



Programs & Events

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

FALL 2021

PLEASE NOTE:

Masks are required for all inside county facilities (regardless of vaccination status)

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Family Fall Festival

Saturday, September 25

9am-3pm. (All ages) Join us at Green Spring Gardens for the Family Fall Festival! The festival will have activities for the entire family, including classes for children and adults, a silent auction, a book sale, and a bake sale. Vendors will be selling a large variety of plants and other items. Grab a meal at the food truck and enjoy some musical entertainment at the White Gazebo. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS). For [more information](#), contact Green Spring at 703-642-5173.

Magical Meadow: White Garden Installation

Saturday, September 18

10:30am-12pm. (Adults) Join landscape designer Larry Weaner for a walking tour of the newly installed White Garden Meadow, located in Falls Church. Larry shares details about the meadow project and his creative process. \$22 per person. [Code EV1.00SB.](#)



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Adult Programs

Saving Garden Treasures: Taking Plant Cuttings

Saturday, September 4

1:30-3pm. (16-Adult) Learn how to propagate plants from cuttings following simple techniques demonstrated by Green Spring staff. Gain strategies to overwinter your favorite tender perennials so you can add them to your garden next year and save money. Take home a starter collection to begin your own saved treasures. \$22 per person. [Code 3UC.XP3J](#).

Plants & Design: Perk Up Your Fall Garden

Saturday, September 11

10:30am-12pm. (Adult) September is a great time to inject some autumn beauty into your home garden. Green Spring horticulturist Brenda Skarphol discusses dividing perennials, planting cool season plants, and beautifying your garden with fall season show-stoppers so it looks its autumn best. Special emphasis placed on plants for pollinators and other wildlife. \$18 per person. [Code 101.REAG](#).

Yoga for Gardeners

Mondays, starting September 13

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. \$130 per person for 11 lessons. Class held indoors. [Code 6E6.Z4N4](#).

Golden Garden

Saturday, October 2

10:30-11:30am. (Adults) In honor of Green Spring's golden anniversary, we look at the color gold in the garden. Learn how to use this "neutral" color to balance your garden color palette. Create gorgeous combinations and meet gold plants that can carry you through all four seasons. \$18 per person.

[Code 1ZC.9W85](#).

Garden Tour: Green Spring Up and Down

Saturday, October 30

10-11:30am. (Adults) Extension Master Gardener docents lead a special "Grand Tour" of Green Spring! View some upper demonstration gardens, then take the garden path less travelled to explore the naturalistic lower garden areas: the Virginia Native Plant Garden, woodland stream valley, and ponds. Tour involves a steep slope with loose gravel. \$15 per person.

[Code 8A0.6VUZ](#).

Tasting Program



Scotch and Food Pairings

Saturday, November 6

4-6pm. (21 yrs.+) Pairing scotch whisky with food is a growing trend. Discover which scotch whiskies complement which foods to perfection as we pair a different scotch with food samples representing each dinner course: appetizer, entrée, cheese course, and dessert. Cheers...and bon appétit! \$60 per person. [Code B1T.9HX3](#).

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

Rocks Rock!

Saturday, September 4

10:30-11:30am. (Adults) Rock gardens add a special look and feel to any landscape. Learn how to design and plant a beautiful display resembling an alpine meadow or a mountain garden with fabulous small and dwarf perennials and evergreens. Not only do these plants boast great longevity, but they require little maintenance. \$12 per person. [Code 3RU.V85K](#).

Landscaping with Shrubs

Friday, September 17

1:30-2:30pm. (Adults) Is it time to replace those overgrown and tired-looking shrubs? Fall is the best time to plant new ones. Learn about easy-care shrubs that add shape and structure, fragrance, berries, and seasonal color to your landscape. \$12 per person. [Code HVL.ZX2O](#).

Design for Fall Beauty & Winter

Friday, October 1

1:30-2:30pm. (Adults) Learn how to create a warm and inviting entry with colorful berries, dazzling leaves, beautifully structured branches, stunning grasses, standout seed heads—even blooming flowers. Find a new favorite to add beauty and vibrance to your fall and winter landscape. \$12 per person. [Code XCR.JI7Q](#).

Tips on Growing Beautiful Bulbs

Saturday, October 23

10:30-11:30am. (Adult) Colorful bulbs can turn an ordinary garden into extraordinary. Planted in mass displays, small groupings or containers, they are a welcome sight in any garden. Now is the time to plant bulbs for bright, beautiful color next spring. Learn about a variety of beautiful bulbs and how to plant and care for them. \$12 per person. [Code 9FF.D6G5](#).

Cacti and Succulents

Friday, November 19

1:30-2:30pm. (Adults) Do you want to branch out and try something different? Learn about the wonderful world of cacti and succulents, which draw the eye with their wide range of color, texture and form. Not only are they beautiful, but they are also easy to grow. \$12 per person. [Code AE5.L2TT](#).

Getaways

Fine Arts & Flowers, Richmond, VA

Thursday, October 21

9am-4pm. (16-Adult) Get away to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to enjoy the Fine Arts and Flowers exhibit, which features dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from their collection. Lunch is on your own at the museum. Bus departs Green Spring Gardens at 9am and returns at 4pm. Space is limited and masks are required. \$99 per person (includes motor coach and admission). [Code IU1.ESF4](#).

Lewis Ginter Gardenfest of Lights, Richmond, VA

Tuesday, December 7

3-10pm. (Adults) Get into the holiday spirit at the Gardenfest of Lights, which features beautiful botanic displays and more than a half million lights arranged in botanical themes throughout the gardens. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Trip departs Green Spring Gardens at 3pm and returns at 10pm. Space is limited and masks are required. \$132 per person (includes motor coach, admission, and buffet dinner). [Code 1FE.E9I3](#).

Horticulture Center Hours

Open Mo-Sa, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m.

Historic House Hours

Open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-4:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Workshops

Floral Design Workshop: European Hand-Tied Bouquet

Saturday, September 18

10:30am-12pm. (16-Adult) Hand-tied bouquets are the European standard for flower gift-giving and bridal bouquets. Certified designer Betty Ann Galway shows you the techniques for constructing and balancing this lovely arrangement, which you can use to make floral gifts and bouquets for any occasion. Please register for both program and supply fee. \$40 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). [Code CA0.U5DK](#).

Watercolor Workshop: Still Life

Saturday, October 9

9:30am-3:30pm. (Adults) Whether you are a beginner or experienced painter, learn to paint still life in watercolor with the help of artist Dawn Flores. Gain skills in building form, developing color harmony, and painting flowers, water, shadows, and backgrounds. Bring in objects to make simple compositions or challenge yourself with crystal and silver. \$97 per person. [Code A4E.O1BW](#).

Floral Design Workshop: Fall Flowers & Foliage

Saturday, October 16

1-2:30pm. (16-Adult) Enjoy autumn's rich colors and textures by bringing them into your home. Learn how to create a unique floral design that celebrates the season with the help of certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Learn tips and tricks of the trade to practice on your own designs at home. \$40 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). [Code 30F.OMB3](#).

Watercolor Workshop: Orchids

Saturday, October 30

9am-3pm. (16-Adult) Some subjects just scream to be painted in watercolors, and orchids are one of those

subjects. Botanical artist Dawn Flores will help you plan and execute an orchid-inspired painting through lessons on orchid anatomy, color, watercolor techniques, and transfer practices. Bring your own specimen or work from photographs provided by the instructor. Appropriate for any skill level. Bring a lunch. \$97 per person. [Code 893.JD0Y](#).

Watercolor Workshop: Sketchbook Journal

Saturday, November 13

9am-3pm. (16-Adult) Learn to bind your own sketchbook or journal using watercolor paper. Prepare and decorate pages with collages, paints, stamps and stencils. Each book will be unique and a reflection of you. There is an additional supply fee of \$15 which is payable to the instructor on the day of your program. \$105 per person. [Code 4E1.HWO7](#).

Floral Design Workshop: Holiday Table Arrangement

Saturday, November 20

1-2:30pm. (Adults) Enjoy the lush holiday colors and textures by bringing them into your home. Learn how to create a unique floral design that celebrates the season with the help of certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Learn tips and tricks of the trade to practice on your own designs at home. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). [Code 34A.8HTS](#). (This workshop will be offered again in the winter quarter on December 11.)

Winter Wreath Workshop

Saturday, December 4

10:30am-12pm. (14-Adult) Create a beautiful winter wreath to take home for your front door after Green Spring staff members demonstrate the dazzling possibilities. Please register for the program and supply fee (greens, forms, ribbon and cones included). \$39 per person (plus \$25 supply fee). [Code 4D0.UEX4](#).

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.

By-Request Programs

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. \$10 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$12 per person for 19 or fewer. Minimum group size is five. For information or to schedule a garden tour call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

Field Trips for All

(Grades K-5) These programs offer parents a unique opportunity to supplement their child's science learning with real outdoor experiences and application of the concepts required in the Virginia standards of learning (SOL). This in-person program is geared by grade level to provide enrichment to all learners, including those in homeschool. All attendees (parents and students) must register to control group size. \$10 per person.

Saturday, September 11, 1-2pm. (Kindergarten) Senses – Green and Growing Gardens. [Code 4GW.S11A](#).

Saturday, October 2, 1-2pm. (Grade 2) Life Cycles– Metamorphosis & More. [Code QOB.RNWC](#).

Saturday, October 30, 10-11am (Grades 1-4) Seasons and Weather–Fantastic Flora & Fauna. [Code OG8.I9LQ](#).

Saturday, November 6, 1-2pm. (Grade 4) American Indians in VA History–Peanuts, Popcorn & Pipe Tobacco. Code ICK.OQAF.

Saturday, November 20, 1-2pm. (Grade 3) Adaptations and Ecosystem Relationships–Predator & Prey. [Code 5HO.KEFP](#).

Saturday, December 4, 1-2pm. (Grade 5) Rock Cycle– GeoTrek. [Code 9V1.GGXS](#).

Select a Field Trip from the dates provided or schedule a private one. To schedule, email ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Scouting Programs

Grow Something – Wolf Elective

Saturday, September 11

2-3:30pm. (Cub Boy Scouts) \$11 per scout.

[Code 432.1CCH](#).

Start Your Journey –Between Earth & Sky

Saturday, September 18

1-2:30pm. (Daisy Girl Scouts) \$11 per scout.

[Code 0E3.BUW9](#).

Tigers in the Wild-Tiger Adventure

Saturday, October 9

1-2pm. (Tiger Boy Scouts) \$8 per scout.

[Code CC3.TX3N](#).

Gardener

Saturday, October 23

1-3pm. (Junior Girl Scouts) \$12 per scout.

[Code DD4.E4HZ](#).

Letterboxer

Saturday, November 13

1-3pm. (Brownie Girl Scouts) \$12 per scout.

[Code A4C.QVZ7](#).

Water Drop Patch

Saturday, December 11

1-3pm. (Cadette Girl Scouts) \$12 per scout.

[Code 978.KAOM](#).

Contact Elizabeth Waugh
(ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov) to schedule a private
scouting program.

Our Giving Tree

Celebrating 50 Years Of Green Spring Gardens



[Support Green Spring's
Moon Gate Garden Project](#)

Parent and Child Programs

Please note that all attendees (parents and children) must be registered for these programs.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Saturdays, September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4

10-11am. (4-Adult) Join us on the first Saturday of each month to learn about different aspects of nature and go on a hunt for themed objects around the park. \$7 per person. [Code VDE](#).

Choose Your Nature Walk

Saturdays, September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4

(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, or General Garden Tour. \$40 per group of up to 9 people, including at least one adult. Register online for one of the listed dates ([code X1D](#)), or contact us to schedule your own: email Elizabeth Waugh (ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call Green Spring Gardens.

Family Fun: Jurassic Gardener

Saturday, September 11

10-11am. (5-Adult) Learn about prehistoric plants that are still around today—from a tree that is 69 million years old to ferns that dinosaurs trod on. Take home your own plant. \$8 per person. [Code DNP.VF42](#).

Storytelling in the Garden

Mondays, September 13 and 27; October 11 and 25; November 8 and 22; and December 6

9-9:45am. (2-Adult) Join us every other week at Green Spring Gardens for a story. Families can bring a picnic blanket or just sit in the grass and listen to our storytellers read a story with a different theme. Afterwards, take some time to explore our gardens, ponds and Historic House. All attendees must be registered for this program. \$5 per person. [Code R1X](#).

Garden Sprouts Fall-Nature Playgroup

Mondays September 13, October 4, November 1 and December 6

10:30am-12:00pm. (3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler enjoys 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. Program will take place outdoors, weather permitting. \$10 per person. [Code C72](#).

Family Fun: Monarch Migration

Saturday, September 18

10-11am. (5-Adult) Learn about magnificent monarch butterflies and their migration with games, songs and activities. Move through the obstacles in our Monarch Migration Course, evolving from egg to butterfly and beyond. \$10 per person. [Code E09.SRKL](#).

Family Fun: Big Trees & Bees

Saturday, October 9

10-11am. (7-Adult) Join us on a Big Tree tour to explore beehives and big trees at Green Spring. Learn about the roles of pollination and trees in our ecosystem. Bring home a craft to show off to your friends and family. \$8 per person. [Code BHV.G8IK](#).

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Parent and Child Programs (Cont.)

Family Fun: Plant Potions

Saturday, October 23

11am-12pm. (5-Adult) Cure your ailments and bring a bit of magic to your world with plant potions. Learn how ancient healers concocted mixtures that we still use today. Take home your own mini plant potion garden. \$10 per person. [Code PAQ.G5HY](#).

Family Fun: Pumpkin Painting

Saturday, October 30

1-2:30pm. (5-Adult) This iconic gourd has a unique life cycle and contributes to its ecosystem; come learn all about it and paint one to take home. Bring your own pumpkin or use one of our freshly harvested ones grown on site. \$10 per person. [Code UCJ.9DUC](#).

Family Fun: Family Food Justice

Saturday, November 13

10-11am. (8-Adult) Dive into the world of food justice and gain an understanding of urban farming, food deserts and the importance of growing your food. Take home a mini edible garden. \$8 per person. [Code UVB.4RB8](#).

Family Fun: Harmonious Harvest

Saturday, November 20

11am-12pm. (5-Adult) Celebrate harvest time with nature-themed music and storytelling, and harvest your own edible plant to bring home. \$10 per person. [Code 790.AZYU](#).

Family Fun: Excellent Evergreens

Saturday, December 11

10-11am. (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. \$10 per person. [Code 4FD.HSRX](#).

Seasonal Storytelling

Saturday, December 18

10-11am. (5-Adult) Explore the approaching season with stories, myths and legends. Puppets, pictures and the enchanting garden surroundings enhance the experience. \$8 per person. [Code C31.7AQP](#).

Winter Solstice Celebration in the Garden

Saturday, December 18

1-2:30pm. (5-Adult) Join us to celebrate the rebirth of the sun and the beginning of winter. Learn about one of the most ancient rituals in the world with legends, crafting and games. \$10 per person. [Code 8ED.8SQU](#).



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ART IN THE GARDEN RETURNS TO GREEN SPRING

August 17–October 3

“Wild Wonders” — Jane Gamble, ethical wildlife photography

Horticulture Center

“Nature in Paper and Paint” — Helena O’Neill, collage

Horticulture Center

“Glory of Nature” — Noreen Brunini, watercolor

Historic House

October 5–November 21

“Garden Dreams” — Springfield Art Guild, mixed media

Horticulture Center

Reception: Sunday, October 10, 1-3pm

“Artist’s Choice” — Caroline and Erik Hottenstein, mixed media

Historic House

Remember, all the art is for sale!



2021 Fairfax County Farmers Markets

Wednesday

McCutcheon/MV

8:00 am – noon April 21 – Dec 22

Sherwood Hall Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane



Oak Marr

8:00 am – noon May 5 – Nov 10
Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road

Wakefield

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm May 5 – Oct 27
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

Thursday

Annandale

8:00 am – noon May 6 – Nov 4
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike



Herndon

8:00 am – 12:30pm April 22 – Nov 4
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St.
By the Red Caboose



To reduce single-use plastics at the markets, we encourage you to bring reusable bags.

Friday

McLean

8:00 am – noon May 7 – Nov 12
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road
*CLOSED for McLean day set up May 14

Kingstowne

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm May 7 – Oct 29
5870 Kingstowne Towne Center
In the Giant parking lot

Saturday

Burke

8:00 am – noon April 10 – Dec 18
VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Reston

8:00 am – noon May 1 – Dec 4
Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza
*CLOSED for Multicultural Festival Date TBD



Sunday

Lorton

9:00 am – 1pm May 2 – Nov 21
VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.





A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each program. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, scone, cream, and jam. Programs are by reservation only.

Call (703) 941-7987,
TTY (703) 324-3988.

\$38 (program & tea)
\$15 (program only)

\$48 (Christmas
Candlelight Teas)

HISTORIC GREEN SPRING TEA PROGRAMS

A Day in the Life of Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday, September 12

1-3pm. (Adult) It starts with tea. She lives in splendid palaces and has hundreds of servants, but how does the Queen spend a regular day? Enjoy a glimpse into her daily routine and explore changes in her family life in the wake of a tumultuous year.

Eccentric Women

Sunday, October 3

1-3pm. (Adult) Often dismissed as dangerous and outspoken attention-seekers, eccentric women have been powerful forces for social change. Consider the historical importance of female non-conformists and discover the many contributions of unconventional women who defied disparaging labels and dared to be different.

Are We Haunted?

Sunday, October 31

1-3pm. (Adult) Hear hair-raising stories of hauntings and ghost hunters that pose dilemmas for caretakers of the past. Learn why historic sites with supernatural reputations can become haunted by ghost stories that misrepresent historical fact and reduce historical figures to mere spooks and specters.

Family History

Sunday, November 21

1-3pm. (Adult) At Thanksgiving, thoughts turn to family. Celebrate familial bonds throughout history as we explore influential families that have shaped the world and famous siblings who have left their mark. Hear about murderous royal relatives and epic historical family feuds, and consider whether blood is always thicker than water!

Christmas Candlelight Teas

Thursday, December 9

Saturday, December 11

Sunday, December 12

4-5:30pm. (Adult) Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is the quintessential tale of the yuletide spirit. Discover the story's origins, how it reflects life in Early Victorian England, and how it influenced our Christmas traditions in its depiction of the ultimate grinch, Ebenezer Scrooge. Bah! Humbug! \$48 per person.



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.

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| <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 (3 years) | \$135 | Phone: | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (1 year) | \$250 | Email: | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (1 year) | \$150 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime | \$500 | | |



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