ADULT & FAMILY
EDUCATION & EVENTS
April – August, 2016

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden’s Mission is Education and our passion is connecting people and plants to improve the community.
Professionals

One definition of “professional” is to receive pay for work done. In that sense, anyone with a job is a professional. If you are doing good work for pay you may call yourself anything you like; jobs are called jobs for a reason. But I might write that professional with a lower case “p”.

At the Garden I am surrounded by upper case Professionals, exceptional women and men who bring to their work a dazzling combination of education, experience, training, imagination and creativity. They dream, design, dig and deliver a guest experience that is equal parts inspiring, evocative and fun. They work with energy and kindness, they work day after day, and for this hard work so very well done only some of them receive pay.

Volunteers, unpaid staff, account for over 40,000 hours of support to the Garden annually. Our 600+ active volunteers work side by side with a paid staff about a seventh that size. At times the quality of the volunteers’ work is better than we could hire to have done. At times their enthusiasm and commitment will humble you right down to your socks. Like their paid counterparts, each and every one of them started somewhere on their Professional journey, and the turn into the Garden was only the latest leg on a long trip. It is not uncommon that it was an education class that made them flip on their turn blinkers and join us for a time. Being a true Professional means you don’t mind admitting there are things you don’t know, and there will even be stops along your Professional journey where you will be the amateur again. They understand that being a true Professional implies that you never stop learning. We invite you to join our team of Professionals.

Shane Tippett, Executive Director
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A Million Blooms Through June 1
A spectacular succession of blooms throughout the Garden celebrates the spring season

Butterflies LIVE! April 15 – October 9
Hundreds of live, showy tropical butterflies take flight in the Conservatory

Extended Hours for Historic Garden Week in Virginia
April 27 (only)
Celebrate with an evening visit to the Garden—historic Bloemendaal House will be open, along with live music, dining, shopping and more

Mother’s Day Celebration Weekend
May 6, 7, 8
Celebrate National Public Gardens Day with a tour of Bloemendaal House on Friday, weekend-long family activities, with an outdoor concert and special dining opportunities on Sunday

NEW Father’s Day Weekend
June 4 & 5
A weekend celebration featuring remote controlled boats on Sydnor Lake

CarMax's Free Fourth of July Celebration
July 4
Free Garden admission for all! Wear red, white, and blue and join the parade

Late Summer Lawn Party
(formerly Heritage Weekend)
August 27 & 28
Garden’s beginnings as Grace Arents’s Bloemendaal Farm. Enjoy period music, costumed interpreters, and more!

AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
Look forward to the return of these favorites

- Flowers after 5
  Thursday evenings in June, July, August, and September 1, 8
  Themed wine, beer, food (for purchase) and live music.
  Good Green Fun 5 – 6 pm in the Children’s Garden.
  (WaterPlay open until 8 pm)

- Fidos After Five
  Leashed pets welcomed 2nd & 4th Thursdays: June 9, 23, July 14, 28, August 11, 25, September 8

GARDEN EVENTS
Nature Connects®: 
Art with LEGO® Bricks by Sean Kenney 

May 27 – September 18

What would you do with half-a-million LEGO bricks? New York artist Sean Kenney—a self-claimed ‘professional kid’—and his staff devoted two-and-a-half years to craft them into larger-than-life flowers, birds, insects and other intriguing sculptures. See a 60-pound bumblebee (16,383 LEGO bricks); an over six-foot-tall flower and hummingbird (31,565 LEGO bricks); a 6-and-a-half-foot bison (45,143 LEGO bricks) and more. Together, they also illustrate ways that living things are interconnected. Guaranteed to increase your family’s fascination for LEGO, as well as nature’s connections!

The displays will be located throughout the Garden and are included with regular Garden admission. Educational programming, special events and build opportunities for all ages are also planned. Access the schedule at lewisginter.org/

Opening Weekend: LUG Train Show: May 27–29
Kelly Education Center — Lora M. Robins Library,
during regular Garden hours
To kick off Nature Connects, the Garden will host visiting LEGO User Groups (LUGs) from Washington, D.C., Hampton Roads, and Pennsylvania. See their amazing exhibit of electric trains chugging past buildings, farms, gardens and other amazing scenes — all made with LEGO bricks!

Building STEAM May 27-Sept.18
Display Your LEGO Sculpture — Lora M. Robins Library
Build your own home-crafted LEGO brick sculpture, based on a STEAM theme, and submit it for display during the Nature Connects exhibition. You’ll be entered to win great prizes! Three display periods, each limited to 250 entries http://bit.ly/LEGOsteam. (STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)

Making Mosaics with LEGO Pieces
May 27–Sept. 18, 10AM–4pm
Interactive Building Activity — Lora M. Robins Library
Stop by the building station and create a mosaic for display on the Library wall. Fun for all ages!

VirginiaFIRST Demo Days
3 Dates, 10AM–4:30pm
Challenge Demonstrations
Watch fascinating challenge demonstrations across eco-friendly obstacle courses.
May 28 — Robot Demonstration Day, Children’s Garden
June 18 — Tech Challenge Teams, Kelly Education Center
July 9 — Robotics Challenge Teams, Kelly Education Center
Provided by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), which engages tomorrow’s leaders through mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills.

“The LEGO® Movie” Sept. 1 (only), 8–10pm
Rose Garden
Flowers after Five rolls into a showing of “The LEGO Movie.” Snacks until 9 pm ($). Bring a blanket and enjoy. One night only; rain location auditorium. Included with regular Garden admission.
CELEBRATING PARENTAL UNITS!
Mother’s Day Celebration Weekend  Friday, May 6–Sunday, May 8

A Three-day extended celebration honors mothers & important caregivers. Include a stop by the Spring PlantFest on Friday and Saturday (below) to find the right plant, garden tool, or accessory for Mom!

Father’s Day Celebration  Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19

Dads and other caregivers deserve more than one day to feel special! That’s why we’ve created a whole weekend of fun and relaxation with live music and a cookout (food available for purchase), plus remote-control model boats on Sydnor Lake. Garden admission also includes the popular Butterflies LIVE! exhibit.

Activities both weekends are included with regular Garden admission; food is available for purchase. Visit lewisginter.org for specific activities and times.

CarMax’s Free Fourth of July Celebration  Monday, July 4, 1 – 4 pm
Free Garden admission all day; special activities in the Children’s Garden. Guests are invited to wear red, white and blue and bring wagons and strollers to decorate for a parade, assembling in the Children’s Garden at 2 pm. Enjoy live music, WaterPlay and be sure to visit Butterflies LIVE in the Conservatory!

GARDEN EVENING HOURS

Enjoy the Garden while the sun sets at these after-hours events

Extended Hours for Historic Garden Week in Richmond
Wednesday, April 27 (only), open until 9 pm
What is Historic Garden Week without a visit to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden? To mark this statewide celebration, stroll through the Garden until 9 pm on the evening of Wednesday, April 27 only. Bring your Garden Week ticket on April 27 and save $1 on Garden admission and enjoy:
- Informal tours of historic Bloemendaal House (5 – 8 pm)
- Casual fare, wine and beer for purchase at the Bloemendaal House (5 – 8 pm)
- Enjoy live music by the Triple Crossing Jazz Project Trio at the Bloemendaal House (6 – 8 pm)
- Garden Shop 10 am – 7 pm with 15% discount for Garden members
- Butterflies LIVE! until 5 pm (since butterflies are less active in the evening)

Members: April 27nd evening admission FREE for Garden members (only)
Non-member: Present a Garden Week 2016 ticket to save $1 on Garden admission.
Details at lewisginter.org and vagardenweek.org

Flowers After 5  June, July & August Thursdays
NEW! Extended season in 2016 to include September 1 & 8
Garden open until 9 pm
Kick back and relax at the Garden on Thursday evenings this summer! Families can enjoy Good Green Fun in the Children’s Garden from 5 – 6 pm; WaterPlay is open to 8 pm (weather permitting). Stroll the newly completed and illuminated Cherry Tree Walk around Lake Sydnor and then relax on the lawn of Bloemendaal House while enjoying music of all different genres. The Garden’s in-house caterer Meriwether Godsey offers great food, wine and beer for purchase under the tent at Bloemendaal House.

Fidos After 5  June 9, 23, July 14, 28, August 11, 25, September 8
Garden open until 9 pm
The Garden partners with the Richmond SPCA and allows leashed dogs during Flowers After 5 on these special nights (second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August, and the second Thursday in September).
NEW! Share the Garden Night  June 16 (only)
Share the Garden with your friends at a discounted rate and introduce them to all the Garden has to offer! Special activities for children and incentives on new memberships purchased. Discounted admission for non-members: $10 per Adult, Kids free. Members free. Presented by the Board of Associates

PLANT SHOWS AND SALES

Richmond African Violet Society Show and Sale
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 8, 9, 10, Visitors Center Atrium & Robins Room
Open free to the public / regular admission to visit the Garden
SALE: Friday, 12 – 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9 am – 5 pm
SHOW: Saturday, 1 – 5 pm; 9 am – 5 pm Sunday

Richmond Rose Society Show
Saturday, May 28, 1 – 4 pm / Sunday, May 29, 11 am – 3:30 pm
Kelly Education Center
 Included with regular Garden admission

Richmond Area Daylily Society Show and Sale
June 18: Sale: 9 am until sold out
Exhibit: 1 – 3:30 pm
Kelly Education Center

Spring PlantFest (formerly Spring Plant Sale)
Bring a friend and make it a spring outing!
Friday, May 6, 9 – 5 pm
Saturday, May 7, 9 – 3 pm
Parking Lot C
Our annual salute to gardening is just in time for Mother’s Day! Nowhere else will you find such an abundance of plants, creative container plantings and distinctive decoratives for outdoor settings. At the Bloemendaal’s Best tent, check out native milkweed varieties, as well as butterfly kits with nectar and host plants. Browse the collections and gather tips from knowledgeable growers. Also bring your garden tools, kitchen knives and scissors for honing by Mr. Leonard’s Sharpening Service ($).
NEW! Live music by local artists and food and beverage offerings ($).
NEW! Meet and greet your Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent.

Open free to the public. Regular Garden admission to enter the Garden. Presented by LGBG volunteers.
Grow and Learn in the Children’s Garden
For details on what’s happening in the Children’s Garden, visit lewisdinter.org

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**Happening Now!** Drop by with your children and enjoy these activities together.


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**Happening Daily**

**BrickQuest**
During Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO Bricks | 2 special editions of KidQuest June/July and August/September 18

**Stickman Returns**
April - October Can you find him?

**WaterPlay**
Open April 16 –September 30
photo credit Melissa and Mark Anderson

**Green Adventure Summer Camps**

**June-August**
Select Mondays–Fridays | 9am–12 pm
Week-long day camps where children explore the summer garden
Outdoor exploration, tweaked with educational enrichment! Select from one-of-a-kind themes, including Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks. **NEW**
Pre-registration required. $

**Volunteer**

**Youth Volunteer Opportunities** | June, July and August

**Youth Summer Volunteer Program**
Youth ages 13 – 18 provide additional horticulture support in the Community Kitchen Garden, the Children’s Garden and other areas of the Garden as needed.

**Summer Camp Volunteers**
Explore career opportunities in education and plant science while accumulating community service hours.

**Family Volunteer Opportunities**
Show your children ages 6 – 18 the value of giving to the community while getting some fresh air and enjoying a beautiful view.

**Educator Workshops**

**Building with the Brick: Featuring LEGO Education Products**
Thursday, July 14: Grades K-5
Friday, July 15: Grades 3-5
Saturday, July 16: Grades 4-8 | FIRST® LEGO® League
Pre-registration required. $40 per day includes lunch.

**Agriculture in the Classroom: Sprouting Successful Learners (PK-5th)**
Tuesday, July 26
Free; Pre-registration required.
GARDENING & GARDEN DESIGN
Learn the basics, refresh your home gardening skills or learn something new with programs in this area. Look for unique workshops, multiple-session classes, and inspiring lectures.

There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.

Mirabel Osler (1994)

Plants for Virginia Gardens Series:

The Beginner's Perennial Garden
Thursday, April 14, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Perennials can provide almost year-round color in an easy-care garden. This workshop introduces you to hardy perennials, simple starter plans, and the basics of soil preparation. Instructor Beth Burrell (The Giving Tree) shares her years of experience as a landscape designer—including how to create a garden on a site with bad soil! $57 / $45 member.
1 session = 4 hrs. GES: HL, 4, elective

Plants for 9 to 5-ers NEW
Tuesday, April 26, 6 – 8 pm
If you’re working full time, it can be hard to appreciate your garden when most days you can only enjoy it in the early morning or late afternoon. But, there are ways to amp up your garden’s off-hours appeal. Horticulturist Laurie McMinn shares her experiences with plants that offer special interest and features for 9 to 5-ers, discussing selections and care, and including some examples in the Garden. $35 / $22 member. 1 session = 2 hrs. GES: HL, 2, elective

Basic Floral Design, Part 1
5 Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn how to create the basic shapes and styles of floral designs—the building blocks for true creativity. This course will introduce you to techniques and styles commonly used by professionals. Learn preparation techniques, how to create basic shapes, and how to prepare flowers for long-lasting arrangements. A section on cut flower care and handling is included, along with a text. All materials provided; students need to bring sharp floral snips. Instructor: Mimi Cassick. $322 / $257 member. 5 sessions = 10 hrs. GES: FD, 10, required

Making “Fairy Houses” with Natural Materials Adult/Child Workshop NEW
Saturday, June 11, 9 am – 12 pm
Make a summer home for the fairies in your garden using materials that are durable outside in sheltered areas. Under the guidance of horticulturist Shannon Smith and experienced adult and children volunteers create one house together. Come prepared for mess. Hot glue guns will be in use. We suggest some materials to bring from home. A base for your house and a variety of natural materials are provided. Furniture for your creation is available for purchase from the Garden Shop. $67 / $55 member (per adult/child pair).

Making “Fairy Gardens” Adult/Child Workshop
Thursday, June 23, 4 – 7 pm
Create your own miniature container garden in this workshop. Following a demonstration of plants and materials for miniature gardens, create your own ‘little fairy landscape.’ Bring your own container (suggestions for materials and sizes are sent). Potting and plant materials are provided, along with some whimsical accessories to start you off. $63 / $50 member. 1 session = 3 hrs. GES: HL, 3, elective

FLORAL DESIGN
Instruction on how to arrange flowers, from step-by-step classes to sophisticated workshops and demonstrations.

Arranging a bowl of flowers in the mornings can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day

Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Gift from the Sea

Classic Floral Design

Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes
Monday, Tuesday, August 15, 16, 9 am – 5 pm
$152 / $128 member. 2 sessions = 14 hrs. GES: HL, 14, elective

Container Garden Workshop NEW
Thursday, April 28, 9 am - 12 pm
Container gardens help you maximize small spaces and they’re easy to maintain! Garden designer Beth Burrell shows you how to plan your container garden, from soil mixes and planting techniques to design tips and succession planting for seasonal color, then create your own container garden under Beth’s guidance. Soil and plant material provided, students bring a suitable container. $72 / $60 member. 1 session = 3 hrs. GES: HL, 3, elective

GARDEN EDUCATION CERTIFICATES
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden offers Garden Education Certificates. These are directed to the non-professional and are designed to guide participants through a logical sequence of learning. Garden Education Certificates require from 62 to 240 hours of instruction at the Garden, including basic required courses and an elective selection of courses. This program is designed for personal enrichment and does not offer college credit.

For more information, visit lewisginter.org, go to “Adult Classes” under “Learn” and click on “Current Classes.” Request a copy of course requirements by emailing registrar@lewisginter.org or calling 804-282-9887 ext. 320 (M-F, 9 am – 5 pm). Classes applicable to Garden Education Certificates are noted as follows:

B: Botanical Illustration | F: Floral Design | H: Gardening and Garden Design

At the end of each class description, applicable hours are noted as: GES: B, 3 (Gardening Education Series: Botanical Illustration, 3 hrs.), and whether the class is required or elective for certificate needs. Lunch breaks are not included in course hour counts.

Use Your Garden Gift Certificate for Learning!
Did you know you can use your Garden Gift Certificate toward class registrations? You can! Just bring it by the registrar’s office when you register for a class (not available for telephone or online registration). And, a gift certificate makes a terrific gift for any occasion!
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ART IN THE GARDEN
Enhance your understanding of the natural world, learn new skills, and enjoy the company of like-minded artists! See page 10 for exhibits in Ginter Gallery II in the Kelly Education Center.

LEGO® “Date Night” with Brian Korte NEW
Thursday, July 7 OR August 18 OR September 1, 6 – 8:30 pm
Enjoy wine and cheese with your spouse, partner, BFF, or roommate as you make a botanically-themed mosaic with LEGO bricks. Work with Richmond artist Brian Korte as he discusses his process for creating large-scale LEGO art, then design and create your own personal memento to take home. In conjunction with the Brickwork exhibit of LEGO mosaic art work in the Garden. Come early and enjoy the Garden-wide exhibit of large-scale sculptures “Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO Bricks,” before heading to your “date.” All materials provided. Each pair takes home one 10 x 10-inch work of art, ready to hang and display. No one under 21, please. Per pair: $148 / $135 members.

Making Paper, Making Books NEW
2 Wednesdays, 2 Thursdays, August 17, 18, 24, 25, 10 am - 2 pm
Create a small stitched book or journal using paper made in class, purchased elsewhere, or with the plant images made in “Nature Prints” (see above). Paper made in this class is more suitable for journaling or writing, though some decorative pieces can be included, along with purchased handmade paper. Various materials for stitching and book coverings are available. All materials provided; a brief list of optional materials to bring from home is sent after registration. $202 / $150 members. 4 sessions = 16 hrs.

LUNCHTIME LECTURES

TIPS FROM CHEF ANNE
Chef Anne Maury Haapala, creative guide and planner for the Garden Café and the Lora M. Robins Tea House, shares techniques and recipes for family-friendly gatherings. Chef Anne is a graduate of Virginia Tech and Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, NC.

Hors d’oeuvres for a Crowd Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Learn to create versatile, tasty hors d’oeuvres that scale up easily and travel well to outings, gatherings, and celebrations. $39 / $27 member includes a light lunch

Summer Family Dinner Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Chef Anne offers tips to create an easy, delicious dinner with summer’s produce. $40 / $27 member includes a light lunch

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The garden is the restoration of the five senses.  

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**T'ai Chi**

Workshops are offered regularly. Instructor Rie Franklin is a 1993 graduate of the VCU department of Dance and Choreography. For the last 18 years she has been actively teaching a variety of movement forms in the Richmond area. She is approved to teach the Five Elements form of T'ai Chi, and is currently a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT 500). Workshops include morning refreshments and lunch. Each session: $87 / $75 member. 1 session = 4 hrs.

**T'ai Chi Five Elements Form**

**Saturday, April 16, 10 am - 2:30 pm**

The Five Elements Form of T'ai Chi is filled with simple and gentle movements easily mastered in a short period of time. Students study the physical movements and philosophy of T'ai Chi as well as breathwork and meditation. Benefits include increased circulation, balance, and posture. Many find an increase in strength and flexibility and a reduction in stress. This workshop will present a deeper understanding of the practice, facilitate a renewed interest in the form, and foster a continued eagerness of its practice. Pre-requisite: 5 Elements Form T'ai Chi

**Level 2:**

**T'ai Chi Five Elements Form NEW**

**Saturday, May 21, 10 am - 2:30 pm**

In this follow-up workshop students will learn to expand their practice of the Five Elements Form by studying the currents of Chi with in the movement form, integrating the breath and refining the subtleties of the form. Benefits include increased circulation, balance, and posture. Many find an increase in strength and flexibility and a reduction in stress. This workshop will present a deeper understanding of the practice, facilitate a renewed interest in the form, and foster a continued eagerness of its practice. Pre-requisite: 5 Elements Form T'ai Chi

**Yoga in the Garden**

6 sessions = 6 hrs.  
**Tuesdays, 9 – 10:30 am, six-week sessions start April 19**  
**OR**  
**Thursdays, 11 am – 12:30 pm, six-week sessions start April 21**  
**OR**  
**Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm NEW six-week sessions start June 2**

Learn yoga’s calming rhythms of breathing, movement, and posture in a tranquil Garden setting. Small class sizes enable instructor Jacqueline Goody to offer individual pointers and address multiple levels of experience. Please bring a blanket, yoga mat, water and appropriate layered clothing for the season. Classes take place in the Garden or inside Garden buildings, depending on weather. $153 / $75 member.

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**BOTANY SERIES**

Study aspects of botany in the classroom and in the field. Instructor is Dr. Douglas A. DeBerry, Research Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at the College of William and Mary, contributing author on the Flora of Virginia and a professional botanist. NOTE: All sessions involve outside activity, so dress for hiking and the weather. These programs are supported in part by the Freas Foundation.

**Intermediate Botany**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 16, 17, 18, 9 am – 5 pm**

This course provides an in-depth overview of the tools and techniques used by botanists to identify plants to the species level, with a strong emphasis on family characteristics. Attendees are exposed to concepts in plant classification, nomenclature, habitat, distribution, and of course, vegetative and reproductive characteristics – all of which can be used to help identify plants to the species level. Emphasis is on native or naturalized species in Virginia, and the use of dichotomous keys in technical plant manuals and regional floras. An important focus of the course will be on empowering attendees to “dismantle” the seemingly endless complex of scientific terminology surrounding plant identification. $231 / $192 member. 3 sessions = 21 hrs. GES: HL, 21, elective

**Using the Flora of Virginia NEW**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, July 18, 19, 20, 9 am – 5 pm**

Recently published in 2012, the Flora of Virginia is our long overdue technical manual covering all of the native and naturalized plant species found in the Commonwealth. This session is dedicated to teaching you how to get the MOST out of your investment in the Flora of Virginia. We’ll cover essential aspects of the Flora that will help you successfully navigate dichotomous keys at all levels (family, genus, species), teach you how to get the information you need out of the species descriptions, and introduce you to some other very helpful components of the book that you may not have even known about. We’ll explain how and why the book is structured the way it is, how to cross-reference different sections, and how to minimize wasted time and “dead ends” each time you use the Flora. Attendees will need to bring their own copy of the Flora of Virginia, or purchase one prior to the class. Course includes lecture, lab, and field practicum. Prerequisites: Intermediate Botany or instructor permission. $231 / $192 member. 3 sessions = 21 hrs. GES: HL, 21, elective

**Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes**

**Monday, Tuesday, August 15, 16, 9 am – 5 pm**

Identification of grasses, sedges, and rushes is often perceived as one of the most difficult activities in the realm of botany. This is due to many factors, the most prominent of which are that grasses, sedges, and rushes (i.e., “the graminoids”) are usually small, narrow-leaved plants with unassuming, diminutive flowers – and they all look alike! Even more disconcerting, the “language” surrounding graminoid botany seems like an insurmountable pile of un-pronounceable Latin words with no end in sight. This course is for the disgruntled multitudes who would like to gain a better understanding of grass, sedge, and rush terminology, classification, nomenclature, and most importantly, identification. In addition, those already proficient in plant identification will find this course to be a useful refresher. Emphasis is on native or naturalized species in Virginia, and the use of dichotomous keys in technical plant manuals and regional floras. $152 / $128 member. 2 sessions = 14 hrs. GES: HL, 14, elective
GARDEN WALKS

First Tuesdays

Ginter in the Morning 10 am

May 3: Embracing Native Plants for New Displays

June 7

Discover seasonal highlights in the Garden with a knowledgeable Garden Guide. Wear suitable clothing for the weather and shoes for walking.

Themed Walks

Visiting Special Trees

10 am, 2 Tuesdays, June 1 OR August 13

If our landmark trees could talk they would tell you many tales. Volunteer Garden Guides enjoy speaking for them about their bark, flowers, roots, and even knees. Tour lasts 1.5 hours and visits many parts of the site including some areas of uneven ground.

Walk and Talk: Hydrangeas

Take a tour in June and come back in July to enjoy a fresh crop of blooms!

Saturday, June 11, 10 am OR Thursday, June 16, 5:30 pm

Saturday, July 16, 10 am OR Thursday, July 21, 5:30 pm

Garden Guide and hydrangea enthusiast Rich Waiton leads tours of the Garden's collections of these favorite summer shrubs. Tours are timed throughout peak successive bloom time, so take more than one!

Walk and Talk: “Nature Connects” NEW

Tuesday, June 28, 10 am, OR Tuesday, July 12, 10 am OR Thursday, August 4, 6:30 pm

Join your expert Guide for a tour of discovery and experience the 14 displays of playful sculptures crafted from nearly half-a-million colorful LEGO bricks. Hear fun facts about the toy shared across generations as you enjoy making connections in the growing garden. Find out how the sixty-pound bumblebee and six-foot bison both illustrate stories of relationships in nature. Get some behind the scenes information to make your tour complete.

EXHIBITS IN THE KELLY EDUCATION COMPLEX

Ginter Gallery II

Through April 13

Selections from the Reichenbachia

Dr. Arthur Burke, an expert grower of rare and unusual orchids, has loaned to the Garden examples from his collection of the *Reichenbachia*—large-scale chromolithographs from the 19th century made from plantsman Frederick Sander's 1894 compilation of hand-painted, life-sized illustrations of 192 exotic orchids.

April 20 – May 22

Moths Up Close

Deborah Davis' large-scale paintings of moths in our locality examine the mystery and beauty in detail of fluttering nocturnal creatures. Davis halts her agile subjects to create an intimate portrait, revealing a delicate complexity that is often overlooked by our swift interactions with the moth.

Artist Talk: Sunday, May 1, 1 pm. Deborah Davis discusses her fascination with moths as pollinators, along with other pollinators

May 27 – September 18

Botanical Mosaics with LEGO® Pieces

Piece-by-piece, artist Brian Korte of Brickworkz, LLC creates elaborate worlds with his mosaics made from LEGO pieces. Transforming the tiny bits into intricate designs, the pixelated structure of Korte’s art is a distinctive bridge between the nostalgic and modern.

This exhibit is presented in conjunction with Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO Bricks, on view in the Garden May 27 – September 18. See p. 8 for a LEGO “date” night with Brian Korte.

Late Summer Lawn Party at Historic Bloemendaal (formerly Heritage Weekend)

Saturday and Sunday, August 27 & 28

Mark your calendars now for this fun celebration of the Garden’s beginnings as Grace Arents’s Bloemendaal Farm. Enjoy period interpreters, tours, and more!
Consider Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden for your next event!

- Discounts offered for Corporate and Non-Profit organizations
- Complimentary parking
- Beautiful facilities set amid spectacular display gardens
- Complimentary Garden admission including exhibits for guests during normal operating hours
- Delicious food provided by on-site caterer, Meriwether Godsey

Visit www.lewisginter.org/visit/facility-rental for venues, pricing and menus or call the Garden’s facility rental coordinators at (804) 262-9887, ext. 345 or 224.

GUIDED GROUP TOURS for GARDEN VISITORS

Groups are special at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, and we offer a number of options for group visits of 15 or more adults, including guided tours and group dining. Tours lasting approximately one hour are led by knowledgeable, well-trained volunteer Garden Guides. Learn more about tour topics, including dining options, by visiting lewisginter.org/visit/groups/adult-group-visits and schedule your visit at least two weeks ahead by calling 804-262-9887 ext. 320.

Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks
NEW GROUP TOUR
Friday, May 27-Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016
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MEMBERSHIP
Give the Gift of Four Seasons of Beauty

Spring is here – come see new blooms daily! Join or renew today and enjoy year-round plant displays, unique outdoor experiences, education and fun. With free admission and exclusive discounts all year, your membership not only supports a Richmond-area treasure, it provides you with unparalleled value. Members of all ages can look forward to unlimited access to events like a Million Blooms, evenings during Flowers After 5, Butterflies LIVE! and the brand-new upcoming exhibit Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks.

Give a Gift Membership! Enlighten, inspire, and engage your friends and family in the natural world. Mom, teachers, neighbors, clients—everybody!—will appreciate a year of botanical beauty, exciting outdoor events, unique learning opportunities and more. Plus, your gift supports Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and our passion for connecting people and plants to improve our community.

Visit www.lewisginter.org/members to purchase a membership today!
How to Register for Classes

REGISTER EARLY: One week before the start date, a class may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

ONLINE: Go to lewisginter.org, Learn Adult Classes, Find a Class

PHONE: Call 804-262-9887 ext. 320 (M-F, 9 am – 5 pm).

MAIL: Mail your list of classes to: Registrar, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23228-3700. Mailed registrations are processed in the order received.

GARDEN GIFT CERTIFICATES: Visit the Registrar’s office (M-F, 9 am – 5 pm) with your gift certificate to register for classes.

A printable registration form is available at lewisginter.org/learn/adult-classes/

Fees for classes cancelled by the Garden may be credited to a future class or refunded. All credits must be used within one year from the date of the original class.

All programs subject to change.

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