

Spring 2015

APRIL

Home & Garden

Rain Gardens

Class Code: HG-0409

**Thursday, April 9, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., and
Saturday, May 2, 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

How can you help our streams and beautify your home landscape at the same time? You can create a rain garden: a shallow, vegetated depression that collects, absorbs, cools, and filters storm water runoff before it reaches our waters. In this two-part class, you will first learn about the basic principles and science of rain gardens, then participate in the creation of an actual rain garden at Cornell Plantations. Designed with native plants that require little maintenance, rain gardens are an inexpensive and simple way to do our part in keeping our waters clean while adding value and beauty to our yards. **Pre-registration is required.**

Instructor: Nikki Cerra, Natural Areas Manager
Fee: \$50; \$45 for Plantations members
Location: Nevin Welcome Center

Note: This class is offered as a stand-alone workshop, or as part of our **Natural Areas Academy** program.

Natural Areas

Natural Areas Academy 2015: Dig In!

Class Code: NAA-0409

**Thursday, April 9, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Rain Gardens,
Saturday April 11, 10:00 a.m.– 2:30 pm, Invasive Species Identification and Control,
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Native Seed Propagation,
Thursday, April 23, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Native Plant Identification
Thursday, April 30, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Site Preparation for Planting,
Saturday, May 2, 1:00 – 5:00 pm., Demonstration Rain Garden Implementation**

If you love spending time in natural areas and want to learn how to protect them, then join Cornell Plantations' Natural Areas Academy (NAA) this spring! We will focus on creating a rain garden, invasive species control, native plants, and site preparation. These workshops along with management practices learned and re-enforced through directed stewardship efforts in Plantations' natural areas can be practiced on any scale, including your yard. The Spring program culminates in participants helping to construct a beautiful rain garden at Cornell Plantation's Mundy Wildflower Garden. **Pre-registration is required.**

Instructors: Natural Areas staff
Fee: \$90; \$80 for Plantations members
Location: Nevin Welcome Center & Mundy Wildflower Garden

Guided Tour

Evening Wildflower Walk

Thursday, April 23; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tour the woodland pathways and plant habitats of the Mundy Wildflower Garden, an 8-acre natural area with naturalistic gardens. Early spring is the ideal season for learning the natural history and identification of wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, trillium, bloodroot, and Solomon's seal.

Instructor: Krissy Boys, Gardener and Native Plants Specialist

Fee: \$5 suggested donation

Location: Meet at the entrance to the Mundy Wildflower Garden, intersection of Caldwell Road and Forest Home Drive

Special Event

Step Back to the 1860's!

Saturday, April 25; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Discover what life was like in Ithaca at the time of Cornell's Charter signing, with hands-on activities based on the diaries of local youth from the 1860's! Taste delicate cake, make a broom, play old-fashioned games, learn about Forest Home's water mills and more. Special guest will be family-friendly musician Dave Ruch playing period songs to sing and move to. *This is a Judy's Day Family Program presented in cooperation with The History Center of Tompkins County.*

Fee: \$5 per person, \$10 per family; free for Members

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

MAY

Guided Tour

Birds and Blossoms: Guided Spring Walks

In collaboration with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Cayuga Bird Club, Cornell Plantations is offering Friday morning bird walks in the Newman Arboretum, and Sunday wildflower walks in Sapsucker Woods. ***Walks will be held rain or shine. Pre-registration is not required.***

Friday Bird walks will occur Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at Cornell Plantations on:

May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22 and May 29

(Meet by the Sculpture Garden, in the F.R. Newman Arboretum off Caldwell Road.)

Sunday Wildflower walks will be held Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at Sapsucker Woods on:

May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31

(Meet at the Lab of Ornithology visitor center.)

Instructor(s): Volunteers from Cornell Plantations, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cayuga Bird Club

Fee: Free

Guided Tour

Evening Wildflower Walk

Thursday, May 14; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tour the woodland pathways and plant habitats of the Mundy Wildflower Garden, an 8-acre natural area with naturalistic gardens. Early spring is the ideal season for learning the natural history and identification of wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, trillium, bloodroot, and Solomon's seal.

Instructor: Krissy Boys, Gardener and Native Plants Specialist

Fee: \$5 suggested donation
Location: Meet at the entrance to the Mundy Wildflower Garden, intersection of Caldwell Road and Forest Home Drive

Outdoor Photography

Smartphone Cameras in the Garden

Class Code: OP-0516

Saturday, May 16; 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cell phone camera technology has improved dramatically over the past few years, and increasingly it is the camera we always have with us. In this hand-on class, professional photographer Paul Schmitt will show you some basic techniques, photo apps, equipment and file management strategies that can make your phone a useful tool for serious photography. All smartphones are welcome, though particular emphasis will be placed on iPhone capabilities. The class will include both indoor instruction and hands-on practice in the Plantations wildflower garden and botanical garden. Please bring your own smartphone to class and be prepared to discover its creative potential! ***Pre-registration is required.***

Instructor: Paul Schmitt, photographer, Big Flats, N.Y.

Fee: \$40 (\$36 members)

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

Botanical Arts

Painting the Trees

Class code: BA-0519

Six Tuesdays, May 19 through June 23; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The landscapes of the Plantations abound with hundreds of species of trees and shrubs. Over the course of six Tuesday afternoons we will sketch and paint a variety of specimens. The outdoor setting and progression of spring will offer continual inspiration. To encourage movement and health we will gently hike to discover different species to draw every day. Bring a hat, drinking water, sunscreen and a foldable chair, along with a sketchbook, pencils and watercolor materials. A complete materials list is available upon request. ***Pre-registration required.***

Fee: \$180 (\$160 for Plantations members)

Instructor: Camille Doucet, artist, Ithaca, NY

Location: First session meets at the Nevin Welcome Center. Subsequent locations will be determined each week.

Home & Garden

Home Grown Peppers

Class Code: HG-0520

Wednesday, May 20; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

2015 is the Year of the Pepper at Plantations! In this presentation you'll learn about the natural and cultural history of peppers, the fascinating diversity of pepper varieties, and some tips and best practices for cultivating your own bountiful pepper harvest at home. Each participant will receive six different types of young pepper plants to take and grow at home. ***Pre-registration required.***

Instructor: Irene Lekstutis, Plantations Landscape Designer, and Paul Cooper, L.H. Bailey Conservatory Grower

Fee: \$15 (\$12 for Plantations members)

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

JUNE

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Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, June 6; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Take home some of our gardeners' top picks for your own home landscape! This spring's offerings will include a wide variety of perennials, and some new additions to the horticulture trade. **For more information, call (607) 255-2400.**

Location: Cornell Plantations Plant Production Facility, 397 Forest Home Drive (across from the Flat Rock area). Free parking available.

Guided Tour

Botanical Garden Tours

Saturdays and Sundays, June 13 through September 27 (no tour September 20); 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a guided tour through the Botanical Gardens and discover the beauty and diversity of our numerous theme gardens, including the Herb Garden, Flower Garden, Groundcover Collection, Tropical Container Display, and more. Actual tour content will vary from week to week depending what's in bloom and the interests of the group.

Instructor: Staff or volunteer docents

Fee: \$5 (Free for Plantations members & volunteers, and Cornell students)

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

March-April

Five Uneasy Pieces: Reworking the Treman Willow

Wood sculpture by Jack Elliott

These three pieces were once part of a living heritage tree located in the F.R. Newman Arboretum, known as the Treman Willow, planted 80 years ago. In 2011, the tree had to be cut back to its base, as it could no longer support itself. Segments of the main trunk became wooden sculptures by Jack Elliot. As the bark and rotted material were removed and judicious cuts were made, various forms and narratives emerged.

May-June

A Floral Love Affair

Acrylics by Marcia Eames-Sheavly

This show represents the integration of beloved, familiar painting approaches with the emergence of a new passion for acrylics, the latter of which was inspired by a summer's restorative immersion into plein air painting. Marcia's paintings reflect a deep fondness for this region, with its evocative, sensual and joyous flowers, as well as the gardens, hedgerows and lakes that abound here.

HOW TO REGISTER

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit www.cornellplantations.org/event and browse the calendar or catalog for the classes you want. You will need to register as a new user on your first visit, before you can enroll in a class. Once you register you won't have to enter your personal information on your next visit.

OFFLINE REGISTRATION

Call (607) 254-7430, or email cpreregister@cornell.edu. You can also stop by the Nevin Welcome Center and register in person.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT for volunteers, staff and Cornell students:

A 15% discount on program fees is now available for Plantations volunteers and staff, and Cornell students, unless otherwise noted in the program description. This discount is in addition to the lower rate if you are also a Plantations member! To receive the discount, enter one of the promotional codes below when you register:

Plantations volunteers and staff: enter promo code **CPDISCOUNT**
(You must be a currently active volunteer or staff member to be eligible.)

Cornell students: enter promo code **CUSTUDENT**
(You must be a currently enrolled Cornell student to be eligible.)

For more information...

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