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Our theme this year celebrates transformation. Join us as we explore the larger story of our ecosystem through the interdependence illustrated by native plants and some of our favorite winged creatures—moths and butterflies. Highlighting this metamorphosis is our Native Butterfly and Moth House. Through our exciting lineup of exhibits, themed gardens, summer camps and classes, discover the botany of butterflies.

FROM 50,000 SPRING BULBS TO 500,000 WINTER LIGHTS

Thursdays–Sundays, Nov. 15–Dec. 31
4–9 p.m., (closed Thanksgiving day and Christmas Eve)

Join us to experience the brilliance of Gardens Aglow. Witness the transformation of our gardens from an exuberance of seasonal blooms to a warm and welcoming extravaganza of festive lights. The magic begins as darkness falls.

DON’T MISS OUR NEW

NATIVE BUTTERFLY AND MOTH HOUSE

TRANSFORMATION: LANDSCAPES REDEFINED

with Sir Tim Smit, Marta McDowell, and Denise and Rick Sawyer

Thursday, June 21
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
$95 member, $110 nonmember

In this year of transformation at CMBG, our 14th Annual Garden Symposium explores the concept of transformation in the landscape. This year, we feature a world-class lineup of speakers celebrating the transformative power of gardens. Join us for an around-the-world tour from Maine to New Jersey, then to Cornwall, England. Along the way, explore how the simple act of changing a landscape has the power to inspire our community and daily life—a perfect mirror to the transformation of our own Gardens.

THE EDEN PROJECT AND THE LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN with Sir Tim Smit

Sir Tim Smit is best known for his “discovery” and restoration—along with John Nelson—of The Lost Gardens of Heligan, one of the UK’s best-loved gardens. Tim is also Executive Vice-Chairman and Co-founder of the Eden Project in Cornwall, England. Since its opening in 2001, 19 million people have come to witness a once-sterile pit become a cradle of life, containing world-class horticulture and startling architecture symbolic of human endeavor.

THEN AND NOW: A HUNT FOR HISTORIC GARDENS with Marta McDowell

Marta McDowell will explore New Jersey’s historical garden estates. What did they look like? Have they survived? How do these estates speak to society’s interest and priorities as culture and industry shift? Find out during this hunt for treasures of our gardening past. Marta teaches landscape history and horticulture at The New York Botanical Gardens. Her recent books include All the Presidents’ Gardens, a New York Times Best Seller.

GARDENS FOR THE SENSES: An Intimate Garden Conversation with Sir Tim Smit

Friday, June 22
noon–3 p.m.
$75 member, $90 nonmember

Join us for an exclusive lunch with Sir Tim Smit. Enjoy an intimate group setting as Tim elaborates on themes covered in his Symposium lecture, including his vision for regenerating landscapes, human well-being and the deeper meaning and purpose of place-making. Following lunch, the group will tour the Lerner Garden of the Five Senses, then reconvene for tea and a final discussion.

FERNWOOD: THE STORY OF A MAINE NURSERY AND HOMESTEAD with Denise and Rick Sawyer

Learn about the transformation of the Sawyers’ Montville property from cutover land to a living landscape, now featuring food and perennial plants as well as livestock raised for meat and fiber. For several decades, Denise and Rick have been the owners and operators of Fernwood Nursery & Gardens in Montville, Maine. Together, they propagate one of the largest collections of shade-tolerant plants in New England.

TO SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS, CALL 207-633-8000 OR VISIT US ONLINE AT MAINEGARDENS.ORG.

Unless otherwise noted, program fees include Gardens admission. Preregistration is usually required and advisable.
LEARNING FOR ADULTS

Keeping with our theme of The Botany of Butterflies, there are many opportunities to learn more about these amazing creatures, like Andy Brand’s exploration of Maine butterflies on July 13 and August 9 and the results of the Maine Butterfly Survey on July 20.

FLORAL MIMICRY AND DECEPTIVE POLLINATION with Kyle Martin
Friday, June 15
9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. $40 member, $48 nonmember
Flowers have evolved the ability to communicate with their pollinators, but that doesn’t mean they always speak the truth! In this course, we will focus special attention on the cheats—the flowers that use mimicry, false advertising and dishonest signaling to trick unwitting animals into performing pollination. Class will conclude with a walk through the Gardens to see (and smell) examples for ourselves.

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE with Doug Tallamy
Friday, July 6
9:30 a.m.—4 p.m. $150 member, $180 nonmember
Habitat loss is the number one cause of declining wildlife populations. In this class, learn why gardening for wildlife is as important as it is rewarding. Learn how you can create a welcoming habitat that attracts wildlife, conserves natural resources and encourages biodiversity.

MAPPING MAINE’S JEWELS: Results of the Maine Butterfly Survey with Herb Wilson
Friday, July 20
5–6 p.m. Education Center Free and open to the public
Between 2003 and 2017, over 400 citizen-scientists submitted over 30,000 records of butterfly sightings at the township level to produce the first atlas of Maine butterflies. Herb will discuss general patterns and some surprising discoveries as well as the basic biology of butterflies, their importance and changes seen in relation to climate change.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIVE FLORA OF MAINE with Melissa Cullina
Tuesday–Thursday, August 14–16
10 a.m.—4 p.m. $150 member, $180 nonmember
Interested in gardening with Maine’s native plants? First, come and meet them in their wild habitat! Learn how to recognize at least 50 frequent coastal Maine plant species. Begin with an introduction to basic plant identification skills, terminology and botanical names, then venture through the Gardens grounds and on forays around the region. Bring a bag lunch, water and a hand lens if you have one, and be prepared to walk on trails.

PLACES FOR POLLINATORS: How to Create Habitat for Butterflies, Bees and Hummingbirds with Herb Wilson
Saturday, August 25
9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. $45 member, $54 nonmember
Learn how to create a habitat for butterflies, native bees and hummingbirds in your yard, garden, field or farm. This workshop will cover the basics of pollinator observation, identification and ecology; pollinator habitat needs and environmental stressors; and how to create a high-value habitat in your own dooryard, farm, field or forestland. This workshop will place a special emphasis on fostering habitats for our native bee populations, and we’ll spend time in the outdoor classroom of the Gardens to see butterflies and bees in the landscape.

WHAT’S EATING THE BEES? with Sammy Ramsey
Friday, July 27
4:30–6 p.m. $14 member, $12 nonmember
Join Sammy Ramsey for a riveting talk on Varroa destructor, the microscopic parasitic mite long believed to affect bees by feeding on their hemolymph (aka insect blood). Sammy will walk you through an adventure tale of science in action, from how he began to question this explanation to discovering new facts about this dangerous mite. Finally, he’ll share how the findings will likely lead to new methods to remediate health issues common to infected colonies. This talk will be of special interest to beekeepers but is designed to be accessible to all.

SEABIRD RESTORATION IN COASTAL MAINE with Steve Kress
Monday, August 27
5–6 p.m. Education Center Free and open to the public
Join Dr. Steve Kress for a lecture on seabird restoration on the coast of Maine. In particular, Steve will share the successes, challenges and findings of Project Puffin, the work he initiated in 1973 to reestablish Puffin populations on Maine islands.

FLORAL MIMICRY AND DECEPTIVE POLLINATION with Andy Brand
Thursday, August 9
9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. $45 member, $54 nonmember
Everyone is familiar with butterflies, but did you know that there are over 115 species of butterflies in Maine? Join Andy Brand as he looks deeper into this diverse world, taking participants on a tour of butterfly families and pointing out how to tell them apart. After the indoor lecture, participants will head into the Gardens in search of butterflies and their favorite plants, then head home better prepared to identify backyard butterflies and, perhaps, even rear them at home.

FIELD TRIP TO DAMARISCOVE ISLAND with Boothbay Region Land Trust and Melissa Cullina
Saturday, September 8
9 a.m.—3 p.m. $40 member, $40 nonmember
Damariscove Island is one of Maine’s earliest settlement sites, dating back four centuries. Once ashore, five miles of hiking trails, great tide-pooling, picnicking and a small rustic museum make for a fun day trip. Participants can join Melissa Cullina for a closer look at the plants that call the island home. Please contact BRRLT at 207-633-4818 or BRRLT@bbrlt.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

ASTERs OF COASTAL MAINE with Melissa Cullina
Tuesday, September 11
10 a.m.—4 p.m. Education Center $72 member, $80 nonmember
Coastal Maine’s diverse array of asters is in its full glory during the beautiful late summer days of September. Join Gardens’ Research Botanist Melissa Cullina to learn all about Maine’s various asters, including how to distinguish them and where they grow. Students will observe plants in CMBG’s wild habitats as well as in the classroom, using dissecting microscopes and herbarium specimens. Please bring trail-walking shoes, lunch and a hand lens if you have one (extras will be provided).
Join us August 3–7 as The Caterpillar Lab sets up not just an exhibit, but a functioning caterpillar rearing, researching, photographing, filming and educating facility.

THE CATERPILLAR LAB RESIDENCY

Visit The Caterpillar Lab to view live caterpillars like this Hyalophora cecropia, take part in innovative programming and witness how the Lab cares for and works with these amazing creatures.

CATERPILLARS: THE WHOLE STORY

with Sam Jaffe and The Caterpillar Lab
Saturday, August 4

For all ages, 12 and up  1–2:30 p.m.
Free with admission

Sam Jaffe, Director of The Caterpillar Lab, will present a lively talk exploring backyard pollinators, plants and the many caterpillars positioned at the center of it all. His “whole story” perspective of natural history study and appreciation might just make you reconsider an herbivore’s place in the garden. The “whole story” is a celebration of caterpillars in all their incarnations—you may never look at an insect the same way again!

MOTH LIGHTING

with Sam Jaffe
and The Caterpillar Lab
Friday, August 3

For all ages, 10 and up  7:30–10:30 p.m.
$15 member, $18 nonmember

Moth lighting—the practice of placing a bright light next to a white sheet, then observing what insects fly in— is sweeping the nation! This favorite pastime of biologists is becoming a favorite hobby worldwide. Come be surprised by the diversity, size and beauty of Maine’s nocturnal insects. Please avoid bright clothing, wear long sleeves and pants, and bring a flashlight and insect repellent.

THE CATERPILLAR WALK

with Sam Jaffe
and The Caterpillar Lab
Sunday, August 5

For all ages  1–2:30 p.m.
Free with admission

Join Sam Jaffe on an exploration of the Gardens, searching for native caterpillars and other insects. Learn how The Caterpillar Lab finds their caterpillars, all about host plants and parasitoids and get caterpillar-finding secrets from one of the foremost caterpillar hunters in the world! This walk is appropriate for naturalists, gardeners and explorers of all ages. However, it may not be appropriate for younger children.

GARDEN CRAFTS & PROJECTS

CONTAINER GARDEN COMPOSITIONS

202: Tough and Drought Tolerant with Irene Brady Barber
Friday, June 15
1–4 p.m.  $60 member, $72 nonmember

This course expands on the popular container gardening class we’ve offered in the past and will examine stunning plants that are drought-tolerant, resilient and persistent performers. With the right soils, containers and plant selection, you’ll see how long container gardens can sustain themselves.

LIVING WREATHS: WHIMSICAL CREATIONS with Irene Brady Barber and Sarah Smith
Friday, July 13
1–4 p.m.  $60 member, $72 nonmember

Lush textures from hardy plants abound on ring formations called living wreaths. Plant options for these wreaths are diverse and include ferns, succulents, ground covers, trailing perennials or annuals grown in a dense ring of sphagnum moss. Join us to create these vertical garden features that can hang anywhere with ease.

BUTTERFLY PINNING WORKSHOP

for Ages 12 and Up with Erika Huber
Tuesday, July 24
9:30 a.m.–noon  Education Center
$44 member, $54 nonmember (child: $30/$38)

Beginners will learn the technique of rehydrating, relaxing, pinning and mounting dried butterflies. We’ll tour our Butterfly House to learn about Maine’s native butterflies and moths and look for a few dried specimens to pin. Each student will receive a spreading board, insect pins, several dried butterflies to pin during class and a display case to take home. All specimens used have died naturally.

DIY ORGANIC BODY CARE

with Sara Tryzelaar
Friday, August 31
1–4 p.m.  $38 member, $46 nonmember

Plants that grow in your garden or in the wild can be used to create body care products. St. John’s wort, sweetfern, hazelnut, juniper, yellow birch and calendula are just a few of the plants that you can use. In this workshop, Sara will introduce you to some of the botanical properties that make certain plants perfect for body care. Participants will leave with products of their own creation.

CREATING PRESSSED FLOWERS

with Lynette Breton
Friday, August 17 and Friday, September 7
1–4 p.m.  $85 member, $102 nonmember

Learn about the diverse applications of floral press creations and make your own floral and leaf pressed cards. In the first class, students will explore the Gardens to acquire the leaves and flowers to set into the presses. Then, in the second class, they’ll apply the dried/pressed flowers onto cards to take home at the end of the class.

Register online MaineGardens.org
COMMON GARDENING MISCONCEPTIONS AND THE REALITY BEHIND THEM with Justin Nichols
Saturday, June 16
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
$40 member, $48 nonmember

Shouldn’t we stake newly planted trees? What’s the deal with that pouch of miracle powder the garden center told me to put in the planting hole? My lawn service says it’s necessary to dethatch my lawn. My dad taught me to rototill the garden every spring. Justin Nichols will cover the above topics as well as many more commonly-held beliefs about gardening, often based more on tradition or misinformation than on fact. We’ll discuss what the scientific research shows, what landscape trade organizations hold to be the best practices on these matters and where common sense comes into play.

SLOW FLOWERS with Diane Walden
Thursday, July 12
1–5 p.m.
$60 member, $72 nonmember

Thanks to strides made in placing emphasis on local food sourcing and organic choices, there has been a sea change in how we eat—the “Slow Food” movement. Apply that same thinking to flowers, and you arrive at the “Slow Flowers” movement, which asks the fundamental questions: “Where do our flowers come from?” and “How are they grown?” This diverse class—part-lecture, part demonstration and part hands-on work—will provide you with an opportunity to share some of Diane Walden’s floral harvest from the Gardens, to learn about the evolving “Slow Flower” movement, the state of the global flower market, our own Maine-grown local markets and to create your own arrangement. Foraging, conditioning and design tips aplenty provided.

BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Maine Butterflies and their Host Plants with Andy Brand
Friday, July 13
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
$45 member, $54 nonmember

Among the species of butterflies that call Maine home, there is tremendous diversity in habitat needs and plants relied upon to live. Did you know that it’s not only monarch caterpillars that are such picky eaters? Many species specialize in the host plants on which their eggs are laid and which caterpillars eat. Learn about which plants will attract butterflies to your yard and what host plants will boost populations. Also included will be a quick overview of butterfly identification. The course will include a visit to the Butterfly House.

DAY TRIP TO THE KENNEBUNKS: Snug Harbor Farm and Blackrock Farm
Thursday, July 19
10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
$110 member, $130 nonmember
Snug Harbor Farm and Blackrock Farm

Join us for an experiential learning trip to visit two gems of Southern Maine: Snug Harbor Farm and Blackrock Farm. This pair of nurseries located in the Kennebunks are each inspired by their owner’s visions and talents. At both locations, take behind-the-scenes tours of the operations. At Snug Harbor Farm, take part in a brief succulent-planting workshop. To top it all off, enjoy lunch at the Colony Hotel, a 1914 Kennebunkport landmark. Come join us for an unforgettable tour of some of Maine’s best-loved nurseries!

PRUNING THROUGH THE SEASONS
Learn from the pros as they demonstrate and guide students in the best pruning practices, no matter the season. Learn considerations behind decisions, get the lowdown on the best tools for the job, and head into the Gardens to see our own pruning practices.

SUMMER with Syreftha Brooks and Will Bridges
Saturday, July 21
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
$38 member, $46 nonmember

Identify pruning, trimming, pinching and deadheading techniques for specific woody and herbaceous plants, helping to extend their vigor and bloom. Gardeners often omit mid-season pruning to extend plant performance, which we’ll highlight here.

AUTUMN with Syreftha Brooks and Will Bridges
Saturday, October 27
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
$38 member, $46 nonmember

This class will cover putting the garden to bed for the season. We’ll review a large group of plants that can be pruned or cut back through the fall, accompanied by a discussion of plant issues that you’ll want to leave intact for interest or habitats.

PESTS, DISEASES AND DEFICIENCY IN YOUR GARDENS with Sarah Scally, Carole Neil and Irene Brady Barber
Friday, August 24
1–4 p.m.
$55 member, $68 nonmember

Gardeners can always benefit from learning more about pests, diseases and other curious issues that commonly occur in ornamental or edible gardens. This class will not only help you gain more confidence in properly identifying and diagnosing plant issues, but will also guide you in understanding how to properly manage a response. Nutrient deficiencies can often be mistaken for diseases, and we’ll cover some of the most common culprits. This class will include a lecture and a question-and-answer indoor session, followed by an investigative tour through the Gardens, where we’ll stop to examine some of the issues our staff are managing and monitoring this year.

DESIGNING THE ENTRY GARDEN with Jen Dunlap and Irene Brady Barber
Friday, September 14
1–4 p.m.
$55 member, $62 nonmember

How better to celebrate the Gardens’ new Visitor Center and entry garden than by holding a class featuring its design? Join us for an insider’s tour as well as a discussion of the significance of an entry garden. No matter the scale, quaint or large, every home, building or public main entrance could greet visitors with a warm, safe and attractive entry garden. Participants will come away with practical ideas for their own entryways.

WINNERS FOR WINTER with Andy Brand
Friday, October 26
1–4 p.m.
$38 member, $46 nonmember

To conclude our series, Andy Brand will highlight the forgotten beauty—the skeletal forms of deciduous trees, the berries on shrubs and more—exhibited by certain perennials during the late fall and winter months. Come and explore the vast possibilities available for you to plant for a stunning winter landscape.

MEADOWS AND GRASSLANDS FOR BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER WINGED COMPANIONS with Heather McCargo
Wednesday, August 1
1–4:30 p.m.
$35 member, $48 nonmember
Snug Harbor Farm

In partnership with Boothbay Region Land Trust

Meadows are complex landscape forms that provide a plethora of ecological functions, such as habitat for butterflies, pollinators and fauna. This class will explore how to start, sustain and manage existing or derelict New England meadows based on their different conditions and dominant communities. Class will begin indoors at the Gardens before traveling to an old farmstead meadow owned by Boothbay Region Land Trust. Here, we will take stock of the landscape and evaluate the unique details on-site, treating the meadow as a case study for putting principles into action.

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**BOTANICAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY**

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Every other Thursday, through September 20
7–9 p.m.  $25 members only
Enjoy mentoring sessions, discussion groups and critiques as well as the peace of having the Gardens to yourself for two hours each morning and eligibility to enter the annual juried exhibition.

**CURATOR TOUR OF TRANSFORMATION: A BRONZE SCULPTURE EXHIBITION with June LaCombe**

Wednesday, June 13
1:00 p.m.  Free with admission
Walk through this year's sculpture exhibition, Transformation, with curator June LaCombe. Learn how each artist uses the bronze casting process to transform a sculpture in wood, clay or wax into a durable piece suitable for the outdoors.

**DRAWING AND PAINTING: THE STORY OF TRANSFORMATION with Katie Lee**

Monday–Friday, June 25–29
10 a.m.–4 p.m.  $250 member, $300 nonmember
Animals and insects go through amazing stages during their transformation from egg to adult. Learn to capture these unique stages using a variety of media such as pencil, pen-and-ink and watercolor, resulting in a folded, accordion-style book. Emphasis will be on accurate detail.

**WATERCOLOR BATIK with Erica Qualey**

Saturday, July 14
10 a.m.–4 p.m.  $95 member, $110 nonmember
Watercolor batik is an alternative method of painting using the traditional techniques of batik, a technique dating back hundreds of years. Students will create beautiful paintings by layering color and wax on a special type of rice paper called Ginwashi. When finished, the wax is removed, leaving only beautiful, brilliant color behind.

**CAPTURING BUTTERFLIES IN WATERCOLOR with Hillary Parker**

Monday–Wednesday, July 16–18
10 a.m.–4 p.m.  $265 member, $310 nonmember + $20 materials fee
Join Hillary Parker for a fabulous three-day watercolor workshop offering a unique opportunity to observe, draw, and paint those winged beauties living and thriving in CMBG’s new butterfly house. This class is open to all artists with basic drawing and watercolor experience. Students will develop, build upon and master effective graphite and watercolor skills, including washes and dry brush detail techniques. Participants will create and compose delicate, informative studies that include stages of transformation, host and feeder plants, and the accurate anatomy of a butterfly.

**INTRODUCTION TO WRITING NATURE POETRY: THE HAIKU with Kristen Lindquist**

Wednesday, July 25
10 a.m.–4 p.m.  $95 member, $110 nonmember
The centuries-old Japanese haiku has become one of the most universally popular poetic forms, in part because of its simplicity of form—three, unrhymed lines totaling 17 syllables. In this introductory workshop, we will look at the long tradition of haiku as nature poem and spend time in the Gardens reading classic haiku and writing our own short poems. Enjoy a supportive class atmosphere focused on encouraging your own writing using the natural surroundings as inspiration.

**SUMI-E LANDSCAPES PAINTING with Frederica Marshall**

Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31
10 a.m.–4 p.m.  $170 member, $195 nonmember
Learn how the beauty of brush strokes can create amazing landscapes using ancient techniques. By using handmade brushes to apply ink, students will learn to create textural effects in many values. On day two of this workshop, students will turn the paper over and apply watercolors to create translucent glowing landscapes. Participants will learn composition, brush handling and the Zen of Sumi-e.

**GARDENING WITH EASE with Irene Brady Barber**

Saturday, June 30
9–11 a.m.  $45 member, $54 nonmember
Immerse yourself in this restorative, informative yoga class set in an accessible and quiet corner nook of the Woodland Garden. In this holistic, open-air and gently active class, licensed yoga instructor Amy Holt will guide you through yoga’s key principles and techniques. Greet the day with breath and movement, followed by a cup of tea accompanied by further discussion.
### ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

#### FAIRY FRIDAYS
Every Friday in July and August
- Free with admission
Fridays in July and August are full of fun at CMBG for little fairies, gnomes, elves and wood sprites! The Bibby and Harold Alfond Children’s Garden is the perfect place for fairy stories and puppet shows, fairy yoga, crafts, fairy music, dancing, bubbles, games and, of course, building fairy houses. Join us for these super fun activities:
- Fairy Stories (10 a.m.) Story Barn
- Fairy Yoga (10:30 a.m.) Maze
- Fairy Puppet Theater (11 and 11:30 a.m.) Story Barn
- Fairy Dancing & Bubble Machine (Noon) Maze
- Flower Fairy Walk (1:30 p.m.) Story Barn
- Fairy Crafts (All day) Picnic Pavilion

#### CHILDREN’S GARDEN DAILY ACTIVITIES
Daily, June 11–Sept. 3
- Free with admission
Join us for:
- Storytime (10:30 a.m.)
- Garden Puppet Theater (1 p.m.)
- Chicken Feeding (1:15 p.m.)

#### GARDEN TASTINGS
Every Tuesday in July & August
- 11 a.m. Story Barn, Children’s Garden
- Free with admission
Join us every week to sample the fruits and vegetables we’re growing in our Learning Garden this year. From Purple Peacock Broccoli to Atomic Grape Tomatoes and Red Noodle Bean, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

#### BUTTERFLY INVESTIGATIONS
Thursdays and Saturdays, June 14–August 18
- 11 a.m. Butterfly House
- Free with admission
Join us in our new Butterfly House as we investigate the lives of the butterflies we’re raising at the Gardens this year. From egg to adult and everything in-between, we’ll search for all stages of a butterfly’s life cycle while also learning to identify the key differences between moths and butterflies.

#### POND INVESTIGATIONS
Wednesdays, June 20–August 29
- Free with admission
Join us in our new Butterfly House as we investigate the lives of the butterflies we’re raising at the Gardens this year. From egg to adult and everything in-between, we’ll search for all stages of a butterfly’s life cycle while also learning to identify the key differences between moths and butterflies.

### SPROUTS

#### FAIRY FAIRY WALK
Every Friday in July and August
- Free with admission
Join Kimberly Post on photographic explorations as she teaches you the hidden secrets of photographing with an iOS device. This year, special emphasis will be on capturing butterflies and caterpillars in our new Butterfly House—up-close and in motion! We’ll end with a gallery-style exhibit. Please contact us if you wish to participate but do not have an iOS device.

#### SCALES AND TAILS: ALL ABOUT REPTILES
with the Chewonki Foundation
Monday, July 2
- Free with admission
- Education Center
- $10 member, $18 nonmember (child: $5 for the Aquarium)
Many people conjure up images of slimy skin and bloodthirsty monsters when they hear the word “reptile.” This hands-on program works to dispel some of those fears by allowing students to examine snakeskins, turtle shells, skeletons and other unique reptilian artifacts. Using live, non-releasable reptiles, this program will compare species and discuss their adaptations.

#### NATURE ILLUSTRATION CAMP
with Hillary Parker
- 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- $235 member, $295 nonmember (per session)
- Ages 7–11
Artist Hillary Parker returns this summer to teach two new camps. In “Life of a Pond,” we will closely observe frogs, turtles and other aquatic life. In “Edible Art,” students will develop both art and cooking skills, illustrating their own edible art cookbook. In both sessions, participants will develop a strong foundation in observation, drawing and painting skills while using pencil, pen-and-ink, colored pencil and watercolors. We’ll conclude each week with a gallery-style reception. All art supplies are included with camp tuition.

#### NATURE ADVENTURERS CAMP
with Karen Jones
- 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Ages 4–5
- $130 member, $160 nonmember (per session)
- Ages 6–8
- $130 member, $160 nonmember
Our Nature Adventurers Camps engage children in the outdoors while encouraging imagination and creativity through garden walks, stories, games, arts and crafts and nature-related projects. By the end of the week, these adventurers will be well on their way to becoming young naturalists!

#### GARDEN EXPLORERS CAMP
with Karen Jones
- 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Ages 4–5
- $130 member, $160 nonmember (per session)
- Ages 6–8
- $130 member, $160 nonmember
Budding gardeners will spend the week digging, planting, watering and harvesting as they learn how to care for our Learning Garden. We’ll investigate the inner workings of a garden from the ground up and get the real “dirt” on plants, life cycles, composting, garden critters and more!

#### A BUG’S LIFE—GARDEN INVESTIGATORS CAMP
with Karen Jones
- Monday–Friday, August 6–10
- 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Ages 6–8
- $130 member, $160 nonmember
Bug lovers unite as we scour gardens, woods and ponds in search of the Gardens’ tiniest residents. Campers will learn about bug life cycles, their role in nature and the secrets of their survival. We’ll also spend time learning about caterpillars and butterflies in our new butterfly exhibit. If your child loves all things creepy-crawly, this is the camp for them!

#### ADVENTURE DAY AT THE GARDENS
with Erika Huber
- 10–11 a.m.
- Education Center
- $54 member, $68 nonmember (per session)
- Ages 6–8
- 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Ages 9–11
- 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Come and spend a fun-filled day with us at the Gardens! Whether taking a boat trip down a tidal river or hiking through our extensive woodlands, we’ll explore some of the many things the Gardens has to offer. Young adventurers will spend the day doing hands-on activities, playing games, completing nature challenges and conducting pond studies.

#### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
with Kimberly Post
Monday–Friday, June 25–29
- Ages 10–13
- 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- $235 member, $295 nonmember
Join Kimberly Post on photographic explorations as she teaches you the hidden secrets of photographing with an iOS device. This year, special emphasis will be on capturing butterflies and caterpillars in our new Butterfly House—up-close and in motion! We’ll end with a gallery-style exhibit. Please contact us if you wish to participate but do not have an iOS device.

### Register online [MaineGardens.org](http://MaineGardens.org)
MEMBER MOVIE NIGHT Featuring The Wizard of Oz
Thursday, August 23
7:30–9:30 p.m. (movie begins at 8 p.m.)
Free for members, registration required
Join us for our first ever Member Movie Night on the Great Lawn! Sit, relax, and enjoy the magical world of The Wizard of Oz on a screen under the stars. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Please bring something to sit on (a chair or blanket), and dress appropriately for a summer evening outdoors.

MEMBER INSIDER TOURS
Come join us for one of these fascinating tours presented just for you! Sessions last 1–1½ hours, rain or shine, and are limited to 25 participants. Tours require some walking, so please wear appropriate clothing, including shoes or boots. If you require mobility assistance, please call Corinne Cahill or Betty Angelico at 207-633-8015. Because we’d like as many members to be able to experience these tours as possible, we limit each member to two tours per year. Make reservations at MaineGardens.org or call 207-633-8015. All tours begin at the Visitor Center.

THE BEES OF CMBG
Tuesday, July 24
2–3:30 p.m.  Free for members
Join CFO and resident beekeeper Erin MacGregor-Forbes for a tour featuring the bees that call the Gardens home. Hear why the Gardens started an apiary, and see the nine hives first-hand.

PLANTS THAT REPEL UNWANTED INSECTS
Tuesday, August 7
8–9:30 a.m.  Free for members
Back for another year! This popular tour led by staff horticulturist Jen Dunlap will reveal the plants you can grow in your garden to keep mosquitoes, gnats, aphids and all sorts of other insects at bay. Learn about strategically placing insect-repelling plants in your garden or on your patio.

VISUALIZING THE FUTURE OF CMBG
Tuesdays, August 28 and September 25
8–9:30 a.m.  Free for members
With the opening of our new Visitor Center, CMBG embarks upon an exciting time of growth and change. Get an insider’s look from President and CEO Bill Cullina as he leads a tour describing how the Gardens will change over the next few years.

FROM DESIGN TO DAZZLE:
Behind the Scenes at Gardens Aglow
Tuesday, September 11
8–9:30 a.m.  Free for members
Ever wonder how the Gardens transform for Gardens Aglow? Join Anna Leavitt, staff horticulturist and Gardens Aglow design coordinator, for a peek into the process that creates CMBG’s winter wonderland.
In an era of climate change and mass species extinction, biodiversity matters more than ever. But designing and managing biodiverse plantings can be challenging in small gardens. Join landscape architect Thomas Rainer, a leading voice in ecological landscape design, to learn how plants fit together in nature and how to use this knowledge to create landscapes that are resilient, beautiful and diverse. Both practical and inspiring, this talk explores a synthesis of ecology and horticulture, resulting in an intentionally designed and managed plant community where population dynamics are encouraged within an aesthetic framework. Learn real-world strategies for crafting diverse communities of compatible species that cover the ground in interlocking layers.

Thomas Rainer has designed over 100 gardens from Maine to Florida.
## June 2018

### SUNDAY
- Scales and Tails—All About Reptiles for All Ages

### MONDAY
- July 18: Fairy Fairies & Fairy Therapy?
- July 19: The Caterpillar Lab
- July 20: Member Movie Night: The Wizard of Oz
- July 21: Art of Maine: Interior Maine by Marguerite Lawler
- July 22: Puppets—FAIRY FRIDA Y Puppet Theater
- July 23: FAIRY FRIDA Y—FAIRY FRIDA Y

### TUESDAY
- July 17: Intro to 2D-Printing: Exploring the Art of Printing
- July 18: The Caterpillar Lab
- July 19: Member Movie Night: The Wizard of Oz
- July 20: Puppets—FAIRY FRIDA Y Puppet Theater
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