



TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN

Events & Programs

DECEMBER 2019 + FEBRUARY 2020



WINTER WONDERLAND

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 30
WEDNESDAYS TO SUNDAYS
10AM – 3PM

TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN

11 FRENCH DRIVE P.O. BOX 598
BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01505

Gardens

Open 10AM–5PM
Daily

Farmer and the Fork Café The Garden Shop & Library

Visit towerhillbg.org for more
information and hours

Contact Us

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TOWER HILL CLOSED JANUARY 2020

Tower Hill will be closed to the public in January while we manage several projects designed to improve the visitor experience for guests and members. We look forward to reopening on February 1 to welcome everyone who needs a blast of color, scent, and warmth to shake off the winter doldrums. During this time, take advantage of our off-site opportunities.

Please see towerhillbg.org for the most updated information.

Program Registration

Pre-registration is recommended for most programs. Fees include Garden admission for non-members unless otherwise noted. Visit our website for details and policies. Members receive discounts on programs. Join today!

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M = Member NM = Non-member

ADULT PROGRAMS

Horticulture & Gardening

What's in Your Toolkit? DEREK LIRANGE

Learn the best tools for a variety of garden tasks and the essentials of good tool care.

Friday, December 6, 11AM–12:30PM

\$15 M; \$20 NM

Seed Swap

Got seeds? Need seeds? Looking for that one specific kind of heritage tomato? Drop by the Tower Hill Library and swap with other gardeners to your heart's content!

Saturday, December 7, 12–3PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

***The Gardener:* Documentary Film Screening**

The Gardener is a documentary film that reflects on the meaning of gardening and its impact on our lives. Influential gardener Frank Cabot recounts his personal quest for perfection at Les Quatre Vents, his 20-acre English-style garden in Charlevoix County in Quebec.

Sunday, February 2, 1:30–3PM

\$10 M; \$20 NM

Botany for Gardeners: Plant Form and Function (Part 1 of 3)

DAPHNE MINNER

All leaves, flowers, tendrils, and bulbs are formed from two basic plant structures. Come learn how – and what – gardeners can do to help plants deal with seasonal stressors.

Sunday, February 9, 1–3PM

\$26 M; \$40 NM

What's My Orchid Telling Me Now?

JOANNA ECKSTROM

Learn what your orchid's roots, leaves, and flowers can tell you about the health of your plant.

Sunday, February 16, 1:30–3PM

\$15 M; \$29 NM

Indian Hill Neighborhood Gardens COMMUNITY GARDEN HISTORY PROJECT

Learn about the garden and landscape history of the North Village-Indian Hill neighborhood of Worcester, a planned development by the Norton Company for its workers that still stands today!

Thursday, February 27, 6–7PM

FREE (REGISTRATION REQUESTED)

Garden Design

Small Garden Design CHERYL SALATINO

Small gardens and intimate spaces challenge the designer to realize big ideas in limited quarters. This workshop explores the use of space, shapes, views, light, plant selection, and personal expression.

Sunday, February 23, 12:30–4:30PM

\$52 M; \$65 NM

Music

Winter Concert with “By All Means”

Enjoy music by Mozart, Haydn, and Vivaldi as well as traditional German seasonal music performed by flute and piano duo By All Means.

Sunday, December 1, 1:30–3PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Trips & Tours

Weekend Guided Tours of Tower Hill

Explore seasonal garden and conservatory highlights on a docent-led tour.

Saturdays & Sundays in February 2–2:45PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Christmas at the Newport Mansions

Tour The Breakers and The Elms – National History Landmarks and icons of the Gilded Age – decked out in Yuletide finery with thousands of poinsettias, flowers, evergreens, wreaths, and decorated trees.

Saturday, December 7. Leave Tower Hill at 7:45AM, return by 5:30PM

\$125 M; \$150 NM (FEE INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, ADMISSION, & LUNCH)

Floral Design

Gardeners' Wreath Workshop

KAREN PERKINS

Design a beautiful botanical wreath that highlights the variety and splendor of local evergreens.

Sunday, December 1, 11:30AM–2:30PM

\$70 M; \$80 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Lush Holiday Garlands

SHERYL TYNES

Learn how to use seasonal greenery and other materials to create holiday garlands.

Saturday, December 7, 12:30–2:30PM

\$55 M; \$65 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Boxwood Table Tree

BETSY WILLIAMS

Learn the legends of each of the greens as you assemble a 20-inch holiday table tree made of fresh boxwood, pine, juniper, rosemary, holly, ivy, and bay and decorated with pinecones and berries.

Sunday, December 8, 12–2:30PM

\$80 M; \$90 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Sogetsu Ikebana KAYE VOSBURGH

Practice this internationally recognized school of Japanese flower arranging.

Thursday, December 12, 11AM–1:30PM

\$35 M; \$49 NM (FEE INCLUDES SOME MATERIALS)

Tussie-Mussies and the

Language of Flowers BETSY WILLIAMS

A tussie-mussie is a hand-held bouquet made with fresh flowers and fragrant herbs. Each flower and herb in the bouquet carries a special message in the secret language of flowers. You will design a tussie-mussie to take home and enjoy.

Sunday, February 9, 12:30–2:30PM

\$60 M; \$74 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Art & Craft

Paper Camellia Present Toppers

JESSICA SMITH

Learn to make Japanese camellias from crepe paper. These romantic blooms, known as “the roses of winter,” are perfect for tucking into your holiday tree or wreath or attaching to a special present.

Sunday, December 15, 12:30–2:30PM

\$60 M; \$74 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

***Warm Room:* Book Talk & Signing**

PETER MORIARTY

Author and Professor Peter Moriarty's new book, *Warm Room*, displays stunning photographs of historic greenhouses and architectural drawings from both royal and public archives in the United States and Europe. Meet the author and learn about his 20-year effort to compile this unique collection.

Saturday, February 1, 1:30–2:30PM

\$10 M; \$20 NM

What's Your Plant Story?

‘Zine’ Workshop ALENA MCNAMARA

Join us in the Tower Hill Library to create your own hand-crafted zine featuring a story about the natural world!

Saturday, February 8, 1–3PM

\$5 M; \$19 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Taking Better Pictures with Your Digital Camera STEVE MCGRATH

Learn how to use your camera's special features to improve your photography.

Saturday, February 8, 10:30AM–3:30PM

\$65 M; \$79 NM

Observational Drawing in the Conservatories

CAROL SCHWARTZ

Enjoy discovering shape and tonal values as you sketch a variety of winter blooms in the conservatories using pencil and/or colored pencils.

Saturday, February 29, 10:30AM–4:30PM

\$84 M; \$94 NM

Wellness

Yoga in the Garden MANDI GARRISON

Enjoy gentle-to-moderate flow yoga, open to all levels. Please bring your own mat.

Walk-ins welcome.

Thursdays, beginning February 6, 6–7:15PM

PER CLASS: \$10 M; \$17 NM

DIY Body Care Gifts BATUL JUMA

Learn how to prepare a simple, skin-soothing calendula oil to make a salve and skin balm for home use or gift-giving.

Wednesday, December 4, 12:30–2:30PM

\$36 M; \$50 NM

URBAN TREE SYMPOSIUM: THE FUTURE OF THE URBAN FOREST

Join us as experts in the field explain the importance of our urban forests and suggest ways we can help care for urban trees. Co-sponsored with the Ecological Landscape Alliance

Thursday, February 6, 8:30AM–4:30PM (SNOW DATE: FEBRUARY 7)

\$110 M; \$125 NM / CEU's: NOFA, MALP/MCLP, MCH, APLD, ISA, SAF CFE.

Symposium topics include:

The State of the Urban Forest in the Northeast

CHRIS RODDICK, HEAD ARBORIST,
BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

Using Technology to Manage the Urban Forest

DAVID J. NOWAK, PH.D., SENIOR SCIENTIST,
I-TREE TEAM LEADER, U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Management Options for Insect Pests of Trees and Shrubs

TAWNY SIMISKY, EXTENSION ENTOMOLOGIST,
UMASS EXTENSION LANDSCAPE, NURSERY,
AND URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

Tree Selection, Establishment, and Care

BILL LOGAN, AUTHOR & ARBORIST

How to Increase the Urban Canopy

PANEL DISCUSSION

Aromatherapy Holiday Gifts

ANASTASIA PAPANIKOLAOU

Spend an afternoon creating some lovely aromatic holiday gifts. Participants will make a relaxing or detoxifying bath salt, a holiday room freshener, and a relaxing herbal dream pillow.

Saturday, December 14, 11:30AM–2:30PM
\$60 M; \$70 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

A Restorative Mini-Retreat

JULIE CRANTZ & JULIE RUMRILL

Experience profound levels of inner peace and well-being through gentle movement, mindfulness practices, music, expressive arts, and Yoga Nidra. Leave feeling refreshed and restored.

Saturday, February 1, 9:30AM–12:30PM
\$45 M; \$60 NM

Forest Bathing in the Conservatories

NADINE MAZZOLA

Explore this simple yet profound practice, which combines mindfulness, sensory awareness, and nature, in the lushness of Tower Hill’s conservatories.

Tuesday, February 11, 10:15AM–12:15PM
\$26 M; \$40 NM

Cold & Flu Remedies

BATUL JUMA

Learn how to prepare basic homemade remedies to assist with cold and flu healing while alleviating symptoms. Then make some to take home.

Saturday, February 15, 10:30AM–12:30PM
\$36 M; \$50 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

A Guide to Teas

BATUL JUMA

Learn how to select, store, and correctly brew teas using loose-leaf herbs.

Saturday, February 15, 1:30–3:30PM
\$32 M; \$45 NM (FEE INCLUDES TASTINGS)

Natural Facial Salve

TORI CUMMINGS & JENNIE BACKSTROM

Make an all-natural herbal salve blended with essential oils to nourish your skin and brighten your complexion year-round.

Saturday, February 22, 10:30AM–12:30PM
\$40 M; \$54 NM (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Winter Wellness Mini-Retreat

MANDI GARRISON & JENNIE BACKSTROM

Incorporate cleansing and elevating essential oils to lift your spirits and awaken your vitality, Kundalini Yoga to increase your magnetism and raise your vibration, and journaling to create intentions for the year to come.

Saturday, February 29, 9:30AM–12:30PM
\$45 M; \$60 NM

Forest Bathing with Your Dog:

Talk & Book-Signing

NADINE MAZZOLA

This first-of-its-kind book brings together the deep connection we have with our dogs and nature.

A must-have for dog owners who want to reduce stress and anxiety in their dogs and themselves!

Saturday, February 29, 1:30–2:30PM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Programs by Request

Private programs are led by Tower Hill instructors at your site or ours. Learn more on our website.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Workshops for Kids

Snow Globe Workshop | Ages 5+

Create your own winter wonderland in a jar!

Saturday, December 7, 10:30AM–12PM
M: \$15 CHILD, \$0 ADULT
NM: \$20 CHILD, \$15 ADULT

Air Plant Wreath Workshop | Ages 6+

Come learn the basics of *tillandsia* care and create a holiday wreath using these unique plants.

Saturday, December 14, 10:30AM–12PM
M: \$30 CHILD, \$0 ADULT
NM: \$35 CHILD, \$15 ADULT

DIY Valentines | Ages 5+

Create a unique floral arrangement and card for your favorite valentine!

Saturday, February 15, 1:30–3PM
M: \$15 CHILD, \$0 ADULT
NM: \$20 CHILD, \$15 ADULT

Family Fun

Garden Discoveries | Ages 3–5

Join us for a story, craft, and short guided walk in the gardens and along the trails.

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30AM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Storytime | All Ages

Join us for a half hour of stories about plants, animals, the seasons, and more!

Thursdays & Saturdays in December & Mondays, February 10 & 24, 10:30–11AM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Little Seedlings | Ages 1–3

Come explore the wonderful world of plants and practice sorting, counting, observing, and more!

Tuesday, February 4, 10:30–11:30AM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Maple Sugaring | Ages 3+

Come learn the messy science behind harvesting sap and boiling syrup to produce that delicious taste!

Saturday, February 29, 11AM–12PM
M: \$6 CHILD, \$9 ADULT
NM: \$11 CHILD, \$23 ADULT

School & Youth Group Programs

Spring is just around the corner! Book your school, youth, or scout group visit today. Join us for one of our guided programs and tour the gardens and grounds. All trips are 90 minutes long and align with Massachusetts state standards and scout badge requirements.

Space is limited; sign up today! To make a reservation, please visit towerhillbg.org/school-and-youth-group-programs.



Winter Wonderland Family Events

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 30, WEDNESDAYS TO SUNDAYS, 10AM–3PM

Join us during the day for family fun, including sing-alongs, crafts, storytime, and more. Stop by for lunch, drop in to relax in our cozy library, and enjoy some of our self-guided offerings. All activities are included with the cost of admission.

Garden Discoveries | Ages 3–5
Join us for a story, craft, and short guided walk in the gardens and along the trails.
Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30AM

Storytime | All Ages
Relax and enjoy a half hour of seasonal stories.
Thursdays & Saturdays, 10:30–11AM

Winter Crafts | All Ages
Stop in for a winter-themed craft.
Fridays, 11AM–2PM

Family Sing-along | All Ages
Join us in the library for an intimate acoustic family sing-along with Margaret McCandless.
Saturdays, 11AM–12PM

Snowperson Building | All Ages
Come build a snowperson and explore the outdoors! In case of inclement weather, an indoor craft will be offered.
Sundays, 1–2PM



FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK

MONDAY TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17–23

Cure your cabin fever and connect with nature this February vacation. Create your own nature-inspired graffiti art and join us for drop-in crafts, nature walks, family workshops, and more!

Family Zentangle KAREN KEEFE | Ages 6+
Learn the basics of Zentangle and create three unique art pieces. Price includes all materials and a Zentangle starter kit for all participants.
Thursday, February 20, 1–3:30PM
M: \$35 CHILD, \$35 ADULT (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)
NM: \$40 CHILD, \$55 ADULT (FEE INCLUDES MATERIALS)

Family Nature Walk | All Ages
Get outdoors with us and enjoy a guided walk through our wintry landscape.
Thursday–Sunday, February 20–23, 11AM–12PM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Tag It! | Ages 6+
Explore the basics of street art and create your own miniature mural.
Friday, February 21, 10:30AM–12PM
M: \$15 CHILD, \$0 ADULT
NM: \$20 CHILD, \$16 ADULT

Garden Discoveries | Ages 3–5
Come for a story, craft, and short guided walk in the gardens and along the trails.
Wednesday, February 19, 10:30–11:30AM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

GraffitiTeens | Ages 5+
Who says you can’t draw on your clothes? Make your mark and tag your own t-shirt!
Friday, February 21, 1:30AM–3PM
M: \$20 CHILD, \$0 ADULT
NM: \$25 CHILD, \$16 ADULT

Orchid Terrariums | Ages 6+
Come learn the basics of orchid care and create your own miniature terrarium.
Saturday, February 22, 10:30AM–12PM
M: \$30 CHILD, \$0 ADULT
NM: \$35 CHILD, \$16 ADULT

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WINTER 2020



Dear Friend of Tower Hill,

If you're a regular visitor to Tower Hill, you know what a special place it is in the winter. For those who are new to us, you might be surprised to learn how popular the garden is in the coldest season. With our subtropical conservatories, special events, and many gardening programs, Tower Hill is the perfect place to escape the chill. The Limonaia and Orangerie offer a burst of life that is refreshing and rejuvenating. The fragrance and color of our conservatory collections will put a smile on your face. And if you're someone who embraces Massachusetts winters, we have woodland trails perfect for hikes and snowshoeing. Our gardens include plantings specifically designed to provide winter interest. We invite you to explore what appeals to you most, stretch your comfort zone by trying something new, and take advantage of this wonderful winter resource. See you at the gardens!

Grace C. Elton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Give the gift of a four-season membership this holiday season! Your recipient can enjoy Tower Hill Botanic Garden during all seasons and take advantage of the many benefits of membership.

Visit towerhillbg.org/membership or call 508.869.6111 for more information.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Friday, February 14

This year, treat your loved one to a seat at the annual Valentine's Day dinner at Tower Hill. Guests will be seated at beautiful communal tables adorned with flowers and candles to enjoy a multicourse meal curated by the culinary team at Peppers Artful Events. Tickets are \$125 per person and include distinctive wine and beer selections. Space is limited – reserve your seats early.



NEW ENGLAND CAMELLIA SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

Saturday, February 15, 10AM–5PM
Sunday, February 16, 10AM–4PM

Enjoy stunning camellia blossoms at this year's Camellia Show, presented by the New England Camellia Society.

NIGHT LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 30

DAILY, 4PM – 9PM OR 10PM

Celebrate the season with enchanting landscapes, fun experiences, and thousands of lights. Enjoy seasonal fare and spirits, visit our Garden Shop for unique gift ideas, or give the gift of a four-season membership. Pre-purchased special event tickets are required for entry after 4PM.

For member discounted tickets and more information, visit towerhillbg.org



WINTER WONDERLAND

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 30

WEDNESDAYS TO SUNDAYS, 10AM – 3PM

Join us during the day for family fun including crafts, storytime, lunch, and more. Enjoy everything we have to offer, inside and out. See our calendar for a full schedule of activities. Regular admission rates accepted at our entry gate apply for daytime visitation.



ORCHID SHOW

FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 31

You won't want to miss Tower Hill's first-ever Orchid Show. Inspired by street art, this inaugural show is spectacular and immersive. In the Limonaia, visitors are greeted with incredible and lush displays of orchids and tropical plants, integrated seamlessly with custom-made graffiti art by local Worcester artist Croc. Colorful art displays continue throughout the Milton Gallery. Visitors will enjoy an exciting lineup of event weekends and adult and youth programming. This never-before-seen combination of street art and orchids is beautiful, dramatic, and inspiring!

Events

Orchid Show Opening Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 10AM–4PM

Be among the first to see this stunning exhibition of orchids and street art. Come for the displays; stay for the drop-in activities and creative vendors.

Street Art Festival

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 10AM–4PM

Street art makers and admirers are welcome at this weekend event showcasing local talent and offering drop-in art workshops for people of all ages and abilities.

In Bloom

Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15, 10AM–4PM

Gorgeous floral arrangements filled with orchids and inspired by street art adorn Tower Hill at this special event weekend. Join in the fun and contribute an arrangement; all levels are welcome! Enjoy floral design demonstrations, drop-in activities, and captivating floral arrangements.

Displays

LIMONAIA AND MILTON GALLERY EXHIBITS

Orchid Show

February 1 – March 31

Escape from the winter into Tower Hill's lush conservatories filled with a one-of-a-kind display of orchids and street art. It's an experience unlike any other in the region.

Programs

 SEE PROGRAM LISTINGS FOR DETAILS.

What's Your Plant Story? Zine Workshop

Saturday, February 8, 1–3PM

What's My Orchid Telling Me Now?

Sunday, February 16, 1:30–3PM

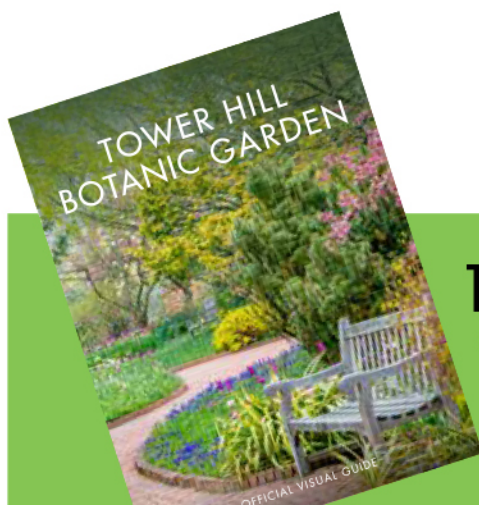
Orchid Terrariums | Ages 6+

Saturday, February 22, 10:30AM–12PM

Hands-On with Tower Hill

Treasures: Orchids

**Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8
1:30–2:30PM**



THE OFFICIAL VISUAL GUIDE TO TOWER HILL

Over 30 years in the making, the *Tower Hill Botanic Garden: Official Visual Guide* has just been released.

This stunning 48-page keepsake showcases the history and gardens of Tower Hill. Gorgeously photographed, our commemorative guide is the perfect gift for long-time members as well as new admirers. Available for sale in The Garden Shop and at the Welcome Desk.