

Over the past few years, the University of Rhode Island Botanical Garden has become home to many community events. These range from educational projects through the University to weddings and photo shoots. The natural beauty of the Botanical Garden and surrounding landscape makes it a perfect setting for both public and personal celebrations.

Following is just a partial list of events which have taken place in the Botanical Garden through the year (2006-2007).

The CELS Outreach Center uses the Botanical Garden for its Summer School program, a series of classes for homeowners interested in gardening and home horticulture. In 2007, these classes will include: Backyard Composting, Deckscaping, Successful Tree Planting, Roses for the 21st Century, Shade Gardens, Sustainable Trees and Shrubs, Healthy Vegetables, Gardening With Wildlife, and Managing Lawns Traditionally and Organically.

Undergraduate classes such as Plant Biology, Plant Protection, Herbaceous Garden Plants, and Landscape Design also take advantage of the Botanical Garden as an outdoor classroom.

September 29th, 2007: GreenShare Field Day: Plant sales, gardening workshops and tours, environmental activities, "Ask a Master Gardener" booth, soil testing, children's tent, plant-related vendors and exhibitors, all free and open to the public, organized by CELS Outreach Center, is held in the Botanical Garden every September. This year's event was the seventeenth annual GreenShare!

July 2007: Seaside Casuals Furniture, a local business based in West Kingston used the Botanical Garden setting to highlight their product for advertisement.

June 2007: South Kingstown High School students and their friends and families used the Botanical Garden as a backdrop for their Senior Prom photos. Over 300 people came for pre-prom refreshments and picture taking.

May-July 2007: Five weddings were held in the Botanical Garden through May, June, and July. Weddings are scheduled as far ahead as October 2008.

May 2007: The College of the Environment and Life Science Commencement Ceremony is held in the Botanical Garden each year.

April-June 2007: The Learning Landscape environmental program for children hosted 27 field trips in the Botanical Garden, a total of 953 children over 7 weeks.

April 2007: URI Earth Day Celebration composting talk and demonstration.

September-November 2006: The Learning Landscape environmental program held its fall sessions in the Botanical Garden.

August 2006: The CELS Outreach Center, worked with Master Composter volunteers to install two different demonstration composters in the Botanical Garden.