Spring 2015
Spring is finally here and there are signs of life popping up all around us. April is a great time to celebrate the coming of spring. Planting seeds and watching them sprout in the classroom is an exciting educational opportunity to help children learn the needs of plants. Here are some lesson starters:

Read *Jack and the Bean Stalk* and sprout bean seeds in a plastic bag

Read *Tops and Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens and plant seeds in a root viewer

Read *The Flower Garden*, by Eve Bunting and watch a spring bulb sprout

Earth Day and Arbor Day
Earth Day is April 22nd and Arbor Day is April 24th. These are both great opportunities for teachers to incorporate environmental education into daily instruction. Below are a few links that may help you in planning classroom activities.

https://www.arborday.org/celebrate/educational-resources.cfm
http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/arbor-day-facts-for-kids/
http://www.earthday.org/

GREEN CORPS TEENS LEARN WHILE TURNING VACANT LOTS INTO VIBRANT URBAN FARMS
Green Corps’ mission is to build life, work and leadership skills by employing and educating high school youth (ages 15 to 18) through the practice of sustainable agriculture, place-based learning and community engagement. Each year, Green Corps employs and educates dozens of teenagers that live within the city to work at one of our six urban learning farms. Link to more info & application: http://www.cbgarden.org/lets-learn/green-corps.aspx
Applications due Friday, March 27 by 5 pm

Summer Professional Development Class Schedule
In this issue of Planting Thoughts you will find the professional development opportunities for April through July. Plan ahead and register early for these great course offerings. Tell your friends.

Environmental Teaching Resources
Here are a few online teaching resources where you can find activities, lesson plans and much much more for your classroom.
Library News

Seedfolks
By
Paul Fleischman

Newbery Medal winner Paul Fleischman has written an urban tale about disconnected people from various backgrounds coming together one-by-one to create a community garden. Seedfolks uses 13 narrators to tell the story of the founding and first year of this community garden in an immigrant neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio.

It all starts with the simple act of a young immigrant girl honoring her dead father by planting a few lima beans. Her story is chapter one and the chapters that follow are the voices of the other gardeners/ethnic members of the community. The analogy to growing seeds to transforming and growing people seems obvious but I think the book is a very interesting story cleverly told.

Paul Fleishman never lived in Cleveland but we have claimed this charming little book as a favorite Ohio children's book. It has been a favorite statewide and citywide read in communities across the country, with even Florida passing out 15,000 free copies on Martin Luther King Day.

Highly recommended for book clubs and story times.

Book review by Gary Esmonde
Librarian, Cleveland Botanical Garden

Teacher Resource
Seedfolks Teacher kit

Seedfolks Teacher Kit
Grades 4-9
Paul Fleischman’s wonderful book Seedfolks is set in Cleveland, and explores a community coming together through gardening. Kit Includes:
- Class set of Seedfolks
- Lesson ideas
- Eyewitness: Plant video
- Seeds to plant

Teacher Kits
Supplement classroom learning by borrowing a resource kit. Kits are created using the Ohio Academic Science Content Standards and are available to members at no charge. Each kit may be borrowed for three weeks. To reserve a kit contact Rowenna Collins at rcollins@cbgarden.org or call 216.707.2831.

Play in the Garden
A Nature and Play Workshop for Educators
A children’s garden is by its very existence a magical place. Learn how to create and incorporate natural, play-based activities into your classroom. The workshop will examine principles and elements of incorporating natural items into play.
August 5, 2015
9:30-12:00
Program fees are $25/person (member)
$35/person (non-member)
TEACHER MEMBERSHIP

- Receive a $15 discount off any current membership level* (up to $90 Family Advantage, and excluding prior Teacher Membership levels)
- Good for all new memberships and when you renew!
- Free admission to the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse and ten acres of beautiful gardens on our University Circle Campus (excludes special ticketed events)
- 2 one-time use guest passes, valid for one year
- 10% discount at The Garden Store

Subscription to *The Garden Muse*, the quarterly magazine, as well as *The Garden Minute*, the monthly email newsletter – both exclusive to members

- Free admission and/or additional benefits at nearly 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands, through the Reciprocal Admissions Program
- Most importantly, Teacher Members receive FREE borrowing privileges of our Teacher Kits.

*S up to $90 Family Advantage, and excluding prior Teacher memberships purchased at the $40 level.

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

- One year borrowing privileges of our educational resources
- One 90-minute introductory workshop at the Garden
- Discounted rate for educator workshops
- $2 Coupon for discounted admission for the school staff

School Membership Rate $125

Homeschool Program

Join us the third Wednesday of every month from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for fun and educational programs available to homeschool students K through 3rd grade. Each month will focus on a different, garden-based theme.

- March 25th: Butterflies
- April 15th: Frogs
- May 20th: Gardening
- June 17th: Pollinators

Program fees are $6/person (member), $10/person (non-member). One adult will be admitted free of charge for each family registered.

Program fee includes admission to the Botanical Garden. Please call 216. 707. 1600 x. 100 to register in advance. [Follow this link for online registration.](#)

CBG Spring Day Camp

**Children’s Big Spring Fling**

Friday, April 3
OR Friday, April 10 (select one date)
1:00-4:00pm (Ages 1st-4th grade)

Spend an afternoon of spring break in the curious world of Big Spring. In this whimsical garden adventure, explore a Discovery Log of unique reptiles and amphibians, uncover some of the first signs of new life in Hershey Children’s Garden, and break out of the winter doldrums.

Students are dropped off at this afternoon camp. Discounted parking is included in the attached garage for the adult. Additional paperwork for parents to complete with child’s information will be provided upon registration. [Please register in advance online](#) or by calling 216.721.1600 x100.

Member child: $25 Non-member child: $35
Branch Out
TREEHOUSES, NATURE EXPLORATION AND ADVENTURE
Saturday, May 23- Sunday, August 23
Explore a series of magical, interactive treehouses this summer at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Five locally designed, architecturally innovative treehouses will be installed throughout the garden beckoning guests of all ages to come out and play. Kids can forget about their electronic devices and let their imaginations run wild at Branch Out where each treehouse explores a theme connected to learning and fun including art, music, reading, math and play. Enticing activities and fun facts are interspersed throughout the garden inviting hours of adventure and discovery.

Summer Camp
3rd - 6th grade
Monday - Friday, June 22-26
9:00am - 3:00pm (bring a packed lunch daily)
In this fun day camp, children in 3rd-6th grade will explore the summer treehouses of the Branch Out exhibit and learn there is a world of fun out there. Students will participate in hands-on experiments, activities, arts and crafts, nature games and garden walks. Campers learn new skills, develop environmental awareness and appreciation, and grow new friendships. Be sure to bring a packed lunch daily for this extended camp. Additional paperwork for parents to complete with child’s information will be provided upon registration. Please register in advance online or by calling 216.721.1600 x100.
Member Child: $235
Non-member Child: $260

Young Explorers Club
Children ages 8-12 are invited to join an exciting new program at the Cleveland Botanical Garden! The adventure kicks off in July, with special programs on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We will explore all things garden and nature related including behind-the-scenes experiences, nature based creations and science experiments.

By joining the Club, members are invited to attend as many monthly programs as they can attend throughout the year. Any member who attends 7 or more will be invited to a special summer celebration in July 2016 to wrap up year one of the Young Explorers Club.
Registration March – June, so sign up now!

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Grades 5-8
Environmental Detectives

This class is designed to show teachers how to incorporate this GEMS unit for grades 5–8 into the classroom. This unit takes a mystery "hook" to engage students in exploring a range of crucial environmental issues.

In this case, the "crime" is a mysterious environmental calamity—a fish die-off years ago. The scene of the crime is the "Gray Area," a watershed that includes forests, a city, a town, a coast, three rivers, a lake, and a pond. Student sleuths investigate the many potential causes of the fish dying, including chlorine pollution, acid rain, erosion and sediment pollution, predator-prey relationships, phosphate pollution and algal blooms, and oil pollution. Environmental Detectives provides students the opportunity to grapple with a complex, interdisciplinary scientific problem.

Placing science learning in a real-world context, Environmental Detectives conveys solid scientific content and research-related inquiry skills. Students become aware of the interconnectedness of the natural world and the complexity of many environmental problems. They discover that science and society are inextricably linked, and that most solutions require compromise.

Earn a certificate for 2 hours of professional development hours.

Class size is limited to 20 participants. Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis, so sign up early!

Take home the curriculum guide to use in your classroom worth $28.00!

Date
April 1, 2015
4:30-6:30

Fees
$25 Members
(Curriculum Included)

$35 Non-Members
(Curriculum Included)

To register:
Email the following information to rcollins@cbgarden.org or call 216.707.2831

Online registration

Name  Cell Number  School  District
School  School Number  Grade level
“Dig In” to Plant Science and Literacy

Cleveland Botanical Garden
Teacher Training
Free exclusively for grades K-4 CMSD teachers
For teachers/districts outside of CMSD: $175.00 to cover the cost of the kits

CMSD teachers earn a free field experience to Cleveland Botanical Garden
and up to 12 hours of professional development

- Learn about plant parts and their structures
- Analyze soil structure
- Earn a free field experience to Cleveland Botanical Garden where student will be engaged in hands-on, plant-based learning
- Perform a percolation study
- Play with worms and learn about their life cycles
- Investigate proper plant care
- Work through lessons and activities to do with your students; which are aligned with the Ohio Science Content Standards
- Take home a kit of materials, books and curriculum to use in your classroom worth over $175

3 class sessions (9 contact hours) held at CBG and up to 3 hours of online extensions.
Certificates for professional development hours will be given based on hours of participation (between 9-12)

Wednesdays: April 8, April 15, and April 22
From 4:15-7:15

Documentation for 12 professional development hours will be provided upon course completion
Light refreshments will be served

How to register:
Email the following information to rcollins@cbgarden.org
Name
Grade
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Home/cell #
School #
Home city
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Wednesdays: May 6, May 13 and May 20
From 4:15-7:15

Documentation for 12 professional development hours will be provided upon course completion
Light refreshments will be served

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June 9, June 10 and June 11
From 9:15-11:15

Documentation for 12 professional development hours will be provided upon course completion

Light refreshments will be served

How to register:
Email the following information to rcollins@cbgarden.org
Name
Grade
School
Home/cell #
School #
This class is designed to show teachers how to incorporate this GEMS unit for grades Pre-K – Kindergarten into the classroom.

This unit opens with a metaphoric wide-angle lens, creating and populating a mural meadow in which paper animals will gradually tell the stories of camouflage, predator/prey, and survival behavior in the real outdoors.

Making camouflaged butterflies, hungry birds, and a meadow of flowers to enact The Butterfly Play, students learn several basic concepts—about protective coloration, parts of a flower, and strategies employed by both hunters and the hunted in a real meadow. There is ample opportunity for students to talk about small animals they’ve seen in real grass-and-flower environments.

Earn a certificate for 2 hours of professional development hours.

Class size is limited to 20 participants. Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis, so sign up early!

Take home the curriculum guide to use in your classroom!

To register:
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Date
June 16, 2015
9:30-11:30

Fees
$25 Members
(Curriculum Included)

$35 Non-Members
(Curriculum Included)
Buzzing a Hive

This class is designed to show teachers how to incorporate this GEMS unit for grades K-3 into the classroom.

Studying this beautiful, beneficial social insect could absorb the rest of our lives—if only there were time. In this extensive and fascinating unit, young students get a good introduction to the honeybee’s extravagant communication system and intricate behavior, and an appreciation for our interdependence with these and all insects. In a series of guided-discovery activities that build on one another, the children make paper bees to learn about bee body structure; act as bees in a beehive drama, taking the parts of guard bees and other role-players in the hive; perform bee dances to learn how bees communicate directions; and learn about bee predators and honey robbers. Detailed posters of bee anatomy and life stages are included in the guide, and a bee mural captures each element of the unit as it comes into play.

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Ladybugs

Grades Preschool—1

This teeny beetle flutters into the hearts of children from its first landing on a little index finger (or daisy, or dog). They fall in love with its lore—a sign of good luck?—as much as its shiny round little body.

This unit capitalizes on childhood delight with ladybugs to present key science and math concepts to young children, including basic information relating to animal form and ecology. In a series of observational and role-play activities, children learn about ladybug body structure, life cycle, defensive behavior, and favorite foods. They absorb the mathematical concepts of counting, symmetry, and pattern as they indulge their curiosity about this charming insect.

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Fees
$25 Members (Curriculum Included)
$35 Non-Members (Curriculum Included)
This class is designed to show teachers how to incorporate this GEMS unit for grades 5-8 into the classroom.

This groundbreaking GEMS guide plunges students into the unifying theme in life science: evolutionary change. Through the exciting concept of time travel, changes over time are captured in rotating station activities that introduce students to the concepts of adaptation, relatedness, and "deep time."

Students are first introduced to the "tree of life," organism adaptations, and a class time line. In the next five sessions, students carefully observe and document change over long periods of Earth history. The highlights of these sessions are the evolving Time Travel Aquarium and Terrarium, living dioramas that change with every session to represent the organisms of the period being studied. Organism-adaptation stations, fossil findings, and continental drift also evolve over the course of the unit. Every session includes a campaign skit of "stump speeches" by vying organisms and a concluding election of the "most representative organism of the age."

**Earn a certificate for 2 hours of professional development hours.**

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Inquiry Made Easy!

This workshop will demonstrate how inquiry teaching and learning can impact your classrooms. Whether you have already experimented with inquiry teaching and want to enhance your practice, or are new to the approach, this workshop will show you how to make it work in the classroom and how it benefits students.

Take away great activities and teaching strategies that you can implement in your classroom next fall.

Earn a certificate for 6 hours of professional development hours.

Rejuvenate The Essence and Art of Teaching

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