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## Escape your Saturday Chores with Fun Programs at Green Spring

Take a break from those Saturday errands and chores and try something new at Green Spring Gardens in August.

Learn how to make all-natural cold press soap for your home or to give as gifts on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instructor Diane Hampel will show you how to safely handle and store lye and how to add fragrance, exfoliants and colorants to your soap. Get tips on molding, curing, and packaging, and take home two bars of soap and soap recipes. The cost is \$65 per person.

Nothing says summer like flowers and ice cream. Enjoy both on August 13 at Green Spring from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Stroll the vibrant summer gardens with a Master Gardener docent, and then visit the historic house for an ice cream social – a traditional gathering dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Participants age 13 to adult can indulge in a variety of delicious ices, served with toppings, garnishes and a touch of nostalgia. The cost is \$12 per person.

Wrap up the month on August 27 with a Saturday Begonia Topiary Standard Workshop. Learn to make a cane or angel wing begonia into a topiary standard for your home. Begonia expert Johanna Zinn will discuss what makes cane begonia different from other begonia types and what’s needed to keep your plant thriving. After her talk, she’ll help you prune and make a masterful begonia standard. The cost of this program for adults is \$35, plus a \$25 fee for supplies. The workshop runs from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, VA. For more information, call 703-642-5173 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>.

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