



UNITED STATES BOTANIC GARDEN

Calendar of Events

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2018



The United States Botanic Garden

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 an accredited museum 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.

The **National Garden** is adjacent to the Conservatory. It features 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 25 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/Programs

For More Information

General Information & Accessibility at the USBG: 202-225-8333

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

National Fund for the USBG: 202-225-1281 (or see pg. 42)

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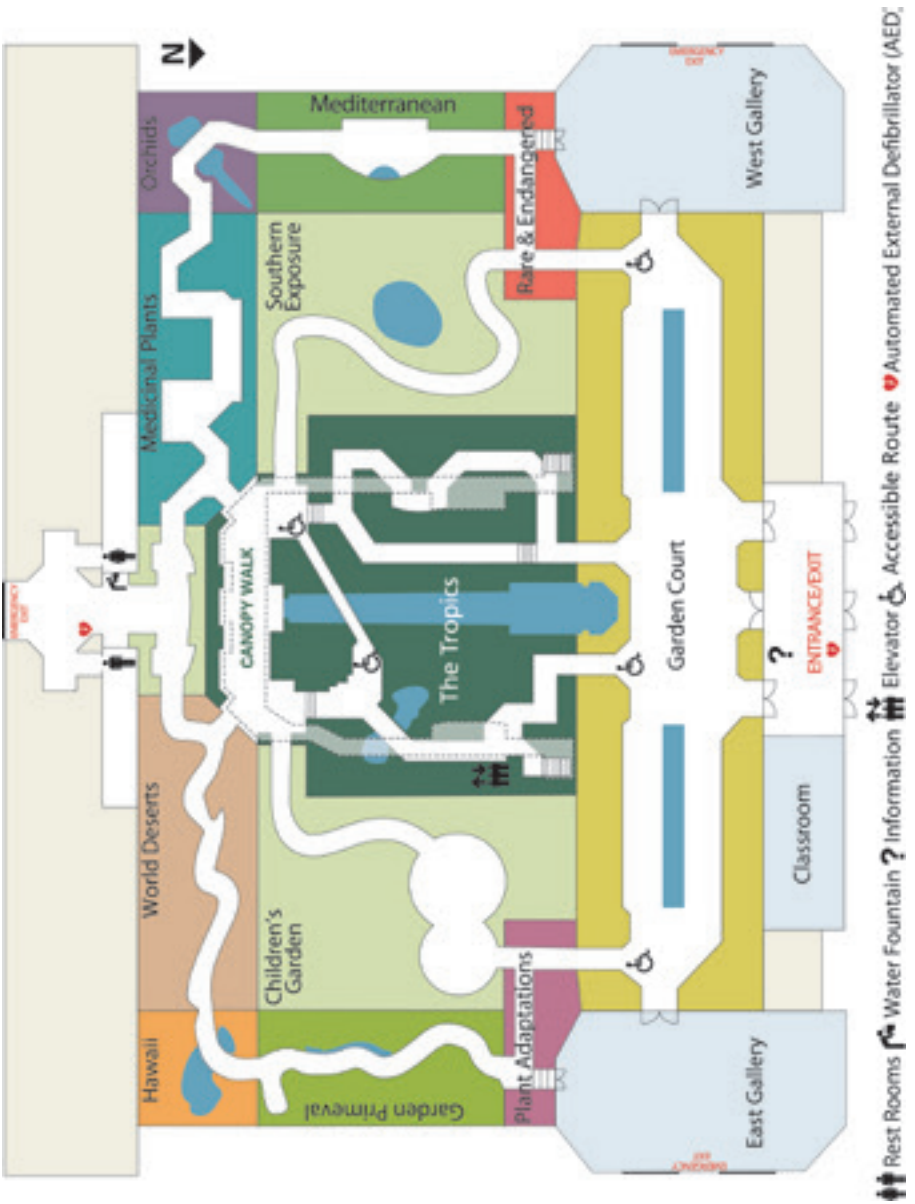


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Conservatory



EXHIBITS

Orchid Spectrum

FEBRUARY 23 THROUGH APRIL 8
CONSERVATORY

Come immerse yourself in our annual orchid show, presented in collaboration with Smithsonian Gardens. Found on every continent except Antarctica, orchids showcase a wide spectrum of diversity in color, shape, size, habitat, scent, and many other aspects. Visit the USBG Conservatory to explore thousands of amazing orchid blooms arranged in captivating displays, and appreciate many unique, rarely seen orchids from the USBG's and Smithsonian Gardens' extensive plant collections.

Look for this icon



throughout the calendar of events to find activities related to the *Orchids Spectrum* exhibit.



Wall Flowers

JANUARY THROUGH OCTOBER 2018
CONSERVATORY GALLERY

Stop and take a look at the murals covering our city walls and you'll notice plants are often featured. Plants in murals communicate the aesthetic, ecological, and historic importance of plants in the urban environment. This exhibit features large-scale art by local artists who specialize in public murals that beautify our cities. Their murals depict plants using bold colors and monumental scale. The exhibit fosters creative conversations about botanical art and new ways to communicate the important roles plants play in our lives.

PROGRAMS

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TOUR

Highlights from the Conservatory Collection

USBG Volunteer Docent

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MORNING TOUR

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

DATES: Mondays, January 8, 22, 29
Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31
Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25
Fridays, January 12, 19, 26

LUNCHTIME TOUR

TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

DATES: Mondays, January 8, 22, 29
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AFTERNOON TOUR

TIME: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

DATES: Mondays, January 8, 22, 29

LATE AFTERNOON TOUR

TIME: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

DATES: Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30

LOCATION: Tours meet in the Conservatory Garden Court

FREE: No pre-registration required



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.

DATES: Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required*, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**Please note:* Registration opens on Wednesday, December 6 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.

DATES: Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31**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/Programs**Please note:* Registration opens on Wednesday, December 6 at 10 a.m.**PARENT & CHILD PROGRAM****Snugglers***Marjorie Abbot, USBG Volunteer Docent*

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DATE (choose any or all of the following): Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**COOKING DEMONSTRATION****Winter Pick-Me-Ups***Adrienne Cook, Gardening and Cooking Writer, and Danielle Cook, MS, Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor*

From teas, to broths, to soups and stews, there are so many ways to inject feel-good and do-good ingredients that help chase away the winter blahs. The Cook Sisters bring you ideas to liven up and power up ordinary foods and beverages in a one-of-a-kind program. *Please note:* The 12:50 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program.

DATES: Thursdays, January 11 and 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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Night Adventure at the USBG!

USBG Education Specialists

Ever wonder what it's like to be at the U.S. Botanic Garden late at night after the public and gardeners have gone home? A night adventure awaits you as you venture out on a flashlight tour of the Tropics, explore night-blooming flowers and night pollinators, experience the cool of the night desert, and participate in several hands-on plant science experiments. *Please note:* Participants must be between the ages of 9 and 12 and be accompanied by an adult. No adults may enroll without registered children. Parents must remain on-site during the program. Program on Saturday is a repeat of the program on Friday. Doors will open for this program at 6:45 p.m.

DATE: Friday, January 12**TIME:** 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**DATE:** Saturday, January 13**TIME:** 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

TEACHER TRAINING

How Plants Work for Elementary School Teachers

Lee Coykendall, USBG Children's Education Specialist

Never have time to get to the U.S. Botanic Garden? Join Lee Coykendall for a behind-the-scenes workshop and learn how to use the Garden as an extension of your classroom. This workshop is designed for elementary school teachers.

DATE: Thursday, January 18**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

LECTURE

The Governance and Stewardship of Urban Nature: Forests, Farms, and Streetcorners



Lindsay K. Campbell, Research Social Scientist, USDA Forest Service—Northern Research Station

Join Lindsay Campbell as she shares insights from the U.S. Forest Service's NYC Urban Field Station research on the governance and stewardship of urban nature. She will describe the individuals, community groups, and public agencies—as well as the networks

among these diverse actors that are involved in creating, advocating for, managing, and transforming urban landscapes. This talk will examine drivers of changes in the stewardship system—including municipal sustainability policies, coalitions of civic groups, and disturbances.

DATE: Friday, January 19**TIME:** 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

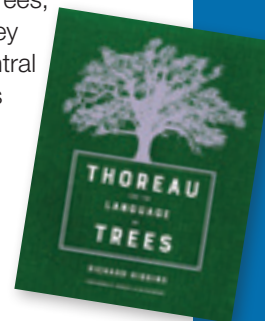
LECTURE

Thoreau and the Language of Trees

Richard Higgins, Journalist and Author



Trees were central to Henry David Thoreau's creativity as a writer, his work as a naturalist, his thought, and his inner life. He admired their beauty, studied how they grew, took them as spiritual companions, and wrote about them as few have. When he said the poet loves the pine tree as his own "shadow in the air," he was speaking about himself. In short, he spoke their language. This original illustrated talk explores Thoreau's deep connections to trees. Using Thoreau's words, photographs of historic trees, and his own black-and-white photographs of trees today, Richard looks at Thoreau's keen perception of trees, the poetry he saw in them, and how they fed his soul. He presents trees as a central thread connecting all parts of Thoreau's being—heart, mind, and spirit.

DATE: Saturday, January 20**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

**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 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 sunscreen, protective clothing, and water. The tour is cancelled in the event of extreme weather conditions, including snow and ice storms.

DATE: Tuesday, January 23

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/Programs

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-animal interactions. Topics such as fruit dispersal, pollination methods, and vegetative adaptations for animals will be explored and explained.

DATE: Thursday, January 25

TIME: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Tour meets in the center of the Garden Court

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

TOUR**Nature in Motion**

Alexandra Torres, USBG Education Specialist, and Claire Alrich, Staff, National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden

Taking time to enjoy nature and plants has been shown to reduce stress, increase productivity, and improve overall wellness. Come in and enjoy the warmth of the Garden through a guided plant tour of the USBG Conservatory. Throughout the tour Alexandra and Claire will intermittently stop for guided stretching and calming exercises. *Please note:* Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

DATE: Thursday, January 25

TIME: 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

**DEMONSTRATION****Floral Arrangement**

Ami Wilber, Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens, and Drew Asbury, Horticulturist Manager, Florist, and Gardener, Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens

Join Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens Floral Designer Ami Wilber, and Horticulturist Manager, Drew Asbury, in this floral arranging demonstration and discussion. Participants will learn how to use fresh cut flowers and foliage from the garden to create the trendy garden-style aesthetic now popular in floral design.

DATE: Friday, January 26

TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

LECTURE

Rock Gardens: Natural and Designed

Bill Johnson, Plant Geek, Artist, and Retired Staff Horticulturist and Volunteer Coordinator at Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens

Join Bill as he discusses his experiences with both designed and natural rock gardens. He will highlight some of his favorites—including a special natural rock garden in eastern Kentucky. During the talk Bill will reminisce about plants, rocks, and the many volunteers that support gardening. *Please note:* This lecture is being offered in conjunction with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the National Rock Garden Society. Limited seating available.



DATE: Saturday, January 27

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

LECTURE

Snake Oil Revisited: Plant Medicines in American History



Susan Strasser, Richards Professor Emerita of American History, University of Delaware

Medicinal herbs are usually described these days as alternatives to prescribed and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals. But until well into the 20th century, plant medicines were sold by Merck, Parke-Davis, Eli Lilly, and other early pharmaceutical companies. Doctors of all schools prescribed them, and people looking for cures and relief purchased them without prescription at drugstores, medicine shows, and by mail order. Historian Susan Strasser will discuss plants as ordinary as peppermint and as powerful as the opium poppy, and practitioners including Lydia Pinkham (creator of the most famous patent medicine for women) and the Shakers (who made more money from medicinal herbs than from furniture).



DATE: Saturday, January 27

TIME: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

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Join Angela for a talk and walk on the 'wild side' as you explore the Tropics in our Conservatory. Discover some of the many plants found on our diverse planet, from the Amazon Rainforest to the Yucatan Peninsula, as you trek through our canopy walk and view some spectacular bloomers. Come for a 45-minute tour and learn about a new plant or two!

DATE: Thursday, February 1**TIME:** 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**LOCATION:** Tour meets in the Conservatory Garden Court**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**LECTURE****Gardening in the South***Mark Weathington, Director, JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University*

Gardening is easy—don't let the experts tell you otherwise! This lecture accompanies Mark's new book with the same title. We'll cover plants, pests, soils, and climate—everything you need to become a successful gardener.

DATE: Friday, February 2**TIME:** 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**LECTURE****A Botanical Walk Through Black History***Kobinah Abdul-Salim, Ph.D., Medgar Evers College, City University of New York*

Although we are aware of the many ways in which plants have been critically important in the shaping of human history, there are many stories that remain largely untold. In this presentation, Dr. Abdul-Salim will examine how the histories of the black presence in the Western Hemisphere are intimately linked to the uses and study of plants and plant-based resources. The "tour" will begin with a look at traditional and indigenous botanical knowledge, its impact in the development of commerce and industry, and move through modern-day botanical science and conservation.

DATE: Saturday, February 3**TIME:** 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

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. Volunteers must be 18 years of age. 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.

Have questions or want more information? Please contact the USBG Volunteer Coordinator at 202-226-8066.



YOUTH EVENT**Scout Day!***USBG Education Specialists*

Calling all scouts! Come to the Garden and participate in hands-on plant activities to work towards elements in a number of badges. This program will take place inside our warm Conservatory. Designed for boy and girl scouts, this program is fun for everyone—scout's honor! *Please note:* Individual scouts and scout troops may sign up.

DATE: Sunday, February 4**TIME:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**LOCATION:** U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory**FREE:** Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM****Seedlings***USBG Education Specialists*

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DATES: Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**LOCATION:** Conservatory Classroom**FREE:** Pre-registration required*, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs**Please note:* Registration opens on Wednesday, January 3 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. The program in February is a repeat of the program in January.

DATES: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28**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/Programs**Please note:* Registration opens on Wednesday, January 3 at 10 a.m.**COOKING DEMONSTRATION****Chocolate Crazy***Adrienne Cook, Gardening and Cooking Writer, and Danielle Cook, MS, Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor*

Get your chocolate hit with the Cook Sisters as they showcase an all-chocolate menu—from soup to nuts. Watch a demo and get a taste of two of the menu's dishes. *Please note:* The 12:50 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program.

DATE: Thursday, February 8**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

ART WORKSHOP**Plants and the Fibonacci Sequence**

Mary Ellen Carsley, Professional Artist/Illustrator and Visual Arts Coordinator
at Severn School

Plants grow in a variety of predictable and measurable patterns. Understanding these patterns can develop the artistic eye and drawing skill. This course is designed for the advanced beginner and intermediate student interested in developing their skill to recognize mathematical and geometric patterns in two and three dimensions. This course will cover advanced drawing and compositional skills with a variety of botanical subjects, fundamental geometric constructions, aesthetic mathematical functions, and architectural motifs. *Please note:* This is a two-day workshop. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. each morning. A materials list can be found with the online listing. Please bring a lunch.



Brassica oleracea 'Romanesco'

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11

TIME: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FRIENDS: \$150 **NON-MEMBERS:** \$175

Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



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TEACHER TRAINING**How Plants Work for Middle and High School Teachers**

Lee Coykendall, USBG Children's Education Specialist

Never have time to get to the U.S. Botanic Garden? Join Lee Coykendall for a behind-the-scenes workshop and learn how to use the Garden as an extension of your classroom. This workshop is designed for middle and high school teachers.

DATE: Thursday, February 15

TIME: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

TOUR**Nature in Motion**

Alexandra Torres, USBG Education Specialist,
and Claire Alrich, Staff, National Fund for the U.S. Botanic Garden

Taking time to enjoy nature and plants has been shown to reduce stress, increase productivity, and improve overall wellness. Come in and enjoy the warmth of the Garden through a guided plant tour of the USBG Conservatory. Throughout the tour, Alexandra and Claire will intermittently stop for guided stretching and calming exercises. Please note: Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

DATE: Friday, February 16

TIME: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit
www.USBG.gov/Programs





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 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 sunscreen, protective clothing, and water. The tour is cancelled in the event of extreme weather conditions, including snow and ice storms.

DATE: Tuesday, February 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/Programs

TOUR

Marvelous Morphology: Fruits

Dr. Susan Pell, USBG Science and Public Programs Manager

Did you know that bananas and avocados are berries and apples are mostly non-fruit tissue? Join Susan as she discusses fruit structure and function. Take a tasting journey through fruit morphology as we explore the Conservatory's (and local grocery stores') bounty. Topics such as true vs. accessory fruits, fruit layers (pericarp), seed arrangement (placentation), and the evolutionary role of fruit will be explored and explained.

DATE: Thursday, February 22

TIME: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Tour meets in the center of the Garden Court

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Connect to Your Roots

Adrienne Cook, Gardening and Cooking Writer, and Danielle Cook, MS, Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor

Join the Cook Sisters for a deep dive into vegetables that thrive underground, bringing you new ideas on how to use familiar as well as unusual ingredients. *Please note:* The 12:50 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program.

DATE: Thursday, February 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

An Introduction to Fermentation: A Hands-On Class for Beginning Sourdough and Sauerkraut

Sarah Owens, Author, Baker, Gardener, and James Beard Award winner for Sourdough: Recipes for Rustic Fermented Breads, Sweets, Savories, and More



Fired up about fermentation? Just want to learn a little more? Then join Sarah and learn to make a sourdough starter, how to maintain it, and how to create a variety of recipes at home. She will cover fermentation basics that will extend into the world of vegetable pickling. Participants will use these techniques to create their own sauerkraut as well. *Please note:* Light nibbles will be provided. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

DATE: Friday, February 23

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Garden Court

FRIENDS: \$25

NON-MEMBERS: \$35

Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



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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.

DATE: Saturday, February 24

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Gallery

FREE: No pre-registration required



LECTURE

Orchids: Evolution, Physiology, and Biogeography of the Floral Rainbow

Todd Brethauer, USBG Science Education Volunteer

Learn about the evolution, biogeography, physiology, and ecology of orchids in conjunction with *Orchid Spectrum*. Orchids form one of the largest plant families dating back to the age of dinosaurs. They are remarkable for the beauty and diversity of their blooms, the range of environments they occupy, and their unique relationships with their pollinating animals. Learn about how modern research methods are being used to better understand and conserve these plants.

DATE: Saturday, February 24

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Art and Science of Orchids

USBG Education Specialists

Join us for a hands-on workshop highlighting the beauty and the botany of orchids. Participants will dissect flowers and explore their intentional design, then create several original art pieces. *Please note:* Participants must be between the ages of 10 and 16. No adults may enroll without a registered child.

DATE: Sunday, February 25

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mark your calendars for these programs in early March!

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, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



LECTURE

Agriculture and a Woman of Color

Gale Livingstone, Organic Farmer, Rainbow Hill Farm

From Guyana to Brooklyn to D.C. to West Virginia, Gale has years of experience with the challenges, sustainability, and passion of owning and working a small-scale, woman-owned organic farm. Gale will share her passion for growing fresh vegetables, choice of farming as a profession, the barriers she continues to encounter in that chosen field, and the community response to her farm.

DATE: Friday, March 2

TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

SPECIAL PROGRAM

DNI: A Dance Performance

Sarah Beth Oppenheim, Choreographer, Daniel Mancini, Composer, and the dancers of Heart Stück Bernie

Site-specific dance company Heart Stück Bernie presents a new work staged alongside the vivid spectrum of the USBG orchid show. Known for her quirky-lush movement, Sarah Beth Oppenheim's artistic sensibilities are a perfect fit for genus Orchidaceae: both are known for their supreme detail and specialized partnerships. You are cordially invited to an after-hours evening of performance, libation, and glimpse into the spectrum of dance and flora. Stern, unsolicited advice about orchids: Do Not Ice. *Please note:* Doors open at 6 p.m. Performance begins at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The performances on Saturday and Sunday are repeats of the performance on Friday.

DATE: Friday, March 2, Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4

TIME: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Garden Court

FRIENDS: \$10 **NON-MEMBERS:** \$15

Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



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TOUR

Winter Tree Tour of the Capitol Grounds



Melanie Choukas Bradley, Author of *City of Trees*

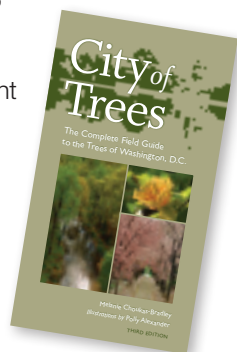
Winter is the best time to appreciate the architecture of the historic trees gracing the U.S. Capitol grounds. Stroll around the Capitol with Melanie, admiring and learning about its magnificent trees from around the country and the world. Learn to identify Kentucky coffee-trees, Japanese pagoda trees, beeches, magnolias, and dogwoods during winter. Melanie will focus on the bark, buds, and overall growth habit of grand old trees, including many official state trees and memorial plantings. Giant sequoias and a massive bur oak are among the trees on the tour. Melanie will share history of the Capitol grounds and the city of Washington throughout the tour. *Please note:* This tour is held outdoors. Please come prepared to be outside in the winter weather. The tour is canceled if it rains or snows.

DATE: Saturday, March 3

TIME: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Tour meets in the Conservatory Lobby

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



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DATE: Saturday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Gallery

FREE: No pre-registration required



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**Please note:* Registration opens on Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m.



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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/Programs

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



LECTURE

Regionally Adapted Plants for Mid-Atlantic Gardens



Kathy Jentz, Editor/Publisher of Washington Gardener Magazine

Time and time again, certain plants have proven themselves in the Mid-Atlantic. Low-maintenance gardening is the goal of many busy area gardeners, and the key is planting the right plants for the local climate. Join Kathy as she discusses native plants and explores the tried-and-true plants that can take clay soil, deer, and/or periods of drought.

Season-by-season, she'll share her favorite plants that excel in local gardens.

DATE: Friday, March 9

TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs

SPECIAL PROGRAM

U.S. Botanic Garden Production Facility Open House

USBG Staff & Volunteers



****Not to be Missed!**** Rarely does the public get to see our growing facility, the largest greenhouse complex supporting a public garden in the United States. The site, completed in 1994, includes 85,000 square feet under glass, divided into 34 greenhouse bays and 17 environmental zones. In addition to foliage and nursery crops, you'll see all of the USBG collection not currently on display, including orchids, medicinal plants, carnivorous plants, and rare and endangered species. Register for one of the open house times to get a brief orientation to the facility, meet the gardeners, ask questions, and wander through this working wonderland of plants. *Please note:* Limit of 50 people per entry time. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. No registrations will be taken at the door. Doors open 15 minutes prior to entry time. The Open House ends at 2:30 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, March 10

ENTRY TIMES: 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: USBG Production Facility (directions can be found with the online listing)

FRIENDS: \$5 **NON-MEMBERS:** \$10

Pre-registration required, visit www.USBG.gov/Programs



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Orchid Family Day!

USBG and Smithsonian Gardens Staff and Volunteers



Did you know vanilla comes from an orchid? Come learn all about orchids from the experts, including how to care for them. Hands-on activities will include the art and science of orchids; learn how to repot an orchid and pot one up to take home! Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the amazing world of orchids at this year's Orchid Family Day. This program celebrates the exhibition *Orchid Spectrum*.

DATE: Sunday, March 11

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory

FREE: No pre-registration required



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GARDEN TOURS ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Use your mobile phone to have a private tour of the Garden and plants at the United States Botanic Garden.

PHONE CALL OPTION

1. Dial the tour number: 202-730-9303.
2. Enter the stop number on the sign.

SMARTPHONE OPTION

1. Dial the tour number: 202-730-9303.
2. You will be sent a text message with instructions for streaming audio.

QR CODE OPTION

Scan the QR codes on the signs with your smart phone or tablet.

CONSERVATORY

- 1 USBG Brief History
- 10 Garden Court
- 30 Rare & Endangered Plants
- 50 Orchids
- 60 Medicinal Plants
- 70 World Deserts
- 80 Hawaii
- 90 Garden Primeval
- 100 Plant Adaptation
- 120 Children's Garden
- 130 The Tropics
- 140 Southern Exposure

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- 700 National Garden Overview
- 705 Regional Garden
- 710 Butterfly Garden
- 715 Rose Garden
- 720 Piedmont vs. Coastal Plain
- 725 Stream
- 730 Cycle of Fire
- 735 Sustainability
- 740 Amphitheater
- 745 First Ladies Water Garden
- 750 Lawn Terrace

You may hang up and redial the tour at any time. During the tour, you can control the audio by pressing 1 to rewind the recording, 2 to pause/play the recording, or press # to skip the recording.

Normal fees apply to your call.

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 Visitor 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 Children's 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@ao.gov or 202-226-1047.



Assisted Listening Devices

Assisted Listening Devices (headsets and receivers) are available upon request for all guided tours and public programs. The headsets are compatible with hearing aids.



Sensory-Friendly Programs

Quarterly early openings provide access to individuals with cognitive and sensory processing disabilities by providing pre-visit materials, early entrance for registered participants, and a “Take a Break” space. Please contact mnelson@ao.gov for more information.



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 5 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 guides and may be picked up at the front desk upon request. The map and visitor guide is also available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.



Wheelchairs

The Garden loans wheelchairs to our visitors as a courtesy on a first-come, first-served basis. A valid driver's license or government-issued picture identification card is needed to borrow a wheelchair. Your ID will be returned to you when you return the wheelchair. Wheelchairs are to remain on U.S. Botanic Garden property.

Service Animals

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 the control. Pets are not allowed on USBG grounds.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE NATIONAL FUND



The National Fund for the United States Botanic Garden was initially established as a 501(c)3 in 1989 to fund and build the National Garden. The National Fund now supports the educational activities of the USBG, including the Hands On Plant Science (HOPS) summer program, the National Garden Internship, Landscape for Life, and D.C. Teachers Night.

Partners in Education

The U.S. Botanic Garden and the National Fund for the United States Botanic Garden jointly sponsor public programs. Registration fees for programs are administered by the Fund. These fees allow the Garden to provide a range of educational programs, led by outstanding instructors and lecturers. Please consider becoming a Friend of the National Fund to help support the U.S. Botanic Garden's many on-site educational programs and events.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Membership benefits are listed below:

FRIEND (\$75 per year)

- Complimentary admission for you and your family to the Holiday Show Preview event
- Discounted registration fees for programs sponsored by the USBG
- National Fund Newsletter
- Quarterly USBG Calendar of Events

JUNIOR FRIEND (for First Friends under 40; \$150 per year)

All benefits listed previously plus:

- Two complimentary admissions to the spring Cocktails in the Garden event

FIRST FRIEND (\$250 per year)

All benefits listed previously

NATIONAL FRIEND (\$500 per year)

All benefits listed previously plus:

- Two additional admissions (4 total) to the spring Cocktails in the Garden event

CAPITOL FRIEND (\$1,000 per year)

All benefits listed previously plus:

- Two additional admissions (6 total) to the spring Cocktails in the Garden event

To learn more visit
www.nfusbg.org/membership

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/Programs.
- 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.
- Registration fees must be paid in advance. Payment cannot be accepted at the door.
- 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: Mr. & Mrs./Mr./Ms./Dr.

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Phone (Required) Daytime

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E-mail Address

Please indicate (X)

- ☐ I am a current FRIEND.
- ☐ I would like to become a FRIEND: \$75
- ☐ I would like to become a JUNIOR FRIEND: For First Friends under 40; \$150 per year
- ☐ I would like to become a FIRST FRIEND: \$250
- ☐ I would like to become a NATIONAL FRIEND: \$500
- ☐ I would like to become a CAPITOL FRIEND: \$1,000
- ☐ I am not interested in membership at this time

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