



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Botanical Garden Releases New Season of Classes for Adults
Registration is Open for Nearly 400 Certificate-Level and Recreational Courses in
Botanical Art, Gardening, Floral Design, Landscape Design, and More

The New York Botanical Garden has released a new season of nearly 400 daytime, evening, and weekend classes for adults for Fall/Winter 2013–2014. Single-session classes as well as Certificate programs in Gardening, Botanical Art & Illustration, Floral Design, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Horticultural Therapy, and Botany are now available for registration. Short classes and workshops are also available in Crafts, Wellness & Fitness, and Nature Writing & Photography. Courses offer students an in-depth understanding of plants as well as practical ways to integrate them into their daily lives. Diverse course content ranges from soil science for gardeners to plants used in herbal home remedies. Courses are intended for recreational students as well as those seeking expertise from industry professionals in order to build new skills and career paths through the Certificate program. The public can now register online at nybg.org/adulted or by phone at 800.322.NYBG.

Sample courses in each discipline available through February 2014 include:

Botanical Art & Illustration

- **Botanical Drawing I: Materials and Techniques** 6 Saturdays, Sept. 21–Nov. 2; 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Midtown Education Center
- **Botanical Drawing for Beginners** 4 Thursdays, Oct. 17–Nov. 7; 6–9 p.m., Midtown Education Center

Botany

- **Plant Structure** 8 Tuesdays, Oct. 1–Nov. 19; 10 a.m.–1 p.m., NYBG
- **Botany of *The Hunger Games*** Tuesday, Nov. 5; 6–8 p.m., Midtown Education Center

Crafts

- **Beeswax Candle-Making Workshop** Saturday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m.–12 p.m., NYBG
- **Gifts from Your Kitchen** Wednesday, Dec. 4; 6–8 p.m., NYBG

Floral Design

- **Fifteen-Minute Flower-Arranging Ideas** Wednesday, Sept. 25; 11 a.m.–1 p.m., NYBG
- **Floral Design Fundamentals: Style** 6 Wednesdays, Jan. 8–Feb. 19; 6:15–8:55 p.m., Midtown Education Center

Gardening

- **Soil Science for Gardeners** 4 Wednesdays, Oct. 16–Nov. 6; 6:15–9:15 p.m., Midtown Education Center
- **Put Your Garden to Bed** Saturday, Oct. 26; 10 a.m.–2 p.m., NYBG

Horticulture

- **Introduction to Plant Science** 5 Saturdays, Sept. 21–Oct. 26; 10 a.m.–1:20 p.m., NYBG
- **Designing for Biodiversity** 2 Tuesdays, Nov. 5 & 12; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., NYBG

Horticultural Therapy

- **Introduction to Horticultural Therapy** 3 Saturdays, Sept. 28–Oct. 19; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., NYBG
- **Horticultural Therapy for Physical Rehabilitation** 3 Saturdays, Nov. 16–Dec. 7; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., NYBG

Landscape Design

- **Graphics I** 8 Tuesdays, Oct. 1–Nov. 19; 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Midtown Education Center
- **Landscape Design History** 8 Thursdays, Oct. 3–Nov. 21; 6:15–9:15 p.m., NYBG

Nature Writing & Photography

- **Intro to Landscape Photography** Saturday, Oct. 19; 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., NYBG
- **Autumn Reflections: A Writing Workshop** Saturday & Sunday Nov. 9–10; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., NYBG

Wellness & Fitness

- **Tai Chi for Peace of Mind and Body** 6 Saturdays, Sept. 21–Nov. 2; 10–11 a.m., NYBG
- **Make a Herbal Medicine Kit** Tuesday, Oct. 29; 6–9 p.m., Midtown Education Center

High-profile lectures include:

- **Urban Transformations: 2013 Landscape Design Portfolios Lecture Series** two Mondays and one Tuesday; 6:30–7:30 p.m., Midtown Education Center
 - **Harsh Beauty**, Christine Ten Eyck, Sept. 23
 - **The Planetary Garden**, Gilles Clément, Oct. 22
 - **Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**, Mary Margaret Jones, Nov. 4
- **14th Annual Winter Lecture Series** Three Thursdays; 10 a.m.–12 p.m., NYBG
 - **Kirstenbosch**, Brian J. Huntley, Jan. 30
 - **Sculpting the Land**, Kim Wilkie, Feb. 20
 - **Designing with Native Plants**, Thomas Rainer, March 20

Classes with a master include:

- **Capturing Trees: A Conversation with Larry Lederman**, garden photographer and author Saturday, Oct. 26; 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., NYBG
- **Botanical Painting on Vellum: 3-Day Workshop with Kate Nessler**, award-winning botanical artist Thursday–Saturday, Nov. 7–9; 10 a.m.–4 p.m., NYBG

A PDF of the entire course catalog is available online at:

http://conted.nybg.org:8080/WebModule/jsp/creative/NYBG_Catalog.pdf

Classes meet at the Garden's 250 acres in the Bronx, offering participants the opportunity to access the Garden's living and archived collections and to enjoy the Garden grounds. The Garden's same high-caliber classes are also available in the heart of Manhattan at the Midtown Education Center at 20 West 44th Street,

between 5th and 6th Avenues (two blocks from Grand Central Terminal), and at affiliate locations in Fairfield and Dutchess counties.

Browse locations and learn more details about class prices and credit hours at nybg.org/adulted or **800.322.NYBG (6924)**.

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As a leader in horticultural education for more than 120 years, The New York Botanical Garden offers the nation's largest plant-related continuing education program for adults. The Garden remains at the forefront of horticultural education, offering Certificates in seven disciplines that feature classes designed by professionals in their fields—including members of the Garden's horticulture and science staff—honed to deliver the necessary skills to start a new career or rewarding personal pursuit related to plants. The Garden also brings students in contact with internationally renowned experts in gardening, landscape design, and botanical art through lectures and master-classes offered each season. Students also have access to the Garden's world-famous and unparalleled resources, including its 50 display gardens featuring more than 1 million plants as well as the LuEsther T. Mertz Library with collections containing well over 1 million items.

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at nybg.org

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