RBG Experiences
COURSE CALENDAR — May to September 2021

GARDENING Health & Wellness Green Living
BOTANICAL ARTS & CRAFTS Nature Lovers HIKING
Canoeing Family SPECIAL EVENTS Learn by Doing!
Sustainable Living Environmental Education Senseational

EDUCATION MISSION:
Education at Royal Botanical Gardens encourages environmental stewardship by providing meaningful and diverse learning experiences that connect people with the wild and cultivated plant world and help them to understand the crucial role that plants play in sustaining and enhancing our lives and the environment.
Royal Botanical Gardens is dedicated to offering lifelong learning opportunities that relate to our mandate, including programs that help people move towards a greener lifestyle.

CONTACT US:
1-800-694-4769; 905-527-1158, ext. 270

RBG is committed to providing exceptional and accessible service to our visitors — our programs are designed to be inclusive. Please contact our Program Coordinator at 905-527-1158, ext. 510 to discuss specific program requirements, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Summer Camps

July 5 to September 3

Enjoy a summer camp experience at RBG — ages 6–13. Programming is packed with interactive, hands-on activities led by a team of experienced camp leaders who provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which kids can learn, play and have fun.

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We continue to offer RBG at Home, our commitment to offering accessible, diverse and entertaining online learning opportunities for all ages. Celebrate nature’s beauty on our social media channels and dig deeper with a full lineup of virtual programs, activities, and multimedia experiences.

rbg.ca/things-to-do/rbg-at-home
Royal Botanical Gardens staff have been helping to connect people to plants and this special place for most of its 80 years. RBG came into being in the midst of the upheaval of WWII, so it’s not surprising that education programming followed a bit later. By 1947 the world was settling into an optimistic postwar growth groove, and RBG, like other organizations, began to reach out to engage a larger constituency.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of participants, young and old, have taken part in an enormous array of courses, tours, workshops and lectures, and informal learning products like signage, handouts and apps, all designed to grow knowledge, awareness and appreciation of the plant world and the environment. Things may look a bit different in terms of program delivery nowadays, but today’s staff educators continue the long tradition of offering innovative and dynamic educational opportunities to a wide audience. Today’s success is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our predecessors and their colleagues (and the volunteers who have supported us all).

Sowing the Seeds of Education

It all started in 1946 when Dr. Norman Radford, RBG director, and Leslie Laking, horticulturist, spent a week on a fact-finding mission visiting New York City’s two botanical gardens. Brooklyn Botanical Garden’s education programs for children and adults were an inspiration to the visiting Canadians. They returned to RBG and lost no time in introducing public education here. RBG’s first lecture series led the way, followed by the first adult education programs, and, in 1947, our children’s gardening programs.

Much of today’s natural history programming started with our former conservationist, W. John Lamoureux. First joining the staff in 1952, John’s trail signs, wayside exhibits, lookout towers and boardwalks brought hikers in close touch with habitats across RBG. He integrated education into all his work and in 1972 had the title of Education Coordinator added to his portfolio. He continued in this dual role until his retirement in late-1984. Along with starting the first public maple bush program in Ontario, John was also responsible for the development of the Nature Interpretive Centre, opened in 1968. The building and its programs have grown immensely since then, now accommodating about 25,000 students and day campers each year in a facility bursting at the seams.

Growing up Green

With a legacy stretching back this far, we’re always happy to see and hear feedback from people whose lives have been changed by our education programs. This includes adults who’ve taken a workshop and found a new hobby (or been inspired during a guided walk and gone on to volunteer on nature protection projects), or children whose career paths were seeded here. Our children’s programs have made a huge difference in many lives, including BC-resident, Derek Wilson, who was in touch with us this spring. As a child gardener in programming led by the late Leslie Laking in 1960, Wilson recalls going on nature walks in Westdale Ravine. He noted that, “Laking instilled a lifelong curiosity about and empathy for nature in the children (and adults) who were receptive to his passion.” Wilson credits the program with his own lifetime interest in the outdoors and his volunteer work in environmental action today.

For me, it all comes together when I hear things like this, or when we hire people who have “grown-up green” here. Right now, RBG’s summer student complement includes several “lifers”. These are youth who have grown up in our programs, and in Education, we have two garden interpreters who started as day-campers in elementary school then joined the YES Alliance in high school. Their post-secondary education complements our work, and they were hired here as hosts last summer. This year they are interpreters, and for a job focused on connecting our guests with RBG’s collections and sanctuaries, I can’t imagine a better training program than an apprenticeship that started at the age of five. Find out more about their apprenticeship on your next visit — just stop by the Discovery Station and say hi!
Being Born In Wood
Buffalo National Park
Thursday, June 17;
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom
Fee: $18 ($6 members)

Virtual. Have you ever wondered how it feels to be born in Canada’s largest national park? Helen Panter, public outreach coordinator, Parks Canada, explains how a Whooping Crane chick discovers the gems of his birthplace and how Parks Canada helped the recovery of the endangered whooping cranes.

Come Walk With Us
Thursday, July 15;
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom
Fee: $18 ($6 members)
Maximum: 95. Preregister by July 5.

Virtual. Join Sonya Richmond and Sean Morton to “walk” through their journey on The Great Trail, the world’s longest recreational trail. They highlight how easy it is to get outdoors, be an explorer and enjoy nature — whether in your own backyard, the backwoods or in the Boreal Forest. In addition, they talk about Important Bird Areas and share a few simple steps that anyone can take to help birds.

Conservation In Peri-Urban Canada: The Cootes To Escarpment Ecopark System
Thursday, August 19;
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Program Fee: $18 ($6 members)

Virtual. Dr. David Galbraith outlines the development of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, RBG’s role and exciting ideas about the future. In Burlington and Hamilton, a voluntary alliance of nine agencies have formed the EcoPark System to highlight the need for ecological connectivity and work to fill gaps between their programs and protected greenspace in an area that is still remarkably rich in wild species.

Field Study, In Conversation With Helen Humphreys
Thursday, September 23;
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $18 ($6 members)
Field Study: $28.95 (pre-order by July 31 and pick-up at RBG’s gift shop after September 20)
Maximum: 95. Preregister by September 13

Virtual. Join Helen Humphreys, author and poet, and Nadia Cavallin, RBG’s herbarium curator and field botanist, as they discuss Helen’s new book, Field Study. Being released in September, it takes a deep look at the forgotten world of herbariums and the people who amassed collections of plant specimens in the 19th and 20th centuries. In Field Study, Helen takes the reader through a year at a herbarium while she considers life and loss and the importance of finding solace in nature.

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES — During these unprecedented times RBG is happy to be able to offer virtual experiences so that you can learn from the comfort of your own home. Up-to-date program offerings at rbg.ca/programs.

MEMBER BENEFITS
RBG members receive a 10% discount off the listed fee for eligible programs. Dual and Dual-Plus members receive up to four discounted spots per program. Refer to program descriptions for discount eligibility.

SCENT SENSITIVITIES
Visit our gardens for some magnificent scents. However, when attending in-person programs, kindly refrain from wearing scented products as some individuals are very sensitive to them.
# Master Your Garden

## Ask An RBG Expert Lunch and Learn Series
**Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30; 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. via Zoom**

- **Fee:** FREE
- **Maximum:** 95. Preregister 5 days prior to each date.

Virtual. Join RBG's Experts for a 30-minute Lunch and Learn on Wednesdays in June to explore a variety of topics from horticulture to natural history. Each week we'll be joined by a different RBG Expert to discuss a topic you voted on via social media. Questions are submitted during registration and grouped into themes for our experts to answer.

## Garden Pests & How to Spot Them
**Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29; 6 to 9 p.m. Virtual**

- **Fee:** $100 (M 10% off)
- **Maximum:** 20. Preregister by June 22.

Virtual. Fred Prescod introduces the many pests commonly found in Ontario's gardens and provides tips and tricks to identify what they are and how to manage them.

**Partner:** Mohawk College

## Perennials for the Home
**Thursdays, August 5 and August 12; 6 to 8:30 p.m. (Virtual)**

- **Fee:** $140 (M 10% off)
- **Maximum:** 20. Preregister by July 26.

Virtual and outdoors. A guide to popular and underused perennials that can add impact and presence to your home garden. Jodi Healy introduces bulbs, wildflowers, hostas, ferns and grasses. Learn about perennials for the sun and shade, plus ornamental grasses, groundcovers, native plants and unusual species.

**Partner:** Mohawk College

## Growing Food at Home Beginners
**Fee:** $15 per session (M 10% off)

- **Maximum:** 30. Preregister 10 days prior to each date.

- **Virtual.** Join RBG's Johnny Clarke of Veggie Village to learn the basics of growing food at home. Timed with the growing season, these webinars provide a broad overview of tips and tricks to producing a quality vegetable garden using organic practices. Whether you are using raised or earth beds, containers big or small, join Johnny to discover the possibilities and get your questions answered.

**Monday, June 28; 7 to 8 p.m.**
Learn to prune and stake your veggies and discuss the basics of succession planting, fertilizing and yielding a bumper crop.

**Monday, August 9; 7 to 8 p.m.**
With pests and weeds and tomatoes galore, harvest season is truly upon us. Learn about maintenance and next steps as fall approaches.

**Monday, September 20; 7 to 8 p.m.**
Plant garlic! Learn how to extend your season or put your garden to bed. Plus find out what to do with all that zucchini and how to bring those summer flavours into the winter months ahead.

## Home Garden Seed Saving
**Wednesday, September 28; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

- **Fee:** $20 (M 10% off)
- **Maximum:** 45.
- **Preregister by September 18.**

Virtual. Learn to save seeds from common garden plants from your home garden or allotment with Jessica Gale. Plants like tomatoes, peppers, beans, eggplant, herbs and annual flowers are covered. Discussion includes tips for planning and planting your 2022 garden.
Exploring RBG’s Wildflowers
Self-guided materials available upon registration. Social hour: Wednesday, June 30; 7 to 8 p.m. at the Arboretum and via Zoom
Fee: $20 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 60. Register by: June 26.

Virtual and outdoors (self-guided). Watch a pre-recorded presentation and print a guide showcasing 15 species of wildflowers flowering in June at the Arboretum. Get out and explore along the Anishinaabe Trail to find the wildflowers and take pictures along the way to submit to RBG. Join Nadia Cavallin and Nina Hunt at the end of the month for a virtual slideshow of everyone’s findings and to learn how to key out wildflowers to identify them for your next visit outdoors.

Trees Leaves for Beginners
Self-guided materials available Wednesday, June 30; Virtual review: Thursday, July 29; 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $20 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 60. Register by: July 26.

Virtual and outdoors (self-guided). Head out to RBG’s Arboretum for a self-guided tour at your own pace. A package of pre-recorded videos and a map are provided to explore a series of marked trees along the Anishinaabe Trail. Learn how to identify a tree by its leaves, including terminology, unique characteristics and preferred habitat features. Then join Nadia Cavallin and Nina Hunt on July 29 to discuss your observations.

Native Plants of Ontario in Nature and in the Garden
Saturday, September 11
PART 1: Herbaceous Plants of Hendrie; 9 to 12 a.m. at Hendrie Park.
PART 2: Shrubs of the Arboretum; 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Arboretum.
Fee: $35 each (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15.
Preregister by September 1

Take a walk in the garden with Charlie Briggs, horticulturist, and Nadia Cavallin, field botanist and herbarium curator. Charlie points out how native plants are beneficial to the garden, how pollinators use them, and discusses how you can connect your garden to the broader ecological landscape. Nadia talks about how to identify these species and about their life in the wild. Each participant receives a native plant with care instructions.
Rain date: Sunday, September 12

Oaks of the Arboretum
Saturday, October 9; 9 to 12 a.m. at the Arboretum.
Rain date: Sunday, October 10
Fee: $35 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 20.
Preregister by September 30.

Join Charlie Briggs and Nadia Cavallin, RBG staff, on an educational guided journey into the world of oaks. Discover the shared history between oaks and humans as well as how this group of trees have come to be known as champions of their ecosystems. Nadia and Charlie teach you how to identify the many species of local oaks and discuss the features that make certain species suitable to plant on your property.

Virtual Guided Hike, Summer Edition
Materials available June 21 to September 20; at the Arboretum.
Fee: $20 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 100
Register June 7 to September 15

Virtual and outdoors (self-guided). Get out and explore the Anishinaabe Waadiziwin Trail at RBG’s Arboretum on this self-guided, virtual nature hike! Join Justin Chen, RBG interpreter, from your device (with a data plan) to learn about the many natural wonders of Cootes Paradise.
Plein-Air Watercolour
Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum.
Fee: $150 (M 10% off)

Learn the basics of plein-air watercolour painting with Julie Donec. This weekend course covers choosing your subject matter, composing a strong and dynamic image, using effective colour schemes, and an overview of techniques to create sparkling and vivid effects. If you have a solid knowledge base of watercolour basics, take your landscape painting to the next level.

A Botanically Dyed Garden Book
Sunday, August 15; 1 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.
Fee: $40 (M 10% off)
(includes materials)
Maximum: 15. Preregister by August 5.

Join artist Beverly Allen in the gardens to learn a history of natural dyes and explore the plants that have been used for this timeless process. After a short walk, learn to create your own naturally dyed accordion book.

Not Just a Birding Club
Thursday, July 15; 8 to 10:30 a.m.;
Tuesday, July 20; 5:30 to 8 p.m.;
Wednesday, July 28; 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.;
Wednesday, August 4; 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, August 17; 9 to 11:30 a.m.;
Thursday, August 26; 9 to 11:30 a.m.;
Wednesday, September 1; 8 to 10:30 a.m.;
various RBG locations.
Fee: $20 per date (M 10% off)
Maximum 12. Preregister 10 days prior to each date.

The heat of summer can sometimes slow bird activity, but that doesn’t mean we can’t explore. Let’s hit the trails to search for the birds who share this scorching season with us. Location emailed a few days before the hike to those registered.

If you are registered for an outdoor program and the weather looks threatening, you are notified via email/phone at least two hours before program start time in the event of program postponement or cancellation. Our Program Update Line is updated at least two hours before program start time: 905-527-1158, ext. 404.

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Arts in the Gardens
## Health and Wellness

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<td>5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at Hendrie Park or Arboretum</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m. to noon; Hendrie Park or Arboretum</td>
<td>Fee: $15/class (M 10% off)</td>
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<td><strong>Herbs — the Versatile Plant</strong></td>
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<td>Maximum: 45. Preregister by June 30.</td>
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**Yoga At The Gardens**
Louise Vien focuses on lengthening the spine, extending and opening the body, and quieting the mind through stretching poses, breathing, and grounding exercises. Suitable for all levels. Wear loose, comfortable clothing.

**Green Thumb Yoga**
Virtual. Learn to connect with your body, mind and breath as your mobility blooms during this 5-week series. Join instructor Claudia Laurat from the comfort of home as we prepare the body for movement in the garden. Green thumb or not, this class is suitable for all levels. You will need a chair, towel and strap or stretchy band along with your yoga mat.

**Beginner’s Yoga**
Claudia Laurat focuses on breathing and gentle poses for the beginner yogi. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. You’ll need a yoga mat, yoga strap or tie and blocks. A towel or blanket for knees is optional. Sign up for all classes or individual classes.

**Summer Mindfulness Walks**
Lauren Anastasi, working with the philosophy of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, guides you to focus on the physical experience of walking and to be aware of our thoughts, feelings and sensations, as well as commune with nature. This practice can help reduce stress and increase positive emotions. Walk is 45 minutes at a relaxed pace. Meeting location is emailed prior to each class.

**Horticultural Therapy**
Virtual. Nancy Lee-Colibaba highlights the easiest vegetables to grow and spin-off activities to keep the program fun and engaging. We discuss how to prepare, plant, care for and harvest your garden with a client-centered approach. Learn about the therapeutic benefits to the clients involved and some simple tips and tricks to keep tasks easy and spirits high.

**Herbs — the Versatile Plant**
Virtual. Herbs are one of the best plants to grow in the garden. There are endless activities that can be done with herbs from learning to grow, offering sensory stimulation, and cooking for a healthier lifestyle, while being aesthetically pleasing in the garden. Nancy Lee-Colibaba outlines the 10 most popular herbs to grow with your clients and how to use them in a variety of activities throughout the year.
Summer Weeds for Wellness Teas
Tuesday, August 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at RBG Centre.
Fee: $30 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15. Preregister by August 1.

Join Felicia Assenza, naturopathic doctor, to learn about common, edible, summer garden weeds and how they can be used sustainably and medicinally. After learning about the uses, benefits, safety and risks of these plants, you have the opportunity to use what you’ve learned along with the herbs provided to make your very own, personalized wellness tea blend to take home.

Tea & Chocolate
Thursday, July 8; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $25 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 45. Preregister by June 28

Virtual. Join Katie Cyr, TAC tea sommelier, The Monarch Tea Co., in an educational and interactive evening involving the art of pairing tea with chocolate. Katie brings together two very diverse worlds and shows attendees how to pair and enjoy different teas and chocolates together. Learn how to do a tea and chocolate tasting, about how chocolate is made and how to develop our palate and suggestions for future pairings.

Masks must be worn by all participants in all on-site programs, indoors or outdoors, regardless of age.

Family Fun Nights
Fee: $18 Adult, $12 Child (M 10% off)

Insects At Night
Saturday, July 10; 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arboretum.

From fireflies to moonflowers to moths, learn about insects (and plants) that are at their best in the evening. Join our nature guide as we set up a moth sheet to attract night insects, then return after our hike to see what it has attracted.

Enchanted Evening
Friday, August 6
OR Saturday, August 7; 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arboretum

Let the fun continue and experience fairies in the twilight with this family program. Be enchanted with fairy stories, fairy folklore and a candle-lit walk. Don’t miss the magic.

Going Batty
Saturday, September 11; 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arboretum.
Maximum: 20.
Preregister by September 1.

This evening walk and talk starts with our experienced guides speaking about the different bat species that live in the Gardens, their behaviours and why RBG offers them a great habitat. Learn about other animal species, birds and insects that call RBG home.

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SAFETY of both our instructors and learners is our top priority. We have moved programs online for this reason but when allowed by Public Health, some will take place on-site, distanced and masked. For on-site programs, masks must be worn at all times, indoors or out. Please physically distance from others, wash and sanitize your hands often, and stay home if you feel at all ill. Please visit https://www.rbg.ca/covid-19-policies-and-procedures.

REGISTRATION Advance enrollment is required for all events with a registration fee. All program listed prices are subject to applicable taxes and fees. Full payment must accompany each registration. Online at: rbg.ca/publicprograms. In person: register at the Programs Booking Office (in Administration, RBG Centre) open 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday, and may be subject to input wait times. By phone, please call 905-527-1158, ext. 270 (open Monday–Friday 10 a.m.–3 p.m.). Telephone registrations require payment by VISA or MasterCard. RBG reserves the right to cancel any event for any reason including if the minimum number of registrants is not reached by registration deadline. Registrations may be accepted after the registration deadline provided the minimum registration number has already been reached.

MEMBERSHIP RBG member discounts are applicable provided that registrations are received on or before the registration deadline and cannot be combined with others offers or discounts. The family membership category enables children to become active participants in all RBG family programs. Please visit our website at www.rbg.ca for membership information, or call 905–527–1158, ext. 514.

CANCELLATION, REFUNDS AND RECEIPTS Up to ten days prior to a program start date or the indicated program registration deadline, all cancellations by registrants are subject to a 25% cancellation fee if a refund for that program/course/event is applicable. Check specific program descriptions for refund-excluded programs. No refunds of any kind are made after the registration deadline. Should RBG cancel a program, registrants are notified by phone or email, and refunds issued. It is vital that you supply phone numbers where we can reach you both daytime and in the evening or on weekends, directly or by recorded message. We do not accept responsibility for inconvenience caused to those we cannot contact, whatever the reason.

Weather cancellations: Call the Program Update Line at ext. 404. Most of our programs are offered rain or shine. In the event of severe weather some courses, especially outdoor workshops and guided walks, may be postponed or cancelled. If you are unsure about conditions on the day of your program, please call our Program Update Line at ext. 404. A message will be posted at least two hours before the program is due to start. It is your responsibility to verify that your program is being offered; though we try, we are not always able to reach participants.

LIABILITY RBG assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to property, or for personal injury or mishap; all activities are at the risk of the participant. RBG reserves the right to change/cancel events should circumstances beyond our control arise.

DETAILS AND PRE-REGISTER: call 905–527–1158, ext. 270 or online at rbg.ca/publicprograms

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## Family Fun Days
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### Oaks And Acorns
#### Outdoors

- **Saturdays, July 17, 24, August 7, 14, 21, 28:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arboretum.
- **Fee:** $100 for 6 sessions, includes 1 child and 1 adult. $18 for an additional child and 1 adult (must be from same household) (M 10% off)
- **Maximum:** 20 (10 children, 10 adults).
- Registration opens June 16.

RBG offers outdoor education programs for little explorers! Join us with your 2- to 5-year-old throughout the year for fun and games as we explore and learn about our natural world. Held Saturday mornings behind the Nature Centre in our Nature Play Space, this outdoor nature-based program is designed to inspire a life-long love of nature and the outdoors. Nature walks, storytelling, imaginative and loose-parts play and hands-on discovery — all modified for safe outdoor interaction.

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RBG Blooms Stage
Thursdays—Sundays and holiday Mondays
July 8—September 6
Mitchell’s Field, Hendrie Park

In celebration of RBG’s 80th anniversary, bring a lawn chair or pack a blanket and enjoy a variety of programming being offered this summer at the RBG Blooms Stage.

Join RBG staff and industry experts on Thursdays to learn more about “the making of RBG” through short presentations that explore the history of RBG and the people behind it.

Learn more about the important role nature plays in contributing to our health and wellness on “Feel Good” Fridays, featuring cooking demonstrations, introductory fitness classes and special guest speakers as we look toward the opening of RBG’s NEW Healing Garden later this summer!

Gather the kids and head to the stage for “Family Fun” Saturdays, to participate in a jam-packed season of educational and interactive entertainment.

And, enjoy our “Music in the Garden” Sunday series featuring local musicians of various genres.

For the entertainment schedule, visit us online.

ROCK AT THE ROCK
Through the Decades
Thursday evenings, July 8–August 19, 5–8 p.m.
Rock Garden

Join RBG for a summer of throwback Thursdays! Our historic Rock Garden is wired for sound and this summer we’re going to turn up the tunes. We’ll broadcast the iconic originals of your favourite decades to celebrate the evolution of music and RBG’s 80th anniversary. Grab a themed signature drink, stroll the gardens and let the music take you back in time. Please note: dancing in the moonlight is optional, but absolutely encouraged.

The Enchanted Garden Tour
Weekends, July 24–25 and August 7–8
Rock Garden

Calling all gnomes, elves, fairies, pixies, and sprites! Make your way to Royal Botanical Gardens for an enchanting tour where a touch of magic awaits. As you venture along a 1-km accessible path, meet some larger-than-life magical beings who share their stories and secrets about monarch butterflies. Learn what you can do to help butterflies grow and thrive.

This is a special ticketed tour and pre-registration is required. Information and ticket sales online.

This guided interactive moving-theatre style tour is recommended for enchanted families with children aged 5 to 8 and lasts approximately one hour.