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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Green Spring Gardens

Winter 2020

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Sunday, December 8 **Gardeners' Holiday Open House**

Noon-4pm. (All ages) Treat yourself to a day of holiday fun in the garden featuring decorations and seasonal displays, live music, holiday breads and ornaments for sale, and free refreshments. Free event. Bring the children to a holiday puppet show (\$5 per person; see page 6) at 1pm or 3pm. Call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173 for more information. [SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF GREEN SPRING.](#)



Saturday, February 1 **Washington Gardener Seed Exchange**

12:30-4:30pm. (Adults) *Washington Gardener Magazine* is co-hosting the 15th annual seed exchange at Green Spring Gardens with lectures, a face-to-face seed swap, and more. Bring your extra seeds to swap and leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends, and expert planting advice. Verified Friends of Green Spring members \$15 (code [C1E.4043](#)), other guests \$20 (code [C1E.5B00](#)).

Saturday, February 15 **EcoSavvy Symposium: Four Season Garden**

8:30am-12:30pm. (Adults) Discover ways to expand the beauty in your garden at the 16th annual EcoSavvy Symposium: The Four Season Garden—Sensational Ornamentals and Edibles All Year Long. Author and garden columnist Marianne Willburn and Smithsonian Gardens Horticulture Collections Manager Cindy Brown share insights into selecting plants for all-season color, architectural interest, and extended harvests from your edible garden. \$58 per person (code [986.13C6](#)).

Registration for winter programs begins on **November 19**. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using the program code or call 703-642-5173. Out-of-county registrants add \$2 for programs up to \$45; \$15 for programs \$46 and up.



HARRY ALLEN WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Sundays in January, February and March, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

A popular annual series of presentations by authors, garden designers, scientists and other garden enthusiasts on the cutting edge of horticulture. After the lecture, meet the speaker(s) and enjoy refreshments. \$10 advance registration for Fairfax County residents (\$12 out-of-county residents); \$12 at the door.



Sunday, January 19 1:30-2:30pm

Fifty Years of Green Spring

(Adults) As Green Spring Gardens

turns 50, discover how this special place became a unique County resource. Green Spring historian Debbie Waugh discusses the fascinating lives of the last private owners, Michael and Belinda Straight, and their gift to the Park Authority in 1970. Enjoy a photo history of our first half century and look ahead to our next 50 years. Code [288.09DB](#).

Sunday, January 26 1:30-2:30pm

Bunny Mellon's Oak Spring Gardens

(Adults) Rachel "Bunny" Mellon was a gardener, artist and icon. She created countless gardens for famous friends and family, including the White House Rose Garden and the Potager du Roi at Versailles. But her most intimate garden is the half-acre, walled garden at her estate in Upperville, Virginia. Head gardener Judy Zatsick shares the joys and challenges of carrying on the spirit of Bunny Mellon at Oak Spring Garden Foundation. Code [ODE.C7C0](#).

Sunday, February 2 1:30-2:30pm

Building a Piet Oudolf Meadow

(Adults) Horticulturist Gregg Tepper shares the engaging tale of building a Piet Oudolf-designed meadow garden. With every great project and large planting there is a story, and Gregg shares the background, the details and all the behind-the-scenes magic that made this garden a reality. \$10 per person. Code [D7A.7D99](#).

Sunday, February 9 1:30-2:30pm

Women in Horticulture

(Adults) Celebrate women in horticulture as notable past and future contributors to the field of landscape design. Three public gardens reveal

how the contributions of Beatrix Farrand and Ellen Biddle Shipman, groundbreaking women in landscape architecture, helped further the landscape architecture field for women. Get a profile of contemporary public works that illustrate the continued impact of women on the design world. Code [A8E.D7C1](#).

Sunday, February 16 1:30-2:30pm

The Forest Project

(Adults) Dawn Flores spent 20 years communing with an urban forest and five years documenting its destruction. Learning lessons on ecology, collaboration and letting go, she turned personal grief into a community-wide art/conservation project resulting in a large body of work. Flores will walk you through the creative process that resulted in eight volumes of photographs, one contemplative movie, more than 60 woodturned pieces, and dozens of quilts made from forest-inspired fabric. The pieces will be on display at Green Spring Gardens through March 29. Code [FEA.37CF](#).



Sunday, March 1 1:30-2:30pm

History Underground

(Adults) Discover history in your backyard as archaeologist Aimee

Wells highlights several archaeological projects in Fairfax County, including archaeological testing at Green Spring Gardens. Code [144.BCAF](#).

Weather-Related Closures and Program Cancellations

Green Spring Gardens and other Fairfax County Park Authority sites follow Fairfax County Government closures. For information on weather-related closures or cancellations, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or call 703-324-8661, TTY 703-803-3354.

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HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Saturday, December 7 1:30-3pm

Winter Wreath Workshop

(15-Adult) Create a beautiful winter wreath to take home for your front door after certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway demonstrates the dazzling possibilities. Greens, forms, ribbon and cones are included in the supply fee. \$39 program fee (plus \$25 supply fee). Code [4D0.44B2](#).

Saturday, January 25 9:30am-3:30pm

Watercolor Workshop: Sketchbook Journal

(16-Adult) Learn to bind your own sketchbook or journal using watercolor paper and other papers. Artist Marni Maree helps you prepare and decorate pages with collages, paints, stamps and stencils. Each book will be unique and a reflection of you. \$94 per person (plus a supply fee of \$15 payable to the instructor that includes everything you will need for this class). Code [C65.8564](#).

Saturday, January 11 1-2:30pm

Floral Design Workshop: Snowy Day Design

(16-Adult) Certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway walks you through a floral design that will shake the winter blues and brighten your home. You will come away saying, "I can't believe I made this." \$39 per person (plus a \$30 supply fee). Code [F28.05EC](#).

Saturday, February 29 1:30-3:00pm

Floral Design Workshop

(16-Adult) In the month of February, we celebrate love in all its splendid forms. Certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway walks you through a floral project that you are sure to love. Keep this arrangement for yourself or give it to someone you care about. \$39 per person (plus a \$30 supply fee). Code [70D.892E](#).

GARDEN TALKS WITH MASTER GARDENERS

Friday, January 24 1:30-2:30pm

Easy Houseplants to Grow

(Adults) No need to wait for spring to get your hands back in the soil. You can enjoy beautiful flowering and foliage plants right now, inside your home. Extension master gardeners provide you with all the know-how you will need to be successful. \$10 per person (code [F36.A05D](#)).

Friday, February 21 1:30-2:30pm

Cacti and Succulents

(Adults) Branch out and try growing something different. Extension master gardeners will show you the wonderful world of cacti and succulents, which draw the eye through a wide range of colors, textures and shapes. Not only are they beautiful, they are easy to grow. \$10 per person (code [AE5.ACC4](#)).



Horticulture Center Hours

Monday-Saturday: 9am-4:30pm
Wednesday-Sunday: Noon-4:30pm

Historic House Hours

Monday-Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday-Sunday: Noon-4:30pm

ADULT PROGRAMS



Saturday, February 22 10-11:30am

Garden Tour: Winter Witch Hazels

(Adults) Celebrate 50 years of Green Spring Gardens and our signature shrub. A docent-led tour showcases our nationally-accredited witch hazel collection, featuring more than 200 specimens with blooms that glow red, yellow, purple, and copper from fall through March. Warm up afterward with hot drinks in the Historic House. \$15 per person (code [DB2.0C89](#)).

Saturday, February 29

10-11am

Citizen Science for Gardeners and Nature Lovers

(16-Adult) Explore the concept of data gathering. Gardeners, naturalists and entomologists are recording the world around them through web-based social media applications. Bird migration, butterfly numbers, invasive plant spread, and insect populations are just some examples of data collected by an ecologist and citizen-scientist cyber community. Karen Rexrode will introduce you to some applications that will interest you as a gardener and a nature lover. \$18 per person (code [C4C.7A2A](#)).

Saturday, March 7

10-11:30am

Great Shrubs for Home Gardens

(Adults) Horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol highlights beautiful flowering shrubs that grow well in Virginia home gardens. Learn the culture and care of these beauties and how to best showcase them in your garden. Dress for outdoors. \$18 per person (code [FD2.0AE6](#)).

YOGA FOR GARDENERS

Mondays starting January 6

9:30-10:30am

Yoga for Gardeners

(Adults) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method, which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. \$129 per person for 11 lessons (code [6E6.8A34](#)). Class held indoors.

GREEN SPRING GARDENS GETAWAYS

Trips may be canceled due to inclement weather, and a full refund will be given. If weather is questionable, please call 703-642-5173. Registrant cancellations received by the trip cancellation deadline will receive a full refund. For registrant cancellations received after the deadline, no refund will be given.

Out-of-county registrants add \$15.

Monday, March 2

10am-10pm

Code [A19.9775](#)

Wednesday, March 4

8am-8pm

Code [A19.7BCF](#)

Philadelphia Flower Show Getaway

(5-Adult) The 2020 PHS Philadelphia Riviera Holiday invites you to fall in love with gardening and beckons you to create your own Mediterranean-inspired garden. Ornate pottery and patterned tiles, a well-placed pergola, abundant clusters of scented flowers, ornamental fountains, and herb parterres provide irresistible appeal. Bring a lunch or enjoy the atmosphere and food at the Reading Terminal Market located across the street. \$149 per person (includes motor coach and admission).

Trip cancellation deadline is Feb. 14, 2020.

Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using the program code or call 703-642-5173. Out-of-county registrants add \$2 for programs up to \$45; \$15 for programs \$46 and up.

HISTORIC GREEN SPRING TEA PROGRAMS

Programs are by reservation only and require prepayment to Fairfax County Park Authority. A traditional English tea is included in each tea program. Groups may call to reserve a private tour or program with a tea. **For reservations, please call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987, TTY 711 (Virginia Relay).**



Sunday, January 12 1-3pm

Teas for Winter Health

(Adult) A steaming cup of tea offers warmth, comfort and health benefits throughout cold and flu season. Discover the best teas and herbal infusions to boost immunity and cure the winter blues. Learn about their medicinal properties and discover new healthful brews to enjoy year-round. Taste one or two at the tea table and take home a sample. \$36 per person (program + tea); \$15 (program only).



Sunday, February 9 1-3pm

A Half Century of Headlines

(Adult) As Green Spring celebrates its golden anniversary, enjoy our fun quiz on other momentous milestones of the past half century. Revisit 50 years of world headlines, from the transformative to the trivial, and hear about some headlines made at Green Spring. Take home a special anniversary memento. \$38 per person (program + tea); \$18 (program only).

Sunday, February 23 1-3pm

Royal Manners

(Adult) Prepare yourself for your next diplomatic or royal encounter by exploring codes of diplomatic decorum and dictates of British royal protocol, past and present. Learn complex rules of etiquette when in the presence of royalty and surprising rules that the royals themselves must follow. \$36 per person (program + tea); \$15 (program only).

Sunday, March 8

1-3:30pm

Art of the Needle

(Adult) Artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein explores the legacy of the 19th-century seamstress with a needlework tool, linen, lace and clothing exhibit. Learn about sewing techniques and styles, and the important role of needle arts in women's lives. Afterward, enjoy an afternoon tea or stay for a brief embroidery class (supplies included). \$45 per person (program + tea); \$22 (program only); \$30 (program + class).

Find unique gifts at Green Spring's gift shop

- Garden pottery, tools and decor
- Books and nature-inspired jewelry and accessories
- Tea, tea accessories and Victorian-inspired gifts

Gift cards can also be purchased for use at Green Spring Gardens (at the shops or for programs), as well as at other Fairfax County Park Authority sites and RECenters.

**FROGS receive 10% off at all
Green Spring's shops.**

TASTING PROGRAM AT HISTORIC GREEN SPRING

English tea NOT included. Enjoy a presentation, then sample different types of a specific food or drink with accompaniments. Learn how to taste with all your senses and expand your culinary knowledge. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-642-5173. Out-of-county registrants add \$2.

Saturday, January 25 4-6pm

Burns Night Scotch Tasting

(21-Adult) Celebrate Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, with a special Scotch whisky tasting. Learn about Scotland's "water of life" and enjoy samples from each Scotch-producing region. Discover Burns Night supper traditions and raise a glass to Scotland's favorite dish: the haggis! Delicious Scottish accompaniments will be served. \$45 per person (code [A1A.B1F0](#)).

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sunday, December 8 *1pm and 3pm*
Gardeners' Holiday Puppet Show
 (2 yrs. & up) Register in advance for one of these festive holiday puppet shows by a professional troupe. Before or after the show, enjoy the Gardeners' Holiday Open House sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring. \$5 per person (code [753.2FC2](#) for 1pm, code [753.850F](#) for 3pm).

Monday, February 3 *10-11:30am*
Monday, March 2 *10-11:30am*
Garden Sprouts Winter Nature Playgroup
 (3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler will enjoy nature-themed toys and puzzles while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk we explore seasonal topics. \$10 per person (code [DC0.8D7F](#) for 02/03, [DC0.5D09](#) for 03/02).

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Family-friendly activities for kids (ages 5 and older) with registered adult(s)

Saturday, December 7 *10:30-11:30am*
Excellent Evergreens
 (5-Adult) Learn about the wonderful world of evergreen trees and plants that really stand out this time of year. Enjoy a seasonal walk through the gardens and make an evergreen craft to decorate your home (also see "Winter Wreath Workshop" on p. 3). \$8/person. Code [4FD.B063](#).

December 8, 2019 - January 1, 2020
Tree Scavenger Hunt
 (All ages) The Friends of Green Spring (FROGS) invite the whole family to participate in a fun and educational tree scavenger hunt this winter. Pick up an information card at the Horticulture Center (during business hours) and find the 10 themed trees in the garden. You and your family will have fun learning about each tree and nature themes such as bugs and bats, butterflies, reptiles, flowers and bees, birds, weather, and more.

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Out-of-county fees do not apply to scout programs

Saturday, February 22 *10-11:30am*
Between Earth & Sky—Daisy Girl Scouts
 \$11 per scout. Register online (code [OE3.B0C5](#)) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Saturday, February 22 *1-3pm*
Wonders of Water—Brownie Girl Scouts
 \$15 per scout. Register online (code [2AC.418F](#)) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Saturday, March 14 *10-11:30am*
Flower Garden—Daisy Girl Scouts
 \$11 per scout. Register online (code [920.350F](#)) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Saturday, March 14 *1-3pm*
Gardener—Junior Girl Scouts
 \$14 per scout. Register online (code [DD4.C425](#)) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.



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Art Shows at Green Spring Gardens

Art Show Reception: January 5

Art Exhibits: December 17 - February 2

- Vienna Arts Society, mixed media
(Horticulture Center)
- Jennie Kim, photography
(Historic House)

Horticulture Center Hours

Monday-Saturday: 9 am-4:30 pm

Sunday: noon-4:30 pm

Art Show Reception: February 8

Art Exhibits: February 4 - March 29

- Dawn Flores, mixed media
(Horticulture Center)
- Katherine Ko, oil paintings
(Historic House)

Historic House Hours

Monday, Tuesday: closed

Wednesday-Sunday: noon-4:30 pm

Free admission to art exhibits.



Questions About Registration?

Dear Reader: As you may have noticed, there have been many changes to the Fairfax County Park Authority website. This has affected the way our classes are displayed on the Green Spring Gardens' site, as well as the process for searching for them on [Parktakes](#). If you have problems registering for a class through *Parktakes* or are unable to find the classes we are offering, please call us at 703-642-5173 and we will be happy to assist. We are hopeful that these changes will result in a more user-friendly system, and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.

PREVIEW OF SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April 11: Plant Shop Opens!

This year, Green Spring Gardens will be giving away 50 plants, to celebrate its 50th anniversary. More details to come in the Spring 2020 issue of Programs & Events.

May 16: Spring Garden Day

Mark your calendar for this highly popular annual plant sale, featuring rare and unusual plants including natives, edibles and trees.

FROGS Photography Contest

Coinciding with Green Spring's 50th anniversary in 2020, FROGS is thrilled to sponsor the garden's first juried photography contest. Open to non-professional photographers ages 18 and older, up to 75 contest-entry photographs that convey the beauty of Green Spring Gardens will be on public exhibit September through October 2020. For details, visit www.friendsofgreenspring.org.

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SUPPORT GREEN SPRING GARDENS — BECOME A FROG (FRIEND OF GREEN SPRING)

Membership benefits include 10% off purchases at the Green Spring Gardens' gift shops and Garden Gate plant shop; quarterly *Gardenline* and *Program & Events* newsletters; discounts from selected local nurseries; and notification of Green Spring Gardens' special events.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership (1 year)	\$35	Name:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership (3 year)	\$90	Address:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organization (1 year)	\$250		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron (1 year)	\$150	Phone:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life	\$500	Email:	_____

- Please make checks payable to FROGS and mail to FROGS Membership, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312
- Membership dues and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- You may pay membership dues with VISA or MASTERCARD online at www.friendsofgreenspring.org or over the phone by calling 703-642-5173.



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