

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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TO MAY 2022**

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SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP



Summer Adventure Camps provide a unique learning experience for children 5-12 years of age where they will learn science concepts and interact with nature through hands-on activities, arts and crafts and more in indoor and outdoor settings. All-inclusive camps are offered in week-long, full-day formats. For camps held exclusively at Lauritzen Gardens, lunch is included in the camp price. Extended check-in and checkout packages are also available to purchase for an additional fee.

ART, IMAGINATION, & NATURE May 30 - June 3 | July 11 - 15

Art, Imagination, and Nature is a bright week of fun and adventure that combines the great outdoors with artistic expression. Drawing inspiration from the garden, campers will use their creativity and imagination to explore the wonders of nature through activities and art projects. Focusing on a new medium each day, campers will put their own imaginative spin on colorful take-home projects, and will discover how to express themselves through different art techniques and disciplines.

Full week, all day. Members \$215, Non-members \$235

ENVIRONMENTAL HOLIDAYS June 20 - 24 | August 1 - 5

This is a week-long CELEBRATION of nature! From World Soil Day to Earth Day to Arbor Day to World Migratory Bird Day, there are a variety of environmental holidays observed around the world each year. These special days show respect for nature and also generate awareness for important environmental issues. Join us for plant parties, bird bashes, and soil soirées as we spread a bit of holiday cheer and learn how we can restore our planet! **Full week, all day.** Members \$215, Non-members \$235

FLORA, FORESTS, & FIELDS, OH MY! June 13 - 17 | June 27 - July 1

Get ready to hike, hunt, create, touch, move, smell, and most importantly, DISCOVER! This week's fun activities and onsite exploration at Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forest will have campers searching for flora in the meadow, wildlife and trees in the forest, and insects in the field as they expand their understanding of nature and their place in it. Children will walk away with new knowledge about local flowers and trees, new friendships, and an inspired sense of connection to nature!

Full week, all day. Members \$215, Non-members \$235

NATURE: FROM DUSK TO DAWN June 6 - 10 | July 25 - 29

The natural world is bustling during the daytime, but have you ever wondered what happens as you lay your head down to sleep at night? This camp will illuminate campers and open their eyes to the parade of nocturnal creatures that come to life and the beauty that unfolds in the garden once the sun goes down.

Full week, all day. Members \$215, Non-members \$235

WINGIN' IT July 4 - 8 | July 18 - 22

In this week full of winged WONDERS, campers will gain a better understanding of the incredible lives of birds, bats, bugs, and butterflies as they observe exhibits at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium and explore the natural world at Lauritzen Gardens. This fun summer camp features unique experiences and adventures that celebrate feathers, flight, and many other aspects of winged things!

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SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP



EXTENDED CHECK-IN AND CHECKOUT PACKAGES

Extended check-in and checkout packages are available to purchase with each camp session.

- Early drop-off is available from 8 to 9 a.m. and late pick up is available from 4 to 5 p.m.
- Please note, these options are not available for the Flora, Forests, & Fields, Oh My! camps held in conjunction with Fontenelle Forest or for the Wingin' It camps with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium.

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

Register before March 1 and save \$25 on the following camp sessions:

- Art, Imagination, and Nature
- Environmental Holidays
- Nature: From Dusk to Dawn

There is no early bird pricing for our partner camps with Fontenelle Forest and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium.



REGISTER FOR A SUMMER OF FUN AND EXPLORATION

Sign up online at lauritzengardens.org or call (402) 346-4002, ext. 212 for assistance.

Members, when registering, please make sure that you sign-in with the email used for your membership and that your email address appears in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. When logged in, the system ties to your membership record and will apply discounts after products are added to the cart.



REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

A refund equal to 50% of the purchase price may be given when the refund is requested a minimum of four weeks before the start of the camp, this includes any goods or services purchased in conjunction with the camp. If a refund is requested within four weeks of camp, no refund will be given. The refund of one or more camps may affect the sale prices charged in the previous transaction, and therefore may affect the refund. In the event that multiple camps have been purchased, and a refund is requested, amounts refunded will begin with the least expensive camp and progress higher in purchase price as needed according to purchases within the same transaction. When possible, Lauritzen Gardens can transfer a camp registration to another session. However, transfer requests are based on availability.

LIL' SPROUTS

Lauritzen Gardens is a magical environment for children (pre-K, ages 3-5) and adults to explore and learn in together. In Lil' Sprouts, participants work together and engage their senses while learning about nature, shapes, colors, ABC's and 123's. Enjoy story time, hands-on activities, crafts, garden exploration and creative play as you discover the wonders of nature with your child or grandchild. Each registration is good for one child and one adult.

Members \$8, Non-members \$18

Parts of a Plant

Explore the garden's spring exhibit, Wonders Under Glass, and learn about the different parts of a plant.

Wednesday, March 2 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 3 at 1 p.m.

Colors of the Rainbow

Discover the many colors of the rainbow and what causes this natural phenomenon!

Wednesday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 7 at 1 p.m.

I Spy Birds!

This month, participants will break out the binoculars and go on a birdwatching adventure!

Wednesday, May 4 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 5 at 1 p.m.

Fantastic Fungi

Join us for a class that's full of FUN-gus! Explore the mysterious world of mushrooms, learn about their parts, and get all of the dirt on these incredible decomposers.

Wednesday, August 3 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 4 at 1 p.m.

Spinning Spiders

Spiders are very busy, and helpful, creatures in the garden. This month, learn all about our eight-legged friends and how, and why, they spin their webs.

Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, September 8 at 1 p.m.

Pumpkins

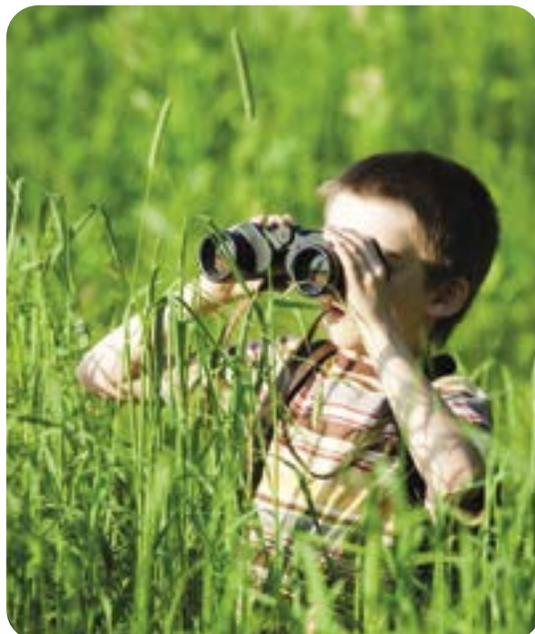
Wednesday, October 5 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 6 at 1 p.m.

Frogs and Toads

Wednesday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, November 3 at 1 p.m.



FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Celebrate nature and art and create memories with these wonderful family activities! We provide you with everything you need to create your project, along with instruction and some inspiration.

Valentine's Day Bird Feeder

Winters can be long in our region, so February is the perfect time to support our feathered friends who work hard all winter to feed themselves! This workshop will allow each participating family member to make a heart-shaped hanging bird feeder.

Members \$35, Non-members \$45

Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m.

Nature-inspired Textured Clay Bowl

This clay workshop explores the diverse textures and patterns found in nature. Using a variety of materials from the garden, participants will make unique prints in bowls that they can take home to enjoy.

Members \$40, Non-members \$50

Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m.

Pebble Flower Art

This family workshop rocks! Put your group's collective creativity to the test as you create your own 3-d floral masterpiece from pebbles and rocks.

Members \$40, Non-members \$50

Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m.

Flower Mandalas

Mandalas are geometric configurations of symbols. In this workshop, your family will be creating a mandala from a variety of natural materials! Once completed, your mandala will be placed in a frame for you to take home to enjoy!

Members \$35, Non-members \$45

Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

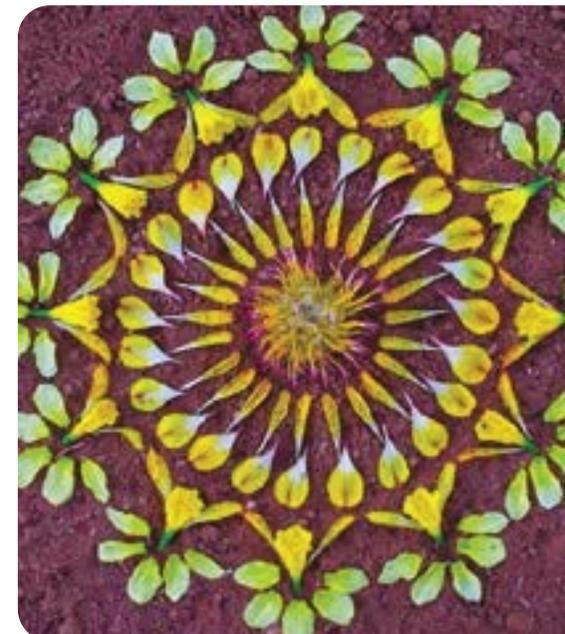
Garden Fairy Pots

These unique fairy houses will add a whimsical touch to your patio, window sill, or anywhere you choose to put them! Using terracotta planters of all sizes, your family will create a fairy house out of small plants, moss, and all sorts of other fun items!

Members \$50, Non-members \$60

Saturday, September 10 at 10 a.m.

Please note: One project will be provided per registration (up to 5 participants, as long as one adult is in attendance). Pre-registration is required one week in advance of the class.



All guided tours require advance registration.
Members \$10, Non-members \$20

SPRING EPHEMERALS GUIDED GARDEN TOUR

As the garden wakes up for a new season, spring ephemerals (think bloodroots, shooting stars, Virginia bluebells, etc.) abound in the garden. These short-lived beauties pop up to add color and interest to the landscape before the trees overhead block the light with their leaves. Take a docent-led guided tour of the garden to find the best of what's in bloom before they go dormant. A tram ride is included in this tour.

April 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.



WARBLER WALK

Lauritzen Gardens hosts a surprising diversity of bird life. The list of 143 species sighted at the garden includes 23 different warblers, beautiful little birds that migrate up the Missouri River in spring. In celebration of Nebraska Migratory Bird Month, director of conservation Jim Locklear will lead a walking tour that will highlight the natural history of these captivating travelers.

April 30 from 9 to 11 a.m.



BIRDABILITY OUTING WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY

See program details on the next page.

May 7 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

SPRING FLOWERING WALK WALKING TOUR

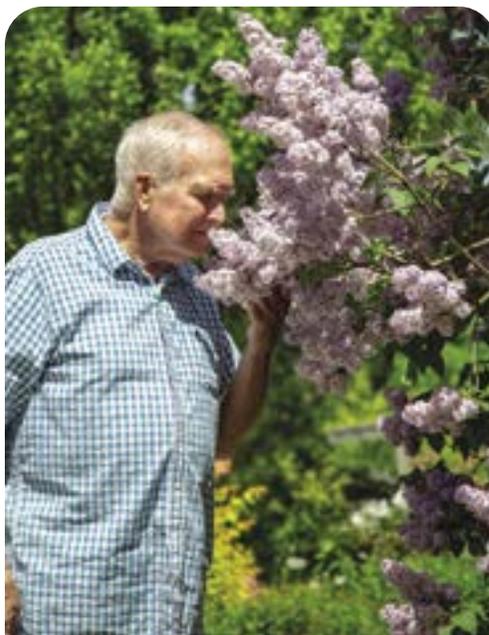
Experience the layers of beauty in one of the most spectacular spring gardens, the spring flowering walk. Join a trained docent for a guided walking tour of daffodils, crabapples, lilacs, and more. A tram ride is included.

May 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

ROSE GARDEN GUIDED TOUR

Enjoy a tram ride out to the Robert H. Storz Family Rose Garden at twilight followed by a tour of the garden from Don Swanson of the Omaha Rose Society.

June 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.



SANDHILL CRANE TRIP

March 29 at 1 p.m. through March 30 at noon

Journey along the Platte River valley and experience hundreds of thousands of beautiful Sandhill cranes during their majestic spring migration. This is a must-see tour where you will enjoy one of nature's treasures, and is also a great chance for unique birding and photography opportunities.

The tour includes two private viewings (evening at sunset and morning at sunrise) of the Sandhill cranes at Rowe Sanctuary in Kearney, Neb., transportation, hotel accommodations, meals and snacks, as well as a stop at the The Crane Trust. Rates are \$335 to \$410, depending on membership status and lodging options. Registration and payment are due by February 28.

For additional information, contact Christine Jacobsen at (402) 346-4002, ext. 212 or c.jacobsen@omahabotanicalgardens.org.

Please note: The blind is a 1/2 mile walk on muddy and uneven ground with no alternative transportation. The sunrise viewing will require walking in the dark with only supplemental light. If there is any activity that you are unable to do or if you have a concern, please contact us before booking this nature experience.



NIGHT SKY AT LAURITZEN GARDENS

Join the Omaha Astronomical Society in viewing the night skies at Lauritzen Gardens. This program includes a tram ride to the rose garden and a viewing of the gorgeous night sky using the Omaha Astronomical Society's telescopes.

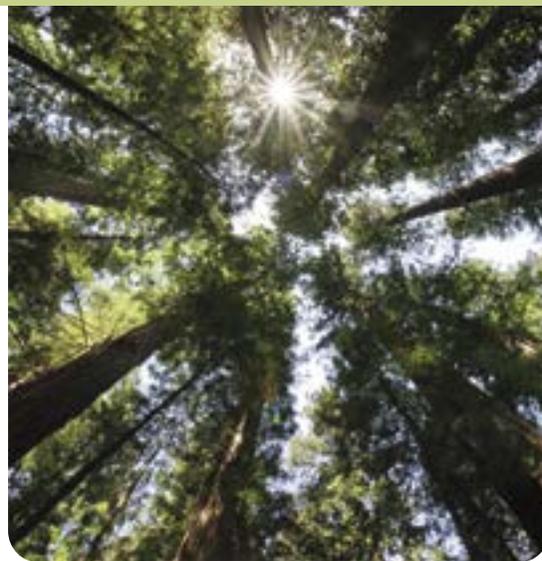
Pre-registration is required.

Viewings are from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Members \$10, Non-members \$20

June 4 | Crescent Moon and Stars

July 9 | Quarter Moon and Stars



BIRDABILITY OUTING WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Join us for a leisurely birding experience during the peak of spring migration at Lauritzen Gardens! This will be an inclusive and accessible bird outing for all skill levels and for those with mobility or health concerns. Led by the president of the Audubon Society of Omaha, Christine Jacobsen, the route will be approximately 1.5 miles in total and will be exclusively on asphalt and concrete, with several benches and stops along the way. Wheelchair-accessible bathrooms will be available at the start and end of the tour (inside of the visitor and education center). Pre-registration is required.

Please note: There is a large hill at the beginning of the tour that can easily be avoided by taking an alternative route. Participants should let the guide know if a detour works best for them.

Members \$10, Non-members \$20

May 7 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

FOREST IMMERSION

Also known as “forest bathing” or shinrin-yoku, this is a type of nature therapy that immerses your senses, slows down your mind and body, and helps you feel connected with the forest life around you. This hour-long guided session in the woodland trail will allow you to unplug from technology and bring you into the present moment. Take this time to unwind from your work week and feel refreshed and relaxed by deepening your relationship with nature. Pre-registration is required.

Guide: Jenelle Emory, Energy Healing Omaha.

Please note: This class will take place along the woodland trail, an unpaved trail that has a considerable incline and some uneven ground.

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

May 9 from 6 to 7 p.m.

May 23 from 6 to 7 p.m.

June 13 from 6 to 7 p.m.

June 27 from 6 to 7 p.m.

QIGONG

Qigong (CHEE - GONG) is a practice of coordinated movements and breathing done in repetition for clearing, cultivating, and balancing energy within the body while also building strength and stability. It is a gentle form of exercise that can be thought of as a moving meditation. This method of coordinating breath with body movements helps bring awareness within, reduce stress, anxiety and tension, and also promotes restful sleep. The movements are slow and are conducted in a circular and flowing motion while either standing or seated. Classes are held outdoors when weather permits and social distancing is practiced whenever possible. Pre-registration is required. All classes are held from 8 to 9 a.m.

Instructor: Julie Wolter Jenowe

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

February 5 | New Energy, Qigong for Rejuvenation

February 19 | Awakening of the Breath to Create Harmony of Body and Mind

March 5 | Create a Path to Well Being with Qigong

March 19 | Cultivate the Fire Within

April 9 | The Slow-flowing Moves of Shibashi Qigong

April 23 | Love Your Mind, Body, and Spirit- Qigong for the Heart

May 7 | Access Nature’s Abundant Source of Energy with Qigong

May 21 | Golden Light Shines, Qigong Practice for Energy Awareness

June 4 | Opening to Our Energy Being with Qigong

June 18 | Pathway to the Heart- Qigong for the Cardiovascular System



FLOW/VINYASA

Practice vinyasa yoga in Omaha's most spectacular and tranquil setting, Lauritzen Gardens! Participants will be guided through gentle, sequenced movement and classic postures that are designed to build strength and deepen their connection to their breath. All skill levels are welcome. Class will be held outdoors if weather permits. Pre-registration is required. Participants should bring their own mat or towel and any desired props. Classes are held from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Instructor: Theresa Cassaday

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

February 2 | February 16 | March 2 | March 16 | April 6 | April 20

May 4 | May 18 | June 1 | June 15 | June 29

HATHA YOGA

Stretch, strengthen, and relax while surrounded by the unmatched beauty of the garden. Participants will be guided through traditional, sustained postures with attention to flexibility and basic alignment. All skill levels are welcome. Class will be held outdoors if weather permits. Pre-registration is required. Participants should bring their own mat or towel and any desired props. Classes are held from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Instructor: Theresa Cassaday

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

February 9 | February 23 | March 9 | March 23 | April 13 | April 27

May 11 | May 25 | June 8 | June 22

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Theresa Cassaday fell madly for yoga in 1985, when she moved from San Diego, Calif. to Omaha, Neb. and was introduced to sun-salutations by long-time teacher and friend, Judy Vann.

Still a daily practitioner, Theresa has been sharing the gift of yoga with students at area studios for nearly 20 years. She credits yoga with making everything in her life run just a little more smoothly.

Off the mat, she spends her days on the mortgage marketing team at First National Bank of Omaha (FNBO) and every other spare moment in her kitchen. You may recognize Theresa from her time on camera in the '90s as the hostess of the FOX 42 Kids Club.



GUIDED MEDITATION

Mondays can be one of the most stressful days of the week! Counter that stress with an easy-to-follow, rejuvenating experience that helps participants reach a meditative state. Each session will focus on different techniques so you can find out which type of meditation works for you! Please bring a yoga mat or pillow to sit on. Pre-registration is required.

Classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Instructor: Jenelle Emory, Energy Healing Omaha

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

February 7 | February 28 | March 14

March 28 | April 11 | April 25

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Jenelle Emory is a 2nd degree Reiki Practitioner trained in traditional Usui Reiki. She received her training from the Center for Excellence, where she also became certified as a Meditation Instructor and studied Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction.

Her mission is to touch as many lives as possible and to make a positive impact on her community by spreading messages of peace, love, and hope.



MEMBERS ONLY WALKING CLUB

Tuesday mornings | 8:30 a.m.

April 5 through October 25

Walk your way to good health on Tuesday mornings by exploring more than 1.5 miles of trails. Walking club will help you fight stress, strengthen your mind and body and feel rejuvenated.

Members Only - no reservations or timed tickets required. Bring your membership card and photo ID.



POLYMER CLAY HEARTS

In this polymer clay class for beginners and beyond, participants will decorate one large (3") and one small (1.5") polymer clay heart. Creations can be turned into wall hangings, ornaments, magnets, or custom jewelry. Registration includes clay, a blade, select finishing materials, and instructions to bake your pieces at home. Pre-registration is required. Designed for ages 12 and up.

Instructor: Skyler Thomas Koehn

Members \$20, Non-members \$30

February 11 from 6 to 7 p.m.

BASKETWEAVING

Basket weaving is an ancient art form that uses botanical materials to create a variety of functional containers. In these workshops, students learn and practice traditional and contemporary weaving techniques while creating practical pieces that they can enjoy for years to come. Participants can expect to finish each class with a beautiful and sturdy basket, reflective of the month's design. All supplies are provided. Pre-registration is required.

Instructor: Jeannie Sisson, Woven Keepsakes

Classes are held from noon to 5 p.m.

Members \$40, Non-members \$50

February 26 | Vittoria

April 9 | Bluebird of Happiness

May 21 | Bolt

July 9 | Ocean Blue

BOTANICAL DESIGN

Make beautiful floral designs to display at home or provide as a gift. Each workshop has its own unique theme which allows you to enjoy a new experience each time you participate. Participants will learn basic floral design skills that can be used to create all types of arrangements. No floral design knowledge or experience is necessary. All supplies are included. To ensure the freshest, longest-lasting arrangements, our designers select flowers from the warehouse the week of class to fit the class theme. Pre-registration is required one week prior to each class.

Instructor: Karen Vice of Fancy Plants Flowers and Design, LLC

Classes are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on select Monday evenings.

Members \$45, Non-members \$55 (unless otherwise noted)

February 21 | Boutonnieres and Corsage Design

Learn the basics of designing flowers to wear. With guided instruction, create a boutonniere, pin-on corsage, and wrist corsage reflective of your personal style.

March 7 | Think Spring!

Preview the season to come with an arrangement made from spring's most beautiful blooms! Fresh cut spring bulbs need extra care and require special techniques to use in designs. Learn tips and tricks to create lasting, and colorful, bulb-forward arrangements in this workshop.

April 11 | Easter Centerpiece Design

A tisket, a tasket, bunnies in a basket! This class will cover basic floral design techniques as participants create a fun arrangement for the Easter table. Members \$55, Non-members \$65

May 23 | Bookend Planter

Add some color and life into your home or office with a potted arrangement made using a set of bookends.

June 6 | Hanging Succulent Garden

Using an adorable hanging vessel, participants will design a trendy succulent garden to add extra flair, and a bit of green, to their home.

MACRAME PLANT HANGERS

Macramé is back and better than ever! In this two-hour workshop, participants will learn how to tie basic macramé knots and apply the learned techniques to create their own macramé plant hanger. They will also receive a potted plant to take home in their new masterpiece. Pre-registration is required a week prior to the course.

Instructor: Andrea Elarton

Members \$40, Non-members \$50

February 19 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

March 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.





BOOK CLUB

Join us as we read and discuss Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*. Aldo Leopold was a conservationist, forester, and educator who developed the concept of "land ethic" in this compilation of writings. Over 2 million copies of *A Sand County Almanac* have been sold around the world, and it is widely considered to be one of the most important books on environmentalism ever written.

Discussion will be led by Lauritzen Gardens' educator Juelles Brenner. Price includes five discussion sessions as well as a copy of the book, which you will receive on the first day. Discussion sessions will be held at Lauritzen Gardens from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Juelles Brenner

Members \$55, Non-members \$65

March 9 | Introduction and Foreword

March 16 | Part I: *A Sand County Almanac*: January-June

March 23 | Part I: *A Sand County Almanac*: July-September

April 6 | Part II: And Sketches Here and There

April 13 | Part III: The Upshot

BONSAI WORKSHOPS

If you are new to bonsai or want to get started, this workshop is for you. Each participant will receive a plant specimen, a suitable pot with soil, and a two-hour workshop, led by recognized bonsai artist Max Miller, designed to give you the basic skills needed to create and care for your own bonsai.

Instructor: Max Miller

Presented by the Nebraska Bonsai Society

Members \$75, Non-members, \$85

April 30 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

May 1 | 12:30 to 3 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY LEVEL 1

Advance beyond using the automatic settings on your digital SLR camera learning about aperture, shutter speed and lighting. Participants will understand in simple terms, the hows and whys of operating their camera. For beginner photographers. Participants must bring their own camera.

Pre-registration is required.

All classes are from 9 to 11 a.m.

Instructor: Will Fields

Members \$20, Non-members \$25

February 12 | March 19 | April 16

May 14 | June 11

PHOTOGRAPHY LEVEL 2

Participants will gain an understanding of what makes a great photo, learn the techniques required, and pick up some tips and tricks that professional photographers use. The instructor will provide clear instruction, guidance, and feedback throughout four field exercises, as participants begin to develop their own style within photography. For upper level beginner to intermediate photographers. Participants must bring their own camera. Pre-registration is required.

All classes are from 1 to 3 p.m.

Instructor: Will Fields

Members \$20, Non-members \$25

February 12 | March 19 | April 16

May 14 | June 11

PHOTOGRAPHY LEVEL 3

Prerequisite: Photography Level 2 or submit 5 images for review by the instructor.

Classes are from 3 to 5 p.m.

Instructor: Will Fields

Members \$20, Non-members \$25

Mindfulness

Mindfulness is about becoming more aware of your entire viewfinder, use of positive negative space and paying attention to the background.

February 12 | May 14

Point of View

More than 85% of all photos taken are created from a standing up, eye-level height. As we change our point of view, we change the perspective and the elements within the frame. This class is about exploring new points of view.

March 19 | June 11

Speaking in More Than One Tense

With the proliferation of modern zoom lenses, we've gotten into the habit of just zooming to fill the frame with our subject. But different focal lengths create very different effects. This class is about becoming aware of your focal length and using it to the advantage of the image you want to create. *Please note:* Use of a wide angle (10-24mm) and a medium telephoto (100-300mm) lens are required.

April 16

SPECIAL EVENTS



WONDERS UNDER GLASS

January 29 through May 8
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We have only scratched the surface of understanding plants, but what we do know is WONDROUS! Through a series of glass art installations by Matthew Shrader of Shrader Made Glass, paper art installations by garden staff, and photography by Chris Helzer, guests will explore how a plant grows from a tiny seed to a beautiful bloom and learn about the beauty and fragility of nature. Find out what plants need to help them grow, how seeds move, and the role plants play in Nebraska's ecosystems.

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

February 14 | Reservations required
Experience one of the most beautiful, exquisite Valentine's Day dinners in Omaha, in the intimate surroundings of the visitor and education center. Seating times are from 6 to 9 p.m. and space is limited. \$75 per person. To place a reservation, call (402) 346-4002, ext. 201 or email m.sears@omahabotanicalgardens.org.



JAPANESE DOLL EXHIBIT

February 22 through March 6
In honor of the Japanese celebration of Hinamatsuri, also called Doll's Day or Girls' Day, discover a vast set of ornamental Imperial dolls, or hina-ningyo, representing the Emperor, Empress, attendants and musicians in traditional court dress of the Heian period (A.D. 794 - 1185) on display. Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

March 26 and 27 | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Want to add instant sophistication to your home with a new houseplant? Want to learn more about growing and caring for orchids? Want to explore one of the most diverse plant families on Earth? Then you won't want to miss the Greater Omaha Orchid Society's Orchid Show and Sale. With an assortment of incredible orchids for sale from regional vendors, this is THE place to buy orchids (and learn about them too)!

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.



SANDHILL CRANE MIGRATION BUS TOUR

March 29 and 30
Journey along the Platte River Valley and experience hundreds of thousands of beautiful Sandhill cranes in their majestic migration. This is a must-see tour where you will enjoy one of nature's treasures, and is also a great chance for unique birding and photography opportunities. Register online, or call Christine at (402) 346-4002, ext. 212. Rates range from \$335 to \$410, depending on membership status and lodging options.

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

April 4 through 18 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
This isn't your garden variety Easter egg hunt! The Easter bunny has an empty basket. See if you can find all 14 of his missing eggs by matching colors and patterns as you explore the garden. Look for a series of sandwich boards throughout the garden, with fun facts and hands-free activities for the whole family and enjoy spring blooms as the garden awakens for a new growing season.

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

BONSAI AND IKEBANA EXHIBITIONS

April 29 and 30, May 1 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Members of the Nebraska Bonsai Society and Ikebana International #60 will be on hand to share their passion for bonsai and ikebana, and answer questions.

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

LEASHES AT LAURITZEN

May 2 and 9, June 6 and 13, July 4 and 11, August 1 and 8, September 5 and 12, and October 3 and 10 | 5 to 8 p.m.
Dogs love going on an adventure. This year, plan a night out with your furry friend during Leashes at Lauritzen. These events are enjoyable nights for dogs to walk the trails, meet other dogs, take photos among the flowers and foliage, sniff all the things, and meet other dog lovers. Water will be available at stations throughout the garden. Don't miss these tail wagging good times!

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.



SPECIAL EVENTS



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 8 | Reservations are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Treat the special women in your life with a day of delicious food, botanical beauty and family togetherness. Space is limited, so make your reservations early!

Cost is \$32 per person. Children 6 to 12 are \$15, children 3 to 5 are \$10, children 2 and under are free. For reservations, please contact Merri at (402) 346-4002, ext. 201 or email m.sears@omahabotanicalgardens.org

GARDEN TWILIGHT

**Monday and Tuesday evenings | 5 to 8 p.m.
May 9 through September 20**

Enjoy nature and unwind from the day with an evening stroll through the garden. Extended hours on Monday and Tuesday nights give guests more time to take advantage of the sights, sounds, and serenity of the garden.

Regular admission applies, FREE for garden members.

GREAT GNOME ESCAPE

May 28 through September 5
With their tiny stature, pointy hats, and long beards, garden gnomes have become staples in gardens worldwide. At Lauritzen Gardens, the little fellas have broken loose and taken up residency in the garden- and it is up to guests to find them! Can you explore the trail and discover them all?

ALL EUROPEAN SHOW AND SHINE

September 11 | Noon to 3 p.m.
See fine European cars and motorcycles staged against a lush background.

LAURITZEN GARDENS ANTIQUES SHOW

September 29 through October 2
Join us for a captivating weekend, full of unexpected discoveries in the booths of our distinguished antiques exhibitors and splendid treasures found in the curated collections of Lauritzen Gardens. Experience delightful chance meetings with friends and witness magnificent presentations from our acclaimed speakers, all to benefit our beautiful public garden.

Stay up-to-date with the show at omahaantiqueshow.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

WICKED PLANTS DISPLAY

October 8 through 31
This spooky display features some of the most dangerous and notorious members of the plant kingdom.

JAPANESE AMBIENCE FESTIVAL

October 8 and 9
For an entire weekend, the garden grounds are alive with merriment as guests celebrate the joys of autumn and experience the Japanese culture first-hand.

GHOULISH GARDEN ADVENTURE

October 30 | Noon to 4 p.m.
Get in the spirit of the season and learn about the things in nature that make the fall so festive! Ghoulish Garden Adventure is an event full of spooky stories, creepy creatures, fun activities and trick-or-treat stations. Come in costume or come as you are, just come ready for a wicked good time in the garden!

PRIVATE GOLF CART TOURS

Private, 1.5 hour golf cart tours (for 2-5 people) are full of facts and stories about the garden. Hosted by senior garden staff, tours are offered Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. from May through October. Tour rate is \$60 per person, \$45 per person for members. Bookings are required one week in advance. Call Christine at (402) 346-4002, ext. 212 to book your tour or to purchase a gift certificate for a recipient to redeem on a date of their choosing. A great gift idea!

MEMBERS MAKE OUR MISSION POSSIBLE

Membership is an easy and meaningful way to impact our community, provide opportunities for nature-based inspiration and education, and share the joys of the garden year-round. Levels start at \$45 per year.

Members receive free general garden admission, reduced registration for educational programs and workshops, as well as many other benefits throughout the year.

More information can be provided by visiting lauritzengardens.org/JOIN or by contacting the membership department at (402) 346-4002, ext. 214/216 or email membership@omahabotanicalgardens.org





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REGISTRATION

All classes, workshops and other educational offerings listed in this brochure require advance registration with payment due upon registration.

MEMBERS: If you haven't registered your account, please do so by using the link in the upper right-hand corner on the program registration page. Then sign-in to complete your program registration (your email should appear there if you are properly signed in). Member discounts are applied after classes are added to the cart. **Please note that member discounts for events and programs apply only to those covered under membership terms.**

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

If a registration for a program must be canceled, registration fees will be refunded if notice is received at least one week before the program date. Refunds will not be provided for cancellations within one week of the start of the program or for participants that are late or do not show for a program.

Please note that programs with insufficient registrations may be canceled. If Lauritzen Gardens cancels a program, phone or email notification will be made as early as possible and full refunds will be given. In case of severe weather, please call (402) 346-4002, ext. 201 or, on the weekends, (402) 346-4002, ext. 250 to check the status of the program.

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