RBG Experiences

COURSE CALENDAR — February to May 2021

Let your mind grow

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

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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.

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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.

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.

Virtual March Break Camps

April 12 to 16
Join us online as RBG offers live virtual camp experiences for a variety of age groups! 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.

rbg.ca/camps

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
Over the next few weeks, you might be poring over seed catalogues to find some hope during this dreary winter. In our archives, it’s always catalogue time. Our collection of over 30,000 seed and nursery trade catalogues, ranging from the 1860s through to 2020, is the largest in Canada.

As part of our commitment to preserve these catalogues for future generations, we have been digitizing them. We use a book scanner and a flatbed scanner to take high resolution images of the catalogues. The digital files are then saved as an archival standard file type which helps prevent the degradation of the digital material. Next, the images are processed so the text becomes searchable in a computer database — these become our research-grade digital files. So for every catalogue we scan we generate at least two digital files: one that is archival quality and lossless, and one that is more compact and easily used.

Catalogues aren’t the only material we are digitizing. We are currently working on a project to significantly upgrade our digitization station in RBG’s herbarium. This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Like archival materials, herbarium specimens are digitized to aid in their preservation and to allow greater access and sharing. Digitization allows for wider access to these research materials and helps to ensure that the physical material will be around for a lot longer by reducing the handling of the originals.
COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Plan your winter with RBG's engaging courses and workshops! All courses are subject to applicable taxes and fees.

**COURSES & WORKSHOPS**

**PLANET MADAGASCAR**
Thursday, February 18; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $18 (Members: $6)
Maximum 100.
Pre-register by February 8.

Join Travis Steffens, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at the University of Guelph, regional director of the Explorers Club, and founding executive director of Planet Madagascar, for an engaging talk. Madagascar is the most singular place in the world. Separated from the mainland of Africa for over 80 million years, Madagascar has been an evolutionary experiment on steroids. From leaping lemurs to strange leaf-tailed geckos and web-throwing spiders, find out what else makes Madagascar so cool.

**BRIDGING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND WESTERN SCIENCE**
Thursday, March 18; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: FREE
Maximum 350.
Pre-register by February 8.

The 8th Patrick Colgan Memorial Lecture. Virtual.
Although historically separate, fields of western science and traditional knowledge are now often drawn together to better manage and restore ecosystems, and share understandings of nature. Join moderator Dr. Faisal Moola, associate professor, University of Guelph’s Department of Geography, Environment & Geomatics, and Indigenous ecologists as they discuss how studying ecology and restoring nature through traditional and scientific lenses can build bridges and support cultural diversity.

**LOCAL AUTHOR**

**GARDENING YOUR FRONT YARD: PROJECT IDEAS FOR BIG AND SMALL SPACES**
Thursday, April 15; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $18 (Members: $6)
Maximum 100.
Pre-register by April 5.

Virtual. Learn from Tara Nolan, an author and SavvyGardening.com writer, how to turn your front yard into a beautiful and thriving garden and landscape. Her new book, *Gardening Your Front Yard*, is an active and inspiring resource filled with unique DIY building ideas, ways to troubleshoot common pitfalls, how to select the right plants for small but highly visible areas, and expertise galore. Join us to learn how to convert a bland grass-scape into a vital living space for all.

**GARDENING FROM A HAMMOCK**
Thursday, May 20; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Fee: $18 (Members: $6)
Maximum: 100. Pre-register by May 10.

Virtual. Would you like to learn how to garden from a hammock? Master Gardener and world-traveler Dan Cooper would love to show you how to create your own low-maintenance garden and still find time to relax in the hammock. This presentation is inspired by Dan’s book *Gardening from a Hammock* and features plant suggestions, gardening tips, plant combinations for low-maintenance gardening, and much more. The selections of easy-care plants were chosen by well-known gardening experts, including Paul Zammit, Dugald Cameron, Marchion Jarvie and Marchjorie Mason, among others.

**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.

**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. For up-to-date program offerings, follow us at rbg.ca/programs.
## Courses & Workshops

All courses require pre-registration. **BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

### GARDEN BONES
**New**
- **Wednesdays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10; 7 to 8:30 p.m. Virtual.**
- Fee: $99 (M 10% off)
- MAXIMUM 20. PRE-REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 7.

### HYDROPONICS & GARDENING WITHOUT SOIL
- **Saturday, March 13; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at RBG Centre.**
- Fee: $120 (M 10% off)
- MAXIMUM 20. PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 3.

### ART OF BONSAI
- **Tuesdays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20; 6 to 9 p.m. at RBG Centre.**
- Fee: $350 (M 10% off)
- MAXIMUM 20. PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 6.

### GARDEN PESTS & HOW TO SPOT THEM
- **Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23; 6 to 9 p.m. Virtual.**
- Fee: $99 (M 10% off)
- MAXIMUM 20. PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 12.

### LANDSCAPE FOR LIFE™
- **Wednesdays, March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28; 7 to 8:30 p.m.; via Zoom.**
- Fee: $120 for 6 classes (M 10% off)
- MAXIMUM 45. PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 14

### Ask the Experts:
- **May 5; 7 to 8 p.m.**
- $15 add-on for class participants only (code to be provided)

### 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.

### LUNCH AND LEARN
Join RBG’s experts for a 30-minute Lunch and Learn on Wednesdays in March to explore a variety of topics from horticulture to natural history! Program details can be found on our website.

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**Virtual.** The non-living structures in a garden can be as important as the plants themselves. With Candy Venning, discuss, draw and learn to incorporate different built elements such as tuteurs, arbours, gabions, pergolas, sculpture and more, to add privacy, scale and year-round interest. Partner: **mohawk**

Learn about hydroponics and the art of growing plants without soil in this one-day workshop with Fred Prescod. Discover the basic types of hydroponic systems, the types of growing media that are used and the plants best suited to growing in hydroponics. Partner: **mohawk**

Leon Martin introduces the living art of bonsai and presents the history, development, styling and care of bonsai, for indoor/outdoor garden pots and for in-ground trees and shrubbery. You pot your own bonsai. Some materials included. Partner: **mohawk**

During this six-hour workshop, Fred Prescod introduces the student to the most common garden pests in Ontario and provide tips for identifying and managing them. Partner: **mohawk**

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. Conventional gardens often work against nature but with a few guidelines and informed decisions, you can have a healthier, more beautiful garden for your family, pets and the environment. In this six-part course, Charlie Briggs and special guests Barb McKean and Karin Davidson-Taylor, outline soil, water, plants and their impact on human and environmental health with plenty of advice on gardening practices.

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. Wrap up and Review of Existing Sustainable Gardens
GROWING FOOD AT HOME FOR BEGINNERS  
7 to 8 p.m. Virtual. Fee: $15 per session (M 10% off)  
MAXIMUM: 30; PRE-REGISTER 10 DAYS ADVANCE OF EACH DATE.

\[ Virtual. \] Join Johnny Clarke of RBG’s 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, discover the possibilities and get your questions answered.

Monday, April 12: Learn what makes a healthy vegetable garden, your hardiness zone, how to read seed packs, and starting seeds indoors to direct sowing outside.
Monday, May 17: Learn the basics of hardening off your seedlings, spacing and light requirements, companion planting, and what to do in case of frost.
Monday, June 28: Fertilizing, pruning and effective watering — learn to prune and stake your veggies and discuss the basics of succession planting and yielding a bumper crop.
Monday, August 9: With pests and weeds and tomatoes galore, harvest season is truly upon us. Learn about maintenance and next steps as fall approaches.

Voice of Birds: Spring Songs

Thursday, April 8; 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
(virtual) and Saturday, April 10; 9 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 3 p.m.  
at the Arboretum.
Fee: $35 (M 10% off)  
MAXIMUM: 24.  
PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 29.

Virtual and outdoors. Learning birds by their songs and calls can be a challenge, but with patience, practice and persistence, birders can carefully work toward mastering this skill regardless of their experience level! Over two sessions, we hear from birds looking to attract their mate, meeting online before an in-person hike to seek them out in real time. Join Jackson Hudecki and ready your ears and minds for some of nature’s most melodic (or dramatic) singers. Inclement weather date: April 11.

Spring Tree ID

Saturday, May 29; 9 a.m. to noon at the Arboretum.  
Fee: $25 (M 10% off)  
MAXIMUM: 12.  
PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 19.

Meet at the Arboretum Picnic Pavilion. There are dozens of flowering trees waking up from their winter slumber in May! Join Nadia Cavallin, RBG’s field botanist and herbarium curator, to learn how to identify 10 to 15 trees using the botanical terminology for describing the many Spring blooms and how to continue learning on your own after the workshop. Inclement weather date: May 30.

Identifying Wildflowers

Saturday, June 5; 9 a.m. to noon at the Arboretum.  
Fee: $25 (M 10% off)  
MAXIMUM: 12.  
PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 25.  
Inclement weather date: June 6

Join Nadia Cavallin, RBG’s field botanist and herbarium curator, to discover the many wonderful wildflowers at the Arboretum. Learn about the ecology and conservation of plants sighted on the trails and get comfortable with the basic terminology needed to identify wildflowers while learning how to key them out yourself using *Newcomb’s Wildflower Guide* — please bring your own copy of the guide (email programs@rbg.ca to purchase a copy before May 1).

Not Just a Birding Club

Tuesday, March 16;  
Saturday, March 20;  
Saturday, April 3;  
Thursday, April 8;  
Saturday April 17;  
Thursday April 22;  
Saturday May 1;  
Tuesday May 4;  
Tuesday May 11;  
Saturday May 15;  
Thursday May 20;  
Tuesday May 25;  
Saturday May 29;  
Thursday June 3;  
9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Various RBG locations,  
Fee: $20 per class (M 10% off)  
MAXIMUM 12. PRE-REGISTER 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

As winter shifts towards spring and the seasonal return of migratory birds, Jackson Hudecki ventures into the trails and gardens to seek out this naturally occurring phenomenon. Meant for birders at any stage of their birding journey, and those just looking to get started. Location emailed a few days to the hike, after registration.

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, 905-527-1158, ext. 404, is updated at least two hours before program start time.
## COURSES & WORKSHOPS

### NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
- **Virtual and outdoors.** Night photography can give you a very different effect than a daytime photograph. Matthew Tiegs teaches you the tricks to get proper exposure for taking photos at night. Class begins indoors and then we go outside to take pictures. Please dress for the weather.
  - **Monday, March 29; 7 to 8 p.m. (virtual) and Tuesday, March 30; 8 to 10 p.m. at the Nature Centre.**
  - Fee: $50 (M 10% off)
  - MAXIMUM 15.
  - PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 20.

### ARRANGING A SPRING BOUQUET
- **Virtual.** Join our interactive video workshop, led by Sandy Bailey and Beth Carver, RBG volunteers, and learn how to create a fresh Easter design featuring lilies and roses in a calm colour pallet of pale greens, yellows and whites. Pick up your kit of fresh flowers, greens and vase from RBG Centre — details on kit pick-up are emailed after registration. Please register early.
  - **Thursday, April 1; 7 to 9 p.m. Virtual**
  - Fee: $65 (M 10% off)
  - (includes materials)
  - MAXIMUM: 30.
  - PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 18.

### NEEDLE FELT THE SPRING ROCK GARDEN
- **Virtual.** Explore Spring at Rock Garden through needle felting with Cathy Disbrow of Wooley Doodles. Learn to create a wool picture using sheep’s wool and a barbed wire. All materials are provided — details for pick-up at RBG Centre are emailed after registration.
  - **Tuesdays, April 6 and 13; 6 to 9 p.m. Virtual**
  - Fee: $85 (M 10% off)
  - (includes materials)
  - MAXIMUM: 16. PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 27.

### WATERCOLOUR
- Artist Shelley Prior explains the process and demonstrates techniques for painting subjects such as animals, flowers, landscape, still life and more. Improve your skills and discover the beauty of watercolour painting during this 8-week session. Suitable for intermediate painters. A supply list is provided prior to program start date. If necessary, this class may be moved to a virtual format.
  - **Wednesdays, April 28 to June 16; 1 to 3:30 p.m. at RBG Centre.**
  - Fee: $175 (M 10% off)
  - MAXIMUM: 15.
  - PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 18.

### ORCHARD & SUCCULENT ARRANGEMENT
- Treat mom to an afternoon at Royal Botanical Gardens and create your own orchid arrangements. Learn with Sandy Bailey and Beth Carver, RBG volunteers, how to make a stunning floral centerpiece with a *Phalaenopsis* orchid as the focal point, complemented with driftwood, succulents, stones and moss. Please register early and as a pair.
  - **Saturday, May 8; 2 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.**
  - Fee: $65 (M 10% off)
  - (includes materials)
  - MAXIMUM: 20.
  - PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 24.

### A BOTANICALLY DYED GARDEN BOOK
- 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.
  - **Sunday, May 16; 1 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.**
  - Fee: $40 (M 10% off)
  - (includes materials)
  - MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 6.

### PLEIN-AIR WATERCOLOUR
- 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.
  - **Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum.**
  - Fee: $150 (M 10% off)
  - MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER BY JUNE 2.
DRUMMING: A UNIVERSAL EXPRESSION
Mondays, May 10, 17, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5; 2 to 3:30 p.m. at RBG Centre. Fee: $130 (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 30. Develop your inner sense of rhythm with Leo Johnson, learn a song and most of all, play and have fun. Drums available for rent at $5/class, please email programs@rbg.ca, or rent your own drum from Long & McQuade. This program takes place outdoors.

SPRING MINDFULNESS WALKS
Sundays: March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Locations vary Fee: $15 (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 12. PRE-REGISTER 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF EACH DATE. 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.

RESTORATIVE YOGA FOR THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
Thursday, March 11; 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom Fee: $15 (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 25. PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 1. Virtual Restorative Yoga is a deeply relaxing practice where students are guided by Lynn Mighton through gentle poses using props found around the house such as blankets and cushions. In this practice we move through a sequence specifically designed to support the optimal functioning of the respiratory system. A practice which is especially useful when sick with a cold or flu. Support your immune system, rest deeply and improve your overall sense of wellbeing.

24 MOVEMENT YANG STYLE TAI CHI FORM
Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14; 10:30 to noon at RBG Centre. Fee: $140 (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 2. No matter your current fitness level, join Joh Friedrich to guide you through the widely practiced 24 Movement Yang Style Tai Chi form. Through this graceful and low impact exercise, improve the overall wellness of your body's strength, balance and flexibility. This moving meditation helps to reduce stress and improve focus while nourishing your spirit. Please note this program may run outdoors.

BEGINNER’S YOGA
Mondays, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hendrie Park or the Arboretum. Fee: $15/class (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER 10 DAYS ADVANCE OF EACH DATE. 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, blocks, and towel or blanket for knees are optional. Sign up for all eight classes or individual classes. In the case of inclement weather, class may be moved online.

YOGA AT THE GARDENS
Tuesdays, May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27; 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at Hendrie Park or the Arboretum. Fee: $15/class (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER 10 DAYS ADVANCE OF EACH DATE. 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.

SPRING WEEDS FOR WELLNESS TEAS
Wednesday, June 2; 6 to 8 p.m. at RBG Centre. Fee: $30 (M 10% off) MAXIMUM: 15. PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 23. Join Felicia Assenza, a naturopathic doctor, in learning about common, edible garden weeds that pop up in the spring 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 make your own personalized wellness tea blend with herbs provided, to take home. This program may run outdoors.

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<td><strong>Virtual.</strong> With Spring just around the corner, mid-March is the perfect time to start planting seeds indoors. Join Karin Davidson-Taylor to learn what you’ll need to get your garden started or bring your own materials to plant along from home.</td>
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<td><strong>Virtual.</strong> Insects and buds, sunshine, and mud! Join Karin Davidson-Taylor to discover the many wonderful signs of spring as we head into the warmer months. Learn what (and who!) is waking up at RBG during this special time of year.</td>
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<td><strong>Virtual.</strong> Want to bring a bounty of butterflies to your garden? Join Karin Davidson-Taylor and learn the best plants and methods to help RBG’s favourite butterfly – the monarch!</td>
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<td><strong>AFTERNOON TEA &amp; TALK</strong></td>
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<td>Third Tuesday of each month; February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15; 2:30 to 3 p.m.; via Zoom and by phone</td>
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<td><strong>Virtual.</strong> Grab your cup of tea and join us on the third Tuesday of the month as we explore a new nature topic. From the comfort of home, learn about the current ecological happenings — cultivated, wild and everything in between! RBG’s knowledgeable and experienced staff guide the way with an opportunity to share your wisdom too. Instructions to join are sent to registrants on the morning of the program.</td>
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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 to Friday 10 a.m. to 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

Celebrate your birthday at RBG!
A memorable and fun experience for children ages 3 to 13
Parties based out of the Nature Interpretive Centre. Visit the website for details and booking.
rbg.ca/birthdays
**COURSES & WORKSHOPS**

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### FAMILY FUN DAYS

Fees: $12 Child (4 to 12 years), Free child (3 and under), $18 Adult, (M 10% off)

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<td>FAMILY SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Saturday, March 20, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Arboretum.</td>
<td>Maximum 20.</td>
<td>Pre-Register By March 5.</td>
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<td>WHAT’S LIVING UNDER THERE?</td>
<td>Come on this outdoor hike 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.</td>
<td>Sunday, March 27, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum.</td>
<td>Maximum 20.</td>
<td>Pre-Register By March 17.</td>
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<td>SPRING HAS SPRUNG</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>Have a meet-and-greet with our resident turtles and learn how reptiles and amphibians adapt to life at RBG. Explore the diversity of reptile and amphibian life in Hendrie Valley. Hear the frogs’ call as you pass the marsh, spy a turtle sunbathing on a log and search for salamanders in the forest. An experience not to be missed!</td>
<td>Sunday, May 16; 2 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.</td>
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<td>BIRDS AND BLOOMS</td>
<td>Through a combination of nature hikes through the woods and activities, our nature guide helps you identify birds by sight and song. Bring your own binoculars (or use ours) 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>
<td>Saturday, June 19; 2 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre</td>
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### OAKS & ACORNS NATURE PLAY

Move, create, and discover during our morning early-years programs for children and caregivers.

Held Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings behind the Nature Centre in our Nature Play Space, this 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 physical distancing.

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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, 905-527-1158, ext. 404, is updated at least two hours before program start time.