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Green Spring Gardens Offers More Than Just Flowers and Trees

Green Spring Gardens is known throughout the Mid-Atlantic region for its stunning demonstration gardens and nationally recognized historic mansion. But the Fairfax County Park Authority property located in Alexandria, Va., also provides extensive educational programming for visitors of all ages. Two examples that illustrate the range of classes offered at the park include a summer reading puppet show for young children and a workshop that teaches techniques for drawing butterflies. Green Spring Gardens has a little something for everyone this summer.

The summer reading puppet show will feature Blue Sky Puppet Theatre on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. Children ages 3 to 10 will be entertained by the puppeteers' one-hour production, "If Pigs Could Fly." Puppets tell the story and encourage kids to read. The show starts at 10:30 a.m. and the cost is \$3 per child.

What better place to learn to draw butterflies than a horticultural park filled with flowers that attract the colorful winged insects? On Saturday, August 9, adults with an artistic eye will learn a technique for building up soft textures, sharp edges, and rich colors using colored pencils and acrylic paint. Participants will draw butterflies from photographs and push the media beyond their traditional uses. This class runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the cost is \$74 per person.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va. For more information, call 703-642-5173. Program registration is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or by calling 703-222-4664.

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