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Learn from Home: More Classes Added to NYBG's Online Adult Education Offerings in July and August, Including Two Mini-Summer Intensives

Expert Instructors Lead Virtual Sessions on Gardening Fundamentals, Flower Arranging, Botanical Art, Crafts, Plant Science, and Much More

Concentrated Mini-Summer Intensive Programs Allow Students to Get a Jump Start on Earning a Gardening or Floral Design Certificate



The positive response to the online Adult Education classes offered by The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has resulted in even more classes being added to NYBG's schedule of virtual learning experiences in July and August. New or additional classes are available in gardening, floral design, botanical art, crafts, plant science, and more. These include two Mini-Summer Intensive Programs that will give students a jump-start toward completing NYBG's comprehensive Gardening or Floral Design Certificate Program. An NYBG Certificate is an important credential for professional advancement or for launching a new career. All July and August classes are now available for registration. These online educational offerings can provide an enriching respite during uncertain times.

NYBG is temporarily closed, and all in-person events, on-site programs and classes, and exhibitions have been suspended. The necessary action complies with public health guidelines issued by federal, state, and local governments and the CDC to support stringent efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. Essential staff continue to provide expert care for NYBG's living collections and to maintain the operations of the Garden's 250-acre landmark landscape. While the Garden's gates may be closed temporarily, our virtual gates are wide open.

Most of NYBG's online classes take place via Zoom, the online meeting service. An email with login instructions will be sent to those who have registered shortly before a class begins. Instructors are able to lecture and lead discussions as well as display PowerPoint presentations, videos, or any other digital resource. All students can participate through the microphone or video camera on a computer or mobile device.

NYBG's online classes and courses in July and August include:

- **Botanical Watercolor for Beginners and Beyond**

Two sections: Wednesdays, July 8–August 5, 2020, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. or Mondays, August 3–31, 2020, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$345/\$375

This class is designed for both inexperienced painters and those who wish to improve their skills. Lectures and demonstrations are enhanced by individual instruction as participants work at their own pace on a variety of pieces.

- **Fundamentals of Gardening**

Three sections: Thursdays, July 9–August 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; Saturdays, July 25–August 29, 2020, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; or Thursdays, August 20–September 4, 2020, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$295/\$325

Explore the basic principles underlying successful, environmentally friendly gardening, including the structure and physiological processes of plants and their relationships to the settings in which they grow.

- **Flower Arranging at Home**

Five sections: Thursday, July 9, 2020, 10–11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6–7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 4:30–6 p.m.; Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 10–11:30 a.m.; or Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 6–7:30 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$35/\$45

Bring cheer into your home and exercise your botanical creativity with live, real-time guidance from your instructor as you build your elegant arrangement with fresh flowers and veggies from your own garden, farmers market, or local grocery store.

- **Botanical Embroidery Basics**

Two sections: Friday, July 10, 2020, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. or Sunday, August 9, 2020, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$75/\$85

Embroidery is tightly tied to human culture. The earliest known examples—intricately decorated clothes, boots, and hats found in Russia—date back to 30,000 BCE. New York City-based artist Jessica Maffia will teach participants eight different stitches to use to create a botanically-inspired, small work of embroidery. This class is geared toward those with little to no experience with embroidering.

- **The Science of Tree Communication**

Two sections: Wednesdays, July 15–29, 2020, 6–8 p.m. or Thursdays, August 13–27, 2020, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$125/\$139

Trees may appear to be strong and silent, but they can "talk"—to one another, to other plants, and to animals and insects. Participants will discover how trees communicate via chemical signals in the air and through underground fungal networks to transfer nutrients and resources to one another.

- **Intro to Landscape Design**

Mondays, July 20–August 10, 2020, 6:15–8:15 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$185/\$205

Participants will be introduced to the terminology, concepts, and basic principles of landscape design through lectures and simple two-dimensional exercises. This course is recommended for students with little or no background in design who want to design for their own home or who are considering a Certificate in Landscape Design.

- **Gut Health: The Key to Your Immune System**

Thursday, July 30, 2020; 6:30–8 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$45/\$49

Our digestive tract is key to our immune system. Keeping it in tip-top shape is crucial to maintaining good health. This class will examine the difference between good and bad bacteria and explore how each affects energy level and overall health. With a focus on how to strengthen digestion, participants will learn how to create better eating habits, including by introducing fermented foods and herbal medicine into your diet.

- **Pollination Ecology**

Thursdays, August 6–20, 2020, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$145/\$159

Participants will study the crucial role birds, insects, and bats play in local ecosystems. Using gorgeous photographs taken over years of field study, expert naturalist Alan Wells discusses the many different types of pollination as well as the roles played by a plant's flower structure, nectar production, and fragrance.

- **Mini-Summer Intensive Online Programs**

- **Gardening Mini-Intensive**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, July 9–August 28, 2020, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (excluding Tuesday, August 18; Thursday, August 20; Friday, August 21; Tuesday, August 25; Wednesday, August 26; & Thursday, August 27, 2020)

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$1,165/\$1,295

The Gardening Certificate Program at NYBG provides the core knowledge, hands-on training, and credentials needed to succeed in any garden setting with confidence. With five online classes, NYBG's Mini-Summer Intensive Program puts students on the fast track to earning this Certificate. In just seven weeks, they can complete over 20

percent of the required course work, with a solid base in the principles of environmentally sound gardening, soil science, garden care, and more.

- **Floral Design Mini-Intensive**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, July 10–31, 2020, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Garden Member/Non-Member: \$2,315/\$2,575

NYBG's Floral Design Certificate Program offers the most in-depth training in the region, covering every aspect of this creative art. Instructors will help students develop their own aesthetic, master the mechanics for any arrangement, and gain practical business skills, so they graduate client-ready. The Mini-Summer Intensive Program allows students to complete approximately 30 percent of the required classroom credits online—five classes in just three weeks, during which students will create dozens of arrangements in diverse styles for many different occasions.

A complete list of NYBG's online classes and courses is available through [NYBG at Home](#), which gathers NYBG's virtual content into a convenient, one-stop resource.

For more information and to register for classes, go to nybg.org/adulted

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