



## **Growing Black Roots: The Black Botanical Legacy**

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Holden Forests & Gardens and Black Botanists Week Committee Present: Growing Black Roots: The Black Botanical Legacy



**Co-organized by Juliana Medeiros, Holden Arboretum and Maya Allen, University of New Mexico**

This lecture series will take place entirely online, with a new speaker on the second Wednesday of the month from October 2020 to

Our Scientist Lecture Series this year was inspired by Black Botanists Week, a Twitter campaign that took place in July 2020, “to pro create a safe space for, and find more Black people who love plants.” This campaign went viral, reaching thousands of viewers and Botanists from around the globe. The participants received an outpouring of support and requests for collaboration through their ne #BlackBotanistsWeek Twitter account and [website](#). Media coverage of this movement included such outlets as WNYC news, Cape T Newzroom Afrika and The Daily Item. The organizing committee strives to leverage these collaborations to fund a Black Botanists W support underrepresented groups in pursuing botanical fields.

This 11-part lecture series will cover a broad range of botanical disciplines, delve into the historical legacy of formally trained and s Botanists who inspired others to pursue a career in plants, and highlight pathways toward diversity and inclusion in botanical scienc the organizers and contributors seek to shine a light on the Black roots within botany, foster a community of Black Botanists, show t found within this community, and inspire others who may not have considered Botany as a career choice.

**Talk registration and virtual venue:** The talks will take place on Zoom with a livestream to YouTube. The talks are free to view, register in order to view the live talks.

**Free Educational Materials:** HF&G will provide short lesson plans based on each talk, for use by teachers and parents. The video educational materials, will be made permanently available on YouTube for public viewing after the live event has ended. The YouTu description will contain a link to a Holden webpage describing and hosting the Educational Materials. These materials will be aimed focusing on the comprehension and connection to the biological concepts and lived experiences of the speakers as presented in the

For more information including the Speaker Roster & Brief Biographies [click here](#).



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