





Skylands NJBG NEW JERSEY BOTANICAL GARDEN

Fall-Holiday 2026

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

Nov. 8 (Su) 11a–3p ..... **Skylands Manor Tours.** NJBG volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the architecture and history of Skylands Manor. *Fee: $10 adults; $7 seniors (65+) and students 6-18; under 6 free.* In honor of Veteran's Day, and to thank them for their service, **all Veterans are invited to tour free**.

Nov. 14 (Sa) 10a..... **Annual Membership Meeting.** All NJBG members and interested parties are invited to attend the Association's Annual Meeting. There'll be a review of last year's activities and a description of plans for 2026. New Board members will also be elected. *If you would like to nominate a candidate for the Board of Directors, please contact the NJBG office at 973-962-9534.*

Nov. 15 (Su) 1p..... **Family Woodland Hike.** An easy, child-friendly hike in the Garden's woodlands, where you'll learn a bit about the plants and animals around you in a hike designed to fit the group. Smaller children may need to be carried. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House Visitor Center. Rain cancels. *Free.*

Nov. 21 (Sa) 10a, 1p ..... **Wreath Decorating Workshops.** An annual tradition at NJBG! In these two workshops you'll learn how to assemble and decorate wreaths to grace your home, using a variety of fresh 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. *Reservations required. Fee: $25. Register online at njbg.org.*

CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT NJBG Dec. 3 – 6, 2026

Dec. 3-6 (Th-Su) ..... **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at Skylands Manor.** The Manor House will be decorated floor to ceiling for this year's theme of ***A Botanical Holiday***, a glittering, extravagant display of imagination and delight. It's a warm and welcoming start to the holiday season with a totally different look every year! You'll find great holiday ideas at the Gift Shop, and a delicious array of goodies at the Holiday Café.

★ **Dec. 3-6** (Th-Su)..... **Daytime Tours** ~ 10a to 4p daily ~ Enjoy a self-guided tour of the splendid decorations at your own pace. ***$15/adults; $12/seniors & students; $7/children 6-12; under 6 free***. *No baby strollers allowed in the Manor. Last ticket sold at 4p.*

★ **Dec. 3-4** (Th-Fr)..... **Group Tours** ~ 10a to 4p daily ~ Bring your group to enjoy this holiday delight together. ***$10/pp for groups of 10 or more.***

★ **Dec. 5** (Sa) 6-8p..... **Evening Reception** ~ 6p to 8p ~ The Manor will be yours for a leisurely stroll with wine, light refreshments and valet parking. *Reservations required.* ***$60/members; $65/guests and non-members***. *Individual, senior and student members may buy 1 ticket for any evening at the special member price, Family and other member categories may buy 2 tickets at the special member price. Tickets available at 973-962-9534 and online at njbg.org.*

Dec.12 (Sa) 1:30p ..... **NJ Jubilation Handbell Choir Concert.** Directed by Christine L. Braden, these 14 handbell musicians bring a high standard of handbell performance to the beautiful sounds of unique Holiday music arrangements. The choir rings on 5 octaves of Whitechapel handbells and almost 6 octaves of chimes. They perform handbell music, as well as educates the audience on the many facets of ringing handbells. In the Carriage House. ***Sponsored by Struck Fitness, LLC.*** *Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members. Tickets online at njbg.org.*

Dec. 20 (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*

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Jan. 1 (Fr) 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.
Snow or excessive cold cancels. FREE



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS - 1976-2026

NJBG Skylands Association

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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
8 am-6 pm in winter
Other seasons 8 am to 8 pm

GARDEN ADMISSION
is always FREE.

PARKING is free in 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

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