TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN

Events & Programs

MARCH | APRIL | MAY 2020

MEMBER GUEST DAY
Saturday, March 21, 10AM–5PM
It’s nice to share! Each member cardholder will be allowed to bring one additional guest with them free of charge for general admission. For details, visit towerhillbg.org

TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN
11 FRENCH DRIVE P.O. BOX 598 BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01505

Gardens
Open 10AM–5PM Daily

Farmer and the Fork Café
The Garden Shop & Library
Visit towerhillbg.org for more information and hours

Contact Us
508.869.6111
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Program Registration
For program registration and more information, please visit the event website or call the provided phone number. The event will be held at the specified location on the date and time listed.

Programs by Request
If you have a specific request, please contact the organization via email or phone. The contact information is provided in the document.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Horticulture & Gardening
Home Orcharding - BRUCE COOK
Learn to grow your own fruit trees and save money on your fruit needs.
Saturday, May 21, 9-12
CBAC, 1006 McMillan Rd.
$150 per participant

Flowering Perennials in the Landscape - BRUCE COOK
Learn about flowering perennials and how to incorporate them into your landscape design.
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Garden Design
Landscaping Design 101 - JIM MILLER
A hands-on workshop for beginners to learn the basics of landscape design.
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Making a Garden for the Birds - JIM MILLER
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Sagrada Familia - NANCY THOMAS
Explore the art of floral design from around the world.
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Trips & Tours
Weekend Garden Tours of Tower Hill
Explore Tower Hill's gardens and butterfly house.
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Tower Hill, Boylston, MA
$100 per participant

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Early Spring Container Garden
MAY 28TH
Plant is spring garden that can be grown indoors or as an outdoor accent. Learn tips. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee. Includes refreshments.

Kokedama: Japanese Terrarium
MAY 29TH
Learn one of the skillful and beautiful techniques used in the kokedama world where moss and plants combine.挂着 moss balls. Easy and fun! $35 w/ fee.

Build Your Own Bonsai with The Whidbey Truck
MAY 30TH
Select your favorite flowers from the side of a reconditioned Volkswagen truck! Grow potter takes 2-4 months to grow. Affiliation $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Art & Craft

drawing Plants and Flowers
MAY 1st
Explore your own unique style and color scheme. Through the experience of drawing plants and patterns. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Botanical Embroidery
MAY 2nd
Blend local and exotic fabric to benefit local organizations. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Watercolor Painting a Day
MAY 7th
Learn the basics of watercolor painting in a day. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Nature Studies

Hands-On with Forrest Hill
MAY 10th
Treceurs Orcheres
Learn to grow your own colorful flowers and vegetables from your own garden. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Orchids of Massachusetts
MAY 15th
Explore the variety of orchids available for your garden. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

The Herbal History of World War II
MAY 15th
Learn the history of the medicinal plants used during World War II. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Slow Food: A Journey through Time
MAY 18th
Learn about the history of food and traditions. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Digital Image Management:
MAY 21st
Learn the basics of digital image management. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.

Wellness
Wellness Mini-Break
MAY 2nd
Balance your mind and body using calming meditations and guided yoga. $35 w/ fee. Meet new friends. $35 w/ fee.
Food & Cooking
Indian Cooking 201
Learn the basics of Indian cooking. Make home recipes and tips for creating your own healthy, plant-based Indian meal.
Saturday, March 14, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Family Fun
Garden Discoveries 3-5
Join us for a story, craft, and meet real wildlife in the garden. Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Little Seedlings 3-5
Come make the wonderful world of plants and gardens come alive! Storytelling, planting, and seed activities. Monday, May 4, 10:30-11:15 AM
N/A
302-312

Discounted Day 3-5
Join us for an afternoon of hands-on play, nature, and movement. Every other Friday, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Spring Blooms Family Hike 3-5
Join us for a nature walk and learn about the beauty and diversity of spring flowers and plants. Wednesday, May 20, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Kids Club 9-11
Come learn how to make a craft and have a blast! Monday, 9-11 AM
N/A
302-312

Fairy Tea Party 9-11
Join us for a special lunch program. Healthy, fun, and delightful! Thursday, May 7, 11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

TYPHUS PROGRAMS
KIDS’ WORKSHOPS
Floral Arranging for Kids 3-5
Learn the basics and make your own arrangement. Saturday, March 14, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Museum-Jar Garden 3-5
Come create your own mini garden. Saturday, March 21, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Preserved Flower Frames 3-5
Practice the basics of flower pressing and create your own beautiful arrangement. Saturday, May 16, 11:30-12:15 PM
N/A
302-312

Logan Terrariums 3-5
Design your own terrarium with plants, sticks, stones, gravel, and moss. Saturday, May 30, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

School & Youth Group Programs
Some Hill is a vital resource of educational programs for children of all ages. We offer an engaging lineup for kids to build capacity in their classroom, as well as in their local communities. For more information, please visit our website.

APRIL VACATION WEEK
Saturday, April 18 through Thursday, April 23
Get your grooves on for April Break and come learn about the power of nature! Celebrate Mother Earth in a fun-filled activity scene, and join us for workshops, activities, sing-alongs, and more!

Environmental Education 3-5
Explore the wonders of nature, learn how to care for the environment, and more! Monday, April 13, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Flower Power Sing-Along 3-5
Join us for a fun-filled springtime sing-along focusing on all things flowers and nature! Saturday, April 18, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Friendship Bracelets 3-5
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of friendship bracelets and more! Saturday, April 18, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Floral Communities 3-5
Explore the many communities found within a flower. Monday, April 20, 10:30-11:30 AM
N/A
302-312

Special Discount
Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. For more information, please visit our website.
Dear Friend of Tower Hill,

"In spring, at the end of the day," the writer Margaret Atwood once said, "you should smell like dirt." So true. This spring, in addition to our street art Orchid Show, thousands of blooming flowers, an original land art exhibition, and a host of fun and educational programs, you'll see dirt on the move at Tower Hill. We're tackling construction projects designed to connect more people to plants by serving the needs of the growing number of members and visitors.

You'll notice a new entry experience, expanded parking, a remodeled lobby, and a new garden coming to life. It will take some patience and creativity, but after we're done playing in the dirt, Tower Hill will be better than ever thanks to your support. So let's get growing!

Grace C. Elton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
TUESDAY, MAY 19
5:30–7:30 PM
Join us to learn more about your membership benefits and Tower Hill Botanic Garden. New members only. Please visit towerhill.org to register or become a new member.

TOWER HILL READS: 2020 VISIONS MARCH 1 – APRIL 30
Our 2020 community read focuses on responding to climate change, with three books to engage all ages and interests: The Soil Will Save Us: Here: Poems for the Planet; and The Fog. All are available in the Library and Garden Shop. All programs included with admission.

Kick-Off: World Poetry Day
Engage with nature and climate through poetry readings, drop-in activities, and crafts.
Saturday, March 21

Our Ecosystems & Climate Change
DR. CATRIN MCDONOUGH MACDOUGLE
Learn about the current effects of climate change on local plants and ecosystems.
Thursday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 PM

Soil Will Save Us Discussion & Craft
Discuss this year’s nonfiction pick and make an upcycled home compost bin.
Saturday, March 28 & Saturday, April 25, 1–2 PM

Planet Protectors | Ages 3–10
Saturday, April 25, 11 AM–12 PM

Write in the Gardens
Write and discuss your work in Tower Hill’s gardens.
Saturday, May 2, 10:15 AM–12:15 PM

UPROOTED
LAND ART BY W. GARY SMITH
APRIL 25, 2020 – FEBRUARY 28, 2021
This nature-inspired exhibition imagined by author, artist, and landscape architect W. Gary Smith features stunning sculptures among the landscape of Tower Hill. Made from natural materials collected at the Garden, this exhibit celebrates the connections between people and nature, combining art and horticulture to explore ecological design and artistic abstraction.

Opening Day
Join us for the opening of Uprooted and see Tower Hill’s grounds transformed by unique, magical nature-inspired sculptures. Enjoy nature inspired sculptures, drop-in programs, the family exploration station, and guided tours — and meet the artist W. Gary Smith!
Saturday, April 25, 10 AM–4 PM
ARTIST TALK: 1 PM

Land Art: A Weekend of Collaboration and Outdoor Creation
Immerse yourself in nature during this hands-on, collaborative art weekend. You will build, shape, and create unique art inspired by the landscape of the Garden and our earth.
Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7, 10 AM–4 PM

Hands On Land Art
During these guided drop-in experiences, you will construct a one-of-a-kind land art creation using natural materials. Perfect for all ages and skill levels!
Sunday, May 3 & Sunday, May 31, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Insider Tours: Uprooted
Experience Uprooted in a unique way with a behind-the-scenes tour led by Tower Hill staff. Learn about the history of land art and the sculpture design process.
Sunday, May 3 & Sunday, May 31, 1:30–2:30 PM
Hello SPRING
APRIL 1 – MAY 31

Celebrate the passing of winter with tens of thousands of blooming tulips, magnolias, lilacs, hyacinths, azaleas, and our spectacular field of more than 25,000 daffodils. Each weekend of Hello Spring has something new and special for visitors to enjoy.

Drop-In Activities
Discover the wonders of spring through a variety of educational activities for all ages, including watercolor kits, a collaborative art project, scavenger hunts, creative writing boxes, discovery backpacks, exploration stations, a bloom finder, and more!

Highlights
New England Society of Botanical Artists: Spring Blooms
See the best botanical illustration in the region at this thematic exhibition exploring the intricacies of Tower Hill’s springtime collection of flowering plants. April 3 – May 31

Launch into Spring
Enjoy the first breath of spring at this fun family day with drop-in activities, crafts, and curated opportunities to explore the early spring flowers. Saturday, April 4, 10AM-4PM

New England Dahlia Society Tuber Sale
Expert growers will sell tubers and answer questions. Learn how to plant dahlias and bring your summer harvest to the Dahlia Show on September 26-27. Saturday, April 11, 11:30AM-2PM

Easter & Passover
Spend your holidays among the blooms at Tower Hill.
Wednesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 16

Mother’s Day
With thousands of blooms sure to delight everyone, Tower Hill is the go-to destination for everyone celebrating mothers. Sunday, May 10

Plant Shows
Bay State African Violet Society Show & Sale
Many unusual varieties of African violets will be on display and available for sale. Saturday, April 25, 10AM-5PM
Sunday, April 26, 10AM-4PM

Seven States Daffodil Show
See top daffodil specimens on display and stroll down to the field of daffodils. Saturday, May 2, 1-5PM
Sunday, May 3, 10AM-4PM

Massachusetts Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Show & Sale
The Rhododendron Show and Sale is back for a second year at Tower Hill! Come for the blooms; stay for the expert growing advice. Novices are encouraged to enter blooms in the show. Saturday, May 23, 12-5PM
Sunday, May 24, 10AM-4PM

CANNABIS LECTURE SERIES
Policies regarding this chemically complex plant are changing quickly. Learn more about the science behind the genus and the history of its use. Join us for one lecture or all.

PER LECTURE: $20 M; $25 NM
Sunday’s, 1:30-3:30pm
March 8: Genetics and Taxonomy
Peter Apicella, University of Connecticut
March 15: Horticulture
Maggie Kinsella, Coyote Cannabis Corporation
March 22: Hemp
Chris Motyka, Vermont Technical College
March 29: Ethnobotany
John de la Parra & Ernest Anemone, Harvard University
April 5: Evolution
Monique McHenry, University of Vermont

In Bloom Weekend
Gorgeous floral arrangements inspired by street art and orchids will adorn Tower Hill. Enjoy captivating flower arrangements and stop in for a demonstration from professional floral designers. Saturday, March 14, 10AM-5PM
Sunday, March 15, 10AM-4PM

Insider Tours: Orchid Show
Saturday, February 1, 1PM
Sunday, February 2, 1PM
Saturday, March 7, 1PM
Saturday, March 28, 1PM

Weekend of
PEACE, LOVE & FLOWERS
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 10AM-4PM
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 10AM-4PM

Flower crowns, peace signs, and colorful blooms abound at our 60s- and 70s-themed weekend. You are encouraged to come dressed in your vintage attire or buy something from our pop-up shop. Celebrate peace, love, and the power of flowers around us with crafts, art, activities, music, vendors, beer, wine and more!

FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 31
You won’t want to miss the last month of Tower Hill’s Orchid Show. See our indoor spaces as you have never seen them, including lush displays of orchids and tropical plants, integrated seamlessly with custom-made graffiti art by local Worcester artist Croc.