



COLONIAL PARK GARDENS

2022 HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS

The following programs/events will be held in the Colonial Park Gardens in Franklin Township. For additional information or to register for programs, please visit www.somersetcountyparks.org or call 908 722-1200 ext. 5721. Individuals with a hearing and/or speech impairment, please call the NJ Relay Service at 711. All programs are rain or shine, unless otherwise noted. If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call the Therapeutic Recreation Department at 908 526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable modifications. Three weeks' notice is required to ensure that the appropriate modifications can be provided.

FOREST BATHING

Sunday, May 15

10am to 12pm

Fee: \$35 per person (limit: 12 people)

Pre-registration/payment is required by May 11

The Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, which translates as "forest bathing" is intended to help foster a connection with nature that feeds the mind, body, and spirit. Join yoga instructor Megan Soucy for a forest bathing experience at Colonial Park Gardens. The experience will include an easy, slow hike through the gardens and arboretum. It will also include meditation and centering sessions, intended to encourage the nurturing qualities of being present within nature. Participants are encouraged to bring a small blanket or towel to sit on, water, and suitable shoes for walking. Please meet at the entrance of the Colonial Park Rose Garden, Parking Lot A.

GUIDED TOURS OF THE RUDOLF W. VAN DER GOOT ROSE GARDEN

Thursday, May 26 at 6pm and

Sunday, May 29 at 2pm

Fee: \$10 per person

Pre-registration is not required.

The public is invited to tour the internationally recognized Somerset County Park Commission Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden. The Rose Garden is in full spring-beauty in May and June when thousands of varieties of roses of both modern and historic significance are in peak bloom. Tours for individuals and families will be led by the Colonial Park Gardens Rosarian or designated staff. Please no organized groups. Meet at the entrance of the Rose Garden.

ROSE DAY FESTIVAL (rain or shine)

Saturday, June 11

10am to 5pm

Donations are appreciated

Colonial Park Gardens annual Rose Day celebrates one of the first signs of summer...Roses in Bloom! In the heart of the park, the Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden displays thousands of many varieties, both modern and of historic significance. Visitors are invited to celebrate and revel in the day by strolling through the gardens, enjoying music and live entertainment, meeting local artisans, and indulging in some great food! Back by popular demand, rose plants will also be for sale. You will be sure to find a fun activity for festival-goers of any age!

FOREST BATHING

Saturday, June 18

11am to 1pm

Fee: \$35 per person (limit: 12 people)

Pre-registration/payment is required by June 15

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FOREST BATHING

Sunday, September 11

9am to 11am

Fee: \$35 per person (limit: 12 people)

Pre-registration/payment is required by September 7

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THANKSGIVING FLORAL CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 20

10am to 12pm

Fee: \$55 per person (limit: 12 people)

Pre-registration/payment is required by November 14

Venue: Park Commission Headquarters, North Branch Park, Bridgewater

Before the family arrives and the cooking begins, have a little fun and create a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table! We'll create stunning arrangements using long lasting seasonal flowers for your festive table or to bring to your host for theirs. No floral design knowledge or experience is necessary. All materials and supplies will be provided but please bring a box to carry home your beautiful creation. Please meet at the reception area.

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

Saturday, December 10

10am to 12pm

Fee: \$55 per person (limit: 12 people)

Pre-registration/payment is required by December 5

Venue: Park Commission Headquarters, North Branch Park, Bridgewater

Hanging a fresh wreath kicks off the holiday season and fills your environment with spirit and festive fragrance. Learn how to make a traditional, lush mixed-green wreath, sure to wow you and your guests. We will use evergreens, berries, fruit, pinecones, pods, nuts, and ribbons to embellish your creation. All materials and supplies will be provided, but please bring a box to carry home your beautiful creation. Please meet at the reception area.