

# The Brooksider

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## President's Letter

July 4<sup>th</sup> has past, a traditional mark of midsummer. All of nature is luxuriating in the brilliant sun and ample rain of the past month. One can see how Brookside Gardens has come alive with every colorful bloom, and with hundreds and hundreds of people enjoying the Gardens.



There is excitement in the air as we anticipate the reopening of newly constructed areas of Brookside.

Wings of Fancy will delight young and old this month, luring in everyone who wants to be touched by the beauty of these fragile but resilient creatures.

FOBG members have been potting and watering a wide variety of plants in preparation for the September Plant Sale. This year we will be offering hard-to-find perennials.

We are delighted that the third FOBG Silent Auction has been rescheduled for April 16, 2016. FOBG Board members Barbara Schwarz and Kathy Kircher are leading the planning team as we ask for donated items, design the invitations, catalog and marketing plan, and move ahead each day to make this a gala, joy-filled fund raising event for Brookside Gardens.

Thanks to Coriolana Simon and her husband Doug Wolter for their professional expertise and insuring that a photo of the FOBG Board was completed.

With these beautiful days of summer fully here, I hope you will enjoy Brookside Gardens as often as you can. Walk the trails, meet new friends, read a book under the shadow of a tree, be surprised by a slider turtle who just laid her eggs in the grass, watch the children who are excited with the freedom of being outdoors. Tell your friends and family that we have a treasure in our midst and decide that you will encourage all whom you know to join the Friends of Brookside Gardens so that we as a community can increase our support of this beautiful gathering place.

**I came across this little poem recently and thought it a good thing to share:**

“Summer is the stuff of dreams. When adults sit at their desks, and children sit in school, they dream of summer. Summer is the time of infinite fun. The day seems to last forever, and the fun never stops. It is a time of romance, excitement and an enhanced enjoyment of life. Somehow summer never seems to last long enough. It is always over before we get a chance to fully experience its power. This is true of all things wonderful. They always seem too short.” \*

\*Poem Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/nature/summer/#ixzz3eSiFFgqx>

Suzanne Carbone, Acting President

# *News from Brookside*



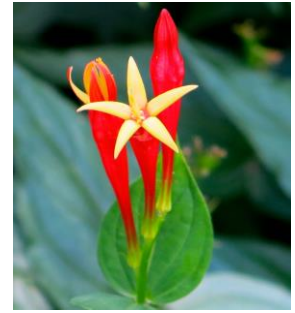
## **Beautiful Butterflies**

**By Stephanie Oberle, Director, Brookside Gardens**

Have you visited Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit this year? If so, you'll agree that walking amidst hundreds of free-flying butterflies is a magical experience. But did you realize that hosting these beautiful creatures takes a years-worth of planning and ongoing work by multiple staff and volunteers?

The cycle starts in August the year before, when crop requests are prepared and submitted, making sure plants are selected that produce lots of nectar-rich flowers and can put up with the heat and humidity of a conservatory in summer. Then staff secures a permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, so we can import non-local butterflies, which are considered potential pests. The permit requires that a person be stationed at each exit during show hours to check for hitch-hiking butterflies as visitors leave the building. We're grateful for the 250 plus volunteers who assist with this essential task. In late fall, we review interpretive and directional signage with staff

from Park's Exhibit Shop, to make sure the interpretive story is clear and engaging. In January, we place advertisements to recruit six seasonal staff members to assist our career staff. Essential job requirements: must like butterflies, enjoy working with people, and be willing to work in extreme heat conditions! About two months before the show opens, the South Conservatory is cleared of plants and our skilled trades from the Parks Facilities Management Division step in to secure the facility, including structural modifications, to make sure no butterflies can escape. The building is then inspected by a USDA entomologist to ensure containment is complete. One month out, staff begin planting the beds with pesticide-free and nectar rich flowering plants grown at our own Fritz Greenhouse. Our seasonal staff begins and starts intense training begins: how to receive shipments of butterflies and check them for health; learning the containment regulations; standards operating procedures for opening, operating and closing the exhibit; volunteer management and supervision; interpretive stories, and customer service. At the same time, our Volunteer Coordinator begins multiple training for volunteers and sets up the on-line calendar for shifts of Flight Attendants, Wings of Fancy Gardeners and Ticket Takers. Two weeks before the show opens, we start receiving butterflies from as close as Texas and far away as Africa, Asia and Costa Rica. Their delicate chrysalids are carefully wrapped and shipped overnight, direct to our door, where they are unpacked and inspected. When they emerge, the adult butterflies are again inspected before being released into the flight house for everyone to enjoy. We are grateful to share our passion for butterflies and hope our visitors gain a greater appreciation of their complex life cycle and the important role butterflies play in our ecosystem.



## Friends of Brookside Gardens *Annual Plant Sale*

Saturday, September 12, 2015  
(Rain or Shine)

Come to the Friends of Brookside Gardens 19th Annual Plant Sale and choose from 44 varieties of great perennials, 22 shrubs and assorted trees. All were carefully selected for color, seasonal appeal, hardiness, deer resistance and suitability for both sun and shade gardens. This plant collection has been lovingly nurtured by an army of volunteers from spring through late summer. Among this year's plants and shrubs are several re-blooming hydrangeas, new Buddleias, vivid varieties of *Loropetalum*, *Gardenia*, a selection of shade loving ferns, brilliant *Echinaceas* and *Heucheras*, several varieties of Hellebores and many native plants. This plant sale will be a one stop shop for all your Fall planting needs.

Volunteers and gardening experts will be present during the sale to assist you and answer all of your gardening questions whether you are a novice or a seasoned gardener!

The sale is open to the public from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A 10% discount and early admission from 8:00 am - 10:00 am is being offered exclusively to FOBG members. Not a member? Join at the sale. Memberships will be valid through October 2016. **All proceeds benefit Brookside Gardens.**

For a complete listing of plants and planting conditions visit our website at <http://www.friendsofbrooksidegardens.org>

# Gala in the Garden Silent Auction

## Celebrating Brookside and the New Garden Gateway

**April 16, 2016, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Note: New Date)**

**Save the date and mark your calendar now.** FOBG's Silent Auction, Gala in the Gardens, will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm (Note new date) . Join us for live music and light refreshments after you drive through the new Brookside entrance. Meet old and new friends as you enjoy the festive evening.

**We are receiving beautiful items that will make wonderful holiday gifts or a treat for you.** Bid on interesting and useful auction items including: artwork from local artists; decorative and practical garden items; hand-made crafts and items for children; jewelry; hand-painted gourd bird houses; gift certificates for restaurants, entertainment and services; a trip to Disneyland; vacation rentals; and a chance to purchase tickets for the evergreen and plant raffle.



### How you can help?

- **Come and bring your friends.** Not only will we have outstanding auction items, fantastic live music, and great food – You will have a chance to meet others who share your love and support for Brookside. What better place to meet up with old friends and make new ones.
- **Spread the word.** Forward auction information to your friends and community & garden club list serves and newsletters. It takes two important things to get make a great auction – great auction items and lots of wonderful guests. We have great auction items. You can help us get the word out to potential guests.
- **Donate auction items.** Maybe you have some art work you no longer have a place for, a vacation home rental you could donate for a week or weekend, are a crafter or artist and have some pieces to donate. We have many items already and we are looking for more great things. **If you have something to donate, call our voicemail at 301-962-1435 or email us at [friendsofbrooksidegardens@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofbrooksidegardens@yahoo.com). You can also call Barbara Schwarz at 301-570-1140 or Kathy Kircher at 301-585-3334.**
- **Make a direct donation.** Consider making a direct donation if you cannot attend the auction or in addition to coming. Every penny we raise goes directly to support Brookside's gardens and programs. With the Gateway construction completed, there will be much for Brookside to do.
- **Volunteer to help.** We need help at the event and with auction planning. FOBG is your team. We guarantee a feeling of satisfaction from working with us to support Brookside.

Information on the auction and how to sign up will become available on the FOBG website, [www.friendsofbrooksidegardens.org](http://www.friendsofbrooksidegardens.org). Starting in September it will preview some of the exciting items being offered.



## McCrillis Gardens

**Bethesda, Maryland**

**Joe Ann Stenstrom**

This jewel of a garden, tucked into a quiet neighborhood on Greentree Rd. in West Bethesda, is a charming site for contemplating the beauties of nature. Gazebos and benches located throughout the grounds afford one a place to relax, enjoy the gardens and the pleasure of quiet from busyness. In 1978 the five-acre gardens were left to MNCPPC by William and Virginia McCrillis to be administered by Brookside Gardens, whose staff worked for two years to ready the gardens for public viewing, opening them in 1980. Mr. McCrillis was an Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. Though not a gardener, he became interested in developing a shade garden and planted many azaleas and a tree canopy to protect them.

The McCrillis home, still the center of the grounds, was once used as an art gallery and was the location of the School of Botanical Art, both now at Brookside Gardens. (Outdated internet sites still indicate that the gallery and program are located on site.) Also stated is that the site is available for wedding receptions, but due to the fragility of the site and lack of parking, these events can no longer be held there.

Nonetheless, it is still a beautiful setting for bridal photos.

On a recent visit at the end of May, late blooming azaleas were still lovely and the hydrangeas were just beginning to show buds. A Sunday afternoon walking tour, led by our own Taffy Turner, a Master Gardener, provided a wealth of information on the plantings and foliage along the many paths that are a delight to wander. While Phil Normandy, Brookside's longtime horticulturist, oversees the work and plantings at McCrillis, Nancy Woods, Lead Gardener with the help of a group of loyal volunteers must take credit for the gardens' exceptional appearance.

Among the plantings are unusual trees, many planted by Mr. McCrillis and by Phil Normandy and other Brookside staff. Some are "champion" (largest documented specimens) trees, such as the Paw Paw tree, one of only two fruit trees native to the area, the other being the persimmon, one of which is also in the gardens. Other native plants to be seen along the paths are mayapples, the native oak leaf hydrangea

and ground covers such as Goldenstar and wood violets. The native big leaf magnolia nestles under the taller canopy trees and the tree climbing Japanese hydrangea vine graces other areas. The rare red Chinese redbud *Cercis chinensis* 'Shibamichi Red' adds an almost fluorescent beauty to the gardens. A beautiful dawn redwood tree planted by Mr. McCrillis (perhaps ca. 1952) still stands majestically near an open area surrounded by an amazing example of tree varieties, rhododendrons and azaleas. Among the unusual azaleas is the delicate Thyme-leaved white azalea, *Rhododendron serpyllifolium* var. *albiflorum*. An outstanding Kousa dogwood, not native to the area, is breathtaking in its beauty and at the end of May was in full bloom. The unusually tall sweetgum

tree 'Slender Silhouette' stands out artistically amongst the fuller trees surrounding it. Cut leaf maple and Japanese umbrella pines provide variety in formation along with the variegated pachysandra, the dwarf Solomon's Seal groundcover, and the leather leaf rhododendron tucked in amongst the plantings.

If you have not visited McCrillis recently, you owe yourself a trip to enjoy this small gem of a garden. Admission is free and parking is available after school hours and on the weekends at the Woods Academy across the street Gardens. During weekdays parking on the adjacent neighborhood street is recommended.

## Meet Your Friends

**Kathy Kircher** is Co-chair of the upcoming Brookside Garden's Silent Auction, "Gala in the Garden". A frequent Brookside visitor for many years, her favorite



gardens are the Children's Garden School's "Outside" for its use of color and the way it draws in both kids and adults and the Gude Garden with its peace and inspiration. Kathy started volunteering at Brookside with the Adult Education Programs in

2010. After working on the FOBG 2013 Holiday Greens Sale and Silent Auction Committee, she joined the board in 2014.

Kathy gardens primarily in containers on her deck. She began experimenting with container gardening to avoid deer problems and found self-watering containers were a wonderful solution to plants baking in the summer heat and sun. She joined MC Master Gardeners in 2011 and volunteers with their Speakers and Urban Gardening programs giving demonstrations on gardening in self-watering containers - how to make

them and use them for plant starters, salad tables, flowers, and vegetables. She also volunteers with the MCMG Therapeutic Horticulture program bringing gardening activities to local nursing homes. Among her other activities Kathy has been the Eagle Advisor for local Boy Scout Troop 255 for over 20 years and volunteered with Montgomery Blair High School's After Prom Program for over 15 years. Kathy's favorite pastime of all is spending time with her family and grandchildren. With a large extended family there is always something happening.

Kathy grew up in northwestern New Jersey near the Delaware Water Gap, one of the most beautiful places on the east coast. The oldest of seven children, she developed her love of nature and the outdoors while swimming, boating, and playing in the woods and streams. She attended Bucknell University majoring in Math and later earned a Master's degree in Computer Engineering from University of Michigan. She worked for Army Research Laboratory, US Information Agency and the Department of State. Her career in computer and information technology

spanned an exciting time in the development and uses for computers from programming a computer using only push buttons on a console through running large IBM mainframes, installing the first personal computers, and managing data centers and application development.

Kathy does several kinds of crafts: sewing, quilting, knitting, fused glass, origami, and paper cutting. When her son was growing up, she was known as the craft lady. She was always ready with creative activities especially while on vacation at the beach, for parties and family gatherings but also for any occasion or

Have you had an orchid named for you? Founder of FOBG **Joan O'Rourke** has: *Ryncholaeliocettleya*



*Duious* George 'Joan O'Rourke': the lavender 2011 American Orchid Association Award winner. To see a picture and description of this stunning specimen, go to the

FOBG website, click on Newsletters and scroll down to the February 2012 issue. As stated at the end of the article about the orchid, "...there's only one Joan O'Rourke."

Not only did Joan found FOBG in 1996 and serve many terms as president, she is also the chair of the annual plant sale in the fall. She is involved in this endeavor all year, perusing plant catalogs during the winter months, ordering plants beginning in January and throughout the spring – annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs. She knows all the best sources and they know her so she gets the best deals. All summer she can be found shepherding (and teaching) her host of volunteers as they pot,

just an afternoon. She now does crafts with her granddaughter and is looking forward to sharing activities with her as she gets older.

Her gardening now is almost exclusively shade gardening. The trees in the park behind her home have grown so that what was once full sun is now full shade.

Her husband has been a scout leader with Troop 255 for over 20 years also. He is the active one – camping at least once a month since he started with the troop.

water and tend the young plants. Her standards are high so what makes it to the plant sale is quality. Joan always finds interesting and uncommon plants to offer each year—new and special. A Master Gardener, she enjoys talking with people and giving advice on plants and gardening. The first sale was in September the year FOBG was established. As she tells it in an earlier interview, the sale was held in the fall because that is the best time to plant and there are many plant sales in the spring, but few in the fall. (August, 2011, "The Plant Sale's Queen Bee Tells All"). From that success the sale has continued to grow and become a major FOBG fundraiser for Brookside Gardens.

Just as special as her efforts on the plant sale are the classes Joan teaches in Brookside Gardens Adult Education Program, particularly her seasonal container garden workshops. Current offerings are for herb and low maintenance succulent container gardens. She has a loyal following among gardeners and members of FOBG. In 2010, Joan received an award from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association for her more than 15 years of extraordinary volunteer service at Brookside. A fountain of knowledge on all things plants, Joan O'Rourke is one of a kind. What would we do without her?

**Barbara Schwarz's** (the new President of Friends of Brookside Gardens) love for Brookside Gardens began in the late



1970's when as young parents she and her husband Roger would take their preschoolers to Brookside to see the wonders of nature and of course, to burn off their boundless energy. They were fortunate to have

these fabulous gardens 10 minutes from their home, and all of this was absolutely free. Over the years they visited Brookside all seasons of the year. Looking back, many decisions affecting their lives, at one time or another, were made on their walks through these lovely, peaceful gardens.

Two years ago when Freddi Hammerschlag (2013 Silent Auction co-Chair) asked her to work on the Friends of Brookside Gardens (FOBG) Silent Auction, she really didn't hesitate to say yes. She and Roger had been members of FOBG and supported Brookside by their membership. But now retired, she felt she could really give back to the gardens that had brought so much joy into their lives over the years.

Barbara was raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Roger was from northern New Jersey. They went to American University, met, and graduated from there. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing. That was 1966. Although it was unusual for women to be professionals in business, her family had their own business and that in the long run was her goal.

While raising her two sons, she worked for thirteen years in Marketing in the Publications Division at the American Chemical Society. She spent the last several years there as Marketing Manager for their scientific journals.

When she saw in the classifieds that a travel agency was for sale in her neighborhood, she decided to purchase it. It was a wonderful decision. She very happily managed Aspen Hill Travel for the next 20 years, both as the owner and one of five agents. She spent the next five years merged with Globetrotter Travel in Olney, where she transitioned to retire. She sold Aspen Hill Travel, retiring in 2008, and her husband retired in 2010 after selling his business, Coed Beauty Supply.

Barbara is now fortunate to be able to spend her days exactly as she wishes. First in her life is her growing family including sons Greg, a Captain for Delta, and Dan, a psychologist with his practice in Rockville, two lovely daughters-in-law and four fun grandchildren. She also enjoys spending time with friends, cooking, doing volunteer work, enjoying musical performances at Strathmore, theater, and taking classes at OASIS. She has been a member of B'nai Shalom of Olney, for over 40 years. She now travels more since she does know how to plan trips!

And much time is spent, with great satisfaction, fundraising with FOBG. She states that the Board of FOBG is outstanding, with its members having the rare combination of talent in all different areas, and being extremely nice to work with. She emphasizes that their goal is all the same: to raise funds to help enhance the gardens they all love.

And, she and Roger still spend many hours, walking and taking in the ever-lasting beauty of Brookside Gardens.





## Garden Guardian

### Dr. Dick Hammerschlag

So the question is: After all the June deluges, how's your water garden coming along? We've had sooo much rain I forgot what the hose is for, except for something to trip over. Mother Nature is always doing something to us – thus posing endless challenges (but, aha, also excuses!!!) to the frustrated gardener. The incessant curves Mother throws at us reminds me of the ditty by Geoffrey B. Charlesworth—the classic lament as to why plants die (**credit is due** to the Summer 1995 edition of GREEN PRINTS, The Weeder's Digest).

You walked too close. You trod on it.  
You dropped a piece of sod on it.  
You hoed it down. You weeded it.  
You planted it the wrong way up.  
You grew it in a yogurt cup  
But you forgot to make a hole;  
The soggy compost took its toll.

September storm. 'June deluge'. November drought.  
It heaved in March, the roots popped out.  
You watered it with herbicide.  
You scattered bone meal far and wide,  
Attracting local omnivores,  
Who ate your plant and stayed for more.

You left it baking in the sun  
While you departed at a run  
To find a spade, perhaps a trowel.  
Meanwhile the plant threw in the towel.

You planted it with crown too high;  
The soil washed off, that explains why.

Too high pH. It hated lime.  
Alas it needs a gentler clime.

You left the root ball wrapped in plastic.  
You broke the roots. They're not elastic.  
You walked too close. You trod on it.  
You dropped a piece of sod on it.

You splashed the plant with mower oil.  
You should do something to your soil.  
Too rich. Too poor. Such wretched tilth.  
Your soil is clay. Your soil is filth.

Your plant was eaten by a slug.  
The growing point contained a slug.  
The aphids are controlled by ants,  
Who milk the juice, it kills the plants.

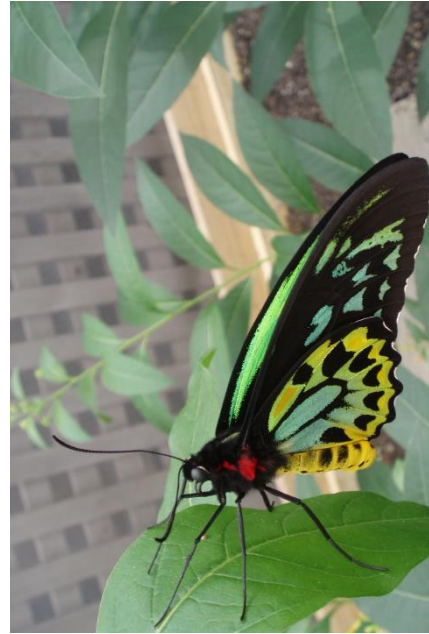
In early spring ('and June') your garden's mud.  
You walked around! That's not much good.

With heat and light you hurried it.  
 You worried it. You buried it.

The poor plant missed the mountain air;  
 No heat, no summer muggs up there.  
 You over fed it ten-ten-ten.  
 Forgot to water it again.

You hit it sharply with the hose.  
 You used a can without a rose.  
 Perhaps you sprinkled from above.  
 You should have talked to it with love.

The nursery mailed it without roots.  
 You killed it with those gardening boots.  
 You walked too close. You trod on it.  
 You dropped a piece of sod on it.



In this and future issues of *The Brooksider*, we will provide a listing of upcoming FOBG sponsored events and Brookside Gardens adult programs. The list will be updated as information becomes available. We hope this will be helpful in planning how you can take advantage of all that Brookside Gardens has to offer. Additional offerings, such as children’s programs, art exhibits and excursions are available in the [Xperience Magazine](#) and Program Guide.

**FOBG Sponsored Events**

|  | Date     | Course # |
|--|----------|----------|
| Fall Plant Sale at Beech Hill maintenance area | 09/12/15 | -----    |
| Orchid Show and Sale                           | 03/12/16 | -----    |
| "  | 03/13/16 | -----    |
| Silent Auction                                 | 04/16/16 | -----    |

**Brookside Gardens Adult Programs**

|   | Date     | Course # |
|---|----------|----------|
| <i><b><u>Xcursions and Tours:</u></b></i> |          |          |
| Journey to Mount Vernon                   | 09/08/15 | 7882     |
| McCrillis Gardens Sunday Walks            | 09/13/15 | 7855     |
| "   | 09/27/15 | 7856     |

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|---|----------|------|
| Collecting Native Seeds at Pope Farm Nursery    | 10/20/15 | 7884 |
| Champion Tree Tour                              | 10/21/15 | 7888 |
| Richmond Holiday Adventure                      | 12/01/15 | 8033 |
| Philadelphia Flower Show - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm   | 03/03/16 | 8034 |
| Philadelphia Flower Show - 10:30 am to 10:30 pm | 03/05/16 | 8035 |

### ***Speaker Series:***

|   |          |      |
|---|----------|------|
| Gift Ideas for Gardeners - Brookside Staff                  | 11/17/15 | 7898 |
| Holiday Buffet - Adrienne Cook                              | 12/11/15 | 8031 |
| Edible Landscaping with a Permaculture Twist - Michael Judd | 01/09/16 | 8032 |
| Green Matters 2016: A Garden Gateway                        | 04/08/16 | TBD  |

### ***Garden After Dark (for two people age 21 and up - see [Xperience](#) for details):***

|                    |          |      |
|--------------------|----------|------|
| Squash It          | 10/27/15 | 7902 |
| Holly Daze         | 12/08/15 | 8017 |
| Birds and the Bees | 02/09/16 | 8019 |

### ***Horticultural Workshops:***

|  |          |      |
|--|----------|------|
| 2 for 1 Container - Joan O'Rourke                      | 10/27/15 | 7918 |
| Cone and Nut Wreath - Lynn Richard & Diane Lewis       | 11/03/15 | 7921 |
| Winter Container Gardening - Joan O'Rourke             | 11/17/15 | 7922 |
| Thanksgiving Centerpiece                               | 11/24/15 | 7923 |
| World of Flavor - Laura Vogel                          | 12/04/15 | 8025 |
| Festive Fresh Greens: Wreaths - Joan O'Rourke          | 12/15/15 | 8026 |
| Festive Fresh Greens: Centerpieces - Joan O'Rourke     | 12/16/15 | 8027 |
| Cleaner, Greener Home - Laura Vogel                    | 01/20/16 | 8028 |
| Birds, Bugs and Buds: Glass Jewelry - Stephanie Oberle | 01/22/16 | 8029 |

### ***Cooking Demonstrations:***

|   |          |      |
|---|----------|------|
| Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It - Lisa Gonzalez, Univ MD | 09/16/15 | 7931 |
| Fifty Shades of Grain - The Cook Sisters              | 11/18/15 | 7934 |
| Pomegranates, Persimmons and Pears - The Cook Sisters | 12/02/15 | 8020 |
| Roots of Flavor - The Cook Sisters                    | 01/13/16 | 8021 |

### ***Photography:***

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|---------------------------------------|----------|---|------|
| Butterfly Photography - Joshua Taylor | 10/17/15 | * | 7869 |
| "                                     | 10/24/15 | * | "    |
| Focus on Butterflies                  | 09/05/15 |   | 7875 |
| "                                     | 09/13/15 |   | 7876 |
| "                                     | 10/18/15 |   | 7877 |

### ***Garden Walks, Talks and Demos:***

|   |          |      |
|---|----------|------|
| Seed Starting for the Vegetable Garden - Gordon Clark   | 02/15/16 | 8022 |
| Everything You Want to Know About Pruning - Jim DeRamus | 02/19/16 | 8023 |
| Ideas for the Exceptional Garden - Diane Lewis          | 02/23/16 | 8024 |

## School of Botanical Art & Illustration - Workshops & Short Courses

|                            |            |      |
|----------------------------|------------|------|
| Observational Studies      | 09/15/15   | 7944 |
| Painting Autumn Acorns     | 10/03/15   | 7945 |
| Autumn Crocus and Cyclamen | 10/10/15 * | 7953 |
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| White Line Woodcuts        | 11/07/15   | 7947 |
| Painting Leaves with Sheen | 11/15/15   | 7949 |
| Botanicals in Miniature    | 12/05/15   | 8036 |
| Pen and Ink Illustration   | 01/29/16 * | 8037 |
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| Painting Roses             | 02/13/16   | 8038 |

*See Xperience Magazine for Core Curriculum courses*

\* This course meets more than once

*For additional programs, more information, registration and fees,  
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Suggestions? Ideas? Let us know!

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