



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Green Spring Gardens

Winter 2017

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Sunday, December 4 **GARDENERS HOLIDAY** **OPEN HOUSE**

12-4 pm. Treat yourself to a day of holiday fun in the garden. There's a little something for everyone: puppet shows at 1 pm and 3 pm; greens, seasonal breads and ornaments for sale; live music and free refreshments; and the "Dollhouse and Miniatures" exhibit presented by Happily Ever After Hobby Shop. This festive day is for gardeners of all ages, individuals and families.
 SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF GREEN SPRING.



Sunday, December 4 **GARDENERS HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW**

1-2 pm and 3-4 pm. Register in advance for this festive, holiday puppet show performed by Bob Brown Puppets. Registered children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Before or after the show, enjoy the Gardeners Holiday Open House. \$4/person. For the 1-2 pm show, use code 290 489 4301. For the 3-4 pm show, use code 290 489 4302. SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF GREEN SPRING.

Saturday, February 4 **WASHINGTON GARDENER MAGAZINE SEED EXCHANGE**

12:30-4 pm. *Washington Gardener* (WG) magazine is co-hosting the 12th annual Seed Exchange at Green Spring Gardens with lectures, face-to-face seed swap and more. Bring your extra seeds to swap, and leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends and expert planting advice. \$15 for verified Friends of Green Spring members (FROGS) and WG subscribers; \$20 for other guests. Code 290 101 3301 for FROGS and WG subscribers and code 290 101 3302 for all other guests

Saturday, February 18 **ECO-SAVVY SYMPOSIUM: CULTIVATING BIODIVERSITY**

9 am-1 pm. Plant and animal life biodiversity is critical to a healthy ecosystem. Learn from renowned public designer Bill McLaughlin of the U.S. Botanic Garden and expert local naturalist and environmental educator Alonso Abugattas how to create a home landscape that provides an oasis for birds, pollinators and other wildlife through the use of native plants. A panel discussion on the use of native plants in the landscape follows the presentations. \$56/person. Code: 290 188 5501

Registration for winter programs begins on December 6. Registration is ongoing for December programs readvertised here. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173. Out-of-county registrants add \$2 for programs up to \$45; \$15 for programs \$46 and up.



HARRY ALLEN WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Sundays in January, February and March

The Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series is a popular, annual series of presentations by authors, garden designers, scientists and other garden enthusiasts on the cutting edge of horticulture. After the lecture, meet the speaker(s) and enjoy refreshments. \$10 advance registration for Fairfax County residents (\$12 out-of-county residents); \$12 at the door. SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF GREEN SPRING.

Sunday, January 15 1:30-2:30 pm

HOW PLANTS GOT THEIR STRIPES

Plantsman **Joseph Tychonievich** shares the science and secrets behind variegated and patterned leaves, some involving plants lying to insects, jumping genes and mythical monsters. You'll never look at your garden the same way again. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 1801

Sunday, January 22 1:30-2:30 pm

NEW HORIZONS FOR THE NATIVE PLANT MOVEMENT

Join landscape architect **Thomas Rainer** as he explores current trends in leading-edge planting design and discusses how native plant advocacy must adapt to meet the needs of an urbanizing planet. See the work of leading designers who have adopted a naturalistic style and learn strategies for beautiful and resilient gardens. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 2001

Sunday, January 29 1:30-2:30 pm

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

You already know and grow dainty spring flowering bulbs like tulips, crocuses and daffodils. Now it's time to learn about the bold, show-stopping, flowering summer bulbs. Garden designer and nurseryman **Jenks Farmer** shares creative design ideas combining summer bulbs and perennials to add "wow" to your summer garden. \$10/person. Code: 290 183 0901

Sunday, February 5 1:30-2:30 pm

RESCUING EDEN

Garden historian **Carolyn Seeborn** shares *Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's Historic Gardens*, a look at rescuing numerous historic gardens from neglect and demolition. From harrowing to hopeful, the stories celebrate the history of garden design and efforts by garden lovers to keep these spaces thriving. Book signing to follow. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 1901

Sunday, February 12 1:30-2:30 pm

THE PRESIDENTS' GARDENS

The gardens that surround the White House have been a witness to history and a backdrop for soldiers, activists and historic treaties. Garden historian **Marta McDowell** shares the history of the White House grounds and reveals how the story of the garden is also the story of America. Book signing to follow. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 4501

Sunday, February 19 1:30-2:30 pm

TOP TEN PLANTS FOR LOCAL GARDENS

We asked area professionals to share their favorite garden plants. Horticulturists **Karen Rexrode**, **Keith Tomlinson** of Meadowlark Gardens and **Judy Zatsick** of Green Spring Gardens reveal their top ten lists of garden beauties and workhorses that are proven plants for Northern Virginia. \$10/person. Code: 290 185 6501

Sunday, February 26 1:30-2:30 pm

COPING WITH DEER

Are deer eating up your garden? Garden expert **Ruth Clausen** shares some beautiful shrubs, annuals and perennials that deer seldom browse. Get design tips and plant combinations for your deer-resistant garden. Expand your garden palette to reduce damage and frustration. Book signing to follow. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 4601

Sunday, March 5 1:30-2:30 pm

AUTHENTIC GARDEN STYLE

What makes a garden "authentic"? For American gardeners, this question can be vexing. Because America is a comparatively young nation, it hasn't had much time to develop an indigenous garden style. Gardeners have therefore tended to turn to other national traditions for inspiration. The unhappy result of this piecemeal stylistic borrowing has been the creation of gardens that bear no relationship to local landscapes and history, and that have no connection with our daily lives. Scott Arboretum director **Claire Sawyers** shows us how we can create gardens that are both deeply rooted in their surroundings and deeply satisfying to us, their creators. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 4401

Sunday, March 12 1:30-2:30 pm

GLASSHOUSES & CONSERVATORIES

Green Spring Gardens is completing much-needed renovations to its glasshouse thanks to generous support from Friends of Green Spring and a matching grant. Celebrate the reopening of this popular garden oasis with refreshments and a talk on the history of greenhouses and conservatories by **Dean Norton**, director of horticulture at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Dean shares the genesis of these plant sanctuaries and introduces you to the characters behind their popularity. \$10/person. Code: 290 182 2201

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sunday, December 11 2-4 pm

FLORAL WORKSHOP:

WILLIAMSBURG CENTERPIECE

Make a beautiful Williamsburg-style Christmas centerpiece complete with greens, fruit and dried material. Florist Chuck Mason shows you the techniques and lead you through the take home project. Please register for the program and supply fee.

\$38 for program Code: 290 430 2901

\$25 for supply fee Code: 290 430 2902

Saturday, January 28 10-11 am

SMALL SPACE FOOD GARDENS

If you're eager to have an edible garden but are short on garden space, Smithsonian gardener Matt Burch is here to help. He shares strategies for creating a productive food garden that add flavorful variety to your meals, even when space is at a premium. \$16/person.

Code: 290 103 3301

Saturday, February 25 10-11:30 am

STARTING FROM SCRATCH WITH SEEDS

Grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed and expand your garden. Be inspired by Green Spring propagator and horticulturist Judy Zatsick as she discusses potting mixes, containers, seed treatments, lighting, fertilization, watering, seed sources and timing. Then take home a few seeds to start your own collection. \$22/person.

Code: 290 187 4201

Saturday, February 25 10-11:30 am

CRYSTALLIZED FLOWER WORKSHOP

Bring spring and summer to your winter table. Follow simple steps to crystallize edible blooms to use as beautiful and easy garnishes for desserts and other dishes. Take home your candied flowers along with decorating ideas and tips. The class meets at the Historic House. \$27/person.

Code: 290 182 7501

Saturday, March 4 10-11 am

GARDEN DESIGN: LANDSCAPE

REJUVENATION

You know it, and the neighbors know it too. Your home landscape has gotten overgrown and needs an upgrade. Horticulturist Karen Rexrode leads you through the fundamental principles of garden design to help you visualize and then realize a beautiful, well-planned landscape. \$16/person.

Code: 290 188 4201

Saturday, March 11 10-11:30 am

GREAT WOODY PLANTS

Green Spring horticulturist Brenda Skarphol highlights beautiful flowering shrubs that grow well in Virginia home gardens. Get to know seasonal standouts for winter and spring. Learn the culture and care of these beauties and how to best showcase them in your garden. The program takes place both indoors and outdoors.

\$18/person. Code: 290 184 5501

Find unique gifts at Green Spring's Garden and Tea Gift Shops

At the Horticulture Center gift shop — garden pottery and décor, tools, books, gifts and nature-inspired jewelry

At the Historic House gift shop — tea, tea accessories and Victorian-inspired gifts

Gift cards can also be purchased for use at Green Spring Gardens (at the shops or for programs) as well as at other Fairfax County Park Authority sites and RECenters.

Friends of Green Spring receive 10% off at Green Spring Gardens' gift shops.

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GARDEN TALKS WITH MASTER GARDENERS

Friday, January 27 1:30-2:30 pm

WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDEN

Habitat loss has reduced wildlife diversity in our neighborhoods. You can do your part to help native fauna survive by providing food, shelter and water for visiting wildlife in your own yard. Learn gardening techniques from Master Gardeners to turn your corner of the planet into a thriving habitat for birds and native insects. \$10/person. Code: 290 101 2201

Friday, February 3 1:30-2:30 pm

PLANTS THAT BULLY

Fast-growing invasive plants can cover your trellis, your garden and anything that doesn't move. Give invasives an inch, and they'll take your yard. Master Gardeners show you native alternatives to grow instead. You'll be amazed at the choices you have! \$10/person. Code: 290 188 5601

Friday, March 3 1:30-2:30 pm

KITCHEN GARDEN

Learn how to plan, plant and grow your food in an environmentally friendly way. Master Gardeners show you how to get the most out of your spring kitchen garden and enjoy home-grown vegetables before the heat of the summer. \$10/person. Code: 290 188 5001

Friday, March 17 1:30-2:30 pm

SPRING GARDEN KICKOFF

Spring garden maintenance in Northern Virginia begins in winter and is a terrific way to shake the winter blahs and exercise those gardening muscles. Learn tips for your lawn and garden from Master Gardeners including best practices for selecting plants and starting seedlings. \$10/person. Code: 290 189 6101

GREEN SPRING GARDENS' GETAWAYS

Trips may be canceled for inclement weather, and a full refund will be given. If weather is questionable, please call 703-642-5173. Registrant cancelations received by the trip cancelation deadline will receive a full refund. For registrant cancelations received after the deadline, no refund will be given.

Out-of-county registrants add \$15.

Monday, March 13 10 am-10 pm

Wednesday, March 15 8 am - 8 pm

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW GETAWAY

The 2017 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show celebrates the wonders of Holland. From windmills, wooden shoes and cheese, to bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip and flower fields, the largest flower show in the United States shares diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and sustainability efforts of the Netherlands at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Bring a lunch or enjoy the atmosphere and food of the Reading Terminal located across the street. \$136/person includes motor coach and show admission. The cancelation deadline for both trips is February 24.

March 13th code: 290 192 2501

March 15th code: 290 192 3601

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HISTORIC GREEN SPRING TEA PROGRAMS

Programs are by reservation only and require prepayment to Fairfax County Park Authority. A traditional English tea is included in each tea program, unless otherwise noted. Groups may call to reserve a private tour or program with a tea. **For reservations, please call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.**



Saturday, January 21 1-3:30 pm

NO MERE TRIFLE

(Adults) Trifle is the quintessential English dessert with a long history. Chef and event planner Nora Burgan explores the origins of this creamy, delectable classic and demonstrates how to make a modern-day version with ease. Enjoy a delicious sampling and learn how to create other show-stopping variations. Reservations required. \$45 for the program and tea or \$18 for the program only.

Saturday, February 11 1-3:30 pm

PUNCH: A CUP OF HISTORY

(Adults) Luke Pecoraro, Director of Archaeology at Mount Vernon, presents the history of punch, the popular drink of sailors, explorers and patriots for more than four centuries. Hear about its origins and traditional ingredients and taste one or two of George and Martha Washington's favorite punch recipes. Reservations required. \$42 for the program and tea or \$18 for the program only.

Tuesday, February 14 1-3 pm

VALENTINE'S DAY TEA

(Adults) Celebrate the day of love and flowers with an elegant afternoon tea. Explore the lore and legend of St. Valentine with our special quiz and earn a chance to take home a beautiful door prize. Favor bag included. Reservations required. \$36/person.

Sunday, March 5 1-3 pm

THE INVENTION OF SHOPPING

(Adults) Explore the changing face of shopping through the ages, from market stalls and fairs to arcades and department stores. Learn about the innovations that helped us shop for necessities, shop for status, shop to socialize and shop as therapy as we discuss the fascinating history of counter culture. Reservations required. \$32/person.

Sunday, March 19 1-3:30 pm

THE SHAPELY STORY OF THE CORSET

(Adults) Bone up on the fascinating history of the corset, an indispensable element of fashionable dress for more than 400 years. Antique clothing collector Caroline Hottenstein presents the controversies surrounding the much-maligned foundation garment and showcases its construction with corsets from her collection. Reservations required. \$45 for the program and tea or \$18 for the program only.



TASTING PARTIES AT HISTORIC GREEN SPRING

English tea NOT included. Enjoy a presentation, then sample different types of a specific food or drink with accompaniments. Learn how to taste with all your senses and expand your culinary knowledge. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktastes or call 703-642-5173. Out-of-county registrants add \$2.

Saturday, January 14 10-11:30 am

HOT DRINKS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(Adults) Purple corn, yak butter, orchid root, ginger and more. Sample an eclectic selection of traditional hot drinks from all corners of the globe. Hear about their origins, ingredients and healthful qualities as you discover a whole new world of flavorful winter beverages. \$27/person. Code: 290 182 0001

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Family-friendly workshops for kids (ages 5 and older) with registered adult(s)

Saturday, December 10 1-2 pm

WINTER SOLSTICE WORKSHOP

(5-Adult) Learn how people in the past celebrated the winter solstice. Then create an evergreen centerpiece, complete with beeswax candle, to warm and welcome friends and family to your table. \$10/person. Code: 290 481 5001

Saturday, January 7 10-11 am

PARADE OF PLANTS

(5-Adult) Did you know all the floats in the Rose Parade are made from plant materials? This year's parade is on Monday, Jan. 2 but you can celebrate at Green Spring on Saturday, Jan. 7, as we look at the history of the parade, see close-up photos of the floats and go on a walk in the gardens to collect our own plant materials. Afterwards, make a wintery decoration from natural materials in the tradition of the floats. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. \$6/person. Code: 290 181 3501

Saturday, February 11 10-11 am

SENSATIONAL SEEDS

(5-Adult) Thinking about your spring garden? Come explore the sensational world of seeds. We examine our seed collection, dissect seeds to see what's inside and learn how they grow into the plants that fill our gardens. Then plant some seeds to take home to grow. Transplant them outside in your garden in spring. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. \$6/person. Code: 290 184 7601



SCOUT PROGRAMS

Out-of-county fees do not apply to scout programs

Saturday, January 28 10 am-noon

BROWNIES: WONDERS OF WATER TEA

This special tea program features activities from the WOW Journey book. We explore water cycle science, water conservation and learn how we can help protect this precious resource. \$15/scout. Code: 290 174 2801

Saturday, January 28 1:30-3:30 pm

JUNIORS: SOCIAL BUTTERFLY BADGE

For Girl Scout Juniors. Learn and practice good manners and social etiquette. Enjoy some treats and make new friends. \$12/scout, badge not included. Code: 290 173 1101

Saturday, February 11 10 am-noon

JUNIORS: DRAWING ARTIST BADGE

For Girl Scout Juniors. Learn the basics of sketching and shading as we practice being graphic artists in the beautiful spaces of Green Spring. \$12/scout, badge not included. Code: 290 174 4301

Saturday, February 11 1-3 pm

BROWNIES: LETTERBOXER BADGE

For Girl Scout Brownies. Learn the history of letterboxing, create a letterbox book and stamp, search for a letterbox and invent a fun hunt for your friends. \$12/scout, badge not included. Code: 290 174 4201

GARDEN SPROUTS PLAYGROUP

One Monday a Month 10-11:30 am

GARDEN SPROUTS: NATURE PLAYGROUP

(2-5 yrs.) Join our Nature Playgroup. Your preschooler enjoys nature-themed activities while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. A staff member is on hand to put out nature sensory bins, direct games and activities or lead a garden walk. An adult must accompany a registered child. Register for each playgroup individually. January's theme is evergreens. February's theme is seeds. March's theme is green.

290 102 8701	Jan. 9	\$6/child
290 102 8702	Feb. 6	\$6/child
290 102 8703	Mar. 6	\$6/child

FINE ARTS CLASSES



Saturday, January 28 9:30 am-3:30 pm

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP:

PAINT SHINY OBJECTS

Using careful observation, learn how to make glass and silver look shiny and reflective in watercolor.

Artist and instructor Marni Maree demonstrates techniques and provides guidance for your own watercolor painting. A supply list will be provided before class. Bring a lunch. \$88/person.

Code: 290 130 7901

Saturday, March 4 9:30 am-3:30 pm

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP:

PAINTING ORCHIDS

Orchids just scream to be painted in watercolors, and botanical artist Dawn Flores shows you the way. Lessons focus on color, orchid anatomy, techniques and transfer practices so you can successfully compose and paint your own watercolor orchids regardless of your skill level.

Bring your own specimens or work from photographs. A supply list will be provided before class. Bring a lunch. \$88/person.

Code: 290 130 8001

YOGA FOR GARDENERS

Monday classes begin Jan. 9 9:30-10:30 am

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(Adult) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. The class is held indoors and meets 8 times. \$91/person.

Code: 290 126 2401

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Art Shows at Green Spring Gardens

UNTIL DECEMBER 18

At the Horticulture Center:

Richard & Ava Neff

Fabric, oil painting & encaustic
 painting

Ravensworth Elementary

School students

Various media

At the Historic House:

Akemi Price

Oil, acrylic and watercolor
 painting and pastels

DECEMBER 20-FEBRUARY 19

At the Horticulture Center and Historic House:

Vienna Arts Society

Various media

Reception on Sun., January 8, 1-3 pm

FEBRUARY 21-APRIL 16

At the Horticulture Center and Historic House:

*The National Capital
 Area Chapter of the
 Sumi-e Society of
 America*

Asian brush painting

Reception on Sun., March 26, 1-3 pm

Horticulture Center Hours

Monday-Saturday, 9 am-4:30 pm

Sunday, noon-4:30 pm

Historic House Hours

Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4:30 pm

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