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Letter from the Director:



When I read in the news about climate change, it is such a huge and complex problem that it seems impossible for one person's action to make a meaningful difference. And yet, taking action is at the core of Brookside Gardens' mission:

Brookside Gardens is an extraordinary and inspiring cultivated landscape. Through beautifully designed gardens, diverse learning opportunities, and an engaging staff, we motivate our visitors

to take action in their own lives and landscapes to appreciate and care for the plants around them.

This year, we are changing the format of our traditional one-day Earth Day event to a series of events spread over the whole month of April (and into early May). Because, really, every day is Earth Day! You can sign up for a garden tour, shop at the new spring plant sale, and check out the latest electric landscape equipment. Our goal is to inspire folks to adopt a new habit in their own lives that improves their little bit of the world. Brookside Gardens' staff have also been taking action. We are removing invasive species of plants and replacing them with more pollinator friendly natives. We are installing drip irrigation systems to conserve water and grow healthier plants. And we're helping the young people of our community develop their own connections to nature through inquiry-driven, hands-on experiences.

So, join us in celebrating Earth Day, every day. Join us in taking action, every day. Together, our actions will make our gardens and our community a healthier place for all.

Happy Gardening!

Stephanie Oberle, Director



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Staff Updates



Nate Roerich has been promoted to Assistant Director of Production and Display. He is thrilled to play a more significant role in the future of Brookside Gardens in this new position. The journey is just beginning by envisioning the future master plan for a new Conservatory that will be a beautiful fusion of nature and art, designed to become a cherished place where our community can come together. Nate

already gained valuable insights into teamwork and project development during the initial phases of planning, and he is enthusiastic about contributing to the project from the initial concept as well as working alongside a remarkable team of Brookside Gardens staff and other Montgomery Parks experts in planning and design.



Mary Joy Mulumba will work at Brookside Gardens for the next year as a Community Outreach Fellow. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Environmental Design from Morgan State University. She previously worked for Montgomery Parks as a seasonal maintenance aide at Green Farm. As a Montgomery County local, Brookside Gardens has always been an important public green space for

Mary Joy. She cannot wait to learn more about Brookside Gardens and accessible design through this position. Stop by and say hello to Mary Joy when you visit the Gardens!

Advancing Access for Volunteers

Brookside Gardens encourages and supports the participation of volunteers with disabilities. With the support of The Program Access Office (Inclusion Services) of Montgomery Parks, reasonable modifications (see photos for examples) are provided to enable individual volunteers' successful participation at Brookside Gardens.

Volunteers can contact **301-495-2477 (Voice)**, **MD Relay 7-1-1** or **800-552-7724** or email **ProgramAccess@MontgomeryParks.org** to request a disability modification.



ADAPTIVE GARDENING CHAIR:

A comfortable swivel, rolling work seat that allows individuals to avoid bending or stooping while gardening at Parks facilities.

ADAPTIVE GARDENING EQUIPMENT:

Includes an adapted trowel, spade, and fork for individuals with arthritis or limited arm, wrist, and hand mobility.

Stay Curious: Children's Education

After joining the Gardens as the Children's Education Manager in January 2023, I enthusiastically immersed myself into the world of informal science education in one of the most beautiful places in Maryland.

Since then, summer camps and school field trips have returned to the Gardens, and I was lucky enough to greet youth of all ages: from our smallest story time participants to our high school climate activists. Regardless of the type of program or age of the participants, the same guiding principles are woven throughout their experiences here. Science and stewardship, for instance, will take center stage in each game, lesson, nature walk, dissection, or craft that we offer. Another non-negotiable for our programs is inquiry-driven, hands-on experiences. To that end, I make it a rule to never answer questions. Yes, you read that correctly. I never answer questions.

You see, a question from a student is precious. It's an opportunity. A rare gem. If I provide an answer, I have merely provided a piece of information, but what comes next? The answer functionally ends the conversation and shuts off a chance to do real science and engage a young person in a way that matters to them. To make meaning of natural phenomena, wouldn't it be better if we found an answer in the Gardens together? Wouldn't it be better if the questions were the start of a conversation, instead of the end?

So, when asked a question, I often reply with more questions, sometimes, to the whole group: "What steps would we need to take to design an experiment and gather evidence? What examples are available to us in the garden? What other questions do we need to answer along the way?" By encouraging curiosity and empowering students to drive their learning in age-appropriate ways, programing at Brookside Gardens is designed with learners in mind.

Field trips provide numerous opportunities for students from Pre-K to 12th grade to be critical thinkers and problem-solvers in a breath-taking setting. Whether they are testing the water quality in our namesake "brook," planting seedlings into sunny garden soil, or conducting a biodiversity audit, youth at Brookside Gardens are engaged in meaningful, joyful ways right here in their community.

Summer camps, field trips, and educational programs in the Gardens might represent state-of-the-art science and be perfectly aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and Environmental Literacy Principles, but that's not what most children would say is their favorite part of a day spent outdoors with us. Ask them their ideas for fighting climate change, or how to draft a botanical watercolor, or the lyrics to the new butterfly song they wrote. Ask them what it's like to use a microscope, pull kudzu vines, or listen to blue jays fighting with each



other in the trees. Ask about the experts that work in the gardens and the amazing plants that inspire them. Watch their eyes light up as they think of their own questions and continue the conversation.

A question I sometimes get when planning a school program with teachers is, "What kind of field trip can we do?" Each time, I try to hold myself back as I blurt out my own question in response. Because with over 50 acres of expertly maintained outdoor classroom space in the heart of Montgomery County, my question back to each of those teachers is always the same: "What CAN'T we do?"

Stay Curious!

Liz Bullock
Children's Education Manager



Maple Terrace & Rose Garden Upgrades

Maple Terrace is one of the original formal gardens at Brookside Gardens. This serene space invites visitors to sit beneath the shade of the Japanese maple canopy to listen and contemplate. Spring and autumn bulbs as well as herbaceous perennial groundcover were original design elements of the space, providing year-round seasonal interest. Unfortunately, the original groundcover, blue plumbago or *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*, has been less robust than desired the past few years, so we decided to swap it out for *Geranium sanguineum* var. *striatum*, or *Geranium* 'Lancastriense'. We removed the plumbago, retrofitted the irrigation system, and with the help of eight volunteers and three seasonal gardeners installed 1,693 plugs – all of this in less than three days!

The maple trees, *Acer japonicum* 'Suminagashi', on Maple Terrace are quite mature and have very dense root systems. Their roots are shallow and spread horizontally which makes growing herbaceous plants underneath difficult, as they compete with the maples for water. To give the geraniums a better opportunity to absorb water while also providing the maples with a deep soaking, we

updated the irrigation system, converting the old pop-up sprinklers to a drip irrigation system. For the most thorough watering, four lines of drip tubing, equipped with 12-inch inline emitters were equally spaced along the beds. After the first month of a once-a-week deep soaking by hand watering, the geraniums are ready to rely on drip irrigation when they wake from dormancy in the spring. Drip irrigation is efficient as it delivers water directly at the roots, which reduces transpiration and run off. The frequency and length of time the system runs is completely weather dependent, so temperature and the amount of rain fall will dictate these numbers. However, drip systems run less often, for longer periods of time to encourage deep root growth, allowing plants to access moisture between waterings. By eliminating superficial watering, we are conserving an important natural resource.

We are excited to see the new *Geranium* 'Lancastriense' fill out in the spring. Their light pink blossoms will be a sweet addition to Maple Terrace from summer to fall. We also hope that by converting some of our gardens to drip irrigation systems our visitors will be inspired to do the same in their own garden spaces!





The **Rose Garden** at Brookside Gardens is also undergoing some improvements. Roses are notoriously the most beloved of plants in every garden. The genus, *Rosa*, has a rich history that spans thousands of years in dozens of countries, and the flowers continue to intrigue our senses and induce nostalgia. The Rose Garden was added to the formal gardens in 1972 and has been a favorite amongst visitors ever since. It is the most photographed garden amongst the current 32 acres of cultivated spaces at Brookside Gardens.

Roses are also some of the highest maintenance plants in the gardens. They are hosts to numerous diseases, fungi, and insect pests and, as a result, require a tremendous amount of chemical pesticides to keep them appearing healthy and floriferous. We at the Gardens pride ourselves on our ability to create aesthetically pleasing spaces that are both cleverly designed and environmentally friendly, so we have decided to update the Rose Garden to be a space that better reflects our commitment to environmental stewardship. We are by no means the first public garden to make this shift, rather, we are following the lead of the many other public gardens around the world and close to home. Some of our closest neighbors such as the Kathrine Dolin Folger Rose Garden at the

Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, and the Mary Duke Biddle Garden at Duke University in North Carolina have all converted their rose gardens to more sustainable sites.

The past year has been one of research and observation. To be a more sustainable and earth friendly garden, we are no longer spraying synthetic chemicals to keep our roses alive; instead, we are determining which are the most disease resistant varieties of roses to plant and using IPM techniques to combat any issues that might arise. We are currently redesigning the space to incorporate a more diverse perennial plant palette to encourage more birds and pollinating and beneficial insects, and we plan to convert the existing pop-up sprinkler irrigation to a drip watering system that is preferred for optimal rose culture.

We know that change can sometimes be difficult, but, like gardens which are ever-changing and ever-growing, we are inspired to do the same. We believe that by taking a more holistic approach, the Rose Garden will be a more beautiful space teeming with life! Stay tuned!

Kristin Davey
Horticulturist 1



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Earth Month

Celebrate Earth Month with Brookside Gardens and learn how to protect our environment!

Sponsored by:

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DC Environmental Film Festival – Screening & Panel Discussion

Thursday | April 4 | 7:00 – 8:45 pm

FREE; registration required

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Visitor Center Auditorium

Brookside Gardens and the DC Environmental Film Festival partner to present documentary screenings of *Troubled Tributary: Maryland's Patuxent River* and *Upstream, Downriver*. These environmental justice themed films will be followed by a panel discussion of experts. Learn about the efforts of key local and national leaders who are on the forefront of protecting our critical waterways.



Brookside Gardens Plant Sale

Saturday | April 20 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Visitor Center South Terrace

Get a head start on spring gardening! You'll appreciate the high-quality perennials, shrubs, and small trees grown at Montgomery Parks' Pope Farm and local nurseries. Enjoy a wide selection of plants, including native ecotypes, and get expert advice from staff horticulturists. Proceeds support ongoing efforts to beautify Brookside Gardens.



Electric Landscape Equipment Exhibit

Saturday | April 20 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Gude Garden

Check out the latest in eco-friendly landscaping tools including electric mowers, trimmers, and blowers. Learn about Montgomery Parks' efforts to replace all gas-powered landscaping equipment with electric and get inspired to "green up" your own garden care. You'll have the chance to engage with Brookside Gardens' horticulturists during hands-on demonstrations.

Guided Bird Walk

Saturday | May 4 | 8:30 – 9:45 am

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0133 100001

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Emily Williams, avian ecologist

Did you know that 168 bird species have been sighted at Brookside Gardens? Marvel at the spring migration and bring your binoculars to look for warblers, Baltimore orioles, orchard orioles, red-winged blackbirds, and many more! After the walk, join us for a free screening of local filmmaker Cintia Cabib's documentary *Bird Walk*.

Bird Walk: Screening & Panel Discussion

Saturday | May 4 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

FREE; registration required

#PBG0132 100001

Visitor Center Auditorium

Join filmmaker Cintia Cabib for a screening of her new documentary *Bird Walk*. Discover how a former golf course in Rockville, Maryland has become an oasis for birds and birders and learn about the grassroots campaign that helped preserve the 131-acre site as a public park. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A.

Earth Month Sustainability Tours

Free; registration required

Discover ways to garden more sustainably while getting to know our staff horticulturists. From native plants and organic practices to stormwater management, see firsthand how we are beautifying Brookside Gardens while protecting the environment.

Estanques acuáticos superiores e inferiores

Martes | 2 de abril | 10:30 – 11:45 am

GRATIS | #PBG0143 100001

Reúnase en la entrada del Centro de visitantes

* Visita guiada en español. | This tour will be given in Spanish.

Beto Diaz Galvan, Horticultor de Brookside Gardens

Descubra cómo Brookside Gardens aborda la eliminación de plantas invasoras para proteger los hábitats naturales. Explore cómo embellecemos el paisaje mientras beneficiamos a la vida silvestre con plantas nativas. Obtenga información sobre prácticas de jardinería efectivas que faciliten el mantenimiento de su jardín.

Rose Garden & Maple Terrace

Wednesday | April 10 | 10:30 – 11:45 am

FREE | #PBG0143 100002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Kristin Davey, Brookside Gardens staff

Learn how we have shifted to an organic approach with managing disease and insect-prone plants like roses. See up close how we are suppressing weeds and conserving water with sustainable gardening techniques that leverage groundcovers, compost, and drip irrigation.



Earth Month *continued*

Gude Garden

Monday | April 15 | 10:30 – 11:45 am
FREE | #PBG0143 100003

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens staff

Gude Garden's cascading ponds and sloping hills are beautiful yet present challenges with stormwater runoff. Discover solutions implemented to reduce soil erosion and stabilize the banks with plantings and recycled materials. Josh will also discuss protection of neighboring forests by replacing invasive specimens with native plants.

Parking Garden & Harry Dewey Memorial Garden

Friday | April 26 | 10:30 – 11:45 am
FREE | #PBG0143 100004

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Jeanette Proudfoot, Brookside Gardens staff

The permeable pavement and bioswales in the Parking Garden help to protect local watersheds. In addition to these features, we are reducing use of conventional pesticides and fertilizers through innovative designs and maintenance practices. Be inspired by the ways we are supporting pollinators and increasing biodiversity with plant selections in this space.



Every Day is Earth Day Family Event

Sunday | May 5 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Free | Ages 2 – 14 | #PBG0128 100001

Celebrate Earth Month as youth take center stage, and the celebration is specially geared towards ages 2–14. Explore the science and art of sustainability through child-driven projects, plantings, and activities. Registration encouraged but not required.

Summer Twilight Concert Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Tuesdays in June | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
FREE; no registration required

Visitor Center Lawn

Dance the night away with this series of musical performances set in the beauty of the Gardens! Bring your friends and family, and don't forget your chairs, blankets, and picnics (allowed in the Gardens on concert evenings only). Food trucks will also be available for your dining pleasure.

Ocho de Bastos

Latin Pop

June 4

Kurlou Reggae All-Stars

Reggae

June 18

19th Street Band

Americana/Country/Rock

June 11

King Teddy

Swing/Rockabilly

June 25

Shakespeare in the Garden

Tuesday | July 9 | 7:00 – 8:45 pm

***Rain date: Thursday | July 11 | 7:00 – 8:45 pm**

FREE; no registration required

Delight in an outdoor production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* where rom-com antics meet supernatural magic. Follow four couples through the human and fairy realms where true love is tested by Puck's mischievous ploys. Bring a picnic or enjoy a meal from an on-site food truck.

Spring & Summer Conservatory Displays

Spring in the Conservatory

Escape the cold and feel like you're strolling through an English cottage garden. Stalks of delphinium, Foxglove, snapdragons, and Bells of Ireland stand tall over beds of alyssum, dianthus, and borage. This changing exhibit will necessitate multiple visits!

South Conservatory:

Saturday, January 13 – Sunday, April 21

North Conservatory

Saturday, January 27 – Sunday, April 21

Summer in the Conservatory

Feel transported to an underwater world as you adventure through lush landscapes of plants and flowers that emulate the textures, shapes, and colors found in the ocean. Delight in hanging baskets that resemble jelly fish, alocasia leaves shaped like stingrays, starfish made of succulents, and vibrant celosia evoking images of colorful coral.

Saturday, April 27 – Sunday, September 22



Art Exhibits*

Brookside Gardens Visitor Center
See inside front cover for hours.

Hirai Joshi & Swati Jain | Mixed Media
Mike Cohen | Animal Photography
January 22 – March 17

Jim Schlett | Landscape Photography
GUILD Salon 8 | Mixed Media
March 18 – April 21

Paul Locher Jr | Landscape Photography
Ruth Lozner & Kenzie Raulin | Oil on Canvas
April 22 – May 19

GUILD Sumi E Society | Watercolor, Ink
May 20 – June 17

BOTANICA | Botanical illustrations
Botanical Art Society of the National Capital Region
June 18 – July 14

Montgomery Artists Association |
Multimedia, Painting
July 15 – August 11

*Visit BrooksideGardens.org under *Special Events* for updates on art receptions!

Plant Society Shows & Sales
Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley
Camelia Show & Sale
Show: Saturday | March 23 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Sale: Saturday | March 23 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

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

VIRTUAL, LIVE CLASSES

V This symbol indicates classes that are offered virtually as live, online webinars through the Zoom platform with audience Q & A. After registering, a link will be emailed to you 24 hours prior to the live webinar. Recordings will be made available to students. Please ensure your Active Montgomery account is updated with your correct email address.

FRIENDS OF BROOKSIDE GARDENS (FOBG) DISCOUNTS

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

SPECIAL FOCUS TRACKS

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

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

Speaker Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

FREE; registration required

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

V * **Native Shrubs and Small Trees for Perennial Companionship**

William Cullina, author and the F. Otto Haas Executive Director, Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University of Pennsylvania

Saturday | May 18 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
FREE | #PBG0140 100001

Not all woody plants mix well with perennials for several reasons, including differing soil and fertilization needs, incompatible growth habits, or aggressive root systems. This talk explores how to seamlessly blend native shrubs and small trees with existing perennials in your landscape. Discover 30 combinations that bring texture, color, and wildlife to your garden year-round.

V **The Lifelong Gardener: Garden with Ease and Joy at Any Age**

Toni Gattone, author and adaptive gardening expert

Saturday | June 15 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
FREE | #PBG0136 200001

Gardeners of all ages and abilities will benefit from learning new strategies to garden with comfort, safety, and ease. Toni will review dozens of tips, tools, and techniques for adaptive gardening and will help you modify the accessibility of your garden, re-thinking your space to include containers, raised beds and vertical gardens. She’ll introduce new ergonomic tools that are easier on your hands, back, hips, and entire body.



Local Field Trips

Registration required

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

Dickerson Conservation Park

Tuesday | April 9 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0141 100001

Meet at Dickerson Conservation Park

Ryan Colliton, vegetation ecology & management unit leader, Montgomery Parks

Stroll along the Potomac River as you learn about the unique ecology of flood plains and Montgomery Parks' efforts to control invasive plants. Explore the rich biodiversity of native specimens including the state's largest sycamore trees and spring ephemerals like Virginia bluebells, woodland phlox, and false Solomon's seal.

Pope Farm Native Plant Production

Thursday | June 27 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0135 200001

Rochelle Bartolomei, native plant program manager, Pope Farm

This behind-the-scenes tour of Montgomery Parks' production facility highlights the 60,000-plus native plants grown annually. See how staff responsibly collect seed from more than 200 native ecotype plants and then clean, prepare and store for future growing. Learn how these plants benefit important initiatives ranging from habitat restoration projects to local plant sales.

Rachel Carson Conservation Park

Tuesday | July 16 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am

\$30 | FOBG \$27 | #PBG0086 200001

Meet at Rachel Carson Conservation Park

Ryan Colliton, vegetation ecology & management unit leader, Montgomery Parks

Rachel Carson was a pioneering environmentalist who called Montgomery County home. Explore her namesake park to learn how Montgomery Parks' restoration projects protect these natural habitats. Journey through colorful meadows housing rare plants and discover a prime example of a chestnut oak forest. Prepare for this active hike with sturdy shoes and a water bottle!

Garden Tours

Registration required

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour

Wednesday | April 10 | 2:30 – 3:45 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 100001

OR

Friday | April 12 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 100002

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

Nate Roehrich, Brookside Gardens staff

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

Azalea & Rhododendron Tour

Tuesday | April 30 | 1:00 – 2:15 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0001 100001

or

Thursday | May 2 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0001 100002

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens staff

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

* Pollinator Meadow Tour

Tuesday | June 18 | 2:00 – 3:15 pm

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0043 200001

or

Thursday | June 20 | 10:00 – 11:15 am

\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0043 200002

Meet at the bottom of the stairs leading up to the Brookside Nature Center (1400 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902)

Brookside Nature Center & Brookside Gardens staff

Celebrate National Pollinator Week as we wander through an open meadow of beautiful perennials swarming with pollinators. Learn about mid-Atlantic native plants to include

in your garden that help support beneficial insects while adding beauty.

Guided Walk with the Capital Naturalist* Caminata guiada con el Capital Naturalist*

Saturday | July 20 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

Sábado | 20 de julio | 9:30 – 11:30 am

\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0138 200001

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance | Reúnase en la entrada del Centro de visitantes

*** Tour given in English and Spanish. | Visita guiada en inglés y español.**

Alonso Abugattas, natural resources manager, Arlington County and founder, Capital Naturalist

Celebrate Latino Conservation Week as you discover the hidden flora and fauna of Brookside Gardens and the neighboring forest with award winning naturalist, storyteller, and environmental educator Alonso Abugattas. Learn more about the fascinating relationships between plants and wildlife as you discover the local ecosystems that can exist in your own backyard. Alonso will help you see the natural world of Brookside Gardens in a whole new light!

Alonso Abugattas, gerente de Recursos Naturales, Condado de Arlington y fundador, Capital Naturalist

Celebre la Semana de la Conservación Latina descubriendo la flora y fauna ocultas de Brookside Gardens y el bosque vecino con el galardonado naturalista, narrador y educador ambiental Alonso Abugattas. Obtenga más información sobre las fascinantes relaciones entre las plantas y la vida silvestre mientras descubre los ecosistemas locales que pueden existir en su propio patio trasero. ¡Esta visita guiada le ayudará a ver el mundo natural de Brookside Gardens desde otra perspectiva!

Living Field Lab Series

Registration required

This new series aims to fill the gap between theory and practice. Tours of home gardens will serve as real-world case studies of landscape projects. Onsite discussions with homeowners and Brookside Gardens staff will offer applicable lessons in design and maintenance. Plant lists provided for each Field Lab.

◆ Native Plants for Shade, Biodiversity & Propagation

Saturday | April 27 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0142 100001
Takoma Park, MD (address sent after registration)

Explore a wide selection of native plants that perform best in shady conditions, plus effective combinations that support biodiversity year-round. Propagation techniques for native plants including seed collection and direct sowing will be shared. Hear first-hand the challenges encountered and solutions employed to transform a garden into an all-native landscape.

◆ RainScape Gardens for Sun, Pollinators, & Deer Resistance

Saturday | June 8 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0142 200001
Olney, MD (address sent after registration)

Discover how this landscape design qualified for the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's RainScapes rebate by addressing water runoff issues. Examine native plants for sun that support pollinators and hummingbirds. Advice on deer resistant selections and strategies for soil amendments will be covered.

Horticulture Classes

Registration required

V ◆ Introduction to Landscape Design I & II

Jason Gedeik & Keely Shaughnessy, Brookside Gardens staff

Learn the fundamentals of landscape design to create functional, enjoyable, and beautiful outdoor spaces.

Session I

Saturday | March 9 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0012 100001

Learn practical steps to approach the design process, including site analysis, creating a concept design, and determining the functional goals for your space. You'll understand why the environmental conditions of your landscape are key to a successful design that keeps your plants healthy, minimizes garden maintenance, and reduces costs.

Session II

Saturday | March 23 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0013 100001

Learn to implement core design elements like color, texture, form, line, and scale to create a beautiful and functional landscape. Design concepts like seasonality and layering will be explored through real-world case studies. Plant combinations and lists will address site-specific challenges like sun vs. shade and dry vs. wet conditions.

* RainScape Your Yard: Sessions I & II

Ann English, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection staff

A RainScape is a landscape or

design technique that helps reduce stormwater runoff from individual properties. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection offers a rebate program for approved RainScape projects for homeowners. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes for more information. Classes are open to anyone regardless if applying for a RainScape rebate.

V Session I: Evaluating Stormwater Solutions for Home Landscapes

Thursday | March 28 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0015 100001

Learn how environmentally friendly landscapes, such as conservation sites and rain gardens, can help manage stormwater issues on residential properties. Review steps to planning a RainScape including site evaluation and determining the type and scale of project that best suits your needs.

Session II: Plants & Landscape Design for RainScapes Gardens

Saturday | April 13 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0015 100002

Visitor Center Auditorium

Explore strategies to properly size a garden project, estimate plant quantities, and create an effective planting plan, with a range of native plants for managing water runoff and supporting pollinators and wildlife. Learn the steps to develop and submit a plan that qualifies for the RainScapes Rewards Rebate, plus take home some free native plants!





V * Latest Research & Trials of Native Plants & Cultivars

Thursday | April 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0039 100001

Sam Hoadley, manager of horticultural research, Mt. Cuba Center

Learn the latest updates from Mt. Cuba's research and trials on native plants. We'll review top performers among Monarda, Phlox, Echinacea, *Hydrangea arborescens*, Carex, and Amsonia and preview ongoing trials of Solidago and Vernonia. Make informed selections by understanding the horticultural performance and ecological value of each plant.

V * Ecological Gardening: Supporting Native Habitats in The Home Landscape

Thursday | April 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0130 100001

Christopher Elenstar, Brookside Gardens staff
Christopher will help you develop a habitat that attracts and supports a range of wildlife year-round, making informed plant selections based on their characteristics and how they uniquely sustain birds, butterflies, and pollinators. A deeper understanding of local ecosystems will inform design strategies to create a functional and beautiful landscape. Plant lists provided.

V Gardening Basics & Beyond

Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine

Whether a first-time homeowner with a new garden or just looking to brush up on your skills, this introductory gardening series is for you! Lessons are applicable to a range of garden spaces from big to small, including typical suburban yards and postage-stamp-sized urban lots.

Session I: Prep and Plan

Thursday | May 2 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0131 100001

Learn key terminology and concepts to navigate your existing garden and identify which plants to keep, replace or add to. Understand how annuals, perennials, evergreens, shrubs, and trees can be best utilized in the landscape. Kathy will share tips on useful gardening tools, where to purchase seeds and plants, and how to navigate garden centers.

Session II: Soils and Plants

Thursday | May 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0131 100002

Join Kathy as she explains the importance of climate zones and your unique landscape conditions to make informed plant selections. She'll discuss native vs. exotic plants, lawn alternatives, and proven selections to create a cost-effective and low-maintenance garden. Explore soil health, composting tips, and proper plant installation techniques.

Session III: Maintain and Sustain

Thursday | May 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0131 100003

Kathy will review maintenance strategies to successfully care for new and existing plants including deadheading, weeding, watering, pruning, and fertilizing. Stay organized with seasonal to-do lists and examine solutions for common challenges like deer, pests, diseases, and tough garden conditions. Sustainable and organic gardening techniques will be emphasized.

V * Integrating Edible Perennials, Shrubs and Small Trees into Your Garden

Saturday | May 11 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0129 100001

Kristin Davey, Brookside Gardens staff

Looking for ways to grow healthy food year-round? Explore scalable design strategies that add edible plants to your existing home garden, patio, or balcony! You will learn which perennials, shrubs, and trees will grow best in your unique landscape conditions. We will cover practical gardening tips ranging from planting, pruning, and harvesting to soil health and dealing with pests.

West African Food Crops: History, Cultivation and Culinary Uses

Saturday | July 13 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0139 200001

Adult Classroom

Thomas Crawley and Angelus Bullock, Brookside Gardens staff

Expand your gardening and cooking palette with unique vegetables from West Africa. We'll explore traditional agricultural practices and the cultural history of each crop. Learn where to source the seeds and plants locally, as well as cultivation techniques and even

a few recipes to liven up your cuisine. Class includes a garden tour where you can see plant specimens up close.

Hands-on Workshops

Registration required

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

Succulent Container

Thursday | March 14 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0046 100001

Adult Classroom

Joan O'Rourke, Brookside Gardens volunteer
Succulents are on trend now! Native to arid regions, succulents store water in their fleshy leaves enabling them to resist drought and extreme temperatures. These hardy plants require little watering and do well both inside the home or outside. Plant your own colorful and resilient container garden using specially selected low maintenance, yet gorgeous, succulents.

Introduction to Drawing & Painting with Spring Flowers

Saturday | March 16 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday | March 23 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
\$110 | FOBG \$100 | #PBG0095 100001

Adult Classroom

Joan Ducore, botanical illustrator
In this two-part class you will be introduced to the world of botanical art and learn introductory drawing and painting techniques especially suited to plants. The first session will focus on drawing accurately through developing an awareness of Line, Shape, Space and Relationship. The second session will focus on painting techniques with watercolor. Students will learn through a variety of class exercises and complete a study piece featuring tulips.
Level: Beginner

Introduction to Plant Propagation

Saturday | April 13 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
\$45 | FOBG \$40 | #PBG0016 100001

Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.

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

Miniature Perennial Container

Thursday | May 16 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
\$65 | FOBG \$59 | #PBG0023 100001

Adult Classroom

Joan O'Rourke, Brookside Gardens volunteer
Our staff have found miniature perennial plants that are just like the grown-up ones, including tiny hosta and the smallest heuchera. Your container will have a combination of plants including grasses, creeping groundcover, and flowering selections to create a lush mix of textures and colors. The plants will reward you with beauty year after year!

Botanical Crafts with Hammer-Dyed Flowers

Saturday | June 22 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
\$65 | FOBG \$59 | #PBG0137 200001

Adult Classroom

Amy Davidson, cut flower farmer
Enjoy learning about natural dye techniques as you create a botanical landscape on fabric using fresh flowers and greenery grown on a local farm. Students can choose either an apron, tea towel, or canvas tote bag to craft. All supplies provided, and students can supplement them with flowers from home.

Health and Wellness

Registration required. No walk-ins accepted.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays | March 6 – August 14
9:00 – 10:15 am

\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0029

Visitor Center (March – April)

Or Japanese Tea House (May – August)

Charles Votaw

Tai Chi is an ancient, Chinese form of exercise

perfect for adults seeking stress reduction while strengthening muscles, improving balance, and increasing flexibility. The Forms are repetitive patterns that emphasize slow, flowing motions and controlled movements. Classes will help beginners to learn the Forms while providing regular practitioners with the guidance of an experienced instructor.

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays | March 7 – August 22
10:00 – 11:00 am

\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0030

Visitor Center (March – April)

Or Japanese Tea House (May – August)

Sherry Weber

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

Yoga

Saturdays | March 9 – August 17
9:30 – 10:30 am

\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0031

Visitor Center (March – April)

Or Japanese Tea House (May – August)

Tanory Ateek

Designed to increase flexibility and physical strength and to cultivate mental focus, these classes are a beautiful and relaxing way to begin your weekend. Mats are not included.

Strolls for Well-Being

\$75

Tuesdays | April 16, May 14, June 11
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

#PBG0033 100001

Wednesdays | April 17, May 15, June 12
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

#PBG0033 100002

Saturdays | April 20, May 18, June 15
10:00 – 11:30 am

#PBG0033 100003

Adult Classroom

Brookside Gardens staff

Strolls for Well-Being promotes emotional healing and wellness through nature. Over eight weeks, complete twelve garden walks individually and on your own schedule, guided



by a beautiful journal with readings and writing prompts encouraging presence and reflection. Those struggling with difficulty, stress, or transition may particularly benefit. Dates are for group meetings where you will receive important materials and share insights with others. Further information: www.brooksidegardens.org/wellness.

Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing
\$35 | FOBG \$30

Sunday | April 21 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

#PBG0022 100001

Saturday | May 18 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

#PBG0022 100002

Saturday | June 22 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

#PBG0022 200001

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Ana Ka'ahanui, certified Forest Therapy Guide
Connect with nature through a forest bathing walk among beautiful blossoms, remarkable trees, and rich fragrances. Stroll the grounds and neighboring forest at a measured pace that allows you to notice the small miracles of nature unfolding. We'll close the walk by enjoying hot tea and healthy snacks.

Guided Mindfulness Walks

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

Meet at South Terrace

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

Walk 1: Connections in Nature

Thursday | May 2 | #PBG0108 100001

Join Tania for a guided Gude Garden walk focused on connections in nature. Through gentle movement, discussion, journaling, and meditation, you will explore what it means to connect with yourself, with others, and with the natural world around you.

Walk 2: Motherhood in Nature

Tuesday | May 21 | #PBG0125 100001

Join Tania for a guided Aquatic and Dewey Garden walk focused on how we show ourselves self-compassion. Babies in strollers welcome! Through mindful meditation, movement, writing, and conversation, we will consider how the natural environment invites us to be kind to ourselves even as we care for others.

Walk 3: Self-Care in Nature

Tuesday | June 4 | #PBG0109 200001

Join Tania for a guided walk focused on self-care in nature. Among the fragrant blossoms, maple trees, and brightly colored roses of the Formal Gardens, you will be invited to awaken your senses, notice your inner voice, and reflect on how you can bring awareness and compassion to your internal experience.

Half-day Mindfulness Retreat

Sunday | May 19 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

\$70 | FOBG \$63 | #PBG0018 100001

Meet at Visitor Center Entrance

Tanory Ateek

Tanory will guide you through a half-day of stress relieving practices, including gentle yoga; walking and seated meditation; and the meditative way of the labyrinth. Whether you are new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, this retreat will provide a chance to slow down, connect to nature in new ways, and rekindle a deeper sense of peace and wonder in your life.

Healing Connections Through Nature & The Arts

Saturday | July 20 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

\$60 | FOBG \$54 | #PBG0144 200001

Adult Classroom

Marilyn B. Spenadel, LCPC, ACS

This self-care workshop will blend meditative practices in nature with art therapy and group discussion to build holistic wellness. Explore mindfulness skills to create your heart-felt resiliency routine for handling stress and providing peace of mind and body. Learn nurturing techniques that help build internal resources for spiritual and emotional health.



Every Day is Earth Day Family Event

(See page 10 for more details.)
Sunday | May 5 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Free | Ages 2 – 14 | #PBG0128 100001

Garden Explorers

\$7 | Ages 6 - 8
Sunday | March 3 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
#PBG0126 100001
Saturday | April 6 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
#PBG0126 100002
Sunday | May 19 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
#PBG0126 100003

Meet at Visitor Center Info Desk

Take a garden walk with one of our instructors and explore botany, nature, and all the outdoors has to offer. Curiosity, seasonal changes, and botanical variety will guide the content of the day and the route we take through the gardens. Please dress for the weather.

Storytime in the Garden

Select Saturdays & Sundays
10:00 – 10:45 am
\$5 | Ages 3 – 7 | #PBG0111
Outdoor Classroom (behind Children's Garden)

Join us for an interactive story time followed by an outdoor exploration or activity for children ages 3-7. This is an outdoor story time, weather permitting. Adults must accompany children. Please dress for the weather.

Saturday | March 9 | #PBG0111 100003
Saturday | March 16 | #PBG0111 100004
Sunday | April 7 | #PBG0111 100005
Sunday | April 14 | #PBG0111 100006
Saturday | May 18 | #PBG0111 100007
Sunday | June 9 | #PBG0111 200001

Yoga Sprouts!

Saturdays | April 27 – June 8
10:00 – 10:45 am
\$7 | Ages 3 – 9 | #PBG0078
Meet at South Terrace

Bring your little ones to this series of fun, garden-related yoga movement classes. Physical exercise and mindfulness will awaken your senses, boost your energy, and give you good garden vibes to start your day. Classes are outdoors and either moved indoors or canceled in cases of inclement weather. Bring

your own mat or borrow one of ours. Adults must accompany children.

Butterflies of Brookside Gardens

Saturday | August 24 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
\$7 | Ages 6 – 8 | #PBG0127 200001
or

Sunday | August 25 | 10:00 – 11:00 am
\$7 | Ages 8 – 12 | #PBG0127 200002

Meet at Visitor Center Info Desk

As the summer winds down, monarchs, swallowtails, and other butterflies are busy in the gardens. Stop at the "hot spots" along the trail to identify different butterfly species, snap a few photos, and record observations in the nature journal provided. Please dress for the weather.

Summer Camps

All summer camps meet in the Children's Classroom. Prior to camp, a detailed email will be sent along with the necessary camp forms required for each participant.

Garden Investigators Camp

June 24 – 28 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
\$350 | Ages 6 – 8 | #PBG0082 500001
or

July 29 – August 2 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
\$350 | Ages 6 – 8 | #PBG0082 500002

Curious campers will investigate and explore Brookside Gardens to discover the fascinating plants and animals that make their homes here. Arts and crafts, games, and gardening are all in a day's fun as we spend time indoors and outdoors connecting with nature.

Art Adventures Camp

July 8 – 12 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
\$350 | Ages 9 – 11 | #PBG0083 500001

Calling all creative children who love to make art and don't mind getting dirty! Explore the garden from an artist's perspective through different

artistic techniques and various media each day. From painting to gardening, campers will unleash their imaginations and craft works of art inspired by horticulture and nature.

Summer Science Camp

July 15 – 19 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
\$350 | Ages 9 – 11 | #PBG0084 500001

Let us cultivate your children's interest in the natural sciences with hands-on, inquiry-based experiments and activities in a beautiful garden setting! Each day, campers will unlock the scientific mysteries found in the gardens through experiments, observations, games and more.

Climate Action Camp

August 5 – 9 | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
\$350 | Ages 11 – 14 | #PBG0085 500001

Take action and understand our impact on climate and the environment in this week-long camp. Campers will examine different environmental issues through indoor and outdoor activities with a focus on actions you can take to make a positive change in the world around you. Campers will earn 10 SSL hours based on participation in the service component each day.

Children's Garden Explore Maryland!

Experience a unique, mini-Maryland in our Children's Garden. From the mountains to the ocean, *Explore Maryland!* is an opportunity for children to explore a beautiful garden, pretend amongst mountain boulders, play in an old farmhouse, 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 represent while playing in the garden.



PROGRAMS BY DATE

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3/3/2024	Garden Explorers**	PBG0126 100001	\$7	\$7	17
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3/7/2024	Gentle Yoga**	PBG0030 100001	\$14	\$12	15
3/9/2024	Yoga**	PBG0031 100001	\$14	\$12	15
3/9/2024	Introduction to Landscape Design I	PBG0012 100001	\$15	\$12	13
3/9/2024	Storytime in the Garden**	PBG0111 100003	\$5	\$5	17
3/14/2024	Succulent Container	PBG0046 100001	\$55	\$50	15
3/16/2024	Introduction to Drawing & Painting with Spring Flowers*	PBG0095 100001	\$110	\$100	15
3/23/2024	Introduction to Landscape Design II	PBG0013 100001	\$15	\$12	13
3/28/2024	RainScape Your Yard Session I: Evaluating Stormwater Solutions for Home Landscapes	PBG0015 100001	\$15	\$12	13
4/2/2024	Earth Month Sustainability Tours**	PBG0143 100001	FREE	FREE	9
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4/10/2024	Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour**	PBG0003 100001	\$12	\$10	12
4/11/2024	Latest Research & Trials of Native Plants & Cultivars	PBG0039 100001	\$15	\$12	14
4/13/2024	RainScape Your Yard Session II: Plants & Landscape Design for RainScapes Gardens	PBG0015 100002	\$25	\$22	13
4/13/2024	Introduction to Plant Propagation	PBG0016 100001	\$45	\$40	15
4/9/2024	Dickerson Conservation Park Walking Tour	PBG0141 100001	\$30	\$27	12
4/16/2024	Strolls for Well-Being*/**	PBG0033 100001	\$75	\$75	15
4/20/2024	Brookside Gardens Plant Sale	No registration	FREE	FREE	9
4/20/2024	Electric Landscape Equipment Exhibit	No registration	FREE	FREE	9
4/21/2024	Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing**	PBG0022 100001	\$35	\$30	16
4/25/2024	Ecological Gardening: Supporting Native Habitats in The Home Landscape	PBG0130 100001	\$15	\$12	14
4/27/2024	Living Field Lab Series - Native Plants for Shade, Biodiversity, & Propagation	PBG0142 100001	\$25	\$22	13
4/27/2024	Yoga Sprouts!**	PBG0078 100014	\$7	\$7	17
4/30/2024	Azalea & Rhododendron Tour**	PBG0001 100001	\$12	\$10	12
5/2/2024	Gardening Basics & Beyond**	PBG0131 100001	\$15	\$12	14
5/2/2024	Guided Mindfulness Walks - Connections in Nature	PBG0108 100001	\$28	\$25	16
5/4/2024	Bird Walk: A Film Screening & Panel Discussion	PBG0132 100001	FREE	FREE	9
5/4/2024	Guided Bird Walk at Brookside Gardens	PBG0133 100001	\$12	\$10	9
5/5/2024	Every Day is Earth Day	PBG0128 100001	FREE	FREE	10
5/11/2024	Integrating Edible Perennials, Shrubs and Small Trees into Your Garden	PBG0129 100001	\$15	\$12	14
5/16/2024	Miniature Perennial Container	PBG0023 100001	\$65	\$59	15
5/18/2024	Native Shrubs and Small Trees for Perennial Companionship	PBG0140 100001	FREE	FREE	11
5/19/2024	Half-day Mindfulness Retreat	PBG0018 100001	\$70	\$65	16
5/21/2024	Guided Mindfulness Walks - Motherhood in Nature	PBG0125 100001	\$28	\$25	16
6/4/2024	Summer Twilight Concert Series**	No registration	FREE	FREE	10
6/4/2024	Guided Mindfulness Walks - Self-Care in Nature	PBG0109 200001	\$28	\$25	16
6/8/2024	Living Field Lab Series - RainScape Gardens for Sun, Pollinators, & Deer Resistance	PBG0142 200001	\$25	\$22	13
6/15/2024	The Lifelong Gardener: Garden with Ease and Joy at Any Age	PBG0136 200001	FREE	FREE	11
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6/24 - 6/28	Garden Investigators Camp*/**	PBG0082 500001	\$350	\$350	17
6/27/2024	Pope Farm Native Plant Production Tour	PBG0135 200001	\$30	\$27	12
7/8 - 7/12	Art Adventures Camp*	PBG0083 500001	\$350	\$350	17
7/9/2024	Shakespeare in the Garden	No registration	FREE	FREE	10
7/13/2024	West African Food Crops: History, Cultivation and Culinary Uses	PBG0139 200001	\$25	\$22	14
7/15 - 7/19	Summer Science Camp*	PBG0084 500001	\$350	\$350	17
7/16/2024	Rachel Carson Conservation Park Tour	PBG0086 200001	\$30	\$27	12
7/20/2024	Guided Walk with the Capital Naturalist Caminata guiada con el Capital Naturalist	PBG0138 200001	\$15	\$12	12
7/20/2024	Healing Connections Through Nature & The Arts	PBG0144 200001	\$60	\$54	16
8/5 - 8/9	Climate Action Camp*	PBG0085 500001	\$350	\$350	17
8/24/2024	Butterflies of Brookside**	PBG0127 200001	\$7	\$7	17

* Program Meets Multiple Days ** Multiple Sessions Offered

*** Required Info** **REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT For participants under 18		
Name	Relationship	Phone

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

To which race do you identify most?

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

Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

PAYMENT OPTIONS*

Total Programs Fees \$ _____

Non-Resident/Other Fees \$ _____ Check # _____ \$ _____

Total Fees Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to: ActiveMONTGOMERY No cash payments.

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

Yes No

If YES, please see below:

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

IMPORTANT: Request should be made before the program begins.

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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

Important Registration Information

- You must open an ActiveMONTGOMERY account in order to register for any program.
- We regret that it is not possible to include babies or children in classes designed for adults, unless specified.
- All programs will run rain or shine, unless a rain date is listed; for cancellation information call 301-962-1451.
- FOBG members should enter the discounted FOBG rate in the Fee column. For information about joining FOBG, call 301-962-1435 or check brooksidegardens.org.
- 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.
- Deadline for registration is 7 days prior to event date, unless otherwise stated. Participants will be enrolled in the order received.

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

Check out our *Earth Month* activities on page 9

FREE

Summer Twilight Concert Series

Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens

Tuesdays in June | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | see page 10 for details

