



Welcome Back!

Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly Cornell Plantations) is the arboretum, gardens and natural areas of Cornell University. At the Nevin Welcome Center and gardens on Plantations Road you can take a tour, chat with one of our wandering volunteer Garden Guides, ask a staff gardener about our plant collections and your home gardening concerns, pick up a visitor map and explore on your own, browse the exhibits and Garden Gift Shop, or just relax and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the gardens and gorges.

Explore Cornell Botanic Gardens on your own using your mobile device:

Take a **self-guided** tour of the gardens or arboretum by calling a number found on signs throughout the gardens, or use your smart phone to tour by downloading the "PocketSights" app and follow a Google-driven map that provides images and information at points of interest along the route (available from the iTunes Store or Google Play).

Free parking is available at the Nevin Welcome Center, but may be limited during busy times. You can ride a Reunion shuttle to the Dairy Bar/Stocking Hall on Tower Road and walk down the footpath from there. We are also an easy to moderate walk from most points on campus.

Nevin Welcome Center hours during Reunion

Thursday, June 6th: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, June 7th-8th: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 9th: 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Beebe Lake Natural History Walk

2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Beebe Beach Tent

Did you know that Beebe Lake was originally a forested swamp, and that it is part of Cornell Botanic Gardens? Join staff botanist Robert Wesley to stroll around the lake and learn more about the history, flora, and fauna of Cornell's favorite natural area. We will meet at the tent on the north shore of Beebe Lake.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Improving Pollinator Health: What We Know and What YOU Can Do

Lecture by Scott McArt (Department of Entomology)

9:30 a.m., Ernest L. Stern '56 and Barbara Stern Seminar Room, with exhibit reception at 10:30 a.m. in the Mann Gallery

Recent research showing declining pollinator populations throughout the world is lending urgency to the topic of pollinator health. A multi-media program invites Cornell alumni and their families to a hands-on exploration of this issue. Dr. Scott McArt (Cornell Dept. of Entomology) will present a lecture highlighting what scientists currently know about the global state of pollinator health, how they've teamed up with artists to broaden awareness, and what you can do to support thriving pollinator populations in your backyard and neighborhood. Following the lecture, a reception in the Mann Gallery will celebrate Mann's newest exhibit "PolliNation: Artists Crossing Borders with Scientists to Explore the Value of Pollinator Health." At 11:15 a.m., a Cornell Botanic Gardens tour will introduce participants to Cornell's new "Botanic Buzzline" pollinator walkway, with a close-up introduction to plants most effective for attracting, feeding and sustaining healthy pollinator communities.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 continued...

Cascadilla Gorge Hikes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (see also Saturday listing for additional time)

Meet at the College Avenue entrance to the trail, located at the northeast corner of the Schwartz Performing Arts Center. Join us for this guided hike to learn about the cultural and natural history of the [Cascadilla Gorge](#) Trail, the iconic greenway connecting campus with downtown Ithaca. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. The round-trip one mile hike is moderately strenuous and involves some steep stair climbing. *Friday hikers have the option to take the [#10 TCAT Bus](#) back to campus instead of returning on the trail, but there is no bus service on Saturday.*

Pollinator Plants Tour

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Glenn T. Dallas '58 and Madolyn McAdams Dallas '58 Walkway (behind Mann Library)

Join native plants gardener Krissy Boys, staff botanist Robert Wesley, and Cornell Institute for Healthy Futures program manager Nikki Cerra for a walk to look at native and garden plants attractive to insect pollinators that you can use in your home landscape. You'll also learn more about the student-designed "Botanic Buzzline". The walk will begin at the Dallas Garden Walkway behind Mann Library and conclude at the Nevin Welcome Center, where you are welcome to continue to explore our plant collections on your own. Walk will include some sloped pathways and steps.

Botanic Gardens Tour

1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Nevin Welcome Center, Plantations Road

Enjoy a relaxing guided tour through the botanic gardens and discover the beauty and diversity of our numerous themed plant collections. This one-hour tour will highlight the Bowers Rhododendron Collection, Robison Herb Garden, Young Flower Garden, Groundcover Collection, and more. Afterwards, you can browse the Gift Shop and exhibits in the Nevin Welcome Center.

Mundy Wildflower Garden Tour

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Nevin Welcome Center

Enjoy a variety of native wildflowers, from anemones to zizia and everything in between, as you explore our woodland wildflower garden with native plants gardener Krissy Boys and staff botanist Robert Wesley. Meet at the Nevin Welcome Center. Walk will include some steep steps; please let us know if you have mobility concerns.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Botanic Gardens Tour

9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Nevin Welcome Center, Plantations Road

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Cascadilla Gorge Hike

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. (see also Friday listing for additional times)

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Sculpture Dedication

2:00-2:30 p.m., Botanic Gardens near the Nevin Welcome Center

Join us for a ribbon cutting and dedication of the *Double Allium* sculpture, by British sculptor Jenny Pickford, commissioned by Anne Simon Moffat '69 and her husband, Keith Moffat. This outdoor installation is a double stalked *Allium*, 3.5 meters tall and approximately 3.5 meters across at maximum width. The structure of the stems and leaves are created in steel, while the flower heads consist of glass florets.

“The Hangovers” – Allan Hosie Treman '21 Memorial Concert

3:00 to 4:00 pm, Nevin Welcome Center, Plantations Rd.

Relax and enjoy this performance by The Hangovers, the popular *a capella* subset of the Cornell Glee Club. The concert will be held under the tent at the Nevin Welcome Center, on Plantations Road. ***Parking is limited at this popular event. Please consider sharing a ride or walking if possible. Note: In case of severe weather, the concert will be held in Sage Chapel.***



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