

Community Membership Scheme Newsletter

Welcome!

Summer is just around the corner, and the Garden is bursting with colour. It's been wonderful to welcome so many new groups to our community membership scheme and even better to see so many of you enjoying the Garden!

Looking ahead, we are excited to be welcoming members to Nabil Ali's *Dyes from Plants* workshops later this month. If you're curious about natural dyes, be sure to check out Nabil's online [Index Dye Catalogue](#) for recipes and colour swatches. Photography lovers should not miss this year's free-to-enter competition with International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY). This year's theme is 'Around the World at Cambridge University Botanic Garden'. Entries close at 12 noon on 4 September, more details are available on the [IGPOTY website](#).

As always, the Communities Team is here to help you make the most of your visit—whether you would like to discuss a guided walk, a free workshop or just to say hello, we'd love to hear from you!



Karin Eklund



Smartphone photography workshop

We are very excited that Graham Fudger will be returning to run his free 2 hour Curious Adventures in Nature workshops for groups in the autumn.

Graham will start by sharing some of his stunning nature photos and giving us an insight into his creative approach to photography. After that, we'll head out into the beautiful Garden to explore the basics of visual art using just your phone and the sights, scents and sounds of nature to inspire us. Subject to availability. For more information please email communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk

Join us for a creative day of zine making!

We are delighted to be offering our community members the opportunity to join printmaker Grace Hailstone for her zine making course on **Saturday 13 September 2025, 10am-4pm**.

A zine (pronounced "zeen") is a small, homemade booklet or magazine. Zines can be created to share ideas, art, stories, or interests. Grace will introduce us to zine making and share inspiring examples before we head out into the Garden to collect ideas using photos and sketches. After bringing together our ideas, everyone will be able to create their own hand drawn or collaged zines using cutting and folding techniques.

Spaces are limited and we wish to ensure we welcome individual participants from across our member groups.

Please send the contact details of anyone interested to communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk