



MUN Botanical Garden  
presents  
**TEACHER WORKSHOPS**  
Winter 2011



These workshops are offered in conjunction with the

# From Garden to Classroom

Outreach Program, which is supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) PromoScience funding program.

Instructors: MUN Botanical Garden staff

Registration Fee: FREE! (Space is limited; pre-registration is required)

Location: MUN Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road, St. John's, NL

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Session #1: Botanical Boot Camp, Thursday, March 24

An activity-based introduction to Newfoundland plants, ecology & conservation; all programs are suitable for the K-12 classroom.

## Session #2: Special Kindergarten / ECE Workshop, Friday, March 25

The needs of Early Childhood and Kindergarten educators and their students will be emphasized in this one-day workshop and the programs have been modified accordingly. *This workshop is open to staff working in Early Childhood and Kindergarten only.*

## Session #3: Breaking Ground Teacher

### Workshop, Wednesday, April 6

Interested in creating or enhancing your school garden. This information session will focus on the challenges of gardening for Newfoundland wildlife in local school gardens. Due to the time of year, some content will be presented indoors as a PowerPoint or group discussion. Bring along site maps, and photos of your grounds to get advice from our experts.



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- Trees are Terrific – bringing Newfoundland trees and shrubs into the classroom and the curriculum.
- Three Cheers For Composting – Worms eat our garbage, reduce waste, create soil and not only can they become an ideal classroom pet, they may encourage healthier snacks and lunches at your school.
- Grocery Store Botany – Everything that we eat comes from plants in one way or another; when we eat meat, we eat animals which feed on plants. Through an examination of the food we eat, we can bring botany alive and have fun doing it.
- Get Growing! – This is our most popular and well-received activity: visit our greenhouse with nursery manager Tim Walsh who will provide all the basics needed for a green thumb, followed by easy classroom activities including creating flowerpots from recyclables, planting seeds, etc.

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- Going on a Nature Hikes – A stroll around the playground can become an amazing nature hike, if you just know where to look. MUN Botanical Garden has included nature hikes in all its programs since our first school visits in 1971. We'll provide tips and tricks for you to try. Be prepared to go outside – no matter what the weather.
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- Nature Songs, Stories and Games – Lots of fun!

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- Bees, Bats and Butterflies – Tips on providing wildlife habitats in your school garden.
- Gardening in Newfoundland – Site selection, preparation, design, plant selections, are just a few of the topics our gardening staff will share with you.
- Gardening Q&A – Bring along your school yard plans and questions for our gardening staff.
- The Dirt on Soils – Learn all the basics of using, modifying and getting the most from your soil.
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To Register:

Please e-mail [bgprograms@mun.ca](mailto:bgprograms@mun.ca) and provide your name, affiliation (school and grade), full contact information and indicate the session #. For more information, please call 864-8590.

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