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Green Spring Gardens Celebrates Cherry Blossoms

In partnership with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Green Spring Gardens will hold three programs to celebrate the beauty and history of the cherry blossom. Paint a paper lantern, go on a cherry tree hunt in the gardens, learn about Japanese influence on western fashion at our tea program, or sample foods of the fifth savory taste of ‘Umami.’

Children and families will enjoy visiting different learning stations at Green Spring Gardens. Hear a story, try your hand at origami and chopsticks, paint a Japanese style lantern, and seek out our beautiful cherry trees on our cherry tree hunt. This Children’s Cherry Blossom Festival program is a drop-in program that runs from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2014 and is \$10 a person. Advanced registration is recommended. Families can register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. This program is designed for families with children ages five and up.

On Sunday, April 6, adults can enjoy a tea at the Japonism in Fashion program, highlighting Japanese influence on western fashion. View gorgeous avant-garde designs that combined Japanese motifs with 19th-and 20th-century Western silhouettes. See elements of the kimono in tea gowns and opera coats and hear about Japanese designers who are redefining fashion worldwide today. This program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. and is \$29 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 703-941-7987.

Adults are invited to attend the Umami Tasting Party on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Explore the savory taste of umami, its history, health benefits, and the taste research science behind it. Sample umami-rich foods and learn how to use its attributes to enhance your cooking. The cost is \$27 a person. Advanced registration is required. Adults can register on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Va., just one quarter mile north of the intersection of Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike (Route 236). For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173 or visit us on the web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.