



Programs & Events

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

SUMMER 2025

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Register at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes
using the program
code or by calling
703-642-5173.

Garden Gate Plant Shop is now Open!

Green Spring's Garden Gate Plant Shop is open for in-person shopping Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday Noon to 3:30 p.m. The Plant Shop specializes in plants that do well in local growing conditions, and offers many plants featured in Green Spring's demonstration gardens. Plant sales support the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS). It will remain open until late October.



Benches tucked away off the path offer the perfect spot to sit and enjoy the gardens.

Pride Picnic in the Garden

Saturday, June 14

10 a.m. - Noon (All Ages) Celebrate Pride Month with a community picnic at the gardens. Bring your own food and seating and enjoy the chance to gather and connect with your family, friends and allies. Visit with site staff in the library to learn about the secret history of flowers and how they were used to communicate among the LGBTQ+ community. Registration recommended, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Code 693.FVNC

Begonia Show

Saturday, August 30, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 31, Noon- 3:30 p.m.

(All Ages) Feast your eyes on this free show sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Be tempted with splashes of color and shapes for homes, terrariums and greenhouses that last long after frosts have put our outdoor gardens to bed. The accompanying sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including tropical and subtropical species.

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TTY Va. Relay 711 . www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring

Historic Green Spring Programs

A traditional British afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each lecture. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries and scone with cream and jam.

Programs are by reservation only. Call 703- 941-7987.



Clara Barton, Red Cross Angel

Sunday, June 8

1 - 3:30 p.m. (Adult) Award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar Mary Ann Jung performs as Clara Barton, who faced bullying and bullets to save lives as a Civil War nurse. Discover how Clara created The Missing Soldiers Office and the American Red Cross in an interactive performance that reveals her struggles and accomplishments and inspires all of us to "Never Give Up!" \$52 (program + tea); \$25 (program only)

Garden Tour & Tea

Thursday, June 12

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Tour the glorious demonstration gardens with master gardener docents. Hear about Green Spring's fascinating history, our educational mission today and how we can help your summer gardens grow! \$42 (tour + tea)

Matchmaker, Matchmaker

Sunday, June 22

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) June is for weddings. Explore the many ways that people have found their mates throughout history, from the ancient roles of matchmakers to the emergence of marriage markets and the origins of "dating." Discover why June is historically the most popular month for marriage. \$42 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

What a Coincidence!

Sunday, July 6

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Mark Twain was born on the day Halley's Comet visited in 1835 and died on the day of its return in 1910. What are the odds? Hear theories on why coincidences happen and what they mean. Discover some of the most remarkable known coincidences and chance events in human history. \$42 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

Green Spring Past and Present

Sunday, July 27

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Learn about Green Spring's 18th century origins, its early owners and the enslaved people who once lived and toiled here. Hear fascinating stories of past residents of the 1784 Historic House and discover how Green Spring became a horticultural and historical resource for visitors today. \$42 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

GLUTEN-FREE Tea and Tattle

Sunday, August 10

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Rumor, hearsay, scuttlebutt, scandal. Gossip is widely condemned yet sometimes considered a positive force in society. Hear all about the origins and changing definitions of gossip, how people have "dished" hilariously through the ages, and why gossiping was once considered synonymous with tea-drinking! **Please note: All tea food for this afternoon tea will be made with no gluten-containing ingredients but cross-contamination is possible.** \$50 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

The Origin of Manners

Sunday, August 31

1 - 3 p.m. Concepts of courtesy and good manners have defined cultures through the ages and made social interaction run smoothly. Learn how manners have changed from medieval times to the Victorian era to the present day and consider the differences between "good manners" and "etiquette." \$42 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

Private groups may reserve a lecture or garden tour followed by a tea. Minimum group size is 18. For more information call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

Adult Programs

Gardening

Summer Garden Tours

Saturdays, June 28, July 19, August 23

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Beat the heat with an early morning tour of the vibrant demonstration gardens, led by a master gardener docent who will dazzle you with stunning plant combinations and tales of Green Spring past and present. Hear about our 18th century origins and our mission today. Find inspiration in our horticulturists' plant choices and garden bed designs and take their ideas home to try in your own landscape. Garden tours run rain or shine. \$12 per person. Codes LXE.HYTV; LXE.AEWG; LXE.IZ7J

Top Perennials for the Summer

Saturday, July 12

10:30 a.m. - Noon (Adults) Join Green Spring horticulturist Brenda Skarphol for a stroll in our summer gardens to look at some of our top perennial plants. Both native and sustainable non-native perennials will be featured, including some newer cultivars. See perennials thriving in a range of growing conditions, from sun to shade, and in environments that are dry, moist, or periodically wet. Plant combinations and eco-friendly gardening styles will be highlighted. \$19 per person. Code VW1.BX08

Forest Bathing Walk in the Gardens

Saturday, July 12

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Adults) Experience Green Spring Gardens with all your senses. Join Certified Forest Therapy Guide and co-founder of local nonprofit Capital Nature, Ana Ka'ahanui, for a slow, meditative walk around the gardens. Inspired by the Japanese practice of *Shinrin-yoku*, this contemplative walk inspires interaction with the surrounding nature in a way that will help reduce blood pressure, boost immunity, and enhance mood and creativity. Decompress and feel a deeper connection with the natural world. The experience concludes with a soothing spot of tea, offering a moment to reflect and savor the essence of nature. Bring something to sit on the ground, which may be damp, and a water bottle. Dress for the weather. \$35 per person. Code Z0Y.ET8C

Backyard Composting - Principles and Best Practices

Saturday, August 16

10:30 a.m. - Noon (16- Adult) Stop feeling guilty about leftover food scraps - learn how to transform them, yard debris and other organic materials into nutrient-rich soil amendments for your garden. Green Spring staff will provide all the information you need to manage an active compost system. Learn the basic principles behind the science of composting, why compost benefits the soil and the different compost bins and tools needed for successful composting. Class will begin indoors before moving out to Green Spring's Compost Station to illustrate examples of composting practices. \$19 per person.

Code AER.EDWG

Fitness

Yoga for Gardeners

Starting Monday, June 9

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. (16-Adult) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code 6E6.4ZMA

Tai Chi I

Starting Monday, June 16

1:30 - 2:25 p.m. (13-Adult) Tai Chi promotes flexibility, balance and physical control. This low-impact mind/body class is based on ancient Chinese exercises to increase energy flow while decreasing stress. 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code ED9.TNTP

Tai Chi II

Starting Monday, June 16

12:15 - 1:10 p.m. (13-Adult) Tai Chi I strongly recommended. 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code 630.PAC2

Tai Chi III

Starting Monday, June 16

11 - 11:55 a.m. (13-Adult) Tai Chi II strongly recommended. 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code 156.WE6X

Fine Arts

Juneteenth Smudge Stick Floral Workshop

Thursday, June 19

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. and 1:45 - 3:45 p.m.

(Adults) This Juneteenth join BLK FLWR MRKT, a local black woman owned business, in making a floral smudge stick – sometimes known as a smoke wand. Smudge sticks, a bundle of botanicals burned for aroma, have been used by many cultures throughout the world to cleanse and purify both physical spaces and mental energies. Learn about the specially selected herbs and flowers you will use and the historical and cultural importance they hold for Black Americans. Engage your inner-self through writing affirmations, inner-child games and blindfolded sensory activities. \$60 per person.

Code for 11:15 a.m. class: Y9W.1G1W

Code for 1:45 p.m. class: Y9W.BLY2

Floral Design Workshop – Summer Garden Design

Saturday, July 26

10:30 a.m. - Noon (16-Adult) Create an eye-catching summer vase arrangement with Green Spring horticulturist Parker Jennings. Using florals from the garden, mix balance, scale, proportion and contrast to create a summer design.

\$46 per person. Please register for the program and \$45 supply fee. Code GUS.MRK6

Creative Lettering Workshop

Saturday, July 12

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Have fun learning creative lettering styles including cursive, decorative, free-style, and typographic. Artist Caroline Hottenstein explores lettering throughout history and assists you in making small lettering compositions using pencil, micron pens, colored pencils, and a nib pen. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code 8E0.05YU

Ikebana Floral Design Workshop

Saturday, June 14

10 - 11:30 a.m. (Adults) Discover the elegance and simplicity of Ikebana, the traditional Japanese art of flower arranging. Alice Buch, 2nd Degree Master of the Ohara School, teaches you the basic techniques and principles of Ikebana while demonstrating a Hana Isho Rising Form arrangement that you will then get to make yourself. Supplies, including a plastic container, kenzan, and flowers, will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own flower scissors. No prior experience necessary. \$46 per person. Please register for both the class and the \$30 supply fee. Code 3FB.WB70

Watercolor Workshop – Orchids

Saturday, July 26

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (16-Adult) Some subjects just scream to be painted in watercolors and orchids are one of those subjects. Taught by botanical artist Dawn Flores, plan and execute an orchid-inspired painting. Information on orchid anatomy, lessons on color, and a variety of watercolor techniques and transfer practices are presented. Orchid owners may bring in their own specimen or work from photographs provided by the instructor. This class is appropriate for any skill level. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code 8E0.05YU

Watercolor Workshop - Watercolor and Ink

Saturday, September 6

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Adults) Learn to use ink pens with your watercolor paintings. Artist Marni Maree will introduce you to a variety of pens and inking techniques. Draw with ink and then add watercolors. Try adding ink lines to finished paintings and watch your work transform. You will be surprised at how you can make an ok painting great by adding ink. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code I78.FKAN

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Out-of-county registrants add \$2 for programs up to \$45; \$15 for programs \$46 and up.

Save the Date!

Upcoming Workshops

Mark your calendars for these fantastic fall workshops!

Basketweaving

Saturday, September 6

Watercolor Workshop - Watercolor and Landscapes

Saturday, September 20

Poetry Workshop - Harvesting Hope with Nature

Saturday, September 20

Seasonal Fairy Garden Workshop

Saturday, September 21

Saturday, November 8

Ikebana Floral Design Workshop

Saturday, September 27

Watercolor Workshop - Trees & Leaves

Saturday, October 11

Paper Quilling Flower Cards

Sunday, October 26

Watercolor Workshop - Botanical Watercolor

Saturday, November 15

Watercolor Workshop - Watercolor Mono Printing

Saturday, November 22

Fall Getaways

Join us for one of our day trips! We visit various gardens and historic homes around the mid-Atlantic region.

Mt. Cuba Center & Winterthur

Delaware

Wednesday, September 24

Harpers Ferry Fall Foilage Hike

Harpers Ferry, WV

Saturday, October 18

Gettysburg, Eisenhower House & Tea

Gettysburg, PA

Wednesday, November 5

Longwood Gardens Holiday Lights

Kennett Square, PA

Tuesday, December 2



Green Spring Gardens Gift Shop




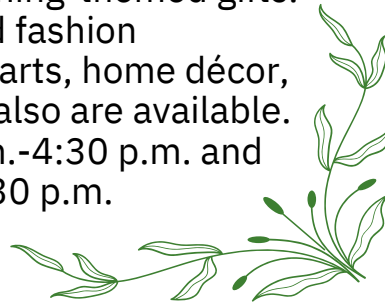
Looking for the perfect gift?

The Gardeners' Gift Shop in the Horticulture Center offers a broad selection of horticulture and nature books, gardening tools, gloves,

t-shirts, and other gardening-themed gifts.

Garden-inspired fashion accessories, decorative arts, home décor, house plants, and cards also are available.

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and
Sun. Noon-4:30 p.m.



2025 Fairfax County Farmers Markets

Wednesday

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon

8 a.m. – Noon Apr 16 – Nov 26
Sherwood Hall Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane



Oakmont

8 a.m. – Noon May 7 – Oct 29
Oakmont Rec Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

Wakefield

2 – 6 p.m. May 7 – Oct 29
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road



Thursday

Annandale

8 a.m. – Noon May 1 – Oct 30
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike



Herndon

8 a.m. – Noon May 1 – Oct 30
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street
By the Red Caboose

Please look for us on social media:
Instagram – @fairfaxfarmmarkets
Facebook – “Fairfax County Park Authority”

Friday

McLean

8 a.m. – Noon May 2 – Oct 31
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road
*CLOSED May 16th for McLean Day 2025

Kingstowne

3 – 7 p.m. May 2 – Oct 24
5870 Kingstowne Towne Center
In the Giant parking lot

Saturday

Burke

8 a.m. – Noon Apr 19 – Nov 22
VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Reston

8 a.m. – Noon Apr 26 – Nov 22
Lake Anne Village Center,
1609-A Washington Plaza



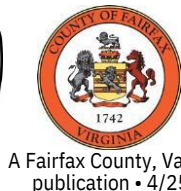
Sunday

Lorton

8 a.m. – Noon May 4 – Nov 23
VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) EBT cards can now be used at select Fairfax County Farmers Market locations! Thanks to the Virginia Fresh Match Program, our markets match SNAP Benefits so you can purchase extra fruits and vegetables for FREE!



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets
571-340-3322



For inclusion and ADA support, call 703-324-8563 at least 10 working days before an event. TTY Va. Relay 711.

Youth & Family Programs

Weekend Programs

Summer Story Time- Rainbow Vegetables

Saturday, June 7

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. (All Ages) It's garden season and many delicious vegetables are growing and ready to eat. Listen to a story read aloud and sing songs. Then we'll taste some vegetables and paint with potatoes. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code Q4X.TH8R

Garden Artists - Hummingbirds: Tiny but Tireless

Saturday, August 23

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. (6-Adult) Hummingbirds are a beautiful treat to see in the gardens. Enjoy making a hummingbird craft. Go on a walk to spot hummingbirds and learn which flowers to plant at home to attract them. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code H9Q.0P7D

Summer Camps

Garden Sprouts Exploration (4-6yrs.)

June 9 - June 13 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

STEM & Minecraft with LEGO® Materials (5-10yrs)

June 30 - July 3 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fairies & Gnomes (8-12 yrs.)

July 7 - 11 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Magic & Spy Camp (6-10 yrs.)

July 14 - 18 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Excavation Investigation (8-12 yrs.)

July 21 - 25 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Chess Camp (6-13yrs)

August 4 - 8 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

See Parktakes Online for the descriptions, costs, and activity codes of our camp offerings.

Getaway



Evergreen Museum and Library

Johns Hopkins University Museums

Baltimore, MD

Tuesday, August 26

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Adult) Tour two of the teaching museums of the Johns Hopkins University. Visit Homewood Museum, a Federal-period mansion housing a magnificent decorative arts collection. Take a short drive to Evergreen Museum and Library, a former Gilded Age mansion surrounded by Italianate gardens, home to the philanthropic Garrett family. Enjoy a relaxing lunch, then tour the Garrett's extraordinary collection, ranging from paintings and porcelains, to rare books, costume designs, and a private theater. Due to the historic nature of the building, it is not wheelchair or walker accessible. Historic building tours involve stairs. Includes motor coach, guided tours, and lunch at the Evergreen Museum. Trip departs Green Spring Gardens at 9 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Cancellation date: August 12. \$134 per person. Code EAB.X3QF



Private Tea Programs

Private groups may reserve a lecture or garden tour followed by a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House. Minimum group size is 18. For information call Historic Green Spring at 703 941-7987.

Private Garden Tours

Schedule a private group tour led by Green Spring Extension Master Gardener docents who interpret the gardens, the plant collections, the site's mission, and its historic legacy. \$12 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$15 per person for 19 or fewer. Minimum group size is eight. For information or to schedule a garden tour email Bailey.Price@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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ART EXHIBITS JUNE 29 - AUGUST 17

AT THE HORTICULTURE CENTER

Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Potomac Valley Watercolorists

The Painted Garden

Watercolor

AT THE HISTORIC HOUSE

Wednesday - Sunday, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

4 Birds

Passages

Mixed Media

Receptions: Saturday, July 13,

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Exhibit space occasionally closes for program use. Please call ahead at 703 -642-5173 to confirm that the exhibit is open.

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 Programs & Events newsletters; discounts from selected local nurseries; and notification of Green Spring Gardens' special events. Visit us at www.friendsofgreenspring.org.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual (1 year)	\$35	Name:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual (3 years)	\$90	Address:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 adults + kids)	\$50		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	\$135	Phone:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$150	Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime	\$500		_____

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 or over the phone by calling 703-642-5173.



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