



Programs & Events

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

SPRING 2021

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Green Spring Gardens' Moon Gate Garden Project



Green Spring Gardens is creating a Moon Gate Garden. In garden design, moon gates provide enticing passageways from one space into another, piquing curiosity about what lies beyond. The construction of a permanent architectural feature is a fitting way to celebrate Green Spring's milestone 50th anniversary and to look ahead to the next 50 years. For more information about this project and how you can support it, visit our [anniversary web page](#) or the [Fairfax County Park Foundation web page](#).

Order Your Plants from the Garden Gate Plant Shop

Green Spring's Garden Gate Plant Shop will again be offering phone-order plant sales with curbside pick-up from April until early fall. In-person shopping will be available starting in May. The Plant Shop specializes in plants that do well in local growing conditions, and offers many plants featured in Green Spring's demonstration gardens. A list of available plants will be updated regularly and posted on [Green Spring Gardens' web page](#). Plant sales support the [Friends of Green Spring \(FROGS\)](#).



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Adult Programs

Basic Pruning Techniques for Shrubs

Saturday, March 20

10am-12pm. (Adults) Learn to prune like a pro with this walk and talk led by pruning instructor Peter Deahl. Discover which shrubs and evergreens need pruning in late winter and learn techniques for keeping your plants healthy and beautiful. Bring gloves and disinfected pruners. \$23 per person. Code [424.U5WX](#).

Spring Tasks for a Great Garden

Saturday, March 27

10:30am-12pm. (Adults) Horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol shows you things you can do to prepare your garden for a beautiful spring. Learn what plants you can and should divide now, the most effective pruning techniques, and more to set up your garden for fresh spring growth. Virtual registrants will receive a link to connect via Zoom prior to the program and will have an opportunity to ask questions live. \$18 per person. Code [656.W5CH](#).

15th Annual Seed Exchange

Saturday, March, 27

12-2pm or 2-4pm. (Adults) Swap your extra seeds, houseplant cuttings and seedlings with other gardeners at the 15th annual Washington Gardener Seed Exchange. Attendees will receive planting tips and goody bags, as well as a chance to win door prizes. \$15 per person. Code [KNZ.CAB6](#) for 12-2pm; [KNZ.PUVH](#) for 2-4pm.

Mastering Weeds in Your Garden

Saturday, April 17

10:30am-12pm. (Adults) Learn how to identify common weeds and invasive plants in your garden and natural areas on this walk

with horticulturist Brenda Skarphol. Come away with some weed management techniques with a special emphasis on organic strategies. \$18 per person. Code [008.NTYA](#).

Garden Tour: Green Spring Up and Down

Saturday, May 1

10-11:30am. (Adults) Extension Master Gardeners 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 tour involves a steep slope with loose gravel. \$15 per person. Code [8A0.7XFX](#).

Plants & Design: Multiply Your Plants

Saturday, May 1

10:30am-12pm. (16-Adults) Multiply your plants through the simple, money-saving techniques of stem cuttings and plant division. In this hands-on workshop you will learn to propagate house and garden plants. Take a few starter plants home to grow for your garden. \$22 per person. Code [586.KQ17](#).

Garden Tools and Perennial Maintenance

Saturday, June 5

10-11am. (16-Adults) Horticulturalist Karen Rexrode leads you on an educational walk through the gardens focused on perennial maintenance and useful gardening tools to get the job done. Learn what to do to ensure a healthy and beautiful garden. \$18 per person. Code [E9K.HSNA](#).

Edible Garden Tour

Saturday, June 5

10-11:30am. (Adults) Explore the bounty of Green Spring's Edible Garden with an Extension Master Gardener docent who

NOTE: All in-person programs have limited registration to allow for social distancing. A mask or face covering is required indoors for individuals ages two (2) and older, and outdoors when physical distancing can't be maintained.

Hybrid and Virtual Adult Programs

showcases many food plants—from vegetables to fruit trees—suitable for home landscapes. See how edibles can grow in containers and small spaces and discover their ornamental value in the garden. \$15 per person. Code [96U.YX7Y](#).

Plants & Design: Herbs — A Baker's Dozen

Saturday, June 5

1-2:30pm. (16-Adult) Green Spring staff teach you how to grow common culinary herbs and creative ways to use them in the kitchen. Learn about cultural requirements, harvesting, preservation, propagation methods, resources, and recipes. Herbs will be available in the plant shop to get you started. \$22 per person. Code [A57.4JZM](#).

NEW: Hybrid Programs

These programs are available both in person and virtually.

Plants & Design: Hummingbird Garden

Saturday, May 22

1-2:30pm. (Adults) Attracting hummingbirds to your garden is fun and easy to do. Learn fascinating hummingbird facts and how to create a garden habitat for hummingbirds with Green Spring horticulturalist Susan Eggerton. Get a list of choice plants to get started on your hummingbird garden. Virtual registrants will receive a link to connect via Zoom prior to the program and will have an opportunity to ask questions live.

- **In person:** \$22 per person. Code [1A6.AMPP](#).
- **Virtual:** \$22 per person. Code [PHD.8QLY](#).

NEW: Virtual Programs

These programs will take place virtually via Zoom.

Plants & Design: Japanese Garden

Saturday, April 10



11am-12pm. (Adults)

Japanese garden design is an art thousands of

years in the making. Stone, gravel, water, bridges, moon gates, paths and plants all hold significance. Whether you are looking to make your own Japanese style garden or simply want to learn to appreciate its elemental meanings, this virtual program with horticulturalist Bevan Shimizu teaches you the essentials for creating a Japanese-style garden. The link for the program will be sent up to an hour before the start of the program. \$18 per person. Code [9HA.S8WN](#).

Attractive and Lasting Plant Combinations

Saturday, June 12

11am-12pm. (16-Adult) Explore how to play with color, form, and texture in a perennial/shrub border with *Washington Gardener Magazine* publisher, Kathy Jentz. This virtual, image-heavy talk includes the tried-and-true proven combinations as well as some daring new mixes to experiment with in your own home garden. Take notes and get inspired with the formulas for beautiful plant combinations. A link for the program will be sent up to an hour before the start of the program. \$18 per person. Code [CDV.0K4P](#).

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.

Fine Arts Workshops

Playing with Watercolor Techniques: Virtual Program

Saturday, April 10

9:30am-3:30pm. (16-Adult) In this class you will paint a series of backgrounds while learning about various watercolor techniques. You will add a drawing to these backgrounds and continue painting as you learn more techniques. Artist Marni Maree will show you how to take a drawing of your own (or one that she will share with you) and transfer it on to the backgrounds using a grid to enlarge it. \$102 per person. Virtual participants will receive a link to connect via Zoom and a supply list prior to the program. Code R3A.VDTX.

critique, and lesson on editing. \$55 per person. Code 806.AB4J.



Hellebore (Lenten rose)

Watercolor: Trees & Leaves

Saturday, April 24

9:30am-3:30pm. (16-Adult) See the world of trees through a painter's eyes with the help of artist and instructor Dawn Flores. Dawn will provide special in-person instruction for creating beautiful and accurate leaves, bark and branches and give technical demonstrations on line, shape, value and color. Work through your new leaf and tree drawing/painting skills in class with instructor guidance. \$94 per person. Supply list will be emailed before class. Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. Bring a lunch. Code 429.VL5I.

Smartphone Nature Photography

Saturday, May 1

9:30am-12:30pm. (16-Adult) Learn techniques to improve your smartphone nature photography with the help of professional photographer Cindy Dyer. Get a better understanding of composition, color and lighting and how to use your camera settings. Then practice what you learned during an in-class garden photography shoot,

Virtual Yoga for Gardeners

Mondays, starting April 5

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. \$94 per person for 8 lessons. Class held virtually via Zoom. Code 6E6.XW5Z.

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Hybrid Fine Arts Programs

NEW: Hybrid Programs

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Floral Design: Swing into Spring

Saturday, March 13

1-2:30pm. (Adults) Learn how to create a modern Hogarth curve floral design—a gentle curving design that leads your eye through the floral composition. Certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway will show you how to make these graceful shapes for your spring floral project.

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

Floral Design: Birdnest Bouquet

Saturday, May 1

1-2:30pm. (16-Adult) Take your design skill to the next level with the creation of a floral design armature, a wonderful mechanic for supporting blossoms in a floral arrangement. Certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway takes you step-by-step in creating a stick armature "bird nest" to fill with spring flowers.

- **In-person workshop:** Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). Code [E9C.K9EH](#).

- **Virtual demo:** Virtual participants will receive a link to connect via Zoom and a supply list prior to the program. \$39 per person (optional \$30 for supplies, available for pick-up before class). Code [ROJ.UY2H](#).

Floral Design: Late Spring Arrangement

Saturday, June 12

1-2:30pm. (16-Adult) Make a late-spring floral arrangement with the help of certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Betty Ann will teach you about the different flowers in the arrangement and how to incorporate them into a beautiful design. Take your beautiful arrangement home and later, use your floral container to practice what you learned at home.

- **In-person workshop:** Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee). Code [2EF.U4ZU](#).
- **Virtual demo:** Virtual participants will receive a link to connect via Zoom and a supply list prior to the program. \$39 per person (optional \$30 for supplies, available for pick-up before class). Code [6FX.O2MX](#).



Echinacea (purple coneflower)

Horticulture Center Hours

Open for programs and gift-shop appointments only

Historic House Hours

Open for prescheduled "Visits with the Historian" only

Garden Talks

Designing 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. With a little bit of knowledge, careful planning, and some effort, see how native trees/shrubs provide structure and year-round interest, along with colorful annuals and perennials that add seasonal color splashes. Extension Master Gardeners show you how to create a healthy, sustainable, and eco-savvy garden. \$12 per person. Code B6X.3T3H.

Growing Tomatoes From Seed to Sauce

Saturday, March 27

10-11am. (Adults) More than anything else in the garden, there is nothing like a freshly picked tomato! Growing your own gives you flexibility, picking whatever variety best suits your own taste. Extension Master Gardeners show you healthy ways to grow tomatoes, varieties available, and how to manage pests and diseases. \$12 per person. Code EC4.CI2I.

Design Great Containers

Saturday, April 3

10-11am. (Adults) Whether it's flower pots, hanging baskets or window boxes, container gardens are beautiful, easy and rewarding. Join Extension Master Gardeners to gain information and inspiration for creating a dazzling display. \$12 per person. Code D0C.KP95.

Gardening for Bees

Friday, April 23

1:30-2:30pm. (Adults) Bees are threatened by habitat loss, pesticides and climate change. Extension Master Gardeners show you how to nurture bees, particularly honey

bees, in your garden by growing a variety of plants that support them. \$12 per person. Code 3F6.E98L.

Make for the Shade

Saturday, May 22

10-11am. (Adults) Let Extension Master Gardeners show you the many wonderful plant possibilities for your shade garden. Learn how to add interest with color, pattern and texture to create that cool mid-summer retreat. \$12 per person. Code TDQ.36ZE.

Free Zoom Garden Talks

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.

Grow the Lawn of Your Dreams

Wednesday, April 14

12:30-2:00pm. (Adults) 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) Learn gardening techniques to turn your corner of the planet into a thriving habitat for birds and native insects.

Programs held virtually.

Register online at <https://forms.gle/rhSRACngurYMBKQA> to receive a link to connect via Zoom.

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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.



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 up to \$20 per market visit for FREE fruits and veggies!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets | 703-642-0128



If accommodations or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563 at least 10 working days before an event. TTY 703-803-3354



All registrants will be sent a link by e-mail to attend the lectures on Zoom.

Treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea just like the ones served at the Historic House!

Optional afternoon tea boxes will be available for pickup at Green Spring between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the day of the program. Tea boxes include savory finger sandwiches, pastries, scone with cream and jam, and tea bag. Just put the kettle on, relax, and enjoy!

Lecture only: \$12/
Optional tea box: \$24

HISTORIC GREEN SPRING VIRTUAL TEA PROGRAMS

Wabi-Sabi: Embracing Imperfection



Sunday, March 28

2-3pm. (Adult) Discover your sense of wabi-sabi, the Japanese art of finding beauty in the naturally imperfect world. Explore this philosophy of “making do” that resonates in austere times, and its origins in the world of tea. Japanese tea sample and traditional sweets included in the optional tea box. Code [H52.5PGD](#).

Salute to the Seventies

Sunday, April 11

2-3pm (Adult) Enjoy 1970s nostalgia as we explore social highlights—and lowlights—of the decade in which Green Spring Gardens was born. Discover why the 70s were dubbed the “Me Decade” and re-live the glory days of pre-Internet amusements: rotary phones, bell-bottoms, disco and chia pets! Code [FMY.9FJM](#).

Six Degrees

Sunday, April 25

2-3pm. (Adult) How many “handshakes” away from fame are we all? Explore the theory that everyone is six or fewer social contacts apart. Discover surprising human connections – present and historical – and learn how to find links to famous ancestors in your family tree. Code [SAG.SM4F](#).

Mother’s Day Tea: Bringing Up Baby

Sunday, May 9

2-3pm. (Adult) Take an entertaining look at parenting throughout history as we explore child-rearing advice of times past. Hear surprising advice dispensed by early “experts” that both shock and amuse us today. Then celebrate motherhood at your tea table! Code [J0C.ZK69](#).

Private Matters

Sunday, May 23

2-3pm. (Adult) Personal grooming was a public affair for centuries. Explore the history of washing and dressing, from medieval bathing habits to the 18th-century ritual of the lady’s toilette. Hear about the intimate and public elements of these necessary aspects of everyday life and how, eventually, privacy prevailed! Code [MA9.RQDK](#).

By-Request

Private Garden Tours for Groups and Individuals

Arrange a private tour of the demonstration gardens. Extension Master Gardener docents lead garden tours year-round. These knowledgeable, highly trained guides interpret the gardens, the plant collections, the site's mission, and its historic legacy. Home gardeners can learn about top landscape plant choices and plant combinations. \$10 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$12 per person for 19 or fewer (minimum of 2) Groups of more than 10 people will be divided into smaller groups to allow for social distancing.



Saucer magnolia

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.

To schedule a tour, call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

Tasting Programs

NOTE: All in-person programs have limited registration to allow for social distancing. A mask or face covering is required indoors for individuals ages two (2) and older.

Chocolate from Around the World

Saturday, April 3

10-11:30am. (Adult) Explore the wide world of chocolate. Hear about its history and sample a fine selection from different countries ranging from low to high cacao content and featuring some adventurous flavorings. Who makes the best? You be the judge. \$25 per person. Code CLX.11Y8.

Balsamic Vinegar

Saturday, June 5

10-11:30am. (Adult) Savor a selection of fine balsamic vinegars with varied accompaniments. Hear about the history of Italy's famed elixir and how to distinguish genuine balsamico from the imitations. Learn about its provenance, its myriad uses, and how to assess its complex flavors. Delizioso! \$32 per person. Code AOU.205Q.

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

GIFT SHOP

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, 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.

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

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Family Programs

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](#).

Nature Awakens

Saturday, March 20

10-11am. (5-Adult) It's the first day of spring and tadpoles are hatching, seeds are sprouting, and bears are emerging from their dens. Come and observe nature awakening, and take home a seed experiment. \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [QRB.5SDW](#).

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 24

1-2pm. (5-Adult) Celebrate Earth and say thanks with face painting, poetry, pictures and puppets! Make a special Earth Day craft and help us decorate a tree. \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [GIF.M37P](#).



Akebono Yoshino Cherry

Mother Earth

Saturday, May 8

11am-12pm. (4-Adult) Come and listen to myths and legends celebrating Mother Earth. Learn about mothers in nature and create a special Mother's Day craft. \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [R8M.1MQT](#).

Plant Now, Harvest Later

Saturday, May 22

11am-12pm. (4-Adult) Explore our Edible Garden and learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin. Plant your own seed to come back and harvest in the fall! \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [CIW.CKHP](#).

NEW: Hybrid Programs

These programs are available both in person and virtually.

Cicada Cycles

Saturday, May 8

1-2pm. (7-Adult) Meet outdoors with entomologist Nate Erwin, as we explore cicada life cycles and Brood 10 of the 17-year cicadas due to emerge in May. Bring your questions and learn about this fascinating insect. \$15 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Virtual registrants will receive a link to connect via Zoom prior to the program and will have an opportunity to ask questions live.

- **In person:** Code [CPB.8YRW](#).
- **Virtual:** Code [ODU.5IID](#).

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Parent and Child Programs

Storytelling in the Garden

Mondays, March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12, April 26, May 3, May 24, and June 7

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. Afterwards, take some time to explore our gardens, ponds and Historic House. \$5 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). \$5 per person (parents and children must register to control group size). Code [RIX.QTCG](#) for 3/1; [RIX.NZ75](#) for 3/15; [RIX.8YPI](#) for 3/29; [RIX.CCZH](#) for 4/12; [RIX.ZBUM](#) for 4/26; [RIX.FUAQ](#) for 5/3; [RIX.BIAG](#) for 5/24; [RIX.34KW](#) for 6/7



Garden Sprouts Spring Nature Playgroup

Mondays, March 1, April 15, May 3, and June 7

10:30-11:30am. (3-5yrs.) 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 parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [DC0.YS5K](#) for 3/1; [ZHJ.37IE](#) for 4/12; [ZHJ.THIB](#) for 5/3; [ZHJ.FXKW](#) for 6/7.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Saturdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5

10-11am. (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 park. \$7 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers). Code [VDE.UQIF](#) for 3/6; [VDE.X9AA](#) for 4/3; [VDE.GLRO](#) for 5/1; [VDE.YFYQ](#) for 6/5.

Choose Your Nature Walk

(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, contact Elizabeth Waugh at ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov to schedule your own.

Saturday, March 13, 2-3pm (code [XID.7ZSG](#))

Saturday, March 27, 10-11am (code [XID.ZG22](#))

Saturday, April 10, 2-3pm (code [XID.TWNY](#))

Saturday, April 24, 10-11am (code [XID.KSKM](#))

Saturday, May 22, 2-3pm (code [XID.0FUG](#))

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Scouting Programs

Contact Elizabeth Waugh at ewaugh@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, fill out a [request form](#), or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Start Your Journey — Flower Garden (DGS)

Saturday, March 20

1-3pm. This program includes activities from the Journey books and introduces the topics, issues, and science behind the journey. We do not complete a take action project but instead provide the girls with the foundation they need to plan their own. \$12 per scout. Code [920.6TF2](#).



Nigella damascene (Love-in-a-Mist)

Start Your Journey — Wonders of Water (BGS)

Saturday, April 3

1-3pm. Satisfies most of the requirements to earn the badge. See site's website for details. This title allows online group registration. \$14 per scout. Code [2AC.CIPU](#).

Gardener (JGS)

Saturday, May 8

1-3pm. Satisfies most of the requirements to earn the badge. See site's website for details. This title allows online group registration. \$14 per scout. Code [DD4.EL49](#).

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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Field Trips for All

(Grades K-5) Our new “Field Trips for All” 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 (SOLs). These in-person programs are geared by grade level to provide enrichment to all learners, including those in homeschool. Registration is limited to allow for social distancing. Groups of more than 8 should consider booking a field trip directly with Green Spring Gardens. These field trips are also available for private groups. All attendees—parents and students—must register to control group size. Register for one of the dates below, or schedule your own by filling out our [web form](#) or emailing ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov. \$10 per person (parents and children must register, in order to track registration numbers).

Soils — Soil Secrets

Saturday, March 13, 11am-12pm

(Grade 3) Explore the secrets of soil, from erosion to weather, bedrock to topsoil. Tour the park to see how water and weather shape the land. (SOL: Science 2.7, 2.8, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10) Code [3NR.UC4R](#).

American Indians in VA History

Monday, March 15, 11am-12pm

(Grade 4) Discover how the cultivation of peanuts, tobacco, cotton, and corn changed the course of history here in Virginia and throughout the world (SOL: Science 4.4, 4.8; VS 1e, VS 2b, VS 2c, VS 3a, VS 4a). Code [ICK.R49P](#).

Ecosystems in Virginia

Monday, March 22

11am-12pm. (Grade 4) Explore Virginia's rich flora and fauna and the human impact on these ecosystems. Learn about the fascinating adaptations plants and animals have developed to survive and take a close-up look at our watershed model. (SOL: Science 3.8, 3.10, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.5, 5.7) Code [FTE.5G03](#).

Adaptations and Ecosystem Relationships

Saturday, March 27

11am-12pm. (Grade 3) Discover how animals and plants adapt when survival is the name of the game. Explore the food web, search for signs of wildlife, and discover the smallest predators: ladybugs! (SOL: Science 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8). Code [5HO.D39V](#).

Scientific Investigation

Monday, March 29 & Saturday, April 17

11am-12pm. (Grades 3-5) Learn essential science skills that you will use from elementary school and

beyond. Create a hypothesis, plan and carry out an investigation, and conduct an experiment. Observe natural and plant science and document your process in your science packet. Code [NXI.XJQN](#) for 3/29; code [NXI.PUI3](#) for 4/17.

Seasons & Weather — Fantastic Flora & Fauna

Saturday, April 10 and Monday, May 10

11am-12pm. (Grades 1-4) Learn about flowering plants and edible plant parts, then play a fun game! Examine turtle shells and deer antlers as we look at animal characteristics in our interactive animal station (SOL: Science 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8). Code [O8G.PORU](#) for 4/10; code [O8G.VGQS](#) for 5/10.

Senses — Green and Growing Garden

Mondays April 19, May 3, and May 24

11am -12pm. (Kindergarten) Discover the world of the garden. Learn about plants, explore seasonal changes, and investigate living and non-living things in the soil (SOL: Science K.4, K.6, K.7, K.9). Code [4GW.6XRH](#) for 4/19; code [4GW.SR01](#) for 5/3; code [4GW.QKHX](#) for 5/24.

Life Cycles — Metamorphosis & More

Mondays, April 26 & May 17, 11am-12pm

Saturday, May 1, 1pm-3pm

(Grade 2) Explore the diverse pond ecosystem and learn the life cycle of the frog. Follow butterfly and moth caterpillars on their journey through metamorphosis and migration. Examine the life cycle of plants from seed to flower (SOL: Science 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 3.4, 3.8). Code [QOB.1XQ3](#) for 4/26; code [QOB.KBRE](#) for 5/1; code [QOB.R4HB](#) for 5/17.

Reminders for Campers

Camp registration begins
February 9.

Out-of-county registrants add \$15. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

For all camps (except for Garden Sprouts): please bring a snack, water bottle, and lunch daily. Be sure to download camp forms at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/campforms.

Masks are required for all programs and COVID-19 safety precautions will be taken. If you would like more information about what we are doing to keep your child safe, email Elizabeth Waugh ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov

Green Spring Gardens Summer Camps

Garden Sprouts Exploration

June 21-25, 9am-12pm

(3-6 yrs.) Curious minds explore nature on “seek-and-find” walks, enjoy nature crafts and learn about plants, animals and food with a daily visit to the gardens. Stories, games, puppets and songs keep learning fun. Different themes each day. Children must be potty-trained. Bring snack, lunch and drink. \$205 per child. Code [CE6.Z611](#).

Hands-on Gardening

June 28-July 2, 9am-1pm

(6-11 yrs.) Enjoy garden fun and investigate the science of soil, plants, and animal life cycles along the journey. Come behind-the-scenes to discover how things grow at Green Spring Gardens. Learn alongside gardening pros and get creative with art projects featuring plants. Bring snack, lunch and drink. \$219 per child. Code [CDC.OV8X](#).

Cooking Around the World

July 6-9, 9am-4pm

(5-12 yrs.) It is said that if you want to learn about a country you should start with the food. Join Tiny Chefs in creating cuisines from around the world. Enjoy fabulous flavors of Italian, Indian, Vietnamese, Mexican and French foods while learning cooking techniques and ingredients that make them unique. Bring snack, lunch and drink. No camp July 5. \$319 per child. Code [32D.KJLJ](#).

Virtual Nature Quest

July 6-9, 9am-12pm

(7-11 yrs.) Explore the world of wildlife, from the creepiest critters to 5,000 year-old trees. Different themes each day with crafts, games, and stories to keep learning engaging. Optional supplies pack available for a fee. \$110 per child. Code [PXG.0GY5](#). This program takes place online.

Arts al Fresco

July 12-16, 9am-1pm

(5-9 yrs.) Let nature be your classroom as you experiment outdoors with different art media. Our colorful gardens, streams, ponds and cool woodlands provide creative inspiration. Each day features different artists and art forms, honing your creative skills as you create your own work of art. Bring lunch and drink. \$219 per child. Code [5C4.YTNR](#).

Green Spring Gardens Summer Camps

Cupcake Wars

July 19-23, 9am-4pm

(5-12 yrs.) Curious about how the pros make those cupcakes so precious and ornate? Enjoy competition and challenges? Join Tiny Chefs for some yummy fun learning cupcake basics like measuring, mixing, baking and frosting. Finish the week with two days of baking battle! Small teams compete for the title of "Best Cupcake of Camp!" Bring snack, lunch and drink. No camp July 5. \$399 per child. Code [052.ZQSS](#).

NEW! Eco-Warriors

July 26-30, 9am-1pm

(6-12 yrs.) Become an eco-warrior and tackle our changing climate. Investigate how human activity is changing the world and make a difference with eco-friendly projects like making your own compost bin, upcycling your trash into art, planting a tree and much more. Crafts and experiments daily. Bring lunch and drink daily. \$219 per child. Code [94U.H2BA](#).

NEW! Natural Scientists

August 9-13, 9am-1pm

(7-11 yrs.) Investigate the world around us and learn what it takes to be a natural scientist. Explore geology, biology, zoology and conduct experiments to prove your hypotheses. Different subjects are explored daily, from animal behavior to the layers of the Earth. Bring lunch and drink daily. \$219 per child. Code [C9X.RANV](#).

The Art of Cupcakes

August 16-20, 9am-4pm

(9-13 yrs.) If your little baker has taken our Cupcake Wars camp, the Art of Cupcakes is the next camp for them! We'll decorate cupcakes into unique and artful creations such as animal faces, flowers and hamburgers. Bring lunch and drink daily. \$399 per person. Code [00E.C17B](#).





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