



Programs & Events

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

SUMMER 2021

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Garden Gate Plant Shop

Green Spring's Garden Gate Plant Shop is open for in-person shopping on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-2pm, starting May 11. It will also continue offering phone-order plant sales with curbside pick-up until early fall. The Plant Shop specializes in plants that do well in local growing conditions, and offers many plants featured in Green Spring's demonstration gardens. The plant list is updated regularly and posted on [Green Spring Gardens' web page](#). Plant sales support the [Friends of Green Spring \(FROGS\)](#).



Green Spring's Moon Gate Garden



Green Spring Gardens is creating a Moon Gate Garden. 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](#).

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Adult Programs

Edible Garden Tour

Saturday, June 12

10:00-11:30am. (16-Adult) Explore the bounty of Green Spring's Edible Garden with an Extension Master Gardener docent who showcases many food plants suitable for home landscapes. See how edibles can grow in containers and small spaces, and discover their ornamental value. \$15 per person. Code [96U.LRA9](#).

Eco-Gardening Ideas: Evening Stroll at Green Spring

Saturday, July 10

5:30-7pm. (16-Adult) Join curatorial horticulturist Brenda Skarphol to learn how to incorporate native plants that will attract more pollinators and wildlife to your garden, and ways to improve your soil to enhance water retention and manage runoff. \$18 per person. Code [NQN.P4JZ](#).

Backyard Composting Basics

Saturday, July 17

10-11:30am. (Adults) Learn to compost plant material into luscious amendment for your lawn and garden. Visit Green Spring's composting station to learn different composting methods, what materials to use and not use, proportions, aeration, screening, critter control and compost use. \$18 per person. Code [OB1.2TF3](#).

Garden Tour: Green Spring Up and Down

Saturday, August 14

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 Virginia Native Plant Garden, woodland stream valley, and ponds. Tour involves a steep slope with loose gravel. \$15 per person. Code [8AO.IOPR](#).

Fine Arts Workshops

Floral Design Workshops

(16-Adult) Make a beautiful floral arrangement with the help of certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. \$39 per person (plus \$30 supply fee).

Saturday, June 12: "Late Spring Arrangement"

1-2:30pm. Code [2EF.U4ZU](#). Also available as a virtual demo at \$22 per person (code [6FX.O2MX](#)).

Saturday, August 7: "Summer Edition"

1-2:30pm. Code [0D2.NDJ4](#).

Virtual Watercolor Workshop: Painting a Series

Saturday, June 19, 9:30am-1:30pm

Saturday, June 26, 9:30-11:30am

(16-Adult) In this two-part virtual class you will choose a subject and artist Marni Maree will help you discover new ways of painting and designing a sketchbook page using various drawing and watercolor techniques. During the first session you will learn how to make each page unique. During the second session, share your work, get creative ideas from other students, and get your questions answered. A supply list and a link to connect to the class via Zoom will be e-mailed before the first class. \$104 per person. Code [KBK.9J6C](#).

Watercolor Workshop: Botanicals

Saturday, July 24

9:30am-3:30pm. (16-Adult) For the beginner or advanced student, this in-person workshop teaches watercolor techniques through exercises that help you understand color and composition, and improve brush control. Artist Dawn Flores teaches you about paper, paint, drawing and transfer techniques used in botanical art. Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. Bring a lunch. \$94 per person. Code [8GJ.3EBX](#).

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.

Virtual Adult Programs

Attractive and Lasting Plant Combinations

Saturday, June 12

11am-12pm. (16-Adult) Explore playing with color, form and texture in the perennial/shrub border with *Washington Gardener Magazine* publisher, Kathy Jentz. This virtual, image-heavy talk includes tried-and-true 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 to the program will be sent via e-mail up to an hour before the program start time. \$18 per person. Code [CDV.0K4P](#).

Gardening with Ferns

Saturday, June 19

10-11am. (Adults). Ferns can add such beauty to a garden! Learn how to grow and propagate these peaceful, shade-loving plants. An Extension Master Gardener presents this virtual program on fern properties, identification and diversity. Get ideas on how to use ferns in your landscape to make a shady retreat. A link to the virtual program will be e-mailed up to an hour before the start of the program. \$15 per person. Code [XJK.G5ZN](#).

Virtual Yoga for Gardeners

Mondays, starting July 12

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. Code [6E6.TBVM](#).

Free Zoom Garden Talks

Making Way for Native Plants

Wednesday, June 2

12:30-2pm. (Adults) Learn how to incorporate native plants into your garden for maximum impact to create a garden that adapts to Washington DC's climate.

Spice It Up Herb Gardening

Monday, June 14

3-4:30pm. (Adults) Bring out the best in your cooking with herbs grown in your own garden. You'll be amazed at the difference it can make.

Bring Birds to Your Backyard

Wednesday, July 7

12:30-2pm. (Adults) Watching cardinals, bluebirds, wrens, sparrows and other beautiful birds is a great way to enjoy your garden! Learn what plants you should grow to encourage them to visit.

Power Perennials

Monday, July 19

3-4:30pm. (Adults) Want to have a beautiful yard with loads of curb appeal? Extension Master Gardeners introduce you to time-honored favorites and many easy-care native perennials with dazzling color.

Attracting Pollinators to the Garden

Wednesday, August 18

12:30-2pm. (Adults) Pollinators play an important role in your ornamental and vegetable gardens. Discover how to attract these beneficial insects, birds, bats and hummingbirds to your landscape.

Register online at <https://forms.gle/3G6E6Kni7xKwNWiAA>

Horticulture Center Hours

Open for programs and gift-shop appointments only

Historic House Hours

Open for prescheduled "Visits with the Historian" only

Family Programs

Family Fun: The Buzz on Bees

Saturday, June 12

10-11:30am. (7-Adult) Visit the gardens and join our beekeeper for a morning of learning about honey bees and native bees. Learn about where they live and their important job as pollinators. Program will include an activity and a walk around the garden. All attendees must be registered for this program. \$10 per person. Code [PK5.PPZ8](#).

Choose Your Nature Walk

Saturdays, June 19, July 10, and August 7

10-11am. (All ages) Book a walk with one of our Children's Education teachers and choose from a variety of topics for a themed tour of the park. Each tour will include a hands-on element and can be customized to include the science topics your students are learning in school. Choose between: Pond Fauna & Flora, Native VA Plants & Trees, Watersheds & Geology of Green Spring, VA Ecosystems Walk, History of Green Spring as a Farm, or General Garden Tour. \$45 per group of up to 9 people, including at least one adult. Code [X1D.1TZE](#) for 6/19; [X1D.EMVB](#) for 7/10; [X1D.8DZJ](#) for 8/7.

To schedule your own, contact Elizabeth Waugh at ewaugh@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call Green Spring.

Storytelling in the Garden

Mondays, June 21, July 19, August 2, August 16, and August 30

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.LL3R](#) for 6/21; [R1X.TB59](#) for 7/19; [R1X.VPRR](#) for 8/2; [R1X.K2CO](#) for 08/16; [R1X.PJR6](#) for 8/30.

Family Fun: Planting Your Plate

Saturday, July 24

10-11:30am. (5-Adult) Farm to table...how about backyard to table? Join us to learn how to plant, grow and harvest herbs, flowers and vegetables to make colorful and delicious additions to every meal. Explore our park's Edible Garden and plant your own mini edible garden to take home and enjoy. All attendees must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code [4K4.W102](#).

Summer Safari

Saturday, August 21

11am-12pm. (5-Adult) Salamanders, snakes, toads, turtles... summer is their favorite season and all are out and about. Come on a safari to explore the habitats and activities of these creatures and more! Binoculars and magnifying glasses will be provided to aid you in your summer safari. All attendees must be registered for this program. \$8 per person. Code [AQ9.67LK](#).

Visit Our Gift Shop

Call 703-642-5173 to request a 30-minute in-person shopping appointment, Monday-Saturday 10am-3pm and Sunday 1-3pm. Find gardening tools, horticulture and nature books, nature-inspired accessories, decorative arts, and more! Please wear a face covering. Temperature check administered.

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

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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

Reminders for Campers

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, e-mail 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. \$205 per child. Code [CE6.Z611](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

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 a snack, lunch and drink daily. \$219 per child. Code [CDC.OV8X](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

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 a snack, lunch and drink daily. No camp July 5. \$319 per child. Code [32D.KJLJ](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

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 snack, lunch and drink. \$219 per child. Code [5C4.YTNR](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

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 a snack, lunch and drink daily. No camp July 5. \$399 per child. Code [052.ZQSS](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

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 a snack, lunch and drink daily. \$219 per child. Code [94U.H2BA](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

SESSION ADDED: Arts al Fresco

August 2-6, 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 a snack, lunch and drink daily. \$219 per child. Code [5C4.2CVN](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**

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 a snack, lunch and drink daily. \$219 per child. Code [C9X.RANY](#).

SESSION ADDED: Garden Sprouts Exploration

August 16-20, 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. \$205 per child. Code [CE6.OQ02](#). **FULL — Waitlist available.**



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

Sunday, June 13

The Victorian Seaside

2-3pm. (Adults) Victorians flocked to the seaside for day trips and holidays, but how did the proper Victorian lady preserve respectability at the beach? Hear about the many Victorian seaside attractions and entertainments, and the bizarre inventions, regulations and fashions that preserved 19th-century notions of modesty. Code [OE7.JPPK](#).

Sunday, June 27

Moon Magic

2-3pm. (Adults) The Moon holds us in its thrall, an object of enduring fascination. Explore its many incarnations throughout history, from deity, to feminine symbol...to green cheese! Discover contrasting portrayals of the moon in art, literature and music, and hear about a future moon-inspired garden feature at Green Spring. Code [751.KPOP](#).

Sunday, July 11

The Crown: Fact or Fiction?

2-3pm. (Adults) Season 4 of the lavish British monarchy series, *The Crown*, introduces Lady Diana Spencer to the drama that portrays the life of Queen Elizabeth II and her family in astonishingly intimate detail. Discover how much is fact and how much is dramatic license. Code [B1A.XKPI](#).

Sunday, August 15

Brush Up Your British

2-3pm. (Adults) Celebrate Britain's National Afternoon Tea Week by exploring linguistic and cultural differences between Britain and America. Compare customs and manners in these two nations "divided by a common language"—at the tea table and beyond! Code [FB8.E4K2](#).

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Historic Green Spring Programs

Summer Garden Tour and Tea to Go

Thursdays, June 17, July 15, and August 19

1-2pm. (Adult) Tour the vibrant demonstration gardens with a Green Spring Extension Master Gardener docent who will inspire you with dazzling plant combinations and tales of Green Spring past and present.

Tour only: \$12/ Optional tea box: \$24. Code [03T.ZHDG](#) for 6/17; code [03T.PYUI](#) for 7/15; code [03T.8AQS](#) for 8/19)

Garden Tour and Ice Cream

Saturdays, June 26 and July 24

10-11:30am. (Adults) Tour the vibrant summer gardens with a Green Spring Extension Master Gardener docent. Finish at the Historic House lawn to enjoy delicious ices, served with toppings and garnishes. \$15 per person. Code [I7Q.APUT](#) for 6/26; code [I7Q.W900](#) for 7/24.

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. Groups of more than 10 people may 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.

Crystallized Flower Workshop

Saturday, August 28

10-11:30am. (Adults) Discover the beautiful Victorian art of crystallizing flowers. Follow simple steps to sugar coat a variety of edible blooms and petals to use as gorgeous garnishes for desserts and other dishes. Take home your candied creations along with decorating ideas and tips. Refreshments served. \$40 per person. Code [3D2.5DZA](#).

Tasting Program: Tropical Teas

Saturday, July 31

10-11:30am. (Adults) Savor a selection of real and herbal iced teas that will transport you to the tropics. Flavored with tropical plants, fruits and flowers, these teas are delicious hot or cold. Take home recipes for more exotic teas to blend yourself. Tropical accompaniments served. \$25 per person. Code [J1W.B59M](#).



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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.

- Individual (1 year) \$35 Name: _____
- Individual (3 years) \$90 Address: _____
- Family (2 adults + kids) \$50 _____
- Family (3 years) \$135 Phone: _____
- Organization (1 year) \$250 E-mail: _____
- Patron (1 year) \$150
- Lifetime \$500



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