

GROW!

SUMMER 2012



Coastal Maine
BOTANICAL
GARDENS



Celebrating Bird
and Plant Interactions
in Maine

News and Useful Information

- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens hours are 9–5 daily.
- The Kitchen Garden Café is open daily.
- The Gardens Gift Shop is open daily in its new, larger space. You'll love what we've done!
- The free Courtesy Shuttle Service runs 9–5 daily.
- We offer Accessible Cart Tours at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. every weekday. Reservations are required.
- Free Guided Walking Tours on Thursdays and Saturdays begin June 2.
- For additional information about the Gardens and our visitor services, please visit our website.

It's a Great Time to Be a Member

Many of our programs and events have lower prices for Gardens members. This is just one of the many benefits of membership. Members receive free admission to the Gardens every day, a discount in the Gardens Gift Shop, reciprocal privileges at gardens across the U.S. and Canada, and other benefits. To learn more, please visit the membership page of our website, call 207-633-4333, ext. 109, or stop by the new Membership Office in the Visitor Center.

Event & Program Registration

Because numbers are limited and/or we have to know in advance how many will be attending a program or event, we almost always ask you to pre-register. To help us plan, and to avoid disappointment, please sign up as soon as possible for anything you'd like to attend. To register, visit www.MaineGardens.org or call 207-633-4333, ext. 101. Thank you.

Additional Information

- Throughout this brochure, we've abbreviated the Bibby and Harold Alford Children's Garden and Bosarge Family Education Center to Children's Garden and Education Center.
- Brief bios of our Experts-in-Residence are not in the listings for their exhibits and programs, but are together in the "In-Residence" section.

Location & Directions

132 Botanical Gardens Drive, off Barters Island Road in Boothbay, Maine 04537. About an hour northeast of Portland, an hour south of Camden or three hours from Boston. From Rte. 1 in Edgcomb, take Rte. 27 So. to Boothbay. After 9.3 miles, bear right at the Boothbay monument, across from the town common. Go straight at the stop sign. After a quarter mile, bear right onto Barters Island Road. Entrance is about one mile on the left.

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GROW!

Welcome to summer at the Gardens! The opportunities for discovery and delight are just about endless. Stop by often and bring your family and friends so they can join in the fun, learning, dining, shopping, listening, and viewing experiences that make each visit unique.

Much of what's on our calendar relates to our theme for 2012, **Feathers and Foliage: Celebrating Bird and Plant Interactions in Maine.** Taking a bird's-eye view will give you a whole new perspective!

You'll find a lot to like in this issue of "GROW!" Many programs and events require pre-registration, and we encourage you to sign up as early as possible for any you'd like to attend.

See you at the Gardens!

Volunteer!

Last year, more than 600 volunteers gave the Gardens 10,000 hours of their precious time. We always need more volunteers, and there's something to appeal to everyone. To find out which volunteer opportunities best match your interests and talents, visit our website, www.MaineGardens.org, or contact Volunteer Coordinator Amanda Russell at arusell@mainegardens.org or 207-633-4333, ext. 107.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11-13

New-Docent Training

🕒 9 a.m.–3 p.m. each day

Our Docents receive comprehensive training by Gardens staff in a series of classes that prepare them for providing guided tours throughout the Gardens' landscape. Practice time is provided.


THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 14 & 15

Veteran-Docent & Education Center Training

🕒 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Friday

All veteran docents are expected to complete training in 2012 to bring them up to date on what's new at the Gardens.



 ◀ Look for this icon throughout this brochure to find programs and events that explore Maine birds at the Gardens and beyond. We've teamed up with Maine Audubon and other organizations to develop and present a wide variety of events, programs, exhibits, and educational experiences for all ages that underscore our Feathers and Foliage theme. At right is a list of bird-related programs you'll find on the following pages.

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Horticultural Therapy

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, BEGINNING JUNE 6
Horticultural Therapy with Irene Brady Barber

- 📞 Please call to schedule a time
- 📍 Lerner Garden of the Five Senses
- 🕒 Six-week group session \$275; 12-week group session \$500; shorter sessions by request (pre-registration required)

Coordinator Irene Brady Barber invites groups of all abilities to join her for the third consecutive year of our successful Horticultural Therapy program. This program is a unique opportunity for groups to experience the emotional, physical, and cognitive benefits that gardening and garden-related activities provide. With tall vertical gardens within reach for planting and harvesting, plus raised garden beds built for wheelchair access and to eliminate kneeling or bending, our Horticultural Therapy setting is designed to be inviting for all. Irene will tailor invigorating garden activities to your group's abilities. We encourage healthcare providers to visit to learn more about this program and opportunities to participate. For more information or to register, please contact Irene at 207-633-4333 ext. 117 or ibarber@mainegardens.org.



Our 8th Annual Symposium

Got fog? Wind and salt spray? Thin acid soils and rock? A short growing season? Ayuh! In our June 29 symposium, three seasoned Maine horticulturists will challenge assumptions and present practical ways to cope creatively with climate, substrate, and seasons. The day will be a source of inspiration, energy, and ideas for professional and amateur gardeners.



FRIDAY, JUNE 29

So You Think You Can't Garden in Coastal Maine?

Challenging Assumptions and Finding Solutions for Your Coastal Garden

🕒 10 a.m.–3 p.m. 📍 Education Center

💰 \$75 members, \$90 non-members—includes morning muffins, boxed lunch, and Gardens admission (pre-registration required)

📖 Books will be for sale

Gardening on the Edge of the Continent with William Cullina

Despite what many people “from away” might think, coastal Maine can be a great place to garden.

Our northern latitude and proximity to the Atlantic Ocean combine to create a climate that is unlike anywhere else in the eastern U.S. Bill will explore the surprising variety of plants that thrive at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and will give a sneak peek into future plans for plant selection and breeding research that promises to bring a greater diversity of beautiful and hardy plants to gardeners in northern climates.

William Cullina is Executive Director of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Previously Director of Horticulture and Plant Curator for the Gardens, he has also worked for many years as the native plant Nursery Director for the New England Wild Flower Society. He was recently awarded the prestigious Scott Medal for lifetime achievement in horticulture. The 2010 winner of the American Horticultural Society's Communication Award, he is also the winner of numerous American Horticultural Society Book Awards. A well-known author and photographer, and a recognized authority on North American native plants, Cullina lectures on a variety of subjects to garden and professional groups and writes for popular and technical journals.



Managing Coastal Soils with Dr. Lois Berg Stack

Maine's gorgeous, iconic rocky coastline represents perhaps the greatest inherent challenge to creating lush gardens here. Our characteristic granitic ledge and outcrops weather to acidic, nutrient-poor and often-shallow soils along much of our coastal region. Dr. Lois Berg Stack will provide several solutions, including how you can embrace local conditions through plant selection and garden design and improve conditions using imported soils and amendments. She will also address problems to be wary of when using imported soils and amendments so you can be a more prepared and ecologically responsible Maine gardener.

Dr. Lois Berg Stack is the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Ornamental Horticulture Specialist. She conducts applied research and organizes workshops and conferences for nursery, greenhouse, garden center and landscape professionals in Maine and New England. Some of her current projects focus on plants that support native bees and honeybees and production of chokeberry as a nutraceutical crop.

Responding to Maine's Climate: Secrets from the Asticou Azalea Garden with Mary Roper

The Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve's famed Asticou Azalea Garden exemplifies a beautiful, successful, and thriving garden in an island setting. How do they do it? Sharing tricks and techniques in plant selection and horticultural practices garnered over the years, and treating us to many images of this lovely garden, Mary will share her hands-on knowledge of gardening on Maine's coast. She'll conclude her talk by looking ahead to the future of coastal Maine gardens in a changing climate.

Mary Roper is the Garden Manager at Asticou Azalea Garden, where she has maintained and expanded the Beatrix Farrand plant collection since 1989 and has overseen the garden's creative development with the Asticou's Garden Committee. Recent projects include propagation of the azaleas and rhododendrons in the collection and an expansion of the garden to the western side of the pond, using locally sourced stone and native pitch pine.



Photography Club

**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS,
JUNE-OCTOBER**

**Coastal Maine Botanical
Gardens Photography Club**

NEW!

🕒 7 a.m.

💰 *Membership Dues: \$25 per year*

Love to take pictures at the Gardens? Join our new Photography Club especially for Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens members! You'll get first crack at signing up for future photography workshops (registration for Bill Cullina's September workshop is available only to Photography Club members until August). You'll be admitted to the Gardens before the official opening time twice a month to take advantage of the early-morning light and quiet setting. You'll also be eligible to participate in a photo contest and exhibit in the Education Center this coming fall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

**Capturing June in the Gardens
with Rich Pomerantz**

🕒 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. 📍 *Education Center and Gardens*

💰 *\$100 members, \$120 non-members (pre-registration required)*

Rich looks for the essential elements of every garden, to find the gardener's intent and translate it into beautiful, compelling imagery. This course will teach you to capture the beauty and form in a garden setting with available light, flash and reflectors. Please bring your camera (and its manual), charged battery, storage cards, lenses and enthusiasm! Most of the time will be spent shooting, with a designated period to download imagery and review work. Rich's critique is one of the most popular parts of his workshop. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring sturdy shoes, your hat, bug spray, and a lunch.

Rich's garden photography has appeared in *Traditional Home*, *Garden Design*, *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening* and *Organic Gardening* magazines, and in White Flower Farm catalogues. He has taught garden photography at botanical gardens throughout the Northeast and Midwest and at the studio he built in Litchfield, Connecticut, where he also gardens.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM CULLINA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

**Photographing Birds:
Tips, Tricks and Techniques
with Robin R. Robinson**



🕒 2–4 p.m. 📍 *Education Center*

💰 *\$10 members, \$12 non-members*

Capturing high-quality bird images can be tricky; how does one get that perfect shot? Robin will share some of her most treasured bird images and the techniques she used to secure them. During her visually stunning presentation, she'll entertain you with her adventures in birding and her quests to photograph her favorite—if flighty—subjects.

Robin's work has been featured in *Down East* magazine's e-zine, *The Times Record* (Brunswick), *The Coastal Journal*, and *The Wolf Moon Journal*. Her photographs have been selected three times for the prestigious Maine Photography Show.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**Introduction to Plant
Macrophotography with
Bill Cullina**

🕒 8 a.m.–2 p.m. 📍 *Education Center and Grounds*

💰 *\$75 members, \$90 non-members (pre-registration required)*

Close-up photography has the ability to reveal details about the natural world invisible to the naked eye, but for many people, mastering digital macrophotography can be baffling and frustrating. In this workshop for novice and intermediate photographers, Bill will explain in a clear and non-technical way the basics of digital photography as it relates to close-up work with plants and their pollinators. He will cover equipment from point-and-shoot cameras to high-end DSLRs, tripods, lenses, filters and lighting, and then delve into camera settings and tricks for getting professional-quality pictures on a non-professional budget.

Bill Cullina is Executive Director of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. He is the author/photographer of numerous books, three of which focus on cultivating native plants, and one of which focuses specifically on the topic of understanding orchids. He is also the photographer of *Native Plants for Your Maine Garden* by Maureen Heffernan.

Special Events

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 26 & 27

Not-Your-Garden-Variety Plant Sale

🕒 *Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (members only on Saturday a.m.); Sunday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.* 📍 *Blueberry Parking Lot*
 💰 *Free admission, with no regular Gardens admission required to enter the sale*

At this annual sale, a popular tradition at the Gardens, we'll offer a variety of hard-to-find and unique perennials, native plants, and boutique annuals perfect for container plantings. In addition, this year for the first time ever, a limited number of robust plants propagated by our very own horticultural staff will be available for sale. We'll also be selling \$5 bags of our own "Magic Mulch," while supplies last. Members have access to the best selection; memberships will be available at the sale Saturday morning.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

A Bloomin' Good Time! Party and Auction

🕒 *5:30–8:30 p.m.* 📍 *Education Center*
 💰 *\$35 members, \$45 non-members, \$300 for a group of 10 people*

Our annual fundraising event will feature gourmet hors d'oeuvres and cocktails from Maine's premier restaurateurs, caterers, and food purveyors; a wide array of fantastic items in the silent and live auctions; music; and a chance to enjoy the beauty of our gardens at their absolute peak! This is sure to be THE event of the 2012 season at the Gardens!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Summer's End Tea

🕒 *4 p.m.* 📍 *Kitchen Garden Cafe and Kerr Hall*
 💰 *\$21 members; \$28 non-members*

Celebrate the end of another season with a stroll through our amazing display of fall grasses and foliage, followed by a delightful afternoon tea amid the warm surroundings of the Visitor Center. Enjoy scones with Devonshire cream or jam and an array of tea sandwiches, along with unending individual pots of tea.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
Christmas Market

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2013
Here Comes the Sun Party

Maine Fairy House Festival

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Fairy Movie Night at the Gardens

🕒 *7 p.m.* 📍 *Education Center*
 💰 *\$5 members; \$7 non-members*

Join us for a special movie night to celebrate the beginning of our Maine Fairy House Festival! Wear your favorite pj's and wings, and enjoy the story of "Kristen's Fairy House" on the big screen in the Education Center. Fairy refreshments will be available, and this will be the first opportunity to see the fairy village created by staff and artists, on display in the Education Center!

"Kristen's Fairy House" is a completely different kind of video for children and families. With a light hand and heart, it inspires children to explore the natural world around them. It's the story of Kristen and her island vacation off the New England coast.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers present "The Legend of the Banana Kid" puppet show

🕒 *2 p.m.* 📍 *Education Center*
 💰 *\$5 members, \$7 non-members*

Giddy up cowboys & cowgirls and prepare yourself for an afternoon of some serious fun with a puppet show by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers.

Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers is a small puppetry troupe based in Bar Harbor, Maine, and comprised of three siblings - Erik, Brian, and Robin Torbeck. Founded in 2000, Frogtown Mountain has performed at fairs, festivals, theatres, parades, schools, libraries, and some of the finest petting zoos on the East Coast. All shows were written by the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers and are performed with their hand-made puppets.

AUGUST 3–5

Maine Fairy House Festival

🕒 *1–4 p.m. daily* 📍 *Central Gardens, Visitor Center, and Education Center*
 💰 *Free with Gardens admission*

Join us for the sixth annual event where we welcome fairies and gnomes to the Gardens for a three-day weekend packed with fun and entertainment. You're cordially invited to join us for a cup of Fairy Tea (or a glass of Gnome Punch), participate in make & take crafts, play Gnome Games (with prizes of course!), and enjoy a full line-up of the best children's performers around. This year will bring an expanded week of workshops, events, entertainment, and activities leading up to the three-day event (see opposite page).

Five Fairy Craft Workshops

📍 Education Center 🕒 10 a.m.–noon

All materials are included in the prices for these workshops. Adults must accompany their children to all but the August 1 class. Please call 207-633-4333, ext. 101, or visit www.MaineGardens.org to register for one or more of these fantastic fairy workshops. Class space is very limited, so sign up soon!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Build a Woodland Fairy House with Amanda Russell

💰 \$25 🧑‍🎓 For adults and children over age 13 who can work independently

Learn how to build amazing fairy houses from start to near-finish, and put on the final touches at home. Gardens staff member Amanda Russell has collected beautiful bases that spark the imagination and natural materials to inspire each participant to add the finishing touches. While materials are provided, feel free to bring in any non-living, natural materials to use in the workshop.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Plant a Potted Fairy Garden with Cindy Farnham

💰 \$15/child

Children can put their imagination and creativity to work creating a magical miniature fairy garden that is easily transportable back to your own backyard. Using soil, plants, tiny pebbles, and an itty bitty fairy birdhouse, your child will create a home that will call out to the fairies to visit! While materials will be provided, feel free to bring in any non-living, natural materials, as well.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR MORE FAVORITE FAMILY EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
Family Fright Night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Frozen Turkey Hunt

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Decorate a Fairy Birdhouse with Susan Schön

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💰 \$20/child

Make your very own heavenly bird sanctuary! Using found objects from nature such as shells, pinecones, and twigs, artist Susan Schön will lead children in creating a home for birds, fairies—or both! The workshop fee includes an already-built birdhouse that will be decorated. In addition to our resources, please feel free to borrow from your own collections of small treasures.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Create a Fairy House and Fairy Accessories with Susan Schön

💰 \$15/child

Your fairy fan will enjoy using natural materials to create a fairy house to take home. In addition to the house, we'll make fairy furniture, fairy pets, and fairy accessories. Materials will be provided. In addition to our resources, please feel free to borrow from your own collections of small treasures.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Plant a Potted Fairy Garden with Cindy Farnham

💰 \$15/child (See the August 2 description)

PHOTO BY BARBARA FREEMAN

The Maine Fairy House Festival is a delight for kids from 2 to 102.

For Kids AND Families: SPROUTS!

Week-Long Nature Programs

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 25–29
Nature Explorers (ages 9–11)

NEW!

🕒 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

📍 Education Center and grounds

💰 Members \$170, non-members \$200 (pre-registration required)

Have a budding field naturalist in your family? Kick off a great summer vacation with this fun-filled, inquiry-based week of activities. Children will spend each day investigating nature-related topics and practicing new skills such as how to use a traditional vs. digital field guide, how to read a map, and how to record entries into a field notebook. Days will be spent mostly afield, so please send your child in weather-appropriate clothing, and don't forget to pack a lunch! This session will be led by two experienced nature educators—Camp Coordinator Cindy Farnham and naturalist/teacher Jean Rosenberg.

JULY 9–13 OR AUGUST 6–10
Kids Nature Adventure Camp

🕒 9:30 a.m.–noon (ages 4–5 only);

1:00–3:30 (ages 6–8 only)

📍 Education Center and Seagull Pavilion, Children's Garden 💰 Members \$95, non-members \$120 (pre-registration required)

Our summer nature camp provides fun and enriching opportunities for young people to learn about the natural world. Week-long, half-day sessions fully engage children in an outdoor setting, while providing new and interesting environmental concepts each day. Campers investigate the ecology of the landscape, discover garden creatures big and small, apply creativity to arts and crafts, and enjoy the Children's Garden. Rain or shine, kids can expect to have a fantastic time. Snacks are provided. All sessions are led by Camp Coordinator Cindy Farnham.



THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Storytime in the Children's Garden

🕒 10 a.m. on Mondays through mid-June and in September; and 10 a.m. daily mid-June through August

📍 Children's Garden 💰 Free with Gardens admission (no registration required, just drop-in!)

With the Story Barn book collection at more than 300 titles and counting, our Storytime is better than ever! Adults, please accompany the children you bring; we'll meet in the Story Barn.

SATURDAY, MAY 26



Reception and Bird Call Contest: "Birds and Blossoms: A Birds-Eye View of the Gardens" Student Art Show

🕒 2–4 p.m. 📍 Visitor Center 💰 Free, open to the public

Flock together for a fun family art opening for our fledgling local artists! The reception, with refreshments and activities, will be a chance to see the students' artwork on view May 26–30, and for family and friends—and Gardens visitors—to celebrate their creativity. Refreshments will be served. Don't miss the bird call contest for 8–10 year olds at 3 p.m.!

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Family Wildflower Scavenger Hunt

🕒 10 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center and grounds

💰 Members \$20 per family; non-members \$30 per family (pre-registration required; limited to 7 families)

Join us for a walk through our woods and wetlands as we search for a variety of wildflowers. Learn how to identify wildflowers and discover some fun facts about these plants. Children will receive a custom-made wildflower identification booklet to help them in their hunt for these native beauties. Some areas may be wet and buggy, so please wear appropriate shoes and be ready for a few bugs on this flower-finding tramp!



FRIDAY, JUNE 22 Bird Adaptations

🕒 10 a.m.–noon 📍 Seagull Pavilion, Children's Garden

💰 \$10 members, \$12 non-members (pre-registration required) 🗣️ For children 8 and up





Why do some birds have longer beaks than others? Why are some brightly colored while others seem to blend in? Why do seagulls have webbed feet? These are just a few of the questions children will be able to answer as they learn about the unique physical adaptations of our many Maine birds. Kids will also gain a better understanding of a food web as they examine and dissect an owl pellet (regurgitated bones and fur that the owl cannot digest!) to puzzle out what the owl had for dinner.



On July 17, garden detectives may be lucky enough to find a praying mantis.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

Family Bird Walk at Lobster Cove Meadow with Bob Duchesne "In-Residence"




-  7–9 a.m.  Lobster Cove Meadow Preserve, Eastern Avenue, Boothbay Harbor  Free for everyone
-  Co-Sponsored by Boothbay Region Land Trust

Lobster Cove Meadow, a Boothbay Region Land Trust preserve, is known for good birding (Site 25 on Bob Duchesne's "Maine Birding Trail"). The combination of trails and footpaths wind through a mature softwood forest of white pine and spruce, following the slope downward through an open grassy meadow dotted with ancient apple trees, until reaching an extensive marsh. Twenty-one warbler species have been observed on the property. Green Herons, Least Bitterns, Virginia Rails, and Soras have been found in the marsh. Meet at the trail entrance.






THURSDAY, JULY 5

Birding for Young Children with Bob Duchesne "In-Residence"

-  8:30–10:30 a.m.  Education Center
-  Member families \$20; non-member families \$30 (includes Gardens admission; pre-registration required)

In this fun family program, kids will pick their favorite bird. We'll match up birds with favorite colors. We'll even find out what icky things a bird will eat! Then we'll go on a treasure hunt and see if we can find where the birds are hiding in the Gardens.

MONDAYS, JULY 16 AND 23, AUGUST 13 AND 20 Every-Birdy Loves Reading





-  9:30–10:30 a.m. (ages 3–4); 11:00 a.m.–noon (ages 5–8)
-  Story Barn, Children's Garden
-  \$5 members, \$7 non-members

Every-birdy loves to read during this lively activity-based program that inspires a lifelong love of literature and

the outdoors! Children will be immersed in the world of gardening, bugs, birds, and lots more! They'll read a book with the instructor and then enjoy a short walk, exploration, or craft activity in the Children's Garden. Register for some, or all, of the sessions.

TUESDAY, JULY 17





Garden Detectives: Looking for Signs of Life in the Garden

-  10 a.m.–noon  Seagull Pavilion, Children's Garden
-  \$8 members, \$10 non-members (pre-registration required)
-  For children 4 and up (Children 4–6 must be accompanied by an adult)

It's easy to think of a garden as a place just for plants; but looking closer, we can find a diversity of critters that call a garden home. Kids will become garden detectives as they hone their investigative skills searching for other signs of life in the garden above and below ground and learn about animal-plant relationships in the garden. They'll also get to make and take home a "worm hotel."

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Making Origami Birds and Flowers with Arden Georgi Thompson

-  10 a.m.–noon (ages 4–7); 1–3 p.m. (ages 8–12)
-  Seagull Pavilion, Children's Garden
-  \$10 members, \$12 non-members (includes materials) (pre-registration required)
-  Adults should accompany their children and are welcome to try their hand at the origami technique alongside them. Younger children with origami experience are welcome to join the afternoon session with permission.

Arden is a local artist who has taught gifted and talented students and enrichment classes in regular and special education classrooms in Maine for more than thirty years. She is a former president of the State Science Teachers Organization and winner of many teaching awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. The reward that means the most to her is the expression on children's faces when they realize that they too can create beautiful things by folding paper.

SATURDAY, JULY 28**Maine Blueberries**

- 🕒 1:00–2:30 p.m. 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$8 members, \$10 non-members (pre-registration required)
 👤 1 For children 4 and up (children 4–6 must be accompanied by an adult)

What better way to celebrate summer here in Maine than with fresh blueberries! Children will learn about two of our native Maine blueberries and do a taste test between them. They will learn how blueberries are grown and harvested in barrens, and then collect blueberries to make a blueberry treat for dessert.

MONDAY, JULY 30**Story-Inspired Art with Susan Schön “In-Residence”**

- 🕒 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. 📍 Story Barn, Children’s Garden
 💰 \$20 members, \$30 non-members (pre-registration required) 👤 1 For ages 5–8 accompanied by a parent

Beginning with a read-aloud story (*I Am an Artist* by Pat Lowery Collins), children will draw inspiration for art! They’ll “observe” natural objects using all their senses, and then create prints using sliced apples, cabbages, oranges, leaves, and even their own hands on small colored papers. The end result will truly look... inspired!

TUESDAY, JULY 31**Collage-making with Recycled Materials with Susan Schön “In-Residence”**

- 🕒 10 a.m.–noon 📍 Seagull Pavilion, Children’s Garden
 💰 \$25 members, \$35 non-members (pre-registration required) 👤 1 For ages 7 and up

Collage-making is a fun way to re-use and “recycle” materials like magazines, books, and even the snack wrappers from your own lunch box! Susan will guide children through the process of creating a treasure from what some people might call “trash.” Please bring a favorite wrapped snack or two, like a granola bar, to class so you can use your own wrappers for the project. Other “repurposed” materials are included, but yours from home are also welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1**Creating Driftwood Sculptures with Susan Schön “In-Residence”**

- 🕒 1–3 p.m. 📍 Seagull Pavilion, Children’s Garden
 💰 \$25 members, \$35 non-members (pre-registration required) 👤 1 For ages 9 and up

In this small workshop for older kids, Susan will ask children what forms they imagine seeing in pieces of driftwood as a way to draw inspiration for making art with this natural local materials. Who knows what fun creatures may emerge from this workshop? Susan will have driftwood (and all other materials!) on hand, but feel free to bring a favorite piece from your own beachcombing.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14****A Day in the Life of a Plant**

- 🕒 10:00–11:30 a.m. 📍 Seagull Pavilion, Children’s Garden
 💰 \$8 members, \$10 non-members (Pre-registration required) 👤 1 For children 7 and up

What do plants need in order to grow big and strong? Children will be surprised when they learn that plants need some of the same things they do in order to survive and grow. They’ll learn about plant parts, the life cycle of a plant, and how photosynthesis works and will discover some neat adaptations of plants at the Gardens. Participants will also get to transplant and take home their own plant.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Birds of Prey: New England’s Majestic Raptors with the Chewonki Foundation

- 🕒 10–11 a.m. 📍 Seagull Pavilion, Children’s Garden
 💰 \$10 members, \$15 non-members, includes Gardens admission

What are birds of prey? How do their survival techniques differ from species to species? This program compares and contrasts the special hunting adaptations of nocturnal and diurnal raptors, including their talons; their sharp, curved beaks; and their different wing and tail shapes. Students have the exciting opportunity to see three live, non-releasable raptors. In addition to viewing these predators of the sky up close, participants also handle and examine feet, wing, and skull specimens to better understand these majestic birds!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**Seeds Galore!**

- 🕒 10 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$8 members, \$10 non-members (pre-registration required) 👤 1 For children 4 and up (children 4–6 must be accompanied by an adult)

By the end of the summer, our plants are exploding with ripened seeds. What better time to learn about seeds than when they are at their peak! Join us on a fun and interesting walk through our gardens and forests as we search for seeds of all different shapes and sizes. Children will also learn about the clever ways seeds have of getting around and will collect seeds along their journey to make “seed-pod creatures.”

A NOTE TO EDUCATORS

Make the most of your field trip to the Gardens! Check our website for the new Cultivating Curiosity program and free downloads for pre- and post-visit activities.



The DaPonte String Quartet

Music at the Gardens

DaPonte String Quartet Concerts

All the programs by the acclaimed DSQ are in the Education Center. Tickets are \$25, free for ages 21 & under (reservations required for all).

SUNDAYS: JULY 15, JULY 29, AND AUGUST 12
DaPonte String Quartet Concert Series

🕒 2:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22; SUNDAY, AUGUST 26;
AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29**
**Boothbay Chamber Music Festival at the
Gardens**

🕒 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
"Leaf Peeper" Concert

🕒 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

"Alphabet Soup" Concert with Music Doing Good and Y-ARTS; to benefit the Gardens' "Growing Greens" program

🍷 Cocktails begin at 6 p.m.; Concert starts at 7 p.m.

📍 Education Center

💰 \$10/adult members, Y-ARTS parents, Growing Greens parents; \$15/non-member adults; \$5/children 13 and under

"Alphabet Soup," a unique concert event that is sure to satisfy everyone's musical tastes, features Houston's Music Doing Good and aspiring local talent from the national-award-winning Y-ARTS chorus, spiced up with performances by special guests, television and film star Ronny Cox and Houston-based singer/songwriter Bill Ward. All proceeds benefit the Gardens' Growing Greens program for young horticulturists/entrepreneurs. Come on out - soup is good for ya!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Flash! in the Pans Steel Drum Band Concert

🕒 7 p.m. 📍 Great Lawn and Visitor Center

💰 \$15 members, \$20 non-members

🌟 Sponsored by Jorgensen Landscaping of Bath

Relax, island-style, in the Gardens and enjoy the captivating sounds of Trinidad and Tobago during this

outdoor concert. Bring your own lawn chairs or spread out a blanket, kick off your shoes, and even join (or start!) a conga line! Flash! is back by popular demand, so get your tickets fast—they'll be gone in a, well, flash!

Based in Blue Hill, Maine, and formed in 1990, Flash! is one of the largest community steel bands in the United States. The band's members find as much joy in playing steel drums (known as pans) as they do in sharing their music with enthusiastic audiences of all ages. Island refreshments will be available, along with a cash bar.

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In-Residence at the Gardens

Gardens residencies offer visitors and class participants an unparalleled opportunity to learn from noted artists and other experts through lectures, workshops, and exhibits, as well as by watching them work in the In-Residence Office in the Education Center. Below are this year's residencies. Their exhibits and activities are listed within appropriate sections of the calendar.

Linda Heppes Funk

MAY 27-JUNE 2

Linda has 37 years of experience in design and illustration and works only from live plant specimens. Specializing in pencil, drybrush watercolor, gouache, and metalpointe drawing, she tutors private students at her studio in Maine, and for many years has taught at various venues, including The New York Botanical Garden, College of the Atlantic, The Farnsworth Art Museum, and in Massachusetts at the Creative Arts Center.

In addition to work as a fine artist and decorative painter, Linda designs furnishings, fabrics, and ceramic dinnerware. She received the coveted Award for Excellence in Botanical Art from the American Society of Botanical Artists. She served as a Director of the ASBA for six years, and in 2006, served as a juror for the Scholastic National Awards. In addition to the programs listed in the calendar, she will be demonstrating her techniques at the In-Residence office of the Education Center on Monday, May 28, and Saturday, June 2; and her work will be on exhibit from May 23-June 7. A paired lecture and art reception for this exhibit will begin at 4 p.m. on May 27.



Hank Tyler

JUNE 24-JUNE 27

Growing up on the shores of Casco Bay in Brunswick, Hank was introduced to what became his favorite subjects, shore and oceanic birds. He's now an internationally known sculptor of birds in wood that are realistic, yet stylized, and are made in hardwoods including bubinga, walnut, rosewood and Osage orange. The grain of each wood is brought out with a natural oil finish, and each piece is sculpted from a single piece of wood. During his time at the Gardens, his work will be on exhibit and he will present several programs.

Hank began realistic sculpture of birds in 1960 under the guidance of Charles G. Chase. He has had exhibits at the MacKenzie Gallery, Farnsworth Art Museum, and Ogunquit Art Center, for which he has received awards. Hank is a founding member of The Society for Wildlife Art for the Nation (U.K.) and in 1995 was awarded the Society of Animal Artists' Award of Excellence for "Resting for the Day." Articles and photographs of Mr. Tyler's sculpture have appeared in numerous publications in the U.S. and Britain.



Bob Duchesne

JULY 2-JULY 6

As part of our "Feathers and Foliage" collaboration with Maine Audubon, naturalist and author Bob



Duchesne will offer a variety of ornithology programs and will also help us expand our inventory of birds on the Gardens grounds. The birder behind The Maine Birding Trail book, website, and map, Bob will share his Maine birding expertise with our members and visitors throughout the week. When he is not teaching the following programs, he'll be out on the grounds birding and answering questions. To find him, check the In-Residence Office, where he'll post his general location.

Bob is one of Maine's top birding experts. He serves on the Maine Audubon Board of Trustees and is President of Audubon's Penobscot Valley Chapter in the Bangor area. He is a frequent field trip leader and has led trips from Atlantic Canada to the Florida Everglades. In 2009, he completed development of the Maine Birding Trail and has authored a guidebook for the state, published by Down East Books. He currently writes a weekly birding column for the *Bangor Daily News*. When not birding, Bob is a member of the Maine House of Representatives, where he serves on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and helps direct state environmental policy.

Bob Duchesne





Susan Schön

JULY 30-AUGUST 3

Artist and textile designer Susan Schön will exhibit her whimsical and colorful paintings in the Story Barn of the Children's Garden all summer long. Her artwork incorporates many birds and plant subjects and complements this year's interpretive theme of "bird and plant interactions in Maine."



Through art programs for children during her week in residence, Susan will stimulate creative thinking and build confidence in individual style.

Susan Schön has worked in the design field for more than 25 years. Her design career has spanned numerous markets for a multitude of products including original one-of-a-kind hand-painted silk clothing and extensive wall-covering designs. After having two children, a new passion for art, design and nature evolved. Through years of raising her girls, she has reignited her vision of experiencing or "seeing" the world once again through the eyes of a child.

Susan Newbold

AUGUST 22-31

Susan is a seasonally local artist whose paintings and prints are her response to nature as a metaphor for life's organic flow. In her studios in East Boothbay, Maine, and Fairfield, Connecticut, Susan combines monoprints with drawing, painting and other mixed mediums to signal the infinite design of the natural landscape.



Susan Newbold received a BA in studio art from Principia College and an MFA in Visual Art from Vermont College. Her final project, an artist book, was acquired by The Chicago Institute of Art. She is also a graduate of the Post Bac program of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She has been awarded three fellowships to work in France by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts and The Maryland Institute of Art. Her work will be on view from August 27-September 7, and she will offer several programs.

The Kitchen Garden Dinner Series

Maine's finest chefs enjoy the honor and challenge of creating multi-course dinners for a discerning audience in our lovely Kitchen Garden Café. We present different chefs, and their signature menus, each month. Dinners begin at 6 p.m.; and the price, which includes wine and gratuities, is \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members. To register, call (207) 633-4333 ext. 101.



Chef Justin Oliver
of Fuel in Lewiston
TUESDAY, JUNE 12



Chef Esau Crosby
of Grey Havens Inn in Georgetown
SUNDAY, JULY 8



Chefs Marc Provencher and
Tim O'Brien of Trattoria Athena
MONDAY, AUGUST 13



Chef Aaron Park
of Henry & Marty in Brunswick
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



Chef David Turin
of David's Restaurant in Portland
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19



Chef Shannon Bard
of Zapoteca in Portland
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Art Exhibits

We're looking forward to presenting a year of exceptional art shows in the Visitor Center and Education Center, and throughout the summer in the Children's Garden. At our informal receptions, you can meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. There are even opportunities to paint en plein air.

Please note: Except where otherwise noted, all artists' receptions are free and open to the public.



"Blackburnian Warbler"
by Bruce Bartrug



THROUGH AUGUST "Bird of the Week" Exhibit with Bruce Bartrug

Learn something new about the Gardens' resident birds each and every week. We're collaborating with local birder and artist Bruce Bartrug to feature life history information, artwork, and sounds of a coastal Maine bird weekly in the Education Center lobby.

MAY 26-30



"Birds and Blossoms: A Bird's-Eye View of the Gardens" Student Art Show

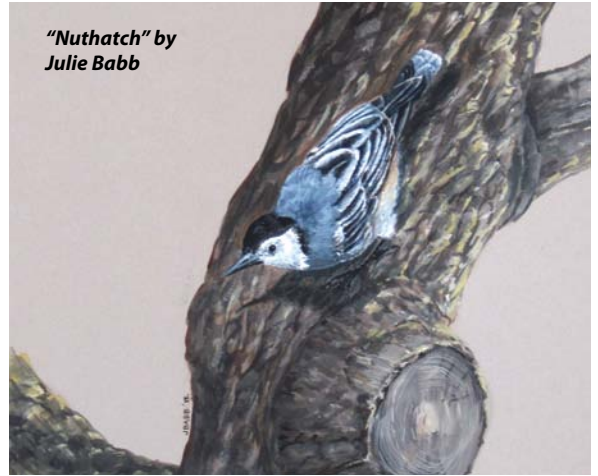
Reception & birdcall contest: Saturday, May 26, 2-4 p.m.

Bird- and botanical-themed artwork by Boothbay peninsula students will be on view in the Visitor Center.



MAY 28-SEPTEMBER 30 Susan Schön: "Fanciful Feathers and Foliage"

This collection of artwork in the Children's Garden Story Barn displays Artist-in-Residence Susan Schön's interpretations of birds in their natural habitat through painting, natural sculptures, and the use of recycled materials. Susan's art embraces her love of keen observation with a rather whimsical interpretation. See the In-Residence section and calendar for additional information about Susan and programs she'll present during her July 30-August 3 residency.



"Nuthatch" by
Julie Babb



JUNE 1-JULY 8

Julie Babb: "Our Maine Birds"

Reception: Friday, June 8, 5-7 p.m.

The inspiring Visitor Center exhibit of renowned artist Julie Babb's paintings of the birds of Maine, primarily in watercolor and graphite, meshes perfectly with our Feathers and Foliage theme for 2012. Award-winning Gardens volunteer and life-long birder BJ Dobson has written "bird bios" for each of Julie's paintings, explaining life habits of each bird and their relationship with the plants they depend on, whether for food, habitat, or nesting.

THROUGH JUNE 7

Linda Heppes Funk: "The Art of Botanicals"

Reception with lecture and auction: Sunday, May 27

In conjunction with Linda's May 27-June 3 period as an Artist-in-Residence at the Gardens, we will present a colorful springtime exhibit of her recent botanical watercolor drawings in the Education Center. Please check the calendar for details about the opening reception, demonstrations, and an intensive tutorial on creating botanical art, and see the In-Residence section for more about Linda.

JUNE 11-29

Plein-Air Painters Exhibit

Reception: Thursday, June 14, 5-7 p.m.

From May 28 through June 3, artists are invited to set up their easels anywhere they like at the Gardens and paint en plein air, with no admission charge. The show and reception will be in the Education Center. *Note to artists: Please register for Plein-Air Days by May 25, providing your name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address via e-mail at Valerie@MaineGardens.org or phone at 207-633-4333, ext.110.*



JUNE 24-JUNE 27

Hank Tyler: "Wood-Sculpted Birds"

During his time as Artist-in-Residence at the Gardens, Hank Tyler, well known sculptor of birds in wood, will display sculpted shorebirds and oceanic birds in the Education Center. See the In-Residence section and calendar for additional programs during his residency.

JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

 **"On the Wing" Sculpture Show, Curated by June LaCombe**

Reception: Sunday, July 1, 5–7 p.m.

For this outdoor exhibit of works in stone, steel, wood and bronze by many of New England's finest sculptors, June LaCombe selected pieces that depict birds, feathers, and nests, both abstracted and representational. Artists include Lise Becu, Ray Carbone, Jim Sardonis, Andreas von Huene, Cabot Lyford, Hank Tyler, Jean Noon, George Sherwood and many others. Interior work and garden-scale pieces will be shown at Maine Audubon in Falmouth.

 **JULY 7–20**

Katie Lee: "Nature Through an Artist's Eye"

If Katie's wildlife and botanical paintings on display in the Visitor Center inspire the viewer to stop and truly observe the subjects, then she is happy. If the awareness becomes a passion to preserve it for future generations, then she has done her work. See the calendar to learn more about Katie and her July 9–13 workshop.



"On the Wing Owl" by
Andreas von Huene

AUGUST 27–SEPTEMBER 7

Susan Newbold: "The Illuminated Journal"

This exhibit, in conjunction with several late-August nature-journal workshops and classes, shows nature as a metaphor for life's organic flow. Through a vocabulary both representational and abstract, she illustrates the vibrant path of valleys, oceans, fields, and rocks. Mark-making celebrates the repetition of the life process, while line and color invite the viewer into its variety. Combining monoprints with drawing, painting and other mixed mediums, she signals the infinite design of the natural landscape. Her intention is to render the joy of creation through the spirit of these elements.

SEPTEMBER 7–OCTOBER 23

 **"Rachel Carson: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Silent Spring"**



In this exhibit, we remember Rachel Carson, author, biologist, conservationist—and seasonal resident of nearby Southport Island. Carson is best known for braving the wrath of industry giants to voice her concerns about the devastating effects of indiscriminate pesticide use in her landmark work *Silent Spring*, published in 1962. Carson wrote numerous other books focusing on marine biology and the wonders of nature. She has inspired generations of environmentalists with her courage, power of observation, and emphasis on the connectedness of all living things. This exhibit is co-sponsored by Maine Audubon.

JULY 10–AUGUST 31

"Watershed's Legends: 25 Years of Residencies" Plus "Garden Pots," a concurrent exhibit

Reception: Thursday, July 12, 5–7 p.m.

Since 1986, more than 1,000 national and international artists have had a residency at the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Newcastle, Maine. To celebrate Watershed's 25th anniversary and the special environment that has nurtured creativity among emerging and mid- and late-career artists, guest curator Judith Schwartz has selected a representative artist from each year of Watershed's existence. These works on view in the Visitor Center collectively exemplify the diversity and exuberance of a unique generation of contemporary ceramic art. On the Kitchen Garden Café Terrace, the "Garden Pots" exhibit by Watershed artists is another treat for Gardens visitors.



Watershed legend
Eddie Domiguez

More Education Programs for Adults

FRIDAY, MAY 25



Welcome Spring! Early Morning Bird Walk with Nancy Bither

- 🕒 7–9 a.m. 📍 Education Center
- 💰 free (pre-registration required)

Celebrate the welcome sounds of springtime birdsong in Maine with avid local birder and longtime Gardens member Nancy Bither. This informal foray through our grounds will give you a whole new perspective on the Gardens in spring! Nancy will point out the birds seen and heard along the way.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Botanical Art: A Continuing Tradition—Lecture, Auction and Exhibit Opening with Linda Heppes Funk “In-Residence”

- 🕒 4–6 p.m. 📍 Education Center
- 💰 \$10 members, \$12 non-members

Botanical Illustration is a specialized world, a world of beauty, in which the nature of the subject matter is ever-changing, and always fascinating. In the U.S., there is a developing interest in the botanical art tradition and its contribution not only as a fine art form, but in its educational value, including its significance in raising ecological awareness. In this illustrated slide lecture, lauded botanical illustrator Linda Heppes Funk will present a program on the history of botanical illustration for The American Society of Botanical Artists, of which she is a founding member. At the close of the lecture, one botanical illustration created and donated by Linda will be auctioned to benefit the In-Residence program at the Gardens. The lecture and auction will be immediately followed by a reception for her exhibit in the Education Center gallery, lobby and In-Residence office. All day in our gift shop, we'll present lacquered trays, placemats, and coasters featuring Linda's botanical art.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 29-JUNE 1

The Art of Botanicals: A Tutorial in Spring Wildflower Watercolour Illustration with Linda Heppes Funk “In-Residence”

- 🕒 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 📍 Education Center
- 💰 \$495 members, \$550 non-members (pre-registration req.)

This intensive tutorial for students at all levels of accomplishment (basic drawing experience preferred) will cover all aspects of the traditional art of botanical drawing. Using live wildflower plant material as subject matter, Linda's instructional focus will include composition, observational skills and sketch development, and drybrush watercolour

technique, applied to finished work on weighted cotton hotpress paper. Students will be encouraged to practice the skills and discipline required to produce drawings combining scientific precision and artistic beauty. There will be an emphasis on process, not product, and on developing the individual's unique abilities, though we will work toward producing a finished drawing. Exploring the meditative aspects of drawing from one's focused center, to capture the life and spirit emanating from nature, is an underlying foundation of this course.



SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Early Bird Avian Inventory at the Gardens

- 🕒 7–10 a.m. 📍 Education Center 🆓 Free for birders
- 🤝 Co-Sponsored by the Merrymeeting and Midcoast Chapters of Maine Audubon

Calling all birders! Join us bright and early if you'd like to help us update our property bird list, which is now a decade old. We'll meet for coffee and doughnuts in the Education Center and then fan out across the property to document the birds we hear and observe. This is not a class, but an invitation for local bird enthusiasts to share their knowledge and have fun! Birders arriving before 8 a.m. will receive complimentary admission to the Gardens for the day.



SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Vegetable Gardening in Challenging Spaces with Irene Brady Barber

- 🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
- 💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members (pre-registration req.)

Maine's beautiful landscape offers some challenges for vegetable gardening, particularly along the coast with ledge, clay and small spaces for sunlight. There's still hope! Irene will present solutions for growing an edible garden that offers ornamental aesthetics to your property—no matter how challenging. Leave the class armed with information and tools to apply to your individual garden spaces. You may bring pictures of your intended or existing garden plot so Irene can offer suggestions and feedback.

Irene is both a landscape designer for Cosmic Stone & Garden Supply and a seasonal horticultural educator at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. With a background in communications: human behavior and in horticulture studies, she is presently working to complete a professional certification in the field of horticultural therapy, which is the focus of much of her teaching at the Gardens. Irene specializes in edible and accessible gardens.



Don't miss our course on gardening for wildlife such as this Gulf Fritillary spotted at the Gardens.

PHOTO BY BOB TRAVIS

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 6, 7

The Life of a Plant: An Introduction to Botany with Lauren Stockwell

🕒 9 a.m.–2 p.m. 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$120 members, \$150 non-members (pre-registration req.)

Explore the biology of a flowering plant through its life, from seed germination and seedling establishment to fruiting and dispersal. Review the parts of the plant and see how they work together to sustain the plant through processes such as photosynthesis, respiration, and water and mineral uptake. In the Gardens and in the classroom, Lauren will give you a whole new perspective on what goes on in the life of a plant! The required textbook will be *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon, available for purchase from the Gardens on the first day of class.

Lauren, a Gardens Certificate Program instructor, is a botanist and environmental consultant. Her business, Stockwell Environmental Consulting, Inc. provides comprehensive environmental services including natural resource identification, resource evaluation and related permitting. She has led many botanical field walks and has taught several classes at the Gardens.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Apps for Gardeners and Plant Lovers with Melissa Cullina

🕒 5–6 p.m. 📍 Education Center and Gardens
 💰 \$10 members, \$12 non-members

If you have a green thumb or a love for wild plants, you'll be delighted to hear there are numerous informative, helpful, and downright entertaining apps available for your iPad, iPhone, or iPod. Curious? Join Melissa for an

informal class as she demonstrates several apps that will add information, enjoyment, and a new twist to your gardening and nature hobby.

Melissa is Director of Education & Staff Botanist for Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Unexpectedly smitten by the iPad, she is eager to share the many resources she and her colleagues have discovered are available for gardeners and nature enthusiasts.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JUNE 20 & 21



Gardening for Wildlife: Ecosystem Gardening with Carole Sevilla Browne

🕒 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 📍 Education Center and grounds
 💰 \$120 members, \$150 non-members (pre-registration req.)

Habitat loss is the number-one cause of declining wildlife populations. Learn why gardening for wildlife is as important as it is rewarding. Carole will explain how, by incorporating certain native plants and gardening practices, you can create welcoming habitat in your garden to attract more birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife; conserve natural resources; and encourage biodiversity.

Carole is the author of the Ecosystem Gardening blog and website and founder and managing editor of the team blogs *Beautiful Wildlife Garden* and *Native Plants and Wildlife Gardens*. A conservation biologist by training, she has spent more than 20 years as a consultant designing, installing and maintaining wildlife gardens for people who want to share their space with birds, butterflies, frogs and toads, bats, reptiles and amphibians, and yes even insects! She firmly believes that conservation begins in your own backyard and is passionate about teaching people to become stewards of their properties.



On June 23, William Cullina will share his secrets to creating stunning garden displays.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM CULLINA

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Herbaceous Plants: Annuals, Grasses, and Other Perennials with William Cullina

🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$35 members, \$42 non-members

Flowering annuals, herbaceous perennials, and ornamental grasses are keystones of our horticultural displays at the Gardens. Bill will cover some of the basic distinctions between herbaceous annuals and perennials: their physiology, cultural needs, and uses in landscape design. He will then highlight some of the many beautiful annuals, grasses, and perennials showcased at the Gardens. The class will head outside to view plants and discuss planting, the use of plugs versus larger plants, division, deadheading, cutting back, and winter protection.

Bill is Executive Director of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Previously Director of Horticulture for the Gardens, Cullina has also worked for many years as the native plant Nursery Director for the New England Wild Flower Society. He is the author of numerous books, one of which focuses specifically on perennials.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Safe and Simple Herbal Remedies with Gail Faith Edwards

🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$50 members, \$60 non-members (pre-registration required)

Herbs have long been valued for their healing and medicinal properties. Learn how to gather herbs both from the garden and in the wild for the preparation of traditional and effective home remedies. A well-known herbalist and teacher, Gail is the founder and director of the Blessed Maine Herb Farm and the author of three books on the subject of herbal medicine. She and her family cultivate more than two acres of medicinal herbs and offer an array of MOFGA-certified organic tinctures, compound formulas, herb-tea blends and bulk dried herbs. Their farm is also home to an active herbal learning center.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Wood Sculpting Demonstration with Hank Tyler “In-Residence”

🕒 10–11 a.m. 📍 Education Center
 💰 Free with admission

Observe a wood sculpting artist at work! Hank will demonstrate the materials, tools, and method he uses to create his award-winning bird carvings. Questions and conversation are encouraged, and all ages are welcome at this informal program.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Creating Decorative Sugar Flowers with Patricia Moroz

🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$80 members, \$95 non-members (includes materials) (pre-registration required)

Learn to create beautiful, realistic and whimsical edible sugar flowers made of gum paste or fondant for use on baked goods. Some of the beautiful flowers you’ll learn to make are hydrangeas, daisies and gardenias. Patricia will give each student a cake iced and covered in fondant to decorate with sugar flowers made during class and then take home, along with additional sugar flowers. The class will end with a demonstration of how easy it is to make seashells, seahorses and a variety of other sugar-based decorations. No previous experience is required, and all tools and materials will be provided.

Patricia owns Starlight Custom Cakes in Rockland “where cake and sugar become edible art.” Patricia became inspired to study with sugar artists and chefs from around the country, which led to designing wedding cakes and further into sculpted cakes. She is a member of the International Cake Exploration Society. To see some of Patricia’s gorgeous creations, visit www.starlightcustomcakes.com.



TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Wood Sculpting Shorebirds and Oceanic Birds Presentation by Hank Tyler “In-Residence”

🕒 4 p.m. 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$10 members, \$12 non-members

In this illustrated lecture, Hank will share details of his 50 years of wood sculpting birds in a variety of hardwoods. He will discuss the design and sculpting technique he uses, while showing images of his lovingly-crafted works, and will display completed sculptures.






WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Wood Sculpting Workshop with Hank Tyler “In-Residence”

🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members




In this small workshop for adults, Hank will first demonstrate his wooden bird-sculpting technique on works in different stages of completion and will discuss his approach to sculpture and design. Using his tools, you may then try your hands at sculpting with some of the same hardwoods as in his sculptures. Hank will also discuss making wooden spoons and knives.

MONDAY, JULY 2 **Bird Habits and Habitats with Bob Duchesne
"In-Residence"**


 4:00–5:30 p.m.  Education Center
 \$10 members, \$12 non-members




Like humans, birds are creatures of habit; they know what they like. And once you know what they like, it's surprisingly easy to identify them quickly under tricky conditions. With a few tips, you'll even know where to look for your favorite birds and start discovering some you never knew were in your own neighborhood!

THURSDAY, JULY 5 **The Maine Birding Trail with Bob Duchesne
"In-Residence"**

 6:00–7:30 p.m.  Education Center
 \$10 members, \$12 non-members




Join the author of *The Maine Birding Trail: The Official Guide to More than 260 Accessible Sites*, the book that leads birders to the best locations in Maine and the species most likely to be found there. If you love birding in Maine, you won't want to miss this program that Bob refers to as "everything you ever wanted to know about birding Maine: the founder of the Maine Birding Trail tells all."

FRIDAY, JULY 6 **Birding by Ear with Bob Duchesne
"In-Residence"**

 7–10 a.m.  Education Center and grounds
 \$30 members, \$37 non-members
(pre-registration required)

It's easier than you think. Just six quick tips will demystify how the experts identify birds instantly by their songs. For newcomers, it's a great chance to learn a new skill. For experienced birders hoping to brush up, it's a great refresher course. Since part of this class is outdoors, come prepared to hit the trails!

SATURDAY, JULY 7**Growing and Preparing Edible Flowers with
Courtney Locke**

 9 a.m.–noon  Education Center
 \$30 members, \$37 non-members *(pre-registration required)*

Incorporating edible garden flowers into your meals is an elegant and tasty way to enliven dishes and bring a splash of color to your plate. Courtney will show examples of beautiful edible blossoms to grow in your Maine garden and will demonstrate how to germinate and grow edible flowers. She'll also share recipes for salad with nasturtium, calendula, and borage blossoms, cheese-stuffed squash blossoms, candied violas and pansies, lavender-infused butter cake, sautéed daylily buds, and more. Your flower garden has never been so delectable!




Courtney is the Gardens' Administrative Assistant and a lifelong, second-generation flower grower. Before coming to the Gardens, Courtney and her husband, Greg, owned and operated Apple Creek Farm, a perennial and herb nursery in Woolwich, Maine, and supplied many area farmers' markets. When she's not at her work desk, Courtney can be found in her flower and herb gardens from April through November, dawn to dusk.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM CULLINA

On July 21, learn about *Lonicera sempervirens* 'Major Wheeler' and other vines




MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 9–13 **"NYBG Summer in Coastal Maine"—Drawing
Natural Science: Native Plants and Birds of
Maine with Katie Lee**

 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Education Center
 \$495 members of both the Gardens and New York Botanical Garden, \$550 non-members *(fee includes lunch daily)* *(pre-registration required; call 800–322–6924)*

A renowned New York Botanical Gardens' art instructor, Katie will bring her fundamental graphite drawing class to Maine! Plant material, of course, can be brought into the classroom for observation and drawing. Birds, however, do not sit still long enough. Different skills such as quick sketches, observational field notes, and good research photographs are required. Students will learn a number of techniques unique to rendering both plants and birds.

Katie earned a Certificate in Botanical Art and Illustration from the New York Botanical Garden, where she has taught for the past 20 years. An award-winning botanical and wildlife artist, she has illustrated several books, and her work is featured in museum collections.

SATURDAY, JULY 21**Woody Plants: Trees, Shrubs and Vines with
Will Bridges**

 9 a.m.–noon.  Education Center and grounds
 \$35 members, \$42 non-members

Trees, shrubs and vines provide the structural framework of any garden and can be used for many different purposes. The first half of the class will cover the different uses of woody plants and how to select the right plant for the right location, as well as woody plants that have multi-season interest and are used at the Gardens. Then we'll head outside to view and discuss the ornamental value of some of our great woody plants.

Will, who was born and raised in Caribou, received a bachelor's degree in landscape horticulture from the University of Maine and has been gardening in Maine most of his life. He is in his fourth season at the Gardens.

A hummingbird approaches a zinnia flower.



PHOTO BY KELLY COLGAN AZAR



MONDAY, JULY 23

Gardening for Hummingbirds with Deb Soule

🕒 2:00–3:30 p.m. 📍 Education Center and grounds

💰 \$20 members, \$25 non-members

Through a colorful slide show and an enchanting walk in the garden, Deb will discuss how to create hummingbird habitats using more than 20 flowering plants that grow well in Maine. She will also share some stories of assisting a field biologist in Costa Rica studying ruby-throated hummingbirds.

An organic gardener and herbalist, Deb began gardening and studying the medicinal uses of herbs more than 35 years ago while growing up in western Maine. In 1985 she founded Avena Botanicals Herbal Apothecary in Rockport, Maine. She tends a three-acre biodynamic herb garden that provides the majority of herbs for Avena's herbal tinctures, teas, salves, and crèmes. She is the author of *The Woman's Handbook of Healing Herbs*.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 27 & 28

Natural Communities of Maine with Ted Elliman

🕒 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

📍 Education Center and local field destinations

💰 \$100 members, \$120 non-members (pre-registration req.)

✳️ Co-sponsored by the New England Wild Flower Society

A truly comprehensive understanding of native plant materials must necessarily include an understanding of how native plants behave in their natural habitats. Ted will introduce students to several of Maine's characteristic assemblages of plants, their defining physical environments, and the natural processes that affect them. In the classroom and in the field, students will learn the differences between community types such as salt marshes, red-maple swamps, northern hardwood forests, bogs, and floodplain forests. Ted will also cover some of the common plants that occur in each natural community type, and what plant adaptations are a key to competing successfully in the various communities. The primary reference for this course will be *Natural Landscapes of Maine: a Guide to Natural Communities*

and *Ecosystems* by Susan Gawler and Andrew Cutko. Bring a lunch, sturdy shoes that can get wet, and your sense of adventure for this not-to-be-missed learning experience.

Ted, an ecologist, is Vegetation Management Coordinator for the New England Wild Flower Society, where for the past five years he and his dedicated corps of volunteers have located, documented, and controlled invasive species in natural areas for land trusts, conservation organizations, and state agencies across the New England landscape. He also conducts botanical inventories and rare-plant and natural-community documentation. Previously, Ted worked as a contract ecologist for the National Park Service and several other agencies doing rare-plant and natural-community surveys and invasive management projects on the Appalachian Trail (from Maine to Pennsylvania) and the Boston Harbor Islands. He has been a natural history tour guide to western China for the past 15 years.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Herbs with Scent: Making Potpourri and Sachets with Lauriejane Kelley

🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center

💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members (pre-registration required)

In this hands-on workshop, Lauriejane will provide a brief history of true potpourri making followed by instruction on how to make your own potpourri at home. Learn what herbs to grow and gather in your gardens and which additional materials to purchase to make your fragrant blend last. You'll make a potpourri from moth-repelling herbs to create a sachet to take home.

Lauriejane is the owner of Steeplebush Farm Herbs in Limington, Maine. She has grown and worked with herbs for more than 30 years, accumulating a collection of 350 varieties of herbs & heirloom perennials. Her days are filled with the care of her many gardens; harvesting; and the crafting of culinary products, dried flowers, wreaths, potpourri, and bath-and-body-care products.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**Wetland Ecology with Lauren Stockwell**

🕒 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 📍 Education Center and grounds
 💰 \$60 members; \$75 non-members (pre-registration required)

Wetlands have a suite of functions and values of importance to people: maintaining water quality, stabilizing shorelines, ameliorating flooding and recharging groundwater. Many are extremely productive, forming the base of food chains and providing habitat for fish and shellfish and many species of wildlife. Some support unique habitats or rare species; others are of great aesthetic, recreational or scientific value. New evidence suggests that some wetlands are among the most effective systems for the capture and storage of carbon, helping to combat climate change.

Lauren will begin this class with a photographic presentation on the combination of factors that define a wetland and reasons for their preservation. Then she'll lead a hands-on exploration of the wetlands on the grounds, including a vernal pool, forested wetland, and salt marsh. This program is eligible for credit as an elective in the Certificate in Native Plants and Ecological Horticulture program.

Lauren, a Certificate Program instructor at the Gardens, is a botanist and environmental consultant. Her business, Stockwell Environmental Consulting, Inc. provides comprehensive environmental services including natural resource identification, resource evaluation and related permitting. She has led many botanical field walks and has taught several prior classes at the Gardens.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**Preserving the Herbal Harvest with Betsey-Ann Golon**

🕒 9 a.m.–noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members (pre-registration required)

Traditional air drying is only one way to preserve the herb garden's bounty. Learn how to "salt" herbs, create herb pastes, dehydrate vegetable/herb blends and produce beverages (like witchel, liqueur and small beers) all from your own garden. Everyone will participate in demonstrations and leave with a recipe book and samples!

Betsey-Ann is herbalist for the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village and a guest interpreter/herbalist at George Washington's Mt. Vernon Estate and Gardens in Virginia. She is also a Master Preserver with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and co-owner of Common Folk Farm Herbs, which produces herbal products for museums, botanical gardens and L.L. Bean.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 15, AND 16**A Plant's Family Tree: Relationships within the Plant Kingdom with Melissa Cullina**

🕒 9 a.m.–2 p.m. 📍 Education Center and grounds
 💰 \$120 members, \$150 non-members (pre-registration req.)

Melissa will introduce you to the groups of plants that make up the kingdom *Plantae*. Indoors and out, you'll learn how a fern fundamentally differs from a moss, how a pine differs from a rose, and so on. You'll learn to recognize the major groups of plants and will gain

perspective on how they have evolved over time. She'll discuss the system by which biologists categorize plants and explain the conventions and meanings behind botanical names. This class in the Native Plants and Ecological Horticulture certificate program is open to other interested adult students who have had some prior exposure to basic botany.

Melissa is Director of Education & Staff Botanist for the Gardens. Formerly Botanist with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, she specializes in aquatic and coastal botany, field identification, and rare-species conservation.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**Hardscaping and Lawn Care for the Home Gardener with Dick Zieg**

🕒 9 a.m.–noon. 📍 Education Center and grounds
 💰 \$35 members, \$42 non-members

Beginning with inspiring slides from his 40 years of experience in the field, Dick will introduce you to two essential components of landscape horticulture: hardscaping (the non-living elements of a garden such as masonry, wooden structures, and water features) and lawn (or turf) care. He will offer hints to help you decide just how much work you may want to tackle in your home projects. With hardscaping and turf at the Gardens as examples, you'll gain ideas for your own situations.

Dick was hired in 2003 as the Gardens' first fulltime grounds employee, director of horticulture, and has been involved in almost every facet of the development of the gardens as you see them today. He has participated in planting nearly all the trees we've added on the grounds, building walls in the Giles Rhododendron Garden, maintaining the turf on the grounds, and daily care of the Cleaver Event Lawn and Slater Woodland Pond and Garden. While studying for a degree in ornamental horticulture and floriculture at the University of Maryland, he worked at USDA in the Turf and Grass Investigations Department helping with extensive research in the area of turf management. He has installed thousands of square feet of patios and walls in his career of landscape installation and maintenance.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21**Preserving Tomatoes: Making Sauces and Salsas with Kathy Savoie**

🕒 5–8 p.m. 📍 Kitchen Garden Café
 💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members (pre-registration required)

Looking for ways to enjoy the bounty of locally grown tomatoes year-round? Kathy will provide basic do's and don'ts for home canning and freezing of tomatoes. This hands-on evening workshop will help you learn the latest USDA recommendations for home food preservation to reduce food safety risks and increase your access to one of our favorite local foods year-round!

Kathy is the Food Preservation Specialist of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County. She also directs the Master Food Preserver program.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**Identifying Invasive Pests: Sentinel Plant Network First Detector Training with Justin Nichols**

🕒 10 a.m.–noon. 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$20 members, \$25 non-members



Potato blight, hemlock wooly adelgid, Asian longhorn beetle! As a new member of the Sentinel Plant Network (SPN), the Gardens will hold a “First Detector Training” in which you’ll learn about these and many other pests and diseases that are potential threats to agriculture, forests, and landscapes in the Northeast. We’ll discuss what’s here already and what to be on the lookout for, and how to scout for and identify possible threats. We’ll also cover resources for diagnosing and managing pests and pathogens.

The SPN is a partnership between the American Public Garden Association and the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) that provides a means to quickly detect and diagnose pests and pathogens that have been introduced into agricultural and natural ecosystems.

Justin, a horticulturist on the Gardens staff for the past four years, has been maintaining gardens professionally for twenty years. He has a master’s degree in education and enjoys teaching horticultural topics to people of all ages.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**Foraging for Wild Mushrooms: a Workshop to Learn Maine Mushrooms with Greg Marley**

🕒 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 📍 Education Center and grounds
 💰 \$80 members, \$95 non-members (pre-registration required)

How many times have you promised yourself you’ll learn the wild mushrooms that pop up each summer and fall? Here’s the perfect chance to get started under the guidance of a seasoned mushroom expert. Greg will help you build skills and confidence in identifying Maine mushrooms so you can collect them safely and avoid toxic specimens. He’ll lead a foraging hike to collect fruiting mushrooms and will discuss how to prepare and preserve the best wild edibles. You’ll also learn about the ecology of mushrooms and the folklore surrounding them. Participants are invited to bring mushrooms for identification. Bring a bag lunch, too. This class will be held rain or shine.

A noted amateur mycologist, Greg has been pursuing his passion for mushrooms for more than 35 years. He has

led countless walks and classes on mushroom identification and lectures on mushrooms across New England. He has been a mushroom consultant to poison centers for a number of years. Greg is proprietor of Mushrooms for Health, a company offering healing mushroom supplements. He is the author of *Mushrooms for Health*; *Medicinal Secrets of Northeast Fungi*; and the award-winning *Chanterelle Dreams and Amanita Nightmares; The Love, Lore, and Mystique of Mushrooms*.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27–29**The Illuminated Journal with Susan Newbold “In-Residence”**

🕒 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$350 members, \$420 non-members (pre-registration req.)

The journal is a place to work out one’s thoughts, desires, and discoveries. Create a special nature-inspired journal that will be something you, and generations that follow you, will treasure. Through a series of exercises enlightened by the landscape, participants will first create some of the pages for the journal. In the process, Susan will introduce you to several different mediums including pen and ink, watercolor, collage, printmaking, and interesting methods for combining text with each. Finally, students will place their journal pages into an artist book finished off with a special coptic binding. On this journey, students will discover (or rediscover) what they love most. The course is designed for adults of all experience levels.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30**Creating an Accordion Book in Nature with Susan Newbold “In-Residence”**

🕒 9 a.m.–noon. 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$50 members, \$60 non-members 🗑️ For ages 9–adult

Make your own accordion-style nature book with artist Susan Newbold. Accordion book construction is one of the most versatile in bookmaking; each book can be used as a journal, card, or hanging object. First, you’ll create an original cover for your book using Susan’s thought-provoking methods. Then you’ll design and add interior pages. Using the beautiful Gardens as a resource in our creative process, making an accordion book will be fun and only as complicated as you want to make it! This class is open to all experience levels.

PHOTO BY JEFF G. MOORE

Join a wild mushroom foray with Greg Marley on August 24.



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & 6**Introduction to Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes with Melissa Cullina**

- 🕒 10 a.m.–4 p.m. 📍 Education Center and grounds
 💰 \$100 members; \$120 non-members (pre-registration req.)

Melissa will open your eyes to the diverse and fascinating group of plants known as the “graminoids” or grass-like plants, monocots that form a large component of our Maine flora. Outdoors and in the classroom, you’ll learn how members of the sedge family, grass family, and rush family differ from one another. We’ll examine the tiny, intricate, wind-pollinated flowers and the resulting fruits under magnification and will learn to identify several of our most common species in coastal Maine. After two days in the field and classroom with Melissa, you’ll have a whole new appreciation for these intriguing and important plants.

Melissa is Director of Education & Staff Botanist for Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Formerly Botanist with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, Cullina specializes in aquatic and coastal botany, field identification, and rare-species conservation.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**Selecting Heirloom Varieties and Saving Seeds with Neil Lash**

- 🕒 9 a.m. - noon 📍 Education Center
 💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members (pre-registration required)

Heirloom vegetables are traditional, open-pollinated cultivars. Learn all about these interesting and culturally

significant varieties, how to get them, and which are appropriate for our climate. Showing examples from right here in Maine, Neil will describe the importance and benefits of seed saving, with tips and techniques on how to save seeds yourself.

Neil Lash teaches horticulture and is the director and co-founder of the Heirloom Seed Project at Medomak Valley High School in Waldoboro, which grows, harvests and sells more than 800 heirloom seed varieties. This award-winning program selects seeds for their historical and genetic significance. In 2011, seeds from the project were sent to 32 states and several historic gardens.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**Cooking with Herbs and Spices with Kathy Savoie**

- 🕒 6–8 p.m. 📍 Kitchen Garden Café
 💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members (pre-registration required)

Liven up your meals with flavorful herbs and spices! In this evening cooking class, you’ll have fun while learning how to increase taste (and reduce your salt intake) by using garden herbs and spices in your favorite recipes. You’ll not only learn how to make the most of your culinary herb garden; you’ll also enjoy the samples!

Kathy is the Food Preservation Specialist of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County. She also directs the Master Food Preserver program. Returning to the Gardens by popular demand, she brings a wealth of knowledge and an entertaining teaching style to every class.

Field Trips by Boat**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15****Bald Eagles of Merrymeeting Bay Boat Trip**

- 🕒 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 📍 Leave from Pier 1 in Boothbay Harbor (Cap’n Fish’s Whale Watch)
 💰 \$50 Gardens or Maine Audubon members, \$75 non-members (pre-registration required through Maine Audubon at 207-781-2330)
 🌟 Co-sponsored by Maine Audubon

When Maine Audubon first began running this trip to Merrymeeting Bay in 1969, sighting one or two eagles was all that could be expected. Since then, the Bald Eagle population has rebounded from the devastating effects of pesticide poisoning, and recent trips have seen as many as 38 eagles!

At 8:30 a.m., we’ll board the large, comfortable Island Lady for a trip across Sheepscot Bay to the Sasanoa River then up the Kennebec River to Merrymeeting Bay. Weather and tides permitting, we will return to Boothbay Harbor via the Kennebec. The sheltered tidal waters of midcoast Maine offer some of the most pleasant and scenic cruising to be found anywhere—plus excellent wildlife watching. In addition to Bald Eagles, expect other raptors, seals, sturgeon, shorebirds, and waterfowl along the way.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 16)****Boothbay Region Land Trust’s Annual Damariscove Island Field Trip**

- 🕒 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 📍 Leave from Pier 8 in Boothbay Harbor (Balmy Days Cruises)
 💰 \$50 members and non-members (pre-registration required through the Boothbay Region Land Trust at 207-633-4818 or brlt@bbrlt.org)
 🌟 Co-sponsored by Boothbay Region Land Trust

In honor of our Feathers and Foliage theme for 2012, the Boothbay Region Land Trust has invited us to join them on this year’s annual boat trip to the Damariscove Island Preserve! Just offshore of Boothbay Harbor, this island was home to one of the first European settlements, dating back to 1604. While the island is no longer inhabited by humans (except for seasonal caretakers), it is prime habitat for a large diversity of plants and birds.

Visitors can enjoy the rustic island museum and hiking trails on their own, or opt to join a guided hike. Coastal Maine Botanical Garden Staff Botanist Melissa Cullina will be exploring the island’s flora, while an expert ornithologist will be on hand to investigate the island’s bird population. Please bring a lunch, water, sturdy shoes, and sun protection.



The Ina & Lewis Heafitz Endowed Lecture

Thanks to a generous gift from Gardens Board Member Ina Heafitz and her husband, Lew, we are able to offer lectures by nationally known experts from fields of interest to our members and visitors. For the 2012 lecture, the second in the series, we will present celebrated author, photographer, and speaker Ken Druse.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

Natural Companions: Inspiring Combinations of Plants by Ken Druse

🕒 2:00–4:30 p.m. 📍 Education Center
🆓 Free for members, \$20 non-members

In this entertaining and inspiring program about plants that grow together—culturally and aesthetically—and bloom at the very same time, Ken Druse will present recipes for perfect plant pairings using diverse species. He'll introduce us to varieties that will thrive in our part of the world, organized by themes including seasons, color, fragrance, foliage, grasses, wetlands and ponds, edible flowers and more!



Ken's presentation will be followed by a reception and the opportunity to purchase his book, *Natural Companions*, which he will be glad to sign for you.

Ken Druse has been called “a gardening superstar” in *Publisher's Weekly*, and “the guru of natural gardening” in the *New York Times*. He is a celebrated lecturer and an award-winning photographer and author. He has contributed to nearly every gardening and decorating magazine but is best known for his 18 books, which Anne Raver writing in the *New York Times* called “bibles for serious gardeners.” His work, *Making More Plants*, won the year's top honor from the prestigious Garden Writers Association. The American Horticultural Society listed *The Natural Garden* among the best books of all time.



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