2019 Fall/Winter Workshops

iPhotography: Getting the Best Shots Using Your Smart Phone
Wanting to use your iPhone or smart phone to get those incredible shots? You just need to know a few tricks and techniques which can turn those average phone-photographed images into fantastic pictures. Learn the tricks, techniques, and tools to better pictures with your phone!

- Age: Adult
- Price: $45
- Date: August 10, 2019
- Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Rick Blackshear
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 25 people

Skins, Scales, and Turtle Shells
Discover the wonders of our slimy and scale-covered friends in this hands-on workshop! Explore hidden streams and creeks with our experienced guide as we search for slithery and cold-blooded critters. You’ll also meet several of Callaway’s resident program animals such as a turtle, lizard, snake, and a frog!

- Ages: 7 and up
- Price: $15 per attendee (Adults and Children)
- Date: August 17, 2019
- Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Lily Classroom
- Instructor: Laura Mirarchi, Assistant Director of Education - Environmental Education
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 15 people

What’s the Buzz?: Creating the Perfect Pollinator Habitat
Ever wondered what you can do to help out those wonderful pollinators? Learn about the right plants, protection, and provision you can provide pollinators to make them feel right at home in your own backyard. We will also walk Callaway’s backyard wildlife habitat and talk about some of the necessities that pollinators need.

- Ages: 7 and up
- Price: $20 per attendee (Adults and Children)
Basket Weaving: Sharon’s Market Basket

Discover the joy of weaving Sharon’s Market basket! This sturdy basket is started by weaving a 10” square base. It is finished with a 10” square center dip handle. The size and shape make this basketry creation perfect for many uses. Instruction will include basic basket weaving techniques and would be appropriate for beginner and intermediate basket weavers. Weave the basket then use your creativity with natural materials to decorate and make it your very own. All basketry materials, supplies and tools will be provided. Attendees should bring an old bath towel.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $60 per attendee (Adults)
- Date: August 24, 2019
- Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Sharon Hynes
- Minimum Capacity: 3 people, Maximum Capacity: 10 people

Blue Morpho Reception

After a brief overview with our butterfly expert you will be able to get up close and personal with the fantastically beautiful blue morpho butterflies that are all over the Day Butterfly Center Tropical Conservatory. These spectacular iridescent blue butterflies seem magical in this amazing habitat. As you stroll through the conservatory with your complimentary glass of wine or grape juice you will have a chance to see these exotic beauties eyeball to eyeball.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $35 per attendee
- Date: September 7, 2019
- Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Location: Day Butterfly Center
- Instructor: Jennifer Demarest, Day Butterfly Center Manager

Capturing the Fundamentals of Digital Photography

Learn how to “See Light” as an artist and design more artistic images. Regardless of the type or brand of camera you have, this class will also help you better understand the functions and controls on your camera. Being familiar with the capabilities of your camera will allow you to make better choices as you create images. After this class you will see a definite improvement in your images!

Learn from Rick Blackshear, an established photographer from Griffin, GA, who has over 30 years of professional experience. Rick has built his business concentrating on Children’s portraits, Family portraits, School events, and Commercial photography. He is at home in the Studio as well as outdoor settings.
Basket Weaving: Could Be A Pumpkin

This darling basket is woven outside and then inside an 8” square wooden hoop giving a spherical shape! You choose - natural reed or in burnt orange it could be a pumpkin! This basket workshop would be appropriate for beginner and intermediate basket weavers. Basketry materials and supplies will be provided. This is a great opportunity to master another basketry technique!

Create a Bird-Friendly Backyard

Learn all the tricks of the trade to make your backyard attractive to migrating birds and over-winter residents! One of our experts will teach you how to turn your backyard or garden into a bird sanctuary in just a few easy steps, and then you’ll take a short walk through Callaway Garden's Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

Muffin with Morphos

Wake up with the butterflies! Join us for an exclusive Breakfast event inside the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center Tropical Conservatory and experience the incredible Blue Morpho butterflies during their most active period of the day - early morning. There will be lots of great photo opportunities, fantastic food, and the peaceful beauty of a tropical garden filled with incredible butterflies.
Autumn Container Gardening with a Twist

Give some pizzazz to your summer container garden and expand your concept of container gardening by looking beyond the pair of pots by the front door to the role that mixed planters can play in your landscape, on your deck or patio, and in your life. This ‘hands-on’ workshop will include a discussion of container design considerations and concepts and the fun part is you get to plant and create your own garden container to take home.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $50 per attendee (Adults and Children)
- Date: September 28, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Lily Classroom
- Instructor: Callaway Gardens Horticulture Staff
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 10 people

Digital Nature Photography 101

Learn the secrets of exposure, lighting, and lenses in order to get the best nature photographs. You will receive training on the proper composition and will learn how to get the perfect shot of nature, wildlife, and landscapes.

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- Ages: Adults
- Price: $120 per attendee, includes lunch Saturday
- Date: October 5, 2019 (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), October 6, 2019 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Rick Blackshear
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 25 people

Gourds Galore

Discover the joy of polishing and decorating a gourd as a family! This project is perfect for all ages. Instruction, materials and supplies will be provided. Use your creativity with a selection of natural materials to decorate and make your gourd uniquely your own. Display your decorated gourd all Fall while remembering your fun day at Callaway Gardens!

- Ages: 7 and up
- Price: $25 per attendee (Adults and Children)
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (limit 20 attendees)
- Date: October 5, 2019
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Lily Classroom
- Instructor: Sharon Hynes
Minimum Capacity: 3 people, Maximum Capacity: 15 people

Fall Pruning: To Prune or Not To Prune

To prune or not to prune? That always seems to be the dilemma! Join Gardens Horticulturist Chris Hall as he explains when to do your major pruning for fall so that you will have your summer-blooming shrubs in top notch condition. He will provide tips on the best tools to use as well how to rejuvenate and improve the health of your plants. Make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes as you will spend some time in the landscape.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $35 per attendee
- Date: October 12, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Lily Classroom
- Instructor: Chris Hall, Callaway Gardens Horticulturist
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 25 people

“Whooo’s Out There?”

Do you love owls? Would you like to learn more about their world? Please join us on October 12th for our fall workshop “Whooo’s Out There?”. During this 2-hour workshop, you will learn about owls’ amazing adaptations, their diet through owl pellet dissection, and how to make your property a suitable home for them! You will also have an opportunity to meet 2 live owl ambassadors whose wild relatives could soon call your backyard home! Come discover who’s out there!

Make sure to wear appropriate attire (such as closed-toed shoes, jacket, etc.) and don’t forget your camera!

- Ages: 12 and up
- Price: $60 per attendee
- Date: October 12, 2019
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Birds of Prey Staff
- Minimum Capacity: 10 people, Maximum Capacity: 30

Autumn Leaf Pounding

Nothing can beat the beauty of the Fall leaves as they begin to change brilliant colors of red, yellow, and orange. Come join us for leaf pounding as we learn about why leaves change colors, different types of trees within our area, and make leaf prints. All supplies will be provided.

- Ages: 7 and up
- Price: $15 per attendee (Adults and Children)
- Date: October 26, 2019
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Education Staff
Pumpkins and Petals Floral Design

Ever need that perfect arrangement for a Fall gathering? You will learn how to create a beautiful floral arrangement using bright Fall flowers and even incorporate some harvest gourds and pumpkins into your floral creation. All supplies and flowers will be provided.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $35 per attendee
- Date: October 26, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Lily Classroom
- Instructor: Cheryl Joiner, Horticulturist
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 15 people

Let’s Create a Beautiful Pollinator Home!

Looking to attract native bees into your neighborhood? Come design and create a native bee nesting box and hear about the wonderful bees in your area and the benefits that they provide. You will get to create your very own nesting box to take home.

- Ages: 7 and up
- Price: $25 per attendee
- Date: November 2, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Becky Griffin, University of Georgia Community and School Garden Outreach Coordinator
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 20 people

Bread and More

Bread and more is a very versatile basket, woven on a 3 ½ x 15 inch wooden base! This oblong basket is perfect for baked goods like biscuits, rolls or loaves. This technique uses short spokes inserted into a slit in the base and would be appropriate for beginner and intermediate basket weavers. Basketry materials and prepared bases will be provided. This is a great opportunity to master another basketry technique! All basketry materials, supplies and sanded/stained bases will be provided. Attendees should bring an old bath towel and snacks.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $60 per attendee
- Date: November 9, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Sharon Hynes
- Minimum Capacity: 3 people, Maximum Capacity: 10 people
Come dig and plant as we create a zen garden using succulent plants and learn about how to properly care and design a succulent garden or terrarium. We will provide all zen gardening supplies including rocks, plants, containers, natural stone elements and decorations. Get your zen on!

- Ages: 12 and up
- Price: $25 per attendee
- Date: November 16, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Bethany Harris, Assistant Director of Education - Entomology and Horticulture
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 20 people

**It’s Turkey Time!**

It is almost time for Thanksgiving and the perfect opportunity to make turkey crafts that you can share with your whole family and display at your Thanksgiving Dinner. We will also discuss the history of Thanksgiving and learn all about turkeys! All craft supplies will be provided.

- Ages: 5 and up
- Price: $10 per attendee
- Date: November 23, 2019
- Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Education Staff
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 50 people

**Evergreen Christmas Creation**

The wonderful scent of winter evergreens signals the holiday season and festivities are at hand. To help you get ready, we’ll provide the instruction, frames, mechanics, fresh greenery, berries, etc. You’ll go home with a delightful Christmas decoration to bring holiday cheer to your home. You may choose a wreath, centerpiece or door hanging.

- Ages: Adults
- Price: $45 per attendee
- Date: December 7, 2019
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Patricia Collins, Former Director of the Gardens
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 30 people

**Christmas Ornament Creation/Contest**

Come and get your design on as we get ready for the holidays and make some amazing Christmas ornaments. We will even have a contest where guests will vote on the “Most Creative Ornament”, “Best Design”, and “Tackiest Ornament”.

- Ages: 7 and up
- Price: $10 per attendee (Children and Adults)
- Date: December 14, 2019
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Violet Classroom
- Instructor: Education Staff
- Minimum Capacity: 5 people, Maximum Capacity: 25 people