookside Gardens’ Greenhouse Manager, remarked, “The new Joan & John O’Rourke Greenhouse is a much-needed asset to Brookside. The Greenhouse has allowed us to produce bigger, better, more unique specimens; and it has also further advanced Brookside Gardens’ public garden status. Brookside Gardens is blessed to have such a wonderful patron like Joan.”

The “Joan” Nate refers to is none other than Joan O’Rourke, founder and board member of the Friends of Brookside Gardens. Joan has volunteered at the Gardens for more than 20 years. She began her long relationship with the Gardens working with the children’s programs after retiring from Bell Atlantic (now Verizon). But Gardens staff quickly recognized Joan’s affinity and talent for growing plants and asked her to volunteer in the production greenhouses, which she continues to this day. Even so, Joan seems to have teaching in her blood; she has taught adult programs for the Gardens for many years – welcoming the same students back year after year, some of which start to bring their grown children and other relatives with them as a special day out with family. Joan’s students can’t get enough of her sly wit and deep plant knowledge. Her classes often concentrate on container gardening, and her students can always depend on her to provide them with some of the newest plants of the highest quality for their take-home creations. She has made it her mission to teach as many people as possible about the wonders of plants and the joys of growing them.

Joan has built strong and lasting relationships with Brookside Gardens staff; and, in fact, this was the impetus behind her donation of a new greenhouse. She had worked alongside the greenhouse growers for many years, and she well understood their challenges as the original greenhouse (Fritz Greenhouse) began to age. One of her favorite stories goes back to the times she worked in the Fritz Greenhouse when it was raining, and she had to wear a rainhat and raincoat while inside the greenhouse. It seemed wetter inside than out. And oddly enough, she remembers, the worst leaks appeared to be in the aisles where she would stand, even as the plant benches stayed dry! Though she laughs at this anecdote, she knew the growers were in dire need of a new greenhouse.

Joan understands the importance of a public garden growing its own plants — allowing the staff to design with the newest and highest quality specimens. This, in turn, inspires the public to do the same — to try growing new plants in their own gardens and to recognize a quality plant over one that has not been well-maintained.

The Joan and John O’Rourke Greenhouse is a state-of-the-art glasshouse with a computerized system to help regulate crops; Brookside Gardens is one of very few public gardens to have such an advanced propagation structure. The 10,000 square foot greenhouse was designed to have multiple temperature zones, which allow the growers to manipulate the plants’ growth process throughout the year. This is especially useful for overwintering crops, extending the season over the winter months to produce larger specimens that will be ready the following spring. The overall height of the house allows for better airflow and cooler temperatures, especially during the summer months, which helps prevent many diseases and invasive insects, permitting the plants to perform to the best of their ability. Nate has also incorporated beneficial insects into the IPM (Integrated Pest Management) program. The computerized greenhouse system runs the greenhouse based on the settings staff input; the heat, vents, lights, propagation heat mats, mist system and shade cloth are all connected to the computer system, giving growers the opportunity to focus more on the plants and less on the structure.

As Nate has noted, the O’Rourke Greenhouse has been an amazing contribution to Brookside Gardens – one that will be of immeasurable value for years to come. Many thanks to Joan O’Rourke for all that she has done and continues to do to support Brookside Gardens!

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News Notes

New Staff

Jeanette Proudfoot was hired as a Horticulturist I in 2018. She has been working with plants and playing in dirt professionally for 18 years. She started in retail, growing and selling plants during college. Upon moving from Ohio to DC, she abandoned her newly received degree in cultural anthropology to start working in public gardening. As the Herb Garden gardener (at the National Arboretum), she learned how different cultures use plants and decided to begin farming. She was an organic vegetable farmer for six years before getting back into horticulture. Now, at Brookside, she is excited about incorporating sustainable agriculture practices into horticulture to make beautiful gardens! Jeanette is responsible for all garden areas in and around the Parking Garden and the Children’s Garden. Her amazing design and project management skills are clearly displayed in these areas.

Welcome to Corinne Stephens who started work this past May as the Volunteer/Library Assistant. Corinne joins us from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, where she spent 4 years working on a trash clean-up program and using her knowledge of corporate environmental stewardship to develop and manage a program that grew sustainability initiatives and employee volunteerism with the business community throughout the Chesapeake region. Prior to the Alliance, Corinne managed the Wildlife Habitat Council certification program for 8 years after interning with Defenders of Wildlife. At WHC, she assisted and encouraged corporate landowners to establish wildlife habitat and conservation education programs.

Corinne has been a lifelong volunteer and currently volunteers through Audubon Naturalist Society, Friends of Sligo Creek, and the Neighbors of Northwest Branch. She holds a BS in animal science and environmental policy from Rutgers University and a MS in wildlife policy from Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. If you haven’t met Corinne yet, stop by the library to say hello!

Garden Railway Milestone

The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) celebrates the 15th anniversary of its display at Brookside Gardens, at the same time that Brookside is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The train display is presented in two different sections in the South Conservatory. The center section of the display features G-scale trains winding through a landscape of miniature plants, a water feature, and a town highlighting some local Montgomery County landmark buildings. Around the eastern side of the Conservatory, the historic Cabin John Trolley Line is represented with such iconic landmarks as Glen Echo Park and Georgetown. Come join us for this winter tradition! For more information about the WVMGRS, please visit www.wvmgrs.org.

The 50th anniversary garden designs included Fly Me to the Moon in the Trial Garden, designed by gardener Kelley Heim, and garden art created with gardening implements by gardener/artist Lisa Tayerle.

Register at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org
Michael Twitty, writer, historian and educator, spoke at the Gardens in May on the topic of Culinary Justice: Defining a Theory of Gastronomic Sovereignty.

Brookside Gardens hosted the closing event for the American Public Gardens Association Annual Conference, which welcomed almost 1,200 public garden professionals to the DC area in June.

Brookside Gardens celebrated its 50th anniversary below the Camellia Garden in July.

Volunteer Update

As we continue to reflect on our 50th Anniversary, we’d like to acknowledge the dedication of some of our active volunteers that have contributed so much to our success. While we appreciate all our volunteers, the ones listed below have contributed substantially for multiple years. The Gardens would not be as successful without all of your continued support, so THANK YOU!

11,000 Hours
Joan O’Rourke

4,000 Hours
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Kim Gutschick
Sara Blume
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Freddi Hammerschlag
Kathy Kircher

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Eva Coffman
Carmela Mannarino
John Thomas
Debra Halprin
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900-500 Hours
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Janet Koles
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Kim Gutschick
Sara Blume
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Freddi Hammerschlag
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Volunteer hours were collected at the end of May 2019 so apologies for any inaccuracies.
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 December 15, 2018 to June 1, 2019. 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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Green Matters 2020: Practical Solutions for Ecologically Sustainable Landscapes

Friday | February 21 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Early Bird Fee $95 (expires Friday, Jan. 10)
Regular Fee $110 (begins Saturday, Jan. 11)

This symposium will offer practical solutions to help expand the focus of gardening and landscape design beyond aesthetics and towards creating and managing sustainable landscapes that are both functional and beautiful. Industry experts will explore how native plants can be incorporated into our landscapes while realizing the ecological benefits through plant community-based design strategies. Attendees will learn ecological gardening and maintenance practices leading to a greener and more resilient garden. Case studies will shed light on how to maximize the environmental benefits of human-made landscapes ranging from home gardens to commercial projects.

About Green Matters
Green Matters, an annual symposium sponsored by Brookside Gardens since 2004, concentrates attention on the intersection of horticulture and environmental issues. Environmental stewardship is a core value of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Brookside Gardens’ parent organization. As such, we strive to provide timely information and viable solutions to environmental challenges, because we feel strongly that green does matter.

Art Exhibits
Washington Metropolitan Artist’s Society (WMAS) | Watercolor
August 19 – September 15

Brookside Gardens 50th Anniversary Art Exhibit
September 16 – October 13

Rockville Art League | Mixed Media
October 14 – November 10

Patty Hankins | Photography
Pam Gordimer | Acrylic Paintings
Ashley Hauk | Digital Illustrations
Stephen Murchake | Photography

Linda Ely | Embroidery Art
December 9 – January 5

Maria Elena Sayan | Paintings
January 6 – February 9

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

Wings & Wine
Thursday | September 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
$40 | FOBG $36 | #71571

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 a selection of appetizers as butterflies and music swirl around you in our tropical conservatory. Finish the evening with a decadent dessert.

Momiji-gari: Japanese Tradition of Autumn Leaf Viewing
Sunday | November 3
2:00 – 4:00 pm
$40 | FOBG $36 | #71622

Japanese Tea House
Brookside Gardens Staff
Experience the Japanese tradition of Momiji-gari that translates into “maple leaf hunting.” Enjoy a guided tour through the Gude Garden viewing the vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red leaves of the maple trees. Sample a variety of Japanese sakes and beer along with traditional sweet candies and Moon Cake inside the Japanese Tea House overlooking the pond.

Register at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org
**Holly Daze**

**Thursday | December 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

$40 | FOBG $36 | #71572

**Brookside Gardens Staff**

The Garden of Lights is back, make a night of it! Step into a magical winter wonderland illuminated with more than one million dazzling colorful lights shaped into hand-crafted, original art forms of flowers, animals and other natural elements. Stroll through the beautiful garden lights, then come inside for paired wine and cheeses with dessert. Create a festive holiday ornament to make your holiday season a little more unique – give your creation as a gift or use it to enhance your holiday décor. Fee includes all refreshments, ornament to take home, and admission to Garden of Lights.

**We Speak Weddings**

**Sunday | February 9 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

$25 per person | $45 for two | #71558

Kick start your wedding planning this winter with Brookside Gardens! Let our experts help you plan your big day. From creating your budget to selecting the right vendors, we’ll guide you through this fun and exciting process with helpful tips and tricks gathered from our years of experience hosting unique and beautiful weddings. Registration includes a continental breakfast and packet of information to take home. Ages 18+

**Fall & Winter Conservatory Displays**

**Chrysanthemum Display: Autumn Splendor**

- **South Conservatory: Saturday, October 12 – Sunday, November 3**
- **North Conservatory: Saturday, October 12 – Sunday, December 1**

The Autumn Splendor display will emphasize the golden in Golden Anniversary (Brookside Gardens 50th!), with lots of yellow flowers in shades both pale and vibrant and accents from white, orange and red flowers and foliage. Take a selfie in the new full-size portrait frame made of live chrysanthemums and frame your photographs in flowers!

**Winter Display: Put Some Lime in Your Holiday Cheer**

**North Conservatory: Saturday, December 7 – Sunday, January 5**

The winter display shakes up the traditional seasonal colors with an updated, less traditional spin. The bright greens of Monterey Cypress, Boston fern, *Talinum ‘Limon’* and others are eye-catching and fresh. Chenille plant, *Cestrum ‘Newellii’*, and red poinsettias provide strong and subtle reds, while whites and blues provide a cool contrast. See *Nemesia* and *Pycnostachys urticifolia*, the blue witches hat flower, which is back for its second year in the winter display. Dwarf and slow-growing conifers, as well as fine-leaved, small scale plants create the realistic backdrop for the Garden Railway, the ever-popular special display in the South Conservatory.

**Garden Railway Exhibit**

**South Conservatory**

Open November 22 | 5:00 – 10:00 pm

Open November 23 – 24 | Daily and evenings during Garden of Lights

Closed November 25 – 28

Open November 29 | 5:00 – 10:00 pm

Open November 30 – December 31 | Daily and evenings during Garden of Lights

Open December 24 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Closed December 25

Open January 1 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Spring Display**

- **South Conservatory: Saturday, January 18 – Sunday, March 29**
- **North Conservatory: Saturday, January 18 – Sunday, April 19**

**Brookside Gardens Open House and Vendor Showcases**

Free

**Sunday | November 17 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

#71547

**Sunday | March 8 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

#71553

Planning your dream wedding, Quincierena, Mitzvah, or other family celebration? Come see why Brookside Gardens will be your last stop. Enjoy a guided tour of the distinct garden rooms. Envision your special celebration in the garden, then meet the staff and local professionals who can make it happen. Enjoy samples from caterers, meet local photographers, sign up for vendor discounts, and enter the door prize raffle. Pre-registrants will receive a Swag Bag upon arrival (one per couple/family) including a free bonus raffle ticket!

**Plant Society Shows & Sales**

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

Saturday | August 3 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Friends of Brookside Gardens Plant Sale**

Saturday | September 14:

8:00 – 10:00 am | FOBG Members only

10:00 am – 4:00 pm | General Public

Sunday | September 15 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**National Capital Dahlia Society’s Dahlia Show and Sale**

**Show:**

Saturday | September 28 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Sunday | September 29 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Sale:**

Sunday | September 29 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm

**Mycological Association of Washington’s Mushroom Fair**

Sunday | October 6 | 12:00 – 5:00 pm

**Washington Gardener Magazine Seed Exchange**

Saturday | January 25 | 12:30 – 4:00 pm
Perfect Plant Marriages For Fall & Winter
Saturday | October 5 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
$25 | FOBG $22 | #71580
Auditorium
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 to not only provide beauty but also work well together in the landscape. We’ll review ideal pairings focused on seasonal interest for fall and winter. You’ll learn key landscape design criteria, so you can create your own winning combinations to amplify your garden’s beauty. Students will take home plant lists to help them with designing and sourcing new materials.

Stormwater Solutions: Conservation Landscapes and Rain Gardens
Thursday | October 10 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm
$15 | FOBG $13 | #71581
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.

Landscape Design & Aesthetics of Japanese American Gardens
Saturday | October 12 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
$25 | FOBG $22 | #71604
Adult Classroom
Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens Staff
Learn some fascinating stories behind the development of Brookside Gardens’ Japanese-American Gude Garden and ongoing initiatives to rejuvenate and refine this 45-year-old treasure. Josh will share lessons learned from working with a world-renowned Japanese garden consultant including key Japanese landscape design and maintenance principles. Learn about solutions gardeners implemented to tackle issues like erosion mitigation, bank stabilization and water diffusion around the cascading ponds. Discover Japanese pruning methods and stone arranging techniques, in addition to plant selection with a focus on trees and perennials for fall color.
Getting Your Garden Ready for Winter
Saturday | November 2 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
$25 | FOBG $22 | #71582
Adult Classroom
Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener Magazine
Beginner and intermediate gardeners are often overwhelmed by the long spring to-do list of garden tasks. Learn what chores are essential and which you can safely skip as you prepare your garden for winter, while making a big difference to the success of next year’s garden. Discover cost-saving tips and tricks and how to “batten down the hatches” in case we have a bad winter.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning
Friday | February 14 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm
$25 | FOBG $22 | #71583
Adult Classroom
Jim Deramus, Brookside Gardens Staff
Learn all about the whys, hows and whens of pruning a variety of specimens in your garden. Gain invaluable advice and experience on how to make proper pruning cuts on trees and shrubs of various sizes to achieve structural corrections and rejuvenate old overgrown shrubs. Discover how plants respond to pruning and how to get a shrub or tree to do what you want – in a way that is healthy for the plant (within reason of course!)

Garden Tours
Registration required for all tours, including free tours
Enjoy free tours of Brookside Gardens in Wheaton or Mcrillis Gardens in Bethesda. Brookside Gardens is an award-winning display garden, featuring an abundance of annual and perennial displays throughout the year. Mcrillis 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
Saturday | September 28 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
FREE | #71723
or
Saturday | October 26 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
FREE | #71724

McCrillis Garden Sunday Walks
Sunday | September 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm
FREE | #71725
or
Sunday | November 3 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm
FREE | #71726

Focus on Butterflies
Sunday | September 8 | 8:00 – 10:00 am
$30 | FOBG $27 | #45503
Meet at the Conservatory Entrance
Bring your tripod and enjoy two quiet hours of photography in the Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit before it opens to the public. Register for as many sessions as you like.

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour
Sunday | September 22 | 1:00 – 2:15 pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #71576
or
Wednesday | September 25 | 10:00 – 11:15 am
$8 | FOBG $6 | #71577
Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.
Nate Roehrich, Greenhouse Manager, Brookside Gardens
Curious about how we grow the fabulous plants for our garden displays? This behind-the-scenes tour of Brookside Gardens’ new greenhouse facility will show you how we do it! Opened in 2018, the O’Rourke Greenhouse consists of four individually climate-controlled growing areas. 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. Explore the thousands of plants being grown for the garden displays, including the fall chrysanthemum show.
Chrysanthemum Tour
Tuesday | October 29 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #71613
Brookside Gardens Conservatories
Kathy Stevens, Brookside Gardens
Conservatory Manager
Explore the dozens of different varieties of chrysanthemums from spoon and spider to football and anemone in an arrangement of vibrant fall colors. The color scheme will emphasize the “golden” to recognize Brookside Gardens’ 50th Anniversary. Take a photograph in the new special form, a full-size portrait frame made of live chrysanthemums!

Glory of Fall Garden Tour
Thursday | October 31 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #71578
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Brookside Gardens Tour Guide
Join us for a walking tour where you’ll discover a whole new garden brought on by the changing autumn season. Explore the spectacular fall colors offered by the diversity of trees and plants throughout Brookside Gardens’ 50 acres. You’ll enjoy fall blooming perennials like asters, coneflowers, sedums, and grasses just to name a few.

Brookside Gardens Winter Tour
Tuesday | January 28 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
$8 | FOBG $6 | #71579
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Phil Normandy, Brookside Gardens Staff
Winter’s advent brings a whole new dimension to the gardens usually overlooked by visitors. Enjoy this walking tour with Phil Normandy where you’ll see what makes up the “bones of the garden” without the distraction of leaves or flowers. You’ll appreciate the architectural elements of evergreens and woody plants in addition to how hardscapes shape the gardens.

Hands-on Workshops
Registration required

Hands-On Orchid Repotting
Sunday | October 13 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$35 | FOBG $31 | #71584
Adult Classroom
Jason Gedeik, Brookside Gardens Staff
A healthy orchid needs to be repotted every one to two years. This hands-on repotting workshop offers an expert checkup to assess your orchid’s health and treat issues ranging from root rot to pests and diseases. Learn why each type of orchid requires a different potting material and technique. Participants may bring up to two plants for repotting and their own preferred containers. Fee includes plastic pots and potting material.

Mixed Winter Container
Saturday | November 16 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
$75 | FOBG $67 | #71585
Adult Classroom
Joan O’Rourke, Brookside Gardens Volunteer
Create a container garden with plants that can withstand winter’s harshest weather while providing you with a beautiful respite from the dull weather. Mix dwarf evergreens with a splash of herbaceous plants for some late season color. Cost covers materials, including a 14-inch container (or bring your own).

Thanksgiving Centerpiece
Tuesday | November 26 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm
$60 | FOBG $54 | #71586
Adult Classroom
Brookside Gardens Staff
Add a special touch to your Thanksgiving celebration! Join us to create your own centerpiece from beautiful flowers, foliage, branches, fruits, veggies, herbs and nuts in harvest colors. Fee includes floral container or bring your own (12-inch diameter or smaller).
Festive Fresh Greens
Join us to make a long-lasting beautiful centerpiece or wreath using fresh greens! Come Tuesday to make wreaths, Wednesday to make centerpieces, or come both days. Learn to make an evergreen wreath for your front door, complete with a pinecone and bow accents. The centerpieces will include a candle and seasonal decorations. Fee includes all materials for one wreath or two centerpieces.

Festive Wreaths
Tuesday | December 10 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm
$50 | FOBG $46 | #71587
Adult Classroom
Joan O’Rourke, Brookside Gardens Volunteer

Festive Centerpieces
Wednesday | December 11 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
$50 | FOBG $46 | #71588
Adult Classroom
Joan O’Rourke, Brookside Gardens Volunteer

Kokedama – The Art of Crafting Living Mossballs
Saturday | January 18 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
$40 | FOBG $36 | #71589
Adult Classroom
Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener Magazine
Originating in Japan, Kokedama are living plant and moss balls. Traditionally displayed sitting on a surface, they also look magical bound up with string and hanging. Like bonsai, they are a lovely way to bring a bit of greenery indoors and can live for years with proper care. In this hands-on workshop, you’ll have access to all the materials needed to make your own beautiful Kokedama and will be taken step-by-step through the unique process. Everyone will make two Kokedama to take home.

Introduction to Plant Propagation - Succulents
Saturday | February 1 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
*Inclement weather makeup date: Saturday | February 8 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
$35 | FOBG $31 | #71598
Greenhouse – address/directions sent after registration
Nate Roehrich, Greenhouse Manager, Brookside Gardens
Experience the various forms of plant propagation in our new state-of-the-art greenhouse facilities. Learn how to produce a variety of your own plants inexpensively and easily from start to finish with this hands-on workshop. The class will focus on several succulents and related propagation techniques, including division and offsets. We’ll also cover seed propagation, including seed physiology, special seed treatments, scarification, and stratification. Discover the best techniques and plants to propagate from cuttings; participants will take a few succulent offshoots to grow at home.

Excursions
Registration Required
Discover the rich horticultural tradition of the mid-Atlantic region with Brookside Gardens! Visit public gardens and private, go behind-the-scenes at nurseries, and explore the unique plants and landscaping of our region. Please wear walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden
Thursday | September 19 | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
$95 | #71573
Meet at Visitor Center Entrance
Chanticleer has been called “America’s most inspiring garden” by Garden Design magazine. The Chanticleer estate dates from the early 20th-century, when land along the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad was developed for summer homes to escape the heat of Philadelphia. The 35-acre property was lovingly preserved and opened as a pleasure garden in 1993 for the public to enjoy the beauty of the art of horticulture. Enjoy a guided tour of the pond, meadow, woodlands and cutting garden where you’ll be inspired to take home new ideas to try in your garden. Fee includes charter bus transportation, tour fees and catered lunch.
Champion Tree Tour
Tuesday | October 22 | 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
$65 | #71574
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Join Joe Howard and Carole Bergmann of the Montgomery County Forestry Board for this popular annual tour visiting champion trees: the biggest, tallest, and oldest trees in our region. Visit a wonderful selection featuring a long leaf pine with needles more than a foot long, a linden with a trunk diameter of 24 feet, and the national champion Kentucky coffeetree on an estate with a thousand blooming dahlias. You’ll learn from the experts about tree identification, structure, and natural history of these magnificent specimens. Fee includes charter bus transportation. Please bring a lunch.

Maymont Mansion & GardenFest of Lights at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Tuesday | December 17 | 12:30 – 10:00 pm
$110 | #71635
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
Don’t miss out on this exclusive trip to visit the holiday decorations of Maymont Estate and the GardenFest of Lights at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, both nestled in Richmond, Virginia. Enjoy the fascinating history of Maymont Mansion, a Romanesque-style mansion built in 1893 that houses a unique collection of treasures collected by the original owners James and Sallie Dooley. Following Maymont, we will continue to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden where you’ll enjoy a formal dinner buffet in the dazzling Robin’s Room. After dark, bask in the glow of the GardenFest of Lights show. This holiday tradition features more than one million twinkling lights, handcrafted botanical decorations, model trains, and much more! Fee includes bus transportation, tours, and buffet dinner.

Philadelphia Flower Show – Riviera Holiday
Tuesday | March 3 | 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
$95 | #71637
or
Thursday | March 5 | 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
$95 | #71638
Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance
A perennial favorite, the Philadelphia International Flower Show is always a crowd-pleaser. Inspired by the world’s exotic Mediterranean gardens, the 2020 Show invites you to fall in love with gardening all over again with this year’s theme: RIVIERA HOLIDAY. As you enter the Show, groves of citrus trees lead the way providing a lush, dramatic promenade. Breathe in fragrant waves of lavender, inspired by the terraced gardens of Monaco. Explore the allure and extraordinary plant palette of some of the world’s captivating coastal regions. The Flower Show is a playground teeming with lush landscapes, do-it-yourself ideas and hands-on experiences to explore new thinking around gardening. Fee includes coach transportation and entrance fee. Your lunch/dinner may be purchased at the show or the nearby Reading Terminal Market.
Speaker Series
Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens
Programs free, but registration required

Celebrating Brookside Gardens 50th Anniversary
Tuesday | September 24
6:30 – 8:00 pm
FREE | #71639
Auditorium
Stephanie Oberle, Director & Phil Normandy, Plant Collections Manager, Brookside Gardens
Enjoy a fascinating journey into the past 50 years of Brookside Gardens’ history as you explore the stories and changes through an illustrative tour of photos. Based on their combined 60 years of experience at Brookside Gardens, Stephanie and Phil will bring the gardens to life as you have never seen it.

Gardenlust: A Botanical Tour of the World’s Best New Gardens
Thursday | October 24 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
FREE | #71575
Auditorium
Chris Woods, former director and chief designer of Chanticleer Gardens and author of Garden Lust
For three years, Chris Woods traveled the world seeking out contemporary gardens and found fifty of the best. With wit and humor, he describes the most arresting features in public parks in exotic locations like New Delhi and Dubai, mission-redefining botanic gardens in Chile and Australia, and the most enviable details of lavish private estates and gemlike city yards. Throughout, he reveals the fascinating people, plants and stories that make these gardens so lust-worthy. Garden Lust will be available for purchase, and a book signing will follow the lecture.

Native Plants in the Modern Landscape
Thursday | November 14 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
FREE | #71956
Auditorium
John Magee, Landscape Designer & Owner, Magee Design; creator and host, Native Plant Podcast
John will share examples and lessons learned through his award-winning landscape design work while discussing the benefits of incorporating the ecological services that our gardens can provide. While beauty of design is emphasized, John will explain the importance of pollinator habitat, stormwater runoff and a host of other services that can be provided when homeowners rethink their landscapes. John will offer practical installation tips along with some of his favorite native plant combinations.

Health and Wellness
Registration required
There are moments when all anxiety and stated toil are becalmed in the infinite leisure and repose of nature – Henry David Thoreau

Walk with a Doc
Every 3rd Saturday of the month
Saturday | August 17 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am
3rd Saturdays | September – March
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Free
Meet in front of Visitor Center
Dr. Asha Subramanian & Dr. Aruna Nathan
Take a step toward better health! Join Drs. Subramanian and Nathan for this FREE, fun, walking program. Learn about important health topics; have your questions answered by local physicians; build new friendships; and enjoy an informal, relaxed walk at your own pace.

Walk with a Doc
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ADULT PROGRAMS

**Full Moon Walk**
Saturday | September 14 | 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
$22 | FOBG $20 | #71561
or
Sunday | October 13 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
$22 | FOBG $20 | #71562

*Brookside Gardens Staff*
Explore Brookside Gardens in a whole new way - by moon light! We’ll stroll as a group along moonlit gardens, streams, and woods. You’ll discover a sense of mystery as the night time garden is revealed through new sounds and fragrances. We’ll explore seasonal garden highlights and friendly nighttime wildlife. Please wear sturdy shoes and comfortable clothes as the two-hour hike will cover some hilly and uneven terrain.

**Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing**
Wednesday | November 6  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
$30 | FOBG $27 | #71548

*Meet at the Visitor Center Entrance*
*Melanie Choukas-Bradley, Author, Naturalist, and Certified Forest Therapy Guide*
This nature-oriented mindfulness practice, which is rooted in the traditional Japanese reverence for the natural world, has since become popular internationally, bringing joy and improved mental and physical health to millions of people. Participants will be led on a forest bathing walk through the beautiful fall colors at Brookside Gardens. Experience the incomparable beauty of the bursting golds and reds of the trees moving at a slow pace and using our senses to ponder the many small miracles unfolding. We’ll close the walk by enjoying pure maple syrup in Japanese tea cups, maple candies and walnuts.

*Note: Portable Stools available during the walk*

**Healthy Cooking with Seasonal Herbs**
Sunday | November 10 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
$35 | FOBG $31 | #71590

*Auditorium*
*Gail Huskins, Plant-based Cooking Instructor*
This plant-based cooking class combines healthy recipes with the freshest herbs of the season – rosemary, oregano and sage. Join instructor Gail Huskins as she demonstrates creative recipes using these herbs that will serve as the perfect compliments to any main course. Enjoy samples of each dish as you learn how to make Red Cabbage with Apples and Rosemary, Garlic Soup with Oregano, and Gnocchi with Fried Sage Leaves (done two ways). The recipes provided are sure to increase your cooking confidence with these herbs. The handout will also include information about the many varieties of each herb, as well as growing tips.

**Yoga at Brookside Gardens**
All classes are held from 9:30 – 10:30am  
$10 | FOBG $9

*Japanese Tea House*
*Tanory Ateek*
Come enjoy one or all seven 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 | September 7 | #71549  
Saturday | September 14 | #71550  
Saturday | September 21 | #71551  
Saturday | September 28 | #71552  
Saturday | October 5 | #71554  
Saturday | October 12 | #71555  
Saturday | October 19 | #71557

Register at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org
Tai Chi at Brookside Gardens
All classes are held from 9:00 – 10:15 am
$12 | FOBG $10
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 | September 11 | #71563
Wednesday | September 18 | #71565
Wednesday | September 25 | #71566
Wednesday | October 2 | #71567
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Wednesday | October 16 | #71569

School of Botanical Art & Illustration
Registration required; all classes located in the Adult Classroom.
Increase your appreciation of plants through the art and science of botanical illustration! The school’s curriculum offers workshops on various topics for artists at different levels of skill.

Advanced Watercolor Techniques: Challenging Textures, Patterns and Colors
Friday - Sunday | September 6 - 8
10:00 am – 3:30 pm
$275 | FOBG $248 | #71626
Prerequisite: Intermediate courses in botanical art & illustration
Level: Intermediate to advanced
Kathie Miranda
Botanical artists face many challenging textures, patterns and colors! Everything from velvety and shiny to furry and prickly, plus irregular patterns on leaves, fruits, bark with shades of silvery greens, deep russets and black. Each requires in-depth analysis of color and specific techniques that address these unique subject matters. This workshop will examine texture and pattern through a close-up study in pencil before embarking on watercolor. Learn new techniques to paint sufficient detail to bind all elements of the picture together into a cohesive whole. A daily selection of plant specimens from Brookside Gardens’ grounds and greenhouses will be provided.

Botanical Illumination
Friday – Sunday | November 8 - 10
10:00 am – 3:30 pm
$275 | FOBG $248 | #71629
Prerequisite: Intermediate courses in botanical art & illustration
Level: Intermediate to advanced
Kandy Phillips
The course will cover four historical illuminated letter forms- Gothic Ivy A, Italian White Vine B, Victorian Acanthus C, and a D using a Roman letter and a medieval floral illuminated manuscript border. The workshop covers historical materials and techniques including flat bold paint application using watercolors, gold paint application, metal leaf application and various decorative techniques such as white work, burnishing and tooling.
Children’s Garden
Explore Maryland!
Visit a unique mini-Maryland in our children’s garden, Explore Maryland! Experience Maryland ecosystems and habitats on a small scale, including the Eastern Shore coastal plain, Maryland’s agricultural basin, and some big boulders representing the Appalachian Mountains. Learn about popular farm crops, pretend to drive a boat, a tractor, and cook your favorite meal in a nature kitchen!

Children’s Day - Flower Power!
Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens
Saturday | September 21
11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Free | No registration required
A throwback to the 60’s – well, almost! Come with the family and embrace the beauty of the gardens on this fun-filled day with children’s music, crafts, educational displays and exciting hands-on activities.

Flower Buds
$7 per child (adult free)
All classes held from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Meeting the second Monday of every month, this series will feature gardening activities, stories, crafts and garden walks for children ages 3-5 with a parent. Siblings are welcome, but the crafts are designed for older kids. Adults must accompany children.
Visitor Center Children’s Classroom

Garden Eco-explorers Fall Workshop Series
All ages are welcome to explore Brookside Gardens and search for signs of fall 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.

- Whacky Woodpeckers
Sunday | September 29 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #71391
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!

- Papermaking
Sunday | October 6 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #71392
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. The final product will be suitable for a gift card or journal cover.

- Pollinators
Sunday | October 13 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #71393
Learn about the important relationship between soil, flowers and pollinators; explore the gardens to learn how different flower shapes and colors attract different animals; and plant a mini pollinator greenhouse to take home, using organic soil, compost, and upcycled materials.

All programs located in Children’s Classroom and registration required, unless otherwise noted.
Stream Safari
Sunday | October 20 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm
$10 | All Ages | #71394
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 closed-toed water shoes, old sneakers, or rubber boots that can get wet.

Fall Story Walk
October 5 – November 30
Free | Parent and child
Pick up map at the Visitor Center Information Desk
Enjoy some fall season fun throughout the gardens while combining walking and reading! The Fall Story Walk is perfect for preschoolers and Moms’ group activities. After picking up a map at the Visitor Center Information Desk, your self-guided (approximately ½ mile) walk will lead you on a loop walk through the Gude Garden. Find each story-page stop, read with your child, and complete the suggested activities. While appreciating the beauty of the new season, discover the connection between books, nature and outdoor fun.

Fall Story Walk Celebration
Wednesday | October 9
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
$7 | Ages: 2-6 | #71544
Celebrate the grand opening of the Fall Story Walk with indoor and outdoor fun. Start at the Children’s Classroom for leafy fall crafts. Afterwards enjoy the Fall Story Walk loop through the gardens as your guide leads small groups in nature exploration and social activities. Stimulate your child’s imagination with the sights and sounds of early fall in the gardens.

BOOtanica Family Festival
Friday | October 25 | 5:30 – 8:30 pm
$18 | Ages 3-12 (adult free) | #71503
Gather the family together for a fun evening! Children can dress in their favorite costumes, participate in a garden costume parade, paint a pumpkin, try a pumpkin treat and listen to award-winning storyteller Gary Lloyd present Pumpkin Tales for The Young, telling tales more funny than scary.

Gnomes and Fairies Tea Parties
$22 per person | Ages 6 and up
All tea parties held from 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Parent and child enjoy a sit-down tea, delectable treats, and afterwards, a fun, hands-on craft planting a mini Gnome or Fairy garden in your teacup!
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* - Program Meets Multiple Days   ** - Program Meets Multiple Times Per Day   *** - Early Bird
REGISTRATION

Registration opens August 12.

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.

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Primary Phone
Secondary Phone
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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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For information on M-NCPPC’s Fee Reduction Program for Montgomery County residents, call 301-495-2530. Applications are available at Brookside Gardens Visitors Center Information Desk.

Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please contact the Program Access Office to request a disability accommodation:
E-mail: ProgramAccess@MontgomeryParks.org or phone: 301-95-2477.
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Garden of Lights

Winter Walk-through Light Display
November 22 – December 31, 2019

Open Sunday  Thursday 5:30 9:00pm
Friday  Saturday 5:30 10:00pm
Open New Year’s Eve until 9:00pm
(Closed November 25  28;
December 24 & 25)

Admission:
$25 per car/van (Su – Th)
$30 per car/van (F – Sa)
$30 per car/van Dec. 23  Dec. 31
Advanced sale tickets: $25
(available starting Nov. 1 in the Gift Shop)

Buses by Advanced Registration Only
15  24 passenger bus/van/limo $50
25  35 passenger bus $75
36  57 passenger bus $120

Last car admitted 30 minutes before closing time.

Garden of Lights Information Line:
301-962 1453