

## REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

### Horticultural Events from Around the Country

#### NORTHEAST

CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT

**RAP** THROUGH DEC. 31. **Gardens Aglow.** Lights exhibit. Coastal Maine Botanical Garden. Boothbay, ME. (207) 633-8000. [www.maineaglowgardens.org](http://www.maineaglowgardens.org).

**RAP** NOV. 24–JAN. 7. **Poinsettias.** Exhibition. Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Buffalo, NY. (716) 827-1584. [www.buffalogardens.com](http://www.buffalogardens.com).

NOV. 29–DEC. 1. **New England Grows Expo.** Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Boston, MA. (508) 653-3009. [www.newenglandgrows.org](http://www.newenglandgrows.org).

**RAP** DEC. 4. **Of Monarchs and Milkweed.** Lecture. Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. Boston, MA. (617) 384-5209. [www.arboretum.harvard.edu](http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu).

**RAP** DEC. 9. **Meadows 1-2-3.** Class. New England Wild Flower Society. Framingham, MA. (508) 877-7630. [www.newenglandwild.org](http://www.newenglandwild.org).

**RAP** DEC. 16. **Kokedama: Hanging Garden Workshop.** Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Brooklyn, NY. (718) 623-7200. [www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org).

**RAP** DEC. 18. **Pomander Holiday Centerpieces.** Workshop. Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum. Bristol, RI. (401) 253-2707. [www.blithewold.org](http://www.blithewold.org).

**Looking ahead**  
JAN. 12 & 13, 2018. **Ecological Landscape Symposium.** Connecticut College Arboretum. New London, CT. (860) 439-5020. [www.conncoll.edu/the-arboretum](http://www.conncoll.edu/the-arboretum).

**RAP** JAN. 20. **Plant-O-Rama.** Tradeshow and symposium. Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Brooklyn, NY. (718) 623-7200. [www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org).

#### MID-ATLANTIC

DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV

**RAP** NOV. 24–JAN. 8. **GardenFest of Lights Illumination.** Holiday display. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Richmond, VA. (804) 262-9887. [www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org).

**RAP** DEC. 1–10. **Gingerbread Wonderland.** Festival. The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Morristown, NJ. (973) 326-7601. [www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org).

Botanical gardens and arboreta that participate in AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program are identified with the **RAP** symbol. AHS members showing a valid membership card are eligible for free admission to the garden or other benefits. Special events may not be included; contact the host site for details or visit [www.ahsgardening.org/rap](http://www.ahsgardening.org/rap).

DEC. 2. **Pruning for Homeowners.** Workshop. Mt. Cuba Center. Hockessin, DE. (302) 239-4244. [www.mtcubacenter.org](http://www.mtcubacenter.org).

**RAP** DEC. 8. **The Living Forest.** Lecture. Morris Arboretum at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. (215) 247-5777. [www.morrisarboretum.org](http://www.morrisarboretum.org).

**RAP** DEC. 14. **Make and Take Holiday Greens Arrangement.** Workshop. PHS Meadowbrook Farm. Jenkintown, PA. (215) 887-5900. [www.phsonline.org](http://www.phsonline.org).

**RAP** DEC. 17. **Blandy Bird Count and Family Festival.** State Arboretum of Virginia. Boyce, VA. (540) 837-1758. [www.blandy.virginia.edu](http://www.blandy.virginia.edu).

**Looking ahead**  
**RAP** JAN. 13. **Monarch Butterfly: Conservation of a Migratory Insect.** Lecture. The West Virginia Botanic Garden. Morgantown, WV. (304) 322-2093. [www.wvbg.org](http://www.wvbg.org).

**RAP** JAN. 14. **Make and Take: Herbal Toolkit for Seasonal Depression and Anxiety.** Workshop. Bartram's Garden. Philadelphia, PA. (215) 729-5281. [www.bartramsgarden.org](http://www.bartramsgarden.org).

#### SOUTHEAST

AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN

**RAP** NOV. 24–DEC. 22. **Gardens-A-Glow.** Exhibition. Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. Dothan, AL. (334) 793-3224. [www.dabg.com](http://www.dabg.com).

**RAP** NOV. 24–DEC. 31. **Holiday Lights in the Garden.** Exhibition. The Florida Botanical Garden. Largo, FL. (727) 582-2100. [www.flbg.org](http://www.flbg.org).

**RAP** DEC. 1. **Plant ID Workshop.** Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Coral Gables, FL. (305) 667-1651. [www.fairchildgarden.org](http://www.fairchildgarden.org).

**RAP** DEC. 2. **Orchids 101.** Class. Marie Sel-

by Botanical Gardens. Sarasota, FL. (941) 366-5731. [www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org).

**RAP** DEC. 3. **Meet the Grumpy Gardener!** Book signing and lecture. Mobile Botanical Garden. Mobile, AL. (251) 342-0555. [www.mobilebotanicalgarden.org](http://www.mobilebotanicalgarden.org).

**RAP** DEC. 9. **Bonsai Study Group.** Class. Smith-Gilbert Gardens. Kennesaw, GA. (770) 919-0248. [www.smithgilbertgardens.com](http://www.smithgilbertgardens.com).

**RAP** DEC. 16. **Winter Fair at the Gardens.** Sarah P. Duke Gardens-Duke University. Durham, NC. (919) 684-3698. [www.gardens.duke.edu](http://www.gardens.duke.edu).

**Looking ahead**  
**RAP** JAN. 18 & 25. **Building Healthy Soil.** Class. Sarah P. Duke Gardens-Duke University. Durham, NC. (919) 684-3698. [www.gardens.duke.edu](http://www.gardens.duke.edu).

#### NORTH CENTRAL

IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

**RAP** DEC. 2 OR 3. **Holiday Greens Workshop.** Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve. Niles, MI. (269) 695-6491. [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org).

**RAP** DEC. 5. **Evergreen Swag Making Workshop.** Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Madison, WI. (608) 246-4550. [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org).

**RAP** DEC. 8. **Kid's Nature Club-Natural Tree Decorations.** The Brenton Arboretum. Dallas Center, IA. (515) 992-4211. [www.thebrentonarboretum.org](http://www.thebrentonarboretum.org).

**RAP** DEC. 19. **Holiday Centerpiece.** Workshop. Fellows Riverside Gardens. Youngstown, OH. (330) 740-7116. [www.millcreekmetroparks.org](http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org).

**Looking ahead**  
**RAP** JAN. 27 & 28. **Super Seed Weekend.** Conference. Chicago Botanic Garden. Glencoe, IL. (847) 835-5440. [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org).

#### SOUTH CENTRAL

AR, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK, TX

**RAP** NOV. 18–JAN. 1. **GardenLand Express Holiday Flower and Train Show.** Missouri Botanical Garden. St. Louis, MO. (314) 577-5118. [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org).

**RAP** DEC. 2–JAN. 7. **Festival of Lights.** Powell Gardens. Kingsville, MO. (816) 697-2600. [www.powellgardens.org](http://www.powellgardens.org).

**RAP** DEC. 2. **Birds Christmas Tree.** Holiday festival. Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Fort Worth, TX. (817) 392-5548. [www.fwb.org](http://www.fwb.org).

**RAP** DEC. 9. **How Do I...Garden for Wildlife?** Class and lecture. Texas Discovery Gardens. Dallas, TX. (214) 428-7476. [www.texasdiscoverygardens.org](http://www.texasdiscoverygardens.org).

**Looking ahead**  
JAN. 5–8. **The American Camellia Society National Convention.** Southern Hotel. Covington, LA. (478) 967-2358. [www.americancamellias.com](http://www.americancamellias.com).

#### SOUTHWEST

AZ, CO, NM, UT

**RAP** DEC. 2. **Nifty, "Gift" Gourds.** Class. Tohono Chul. Tucson, AZ. (520) 742-6455. [www.tohonochohulpark.org](http://www.tohonochohulpark.org).

**RAP** DEC. 5. **Holiday Terrarium Workshop.** Ashton Gardens at Thanksgiving Point. Lehi, UT. (801) 768-2300. [www.thanksgivingpoint.org](http://www.thanksgivingpoint.org).

DEC. 15–JAN. 15. **Kadomatsu in the Japanese Garden.** Workshop. ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden. Albuquerque, NM. (505) 768-2000. [www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark/garden](http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark/garden).

#### WEST COAST

CA, HI, NV

**RAP** DEC. 2–23 & 26–30. **Garden of Lights.** Exhibition. San Diego Botanic Garden. Encinitas, CA. (760) 436-3036. [www.sdbgarden.org](http://www.sdbgarden.org).

**RAP** DEC. 10. **Insect Hotels: Build Your Own.** Workshop. Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Santa Barbara, CA. (805) 682-4726. [www.sbbg.org](http://www.sbbg.org).

**RAP** DEC. 13. **Air Plant Wreath.** Workshop. Lyon Arboretum. Honolulu, HI. (808) 988-0456. [www.manoa.hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum).

#### NORTHWEST

AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

**RAP** NOV. 24–DEC. 31. **Christmas in the Garden.** The Oregon Garden. Silverton, OR. (503) 874-8100. [www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org).

**RAP** DEC. 9. **Mushroom Walk.** Mount Pisgah Arboretum. Eugene, OR. (541) 747-3817. [www.mountpisgaharboretum.org](http://www.mountpisgaharboretum.org).

#### CANADA

**RAP** DEC. 30. **Holiday Market and Open House.** Toronto Botanical Garden. Toronto, ON. (416) 397-1483. [www.torontobotanicalgarden.com](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.com).

### Washed Ashore Sculpture Exhibit in Florida

OCEAN DEBRIS creatively repurposed into giant sculptures of marine creatures is the theme of "Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea," an exhibit opening December 2 at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach, Florida. The exhibit, which runs through May 31, 2018, spotlights the importance of wildlife conservation while educating visitors about the impact of the pollution caused by plastic waste and other trash that is ending up in oceans. Ten sculptures will be displayed throughout the grounds, including a colorful parrotfish composed of discarded beach toys, and a "Fish Bite Fish" sculpture made entirely out of detergent bottles.



Flash the Marlin is a nine-foot-tall sculpture created with bottle caps and other plastic waste found in the ocean.

According to Frank Rocco, Washed Ashore's marketing director, the most common forms of trash found on beaches are water bottles and plastic bags. "We have seen almost everything humans use in their daily lives strewn on beaches," says Rocco. "In the past seven years we have processed nearly 21 tons of debris...and it just keeps coming ashore."

Find more information at [www.mounts.org/event/washedashore](http://www.mounts.org/event/washedashore).

### Forces of Nature at LA County Arboretum

SIX YEARS AGO, the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden in California was hit by a windstorm that destroyed or damaged almost 1,000 trees. Rather than letting the fallen trees go to waste, the arboretum staff delivered some of them to artists, who creatively repurposed the wood for an exhibition titled "Forces of Nature: 2012." The pieces, which included sculptures, clocks, and even a plant cell model, were then sold as part of a benefit for the arboretum's Tree Fund.



A swamp mahogany bowl crafted by artist Bill Haskell

Now, after the recent felling of a cherished 150-year-old Tasmanian blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*), the garden is holding a sequel featuring the creative tributes of selected artists to trees that in the intervening years succumbed to infestations, drought, wind, and other issues. According to James Henrich, curator of living collections at the garden, wood from more than 40 species of trees, including the blue gum, was distributed to the artists.

"One of the greatest parts of this show is watching the transformation of the wood as it goes from trees our garden staff spent years caring for, to the hands of artists who immediately see artistic potential with the unique texture of the wood," says Brittany Fabeck, donor relations manager at the Arboretum. "Everyone involved in the process shares the sense of history that goes along with the art created."

More than 100 pieces will be on display from December 1 to 10. Proceeds from their sale will again contribute to the Tree Fund, which is dedicated to planting new trees and maintaining the Arboretum's existing collections. Visit [www.arboretum.org/forces-of-nature](http://www.arboretum.org/forces-of-nature) for more information.

—Aaron Dorman, Editorial Intern