The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is a living plant museum. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free of charge. Exhibits interpret the role of plants in supporting earth’s diverse and fragile ecosystems and in enriching human life. Established by Congress in 1820, the U.S. Botanic Garden is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. The Garden has been administered through the Architect of the Capitol since 1934. It is a museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory is located on the National Mall at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and First Street SW, adjacent to the U.S. Capitol. The address is 100 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20001. The Conservatory houses permanent collections of plants from subtropical, tropical, Mediterranean, and arid regions, and showcases orchids, medicinal, economic, endangered, and Jurassic plants. From late May to mid-October, the Conservatory terrace and interior galleries feature thematic displays and exhibits.

Our outdoor gardens adjacent to the Conservatory feature the Regional Garden, Rose Garden, First Ladies Water Garden, Butterfly Garden, and Amphitheater. A showcase of beautiful, sustainable, and accessible landscape design, Bartholdi Park was renovated in 2016 using the principles of the Sustainable SITES Initiative™. The accessible garden design features native plants, water-conserving rain gardens, wildlife habitat, greater accessibility, and Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi’s historic Fountain of Light and Water.

Parking is not available at the U.S. Botanic Garden on weekdays. It is accessible by public transportation. The Federal Center SW Station on the Orange, Blue, and Silver Lines of Metrorail is at Third and D Streets SW, four blocks from the USBG. Metrobuses 32, 34, and 36 stop at Independence Avenue and First Street SW, between the Conservatory and Bartholdi Park. The DC Circulator Bus (National Mall route) stops across the street from the Conservatory on 3rd Street.

Free 45-minute highlight tours of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory may be available on the day of your visit. Check at the information desk. Groups of 10 to 15 adults may reserve a tour of the Conservatory Monday through Friday by calling 202-226-2055 at least four weeks in advance.

The USBG strives to make its facilities and programs accessible to all visitors to ensure an enjoyable Garden visit. Wheelchairs, visitor guides in braille and large print formats, sign language interpretation, and hearing-aid compatible assistive listening devices for tours are all available upon request.

Visit our website for more info and to register for programs: www.USBG.gov/Learn

For More Information
General Information & Accessibility at the USBG: 202-225-8333
Audio tour available at 202-730-9303 and www.USBG.gov/AudioTour
Register for Programs: 202-225-1116
Request Tours: 202-226-2055
Plant Hotline: 202-226-4785
Volunteer Opportunities: 202-226-8066
Media Inquiries: 202-226-4145
Friends of the U.S. Botanic Garden: 202-225-1281 (or see pg. 48)
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*Helianthus*
U.S. Botanic Garden

1. Conservatory Entrance and Information Desk
2. Terrace
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5. Rose Garden
6. First Ladies Water Garden
7. Regional Garden
8. Amphitheater
9. Bartholdi Park and Fountain
10. Kitchen Garden

Icons: 
- Water fountain
- Accessible route
- Restrooms
- Bike rack
- Crosswalk
- Automated external defibrillator
Conservatory
EXHIBITS

It’s Hip to Be Square: The Mint Family
THROUGH NOVEMBER 25
CONSERVATORY SOUTH LOBBY

Did you know that coleus, sage, and rosemary are all in the mint family (Lamiaceae)? This plant family contains many culinary herbs. Mint family members are usually aromatic, have square stems, and opposite leaves. Most people know about Mentha (peppermint and spearmint) and Salvia (sage) species, but there are over 230 genera and more than 7,000 species in the mint family. Come explore this beautiful exhibit to learn about the interesting plants in this unique family.

Learn more about exhibits at www.USBG.gov/Exhibits
Celebrating New American Gardens
THROUGH OCTOBER 15
CONSERVATORY WEST GALLERY

Public gardens across America are engaging, inviting, and dynamic. Gardens are living creations, as they display seasonal changes along with a constant ebb and flow. This exhibit celebrates American gardens created or renovated within the last five years. These gardens showcase new plant collections, create spaces for people to connect with nature, and foster sustainability. Come explore what’s new in public gardens!

Gardens Across America
THROUGH OCTOBER 1
USBG CAMPUS

Featuring vignettes from a selection of gardens across the country, this exhibit spotlights the diversity and beauty of the more than 600 public gardens in the United States. From rare and endangered plants to historic estates and modern oases, the U.S. Botanic Garden showcases the collections and stories of 20 different gardens throughout the grounds. These gardens reflect their local communities and the amazing diversity found in the plant kingdom. The displays include signature plants and visual elements to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of the gardens’ plants, styles, origins, regional characteristics, and missions.
PROGRAMS

Programs are listed by start date.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
Jam and Jump with King Bullfrog!

King Bullfrog, Folk, Blues, and World Musicians

Join us for a morning with King Bullfrog, a high-energy acoustic duo. Mr. Jeremiah and Mr. Steve, both Capitol Hill-based dads and music teachers, will sing about plants and the environment with a set of folk, blues, world, and original music for children and their grown-ups. Please note: The musicians will play two sets.

DATE: Saturday, June 1
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Terrace Gardens (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required

FITNESS PROGRAM
Yoga in the Garden

Heather Markowitz, Founder, WithLoveDC

Come flow at the Garden with this free yoga gathering, led by WithLoveDC. These classes aim to create an accessible space for all people to tune into their breath while enjoying the natural beauty in the Garden. Please note: This program is first-come, first-served with limited space available. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own mats.

DATES: Saturdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Terrace Gardens (Rain Location: Conservatory Gallery)
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
Discover the Kitchen Garden
Sarah Nechamen, USBG Volunteer Docent

Discover the fascinating stories of many fruits and veggies you eat every day. What did watermelons taste like before plant breeding got involved? Why did chili peppers evolve to be so spicy? Why do peach seeds look exactly like almonds? Join Sarah for a short walking tour of the Kitchen Garden to learn the answers to these questions and many more!

DATE: Saturday, June 1
TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour will meet in the lobby of the Conservatory
FREE: No pre-registration required

LECTURE
Soup’s On! Beets Me and Allium in the Family—Beet and Onion Families in the Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden
Todd Brethauer, USBG Science Education Volunteer

Vegetables add flavor, color, texture, essential nutrients, and fiber to our diet. In this summer series of lectures, Todd will cover the major vegetable families, highlighting those growing in the Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden. Come spend an hour and learn about the evolution, domestication, breeding, cultivation, key nutrients and challenges of growing beets, spinach, chard, onions, leeks, and garlic.

DATE: Saturday, June 1
TIME: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
LECTURE
Poetry in Silver: The Language of Flowers in the Works of Emily Dickinson
Kandy Vermeer Phillips, Botanical Artist

Poetry in Silver: The Language of Flowers in the Works of Emily Dickinson is an ongoing series of silverpoint drawings comparing specimens found in Dickinson’s herbarium to those housed in the U.S. National Herbarium. Dickinson collected her specimens in the 1840’s from the woods, fields, and bogs that surrounded her Amherst, Mass., home as part of her formal botany education. Poetry in Silver highlights several of these cherished woodland flowers that inspired Dickinson’s poetry along with her use of the popular Language of Flowers.

Silverpoint drawing is a Renaissance technique and is ideal for close, observational botanical drawing. A silverpoint drawing’s unique tendency to develop a patina over time also provides a metaphor for a plant’s evolving environmental status from the mid-19th century to the present day. Although Dickinson’s herbarium is now over 175 years old, it continues to speak and remains a significant part of her letter to the world. Please note: This program offered in conjunction with the Botanical Art Society of the National Capital Region in celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the American Society of Botanical Artists. Limited seating will be available. Doors will open at 1:15pm.

DATE: Sunday, June 2
TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
Highlights from the Conservatory Collection
USBG Volunteer Docent

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MORNING TOUR
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       Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26
       Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27

LUNCHTIME TOUR
TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
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AFTERNOON TOUR
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       Saturdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

LATE AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
DATES: Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26

LOCATION: Tours meet in the Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
Outdoor Gardens
USBG Volunteer Docent

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LUNCHTIME TOUR
TIME: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
DATES: Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25
       Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26

AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
DATES: Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24
       Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25

LOCATION: Tours meet on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory
FREE: No pre-registration required
PARENT & CHILD PROGRAM
Snugglers
Marjorie Abbot, USBG Volunteer Docent

Join us each Thursday for a 45-minute guided tour of the Conservatory. Each week will be a different exploration. This program is designed for parents and care providers who have a tiny one in a snuggly. Please note: You are welcome to arrive with a stroller, however we cannot support strollers or older siblings during the actual program.

DATE (choose any or both of the following): Thursdays, June 6, 13
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

DEMONSTRATION
Lei-Making
Hawai‘i State Society of Washington, D.C.

In celebration of Kamehameha Day, which occurs each June, the local Hawaiian community will prepare lei using many local mid-Atlantic plant materials. The lei are solemnly presented and draped on the statues of Saint Damien and Kamehameha in a private ceremony in Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol, where, following the ceremony, visitors to the Capitol can enjoy them. Come learn about Hawaiian traditions and culture as you watch the Hawai‘i State Society and other members of the local Hawaiian community make the lei for this year’s lei-draping ceremony.

DATE: Saturday, June 8
TIME: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Amphitheater
(Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required
LECTURE
Hawaii – A Botanical Paradise in the Middle of the Sea
*Todd Brethauer, USBG Science Education Volunteer*

In celebration of Kamehameha Day, join us for an informative lecture on the evolutionary forces that shaped Hawaii’s unique native plant communities. Learn how the arrival of humans and their animal companions changed the botanical landscape and how the early Hawaiians used the plants to meet their food, fiber, shelter, tool, religious, and medicinal needs. This lecture will highlight the important work of the National Tropical Botanical Garden and the Lyon Arboretum of the University of Hawaii in conserving the island’s unique plant life and ethnobotanical heritage.

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**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom  
**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

TOUR
Explore *Gardens Across America*
*USBG Staff and Volunteer Docents*

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**TIME:** 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**DATES:** Wednesdays, June 12, 26  
Saturdays, June 15, 29  
**LOCATION:** Tours meet on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory  
**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
Marvelous Morphology: Plant Structure
Dr. Susan Pell, USBG Deputy Executive Director

Ever wonder what the difference is between a tree and a shrub or a vine and a liana? Join Susan as she discusses plant structure and habit. Topics such as growth patterns, terminal vs. lateral buds, and how horticulture can change a plant’s habit from one type to another will be explored and explained. Please note: This tour may go outdoors. Please dress accordingly.

DATE: Thursday, June 13
TIME: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour meets in the Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

COOKING DEMONSTRATION
Spectacular Spuds
Adrienne Cook, Gardening and Cooking Writer, and Danielle Cook, MS, Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor

It’s easy to encounter a wide range of colors and types of potatoes these days, both at farmers markets and in the U.S. Botanic Garden’s Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden! Join the Cook Sisters as they highlight sumptuous spuds recipes featuring both regular and sweet potatoes. Please note: The 12:50 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program. The June 27 program will feature different recipes from the June 13 program.

DATE: Thursday, June 13, 27
TIMES: 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 12:50 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: No pre-registration required
CONCERT
American Roots Music
*Kiti Gartner, rockabilly/roots*

Come celebrate American roots music—Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

Kiti Gartner is a rockabilly/roots band out of Washington, D.C. Their influences range from classic Sun Records in Memphis to music recorded at the Quonset Hut and RCA Studio B in Nashville in the 1950s and '60s. Together since 2013, they have been welcomed by audiences and venues across the mid-Atlantic and Europe. *Please note:* Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

**DATE:** Thursday, June 13  
**TIMES:** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)  
**FREE:** No pre-registration required

SPECIAL PROGRAM
Afternoon Tea in the Garden
*Grace Anderson, USBG Education Specialist*

You are formally invited to Afternoon Tea at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Discover the fascinating history and biology of tea, a plant at the center of cultural traditions around the globe. Sip tea and nibble biscuits while learning about what makes the small evergreen shrub *Camellia sinensis* so special. During this delightful afternoon, you’ll have the opportunity to make your own unique blend of tea or herbal tisane to steep at home.

**DATE:** Saturday, June 15  
**TIME:** 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom  
**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
Phenomenal Plants:
The USBG Medicinal Plants Collection
Chelsea McKinley, USBG Gardener

Join Chelsea, gardener of the Medicinal Plants house, on a tour of this fascinating collection. Learn about a variety of different species used for medicinal purposes that are currently on display at the USBG Conservatory. Topics to be discussed include plant-derived compounds used in pharmaceuticals, species that have been used for hundreds of years in traditional medicine, and plants that can be found in the ingredients of over-the-counter products.

DATE: Friday, June 21
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
LOCATION: Tour will meet in the Medicinal Plants house
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/learn

SPECIAL PROGRAM
Pollinator Party!
Jim Willmott, USBG Plant Health Care Specialist, and Grace Anderson, USBG Education Specialist

Does your garden flutter? Is it abuzz with flighty friends? Whether you are invested in insect garden visitors or just want to learn more, come celebrate pollinators at the U.S. Botanic Garden during this special event. Join Jim and Grace as they share the wonders of what butterflies, bumblebees, and honeybees bring to the environment, and then help them release select butterflies into our Pollinator Garden! Please note: This program is held outdoors. We suggest bringing sunscreen, protective clothing, and water. The program is canceled if it rains or during times of extreme heat (heat index of 95 degrees or higher/Code Red weather alert).

DATE: Friday, June 21
TIME: 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
LOCATION: Pollinator Garden
FREE: No pre-registration required
CONCERT
American Roots Music
Justin Trawick and the Common Good, Americana

Come celebrate American roots music—Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

Justin Trawick and The Common Good are a touring Americana group consisting of four friends who have been performing on stage together since 2006. Fronted by award winning songwriter Justin Trawick, the band has opened for such artists as Bob Schneider, Sara Bareilles, Hot Buttered Rum, Blues Traveler, Shawn Mullins, Pat McGee, Suzanne Vega, KC and the Sunshine Band, and even the Ying Yang Twins. Consisting of acoustic guitar, upright bass, mandolin, and fiddle, Justin Trawick and The Common Good are often compared to David Gray, Tallest Man On Earth, G. Love and Special Sauce, and Old Crow Medicine Show. With five albums, Trawick and the band are seasoned professionals when it comes to putting on amazing foot stomping performances. Please note: Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

DATE: Thursday, June 27
TIMES: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
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USBG Volunteer Docent

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 Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25

LUNCHEON TOUR
TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
DATES: Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25
 Fridays, July 5, 12, 19, 26

AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
DATES: Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25
 Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27

LATE AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
DATES: Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

LOCATION: Tours meet in the Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
Outdoor Gardens
USBG Volunteer Docent

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DATES: Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
    Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
DATES: Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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LOCATION: Tours meet on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
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DATE: Saturday, July 6
TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour will meet in the lobby of the Conservatory
FREE: No pre-registration required

SPECIAL PROGRAM
Celebrate International Chocolate Day
USBG Employees and Volunteers

Come see our beautiful Theobroma cacao tree in bloom and learn how our arborist hand pollinates its flowers. Participants will learn about the process from flower to fruit and fruit to chocolate. A local chocolatier will be on site to ensure everyone gets a taste!

DATE: Sunday, July 7
TIME: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: No pre-registration required
BECOME A U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN VOLUNTEER!

U.S. Botanic Garden volunteers have a common sense of purpose in identifying with the Garden’s mission of demonstrating the aesthetic, cultural, ecological, economic, and therapeutic importance of plants to humankind.

Volunteers are professionals, hobbyists, retirees, or employed full-time. Through their time at the Garden, volunteers develop new skills, explore their personal interests, and make significant contributions that enable the Garden to fulfill its mission. Volunteering is a great way to meet others and connect with the community. Volunteers must be 18 years of age.

Have questions or want more information? Please visit www.USBG.gov/Volunteer.
TOUR
Explore Gardens Across America
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TIME: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
DATES: Wednesdays, July 10, 24
 Saturdays, July 13, 27
LOCATION: Tours meet on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

COOKING DEMONSTRATION
Top Tomatoes
Adrienne Cook, Gardening and Cooking Writer, and Danielle Cook, MS, Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor

What is your favorite type of tomato? Explore the answer with the Cook Sisters as you sample tasty tomato recipes featuring gorgeous produce from the Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden. Please note: The 12:50 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program. The July 25 program will feature different recipes from the July 11 program.

DATE: Thursday, July 11, 25
TIMES: 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 12:50 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: No pre-registration required
CONCERT
American Roots Music
Fireside Collective, folk/bluegrass/American roots

Come celebrate American roots music—Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

Asheville, N.C. based newgrass band Fireside Collective is a group of folk music enthusiasts who blend elements of traditional bluegrass and American roots music with modern acoustic arrangements. With an energetic live show, the band presents finely crafted original music infused with impeccable solos and tight harmonies. Captivating listeners with songs centered on change, relationships, and being on the road, they transition smoothly between danceable bluegrass numbers and passionate folk ballads. With mandolin, fiddle, Dobro, and acoustic guitar layered eloquently on top of rock-solid stand-up bass, the band has quickly made a name for themselves as a must-see progressive acoustic ensemble. Please note: Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

DATE: Thursday, July 11
TIMES: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required

FITNESS PROGRAM
Yoga in the Garden
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DATES: Saturdays, July 13, 20, 27
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Terrace Gardens (Rain Location: Conservatory Gallery)
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
Exploring Bartholdi Park
Thomas Crawley, USBG Gardener, and
Ray Mims, USBG Conservation and Sustainability Horticulturist

This Bartholdi Park walking tour will highlight the park’s history, gardens, plantings, and recent renovation to upgrade accessibility, safety, and sustainability. Tour participants will also hear about the Sustainable SITES Initiative—a comprehensive rating system for sustainable, professional landscapes, meant to encourage the design and development of healthy, productive landscapes—and the Landscape for Life program that highlights these principles for home gardeners. Come join Thomas and Ray, rain or shine! Please note: This tour is held outdoors. We suggest bringing protective clothing and water. The tour is canceled in the event of extreme weather conditions.

DATE: Tuesday, July 16
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Tour meets by the Bartholdi Park fountain
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

TOUR
Phenomenal Plants:
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DATE: Tuesday, July 16
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
LOCATION: Tour will meet in the Medicinal Plants house
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
Marvelous Morphology: Leaves
Dr. Susan Pell, USBG Deputy Executive Director

Ever wonder what the spots on the back of fern leaves are or how a banana tree’s trunk is formed? Join Susan on a tour of the Garden and discover leaf structures and their various functions. Learn what parts of an acacia plant ants rely on and why palm trees have striped trunks. Topics such as leaf shapes, margins, adaptations, petioles, positions, and overall structural diversity will be explored and explained. Please note: This tour may go outdoors. Please dress accordingly.

DATE: Thursday, July 18
TIME: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour meets in the Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

WORKSHOP
Growing Great Flowers for your Cutting Garden
Laura Beth Resnick, Owner of Butterbee Farm

Learn to have blooms in your cutting garden all season long! This class will cover Butterbee Farm owner Laura Beth’s favorite flowers to grow and basic tips for success, plus participants will make a bouquet to take home.

DATE: Saturday, July 20
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
CONCERT
American Roots Music
King Teddy, swing

Come celebrate American roots music—Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

Swing for the modern age! King Teddy is a proud part of the Washington, D.C.-area swing scene. They can be seen and heard at summer concerts, wine festivals, celebrations, and some of the best swing dances in the country. A few hours with them is a few hours with the music made famous by Nat King Cole, Louis Prima, Sam Cooke, Elvis Presley, and even the Beatles. Every song (including award-winning King Teddy original tunes) is carefully selected for its danceability and/or foot-tap-ability. Please note: Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

DATE: Thursday, July 25
TIMES: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR
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LUNCHTIME TOUR
TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
DATES: Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26
       Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, 28
       Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
       Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
DATES: Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27
       Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, 28
       Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
       Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24

LATE AFTERNOON TOUR
TIME: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
DATES: Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, 28
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DATES: Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Terrace Gardens (Rain Location: Conservatory Gallery)
FREE: No pre-registration required
TOUR

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DATE: Saturday, August 3
TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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FREE: No pre-registration required

TOUR

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DATES: Wednesdays, August 7, 21
Saturdays, August 10, 24
LOCATION: Tours meet on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
The Art and History of the U.S. Botanic Garden
Susan Klusman, USBG Volunteer Docent

Ever wonder why the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory is located on its present site? What the architectural style of the building is? How Bartholdi Fountain became part of the Garden? Where many of the first plants in the Conservatory originated? This walking tour will explore how historical currents, architecture, sculpture, and landscape architecture came together to create this grand garden. Please note: The program is canceled if it rains.

DATES: Wednesdays, August 7, 21
TIME: 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour meets by the entrance to the Conservatory on the Terrace
FREE: No pre-registration required

COOKING DEMONSTRATION
Harvest Cornucopia
Adrienne Cook, Gardening and Cooking Writer, and Danielle Cook, MS, Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor

Inspired by our Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden, this demonstration will feature the summer’s best at the peak of harvest season. Please note: The 12:50 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program. The August 8 program will feature different recipes from the August 22 program.

DATE: Thursday, August 8, 22
TIMES: 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 12:50 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: No pre-registration required
WORKSHOP
Botany 101: Crash Course for Teachers
Lee Coykendall, USBG Senior Education Specialist

Thinking about how you are going to incorporate the plant world into your classroom this new school year? Trying to remember why we call a tomato a fruit and not a vegetable? Join us for a fun afternoon of hands-on plant science during which we will review botany basics. Participants will dissect flowers, review plant parts and function, use microscopes to explore photosynthesis, build models to review pollination, and consider the role plants have in our everyday lives.

DATE: Thursday, August 8
TIME: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

CONCERT
American Roots Music
David Bach, jazz

Come celebrate American roots music—Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

A winner of the 2016 Maryland Music Awards “Best Jazz Artist,” David Bach’s recording Otherworld reached #28 in the CMJ National Jazz Chart and #4 in the Canadian Earshot National Jazz Chart. A testament to his popularity as a recording artist, Bach’s discography extends back 15 years, starting with Window on the West (which received major airplay at notable smooth jazz stations in D.C. and New York City) and including the world music driven 5 Thousand Words, A Deep Breath and his 2008 concert album Live at Baker Park. The recipient of two gold records and the winner of the Maryland State Art Performance Award, Bach’s band was also the winner of the Jazz Discovery Showcase on BET. Please note: Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

DATE: Thursday, August 8
TIMES: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required
LECTURE
Lessons from the Roadside: Designing for Beauty and Function
Susan Barton, Professor, Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Delaware

Join Sue as she shares lessons learned from 20 years of experimentation on roadside landscapes in Delaware. This work has provided insights applicable to many landscapes, including home gardens large and small. Learn how to reduce lawn, incorporate meadows and woodlands, and manage your landscape to provide the services we all need to survive. See how sustainable landscapes can be both functional and beautiful!

DATE: Friday, August 9
TIME: 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

WORKSHOP
Design, Draw, and Paint Your Dream Garden
Mary Ellen Carsley, Professional Artist/Illustrator, Educator, and Former Practicing Architect

This course is designed for the gardening enthusiast who also enjoys sketching and would like to try their hand at garden design. The course will include an overview of the history of gardens in America as inspiration. Fundamentals of design drawing, landscape sketching, and garden design strategies will be introduced. Each student will leave with a garden design and dream garden vignette sketch all in color. Please note: This is a two-day workshop. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Please bring a lunch each day and be prepared to spend part of the day outside.

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11
TIME: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FRIENDS: $125 NON-MEMBERS: $150
Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
Marvelous Morphology: Plant-Animal Interactions
Dr. Susan Pell, USBG Deputy Executive Director

Ever wonder why flowering plants are so diverse? Plant-animal interactions have driven diversification for over 90 million years. Join Susan on a tour of the Garden and discover vegetative, flower, and fruit structures that facilitate plant-animals interactions. Topics such as fruit dispersal, pollination methods, and vegetative adaptations for animals will be explored and explained. Please note: This tour may go outdoors. Please dress accordingly.

DATE: Thursday, August 15
TIME: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour meets in the Conservatory Garden Court
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

LECTURE
Soup’s On! The Bean and Pea Family in the Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden
Todd Brethauer, USBG Science Education Volunteer

Vegetables add flavor, color, texture, essential nutrients, and fiber to our diet. In this summer series of lectures, Todd will cover the major vegetable families, highlighting those growing in the Bartholdi Park Kitchen Garden. Come spend an hour and learn about the evolution, domestication, breeding, cultivation, key nutrients and challenges of growing peas and beans.

DATE: Saturday, August 17
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
TOUR
Exploring Bartholdi Park

*Thomas Crawley, USBG Gardener, and Ray Mims, USBG Conservation and Sustainability Horticulturist*

This Bartholdi Park walking tour will highlight the park’s history, gardens, plantings, and recent renovation to upgrade accessibility, safety, and sustainability. Tour participants will also hear about the Sustainable SITES Initiative—a comprehensive rating system for sustainable, professional landscapes, meant to encourage the design and development of healthy, productive landscapes—and the Landscape for Life program that highlights these principles for home gardeners. Come join Thomas and Ray, rain or shine! *Please note:* This tour is held outdoors. We suggest bringing protective clothing and water. The tour is canceled in the event of extreme weather conditions.

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 20  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Tour meets by the Bartholdi Park fountain  
**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

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CONCERT
American Roots Music

*Michelle Hannan & One Blue Night, country*

Come celebrate American roots music—Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

Michelle Hannan & One Blue Night, based out of Frederick, Md., is one of Maryland’s top up-and-coming independent country bands. The band features the warm, soulful vocals and songwriting of Michelle Hannan, along with her husband: singer, songwriter, and bassist Jason Hannan. They are supported by the dynamic instrumental work of renowned veteran musicians Howard Parker (pedal steel), Brent Progecene (lead guitar), and Todd Campbell (drums). *Please note:* Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

**DATE:** Thursday, August 22  
**TIMES:** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)  
**FREE:** No pre-registration required
Mark your calendars for these programs in early September!

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
Seedlings
USBG Education Specialists

Join us for four weeks of hands-on plant science for our Seedlings class (ages 6–10). Each week we will explore the amazing world of plants through science, art, and scientific inquiry.

*Please note:* Seedlings is designed for a more advanced level of plant science education. For the benefit of all participants, we request that only children ages 6 and up attend and participate in class activities. The class in October is a repeat of the class in September.

DATES: September 3, 10, 17, 24
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required*, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

*Please note:* Registration opens on August 7 at 10 a.m.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
Sprouts
USBG Education Specialists

Dig in to plants with your preschooler (ages 3-5). Join us for four weeks of art, science, and a walking adventure in our gardens as we explore the fascinating world of plants.

*Please note:* Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participating children must be at least 3 years of age. The 1:30 p.m. program is a repeat of the 10:30 a.m. program. There is no class scheduled on Wednesday, May 15. The classes in October are a repeat of the classes in September.

DATES: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25
TIMES: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required*, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

*Please note:* Registration opens on August 7 at 10 a.m.
TOUR
Explore Gardens Across America
USBG Staff and Volunteer Docents

Join a guide to learn more about our exciting exhibit Gardens Across America! Featuring vignettes from a selection of gardens across the country, this exhibit spotlights the diversity and beauty of public gardens in the United States. Tours will focus on different displays to highlight a variety of public gardens. Please note: These tours are held outdoors. We suggest bringing sunscreen, protective clothing, and water. Tours are canceled if it rains or during times of extreme heat (heat index of 95 degrees of higher/Code Red weather alert).

TIME: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
DATES: Wednesdays, September 4, 18
                  Saturdays, September 7, 21
LOCATION: Tours meet on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn

PARENT & CHILD PROGRAM
Snugglers
Marjorie Abbot, USBG Volunteer Docent

Do you have a tiny treasure in a snuggly? Looking for ways to get out of the house and learn? Join us each Thursday for a 45-minute guided tour of the Conservatory. Each week will be a different exploration. This program is designed for parents and care providers who have a tiny one in a snuggly. Please note: You are welcome to arrive with a stroller, however due to our narrow paths and the nature of this program, we cannot support strollers or older siblings during the actual program.

DATE (choose any or all of the following): Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26
TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom
FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Learn
FITNESS PROGRAM
Yoga in the Garden
Heather Markowitz, Founder, WithLoveDC

Come flow at the Garden with this free yoga gathering, led by WithLoveDC. These classes aim to create an accessible space for all people to tune into their breath while enjoying the natural beauty in the Garden. *Please note:* This program is first-come, first-served with limited space available. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own mats.

**DATES:** Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Terrace Gardens (Rain Location: Conservatory Gallery)  
**FREE:** No pre-registration required

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TOUR
Discover the Kitchen Garden
Sarah Nechamen, USBG Volunteer Docent

Discover the fascinating stories of many fruits and vegetables you eat every day. What did watermelons taste like before plant breeding got involved? Why did chili peppers evolve to be so spicy? Why do peach seeds look exactly like almonds? Join Sarah for a short walking tour of the Kitchen Garden to learn the answers to these questions and many more!

**DATE:** Saturday, September 7  
**TIME:** 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Tour will meet in the lobby of the Conservatory  
**FREE:** No pre-registration required
CONCERT
American Roots Music
Cross Kentucky, roots rock/Americana

Come celebrate American roots music - Americana and folk, country, blues, jazz, and even rockabilly—with the return of our popular summer concert series in the Garden!

Between pedal steelist Bobby Birdsong’s swelling lines, lead singer Ken Wenzel’s saxophone solos, and guitarist Mark Williams’ carving leads, Cross Kentucky bridges the gap between classic and modern rock and alt-country. Cross Kentucky plays at venues throughout the DMV, from top local clubs, to concerts at The Hamilton in Washington, D.C., to outdoor festivals like the Tarara Vineyards Summer Concert Series, and special events such as the World Police and Fire Games. Whether playing well-received songs from their album ...Beneath Potomac Skies or fun covers of classic roots-rock tunes by artists well known and loved, they put on a good-time show. Please note: Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis or bring your own blanket or chair.

DATE: Thursday, September 12
TIMES: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Amphitheater (Rain Location: Conservatory Garden Court)
FREE: No pre-registration required
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BECOME A JUNIOR BOTANIST!

Visit the U.S. Botanic Garden and check out a Junior Botanist Adventure Kit.

Your adventure will begin in the Garden Court and continue throughout the Conservatory. You will be challenged to use all of your senses to discover just how amazing plants really are. It often takes multiple visits to the Garden to complete all of the activities. Backpacks may be checked out by an adult with a picture ID. After your adventures, stop at our information desk to return the backpack and receive your Apprentice Junior Botanist badge. You will continue your botanic adventures at home with a trip to the grocery store and a walk around your neighborhood.

Once all activities are completed, you will mail your booklet to our botanist for review. Upon successful completion of the activities, Junior Botanists will receive a certificate signed by our botanist, a field journal, an explorer’s lens, and an invitation for a behind-the-scenes tour of our greenhouses with our botanist. The program is free. Please note: Schools may complete all activities in one visit by assigning small groups to different rooms. Schools must reserve Junior Botanist kits in advance by contacting our Senior Education Specialist at lcoykend@aoc.gov.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The U.S. Botanic Garden strives to make its collection, programming, and facilities accessible to ensure a successful museum visit for all visitors. For additional information, please contact Maura Nelson, mnelson@aoc.gov or 202-226-1047.

Assisted Listening Devices
Assisted Listening Devices are available upon request. The headsets are compatible with hearing aids.

Sensory-Friendly Programs
Seasonal early openings provide access to registered individuals with cognitive and/or sensory processing disabilities.

Sensory Bags
Sensory bags are available upon request. Items available to borrow include noise-reducing headphones, weighted lap blankets, and a selection of fidgets to help ease sensory stimulation.

Sign Language Interpretation
In cooperation with the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, the U.S. Botanic Garden offers sign language interpretation upon request. If possible, please allow at least five business days advanced notice to schedule an interpreter.

Visitor Guides
The U.S. Botanic Garden’s map and visitor guide are available in Braille and large print and may be picked up at the front desk upon request. Additional languages available.

Wheelchairs
Wheelchairs are available for loan on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Service Dogs
Service dogs that are trained to work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability are welcome in all areas of the garden unless the dog poses a direct threat, is not housebroken, or is not under control. Pets and emotional support/comfort/therapy animals are not allowed on USBG grounds.

Learn more at www.USBG.gov/Accessibility
Partners in Education

The Friends of the United States Botanic Garden (formerly the National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden) supports the educational activities of the USBG, including the Hands On Plant Science (HOPS) summer program, the National Garden Fellowship, Landscape for Life, D.C. Teachers Night, and numerous public programs throughout the year.

The Friends allow the Garden to provide a range of educational opportunities, led by outstanding instructors and lecturers. Please consider donating to the Friends of the USBG to help support the Garden’s many on-site educational programs and events.

Learn more and make a donation: visit www.USBGFriends.org

A contribution of $75 or more entitles you to discounted registration fees for programs sponsored by the Friends and invitations to special events.
About Registration

- Class sizes are limited. Early registration is recommended.
- To register online for programs, go to the U.S. Botanic Garden website at www.USBG.gov/Learn.
- To register by mail, complete the form and send to:
  Registrar, U.S. Botanic Garden
  245 First St SW
  Washington, DC 20515
- To register by telephone with a credit card, call 202-225-1116.
- The U.S. Botanic Garden reserves the right to substitute instructors or cancel programs when necessary.
- Registration fees will be refunded only in the case of program cancellation by the U.S. Botanic Garden.

USBG Program Registration Form Please print

Name

Street Address

City                                      State        ZIP

Phone (Required)                          E-mail Address

Program Title  # of Participants  Fees (if required)

Make check payable to NFUSBG or charge to: ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ Discover

Card Number                                      Expiration Date

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