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.

GARDENING  Health & Wellness  Green Living
BOTANICAL ARTS & CRAFTS  Nature Lovers  HIKING
Canoeing  Family  SPECIAL EVENTS  Learn by Doing!
Sustainable Living  Environmental Education  Sense-ational
March Break Camps
March 14 to 18, 2022
Nature Interpretive Centre, Arboretum

Spend your March Break with us! RBG offers camp experiences for campers aged 6-13. From exploring our trails and forests to following animal tracks and see where they go, your child will have fun exploring nature with us. Come for the whole week – we have adventures that work for you!

Our camps this year are run almost entirely outside. Campers have a chance to warm up by the campfire and play active games to keep them warm and exploring all day long.

Come for a day or all week — new adventures are happening every day.

rbg.ca/camps
While last year marked RBG’s 80th anniversary, 2022 brings us another significant milestone: 75 years of education programs. In last year’s spring Paradise Found, this column focused on our learning legacy and the earliest roots of our programs. Our first adult education programming took place 75 years ago this winter, followed closely by our first children’s gardening program that spring and summer. As the RBG Experiences catalogue found in this issue demonstrates, both types of programs (and many, many more!) are still connecting people, plants and this special place 75 years later.

Education at RBG is all about hands-on, experiential education opportunities for people of all ages. These range from our children’s nature play and gardening programs, day camps, school programs and youth groups, to programming focused on the therapeutic, inspirational and artistic aspects of nature and gardening for adults. Non-formal education happens in our gardens and exhibits and along our trails when guests interact with our interpretive staff and volunteers, and the many programs and interpretive materials found across RBG.

While hands-on learning is our hallmark, we’re also pretty adept at online teaching and learning. Our videoconference-based programming, aka “virtual field trips”, launched in 2007 to help us connect with people across Ontario. They’ve ended up connecting us with people around the world, and have been a life-saver for us through the pandemic. While other organizations were trying to figure out how to work with remote audiences in 2020, we were busy building on our well-established, award-winning slate of programming that was already on offer globally. Thanks to a COVID-recovery grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2021, we’ve been able to renew and expand our technology and train extra staff in virtual program delivery. And thanks to COVID itself, programs like Zoom and MS Teams have become a part of life everywhere, including schools, so more teachers are looking for engaging online content to share with their students. With support from our Green Angels Fund, our educators have been busy delivering subsidized programming in English and French to Hamilton, Halton and Indigenous schools — in fact, in 2021 we delivered over 800 interactive online programs to almost 22,000 participants.

The announcement of a delayed return to school in January 2022, and the universal groan from teachers and students about returning to online learning, pushed our team into another new pivot. RBG’s virtual field trips deliver curriculum in a dynamic interactive way, and we wanted to offer homebound elementary teachers and students something memorable. With support from TD Bank, we quickly developed and launched Wake Up to Winter in Ontario, a series of free YouTube Live programs streamed to classes across Ontario during the week of January 10 to 14. Teachers pre-registered to receive links to the program and downloadable content from RBG at Home’s inventory of videos and activity sheets, and each day from Tuesday to Friday, we livestreamed a program in English and French. Though school reconvened on the 17th, we continued with programming two days per week until the end of January. The response to these 16 programs? Nothing short of mind-boggling! Over three weeks, we drew a live audience of over 100,300 students from over 5,400 classrooms! And recordings of the programs now have a life of their own, with over 9,600 additional views in the first week of February.

As we embark on the implementation journey for our new 25-year Master Plan, we’re looking ahead to how the evolution of education will be reflected in new projects and new audiences we develop. And while we’ll always look to engage people in the real deal — hands-on learning experiences onsite at RBG — we also know that online learning will continue to be part of our program mix, as virtual and hybrid experiences are definitely here to stay.

As members, many of you will have participated in a variety of our educational experiences over the years. As we celebrate 75 years, we’d love to hear about your favourite courses, workshops or hikes, your most memorable moments, and the lasting impacts of these experiences. Please share your stories and photos with us at programs@rbg.ca.
**Save the Date!**

**Talking Tendrils**
Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.
Elevate your spongy science senses in our effort to amplify the voices and organizations making a difference in the natural world. Join us as we host a panel to discuss local issues. More info soon!

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**Garden Pests and How to Spot Them**
Saturday, March 26;
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.
Fee: $99 (M 10% off)

Before the garden season is upon us, learn what pests might be lurking. Fred Prescod introduces common garden pests in Ontario and tips for identifying and managing them.

**Partner:** Mohawk College

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**Garden Bones**

**Virtual.**
Wednesdays, March 23 & 30;
6 to 9 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $99 (M 10% off)

The non-living structures in a garden can be as important as the plants themselves. Instructor Candy Venning shares how to incorporate built elements such as tuteurs, arbours, gabions, pergolas, sculpture and more, to add privacy, scale and year-round interest.

**Partner:** Mohawk College

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**Starting Your Seeds Indoors**
Wednesday, February 23;
7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $10 M (M 10% off)
Maximum: 45.
Preregister by February 20.

Virtual. Back by popular demand! Eager to get your hands dirty? Get ready to start your spring sprouts! Join Karin Davidson-Taylor to learn what you’ll need to get your garden growing indoors and plant along from home. After the program, stick around to learn how to make your own origami pot!

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**Landscape For Life™**

Wednesdays, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4; 6 to 8 p.m. at RBG Centre.
Fee: $150 for 6 classes

Developed by the US Botanic Garden and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Landscape for Life is based on the principles of the Sustainable Sites Initiative. Work with nature for a climate-friendly garden regardless of where you live. This six-part course led by Charlie Briggs, arborist at RBG, outlines soil, water, plants and their impact on human and environmental health with plenty of advice on gardening practices. With the guidance of RBG’s experts, create your own landscape design utilizing rain where it lands with a focus on native plants.

1. Sustainability in Home Gardens
2. The Role of Soils in Sustainable Gardens
3. The Role of Water in Sustainable Gardens
4. The Role of Plants in Sustainable Gardens
5. Selecting Materials for Sustainable Gardens
6. Course Wrap Up and Review of Existing Sustainable Gardens

Check out rbg.ca for more information on programs and instructors!

Proof of vaccination is required for entrance, and masks required while enjoying indoor spaces.

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**VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES** —During these unprecedented times RBG is happy to be able to offer virtual experiences via Zoom 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.

Virtual Guided Hike, Winter Edition
Materials available December 21 to March 20 at the Arboretum.
Fee: $10 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 100. Registration closes March 15.

Virtual Guided Hike, Spring Edition
Materials available March 21 to June 20 at the Arboretum.
Fee: $10 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 100. Peregister, closes on June 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.

Spring on the Wing
Monday, March 21; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.
Fee: $70 (M 10% off) Fee includes a boxed lunch of your choice.
Maximum: 15
Preregister by March 7.

Join Jackson Hudecki for a morning and afternoon of birding, with a lunchbreak at RBG Centre in the middle. We’ll explore a handful of different areas all in one day to observe what bird life is among us, seeking overwintering and migrating species alike! Your own method of transportation is required for this program.

Not Just A Birding Club:
My My, It's Migration!
March 29, April 4, 9, 13, 20, 28, May 18; 9 a.m. to noon
May 10; 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Various locations at RBG.
Fee: $20/session (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15
Preregister 10 days advance.

We’ll soon start counting the arrival of the birds who have been down south since the fall! Suitable for birders of any stage, with loaner binoculars for those without, join Jackson Hudecki, in a safe, small group. We do our best to ID the birds we encounter and contribute to citizen science as we go.

Migration Mayhem
Monday to Saturday, May 2 to 7; 9 a.m. to noon at various RBG locations.
Fee: $20 each or $100 for all six (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15 each date
Preregister 10 days advance.

In the heart of migration, go birding for six days in a row! Will you join us for one, two or all of the outings!? Which species will we encounter!? Only one way to find out. Join Jackson Hudecki for slow jaunts from trail to trail and try to find them all! Sign-up for the entire series or single dates.

Flowering Tree Walk
Saturday, May 28; 2 to 4 p.m. at Hendrie Park.
Fee: $25 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15. Preregister May 18.
Inclement weather date: May 29

Grab your hiking shoes and join Nadia Cavallin, botanist, RBG, to explore the flowering trees of Hendrie Park and Hendrie Valley. In the beauty of early May, learn how to describe tree flowers and how they are arranged, how to identify Ontario’s native trees in bloom, and what you can do to help conserve our local Carolinian forests.

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.
Bark For Beginners Self-Guided Tour
Materials available Thursday, March 3. Virtual meeting on Thursday, April 28; 7 to 8 p.m. At the Arboretum and via Zoom. Fee: $15 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 50
Preregister by April 20.

Virtual and outdoors (self-guided). An updated package of pre-recorded videos and a map are provided to explore a series of marked trees along the Anishinaabe trail for a self-guided tour. This video series focusing on recognizing trees by their bark. Learn a new language for describing tree bark, what unique characteristics to look for, and then join Nadia Cavallin on April 28 to discuss your observations.

Advanced Winter Tree ID
Saturday, February 26; 1 to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum. Meet at the Pavilion. Fee: $25 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15
Preregister by February 16.
Inclement weather date: March 5

In this advanced class, review the basics of winter tree ID and expand on the number of trees you’re able to identify by their winter characteristics. From shape, bark, twig and habitat, Nadia Cavallin, botanist, RBG, guides a hike to dive deeper into winter tree identification as you practice on the trails of the Arboretum. Bring your questions!

Capturing Winter Scenes
Saturday, February 26; 9 a.m. to noon at the Nature Centre.
Fee: $50 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15. Preregister by February 16.
Inclement weather date: February 27.

Join photographer Matthew Tiegs for a morning at the Arboretum to capture winter scenes. Learn to properly prepare and plan for the conditions, expose snow-filled scenes, and compose pleasing winter images. This program starts indoors then moves outside to explore the many winter wonders to be seen through your lens.

Smartphone Photography
Saturday, April 2; 9 a.m. to noon at RBG Centre.
Fee: $50 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15
Preregister by March 23.

Join Matthew Tiegs, photographer, to explore the Mediterranean Garden through your smartphone! By understanding how the camera works on your mobile device, learn to improve your photo composition, correctly expose photos and how to edit images through various apps.

Drawing On Mindfulness
Sunday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at RBG Centre.
Program Fee: $25 (M 10% off)
Maximum: 15
Preregister by April 21.

Botanical drawing and nature journaling taught by Sandra Iskandar, architect and educator. This class promotes thoughtfulness and relaxation through drawing together which celebrates being in the moment. Take a walk through the Mediterranean Garden to practice the craft of deep observation, quick field sketching and careful drawing techniques.

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.
**Watercolour Problem Solving**  
Thursdays, March 3, 10, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28; 9:30 a.m. to noon via Zoom.  
Fee: $175 (M 10% off)  
Maximum: 20  
Preregister by February 23.

If you are an intermediate watercolour painter looking to hone your skills, join Julie Donec in this engaging series of problem-solving sessions. Step-by-step demonstrations tackle the many common issues you can encounter with this medium. Learn how to create dynamic compositions, use value to its best advantage, and explore different techniques creating vibrant washes and successful colour gradients. Materials are not provided. A supply list is provided before the program.

**Those Bloomin’ Watercolours**  
Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15; 1 to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.  
Fee: $175 (M 10% off)  
Maximum: 20  
Preregister by April 17.

Enjoy painting gorgeous florals in watercolour with Shelley Prior. Learn how to create luscious colours that glow. Intermediate skill level recommended.

**Needle Felt Paint A Spring Scene**  
Tuesdays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3; 6 to 9 p.m. at RBG Centre.  
Fee: $160 (M 10% off) includes all materials.  
Maximum: 15  
Preregister by April 1.

Explore Spring at RBG through needle felting with fiber artist Cathy Disbrow of Woolly Doodles. Learn how to needle felt an 8” x 10” wool painting using a special needle to stab sheep wool into a felt sheet. Cathy shows you many different techniques to create your wool masterpiece. All materials are provided. If necessary, this program may be moved virtually.

**Spring has Sprung!**  
Thursday, April 14; 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom.  
Fee: $65 (M 10% off) includes all materials.  
Maximum: 20  
Preregister by March 24.

Join our interactive video workshop and learn how to create a fresh Spring bouquet featuring roses, tulips, daisies and carnations with Easter egg accents. Pick up your kit of fresh flowers, greens and vase ahead of time. Led by Sandy Bailey, Beth Carver and Diane Smith, RBG Floral Workshop volunteers. Register early — kit pick-up details from RBG Centre are emailed.

**Orchid & Succulent Arrangement**  
Saturday, May 7; 2 to 4 p.m.at RBG Centre.  
Fee: $75 (M 10% off) includes all materials.  
Maximum: 16  
Preregister by April 24.

Treat yourself or a loved one to an afternoon at RBG to create an orchid arrangement. Orchids are classic beauties that are available all year round. Learn how to make a stunning floral centerpiece with a *Phalaenopsis* orchid as the focal point, complemented with driftwood, succulents, stones and moss. Led by Sandy Bailey, Beth Carver and Diane Smith, RBG Floral Workshop volunteers.

**Hapa-Zome Botanical Dying**  
Saturday, May 14; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at RBG Centre.  
Fee: $45 (M 10% off)  
Maximum: 16  
Preregister by May 2.

Join local artist Beverly Allen to learn Hapa-Zome (meaning leaf-dye in Japanese) — a method to gently pound colour into cloth. Using plants gathered from RBG’s spring gardens, see the delicate and magical colours changing during the process. Take home a beautiful silk scarf. Thanks to India Flint and her book, Eco-Dyer, for information on Hapa-Zome.

Register: rbg.ca/publicprograms
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<td>Virtual Chair Yoga</td>
<td>Wednesdays, March 2 to April 27; 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom.</td>
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<td>RBG Centre</td>
<td>$90 (no member discount)</td>
<td>February 22</td>
<td>Join Mary Zadel for chair yoga from home. This accessible form of yoga includes mindful movements and poses using the support of the chair for seated and standing positions. Mary integrates breathing and body awareness throughout class, ending with a body scan meditation. Students are reminded to pay attention to their body and explore only the options that feel safe and enjoyable. Class recordings and technical support using Zoom are provided.</td>
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<td>Spring Mindfulness Walks</td>
<td>Sundays, April 10, May 15, June 12; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at various locations.</td>
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<td>Outdoors</td>
<td>$15 (M 10% off)</td>
<td>10 days in advance</td>
<td>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. The class includes instruction and 45 minutes of walking at a relaxed pace. Meeting location is emailed prior to each class.</td>
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<td>Gentle Yoga</td>
<td>Thursdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at RBG Centre.</td>
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<td>RBG Centre</td>
<td>$85 for 6 sessions (M 10% off)</td>
<td>April 4</td>
<td>A 60-minute class led by Lynn Mighton that incorporates gentle stretching, mindful movement and breath awareness. Reduce stress, move with ease, cultivate a clear mind and a strong body. A firm blanket or large towel plus a strap or scarf/tie are recommended.</td>
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<td>Fit Joints: At the Core</td>
<td>Mondays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4; 10:15 to 11 a.m. at RBG Centre.</td>
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<td>RBG Centre</td>
<td>$100 (M 10% off)</td>
<td>April 8</td>
<td>Join Julie Bellini, R.Kin, to walk taller and feel stronger! This class is designed to build your core muscle groups (pelvis, abdomen, hips &amp; low back), improve your posture, breathing and flexibility. This leads to better balance and stability, improved movement quality and less joint stress, making it easier to walk trails and do most other activities. The instructor recommends bringing hand weights and a resistance band. This program may run outdoors in fair weather.</td>
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<td>Yoga At The Gardens</td>
<td>Tuesdays, May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 9; 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at RBG Centre.</td>
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<td>Outdoors</td>
<td>$135 (M 10% off)</td>
<td>May 14</td>
<td>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. This program takes place outdoors or indoors in poor weather.</td>
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<td>Drumming</td>
<td>Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25; 7 to 8:30 p.m. at RBG Centre.</td>
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<td>RBG Centre</td>
<td>$130</td>
<td>May 30</td>
<td>Develop your inner sense of rhythm with Leo Johnson, learn a song, and most of all, play and have fun! Limited drums can be rented in advance for $5 per night by contacting <a href="mailto:programs@rbg.ca">programs@rbg.ca</a> or rent your own at Long &amp; McQuade.</td>
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## Family Fun Days

**Fee:** $18 Adult, $12 Child (M 10% off)  
**Maximum:** 20.

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<td><strong>Birds Of Prey</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, February 19; 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum.</td>
<td>Preregister by February 10.</td>
<td>Did you know that Peregrine Falcons are the fastest birds in the world? Or that Red-tailed Hawks’ grip strength is 100 times stronger than ours? That owl ears are lopsided? Learn these facts and more as you join our staff on a nature walk at the Arboretum to learn about and search for birds of prey.</td>
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<td><strong>What’s Living Under There?</strong></td>
<td>Sunday, March 27, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum.</td>
<td>Preregister by March 17.</td>
<td>Come out and discover many interesting habitats in and around the Nature Centre. Pretend you are a rabbit and searching for a safe warm home. You’ll see things from an animal’s point of view. This is an outdoor hike.</td>
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<td><strong>Spring Has Sprung</strong></td>
<td>Sunday, April 24; 2 to 4 p.m. at the Nature Centre.</td>
<td>Preregister by April 14.</td>
<td>All winter, nature has been sleeping under a blanket of snow. Now that the sun is out and the ground is warming, come on a guided walk to discover what’s waking up this spring. Birds are singing, buds are popping, and animals are actively on the move. Let our nature guides show you and your family the wonders of springtime at RBG!</td>
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<td><strong>Scales and Tales</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, May 14; 2 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre/Hendrie Park.</td>
<td>Preregister by May 4.</td>
<td>Have a meet-and-greet with our resident turtles and learn how both reptiles and amphibians adapt to life at RBG. Join RBG staff as you explore the diversity of reptile and amphibian life in the Hendrie Valley. Hear the frogs call as you pass the marsh, spy a turtle sunbathing on a log, search for salamanders in the forest. An experience not to be missed!</td>
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<td><strong>Birds and Blooms</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, June 18; 2 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre/Hendrie Park.</td>
<td>Preregister by June 8.</td>
<td>Take a walk through the woods with your family and learn about our feathered friends. Through a combination of nature hikes and activities, our nature guide will help you identify birds by sight and song. Bring your own binoculars to discover the variety of birds returning to RBG. Learn about different plants that can attract birds, and what birds YOU can expect in your own backyard.</td>
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### ACCESSIBILITY

RBG programs take place in a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces. Outdoor programs may take place on natural trail systems or in cultivated gardens. If you have questions about program locations and accessibility email us at programs@rbg.ca. For information about accessibility at RBG, visit rbg.ca/plan-your-visit/accessibility.
## Kids and Families

### Family Fun Nights
- **Fee:** $18 Adult, $12 Child (M 10% off)  
- **Maximum:** 20.

### Family Spring Equinox Celebration
- **Saturday, March 19,** 6 to 8 p.m. at the Arboretum.  
- **Preregister by March 5.**

Come celebrate the first official day of spring at RBG! It is the season of rebirth and it is certainly worth celebrating. As we celebrate the equinox, look for signs of spring, play games, tell stories and celebrate our gratitude that another spring season is upon us.

### Kids Gardening
- **Children will plant, cultivate, and harvest in their own garden plot at RBG!** All plants, tools and gardening supplies are provided. Learn healthy, easy recipes to cook with homegrown veggies and herbs, hike, explore, play, and hone their early gardening skills. Program moves indoors during inclement weather.

### Cockleshells & Silverbells
- **(Ages 3 to 4 with caregiver)**  
- **Session #1:** Thursdays, May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23; 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Session #2:** Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 August 11, 18; 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Fee:** $100 or $190 for all dates  
- **Maximum:** 15

### Sow and Grow
- **(Ages 5 to 7 drop-off)**  
- **Session #1:** Tuesdays, May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21; 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Session #2:** Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26 August 9, 16; 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Fee:** $100 or $190 for all dates  
- **Maximum:** 15

### Junior Master Gardeners
- **(Ages 8 to 12 drop-off)**  
- **Spring/Summer:** Saturdays, May 7, 14, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23, August 6, 13, 20, 27; 9:30 a.m. to noon  
- **Fee:** $270 for 13 dates  
- **Fall:** September 10, 24, October 8, 22, November 5, 19  
- **$135 for 6 dates**  
- **Maximum:** 15

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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.
SAFETY
Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) is making every effort to help ensure your visit is enjoyable and, above all, safe. RBG requires all visitors aged 12 and up to prove they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes all indoor and outdoor areas of RBG Centre, Hendrie Park, Rock Garden and Laking Garden, as well as public programs and events that take place at other RBG properties such as the Arboretum. Please be prepared to present receipt of full COVID-19 vaccination, and official government-issued ID showing name and date of birth, upon entry, and masks must be worn in all indoor areas. Proof of vaccination is not required to access RBG's trails. For further details, visit rbg.ca.

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.

AGE REQUIREMENTS
Unless otherwise stated, children under 13 may not attend an adult program. Children aged 13–15 may attend adult programs with an adult and both must pay the fee. Those age 16 and older may attend without an adult.

Kids and Families

Early Years at RBG
RBG offers outdoor education programs for little explorers! Join us with your 2–5 year-olds throughout the year for fun and games as we explore and learn about our natural world. Held behind the Nature Centre in our Nature Play Space, Oaks and Acorns, a nature-based program for 2–5-year-olds, is designed to inspire a life-long love of nature and the outdoors. Explore the natural world together through nature walks, storytelling, imaginative and loose parts play, and hands-on discovery, with all programs modified for safe interaction. Oaks and Acorns takes place entirely outdoors.

Oaks and Acorns
Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3; Thursdays, March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5; Saturdays, April 2, 9, 23, 30, May 7, 14; 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)

DETAILS AND PRE-REGISTER: call 905-527-1158, ext. 270 or online at rbg.ca/publicprograms
Under the Canopy
February 4–May 1; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; RBG Centre
Escape the snow with a staycation trip to a magnificent rainforest! Visit RBG this winter and learn the secrets of the world’s most diverse ecosystems, and meet some real-live animals who call these places home.

This family-friendly exhibit explores how we rely on rainforest plants and habitats, and explains the threats that they’re facing. Alongside our special guests, wildlife experts and RBG interpreters will dive into your burning questions: Are sloths really that slow? What difference can a cup of coffee make? How can I protect rainforests from right here at home? Visit rbg.ca/winter-exhibit.

NEW!
$10 Rock-Only Admission
Rock Garden winter hours:
Sunday to Wednesday; 12 to 7 p.m.
Thursday to Saturday; 12 to 5 p.m.
This winter, visitors have the option to pay just $10 entry for Rock Garden, now until spring, or choose General Admission for access to all of RBG’s garden areas. Admission is free for RBG Members.

WinterTide (19+)
Thursdays to Saturdays,
February 3 to March 12;
5:30 to 11 p.m. at Rock Garden
Tickets: $10 | $8 for RBG members
Experience the brilliance of Canadian winters like never before as the Rock Garden turns into the season’s most elegant indoor and outdoor jazz lounge experience. Featuring live music from emerging ensembles and JUNO Award-winning artists support by T.U. Jazz Fest. Enjoy cozy firepits, signature Rocktails and delectable tapas with this fresh take on a night out.