

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION events, classes & tours

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## SPRING 2016 (April, May, June)

Nevin Welcome Center open: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week  
Gardens and grounds: open dawn to dusk

### EVENTS, CLASSES & TOURS

APRIL 16

Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### Successful Tree Planting Practices

*Class code HG-0416*



In this hands-on class with our staff arborists we will cover all aspects of the why, when and how of tree planting, first in the classroom and then outside in our botanical collections. Specifically, we'll discuss what to look for at the nursery (and what to leave behind), choosing the right tree for the right place, site preparation, root pruning and proper installation techniques. And to make sure your trees survive and thrive, we'll also cover post-planting care, mulching and watering regimes. **Pre-registration**

**is required.**

**Fee:** \$36; \$30 for Members  
**Instructors:** Lee Dean and Daniel Weitoish, Arborists  
**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

APRIL 27 and May 25

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### Evening Wildflower Walks



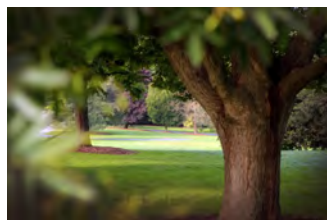
Tour the woodland pathways and plant habitats of the Mundy Wildflower Garden, an 8-acre natural area with naturalistic gardens. Early spring is the ideal season for learning the natural history and identification of wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, trillium, bloodroot, and Solomon's seal.

**Fee:** Free  
**Instructor:** Krissy Boys, Gardener and Native Plants Specialist  
**Location:** Meet at the entrance to the Mundy Wildflower Garden, intersection of Caldwell Road and Forest Home Drive

**APRIL 29**

**Friday, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.**

### **Arbor Day Tree Walk**



Celebrate Arbor Day with a walk through the F.R. Newman Arboretum --- Ithaca's premiere collection of trees and shrubs. The arboretum's diverse collections, including nut trees, crabapples, oaks, maples, shrubs, and urban trees, comprise a 100-acre pastoral setting with two large ponds, numerous foot paths, and scenic overlooks. Our arborist will introduce you to some outstanding specimens of native trees as well as species imported from similar climate zones around the world. Walk will be held rain or shine.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Daniel Weitoish, Arborist

**Location:** Meet by the Sculpture Garden, in the central portion of the Arboretum. Free parking is available.

**APRIL 30**

**Saturday, 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.**

### **Edible Wild Plants with Leda Meredith**

*Class code FF-0430*



Edible wild plants are growing right at your feet, in city parks, as "weeds" in gardens and yards, even in abandoned parking lots. Join us for this special program with author and ethnobotanist Leda Meredith, and learn how to sustainably harvest and prepare these wild, seasonal ingredients. Starting with a walk through our Mundy Wildflower Garden, Leda will explain techniques for collecting wild plants in ways that are safe and beneficial to the ecosystems. After the plant walk, Leda will give an indoor presentation on the role of foraging in traditional cultures and how it may play a vital part in sustainable 21st century food systems. Signed copies of her books *Northeast Foraging: 120 Wild and Flavorful Edibles from Beach Plums to Wineberries* and the just-

published *The Forager's Feast: How to Identify, Gather, and Prepare Wild Edibles* will be available for purchase. ***Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Walk will be held rain or shine.***

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

**Instructor:** Leda Meredith, author, ethnobotanist and educator

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center



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### **NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY**

**Friday, May 6; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Visit Cornell Plantations and celebrate National Public Gardens Day – a nationwide event celebrating public gardens nationwide. Stop by the Nevin Welcome Center to pick up a visitor map and browse our exhibits and gift shop before heading out to explore our Botanical Garden, the F.R. Newman Arboretum, or one of our many nearby Natural Areas. You can also download the **PocketSights** app (available from Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store) to your smartphone or tablet, and take self-guided tours with a Google-driven map that provides images and information at several key points of interest.

***Cornell Plantations is a proud member of the American Public Gardens Association.***

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**MAY 17 through JUNE 21**  
**Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

### **Painting Spring Flora**

*Class code BA-0517*

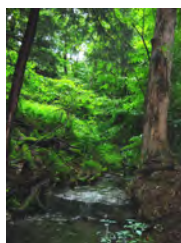


In this hands-on class experienced educator and artist, Camille Doucet offers an introduction to painting springtime garden flora while guiding artists of all levels to greater breadth of skills. From plant observation and drawing, to composition and color mixing, we will explore black and white, color pencil, pen and ink, and go into greater depth with watercolor. Weather permitting, we will spend time in the gardens as well as the classroom. A suggested materials list is available. ***Pre-registration is required.***

**Fee:** \$200 (\$180 Plantations members)  
**Instructor:** Camille Doucet, artist, Ithaca, NY  
**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

**MAY 18**  
**Wednesday, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

### **Fischer Old-Growth Forest Preserve: Dedication and Hike**



Cornell Plantations recently expanded the Fischer Old-Growth Forest Natural Area in the Town of Newfield through a gift of over 17 acres named the Bandler Family Tract. The preserve now protects nearly 60 acres, with almost 30 acres of old-growth forest. This natural area is considered the best of the few remaining examples of pre-European settlement forest in the region. A brief dedication ceremony will be followed by a tour to explore the natural and cultural history of the Bandler Tract and Fischer preserve.

***Hike is approximately 1.5 miles and will be moderately strenuous.***

**Fee:** Free  
**Instructor:** Todd Bittner, Director of Natural Areas, and Robert Wesley, Field Botanist.  
**Location:** Take Rte. 13 south from Ithaca. When the highway divides bear right to stay on Rte. 13, for approximately 1.6 miles. Parking area is along the left (east) side of Rte. 13, just before Stella's Barn restaurant. (Do NOT park in Stella's Barn parking lot.)

**MAY 20**  
**Friday 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

### **Endangered Species Day: Mystery Field Trip**

*Class code GT-0520*



Join Cornell Plantations' Director of Natural Areas, Todd Bittner, on a field trip to learn about efforts to conserve some of our region's rarest flora on Endangered Species Day. Plantations protects 3,400 acres of natural areas, many of which contain locally, regionally, and globally rare plants. Conservation work and challenges to safeguard some of Plantations' fifty-five rare plant species will be the focus of this trip, highlighting rare plants at a "surprise" Plantations Natural Area. The trip will proceed rain or shine.

Terrain will be level except for a moderately steep hill. ***Pre-registration is required; group size will be limited.***

**Fee:** \$15; \$10 for Plantations members  
**Instructor:** Todd Bittner, Director of Natural Areas  
**Location:** The field trip will depart by van from Plantations Nevin Welcome Center parking lot at 1:00 PM and will return by 4:30 PM.

**MAY 22**

**Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

## **Backyard Nature: Pond Life**

*Class code NS-0522*



You don't have to go far to discover the wonders of nature! Come to the F.R. Newman Arboretum for this hands-on exploration of life in a freshwater pond. After a brief introduction, we'll search for some of the amphibians, reptiles, insects, and other invertebrates found in and around our ponds. This program for all ages will focus on the diversity of aquatic plants and animals and their many unique adaptations. Dip nets, trays, collecting jars, and field guides will be provided for the safe capture, study, and release of live creatures. Please wear clothes that can get wet or muddy. Program will be held rain or shine.

**Fee:** Free; pre-registration is requested.

**Instructor:** Kevin Moss, educator

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

**JUNE 11**

**Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

## **Spring Plant Sale**

We will be offering some of our gardeners' favorite plants, as well as new selections from the horticultural trade, including perennials such as peonies, baptisia, hellebores, guem, and nepeta.

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



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### ***Members-Only Early Bird Preview***

***Friday, June 10; 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.***

Plantations donors and members can enjoy this exclusive opportunity to shop early for the best selection!

Become a member now at

[www.cornellplantations.org/membership](http://www.cornellplantations.org/membership).

Or, join when you come on the day of the preview.

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**JUNE 18 through SEPTEMBER 25**

**Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m.**

## **Garden Explorations**



Enjoy a guided tour through the Botanical Garden and discover the beauty and diversity of our numerous theme 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:** Staff or volunteer docents

**Location:** Nevin Welcome Center

**JUNE 20**

**Monday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

## **Summer Solstice Walk**



Enjoy an evening nature walk through the F.R. Newman Arboretum, recently voted the “#1 most beautiful college arboretum,” to celebrate the passage of spring into summer on the longest day of the year. We’ll learn about the solstice, discover some of the trees, shrubs and wildlife of the arboretum, and hike to the Newman Overlook bell to “ring in” the arrival of summer at the exact moment of solstice (6:35 p.m.) Walk will be held rain or shine, and includes some moderately steep slopes.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Kevin Moss, educator

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

## *GALLERY EXHIBITIONS in the Nevin Welcome Center*



***April:***

### ***Mise en place***

Inspired by two site visits to the Cornell Plantations, Professor Greg Page’s Fall 2015 Introduction to Print Media class collaborated this semester with plantations staff to create this portfolio. Students received lively tours as they researched (and tasted!) crops, flowers and herbs, resulting in 26 prints that present culinary plants and their diverse uses.



***May-June***

### ***Weeds: Untamed Wonders***

A selection of the wild and weedy! In this exhibition, artists from the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators have painted some “favorite” weeds of the northeast. The show helps explain what makes a weed a weed, includes fun facts about native weeds, and provides helpful information about invasive plants which endanger local plant communities.

***Artists’ Reception: Sunday, May 15, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.***

## *HOW TO REGISTER*

Register online using our Adult & Community Education portal at [www.cornellplantations.org/event](http://www.cornellplantations.org/event).

**Or contact:**

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