



Winter 2017-2018

All events begin or take place at the Carriage House Visitor Center unless otherwise specified.

Dec. 17 (Su) 1p Family Winter Hike. An easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants and animals around you in a hike designed to fit the group. Smaller children may need to be carried. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Rain or snow cancels. *FREE*

2018

Jan. 1 (Mo) 1p-3:30p First Day Hike. Start your New Year right on a self-guided family friendly hike in the State Park woodlands at the NJ State Botanical Garden. Weather permitting; you can climb to the Mt. Defiance overlook on the Halifax trail and return, or choose our alternate hike without a climb. This annual event is a joint project of State Park staff and volunteers from the NJBG/Skylands Association and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothes, small children may need to be carried. Meet at the Carriage House Visitor Center at NJBG between 1pm and 2pm. Map and hike directions will be provided at the start. Allow 90 minutes for the hike. Staff will be on the trail for assistance if required. Snow cancels; call 973-962-7031 for info. *FREE*

Jan. 7 (Su) 11a-3p Skylands Manor Tours. NJBG volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the architecture and history of Skylands Manor. Snow cancels. *Fee: \$7 adults; \$5 seniors and students ages 13-18; \$3 ages 6-12; free under 6.*

Jan. 20 (Sa) 10a Landscape Design at Skylands: A Historical Perspective. Join Head Landscape Designer Rich Flynn for a slide program on the history of garden design at Skylands, originally created by some of the most famous landscaping names of the era. The program will be held in the Carriage House, and cancels only in the event of an ongoing snowstorm. *\$5 Donation requested.*

Jan. 21 (Su) 1p Family Woodland Hike. Join NJBG hike leaders on an easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants, animals and geology around you on a hike designed to fit the group. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Snow/rain cancels. *FREE.*

Feb. 4 (Su) 11a-3p Skylands Manor Tours. NJBG volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the architecture and history of Skylands Manor. Snow cancels. *Fee: \$7 adults; \$5 seniors and students ages 13-18; \$3 ages 6-12; free under 6.*

Feb. 18 (Su) 1p Family Winter Woodland Hike. Join NJBG hike leaders on an easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants, animals and geology around you on a hike designed to fit the group. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Snow/rain cancels. *FREE.*

Feb. 25 (Su) 1p Audubon: Endangered Species - From Exploitation to Conservation. Don Torino, President of Bergen County Audubon Society, will discuss the many species of birds that were exploited and became endangered. This indoor program will also cover the conservation efforts involved to protect them, helping many make a remarkable comeback. In the Carriage House Visitor Center. Snow cancels. *FREE*

March 4 (Su) 11a-3p Skylands Manor Tours – Member Appreciation Day. NJBG members are invited to enjoy a special tour of historic Skylands Manor. Non-members are invited too. Snow cancels. **BOGO for NJBG members:** Purchase a Manor House tour ticket receive a free one for a guest (BOGO). **Non-members:** Become a member on Member Appreciation Day and receive a free Manor House tour ticket. *Regular Fee: \$7 adults, \$5 senior and students ages 13-18, \$3 ages 6-12, free under age 6.*

March 17 (Sa) 10a End-of-Winter Tree Walk. Join Head Landscape Designer Rich Flynn as he leads this perennial favorite. Learn the differences between trees and how to tell them apart in this special tree walk. Meet at the Carriage House; wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. *FREE.*

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March 25 (Su) 1p Audubon: Attracting Hummingbirds. Don Torino, President of Bergen County Audubon Society, provides an indoor presentation on how you can attract these beautiful flying jewels to your garden using native and annual nectar plant sources. You'll also learn how to participate in Audubon's citizen science project: Hummingbirds at Home. In the Carriage House Visitor Center. *FREE*

NJBG/Skylands Association was founded in 1976 to help the State of New Jersey preserve and restore the gardens and Manor House, and to develop programs for public education and enjoyment throughout the year. NJBG/Skylands Association receives no funding from the State of New Jersey or on-premises operators.

YOUR GARDEN

OPEN EVERY DAY from 8 am to 6 pm.
GARDEN ADMISSION is always FREE.
PARKING is free in winter and spring.

JOIN NJBG

Become an NJBG member and receive great benefits. Visit njbg.org for more info.

VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are always welcome. NJBG volunteers work in the gardens, give tours, manage projects, and help provide events and services for the public. We value many talents.

TO VOLUNTEER

Inquire at the NJBG office or sign up at njbg.org. We'd love to have you join us!

ONLINE

Sign up to get email updates at our website, njbg.org. Free WiFi is available at the Carriage House Visitor Center.

FREE AUDIO / WEB TOURS

Look for the yellow guide signs in the Garden.

HIKE & BIKE & SKI

Always a pleasure on NJBG's safe and beautiful trails.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

The Botanical Garden is a carry-in, carry-out State Park facility. Please carry your trash and litter out with you and dispose of it properly.

Alcohol, balls, frisbees and lawn games are NOT permitted in the Botanical Garden.

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VOLUNTEER

NJBG depends on its volunteers to keep the Botanical Garden blooming and visitor services operating. It's a great investment of your time, fun and satisfying, and enjoyed by thousands of visitors. Volunteer online or call NJBG for more info.

JOIN OR DONATE

NJBG also depends on your financial support to keep its garden work and programs rolling. Join NJBG online or call the NJBG office at 973-962-9534 to make a donation. With decreased State funding, your contribution really does make a difference.