

Programs & Events

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

FALL 2025



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Sunset Soirée

Saturday, September 20

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Adults) Join us after-hours in the Horticulture Center. View the glasshouse tropicals in the light of the setting sun and peruse the art exhibit while enjoying a refreshing mocktail made with herbs grown at Green Spring Gardens before participating in a fun workshop. **Must be registered for Botanical Bath Salts or Mini Herb Garden Workshop for entry.** Workshops are \$21 per person. Prices include entry, mocktail, and all supplies.

Botanical Bath Salts Workshop

Learn about the calming and restorative properties of plants and how to blend them into a relaxing bath soak. Leave with a custom blend of botanical bath salts and the knowledge to make more at home. Bring your favorite glass jar (12 oz or less) or use one that will be provided. Code DTF

Mini Herb Garden Workshop

Plant your own mini kitchen herb garden. Learn the basics of growing herbs at home, whether on a sunny windowsill or small patio, and get tips on care, harvesting, and how to use your herbs. No green thumb needed, just come ready to dig in. Code GGX



Photo by Jane Martin

Howl-O-Ween - Dog Treat Workshop

Saturday, October 25

1-1:40 p.m. (8-Adult) Treat your furry friend to something homemade! Learn how to make healthy, simple, and tail-waggingly tasty dog treats using wholesome ingredients. No baking required. Recipe is easy to recreate at home and customizable for your dog's dietary needs. Leave with a handful of treats and a new recipe to keep the goodness going. \$15 per person. Code NW3.BILL

Howl-O-Ween - Dog Toy Workshop

Saturday, October 25

2-2:40 p.m. (11-Adult) Turn your old jeans and t-shirts into tail-wagging fun. Learn how to make durable, eco-friendly tug toys your dog will love—no sewing required. Using recycled denim and soft t-shirt fabric, we'll guide you step-by-step to braid and twist the perfect playtime toy. All materials provided, or bring your own worn clothes for a personal touch. \$15 per person. Code DNK.FH7Y

Bad Naturalist: Learning the Hard Way - Book Signing

Saturday, October 25

11- 12:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Join us for a tale of rewilding a Blue Ridge mountaintop that is entirely relatable to anyone who has fallen in love with native plants. *Bad Naturalist: One Woman's Ecological Education on a Wild Virginia Mountaintop* is a memoir about Paula Whyman's attempts to restore native meadows on a mountaintop in the foothills of the Blue Ridge, about the obstacles she encountered, the (many!) mistakes she made, the failures and—important—the successes, and the discoveries she made along the way. Douglas Tallamy, founder of the Homegrown National Park movement, calls the book "self-deprecating, humorous, and thoroughly engaging." Paula Whyman will share her story and answer questions. \$15 per person. Code UEW.FX9D

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Historic Green Spring Programs

Tea Programs

A traditional British afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each lecture. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries and scone with cream and jam. Programs are by reservation only. **Call 703- 941-7987.**

Private Tea Programs

Private groups may reserve a lecture or garden tour followed by a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House. Minimum group size is 20. For more information call Historic Green Spring at 703 941-7987.

Portals to the Past

Sunday, September 7

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Doors and thresholds have been symbolic portals, defenses, and status symbols, revealing details about their time in history and about what lies within. Explore the fascinating – and sometimes humorous - history of doorways, their purposes and their accessories, from medieval portcullises to door knockers, bolts and boot scrapers. Hear about the recent project to replace the front steps and stoop of Green Spring's 1784 Historic House and what its doorways – past and present - reveal to us about the house as a home. \$42 (program + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

Jane Austen: Dressing for the Occasion

Sunday, September 28

1 - 3:30 p.m. (Adult) Celebrate Jane Austen's birth 250 years ago with a look at the fashions of her day. Green Spring historian Debbie Waugh highlights the importance of dressing for the occasion for Austen's characters, particularly social gatherings like balls and dances. Then artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein explores different aspects of Regency-era fashions, from the fancy to the everyday, through the lens of Austen's novels. \$48 (lecture + tea); \$23 (lecture only)

Murder Most Foul

Sunday, October 26

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Through the ages people have been captivated by murder and mystery, and true crime and "whodunits" still enthrall us today. Explore the grisly history of murder and famous cases from the past as we consider the enduring appeal of "murder most foul" this Halloween. \$42 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

Swindle School

Saturday, November 1

1 - 3 p.m. (12-Adult) Now you see it, now you don't. Sleight of hand trickery has been practiced around the world since ancient times – as both entertainment and chicanery - and has evolved up to the present day. In his show "Swindle School" award-winning journalist and Maryland Renaissance Festival performer Brian Wendell Morton captivates us with games that fool the eye and educates us on the art and science of deception. Learn how to see through the smoke and mirrors and avoid being swindled. \$52 (lecture + tea); \$25 (lecture only)

Appetite for Art

Sunday, November 23

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) As the traditional season of feasting approaches, consider food as a popular motif in paintings. Enjoy a selection of food-filled masterpieces, some playful, some provocative. Discover how they reveal fascinating details of their time and place in history and explore art that has captured the essence – and overindulgence - of Thanksgiving. \$42 (lecture + tea); \$18 (lecture only)

Ring in a New Year

Saturday, December 6 & Sunday, December 7

1 - 3 p.m. (12-Adult) Celebrate the festive season and look ahead to ringing in the new year. Learn how new year traditions have evolved throughout history and discover a variety of surprising new year observances around the world today. Door prizes and favors included. \$45 (lecture + tea)

Tasting Program

Tasting - Teas of Africa

Saturday, October 11

10 - 11:30 a.m. (Adult) Africa is home to a wide range of unique and flavorful teas: robust black teas, greens, delicate whites and herbal infusions. Hear about the history and heritage of tea cultivation in Africa and how the teas reflect local traditions. Then sample a range of delicious brews from across the continent. \$35 per person. Code NT6.5FCE

Tours

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. \$12 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$15 per person for 19 or fewer. Minimum group size is eight. For information or to schedule a garden tour call 703-941-7987.

Historic House Walk and Talk

Saturday, September 13

10-11 a.m. (Adult) Take a brief outdoor stroll around the 1784 Historic House to learn about its architecture and historic designed landscape. Step inside the house to learn about residents of Green Spring past. Enjoy compelling stories of public service, trailblazing women, espionage, civil rights, enslavement and freedom. Hear what we know about enslaved people who lived and worked on Green Spring Farm, and ongoing research to discover more. \$15 per person. Code R40.MFFZ

Fall Garden Tour & Tea

Thursdays, September 18 & October 16

1 - 3 p.m. (Adult) Tour the glorious demonstration gardens with Extension Master Gardener docents. Hear about Green Spring past and present and discover a wealth of ideas for your fall landscape. Afterwards, come inside the Historic House for a traditional British afternoon tea. \$42 (tour + tea)

Youth & Family Programs

Little Gardeners

Saturday, September 6, October 11 & November 15

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. (2-6 yrs.) Explore the ever-changing landscape of the garden. This program will feature seasonal activities like planting seeds, pollinators, harvesting vegetables, digging in the soil and exploring plant parts. Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who does not need to register for the program. \$10 per child.

9/6: Code ZF6.IPJ5

10/11: Code ZF6.Q8ØR 11/15: Code ZF6.35WM

Family Fun - Monarch Migration

Sunday, September 7

1 - 2 p.m. (4-Adult) Learn about the amazing migration of the monarch butterfly as we search the garden for caterpillars and butterflies. Discover the secrets of this butterfly's life cycle, from egg to flight and beyond. Take home a monarch-themed craft. \$10 per person. Code EØ9.YQ2G

Garden Sprouts Fall - Nature Playgroup

Monday, September 8, October 13, November 10, & December 8

10:30 a.m. - Noon. (3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler will enjoy nature-themed activities and crafts while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk, we will explore seasonal topics. Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who does not need to register for the program. Siblings under 3 welcome to accompany parent without registering. \$12 per child.

9/8: Code C72.BKØ2 10/13: Code C72.CKTQ

11/10: Code C72.RIK9 12/8: Code C72.3MKR

Family Fun - The Story of Rain

Saturday, September 13

11 a.m. - Noon. (7-Adult) Cultures around the world have legends and myths dedicated to rain, the bringer of life and hope. Listen to our storytellers and take home a craft. \$10 per person. Code NTB.2HZI

Family Fun - Backyard Birding

Saturday, September 20

1 - 2 p.m. (6-Adult) Come backyard birding at **White Gardens** (3301 Hawthorne Lane, Falls Church). Learn about different birds and their songs, then take a walk around the gardens with a naturalist and see which feathered friends you can spot. Kids' binoculars provided. \$10 per person. Code 5ZP.LBEZ

Garden Artists - Painting in the Gardens

Saturday, October 4

10:30 a.m. - Noon (5-Adult) Spend a relaxing day together surrounded by nature's beauty. In this guided family painting class, you'll create your own garden-inspired masterpiece while enjoying the peaceful setting of Green Spring Gardens. No experience needed. All supplies are provided. \$15 per person. Code HB1.OKMF

Wizards, Warlocks, Witch(hazel)s, Oh My!

Saturday, October 4

Noon - 1 p.m. (6-12 yrs.) Join us for a magical nature walk to explore the witchy folklore of our native American Witch Hazel. Learn its enchanting history and then create a themed craft to take home. Feel free to wear your favorite witch or wizard costume. \$12 per person. Code 1T5.C7TI

Family Fun - Autumn Leaves

Saturday, October 18

10 - 11 a.m. (3-Adult) Fallen leaves aren't just litter to rake. They are also important habitat for native insects like luna moths, bumblebees, and tiger swallowtail butterflies. Go on a nature walk to learn more about why these insects need the leaves. Create an autumn leaf suncatcher with materials collected on the walk to take home. \$10 per person. Code UIG.WQ26

Family Fun - Our Ancestors' Gardens

Saturday, October 18

1 - 2 p.m. (7-Adult) Our Ancestors were masters of gardening and agriculture. Walk in their footsteps and explore how they created medicinal herb gardens, magical oases, and edible gardens full of life. Plant your own mini edible garden to take home and grow. \$12 per person. Code 8CW.H1HE

Garden Artists - Plant Poetry and Prose

Sunday, November 16

1 - 2 p.m. (9-Adult) Explore nature and spark your creativity. Walk through the garden, discovering hidden poems, then work on putting your own thoughts down on paper. Learn about different poetry forms, from sonnets to limericks to haiku. Whether you love to write or are just starting, this adventure will inspire you and help you feel closer to the world around you. \$10 per person. Code UQU.7E12

Garden Artists - Seasonal Wrap & Walk

Saturday, December 13

10 - 11 a.m. (5-Adult) Chill out from the busy holiday season with a relaxing seasonal walk around Green Spring. Create your own wrapping paper out of natural materials collected on your walk, then spend some time getting your holiday wrapping done. Attendees may bring a few small gifts to wrap or bring your wrapping paper home. \$10 per person. Code ENL.A73V

Family Fun - Excellent Evergreens

Saturday, December 13

Noon - 1 p.m. (6-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.MK3Z

Adult Programs

Talks and Demos

Garden Talk - Fall Vegetable Gardening

Saturday, September 13

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Planting a fall vegetable garden extends the gardening season so you can continue to harvest fresh produce. Many cool-season vegetables, e.g., carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts, produce their best flavor and quality when they mature during cool weather. Extension Master Gardeners share tips and recommendations. \$12 per person.

Code 3A3.OW9Q

Garden Talk - Fall Lawn Care

Friday, September 26

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Fall is the best season to get your lawn in shape! Take the luck out of lawn care and learn the tips and tricks you need to keep your lawn healthy, thick and green. Extension Master Gardeners discuss fertilization, seeding and weed prevention. \$12 per person.

Code B28.BOZM

Garden Talk - Growing Beautiful Bulbs

Friday, October 10

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Colorful bulbs can turn an ordinary garden into extraordinary. Planted in mass displays, small groupings or containers, they are a welcome sight. Now is the time to plant bulbs for bright, beautiful color next spring. Learn how to plant and care for them from Extension Master Gardeners. \$12 per person.

Code 9FF.KRZB

Growing a Container Kitchen Garden

Saturday, October 18

10:30 a.m. - Noon (16-Adult) Learn how to grow edible plants in a small yard or sunny balcony. Start now for a spring edible garden in containers. GSG staff will teach you which vegetables, herbs and fruits grow well in pots and containers, how to prepare the soil and the light and watering requirements. Soon you'll be serving up delicious meals from your own garden! \$19 per person.

Code 11I.GG2Ø

Garden Talk - Natives with Fall Interest

Saturday, October 18

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Native plants provide beautiful fall foliage, color and berries. Extension Master Gardeners show you perennials, shrubs and trees in vibrant colors to add glorious colors of fall to your existing plantings. With a colorful palette that's so warm and inviting, fall is a magical time! \$12 per person.

Code N10.GA9D

Garden Talk -

Ground Cover Great Lawn Alternative

Friday, November 7

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Groundcovers are a great alternative to the traditional lawn. Learn how to use them in areas your lawn just won't grow. They are low maintenance, spread quickly and return each year. Come hear from an Extension Master Gardener on how to select, grow and maintain different groundcover options. \$12 per person.

Code 46G.AW65

Garden Talk - Winterizing Your Garden

Saturday, November 15

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Cleaning up your garden beds and pruning this fall can make your spring tasks lighter and improve the overall health of your garden. Learn from Extension Master Gardeners what you need to do to ensure that your plants are prepared for winter, from pruning, transplanting and mulching. \$12 per person.

Code ØCW.YFLØ

Native Plants Tell Indigenous Stories

Saturday, November 15

1 - 2 p.m. (16-Adult) Join Smithsonian Gardens' horticulturist, Christine Price-Abelow for a fascinating lecture on the garden surrounding the National Museum of the American Indian. Learn about the carefully selected native plants, their cultural significance, and the stories they tell about the land and Indigenous traditions. Discover how the landscape honors the connection between plants and the American Indian community. \$15 per person.

Code T1I.DSNL

Seasonal Holiday Plants and Bulb Forcing Demo

Saturday, November 22

1 - 2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Join Kathy Jentz, Editor and Publisher of Washington Gardener Magazine, for a festive and informative workshop on caring for classic seasonal plants. Kathy will share expert tips on nurturing holiday favorites and introduce a few unique plant varieties that make thoughtful gifts and charming additions to your home décor. You'll also learn the basics of bulb forcing—a fun technique for coaxing spring bloomers like tulips to flower early, brightening your home just when you need it most in the gray days of late winter. As part of the workshop, you'll decorate a pot and plant a bulb to take home—perfect for holiday gifting or bringing a touch of green to your own winter space. Please register for class and supply fee. \$35 per person.

Code TQL.DO6W

Adult Programs

Fitness and Wellness

Yoga for Gardeners

Starting Monday, September 8

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. (16-Adult) 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. 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code 6E6.S6Z1

Tai Chi I

Starting Monday, September 8

1:30 - 2:25 p.m. (13-Adult) Tai Chi promotes flexibility, balance and physical control. This low-impact mind/body class is based on ancient Chinese exercises to increase energy flow while decreasing stress. 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code ED9.1BGH

Tai Chi II

Starting Monday, September 8

12:15 - 1:10 p.m. (13-Adult) 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code 63Ø.5Y8Q

Tai Chi III

Starting Monday, September 8

11 - 11:55 a.m. (13-Adult) 11 sessions. \$151 per person. Code 156.F813

Intro to Tai Chi - Find Your Balance

10-10:55 a.m.(13-Adult) Experience the calming flow of Tai Chi in this introductory class which is perfect for anyone curious about its gentle movements and stress-reducing benefits. Learn fundamental principles, basic forms and cultivate a sense of mind-body connection in a welcoming environment. This class provides a great way to discover if Tai Chi is right for you. \$13 per person.

Saturdays-

9/27: Code Y5R.M2OZ

11/8: Code Y5R.HABZ

10/11: Code Y5R.1SC1

12/6: Code Y5R.Z5CW

Meditation in the Gardens

Sunday, September 14 & November 2

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (16-Adult) Explore how nature, metaphor, and deep listening can enhance connection—with yourself, others, and the world around you. This immersive garden-based class combines guided reflection, emotional awareness practices, and practical tools for mindful communication. Learn to tune into your inner landscape while engaging with the natural one. End with a relaxing sound bathing experience to help you integrate, unwind, and return to your day grounded and refreshed. Class goes outside, weather permitting. \$24 per person.

9/14: Code 3DC.NHIQ 11/2: Code 3DC.MN8G

Forest Bathing Walk in the Gardens

Saturday, November 8

10 a.m. - Noon. (Adults) Experience Green Spring Gardens with all your senses. Join Certified Forest Therapy Guide and co-founder of local nonprofit Capital Nature, Ana Ka'ahanui, for a slow, meditative walk around the gardens. Inspired by the Japanese practice of *Shinrin-yoku*, this contemplative walk inspires interaction with the surrounding nature in a way that will help reduce blood pressure, boost immunity, and enhance mood and creativity. Decompress and feel a deeper connection with the natural world. The experience concludes with a soothing spot of tea, offering a moment to reflect and savor the essence of nature. Bring something to sit on the ground, which may be damp, and a water bottle. Dress for the weather. \$35 per person. Code ZØY.EPØO

Walks and Tours

Edible Garden Tour

Saturday, September 13

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. (16-Adult) Explore the bounty of Green Spring's Edible Garden with an Extension Master Gardener docent who 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.CCNS

Fall Plants for Small Gardens

Saturday, September 13

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (16-Adult) Join Green Spring Gardens' horticulturist Brenda Skarphol on a walk to look at the variety of colors and forms of beloved plants with fall interest, including bloom, fruit and colorful fall foliage. See a mix of herbaceous perennials, trees, and shrubs that grow well in small spaces, from containers to gardens. Get plant recommendations tailored to your garden. Dress for the weather. \$19 per person. Code DDX.WZR9

Rare Plants at Green Spring Gardens

Saturday, September 27

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Many plant species are common in horticulture through legal propagation, but are rare, endangered or even extinct in the wild. Led by Green Spring's head of horticulture, Adam Bucher, take a tour of the gardens to learn about several of these "rare" plants, their ecological history and growing conditions for their care at home. \$19 per person. Code TXW.A3Z7

Garden Tour - Green Spring Up and Down

Saturday, October 4

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. (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. \$18 per person. Code 8AØ.LQX9

Fine Arts

Introduction to Basketweaving

Saturday, September 6

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (16-Adult) Join expert basket maker Sharon Shaeffer for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn the art of basket weaving from start to finish. Sharon will guide you through each step of the process— from selecting materials to adding personal embellishments—so you can create a beautiful basket to take home. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this class offers inspiration, instruction, and everything you need to get started. Bring a lunch. \$66 per person. Code MGM.QFWG

Poetry Workshop - Harvest Season

Saturday, September 20

10:30 a.m. - Noon. (16-Adult) Join published poet Sherri Waas Shunfenthal and spend some time outdoors meditating on nature and the fall season. Using your senses, memories or an object found, Sherri will guide you in creating poetry. There will be discussion, writing and sharing time. Bring a journal or sketchbook to enhance with poetry. \$12 per person. Code UMØ.NYIL

Watercolor Workshop - Landscapes

Saturday, September 20

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (16-Adult) Artist Dawn Flores helps you translate the beauty of nature into a watercolor painting by showing how to paint skies, trees, water, mountains and rocks. Learn strategies for building depth and focus in your work using color and value. Get techniques for building texture and masking to preserve the white of the page. A supply list will be emailed before the program. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code 68F.UHWV

Ikebana Floral Design Workshop

Saturday, September 27

10 - 11:30 a.m. (Adults) Discover the elegance and simplicity of Ikebana, the traditional Japanese art of flower arranging. Alice Buch, 2nd Degree Master of the Ohara School, teaches you the basic techniques and principles of Ikebana while demonstrating a Hana Isho Rising Form arrangement that you will then get to make yourself. Supplies, including a plastic container, kenzan, and flowers, will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own flower scissors. No prior experience necessary. \$46 per person. Please register for both the class and the \$30 supply fee. Code 3FB.DW91

Drawing Workshop - Fungi and Ferns

Saturday, October 4

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Explore the wonder of fungi and the secrets of ferns using your drawing skills. Artist and instructor Caroline Hottenstein shows you how to use the media of your choice - a micron pen, watercolor, graphite, or colored pencils to illustrate them. Bring specimens (non-poisonous mushrooms) or photos to work from. Previous drawing experience encouraged. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code J4T.ZKFB

Looking for a program we don't currently offer? We would love to hear from you! Send your program ideas and suggestions to us at FCPAGSGP@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-642-5173 and leaving your comments with the front desk staff.

Seasonal Fairy Garden Workshop

Saturday, October 4 & November 8

(Adults) Create a one-of-a-kind fairy garden scene out of natural materials with the help of instructor Bailey Price. Go on a guided walk to find inspiration and collect items from nature to work with. Learn how to build miniature furniture using hot glue and natural materials such as dried plants, acorns, twigs, and bark. Feel free to bring fairy garden pieces from home to incorporate in your design. Register for both the class and the \$35 supply fee. Bring a box or container that will help you transport your creation home. \$43 per person.

10/4, 11 am - 1 p.m. Code ZKJ.IE22

10/4, 2 - 4 p.m. Code ZKJ.6N9F

11/8, 2 - 4 p.m. Code ZKJ.XQ7J

Floral Design Workshop – Gourd-eous Arrangements

Saturday, October 11

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (16-Adult) Create an eye-catching succulent plant and pumpkin arrangement with Green Spring horticulturist Parker Jennings. Mix balance, scale, proportion and contrast to add flair to your fall décor. \$46 per person. Please register for both the class and the \$30 supply fee. Code 83L.6EB5

Watercolor Workshop – Trees & Leaves

Saturday, October 11

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (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 instruction for creating beautiful and accurate leaves, bark and branches and give technical demonstrations on line, shape, value and color to help you improve your drawing and watercolor skills. Work through your new leaf and tree drawing/painting skills in class with instructor guidance. Supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code 429.XØM8

Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop

Saturday, October 11

1 - 3 p.m. (16-Adult) Enjoy being surrounded by beautiful blooms as you learn to paint with oils at Green Spring Gardens. Receive instruction on fundamental oil painting techniques, including how to capture light, color, and atmosphere in the landscape. Learn how to set up for outdoor painting, work efficiently in changing conditions, and care for your supplies on the go. A supply list will be emailed before class. \$28 per person. Code UN5.DFQD

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

Out-of-county registrants add \$2 for programs up to \$45; \$15 for programs \$46 and up.

Fine Arts

Paper Quilling Workshop - Flower Cards

Sunday, October 26

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Create stunning handmade flower-themed greeting cards using the art of paper quilling. This beginner-friendly session will guide you step by step to make your own unique card. Supply fee payable to instructor at class. \$43 per person. Code GAD.EFTF

Watercolor Workshop – Botanical Watercolor

Saturday, November 15

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (16-Adult) For the beginner or advanced student, artist and instructor Dawn Flores will share watercolor techniques through exercises that help you understand color, composition and improve brush control. Learn about the history and types of paper used in botanical art. Basic drawing skills are helpful for drawing the plant specimen from which to paint an elegant botanical portrait. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch.

\$112 per person. Code 6CZ.94LD

Watercolor Workshop - Mono Printing

Saturday, November 22

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Join artist Marni Maree in creating many one of a kind watercolor mono-prints on various types of paper. Learn the unique process of making hand pulled prints using your watercolor palette and some very common household products. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$112 per person. Code 5OL.RADB

Cozy Creations & Winter Wellness Workshop

Saturday, December 6

Noon - 2 p.m. (14-Adult) Learn to crochet a beautiful scarf and discover essential self-care practices for winter. Whether you're a novice or a pro, enjoy a relaxing environment to enhance your skills and connect with others. We'll also discuss self-care techniques and take a nature walk for inspiration. Create, connect and embrace the cozy spirit of the season! \$22 per person. Code 4MV.WTXP

Winter Wreath Workshop

Saturday, December 6

(16-Adult) Create a beautiful winter wreath to take home for your front door after Green Spring staff demonstrate the dazzling possibilities. Greens, forms, ribbon, and cones included with the supply fee. Bring pruners and light work gloves if you have them. \$51 per person. Please register for program and \$45 supply fee.

10 am - Noon. Code YIB.TGVC

1:30 -3:30 p.m. Code YIB.LMWD



Paper Quilling Workshop - Holiday Ornaments

Sunday, December 14

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Create stunning handmade holiday ornaments, perfect for decorating your tree or gifting to loved ones. This beginner-friendly workshop will guide you step by step through the art of paper quilling. Supply fee payable to instructor at class. \$43 per person.

Code 8TN.Y1RØ

Art Exhibits August 19 - October 7

AT THE HORTICULTURE CENTER

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

Sunday, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Sanyoung Chung
Wandering Wonder
Watercolor

Dreamer's Art
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Mixed Media

AT THE HISTORIC HOUSE

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

Jeanne McIntyre C
Louise Collins
Sharing the View
Mixed Media

Deire Pistoichi
A Naturalist's
Perspective
Watercolor

Receptions: Saturday, August 24, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Getaways

Mt. Cuba Center and Winterthur

Delaware

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Adults) Travel to Delaware and see some of the finest woodland gardens around. Tour Mt. Cuba's native plant gardens in the morning and spend the afternoon at Winterthur with a self-guided house tour plus a tram tour of the gorgeous grounds and gardens. The morning tour requires extensive walking on various surfaces, so wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Price includes motor coach and tours. Lunch is on your own at Winterthur Café. Bus departs Green Spring Gardens at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Cancellation deadline: September 10. Includes motor coach, entrance and tour. \$169 per person. Code Y5J.HE19



Harper's Ferry from Maryland Heights Trail

Harpers Ferry Fall Foliage Hike

Harpers Ferry, WV

Saturday, October 18

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Adults) Join us for a scenic day trip to experience the breathtaking fall foliage in Harpers Ferry, where the vibrant colors of autumn meet the rich history of one of America's most storied towns. Harpers Ferry offers stunning mountain views, charming 19th-century architecture, and a fascinating past—from John Brown's raid to Civil War landmarks. Leisurely hike along the scenic trails or spend time strolling the historic streets and browsing local shops. Afterwards we'll head to a nearby vineyard to unwind with live music, an art gallery, and beautiful views. Bring your own lunch or grab something to eat there. Includes motor coach and admission. The bus departs Green Spring Gardens at 7:00 a.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m. Cancellation deadline: October 4. \$89 per person. Code PØJ.IT8M



Gettysburg cannons in the fall

Gettysburg & Tea

Gettysburg, PA

Wednesday, November 5

7:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. (Adults) Step back in time on this enriching day trip to Gettysburg, where history comes alive. Tour the Eisenhower National Historic Site, the beloved farm and retreat of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Then explore the Gettysburg museum and iconic battlefield that shaped a nation. Afterwards unwind with an afternoon tea, complete with delicious finger sandwiches, sweets, and freshly brewed tea — the perfect ending to a day of reflection and relaxation. Includes motor coach, tour, museum entrance and tea. The bus departs Green Spring Gardens at 7:45 a.m. and returns at 5:45 p.m. Cancellation deadline: October 22. \$164 per person. Code H62.TWP4

Longwood Gardens Holiday Lights

Pennsylvania

Tuesday, December 2

11 a.m. - 11 p.m. (Adults) Longwood Gardens' holiday wonderland sparkles with more than 500,000 twinkling lights, spectacular performing fountains, festive floral displays, and live music. Includes motor coach, garden admission, and tour. Meals are BYO or at the site cafe. Bus departs from Green Spring Gardens at 11 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. \$159 per person. Cancellation deadline: November 18. Code BB3.Ø5MH



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