Garden Gate Plant Shop

Green Spring’s Garden Gate Plant Shop is open for in-person shopping Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 3:30 p.m. 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).

Concert In The Garden

Wednesday, June 28

6-8 p.m. (All ages) Every summer, the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS) extend a special welcome to families in the community by hosting a free concert in the garden. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, pack a picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn, and kick back to hear lively music. Bring the children at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy fun activities and have their picture taken with Ribbit the Frog!
Adult Programs

Designing With Ground Cover Plants
Saturday, June 3
9:30-11 a.m. (Adults) Groundcovers can be a great accent in the garden with many flowering and evergreen options for sun or shade. Join Green Spring Gardens staff for a short lecture on how to use groundcovers to solve design challenges, followed by a walk around the grounds to view some of our gardeners’ favorites. Dress for the weather. $19 per person. Code PKS.ZCVO

Spring Garden Tour
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10 a.m. –11 a.m. (Adults) Enjoy a guided tour of Green Spring’s beautiful demonstration gardens with a Master Gardener docent. Hear about our 18th century origins and our mission today. Find inspiration in our horticulturists’ plant choices and garden bed designs and take their ideas home to try in your own landscape. Garden tours run rain or shine. $12 per person. Code AUH

Garden Talk - Townhouse Gardening
Saturday, June 10
10:30-11:30 a.m. (Adults) Extension Master Gardeners share tips for making a big impact in smaller landscapes. This session will be useful not only for townhouse owners but for anyone looking for creative solutions for a small garden space. $12 per person. Code QKL.H92W

Native Plants for Pollinators
Saturday, June 17
10:30-11:30 a.m. (Adults) Green Spring Gardens celebrates National Pollinator Week! Join Brenda Skarpohl on a walk to Explore the many native plants growing at Green Spring Gardens to see our local pollinators at work, and learn why we need to protect them. Do your part to help pollinators by starting your own pollinator garden—we will help you with a plant list. $19 per person. Code 0UW.SHEY

Fine Arts Workshops

Insect Illustration
Saturday, June 3
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Use your basic drawing skills to accurately render insect anatomy for a beautiful finished illustration. Artist and instructor Caroline Hottenstein shows you how to use a micron pen, watercolor, graphite, and colored pencils to capture and highlight details. Your finished project is a 2D specimen board using the color media of your choice. Previous drawing experience encouraged. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. $102 per person. Code 54F.0WKF

Watercolor Workshop - Orchids
Saturday, July 8
10 a.m.-4 p.m. (16-Adult) Some subjects just scream to be painted in watercolors and orchids are one of those subjects. Taught by botanical artist Dawn Flores, plan and execute an orchid-inspired painting. Information on orchid anatomy, lessons on color, and a variety of watercolor techniques and transfer practices are presented. Orchid owners may bring in their own specimen or work from photographs provided by the instructor. This class is appropriate for any skill level. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. $102 per student. Code 893.QHAO

Virtual Floral Workshop - Grab a Bunch
Thursday, July 27
10 –11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Have you ever bought a flower bunch at a grocery store (or received one as a gift)? Don’t just chop and plop these in a vase! Learn how to make an attractive design in a variety of vase shapes and sizes with a multitude of techniques demonstrated by certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Sign up for the class and the supply fee. Your supplies will be available for pickup at Green Spring Gardens the day before or day of the program, and a Zoom link will be emailed before class. Please register for $42 program and $30 supply fee. Code T97.IJ7K

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.
Miniature Landscape Sketching

Saturday, August 12
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Create miniature works no larger than 4 x 6 using a micron pen, watercolor, graphite, or colored pencils. Artist and instructor Caroline Hottenstein will show you how to draw quick, miniature sketches of landscapes and then use them for a detailed, finished work using your medium of choice. Previous sketching experience encouraged. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. $102 per person. Code GP4.MBJ8

Watercolor Workshop Illustrated Poems

Saturday, August 19
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Celebrate Poet's Day by finding the words to your poem already printed on a page in a book, magazine or newspaper (a method inspired by Austin Kleon's Blackout Poetry). Artist and instructor Marni Maree will show you how to use watercolor (and more) to decorate and illustrate your poem. A supply list with be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. $110 per person. Code CFAK

Watercolor Workshop: Monet & Waterlilies

Saturday, June 10
SOLD OUT

Yoga For Gardeners

Mondays, starting June 12
9:30-10:30 a.m. (Adults) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. $137 per person for 11 lessons.
Code 6E6.RG44

At The Horticulture Center

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

From May 30 Until July 24
- Potomac Valley Watercolorists - Mixed Media
Art reception: Sunday, June 4, 1-3 p.m.

From July 24 until September 18
- Foto Forum-Photography
- Lake Barcroft-mixed media
Art reception: Sunday, July 30, 1-3 p.m.

At Historic House

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

From May 30 Until July 24
- Jeanne McIntyre - mixed media
- Courtney Clark - watercolor
Art reception: Sunday, June 4, 1-3 p.m.

From July 24 until September 18
- Shona D’cruz - Mosaics
- Deb Schneider - Oils
Art reception: Sunday, July 30, 1-3 p.m.
Youth And Family Programs

Placing Your Plate
Saturday, June 17
10-11:30 a.m. (4-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, including parents, must be registered for the program. $10 per person. Code 4K4.HCXJ

Underground Railroad Quilt Codes
Sunday, June 18
1-2 p.m. (9-Adult) According to legend, fabric quilts were stitched with coded patterns to assist escaped enslaved people moving along the historic Underground Railroad to find safety. While historians debate this legend, local quilter, Sharon Tindall, supports this theory of quilt codes through her specialization in African American quilt patterns. View her handmade quilts, created with fabrics and patterns typically used in the mid-1800s. Learn more about these magnificent storied quilts and what they mean to our American history. Each family will receive a fun quilt activity to take home. $15 per person. Code CMU.BOVOS

Scouting Programs

Outdoor Art Apprentice
Saturday, May 6
1-3 p.m. (11-14 yrs.) $15 per Cadette Girl Scout (includes supplies). Code E0F.3YZ3

Start Your Journey-Flower Garden
Saturday, June 3
10 a.m.-12 p.m. (5-7 yrs.) $15 per Daisy Girl Scout (includes supplies). Code 920.HK2Y

Gardener
Saturday, June 3
1-3 p.m. (9-11 yrs.) $15 per Junior Girl Scout (includes supplies). Code DD4.SI3C

Aquatic Adventures
Saturday, July 1
10-11:30 a.m. (4-Adult) Our aquatic ecosystems are bursting with activity in the summertime, come learn all about the amazing animals that live there! From turtles to tadpoles, fish to dragonflies, you are sure to see some spectacular creatures. We will study the habitats and activities of these critters and more! Binoculars and magnifying glasses will be provided. Bring old shoes that can get wet and muddy. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. $10 per person. Code GJN.ER8D

Tree Trails
Saturdays, August 5
10 –11 a.m. (4-Adult) Join us for a walk around the park to explore all the different kinds of trees we have at Green Spring. Discover the many roles they play in the ecosystem, from food to shelter! Learn how to tell trees apart by their leaves and other clues. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. $10 per person. Code 7S6.XL93

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2023 Fairfax County Farmers Markets

**Wednesday**

**McCutcheon/Mount Vernon**
8 a.m. – noon       Apr 19 – Dec 20
Sherwood Hall Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

**Oak Marr**
8 a.m. – noon       May 3 – Nov 8
Oak Marr REC Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

**Wakefield**
2 – 6 p.m.           May 3 – Oct 25
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

**Thursday**

**Annandale**
8 a.m. – noon       May 4 – Nov 2
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

**Herndon**
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  May 4 – Nov 9
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street
By the Red Caboose

**Friday**

**McLean**
8 a.m. – noon       May 5 – Nov 17
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road
*CLOSED May 19th for McLean Day 2023*

**Kingstowne**
3 – 7 p.m.           May 5 – Oct 27
5870 Kingstowne Towne Center
In the Giant parking lot

**Saturday**

**Burke**
8 a.m. – noon       Apr 22 – Dec 16
VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

**Reston**
8 a.m. – noon       Apr 29 – Dec 2
Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza

**Sunday**

**Lorton**
9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.   May 7 – Nov 19
VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard

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Facebook – “Fairfax County Park Authority”

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

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HISTORIC GREEN SPRING
TEA PROGRAMS

Color Me Amazed!
Sunday, June 11
1-3 p.m. (Adults) Feeling blue? Put on your rose-colored glasses and seize this golden opportunity to learn about the meanings of colors. Historic House staffer Karen Heyda Jackson explores how colors have been interpreted and used throughout human history to express emotion, manipulate behaviors, and more. $38 (program + tea); $15 (program only).

The Fashionable Fit
Sunday, June 25
1-3:30 p.m. (Adults) Artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein presents the story of dressmaking since the 1700s. Hear about the shifting roles of tailor and dressmaker and technological advancements that helped both keep up with changing fashions. Learn how dressmaking became an empowering professional occupation for women. View a display of antique sewing tools and clothing items. $44 (program + tea); $22 (program only).

What’s Your Name?
Sunday, July 23
1-3 p.m. (Adults) Names influence perceptions of people, with the power to bestow dignity and respect, or disgrace and ridicule. Explore the power of our names in reflecting values, traditions, and cultural connections, and why people throughout history have changed their names, whether by choice or under compulsion. $38 (program + tea); ($15 program only).

Patent Pending
Sunday, August 6
1-3 p.m. (Adults) Discover incredible inventions of our ingenious forebears as we explore the history of patents. Enjoy an amusing snapshot of historical innovation showcasing highly unusual patents of the past and hear about the less amusing gender and racial gaps in patenting history. $38 (program + tea); $15 (program only).
Faces From The Past
Sunday, August 20
1-3 p.m. (Adults) Portraits and physical descriptions of famous historical figures are often inaccurate. What did they really look like? Explore the methods used by historians to put real faces to names. View stunning modern forensic facial reconstructions of people known - and unknown - who lived centuries ago. $38 (program + tea); $15 (program only).

Garden Tour and Tea
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Annual Begonia Show
Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 27, 12-3:30 p.m.
Feast your eyes on this free show sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Be tempted with splashes of color and shapes for homes, terrariums and greenhouses that last long after frosts have put our outdoor gardens to bed. The accompanying sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including tropical and subtropical species. Free.
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](http://www.friendsofgreenspring.org).

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