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GREEN SPRING GARDENS

WINTER 2021

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Virtual Winter Lecture Series

Sundays in January and February

Join us for this year's Winter Lecture Series from the comfort of your own home, office, or even if you're out of town! These online programs will be conducted via Microsoft Teams or Zoom. A link to each virtual program will be emailed to registered participants prior to the program. See [page 2](#) for a complete list of this year's lineup.



EcoSavvy Symposium Virtual Event

Integrating Storm Water Management in Landscape Design

Saturday, February 20

9:30am – 1:30pm. (16-Adult) Join us for the 17th annual EcoSavvy Symposium from the comfort of your own home or office. Dr. Laurie Fox, horticulture associate at Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center, and Christine Horner, water quality engineer for the Town of Vienna, will present innovative techniques to capture, store and redirect rainwater on your property. This program will be offered virtually with an emailed link. \$26 per person (code [ITG.QARB](#)).

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**Sundays in January
and February**

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

**\$10 advance
registration**

**A popular annual
series of
presentations by
authors, garden
designers, scientists
and other garden
enthusiasts on the
cutting edge of
horticulture.**

**Programs held
virtually.**

HARRY ALLEN

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Moon Gates—the Power of Circles

Sunday, January 17

(16-Adult) Historian Debbie Waugh reveals the ancient origins of the moon gate in Chinese gardens and the value of this striking architectural feature today. View stunning moon gates — traditional and contemporary — that form enticing passageways between garden spaces. Consider incorporating one into your home landscape. Hear about Green Spring's 50th anniversary Moon Gate Garden Project, designed to reflect elements of our historic Beatrix Farrand landscape and provide a symbolic connection between our past and our future. Code [DGJ.O55A](#).

Sizzling Succulents

Sunday, January 24

(16-Adult) Colorful and creative succulents are one of the easiest ways to brighten a patio or garden with little effort. Garden professional Brie Arthur shares growing and propagation advice about her favorite tender and hardy succulents. Learn creative combinations for year-round interest and new introductions for cold hardiness. Low maintenance, drought tolerant, and eye catching, this program will encourage you to indulge in this sustainable growing trend. Code [7QN.XCYD](#).

Eight Essential Tips for a Deer-Resistant Garden

Sunday, January 31

(16-Adult) Deer can turn a vibrant garden into a sea of chomped stems and damaged trees. Designer Karen Chapman offers eight key solutions that go beyond pungent chemicals and unattractive fencing. Code [K5B.884N](#).

Doug Tallamy and Nature's Best Hope

Sunday, February 21

(16-Adult) Global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on planet Earth. The good news is that none of this is inevitable. Doug Tallamy discusses simple steps that we can take to reverse declining biodiversity and explains why we, ourselves, are nature's best hope. Code [100.JJC8](#).

Adult Programs

Garden Tour: Winter Trunks and Bark

Saturday, February 6

10-11:30am. (Adults) During winter, tree trunks and branches are revealed in all their glory. Explore the gardens with an Extension Master Gardener who highlights a stunning variety of bark color, texture and form and showcases the best trees for ornamental value in the winter landscape. \$15 per person. Code [RKS.MIQD](#).

NEW: Hybrid Programs
These programs are available both
in person and virtually.

Starting from Scratch with Seeds

Saturday, February 13

10:30am-12pm. (16-Adult) Learn to grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed and expand your garden. Be inspired by Green Spring staff member, Susan Eggerton, as she discusses potting mixes, containers, seed treatments, lighting, fertilization, watering, seed sources, and timing. Those who sign up for in-person will take home a few seeds to start their own collection. Sign up for either the in-person or the virtual program.

- **In-person Program:** Limited registration and social distancing. Wear a mask. \$22 per person. Wear a mask. Code [JIV.K6GF](#).
- **Virtual Program:** Link will be sent. Virtual participants will be able to ask questions in real time. Check [web site](#) for registration info.

Great Shrubs for Home Gardens

Saturday, February 27

10-11:30am. (Adults) Horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol highlights beautiful flowering shrubs that grow well in Virginia home gardens. Get to know seasonal standouts for winter and spring. Learn the culture and care of these beauties and how to best showcase them in your garden. Sign up for either the in-person or the virtual program.

- **In-person Program:** Limited registration and social distancing. Dress for outdoors. \$18 per person. Code [FD2.XS7M](#).
- **Virtual Program:** Link will be sent. Virtual participants will be able to ask questions in real time. \$10 per person. Code [9NQ.75W8](#).



Virtual Yoga for Gardeners

Mondays, starting January 4, ending March 29

9:30-10:30am. (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. Class held virtually. Code [5MM.JWBI](#).

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.

Garden Talks with Master Gardeners

Easy Houseplants to Grow

Saturday, January 23

10-11am. (Adults) Why 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 need to be successful. \$10 per person. Code [F36.AVD2](#).

Attracting Butterflies

Saturday, February 6

10-11am. (Adults) Want to have a stunning garden and attract a variety of butterflies? Learn from Extension Master Gardeners how to incorporate host and nectar plants, the two kinds of plants that are essential for every butterfly, \$10 per person. [Code 2F1.P4HQ](#).

Design an EcoSavvy Garden

Friday, March 12

1:30-2:30pm. (Adults) Learn to work with nature's resources to develop a beautiful, low-maintenance urban garden. See how native trees/shrubs provide structure and year-round interest, along with colorful annuals/perennials that add seasonal color. \$12 per person. Code [B6X.3T3H](#).

By-Request Adult Programs



Private Garden Tours

Arrange a private Green Spring Gardens group tour. Green Spring Extension Master Gardener docents interpret the gardens, the plant collections, the site's mission and its historic legacy. \$12 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$10 per person for 19 or fewer. Minimum group size is eight. Groups of more than 10 people will be divided into smaller groups to allow for social distancing. For information or to schedule a garden tour call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

Visit with the Historian

Step into the 1784 Historic House with Green Spring's historian, who shares the fascinating origins of the site, the intriguing people who lived here, and how Green Spring Gardens evolved into the community treasure it is today. Your 45-minute private visit will include time to view informational videos and a historic photo exhibit. \$20 for 1-2 adults, \$10 for each additional person, up to 7. For information or to schedule a visit call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

Horticulture Center Hours

Open for programs and gift-shop appointments only

Historic House Hours

Open for prescheduled "Visits with the Historian" only

Free Virtual GARDEN TALKS WITH MASTER GARDENERS



Plant Pleasing Purple in the Garden

Monday, January 11

3:00-4:30 pm. (Adults) Punch up your garden with purple. Whether you have a warm or cool color garden, purple makes a great accent. Extension Master Gardeners show you how to incorporate this color into your garden all year 'round with flowers, foliage, and fruits!

Fill Your Garden with Fabulous Ferns

Wednesday, February 10

12:30-2:00pm. (Adults) Have a damp or shady yard where it is difficult to grow flowering plants? Consider using ferns. They come in a wide variety of forms and can add interest to spaces that are not suitable for sun-loving flowers. Extension Master Gardeners share excellent picks for standout color, texture, and easy care.

Start a Spring Vegetable Garden

Monday, March 15

3:00-4:30 pm. (Adults) Learn how to plan, plant and grow your food in an environmentally friendly way. Extension Master Gardeners show you how to get the most out of your spring kitchen garden and enjoy home-grown vegetables before the heat of summer.

Grow the Lawn of Your Dreams

Wednesday, April 14

12:30-2:00pm. (Adults) Creating a beautiful lawn isn't difficult. It just takes a little bit of knowledge, planning and effort. Extension Master Gardeners show you how to develop healthy turf that can withstand pest pressure and dry weather.

Attracting Wildlife to Your Garden

Monday, May 17

3:00-4:30pm. (Adults) Habitat loss has reduced wildlife diversity in our neighborhoods. You can do your part to help native fauna survive by providing food, shelter and water for visiting wildlife in your own yard. Learn gardening techniques to turn your corner of the planet into a thriving habitat for birds and native insects.

Registration link for all programs: <https://forms.gle/rhSRAcCngurYMBKQA>

**Programs held
virtually.**

[Register online](#) to
receive a link to
connect via Zoom.

Fine Arts Workshops

Virtual Watercolor Workshop: Pen & Ink

Saturday, January 30

9:30am-3:30pm. (16-Adult) By the end of this class you will be confident drawing with ink! Artist Marni Maree will teach you various ways to draw with ink and create values using hatching, cross hatching, stippling, scribbling, patterns, and more. Choose a drawing or watercolor painting that you do not like and see how to improve it by adding ink. A supply list and link to connect via Zoom will be emailed prior to the program. Class time includes instruction, creation time, breaks, and instructor availability until 3:30pm. \$94 per person. Code [08A.10A5](#).



NEW: Hybrid Floral Workshops

These programs are available both in person and as a live virtual demo.

Winter Walk Vegetative Design

Saturday, January 9

1-2:30pm. (16-Adult) Certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway will lead you through creating your a winter floral arrangement that feels like a walk through nature.

- **In person:** Please register for program and supply fee. Tables will be separated for social distancing

and masks are required. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). Code [51J.OW0D](#).

- **Virtual demo:** A supply list and link to connect via Zoom will be emailed prior to the program. \$22 per person. Code [G3S.9U03](#).

Heart's Desire

Saturday, February 13

1-2:30pm. (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.

- **In person:** Please register for program and supply fee. Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). Code [FE7.0W4Q](#).
- **Virtual demo:** A supply list and link to connect via Zoom will be emailed prior to the program. \$22 per person. Check [web site](#) to register.

Swing into Spring

Saturday, March 13

1-2:30pm. (16-Adult) Learn how to create a modern Hogarth curve floral design — a gentle curving design that leads your eye through the floral composition with the help of certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway.

- **In person:** Please register for program and supply fee. Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). Code [98H.S6QT](#).
- **Virtual demo:** A supply list and link to connect via Zoom will be emailed prior to the program. \$22 per person. Code [8GI.NP9M](#).

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Field Trips for All

(Grades K-5) These programs offer a unique opportunity to supplement children's science learning with real outdoor experiences and application of the concepts required in the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL). They are geared by grade level to provide enrichment to all learners, including those in homeschool. Groups of more than 8 should consider booking a field trip directly with Green Spring Gardens. All attendees—parents and students—must register to control group size. To schedule a private program, fill out our [web form](#) or email Elizabeth Waugh (elizabeth.waugh@fairfaxcounty.gov). \$10 per person.

Adaptations and Ecosystem Relationships — Predator & Prey

Monday, January 11, 11am-12pm

(Grade 3) Discover how animals and plants adapt when survival is the name of the game. (SOL: Science 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8) Register online (code [5HO.KQWI](#)).

Soils — Soil Secrets

Saturday, January 16, 11am-12pm

Monday, February 15, 11am-12pm

Saturday, March 13, 11am-12pm

(Grade 3) Explore the secrets of soil, from erosion to weather, bedrock to topsoil. Get the scoop on clay, silt, sand and humus in our soil lab. Tour the park to see how water and weather shape the land. (SOL: Science 2.7, 2.8, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10) Register online (code [3NR.YFEQ](#) for Jan.; [3NR.W9BW](#) for Feb.; [3NR.UC4R](#) for Mar.).

Rock Cycle — GeoTrek

Monday, January 18, 11am-12pm

Saturday, February 13, 1-2pm

Monday, March 8, 11am-12pm

(Grade 5) Explore how rocks form through the rock cycle. Discover ways to identify rocks and minerals using a dichotomous key in our rock lab. (SOL: Science 5.1, 5.7) Register online (code [9VI.MJBS](#) for Jan.; [9VI.HAHL](#) for Feb.; [9VI.XYM2](#) for Mar.).

Scientific Investigation

Monday, January 25, 11am-12pm

Monday, February 22, 11am-12pm

(Grades 1-4) Learn essential science skills that you will use in elementary school and beyond. Create a hypothesis, plan and carry out an investigation, and conduct an experiment. Learn to comprehend all natural science topics through the language of science. Register online (code [NXI.KOFD](#) for Jan.; [NXI.30KV](#) for Feb.).

American Indians in VA History — Peanuts, Popcorn & Pipe Tobacco

Saturday, February 6, 1-2pm

Monday, March 15, 11am-12pm

(Grade 4) Discover how the four most important colonial cash crops changed the course of history (SOL: Science 4.4, 4.8; VS 1e, VS 2b, VS 2c, VS 3a, VS 4a). Register online (code [ICK.HM8F](#) for Feb. and code [ICK.R49P](#) for Mar.).

Ecosystems in Virginia

Monday, February 8, 11am-12pm

(Grade 4) Learn about the fascinating adaptations plants and animals have developed to survive and take a close-up look at our watershed outdoors. (SOL: Science 3.8, 3.10, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.5, 5.7) Register online (code [FTE.SMIH](#)).

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.

Parent and Child Programs

Storytelling in the Garden

Mondays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, and Mar. 1

9-9:45am. (2-Adult) Join us once a month at Green Spring Gardens for a story. Families can bring a picnic blanket or just sit in the grass and listen to our storyteller. Afterwards, take some time to explore our gardens. \$5 per person (parents and children must register in order to track registration numbers). Code [RIX.9KY0](#) for January; [RIX.UOEB](#) for February; RIX.QTCG for March.

Garden Sprouts Winter Nature Playgroup

Mondays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, and Mar. 1

10:30am-12pm. (3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler enjoys nature-themed activities while you meet other playgroup parents. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk, we explore seasonal topics. \$10 per person (parents and children must register in order to track registration numbers). Code [DC0.VW6X](#) for January; [DC0.MN5W](#) for February; DC0.YS5K for March.

Family Fun: Excellent Evergreens

Saturday, January 9

11am-12pm. (5-Adult) Learn about evergreen trees and plants that really stand out this time of year. Enjoy a seasonal walk and make an evergreen craft to decorate your home. \$10 per person (parents and children must register in order to track registration numbers). Code [4FD.CMCL](#).

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Saturdays, February 6, and March 6

11am-12pm. (4-Adult) Join us on the first Saturday of each month to learn about different aspects of nature

and go on the hunt for themed objects around the garden. \$7 per person (parents and children must register in order to track registration numbers). Code [VDE.VXE6](#) for February; VDE.UQIF for March.

Family Fun: Winter Arts al Fresco

Saturday, February 20

11am-12pm. (5-Adult) Combine natural elements and various art media to make a beautiful decoration for your home. \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [3O3.7MPB](#).

Family Fun: Women's Food Justice

Saturday, March 6

1-2pm. (7-Adult) Celebrate International Women's Day by exploring the global issues of food justice, and the women who are making a difference. Plant and take home your own mini vegetable garden. \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code SS8.J8I9.



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Scouting Programs

Contact Elizabeth Waugh (elizabeth.waugh@fairfaxcounty.gov) to schedule a private scouting program, or sign up for one from this list of programs. Both scout and parent/chaperone must register, in order to track registration numbers.

Register online or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Junior Girl Scout Drawing Artist

Saturday, January 23

10am-12pm. Learn the basics of sketching and shading as we practice being graphic artists in the beautiful location of Green Spring Gardens. \$14 per person. Register online (code [4DI.VTBO](#)).

Wolf Elective: Grow Something

Saturday, January 30

10am-12pm. Come and learn about the plants that grow in different environments at Green Spring. Explore how plants survive in the winter and plant seeds to take home. \$12 per person. Register online (code [432.EBX8](#)).



Daisy Girl Scout Start Your Journey — Between Earth & Sky

Saturday, February 27

1-2:30pm. Start your journey and join us as we dig through the dirt. Learn how seeds grow, go on a nature walk and make a craft. \$11 per person. Register online (code [0E3.ZOAJ](#)).

By-Request Scout Programs

GIRL SCOUTS

- Daisy: Between Earth and Sky, Flower Garden Journey, or Water Drop Patch
- Brownie: Making Games, Letterboxing, Water Drop Patch, or Wonders of Water Journey with Tea
- Junior: Drawing Artist, Flowers, Gardener, or Social Butterfly
- Cadette: Trees Naturalist, Water Drop Patch

CUB SCOUTS

- Tiger: Tigers in the Wild
- Wolf: Grow Something

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Registrants will be sent a link by e-mail to join the Zoom lecture. Optional afternoon tea to go is provided in individual tea boxes available for pickup on the day of the program. Tea boxes include finger sandwiches, assorted cakes/pastries, scone, cream, jam, and tea bag.

\$12/lecture;
\$24/tea box.

[Register online](#) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

HISTORIC GREEN SPRING VIRTUAL TEA PROGRAMS

The History of Humor

Sunday, January 10, 2-3pm

(Adult) Take an amusing tour through the ages to explore the history of humor and laughter. From the knee-slappers of Ancient Rome to political satire past and present, discover the cultural significance of humor and what comedy tells us about life and attitudes of the past. Code [AKI.RU88](#).

Rebellious Royals

Sunday, January 24, 2-3pm

(Adult) From Henry VIII to Harry and Meghan, royal rebels have flouted traditions of duty and precedence throughout history. Hear about some untraditional royals who have broken the rules, sending shock waves through the palace and challenging the monarchy to accept modernity and change. Code [HOO.VEUM](#).

Love Lessons from Jane Austen

Sunday, February 7, 2-3pm

(Adult) Celebrate Cupid's upcoming holiday with lessons in love, Regency-style. Strict prohibitions and rules of etiquette surrounded courtship in Jane Austen's day but her novels – and her own love life – can still teach us a thing or two about romantic attachments today. Code [3MC.CGLO](#).

Tea and Feminism

Sunday, February 21, 2-3pm

(Adult) Tea played a surprisingly important role in women's liberation, from Colonial times to the 20th century. Learn how tea rooms advanced female self-expression and business ownership, and hear about tea parties that boiled over into the suffrage movement. Code [ZJB.JNH8](#).

A Good Night's Sleep

Sunday, March 14, 2-3pm

(Adult) In the middle ages, people divided their night's sleep into two parts. Discover why as we explore the fascinating history of human sleep, sleeping arrangements, and sleep habits throughout history. Explore the evolution of bedroom furniture and hear about the very curious sleep habits of some famous historical figures. Code [3R2.BFIB](#).

Choose Your Nature Walk

Saturday, January 16, 2-3pm

Saturday, February 13, 10-11am

Saturday, February 20, 2-3pm

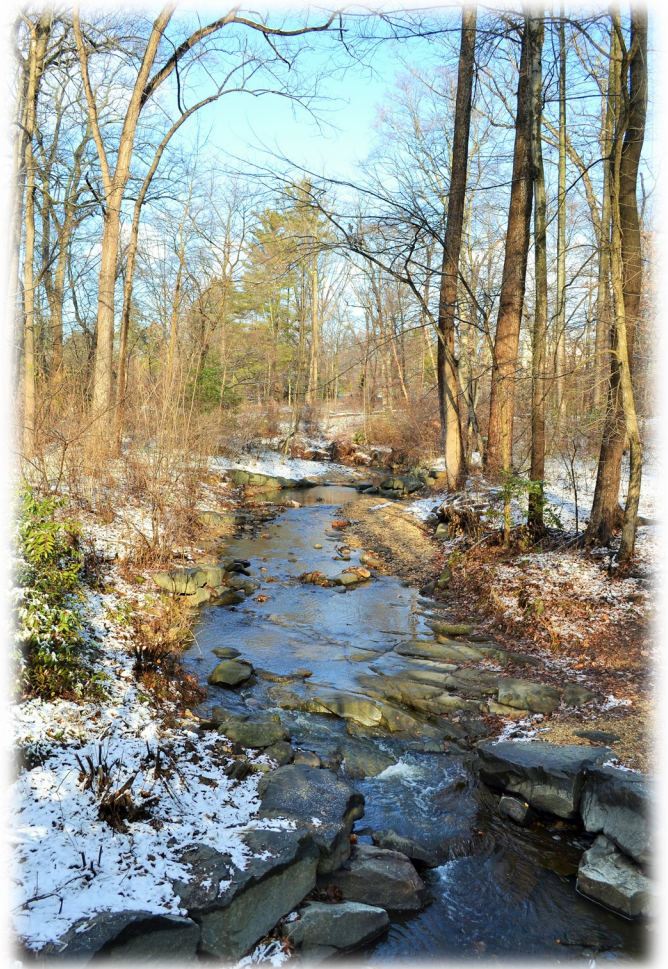
Saturday, March 13, 2-3pm

(All ages) Book a walk with one of our children's education teachers and choose from a variety of topics for a themed park tour. Each tour includes a hands-on element and can be customized to include the science topics your students are learning in school. Choose from the following topics:

- Pond Fauna & Flora
- Native Virginia Plants & Trees
- Green Spring Watersheds & Geology
- Virginia Ecosystems Walk
- History of Green Spring Farm
- General Garden Tour.

\$45 per group of up to 9 people, including at least one adult. Register online for one of the listed dates (code [XID.VE35](#) for Jan. 16; [XID.KOG0](#) for Feb. 13; [XID.FN9N](#) for Feb. 20; [XID.7ZSG](#) for Mar.13), or contact us to schedule your own: email Elizabeth Waugh (elizabeth.waugh@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call Green Spring Gardens.

See all By-Request Programs [here](#).



Green Spring Gardens Gift Shop

Looking for that perfect gift?

The gift shop inside the Horticulture Center is open for in-person shopping by appointment! It offers a broad selection of gardening tools, horticulture and nature books, nature-inspired accessories, decorative arts, pottery, notecards, gifts for children, and much more!

Call 703-642-5173 to request a 30-minute appointment between 10am and 3pm Monday through Saturday and 1 to 3pm on Sundays.

Please wear a face covering. Temperature check will be administered.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (3 years)	\$90	Address:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 adults + kids)	\$50		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (3 years)	\$135	Phone:	_____
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