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GREEN SPRING GARDENS WINTER 2027

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Winter Gardens Symposium

Saturday, February 20



Celebrating Winter Gardens – Witch Hazel & Snowdrops

Saturday, February 20

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (16-Adult) Ignite your botanical passion at the first annual Winter Gardens Symposium at Green Spring Gardens. Immerse yourself in winter flora with an elite Hamamelis panel featuring witch hazel luminaries **Tim Brotzman, Rick Lewandowski** and **Chris Lane** (appearing virtually from the U.K.). Discover seasonal gems during **Tim Calkins'** talk, "Snowdrops in a Virginia Garden." Shop coveted witch hazels, snowdrops and rare plants from premier vendors, see the witch hazel collection in bloom, then celebrate the landmark groundbreaking ceremony for the new Green Spring Winter Garden. This special event is sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring. Buffet lunch included. $75 per person.
Code: NRI.625I

Washington Gardener Seed Exchange

Saturday, February 6

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Adults) Washington Gardener Magazine is co-hosting the annual seed exchange at Green Spring Gardens with lectures and a face-to-face seed swap. Bring your extra seeds to swap and leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends, and expert planting advice.

Code: C1E.AV3C - $15 for verified FROG members and Washington Gardener subscribers

Code: C1E.WDVY -$20 for guests

Plant Swap - Houseplants, Cuttings & Containers

Saturday, March 13

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (All Ages) Bring your unwanted houseplants, cuttings and containers to swap with others or simply give away. Leave with new plants, containers, garden friends and expert advice. Registration encouraged. Free. Code: 1AT.CT96



Adult Programs

Garden Talks

Garden Talk - Design Your Townhouse Garden

Saturday, November 21

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Transforming a townhouse garden into a beautiful haven only requires thoughtful planning and creativity. Extension Master Gardeners will walk you through how these carefully dedicated spaces can achieve beautiful and unique gardens and can be effective in growing plants for food or simply for general enjoyment. $12 per person. Code: QKL.VTO1

Garden Walk & Talk - Winter Interest

Saturday, December 12

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (16-Adult) Join our Horticulture Manager Adam Bucher on the second Saturday of each month for a walk around the gardens and learn about the behind-the-scenes work our gardeners put in to make Green Spring Grow. $15 per person. Code: 28S.ZGGX

Garden Talk - Rework Your Garden

Saturday, January 23

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Refresh and reimagine your garden with guidance from an Extension Master Gardener. Whether you're renovating an existing landscape or starting from scratch, you'll learn to evaluate your space, identify your needs, and rethink your garden space to better match your style. $12 per person. Code: EJØ.K1VØ

Garden Talk - Spring Vegetable Gardening 101

Saturday,February 13

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Learn how to plan, plant and grow your food in an environmentally friendly way. Extension Master Gardeners show you how to get the most out of your spring kitchen garden and enjoy home grown vegetables before the heat of summer. $12 per person. Code: KK9.81EX

Garden Talk - Hooked on Hostas

Saturday, March 6

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Hostas are a perfect plant for the beginning gardener. They feature a variety of colors, shapes and textures and have decorative foliage. Hostas are very easy to grow, adaptable and relatively fool-proof. Learn about the hundreds of hosta choices you have from Extension master gardeners in this session. $12 per person. Code: 8BN.QERL

Garden Talk - Easy NoVA Shrubs

Friday, March 26

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Properly selected shrubs are easy to care for and can provide year-round interest. Shrubs add shape and structure, in addition to their fragrant flowers, berries, color, foliage and colored stems. Join Extension master gardeners to expand your plant palette with the best shrub varieties for striking color, foliage and blooms. $12 per person. Code: J3W.UOCT

Workshops

Starting from Scratch with Seeds

Saturday, February 27

10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. (16-Adult) Grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed and expand your garden. Be inspired by Green Spring staff members as they discuss potting mixes, containers, seed treatments, lighting, fertilization, watering, seed sources and timing. Then take home a few seeds to start your own collection. $23 per person. Code: J1V.7MDL

Intro to Dog Sensory Gardens

Saturday, February 27

1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (14-Adult) Explores the concept of dog sensory gardens—outdoor spaces designed to stimulate a dog's senses of smell, touch, sight and sound. Learn how sensory enrichment supports canine well-being, reduces stress and encourages natural behaviors. Discuss key design elements, plant selection, safety considerations and practical tips for creating engaging environments regardless of size. $19 per person. Code: LLQ.MI81

Cozy Creations & Wellness Workshop

Saturdays , December 5 and January 23

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (14-Adult) Learn to crochet and discover essential self-care practices for winter. Enjoy a relaxing environment to enhance your skills and connect with others. Discuss self-care techniques and take a nature walk for inspiration. Create, connect and embrace the cozy spirit of the season. $29 per person.

12/5 - Bucket Hat (Intermediate) Code: 4MV.KWØN
1/23 - Coasters (Beginner) Code: ØLW.D39Ø

Book Club

Winter Botanical Book Club

Wednesdays, January 13 and February 10

10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. (14-Adult) Each season features a thoughtfully chosen novel with botanical or garden themes. You'll gather twice—first for a pre-reading welcoming circle to meet fellow readers, enjoy refreshments, and receive your guide, and then again post-reading for a lively book discussion and a hands-on activity that brings the story to life. From hidden gardens to wild landscapes, members explore rich, immersive stories that celebrate growth, connection and the natural world—one season at a time. Winter read: ***Junglekeeper: What It Takes to Change the World*** **by Paul Rosolie.** Activity: **Tropical Houseplant**. Class meets January 13 and February 10. $24 per person. Code: SDP.XYYM



Fitness and Wellness

Forest Bathing Walk in the Gardens

Fridays, November 13 & March 26

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Adults) Join Certified Forest Therapy Guide and co-founder of local nonprofit Capital Nature, Ana Ka'ahanui, for a slow, meditative walk around the gardens. Inspired by the Japanese practice of *Shinrin-yoku*, this contemplative walk inspires interaction with the surrounding nature in a way that will help reduce blood pressure, boost immunity, and enhance mood and creativity. The experience concludes with a soothing spot of tea, offering a moment to reflect and savor the essence of nature. Bring something to sit on the ground, which may be damp, and a water bottle. Dress for the weather. $35 per person.

Sessions:
11/13 - Code: ZØY.WPUX
3/26 - Code: ZØY.PSQW

Yoga for Gardeners

Starting Monday, January 4

9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. (16-Adult) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. 10 sessions. $142 per person. Code: 6E6.IKLL

Intro to Tai Chi - Find Your Balance

Saturdays, December 5, February 27, and March 27

(13-Adult) Experience the calming flow of Tai Chi in this introductory class which is perfect for anyone curious about its gentle movements and stress-reducing benefits. Learn fundamental principles, basic forms and cultivate a sense of mind-body connection in a welcoming environment. This class provides a great way to discover if Tai Chi is right for you. $14 per person.

Sessions:

12/5,	10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Code: Y5R.VK7V
2/13,	10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Code: Y5R.EE52
3/27,	10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Code: Y5R.QKD5

Tai Chi

Starting Monday, January 4

(13-Adult) Tai Chi promotes flexibility, balance and physical control. This low-impact mind/body class is based on ancient Chinese exercises to increase energy flow while decreasing stress. 10 sessions. $142 per person.

Classes:

Tai Chi I	1:30 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	Code: ED9.M5JV
Tai Chi II	12:15 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Code: 63Ø.L3FØ
Tai Chi III	11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	Code: 156.RLXF

Getaways



Philadelphia Flower Show

Monday, March 15
Tuesday, March 16
Wednesday, March 17

(Adults) The Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event. It features stunning displays by some of the world's premier floral and landscape designers. Immerse yourself in the spectacular and decadent floral displays and the exciting, energetic and passionate side of flowers, gardens and horticulture. Bring a lunch or enjoy the atmosphere and food at the Reading Terminal Market located across the street. Trip includes motor coach and admission. March 15 and 16 trips depart at 8 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. March 17 trip departs Green Spring at 10 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Trip cancellation deadline is March 1, 2027. $179 per person.

Dates:

3/15,	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Code: A19.DTB6
3/16,	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Code: A19.K9LL
3/17,	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Code: A19.UUJE

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Out-of-county registrants add $2 for programs up to $50; $15 for programs $51 and up.

HARRY ALLEN WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Join us for this popular annual series of presentations by authors, garden designers, scientists and other garden enthusiasts on the cutting edge of horticulture.

This Lecture Series is generously supported by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS).

Held on select Sunday afternoons in January, February and March. Parktakes registration is $15, Day of door price is $17.

Winter Lecture Online - Tiny Gardens Everywhere

Sunday, January 10

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ((16-Adult) Explore how small-scale, everyday green spaces—from balconies and backyards to community plots and urban corners—are reshaping how we think about food, ecology, and climate resilience with Thomas M. Siebel Distinguished Professor in the History of Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author, Kate Brown as she discusses her new book Tiny Gardens Everywhere. Discover the power of "tiny gardens" to build biodiversity, strengthen local communities, and reconnect people with the land. Lecture is held online with an option to watch at the Horticulture Center. A link for the program will be emailed no later than the morning of the event.
Code: FBE.K1HR

Winter Lecture - The Rose Geek

Sunday, January 24

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Join Kimberley Dean, better known as The Rose Geek, a Master Gardener, Consulting Rosarian and popular social media educator who inspires thousands of rose enthusiasts with practical, research-based advice. Learn how to select, grow and care for beautiful, healthy roses through every season, discover standout varieties and gain expert tips you can use in your own garden—whether you're just getting started or have years of experience.
Code: DHG.I1KC

Winter Lecture - Green Spring in the Press

Sunday, February 7

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Green Spring historian Debbie Waugh examines how Green Spring's story has been told through the lens of the press. Newspaper articles, advertisements, society columns, and lifestyle features have chronicled the site's evolution from 18th century plantation to public garden. Discover how coverage of Green Spring - from formal property announcements to human interest storytelling to preservation and environmental advocacy – also reveals how reportage in America has changed with the times.
Code: 3PQ.8K25

Winter Lecture Online - Edible Landscaping

Sunday, February 21

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Join edible landscaper, author, and permaculture designer Michael Judd for an engaging exploration of some of the easiest and most rewarding fruits and berries to grow in the Mid-Atlantic region. Discover low-maintenance, naturally resilient plants that thrive with minimal effort, making them perfect for home gardens and landscapes. Learn simple food forest design techniques to help you create a thriving, productive ecosystem that supports both biodiversity and abundance. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced grower, you will gain valuable insights into growing delicious, regenerative food with ease. Lecture is held online with an option to watch at the Horticulture Center. A link for the program will be emailed no later than the morning of the event.
Code: RS4.1P7W

Winter Lecture - Mother Nature's Helper

Sunday, February 28

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.(16-Adult) Join Yolima Carr for an engaging presentation on working with nature rather than against it. Drawing on practical experience, she explores how gardeners, farmers and land stewards can reduce reliance on synthetic pesticides by promoting soil health, biodiversity and natural ecological processes. Learn why restoration and conservation efforts are most successful when they mimic nature's patterns and how Virginia's rich natural resources—from forests and rivers to the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic coast—support healthier, more sustainable communities. Discover how respecting and collaborating with the natural world benefits both people and the environment.
Code: ARI.Q6D1

Winter Lecture - Restoring Our Wild Spaces

Sunday, March 7

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Discover how Fairfax County Park Authority is helping restore and protect the natural places we all enjoy. Join FCPA ecologist, Darko Veljkovic for an inspiring look at the "Helping Our Land Heal" program, exploring efforts to revive habitats, preserve natural resources and create healthier ecosystems. Through stories, lessons learned and real-world case studies, learn about the challenges and successes behind restoring our parks and how thoughtful stewardship can make a lasting difference for the environment and future generations. Code: L4A.9Q1J



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Fine Arts

Pencil and Pigments

Drawing Workshop - Dried Botanicals

Saturday, November 14

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Discover the textures and forms of dried botanicals such as pinecones, leaves, seed pods, and preserved flowers. Artist and instructor Caroline Hottenstein shows you how to use the media of your choice - a micron pen, watercolor, graphite, or colored pencils to illustrate them. Bring specimens or photos to work from. Previous drawing experience encouraged. $115 per person. Code: DBM.LT5G

Nature Gelli Prints and Collage Workshop

Saturday, January 16

9:30 a.m. - 3:30p.m. (16-Adult) Discover the creative possibilities of gelli printing and collage in this mixed-media class. Artist and instructor Marni Maree shows you how to create a collection of vibrant, one-of-a-kind prints that capture the textures and patterns of nature. Then, transform your favorite prints into a unique collage. Experiment with layers, texture, color and composition while enjoying the freedom of creating without worrying about perfection. No printmaking experience is needed. Supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. $115 per person. Code: S94.665Q

Watercolor Workshop - Watercolor from the Beginning

Saturday, February 27

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (16-Adult) You will learn everything you need to build a strong foundation in getting started in watercolor. Join artist Dawn Flores to learn detailed information on paper, paint and brushes explained clearly and demonstrated with helpful visual aids. Practice mixing colors, learn how to do basic washes and find out about special techniques unique to watercolor. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. $115 per person. Code 7IL.AM1N

Floral Design

Winter Wreath Workshop

Saturday, December 5

(16-Adult) Create a beautiful winter wreath to take home for your front door after Green Spring staff demonstrate the dazzling possibilities. Greens, forms, ribbon, and cones included with the supply fee. Bring pruners and light work gloves if you have them. Please register for the $44 program and $65 supply fee. $109 per person total.

10:00 am - 12:00 p.m. Code: YIB.IWBN
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Code: YIB.UZIC

Writing

Writing Workshop - Frozen Stakes

Saturday, December 16

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (16-Adult) Conflict is the engine of every story—it's what forces characters to act, change and reveal who they really are. Explore how tension arises from opposing desires, internal struggles and external pressures. Using the stillness and resilience of the winter landscape as inspiration, we'll examine how scarcity, cold and endurance shape both natural systems and compelling narratives. Through guided prompts, writers will learn to create stakes, deepen emotional impact and build scenes that keep readers invested. $12 per person. Code: SJ6.I84P

Poetry Workshops

3rd Thursday each month

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (16-Adult) Explore the art of garden design and poetry at Green Spring with poet Lisa Lowry. Each month explore new themes to bring the history and beauty of Green Spring into your poems. $12 per person.

1/21 - Winter Reflections Code: GTX.YZ53
2/18 - Love Rooted in Nature Code: DJS.QRWW
3/18 - Garden Forms Code: 5DA.PYMB

Writing Workshop - Mythic Gardens

Friday, March 12

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (16-Adult) Explore Green Spring Gardens through the lens of world folklore. After a brief introduction to global mythic traditions, we'll take a guided sensory walk to observe the garden closely. Writers will then transform these observations into original stories—imagining spirits, guardians and hidden histories rooted in this landscape. The workshop concludes with sharing and mapping our newly created folklore, building a collective mythology unique to this place. $12 per person. Code: OJV.O5T6

Paper

Origami Workshop - Holiday Tree

Saturday, December 6

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Origami can help reduce stress, improve hand-eye coordination, boost creativity and enhance patience and persistence by learning how to fold paper into beautiful art pieces. This workshop will introduce students to the absics of origami. Create an origami holiday tree to bring home. $29 per person. Code: P1L.VOW8

Paper Quilling - Cherry Blossom Frame Workshop

Saturday, March 13

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (8-Adult) Discover how to turn simple looking paper strips into beautiful works of art. Whether you are a beginner or have some experience, this workshop is perfect for anyone who loves crafts and want to try something new. Students learn how to roll, shape, and glue strips to create intricate designs, then use these techniques to make and decorate cherry blossom-themed picture frames. Program is $44 per person. A supply fee of $25 payable to instructor at class. Code: 2KG.VK2U

Historic Green Spring Programs

Tea Programs

Tea programs include a full afternoon tea service

Tea Program - Reviving America's Past

Sunday, January 17

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (16-Adult) The emergence of the Colonial Revival dates to the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which inspired a powerful national movement to connect with America's past. Discover why this collective nostalgia took hold and the different ways it was expressed. In architecture, the movement peaked from the late 1800s to the mid-20th century, when Green Spring's Historic House received an extensive Colonial Revival-style rehabilitation.

Code: 8PH.WCP1 - $45 (Tea + Lecture)
Code: 8PH.BKT9 - $18 (Lecture only)

Tea Program - Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 14

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.(14-Adult) Enjoy our "Question of Romance" quiz as you celebrate St. Valentine's Day at the tea table. Test your knowledge of the origins of the lovers' holiday, romantic traditions through the ages and some love connections of Green Spring's past. $45 per person. Code: ZXF.VYOP

Tea Program - Eccentric Women

Sunday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 24

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (14-Adult) This Women's History Month, explore the many contributions of unconventional women. Often dismissed as dangerous and outspoken attention-seekers, eccentric women have been powerful forces for social change. Consider the historical importance of female non-conformists who defied labels and dared to be different, including some women of Green Spring past.

3/14 - Code: JU8.DSSU - $45 (Tea + Lecture)
3/14 - Code: JU8.M4VL - $18 (Lecture only)
3/24 - Code: JU8.9ADK - $45 (Tea + Lecture)
3/24 - Code: JU8.D7LF - $18 (Lecture only)

Youth + Family Programs

Family Fun - Archaeology Tea Party

Saturdays, February 6 and March 6

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (6-Adult) Learn about the artifacts that tell us about Green Spring's past. Do a hands-on artifact assembly with pottery shards using archaeology tools and tips. Decorate your own teacup based on historical styles before having tea and treats as you discuss what your cup's patterns can tell you about the past. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. $20 per person.

2/6 - Code: U63.R2U1 3/6 - Code: U63.ASS8

Lecture - Faces from the Past

Saturday, February 27

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (14-Adult) Explore fascinating methods used by historians and scientists to reconstruct faces of known and unknown people from the past. As we mark **Black History Month**, consider the many faces of Green Spring that we will never know due to historical bias and inequality, and how some sources reveal meaningful details. Refreshments served. $18 per person. Code: KO3.KYP1

Tasting Programs

Tasting - Teas for Winter Health

Saturdays, January 9 and January 30

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Adults) A steaming cup of tea offers warmth, comfort and health benefits throughout cold and flu season. Sample a variety of the best teas and herbal infusions to boost immunity and cure the winter blues. Learn about their medicinal properties and discover new healthful brews to enjoy year-round. Take home a sample. Does not include a full afternoon tea service. $28 per person.

1/9 - Code: DZJ.1GYO 1/30 - Code: DZJ.GXCY

Tours

Private Garden Tours

Schedule a private group tour led by Green Spring docents who interpret the gardens, the plant collections, the site's mission, and its historic legacy. $12 per person for groups of 20 or more; $15 per person for 19 or fewer. Minimum group size is eight. For information or to schedule a garden tour call 703-941-7987.

Historic Green Spring House Tour

Thursdays in March

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (9-Adult) Visit the first floor of Green Spring Gardens' 1784 Historic House and learn about the site's 18th century origins, its early owners and the enslaved people who once lived and toiled here. Hear fascinating stories of past residents and discover how Green Spring became a horticultural and historical resource for visitors today. $10 per adult, $8 for Seniors/Children (9-15) yrs. Code: RPU.1U7I

Special Garden Tour – Witch Hazels

Saturday, March 6

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (16-Adult) Enjoy a docent-led tour that showcases our nationally accredited witch hazel collection, featuring over 200 specimens. Fragrant, willowy blooms glow red, yellow, purple and copper throughout the gardens from fall through March. $18 per person. Code: U52.Y109

Historic Green Spring Tour

Saturday, March 20

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (16-Adult) View the interior of the 1784 Historic House to discover fascinating ways it was adapted over time, reflecting changing needs, lifestyles & technologies spanning 3 centuries. A hidden doorway, a rotated staircase, repurposed historic woodwork & a major mid-20th century renovation all reveal how much a home can tell us about human history. $15 per person. Code: YD8.FO57

Youth & Family Programs

Tots

Garden Sprouts - Nature Playgroup

Mondays, December 14, January 11, February 8, & March 8

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (2-4 yrs.) Your preschooler will enjoy nature-themed activities and crafts while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk, we will explore seasonal topics. Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who does not need to register for the program. $12 per child.

12/14 - Code: C72.BPB8
1/11 - Code: DCØ.CDFL
2/8 - Code: DCØ.FO9C
3/8 - Code: DCØ.1OCH

Little Gardeners

Saturdays, December 19, February 27 & March 27

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. (2-6 yrs.) Explore the ever-changing landscape of the garden. Each week, participants will explore and discover the changes in the garden. This program will feature seasonal activities like planting seeds, pollinators, harvesting vegetables, digging in the soil and exploring plant parts. Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who does not need to register for the program. $12 per child.

12/19 - Houseplants Code: ZF6.479E
2/27 - Seed Starting Code: ZF6.47DV
3/27 - Bugs Code: ZF6.MUCC

Baby Blooms

Starting Wednesday, February 3

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (2-24 months) It's never too early to enjoy the gardens. This gentle gardening class, designed for little ones and their caregivers, guides little ones in experiencing the garden. Through sensory play, songs and simple planting activities, babies and young toddlers explore nature in a safe, engaging environment. Each session introduces age-appropriate garden elements to spark curiosity and connection with the natural world as well as tips on how to safely explore the gardens with your baby. 4 sessions. $32 per child. Code: TB4.U1Z6

Pequeños Jardineros

Saturday, March 13

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (2-5 yrs.) ¡Ven a descubrir la magia del jardín en español. A través de canciones, cuentos, juegos y actividades prácticas, los niños explorarán plantas, flores, semillas e insectos mientras desarrollan vocabulario y amor por la naturaleza. Cada clase incluye experiencias sensoriales, observación de la vida en el jardín y oportunidades para sembrar, regar y cuidar plantas. Llévate una manera para seguir divirtiéndote en casa. Los niños deben estar acompañado por un adulto. $12 por niño; Code: 8SF.KH1K

Family Programs

All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program.

Garden Artists - Sensory Play

Saturday, November 21

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (3-Adult) Discover nature through the sense of touch. Explore a variety of natural textures and use your hands to notice how each object feels. Be inspired by your favorite "feels" as you create a natural textures collage, turning your tactile discoveries into a unique piece of art. $10 per person. Code: 3S2.9OØP

Family Fun - Excellent Evergreens

Saturday, December 12

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (6-Adult) Learn about the wonderful world of evergreen trees and plants that really stand out this time of year. Enjoy a seasonal walk through the gardens and make an evergreen craft to decorate your home. $10 per person. Code: 4FD.C89P

Family Fun - Garden Orchestra

Saturday, January 16

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (3-Adult) Discover how music grows in the garden! Explore natural materials such as bamboo, seed pods, gourds, sticks and stones to create their own unique musical instruments. Learn how sound is made through vibration, rhythm and pitch while experimenting with the many sounds found in nature. End the class with a garden jam session where everyone can play their handmade instruments together. $15 per person. Code: PMØ.DJIR

Winter Storytime - Snow Day Play

Saturday, February 13

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (All Ages) Come enjoy the wonders of winter inside while we play with "snow" and build snowball launchers. We'll read fun books about snow and wintertime. $9 per person. Code: 3FL.1QDD

Family Fun - Hamster Gardens

Sunday, February 21

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (7-Adult) Discover how to make hamster-friendly gardens—safe, enriching spaces designed to support natural behaviors like burrowing, foraging and exploring. Learn how to create a safe little garden for your hamster. Then make your own small hamster garden to take home. $15 per person. Code: ØPE.JVWA

Family Fun - All About Owls

Saturday, March 13

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (8-Adult) Learn about owls and take a walk to explore where they might nest at Green Spring. Then dissect an owl pellet to discover what your owl has been eating. Each registrant receives one owl pellet. $15 per person. Code: 1HW.99XA

Winter Camp

STEM & Wildlife Wonders with LEGO®

Monday, February 1

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (6-10 yrs.) Design and build your way through the animal kingdom, from sea to safari, using tens of thousands of LEGO® parts. With the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor, you'll recreate diverse habitats while crafting animals in their natural surroundings. $89 per child. Code: ØØT.XX7P

Conservation Weekend

Sunrise Cinema in the Garden - *Hoppers*

Friday, January 29

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (All Ages) Explore the tropical plants in the glasshouse then step into a cozy indoor "drive-in" movie morning in the Horticulture Center at Green Spring Gardens. Watch groundbreaking technology transport a young conservationist into the secret world of animals, uncovering secrets of nature, empathy and conservation along the way. A breakfast snack is included with admissions. Additional concessions will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or cushion so you can get extra cozy while you watch. Children 2 and under are free. $10 per person. Code: 45V.7VØB

Baby Hoppers

Saturday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (2-24 months) Join us for an interactive garden adventure for babies and their caregivers. Through songs, movement, sensory exploration and playful animal games, little ones will discover how gardens provide homes for bunnies, frogs, grasshoppers and other wildlife. Together, we'll hop, explore and learn simple ways to care for the habitats that help plants and animals thrive. $7 per child. Code: KJI.GUFX

Little Conservationists

Saturday, January 30

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (2-6 yrs.) Search for signs of animals, learn how plants provide food and shelter, and complete missions to help protect local habitats. Through games, movement, hands-on activities and a nature-themed craft, children will learn how even small actions can make a big difference for the animals that share our world. $12 per child. Code: 7TX.XCF7

Garden Detectives and the Missing Wildlife

Saturday, January 30

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (7-12 yrs.) The garden may look asleep in winter, but nature is full of hidden clues! Become a Garden Detective as you investigate how plants and animals survive the cold season. Examine winter mysteries, discover wildlife adaptations and meet a live Eastern Box Turtle to learn how it spends the winter months. Create your own detective notebook to record observations, sketch your turtle encounter and continue your nature investigations at home. Child must be accompanied by an adult. $12 per person. Code: 4MY.RPK3

Conservation Escape Room - Keystone Species

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3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (13-Adult) The local ecosystem is unraveling and needs your help. Work in teams to solve puzzles, uncover a hidden keystone species and rebuild a disrupted food web before it's too late. Along the way, explore what happens when species are removed and how small changes can trigger big ecological effects. Discover how ecosystems stay balanced—and what it takes to restore them when they don't. $15 per person. Code: IRA.QMBD



Art Exhibits

AT THE HORTICULTURE CENTER
Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Photo Forum
Nature's Gifts Through a Lens
Photography

NOVA Plein Air Artists
Blooms, Blossoms and Vista
Mixed

AT THE HISTORIC HOUSE
Wednesday - Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Caroline & Erik Hottenstein
Times Past – Historic Architecture & Artifacts
Mixed

Receptions: Sunday, October 25
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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