



Winter 2026

All events begin or take place at the Carriage House Visitor Center unless otherwise specified. Excessive weather cancels.

Dec. 21 (Su) 1p Family Winter Hike. An easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants and animals around you in a hike designed to fit the group. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Rain cancels. *FREE*

Jan. 1 (Th) 1p–3:30p First Day Hike. Start your New Year right on a self-guided family friendly hike in the State Park woodlands at the NJ State Botanical Garden. Weather permitting; you can climb to the Mt. Defiance overlook and return, or choose our alternate hike without a climb. This annual event is part of the NJ State Parks "First Day Hike" program, which sponsors hikes all around the state. Wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothes, small children may need to be carried. Start at the Carriage House Visitor Center at NJBG between 1pm and 2pm to pick up a map and hike directions. Allow about 90 minutes for a good hike.
For serious hikers: 1:30p. Join seasoned hike leader Don Weise, director of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, for a special hike up Mount Defiance. Total distance is approximately 2 miles with a vertical climb of about 600 feet. Dress for conditions. Proper footwear required. If all members of the group are willing and able, Don will extend the hike to a 3-mile, scenic loop. Snow or excessive cold cancels. *FREE*

Jan. 4 (Su) 11a–3p Skylands Manor Tours. NJBG volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the architecture and history of Skylands Manor. Snow or excessive cold cancels. *Fee: \$10 adults; \$7 seniors (65+) and students 6-18; under 6 free.*

Jan. 18 (Su) 1p Family Woodland Hike. Join NJBG hike leaders on an easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants and animals around you on a hike designed to fit the group. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Snow/rain cancels. *FREE.*

Jan. 25 (Su) 1p Audubon: Attracting Nesting Birds. Don Torino, President of the Bergen County Audubon Society will give an indoor presentation on how to attract nesting birds to your backyard. You'll learn about the importance of nestboxes, native plants, water and more. Inside the Carriage House Visitor Center. Ongoing snow cancels. *FREE.*

Feb. 1 (Su) 11a–3p Skylands Manor Tours. NJBG volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the architecture and history of Skylands Manor. Snow or excessive cold cancels. *Fee: \$10 adults; \$7 seniors (65+) and students 6-18; under 6 free.*

Feb. 15 (Su) 1p Family Woodland Hike. Join NJBG hike leaders on an easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants and animals around you on a hike designed to fit the group. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Snow/rain cancels. *FREE.*

Feb. 22 (Su) 1p Audubon: Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard. Don Torino, President of the Bergen County Audubon Society will give an indoor presentation on how to attract these magnificent flying jewels to your backyard. You'll learn about the symbiotic relationship between hummingbirds and the native plants they depend upon. At the Carriage House Visitor Center. *FREE*

March 1 (Su) 11a–3p Skylands Manor Tours – Member Appreciation Day. NJBG members are invited to enjoy a special tour of historic Skylands Manor. Non-members are invited too. Snow cancels.
BOGO for NJBG members: Purchase a Manor House tour ticket and receive a free one for a guest (BOGO). **Non-members:** Become a member on Member Appreciation Day and receive a free Manor House tour ticket. *Regular Fee: \$10 adults; \$7 seniors (65+) and students 6-18; under 6 free*

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March 21 (Sa) 10a End-of-Winter Tree Walk. Join former NJBG Head Landscape Designer Rich Flynn as he leads this perennial favorite. The walk includes a visit to many of NJBG's stunning specimens, where you'll learn the differences between trees, how to tell them apart, and how to use them in your garden. Meet at the Carriage House; wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. *FREE.*

March 21 (Sa) 10a, 1p Spring Wreath Decorating Workshops. A cheerful and crafty welcome to the season! In these two hands-on workshops you'll learn how to assemble and decorate spring wreaths to brighten your home, using a variety of silk and dried materials. As you learn, you'll make a wreath to take home with you. Materials provided; bring clippers and any special ribbon or decorations you might wish to use. Light refreshments. *Reservations required. Fee: \$25. Register online at njbg.org.*

March 22 (Su) 1p Audubon: New Jersey Endangered Species. Don Torino, President of the Bergen County Audubon Society will give an indoor presentation on birds that were once commonplace in New Jersey but are now on the endangered species list. The program will help you identify these special birds and learn what you can do to help them. At the Carriage House Visitor Center. *FREE*



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NJBG/Skylands Association was founded in 1976 to help the State of New Jersey preserve and restore the gardens and Manor House, and to develop programs for public education and enjoyment throughout the year.

NJBG/Skylands Association receives no funding from the State of New Jersey or on-premises operators.

YOUR GARDEN

OPEN EVERY DAY
from 8 am to 8 pm
(8 am–6 pm in winter)

GARDEN ADMISSION
is always *FREE*.

PARKING is free in the fall, winter and spring.

GIFT SHOP

A great selection of clothing, jewelry, books, guides, decor, garden needs, and many fun items for children. Open Sundays 10a–4p in the Carriage House Visitor Center, or visit the online shop anytime at njbg.org.

ONLINE

Sign up to get email updates at our website, njbg.org.

FREE AUDIO/WEB TOURS
Look for the yellow signs throughout the Garden.

HIKE & BIKE

Always a pleasure on NJBG's safe and beautiful trails.

JOIN NJBG

Become an NJBG member and receive great benefits. Visit njbg.org for more info.

VOLUNTEER!

NJBG volunteers work in the gardens, give tours, manage projects, and provide events and services for the public. We value many talents.

Garden volunteers are welcome on Wednesdays from 9a–12p. Rain cancels.

TO VOLUNTEER

For more information call the NJBG office or email us at info.njbg.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

The Botanical Garden is a carry-in, carry-out State Park facility. Please carry your trash and litter out with you and dispose of it properly.

DOGS must be on a leash.
Alcohol, balls, frisbees and lawn games are NOT permitted in the Botanical Garden

