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Saturday Programs Are Blooming at Green Spring Gardens

Gardening enthusiasts who have grown weary of winter may find activities for their idle green thumbs at Green Spring Gardens on February 18, 2012. Three separate programs will provide opportunities to make unique butterfly crafts from pressed leaves, take a winter walk to discover the park's collection of conifers, and learn the proper way to prune crape myrtle trees.

Pressed-Leaf Butterfly Workshop

From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., participants will make lovely winged creatures from vivid autumn leaves. Nancy Olney, staff horticulturalist, demonstrates how to create this work of art using recently pressed leaves. Completed butterfly projects may be taken home in a matted frame. The cost is \$25 per person.

Consider Conifers

Participants will take a brisk stroll in the winter garden from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Master Gardeners will identify and describe some of Green Spring's evergreen trees. They'll inspire you to consider conifers to brighten and define your winter landscape. Warmth and refreshments await visitors in the Historic House. The cost is \$12 per person.

Pruning Crape Myrtles

Late winter or early spring is the time to prune crape myrtle trees. From 1 to 3 p.m., learn how to skillfully prune these trees to achieve a pleasing shape and abundant flowering. After listening to pruning basics, gain confidence by joining instructors, Josh Darkow and Taylor Duke from Bartlett Trees, outside for hands-on training. Dress for the weather as the class will be held inside and outside. The cost is \$18 per person.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. To make a registration for any of the programs listed above, call 703-642-5173. Information about the park may be found online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/>.

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