ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
First Thursday of each month, 11 am–noon. See website for dates. In the Blomquist Garden of Native Plants, with Duke Gardens’ staff horticulturists.

Explore the wilds of North Carolina in monthly walks through Duke Gardens’ Blomquist Garden of Native Plants Fee: $10; discount of 20% for Gardens members.

THE WOW FACTOR: IDEAS TO USE IN YOUR GARDEN—3 options
With Bobby Mottern, landscape architect and horticulture director, Duke Gardens.

The best gardens feel effortless and exciting; they have that indescribable "WOW!" Add impact to your garden this fall with these strategies. Class both indoors and outdoors.

25 Must-Have Perennials for Fall
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1:30–3 pm.

Bulbs in the Landscape
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:30–3 pm.

Planning for Winter Garden Views
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1:30–3 pm.

Fee per program: $19; discount of 20% for Gardens members. Participants that register for the full 3-program series receive an additional 10% off.

MEET THE KEEPERS—3 options FREE. Drop-in activity for adults and children together, all ages.

Plan your visit to the Gardens to include a stop at the Charlotte Brody Discovery Garden on Thursdays and meet staff members that specialize in bees, plants and chickens.

Bees with Nick Schwab
Thursdays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 10, 2–3 pm.

Plants with Jason Holmes
Thursdays, Sept. 26 & Oct. 17, 2–3 pm.

Chickens with Lindsey Luks
Thursdays, Oct. 3 & Oct. 24, 2–3 pm.

AN HERBAL PRIMER—3 options
With Lauri Lawson, horticulture instructor and garden designer.

Learn to grow, harvest and design with herbs in this three part class. Sign up for one or all three sections to learn about planting and harvesting herbs, storing for winter use, time-tested favorite herbs, and using herbs in your garden and at your table.

Herbal Harvest
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7–9 pm.

Perennial Herbs to Know and Grow
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7–9 pm.

Herb Plants and Garden Design
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7–9 pm.

Fee per class: $19; discount of 20% for Gardens members. Participants that register for the full 3-program series receive an additional 10% off.

MINDFULNESS IN THE GARDENS
Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 23, 5–6 pm.
& Saturdays, Sept. 21, 1:30–2:30 pm.
& Saturday, Oct. 19, 10–11 am.

With Betsy Dessauer, Mindful Anytime.

Replenish and rejuvenate yourself with a meditative walk through Duke Gardens. Walk with intention, learning to employ your senses and elements of mindfulness meditation to engage in the moment.

Fee per session: $25; discount of 20% for Gardens members.
HOUSEPLANTS: GROW A GREEN THUMB!
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7–9 pm.
Fee: $20; discount of 20% for Gardens members.
Choose the right plant for the perfect location in your home and then pot it to take home. Learn about a variety of plants and what they need to stay healthy. Class indoors.

EXPLORING THE NATURE OF DUKE GARDENS—3 options
With Kim Smart, naturalist and educator.
From forest and prairie to farm and homestead, the 55 acres of Duke Gardens have been many things. Learn about the ecology of our native plants and animals while Kim introduces you to a variety of observation and exploration strategies. Se habla espanol. Class primarily outdoors.

Native Plants
Thursday, Sept. 26, 6–8 pm.
Life in the Water
Thursday, Oct. 3, 6–8 pm.
Discovering Moss
Thursday, Oct. 10, 6–8 pm.

Fee per program: $30; discount of 20% for Gardens members. Participants that register for the full 3-program series receive an additional 10% off.

LANDSCAPE PLANTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA GARDENS: FALL
4 Wednesdays, Oct. 9–30, 4–6 pm.
With Jan Little, director of education and public programs, Duke Gardens.
Fee: $110; discount of 20% for Gardens members.

Each season this class covers a select list of plants suitable for your North Carolina garden, considering size, culture and design use. Class primarily outdoors.

FALL TREE RAMBLE
Saturday, Oct. 12, 9:30–11:30 am.
With Katie Rose Levin, arborist, Leaf & Limb, Durham. Fee: $10; free for Duke Gardens members.
Learn more about trees interaction with each other and how they influence our lives. Class primarily outdoors.

SORTING OUT PLANT NAMES
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7–9 pm.
With Alec Motten, Duke University assistant professor emeritus. Fee: $10; discount of 20% for Gardens members.
Plant names do not have to be "Latin to You"! Explore the system of plant names and the organization of plant kingdoms. This will help you understand more about plants and their needs so you can be a better gardener. Class indoors.

PLANTS OF DISTINCTION: FALL—3 options
Learn about spectacular plants that offer both beauty and functionality. Classes outdoors.

The Prairie in Autumn
Thursday, Oct. 24, 2:30–4 pm.
Growing Show Chrysanthemums
Monday, Nov. 4, 2:30–4 pm.
Winter Interest in the Garden
Thursday, Dec. 5, 2:30–4 pm.
Fee: $15; discount of 20% for Gardens members. All participants that register for the full 3-program series receive an additional 10% off.

OAKS OF NORTH CAROLINA
Thursday, Oct. 24, 9:30 am–3 pm.
With Paul Manos, Duke University, Jack H. Neely Professor of Biology. Fee includes all materials and lunch: $135; discount of 20% for Gardens members. ISA CEU credits available for Certified Arborist, BCMA-Management, BCMA-Science. NCBOLA has approved 5 CEU credits.
Eastern North Carolina's rich array of native oaks is second only to those of Mexico. Learn more about their biology, how to identify and distinguish them, and how they interact with other species in Duke Gardens and native plant communities. You'll also work with dissecting scopes and learn about current research.
FINDING YOUR MUSE AT DUKE GARDENS: CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
2 Saturdays, Oct 26 & Nov. 2, 9:30 am–noon.
With Kamara Thomas, teaching artist, songwriter, performer. Fee: $75; discount of 20% for Gardens members.

Kamara will lead exercises that use sensory experiences in the Gardens to sharpen observation and access creative imagery for constructing songs, poetry and creative writing. Hone your skills and improve your writing with Kamara’s guidance.

BOTANIZING AT OCCONEECHEE MOUNTAIN
Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 am–1 pm, meet on site.
With Paul Manos, Duke University, Jack H. Neely Professor of Biology and Alec Motten, assistant professor emeritus, Duke University Biology.
Fee: $25; discount of 20% for Gardens members.

This North Carolina State Natural Area is a gem, with a diversity of natural plant and animal communities not found anywhere else in the Triangle region. Join Paul and Alec to hike the mountain on a 2- to 3-mile hike of moderate difficulty. Driving directions will be sent for participants to meet at the site. Please wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes. Bring a lunch and beverage to enjoy.

BUILD A POLLINATOR HOUSE
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6–9 pm.
With Nick Schwab, assistant horticulturist and beekeeper, Duke Gardens. Fee: $35; discount of 20% for Gardens members.

Nick will introduce you to pollinators and the food plants they pollinate. Then you will build a native pollinator house to use in your garden. Class is indoors and outdoors.

INTRODUCTION TO HONEY BEES
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6–8 pm.
With Nick Schwab, assistant horticulturist and beekeeper, Duke Gardens. Fee: $10; free for Duke Gardens members.

Get an overview of beekeeping tasks and bee behavior. Nick will review a year in the life of a beekeeper, helping you decide if beekeeping is for you! Class primarily indoors.

HOLIDAY GREENERY
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am or 1 pm.
With Beth Hall Hoffman, plant collections manager, and Michelle Rawlins, horticulturist, Duke Gardens. Fee per program: $65; discount of 20% for Gardens members.

Turn Gardens collected greenery, colorful stems, berries and pods into beautiful holiday decorations. Michelle and Beth create demonstration models and then work with you to fashion a unique evergreen display for your home. Please bring pruners and anything you would like to include, all plant materials and ribbon are supplied. Class indoors.

JAPANESE TEA GATHERINGS
Walk as a group to the Duke Gardens teahouse to experience the warmth of a traditional Japanese tea gathering.

Moon-Viewing Tea: Saturday, Oct. 12, 6:45–8:15 pm, one seating only.
Dancing Leaves Tea: Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:45 am and 1 pm seatings.
Fee: $45; discount of 20% for Gardens members. Family rate $45 per adult/child; additional children $15 each. Pre-registration required.

DURHAM GARDEN FORUM
3rd Tuesdays, 7–8:30 pm. See program listings online at gardens.duke.edu
An informal group independent of Duke Gardens, the forum meets once a month to enrich its members’ gardening knowledge and skill. Program listings, fee information and memberships available at durhamgardenforum@gmail.com.

EXTENSION GARDENER SERIES
FREE. Drop-in event; advance registration suggested at gardens.duke.edu/learn
With Durham County Master Gardeners
Sponsored in partnership with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service: Durham County Center

Cool Season Vegetables
Thursday Sept. 19, 7–9 pm.

Composting
Thursday, Oct. 24, 7–9 pm.

Month to Month Gardening
Thursday, Nov. 14, 7–9 pm.

Plant Information Booth
Sept. & Oct., Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am–1 pm, at Duke Gardens.

Visit gardens.duke.edu/programs for up-to-date program information, including programs not listed here, or call 919-668-1707.