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# SUMMER 2016 (July, August, September)

Nevin Welcome Center open: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week Gardens and grounds: open dawn to dusk

### EVENTS, CLASSES & TOURS

# **Gorge Steward Tours**



Come explore Ithaca's gorges with Cornell's knowledgeable Gorge Stewards. Have you wondered how the gorges throughout the Finger Lakes were formed? Do you want to know more about the natural and cultural history of the region? There are hidden waterfalls and millions of years of history to see and learn from during hour-long hikes through Ithaca's most iconic settings. The hike is moderately strenuous including walking on uneven surfaces, inclines and plenty of stairs. *Tours will NOT run in inclement weather*.

### JUNE through SEPTEMBER; Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

# Fall Creek Gorge Hike

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Cornell Gorge Stewards

**Location:** Meet at the information sign on University Avenue across from the Johnson Art

Museum.

### JUNE through SEPTEMBER; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 p.m.

# Cascadilla Gorge Tour

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Cornell Gorge Stewards

**Location:** Meet at the information sign at Cornell University's Treman Triangle Park off

Linn Street in downtown Ithaca.

# JUNE 18 through SEPTEMBER 25; Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m.

# **Garden Explorations**



Enjoy a guided exploration through the Botanical Garden and discover the beauty and diversity of our numerous gardens, including the Herb Garden, Flower Garden, Groundcover Collection, Tropical Container Display, and more. Tours are offered every Saturday and Sunday, rain or shine. Actual tour content will vary from week to week depending what's in bloom and the interests of the group.

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

**Instructor:** Volunteer docents **Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

JULY 13; Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Guided Tour, class code GT-0713

# **Invasive Plant Species Walk**

What do garlic mustard, European buckthorn, shrub honeysuckles, and pale swallow-wort have in common? They are non-native, and all are considered invasive species and a threat to

our native plants and natural areas. In recognition of *New York Invasive Species Awareness Week*, join Plantations botanist Robert Wesley for this guided tour around Beebe Lake to learn about a variety of plants that are invasive in our area, and what can be done to help slow their spread.

Pre-registration is required.

**Fee:** Free, pre-registration required

**Instructor:** Robert Wesley, Botanist

**Location:** Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center

### JULY 18 - 22; Monday to Friday, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Botanical Arts; class code: BA-0718

# **Painting the Trees**

The landscapes of the Plantations abound with hundreds of species of trees and shrubs. Over the course of a week we will sketch and paint a variety of specimens. The outdoor setting and quiet summer afternoons 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 meeting locations

will be determined each week.

#### JULY 20; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

# **Evening Garden Walk**

Gardener Mitja Stragapede will lead this evening tour of several specialty gardens within the botanical garden: the Martha Young Flower Garden, Mullestein Hillside Garden, and the North Walk. These three collections which surround the Herb Garden feature plants especially suited to a variety of conditions. Come learn about plants reflected in art, literature, and decoration, as well as those useful as groundcovers in sunny and steeply sloping areas. You'll also see some recent introductions to the horticulture trade. Some stair climbing is required.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Mitja Stragapede, gardener

**Location:** Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center

### JULY 30; Saturday, 9:00 p.m. to Midnight

# Moths of the Night



As the sun sets we will have a brief introduction to moths and then fire up bright lights to attract the moths. We will learn how to identify the myriad forms of moths that arrive through the night and learn about their natural history. Stop by for a few minutes or bring a lawn chair and hang out for the evening. Bring a flashlight or headlamp.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Jason J. Dombroskie, Ph.D., Collection Manager, Cornell University Insect

Collection & Coordinator of the Insect Diagnostic Lab

**Location:** Botanical Garden, near Comstock Knoll

### AUGUST 6 and SEPTEMBER 10; Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### Garden and Arboretum Hike



Take it outside with Dr. Peter Davies, professor emeritus of plant science, on this extended hike through the diverse plant collections and landscapes of the Botanical Garden and F.R. Newman Arboretum. Experience the beautiful gardens, rolling hills and panoramic views that helped Plantations earn its #1 ranking as the most beautiful college arboretum (Best College Reviews). Walks will be held rain or shine and will include some steep slope and stair climbing. Please dress for the weather and

bring a bottle of water to drink.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Dr. Peter Davies, Cornell Professor Emeritus, Plant Biology and Horticulture

**Location:** Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center

### AUGUST 14; Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Home & Garden; class code HG-0814

# **Everything Orchids!**



Discover the beautiful, exotic, and widely diverse orchid family from orchid care expert Barb Schmidt, author of the book "Orchid Care: For the Beginner". She will discuss the origins, growth, and care of common orchid varieties. Learn the basics of orchid care, including how to get them to rebloom. This is also a "BYOO" class – bring your own orchid. If you have an orchid at home that isn't doing as well as you'd like, bring it along. Barb will take a look at it during the question and answer session at the end of class. Barb will also be available to sign copies of her book, which will be available for

purchase in our Gift Shop. *Pre-registration is required*.

**Fee:** \$20; \$18 for Plantations Members

**Instructor:** Barb Schmidt, author and orchid grower, www.basorchidcare.com

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

### AUGUST 20 and 21; Saturday & Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor Photography; Class code OP-0820

### **Picture Perfect Gardens**



Cornell Plantations is rich with the diversity and beauty of the natural world; exploring it with a camera deepens one's understanding and creates an avenue for sharing it with others. Join photographer Paul Schmitt for a two-day program that offers a foundation in understanding digital photography along with guidance in using your camera to reveal the many sides of Plantations, including the use of people as subjects. The Saturday session will be devoted to understanding the camera and composition, with time in our gardens to practice. Participants are encouraged to go home and take more photographs. Returning on Sunday, we'll focus on digital editing of selected images from participants. Suitable for smartphone, point-and-

shoot, or digital single-lens reflex (DSLR). *Pre-registration is required. Participants' work in this class will be the subject of a future exhibition in the Nevin Welcome Center.* 

**Fee:** \$70; \$63 for Plantations Members.

**Instructor:** Paul Schmitt, Photographer, Big Flats, NY

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

AUGUST 27; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Botanical Arts; class code: BA-0822

# The Colors of Nature: Color Theory for Water-Based and Oil Media

In this day-long workshop for artists of all skill levels, we'll explore the fullest range of hues available from a dozen tubes of pigment, making a sophisticated color reference chart that will be useful for years to come. This technique is particularly useful for botanical illustrators as well as anyone who wants to use color reliably and skillfully. A list of materials will be provided prior to class. Bring a bag lunch. *Pre-registration is required*.

**Instructor:** Camille Doucet, artist, Ithaca, New York

**Fee:** \$72; \$65 for Plantations members

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

# SEPTEMBER 6 - OCTOBER 11; Six Tuesdays, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Botanical Arts; class code: BA-0906 Beautiful Botanicals

This hands-on class offers an introduction to painting the flora of Plantations' botanical collections 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. *Pre-registration is required*.

**Instructor:** Camille Doucet, artist, Ithaca, NY **Fee:** \$200: \$180 for Plantations members

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 17; Five Mondays, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (no class October 10) Home & Garden, class code HG-0912

# Landscape for Life



Every home landscape has the potential to clean air and water, reduce flooding, cool your community, combat climate change and alleviate the pressures being placed on Earth's ecosystems. Yet conventional gardening practices too often work against nature, damaging the environment's ability to provide these natural benefits that support the health and well-being of you, your family, and your community. The 5-part **Landscape For Life** program, developed by the U.S. Botanical Garden and the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center, shows you how to work with nature in your garden, no

matter where you live, whether you garden on a city or suburban lot, a 20-acre farm, or the common area of your condominium. It's possible to create a great-looking sustainable landscape that's healthier for you, your family, your pets, and the environment --- and that

saves you time and money! *Pre-registration is required. Participants who complete all course activities will receive a Certificate of Completion.* 

**Fee:** \$180: \$160 for Plantations members

**Instructor:** Cornell staff

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

For more information about the Landscape for Life Program and the Sustainable Sites Initiative, please visit <a href="http://landscapeforlife.org/">http://landscapeforlife.org/</a>.



### SEPTEMBER 17; Saturday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Botanical Arts; class code BA-0917

# **Ikebana: The Japanese Art of Flower Arranging**



The art of Ikebana was established more than 550 years ago. In this workshop, Tomoko Henty will give you an introduction to Ikebana through a demonstration of different forms. After that, participants will make an arrangement to take home. Bring garden scissors and a vase or dish that holds water. (No clear glass containers). All plant materials will be provided. *Pre-registration is required*.

Fee: \$50; \$45 for Plantations members

**Instructor:** Tomoko Henty, certified teacher of the Ikenobo school of

Ikebana, Towanda, PA

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

### SEPTEMBER 25; Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

# Judy's Day Family Learning Festival: Food Plants of the Americas

Enjoy hands-on activities, music, storytelling and food at this fun and educational festival for all ages! Learn about food plants that are native to North, South and Central America, some of which are now grown around the world as important crops. It all takes place under tents in the beautiful outdoor setting of the F.R. Newman Arboretum --- rain or shine.

**Fee:** \$5 for individuals, \$10 per family; FREE for Plantations Members **Location:** Parking is at Cornell's B-Lot off Route 366, with free shuttle bus to the

Arboretum.

### 2016 FALL LECTURE SERIES

#### August 24

William and Jane Torrence Harder Lecture

## Scholars, Hermits, and People of the Land

Gary Snyder

Poet, author, environmental activist Lecture, 5:30 p.m., Call Auditorium

Garden Party to follow at the Botanic Garden

### September 14

# The Woman Who Seeded the Earth: A Haudenosaunee Ecology

Amber Meadow Adams, Ph.D.

Visiting Scholar at the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy

Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Statler Auditorium

#### September 28

William Hamilton Lecture

### Planting in a Post-Wild World

Claudia West

Planting Designer and International ISLA

Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Statler Auditorium

#### October 13

Class of 1945 Lecture

### The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in a Modern World

Wade Davis

Chair in Cultures and Ecosystems at Risk, Professor of Anthropology, University of British

Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Statler Auditorium

#### October 26

Audrey O'Connor Lecture

### Bread, Wine, Chocolate: The Slow Loss of the Foods We Love

Simran Sethi

Author

Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Statler Auditorium

#### November 2

Elizabeth E. Rowley Lecture

### It's For the Birds

Doug Tallamy, Ph.D.

Professor of Entomology & Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware

Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Statler Auditorium

### GALLERY EXHIBITIONS in the Nevin Welcome Center



#### July:

# Backyard Birds: Through the Magic Window

### Watercolors by Karen English

A triptych print of an original watercolor represents a gathering of birds throughout three seasons in a wooded backyard in upstate New York. In spring, American goldfinches and a northern oriole perch in a lilac bush. Eastern bluebirds enjoy a bath in summer while a ruby-throated hummingbird feeds on bee balm. In fall, a red oak tree shelters a white-breasted nuthatch and a red-bellied woodpecker, while black-capped chickadees inspect the goldenrod below.



#### August:

### Genius Loci

#### Landscape paintings by Wynn Yarrow

Wynn Yarrow paints landscapes as metaphors for the inner life. Yarrow's work exists in the shadowland between technique and vision; emotion and intellect; the physical realm and the spiritual one. She is drawn to transitions in nature: shifts in

season, light and the sky. Yarrow draws on memory, imagination and intuition to create landscapes that resonate with the spirit of place, genius loci.

Artist's Reception: Sunday, August 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center.

### HOW TO REGISTER

Register online using our Adult & Community Education portal at www.cornellplantations.org/event.

#### Or contact:

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

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