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Learn How to Design Your Garden at Green Spring Gardens

The dead of winter is a great time to start thinking about the upcoming planting season and look forward to warmer days ahead. The Fairfax County Park Authority is offering a series of Garden Design Workshops at Green Spring Gardens this month for green thumbs itching to get started.

Participants will learn do-it yourself garden design from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, January 17, 24, and 31. This three-session workshop includes morning lectures on landscape design basics, followed by an afternoon of individualized help on planning and putting ideas on paper. Morning lectures include Elements of Design, Biology of Garden Sites, and Putting Your Garden Together. The cost is \$185 for Fairfax County residents and \$200 for out-of-county visitors. The two-hour morning lectures are available separately for \$36/\$38 and run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday, January 18, Green Spring Gardens will also hold a winter lecture focused on papyrus from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Papyrus is used for food, fuel, paper, and pollution control, among other uses. Dr. John Gaudet will enlighten attendees about this versatile plant and demonstrate how it is made into paper during the Amazing Papyrus Plant lecture. The cost is \$10 for Fairfax County residents and \$12 for out-of-county visitors.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va. For more information about Green Spring Gardens programs, call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

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