

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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JANUARY TO
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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.

BUTTERFLIES, BIRDS, AND BOOKWORMS August 7 - 11

Send your bookworm to the garden for a week of camp in the perfect setting, Lauritzen Gardens! Campers will receive an assortment of books relating to the natural world, will complete activities connected to the stories, and will have opportunities to read, discuss, and interact with their peers. It's a week where the literary world and the natural world combine for learning and fun!

Full week, all day. Members \$235, Non-members \$255

ECOSYSTEM EXPLORATIONS June 12 - 16 | June 26 - 30

Get ready to discover a variety of North American biomes! This week's hands-on activities and onsite exploration at Lauritzen Gardens and Fontenelle Forest will give campers a better understanding of nature and their place in it. Children will walk away with new knowledge about supporting a healthy balance among living and non-living things, and an inspired sense of protecting our planet!

Full week, all day. Lauritzen Gardens or Fontenelle Forest Members \$235, Non-members \$255

NATURE'S AMAZING LIFE CYCLES July 3 - 7 | July 17 - 21

This fun summer camp takes a deep dive into the lives of plants and animals at Lauritzen Gardens and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium. Nature's life cycles will come alive for campers through exhibit exploration, crafts, games, nature walks, and animal investigations as they learn how living things grow and change over time.

Full week, all day. Lauritzen Gardens or Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium Members \$235, Non-members \$255

PLANTS AND PATTERNS June 5 - 9 | June 24 - 28

Plants and Patterns is a bright week of fun and adventure that mixes the great outdoors with artistic expression. Campers will discover geometry in nature, learn about the colors, shapes, textures, and patterns found in the garden, and put their own imaginative spin on a variety of multi-media art projects. Throughout the week budding artists will transform into pattern private eyes and design detectives!

Full week, all day. Members \$235, Non-members \$255

POLLINATION INVESTIGATION May 29 - June 2 | July 10 - 14

From lumbering beetles to majestic moths and busy bees to beautiful butterflies, campers will spend this week getting up close and personal with the amazing native pollinators that make our gardens possible. Through games, activities, observations, and nature walks, campers will discover the who, what, when, where, why and how of pollination and how they can help protect pollinator populations!

Full week, all day. Members \$235, Non-members \$255

WONDERCAMP: A SENSORY ADVENTURE

June 19 - 23 | July 31 - August 4

Designed to engage the senses and develop an awareness of how important sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell are, this camp is a celebration of how we can fully explore, enjoy, and play in nature. Campers will have opportunities to discover the WONDERS of the garden as they practice using their senses and participate in exciting activities and projects.

Full week, all day. Members \$235, Non-members \$255

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 camps held in conjunction with Fontenelle Forest or Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium.

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

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

- Butterflies, Birds & Bookworms
- Plants and Patterns
- Pollination Investigation
- Wondercamp: A Sensory Adventure

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/camp 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.



YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

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

What a Hoot! Owls

Learn all about owls, listen to their songs and explore ways to identify different types of owls from other birds.

Wednesday, January 4 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, January 5 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, January 5 | 1 p.m. - SOLD OUT

Rascally Rabbits

Hop on by and join this class to learn all about the rascally rabbits that live in the garden!

Wednesday, February 1 | 10 a.m. - SOLD OUT

Thursday, February 2 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 2 | 1 p.m.

Marvelous Mantis

Meet the marvelous mantis, study their life cycle and learn about the unique way they walk!

Wednesday, March 1 | 10 a.m. - SOLD OUT

Thursday, March 2 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 2 | 1 p.m.

Burrowing Beetles

Discover more about helpful and harmful beetles in nature. If you find insects interesting, this class is for you!

Wednesday, April 5 | 10 a.m. - SOLD OUT

Thursday, April 6 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 6 | 1 p.m.

What's in the Grass?

Grass is home to more creatures than you may know! Learn about what lives beneath our feet.

Wednesday, May 3 | 10 a.m. - SOLD OUT

Thursday, May 4 | 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.

Make Your Own Vase from a Glass Bottle

Time to liven up the house with fresh flowers! Create your own unique vase by recycling a glass bottle. Participants will select from a collection of cleaned glass bottles and upcycle them.

Members \$15, Non-members \$25

Saturday, January 14 | 10 a.m.

Bird Feeders from a Can

As we hope for spring, let's give a little love to our feathered friends. Make a bird feeder to hold seed treats allowing all to watch birds enjoy them. Join in the theme for this year as we create from recycled objects.

Members \$15, Non-members \$25

Saturday, February 11 | 10 a.m.

"Shamrock" Houseplant

Shamrocks are a simple house plant with lots of green and small white flowers and Come decorate a pot for your new plant and then transplant a shamrock into it for you to take home.

Members \$30, Non-members \$40

Saturday, March 11 | 10 a.m.

Upcycled Blue Jean Bag

You can upcycle a pair of blue jeans! Come and select a ready-made denim bag to decorate with fabric paint, thread, stones, and wooden beads.

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

Saturday, April 15 | 10 a.m.

Sea Turtle Clock

We love our oceans, and what better way to remember to care for them than with a sea turtle clock. In this workshop, families will be painting and using stencils to create a sea turtle clock on a canvas board.

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

Saturday, May 13 | 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.





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 20 | 9 to 10:30 a.m.



MUSHROOM HUNTING WITH
NEBRASKA MYCOLOGICAL
SOCIETY

Want to learn about edible mushrooms in Nebraska and where to find them? Join this program hosted by Nebraska Mycological Society, which features a 30-minute talk about identifying mushrooms and their dupes. The program will be followed by a garden walk to identify common mushroom habitats.

Members \$15, Non-members \$20

April 16 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.



SANDHILL CRANE TRIP

March 22 at 1 p.m. through March 23 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 of the Sandhill cranes: evening viewing (at sunset) at The Crane Trust, and morning viewing (at sunrise) at Rowe Sanctuary in Kearney, Neb., hotel accommodations, meals and snacks. Rates are \$375 to \$450, depending on membership status and lodging options. Registration and payment are due by February 28.

For additional information, contact Cynthia Lieb at (402) 346-4002, ext. 263 or c.lieb@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.



MEMBERS ONLY
WALKING CLUB

Tuesday mornings | 8:30 a.m.
April 4 through October 31

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.

NATURE EXPERIENCES



All guided tours require advance registration.
Members \$10, Non-members \$20
(unless otherwise noted)

WASHED ASHORE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Join Lauritzen Gardens for a community clean up event in honor of our new exhibit Washed Ashore. This clean up will be held on garden property at the river front. Prepare yourself to see a unique version of Omaha’s history, through the trash that’s left behind. Come to see what you can find and take part in the amazing effort to clean up our local environment.

No charge - Registration is required
March 18 | 10 to 2 p.m.



SPRING EPHEMERALS GUIDED GARDEN TOUR

Join Lauritzen Gardens, as early spring emerges in the form of ephemerals like bloodroots, shooting stars, and bluebells. These short-lived beauties pop up to add color to the landscape before trees overhead block the light. A tram ride is included in this tour.

April 21 | 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 of Lauritzen Gardens that will highlight the natural history of these travelers.

April 22 | 9 to 11 a.m.

SPRING ARBORETUM TOUR

Enjoy a detailed dive into the diversity of trees in the garden’s arboretum. This educational tour features a tram ride to the site followed by a guided tour through the arboretum with Steve Rodie to learn about the wonders of spring.

April 29 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.



NATURE EXPERIENCES

BEE SAMPLING

This program, hosted by UNL Bee Lab, features a 30-minute talk on native pollinator populations and the current bee research happening at Lauritzen Gardens. The presentation will be followed by a guided walk where guests will part take in the field collection of bees with the help of Shianne Lindsay, a current researcher at UNL Bee Lab

May 13 | 1 to 3 p.m.

SPRING FLOWERING WALK

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 in this tour.

May 22 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

GUIDED MEDITATION

Pre-registration is required.

Classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Instructor: Jenelle Emory,
Energy Healing Omaha

Counter that stress with an easy-to-follow, rejuvenating experience that helps participants reach a meditative state. Please bring a yoga mat or pillow to sit on.

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

April 17 | April 24 | May 29 | June 26
July 24 | August 28

FOREST IMMERSION

Pre-registration is required.

Classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Instructor: Jenelle Emory,
Energy Healing Omaha

Also known as “forest bathing” or shinrin-yoku, this is a type of nature therapy that helps you feel connected with the forest life around you.

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

May 22 | June 19 | July 17 | August 21





BUILDING A GARDEN WITH THE BIG GARDEN

Join one of Omaha’s community gardens in a lecture on the process of planning, building, and caring for your garden. This program is held at Lauritzen Gardens with two visiting instructors from The Big Garden.

Presented by The Big Garden

About the presenter:

The Big Garden’s mission is to cultivate food security by developing community gardens, creating opportunities to serve, and providing education on issues related to hunger.

Members \$15, Non-members, \$20

March 8 | 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

BUILDING A BEE HOUSE

Did you know not all bees build hives? Join UNL Bee Lab in creating a habitat for these small creatures. All supplies for building the Bee House will be provided at the class, all you need to do is find the perfect place in your yard!

Members \$25, Non-members \$35

April 15 | 1 p.m.



POLLINATOR HABITATS: PURPOSE & PROCESS

Get information from the experts! Join Nebraska’s Extension for a wonderful lecture about the importance of establishing a pollinator friendly garden in your own home!

Speaker: Scott Evans

About the speaker:

Co-founder of the Nebraska Pollinator Habitat Certification, Scott Evans has given Nebraskans opportunities to certify their garden and promote pollinators in their community.

Members \$10, Non-members, \$15

March 15 | 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn and refine your photography skills with accomplished photographer Michele Zephier, and enjoy using the beautiful, natural setting of the garden as your studio in these sessions for all levels.

Members \$20, Non-members \$25

Get To Know Your Camera

In this class, you will learn the basics to be able to use your new camera correctly. You will learn about the various photographic modes, how to select manual and autofocus modes, how to format your memory card, how to select various image qualities, and practice creating your first beautiful images with your camera.

January 21 | 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Phone Photography

Some say the best camera is the one in your hand– your phone! In this class you will learn how to take beautiful pictures with your smartphone. You will learn how to focus, compose, and expose images correctly. You will learn about the different adjustment options, how to use filters, and how to take fun, creative images with fresh perspectives

February 18 | 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Introduction To Portrait Photography

In this introductory class you will learn how to create stunning portraits in the gardens! Learn the most important rules of portrait photography: posing, lighting, focusing, and framing your subjects for beautiful results. Learn how to use portrait lenses and how to incorporate the tiniest details like catchlights using reflectors and natural light. Portrait lenses are required like the following: 85mm f1.8, or, 50 mm f1.2, 1.4, or 1.8, or a 70-200mm f2.8.

March 18 | 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Garden Macro Photography

In this class you will learn the fundamental techniques of macro photography. Learn how to capture stunning extreme close-up images of the garden’s exquisite florals. You will gain knowledge on using specific settings, macro lenses, why manual focus matters, and creative elements to make your photos stand out. Macro lenses are required like the following: 105mm, 100mm, 90mm, 85mm, 55mm, or any other macro lens including zoom macro lenses. A tripod is helpful, but not required.

April 15 | 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.



BASICS OF WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Explore the world of watercolor and learn basic techniques to create beautiful and colorful works of art. This course will focus on the fundamentals of watercolor painting, including techniques, materials, tools, color, value, and rendering in watercolor. Absolutely no experience is necessary! This course is a fun way to dip your toe (or brush) into a new medium without the financial expense, as all supplies are provided. Pre-registration is required one week in advance of the course.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi
Members \$45, Non-members \$55

January 26 | February 23 | March 23 | April 20 | Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

FOLIAGE FOUNDATIONS

Prepare to enjoy the colors of the season with fresh paintings of botanical foliage. We will examine foliage structures that are in season and hone in on mixing colors to capture the unique hues. This class does not require previous watercolor experience, but the Basics of Watercolor Painting class will give you a head start on the techniques and provide you with more time to work on new skills! Pre-registration is required one week in advance of the course.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi
Members \$45, Non-members \$55

January 12 | March 9 | Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

VINTAGE BOTANICAL SPECIMENS

Join us to learn about the stylistic elements of vintage botanical specimen paintings. Explore a bit of the history of collecting and preparing botanical specimens and try your own hand at recreating the look! While no watercolor or drawing experience is needed for this class, students are encouraged to take the Basics of Watercolor Painting class as a head start to the principles used for these paintings. All materials are provided, but students may bring along a sketchbook and preferred drawing medium if desired. Pre-registration is required one week in advance of the course.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi
Members \$45, Non-members \$55
February 9 | April 6 | Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.



VALENTINE HEART GARLAND

Spread some love as you learn to crochet this cute heart garland. In this class, you will learn all the basic stitches of crochet: chain, slip stitch, single, double, and triple crochet. This is a fun class for all levels. Please bring worsted weight yarn and a size F (3.75mm) crochet hook.

Instructor: Cheryl Cambras
Members \$30, Non-members \$40

February 4 | Noon to 3 p.m.

BUTTERFLY FIGURINE

Embellish baskets, hats, sweaters, or anything you like with these lovely crocheted butterflies. There will be beginner and advanced project choices, so this class is great for all levels of crochet experience. Please bring worsted weight yarn and a size F (3.75mm) crochet hook.

Instructor: Cheryl Cambras
Members \$30, Non-members \$40

March 11 | Noon to 3 p.m.



BABY BIRD FIGURINE

Crochet your own flock of super cuteness! Learn to single crochet in the round, increase, and decrease stitches as you make this little bird. Some crochet experience will be helpful for this class, but all levels are welcome. Please bring bulky weight yarn, a size G (4mm) crochet hook, and soft fiber to use as stuffing.

Instructor: Cheryl Cambras
Members \$30, Non-members \$40

April 1 | Noon to 3 p.m.



FRAME LOOM WEAVING

Create a beautiful tapestry as you learn the ancient art of weaving. Bring some yarn you love and if you're feeling experimental, you can use almost anything flat and flexible as weft materials: fabric, paper, wire, twigs, grasses, etc. You will learn how to warp the loom and weave.

Instructor: Cheryl Cambras
Members \$30, Non-members \$40

May 20 | Noon to 3 p.m.

PAPERMAKING: FROM PLANT TO PAPER

All supplies provided. Pre-registration is required one week in advance of each course.

Instructor: Chelsea Herman

Members \$30, Non-members \$40

WATERMARKS

Watermarks are designs set into a sheet of paper while the sheets are being formed. These hidden images are revealed when light shines through the thinner parts of the sheet. Learn techniques for creating watermarks and form your own watermarked sheets of paper to take home.

January 7 | 9 to 11 a.m.

PULP PAINTING

Paint with a colorful array of paper pulp. Pulp painting is the technique of adding pigmented pulp into a sheet of paper as the sheet is being formed. Explore painting with pigmented pulp, as well as the natural hues of plant fibers and create your own paintings to take home.

February 18 | 9 to 11 a.m.

LAMINATION

Lamination is the technique of sealing objects between two sheets of handmade paper while the paper is being formed. Create sheets embedded with gathered materials from the garden and beyond to take home.

March 4 | 9 to 11 a.m.

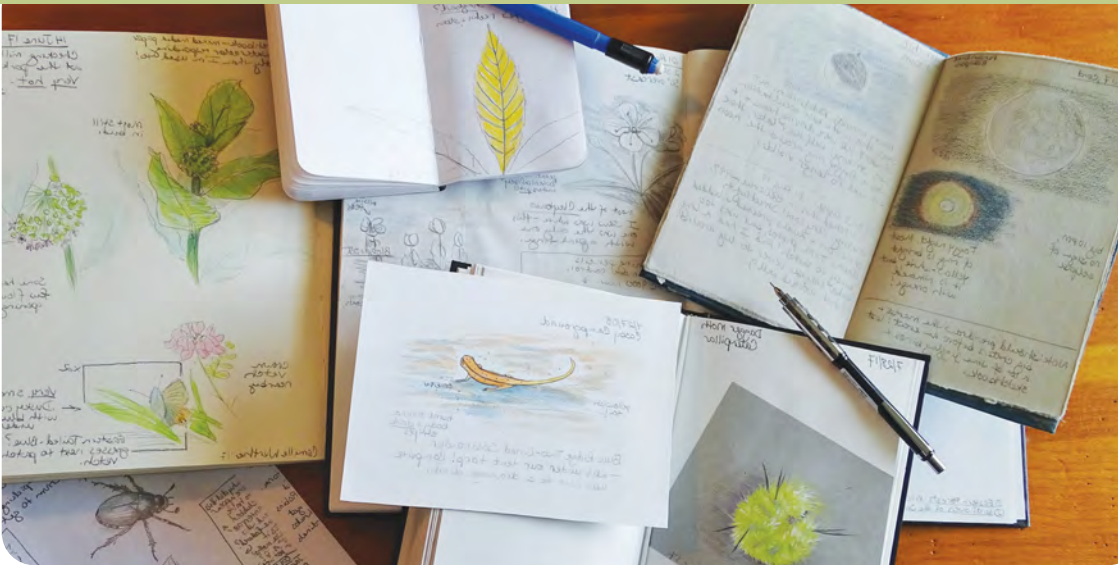
SCULPTURAL TECHNIQUES

Learn about a plethora of 3D forms that artists have created using paper pulp and techniques such as wrapping, dipping, casting, and moulding. Using gathered materials from the garden and beyond, experiment with creating your own sculptural forms from handmade paper.

April 22 | 9 to 11 a.m.



BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION



In these ongoing classes, we will work with fresh plant material and learn more about flowers as we draw. Explore techniques for drawing; no prior drawing experience is necessary. Supply lists will be provided upon registration. Pre-registration is required one week in advance of the course.

Instructor: Camille Werther

WATERCOLOR PENCILS: FRUIT

Watercolor pencils are fun to use as a base for colored pencil botanical drawings. Learn to use these fun materials as you draw luscious fruit.

Members \$50, Non-members \$60

Two sessions | January 10 and 12 | 6 to 8 p.m.

MIXING COLORS FOR BOTANICAL DRAWINGS WITH COLORED PENCILS

Have fun mixing botanical colors with colored pencils. Learn to blend and layer colors to achieve vibrant and realistic colors. This is a very relaxing class with no drawing, just a focus on mixing skills and making color wheels.

Members \$35, Non-members \$45

January 18 | 6 to 8 p.m.

INTRO TO GOUACHE FOR BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION

Experiment with using gouache in detailed botanical illustrations. In this class, participants will learn how working with gouache is different, and how to use its forgiving nature to produce beautiful botanicals.

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

Two sessions | January 23 and 25 | 6 to 8 p.m.

DRAWING FLOWERS: FLORIST STOCK (MATTHIOLA)

Are you interested in learning more about flowers? In this class, we will draw florist stock and learn more about what makes floral families different from each other. We will use basic line drawing techniques and record our hands-on explorations in a sketchbook.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65

Two sessions | March 28 and 29 | 6 to 8 p.m.



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 Shirley Kucirek, designed to give you the basic skills needed to create and care for your own bonsai.

Instructor: Shirley Kucirek
Presented by the Nebraska Bonsai Society
Members \$75, Non-members, \$85
April 29 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
April 30 | 12:30 to 3 p.m.



THE BOTANICAL BAR

These sessions explore the ingredients and history of a variety of classic cocktails and spirits and allow participants to sample and discover the unique characteristics of each beverage.

Instructor: Ata Rodgers
Classes are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
MUST be 21 or over to attend
Members \$30, Non-members \$40
January 25 | The Spirit of Valentine’s Day
February 22 | “Get Fit February”
March 15 | The Spirit of St. Patrick’s Day
April 26 | Mothers Day



BOTANICAL DESIGN

Make beautiful floral designs to display at home or to gift. No floral design knowledge is necessary. All supplies are included. 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 evenings.

Fragrant Flowers
Transition out of the dreary winter and bring fresh flowers and fragrance home with you after this class covering basic vase design concepts.
January 23 | Members \$45, Non-members \$55
February 27 | February 28 | Members \$55, Non-members \$65

Candy Bar Bouquet
In this Valentine’s Day themed class, we are going to drop the flowers and design with candy. Your “arrangement” will make a great gift for a friend or that special someone.
February 6 | Members \$55, Non-members \$65

Succulent Garden
It’s the perfect time to add some succulents to your plant inventory. Join us as we design a succulent garden and discuss tips for success.
March 20 | March 21 | Members \$55, Non-members \$65

Mini Outdoor Plants
Making a visually balanced outdoor planter can be overwhelming. We will discuss design strategy and go over some helpful tips as we create a patio-table sized planter to get your spring started.
April 24 | April 25 | Members \$55, Non-members \$65

IKEBANA
Ikebana is a centuries-old practice to enhance an appreciation of nature, where live plants and flowers are brought into temples to be displayed. During the 19th century, ikebana flourished creating ikebana for the home. Come learn and take part in creating this Japanese floral art!
Instructor: Marilyn Hoskins
April 30 | 12:30 to 3 p.m. | Members \$35, Non-members \$45

BUILD YOUR OWN MOSS TERRARIUM

Bring a little nature into your life by making a terrarium with Moss Hunters. Create with hand-picked moss, shells, and rocks for your terrarium. After two-hour class you will leave with one terrarium of your very own.
Members \$35, Non-members \$45
January 21 | February 11 | March 11 | April 8
Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m.



SPECIAL EVENTS



WASHED ASHORE

January 20 through May 14 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Giant sculptures of sea life, made from marine debris collected on Oregon’s beaches, graphically illustrate the tragedy of plastic pollution in our ocean and waterways. The epic exhibit includes a titanic triggerfish, a pair of grand penguins, and an 11-foot-long shark named Chompers! More than a set of eye-catching sculptures, these thought-provoking pieces are designed to inspire conversations about conservation and generate positive changes towards the environment.

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.



ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

March 25 and 26 | 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.



GUILD SPRING FLING: MAKING WAVES

March 31 | Reservations open by March 1
Make a splash with the Lauritzen Gardens Guild for a casual spring cocktail party to benefit the garden and its educational programs. Enjoy the garden’s spring exhibit, Washed Ashore, with appetizers, ocean-themed cocktails, and much more! \$100 per person.

SPECIAL EVENTS



EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

April 1 through 10 | 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 of his missing eggs by matching colors and patterns as you explore the garden. Participate in fun activities throughout the garden, and enjoy spring blooms as the garden awakens for a new growing season.

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

EASTER BRUNCH

April 9 | Reservations required
Make plans now to join us for a wonderful brunch among the flowers. 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

GLASS IN FLIGHT

April 28 through October 15 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
This traveling art and science exhibit features steel and glass sculptures of gigantic insects. Each piece captures the essence of flight. Sunlight shines through the colored glass and mimics the transparency and iridescence of insect wings, making these towering sculptures informative, engaging, and simply enchanting!

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.



BONSAI AND IKEBANA EXHIBITIONS

April 28 through April 30 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Members of the Nebraska Bonsai Society and Ikebana International #60 will be on hand to share prime specimens, their passion for bonsai and ikebana, and answer questions.

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

IN THE GALLERY

Art n’ Frost by Omaha Artists, Inc.
January 4 through February 19

Nebraska Habitat by Albert Rhea
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by Anthony Deon Brown
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