



COMMUNITY EDUCATION events, classes & tours

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SPRING 2018 (April, May, June)

Nevin Welcome Center open Sunday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

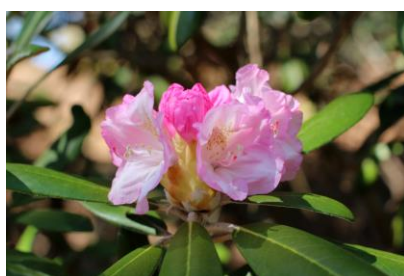
Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gardens and grounds: open dawn to dusk

EVENTS, CLASSES & TOURS

APRIL 6 through MAY 11; Six Fridays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Mindful Botany Walks



With the arrival of spring, plants are eager to transform stored energy into new leaves and flowers. Join Cornell Botanic Gardens staff to observe the beauty of spring unfurling on weekly nature walks. While following the same route each week, we will practice mindfulness by dedicating our attention to the present moment and fully observing the amazing plant transformations that take place during spring. *Attendance at each walk is encouraged, but not required. Presented in conjunction with [Nature Rx @Cornell](#).*

Fee: Free
Instructor: Staff
Location: Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center

APRIL 22; Sunday, 1 p.m.

Earth Day Hike on the Cayuga Trail



The Cayuga Trails Club will sponsor this 29th annual Earth Day Hike, following a 4.4-mile-long section of the Cayuga Trail in the beautiful Monkey Run Natural Area of Cornell Botanic Gardens. This trail takes hikers along the high banks and water's edge of Fall Creek, and features early spring wildflowers, birds, breathtaking vistas, and the beauty of one of the botanic gardens' off-campus natural areas. Wear sturdy footwear and bring drinking water and rain gear, if needed. Be prepared for steep climbs and descents;

the hike is moderately strenuous. Transportation will be available at the end of the hike to take participants back to the parking area. **For more information, please contact Jim Connors at jconnors@twcny.rr.com.**

Fee: Free
Instructor: Jim Connors, [Cayuga Trails Club](#)
Location: Meet at the Cornell Community Garden Plots, off Freese Road, about halfway between NY Route 366 and Hanshaw Road. Watch for a driveway entering the parking area on the east side of the road.

EARTH DAY at the Garden Gift Shop (located in the Nevin Welcome Center)

- Pop-up Plant Sale by Hortus Forum – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- FREE non-alcoholic Shrub Tasting from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Receive a FREE Gift with any purchase over \$25 along with special promotions in the shop all weekend long!

APRIL 23 & MAY 21; Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Evening Wildflower Walks



Tour the woodland pathways and plant habitats of the Mundy Wildflower Garden, an 8-acre natural area and naturalistic garden. 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.

Fee: Free; donations welcome
Instructor: Krissy Boys, horticulturist and native plants specialist
Location: Meet at the Mundy Wildflower Garden entrance, Caldwell Drive

APRIL 26; Thursday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Nature Study NS-0426

Edwards Lake Cliffs Preserve: Spring Wildflower Hike



Visit this unique natural area on a guided afternoon hike with botanist Robert Wesley. This 84-acre preserve protects one of the rarest environments in the local region – the lake cliffs – and hosts abundant and diverse early spring wildflowers. The preserve also offers a number of scenic vistas that can be best appreciated before the tree canopy fully leafs out. Spring buttercup, rue-anemone, round-lobed hepatica, and cut-leaved toothwort are among the

wildflowers we will likely see. ***Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes.***

Fee: \$12 (\$10 for members) [Pre-registration is required.](#)
Instructor: Robert Wesley, field botanist
Location: Meet at Edwards Preserve parking area. From the City of Ithaca, drive north on Route 34 (East Shore Drive). Travel about 4.0 miles and turn left on East Shore Circle. When the road bends right, in 0.2 mile, turn left onto Teeter Road. The preserve begins at the end of Teeter Road, about 0.5 mile from the corner. You can park along the end of the road.

Fridays and Sundays in MAY

Birds & Blossoms



In collaboration with the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#), Cornell Botanic Gardens is offering weekend walks to discover both the birds and wildflowers of spring. Walks will be held rain or shine and pre-registration is not required.

Bird Walks in the Arboretum – Fridays, 8 a.m.: May 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Meet by the Sculpture Garden, in the F.R. Newman Arboretum.

Wildflower Walks in Sapsucker Woods – Sundays, 1 p.m.: May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Meet at Lab of Ornithology Visitor Center

Fee: Free
Instructors: Cornell Botanic Gardens and Lab of Ornithology volunteers

May 5; Saturday, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Bonsai for Beginners



Come learn the history and art behind bonsai and create your own to take home! A juniper shrub, soil and plastic bonsai pots are included. Custom ceramic bonsai pots will also be available for purchase on-site from Cayuga Landscape. ***Presented in partnership with Wine & Blooms. To register, or for more information, please visit wineandblooms.com/events, or call (607) 216-6058. (Members, use promo code GARDENMEMBER when registering.)***

Instructor: Lee Ginenthal, owner, Der Rosenmeister Nursery
Fee: \$55; \$50 for members.
Location: Nevin Welcome Center

MAY 11; Friday – All Day

National Public Gardens Day



Visit Cornell Botanic Gardens and celebrate National Public Gardens Day – a nationwide event honoring public gardens across North America. Take a tour, visit with one of our wandering Garden Guides, or grab a map at the Nevin Welcome Center and start exploring our gardens, arboretum, and nearby natural areas on your own.

Activity Schedule:

- 8 a.m. Morning Bird Walk (Sculpture Garden, in the Arboretum)
- 10 a.m. Wildflower Garden Tour (Mundy Wildflower Garden entrance, Caldwell Drive)
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Plant a succulent in a mug or pot, fee required
- 12 p.m. Mindful Botany Walk
- 2 p.m. Garden Highlights Tour
- Self-guided tours available via cell and smart phone apps
- Complementary refreshments and FREE gift with any purchase over \$25 in the Garden Gift Shop (All weekend)

Fee: Free; donations welcome

Instructors: Staff and Volunteer Guides

Location: Nevin Welcome Center (unless otherwise noted)

Cornell Botanic Gardens is a proud member of the American Public Gardens Association, sponsor of National Public Gardens Day.

May 16 through June 27 (No class June 20); Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. *Botanical Arts BA-0516*

Beautiful Botanicals



This hands-on class offers an introduction to painting the flora of our gardens, while guiding artists of all levels to greater breadth of skills. From plant observation and drawing, to plant perspective, composition, and color mixing, we will explore black and white, color pencil, pen and ink, and go into greater depth with watercolor. A suggested materials list is available.

Instructor: Camille Doucet, artist

Fee: \$200; \$190 for members. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

MAY 19 and JUNE 2, Two Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Garden & Arboretum Hikes



Take it outside on this extended hike through the diverse plant collections and landscapes of Cornell Botanic Gardens. Experience the beautiful gardens, arboretum, woodland trails, and panoramic views that helped Cornell Botanic Gardens earn its #1 ranking as the most beautiful college arboretum. ***Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Walks will be held rain or shine and will include some steep slope and stair climbing.***

Fee: \$5 suggested donation

Instructors: Peter Davies, PhD, Cornell Professor Emeritus, Plant Biology and Horticulture

Location: Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center

May 19; Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m.

Home & Garden HG-0519

Summer Orchid Care



Yes, orchids *can* be moved outside for the summer, but they require special care while outdoors and when being brought back in. Join award-winning orchid grower Barb Schmidt, author of the book ***Orchid Care: For the Beginner***, as she presents the “ins and outs” of turning your indoor orchid into an outdoor summertime plant. Participants will re-pot a small *Phalaenopsis* orchid to take home, and are welcome to bring their own orchids for an informal “orchid clinic” at the end of class. Barb will also sign copies of her book, available for purchase in The Garden Gift Shop. *Please bring a pair of garden shears, if you*

have them. All other materials provided. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

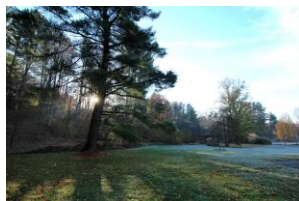
Instructor: Barbara Schmidt, author and orchid care expert

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

Fee: \$30; \$27 for members

MAY through OCTOBER, third Sunday of each month, 1 p.m.

Arboretum Tours



Enjoy a guided tour of the F.R Newman Arboretum and discover its diverse woody plant collections, ornamental garden beds, and idyllic landscapes. Each month, we'll visit unique locations, such as Houston & Grossman Ponds, the Sculpture Garden, Treman Woodland Walk, Zucker Shrub Collection, Newman Overlook, and more, as we discuss the cultural, geologic, and natural history of the site. *Walks will last approximately 90 minutes and may include some*

moderate slopes. Tours are offered the third Sunday of each month, rain or shine: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, & October 21.

Fee: \$5 suggested donation

Instructors: Volunteer Garden Guides

Location: Meet at the Sculpture Garden in the central arboretum area

JUNE 16 – SEPTEMBER 29; every Saturday at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Garden Tours



Take a relaxing stroll with a Garden Guide through the gardens around the Nevin Welcome Center and discover the beauty and diversity of our cultivated plant collections. Visit the Robison York State Herb Garden, Young Flower Garden, Bowers Rhododendron Collection, Shady Groundcover Collection, tropical container display, and more. Each tour will be a unique experience, as we

observe the gardens' progression throughout the growing season. ***Tours are offered every Saturday at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., June 16 through September 29.***

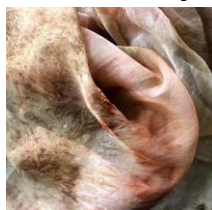
Fee: \$5 suggested donation

Instructors: Volunteer Garden Guides

Location: Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center

June 16, Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Natural Dye Workshop



Play around with natural dyes with local natural dyer and PhD student Kelsie Doty. You'll learn about the process of using dyes from plants, while designing your own cotton and silk scarfs to take home. All materials are included.

Fee: \$45; \$40 for members. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Instructors: Kelsie Doty, PhD student in apparel design at Cornell University

Location: Nevin Welcome Center

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Register online using our Adult & Community Education portal at:

www.cornellbotanicgardens.org/event

Or contact: Kevin Moss, Adult Education & Volunteer Coordinator; km274@cornell.edu, (607) 254-7430.

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Cornell Botanic Gardens volunteers and staff: enter promo code **GARDENDISCOUNT**

(You must be a currently active volunteer or staff member to be eligible.)

EXHIBITIONS IN THE NEVIN WELCOME CENTER

March-April

“Blooms from Being Planted 2018”

Photographic Images by Mary Kay Marks



Mary Kay Marks is an artist from Cortland, New York. Cornell Botanic Gardens plays an integral part in her artwork; this exhibit started as photographs taken in the garden. She writes, “Images have a way of connecting in your mind. When you see the smallest detail, it can ingrain itself into your brain and you can see it over and over in other places.”

May-June

“Petal Portraits”

Colored pencil drawings by Jim Kozlowski



“After making a living for my family as a production potter for 36 years, I have returned to my first love, painting. One of my inspirations is the variety and beauty of the blooms at the Botanic Gardens and in our gardens here at our new home. I appreciate the time and freedom I have now to fully explore the colors and textures I see in nature’s glorious creations. The wonders of Nature continue to surprise and delight me, and I share these feelings through my work.”

--- Jim Kozlowski