

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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SEPTEMBER
2023

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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.

NATURE'S AMAZING LIFE CYCLES July 3 - 7

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 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 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

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.

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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.

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'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. - SOLD OUT

Monarchs on the Move!

In this month's class, we will talk about monarch butterflies. We'll learn about what they eat, their lifecycle, and why they migrate.

Wednesday, August 2 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 3 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 3 | 1 p.m.

Busy Bees

Buzz on by to learn with us about bees! We'll talk about the important jobs they have in the garden, why we need them, and things we can do to help bees thrive.

Wednesday, September 6 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, September 7 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, September 7 | 1 p.m.

Feeling Batty

Are you feeling batty? Come in to learn all about bats and how they use their ears to find their way in the dark. We'll also explore how bats are beneficial to the garden.

Wednesday, October 4 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 5 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 5 | 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.

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.

Pressed Flowers and Leaves Lanterns

We will be preparing pressed flowers and adhering them to glass bottles. We will also have a walk in the rose garden to enjoy the late rose blooms.

All materials will be supplied for this craft.

Members \$15, Non-members \$25

Saturday, September 9 | 10 a.m.

Pumpkin Decorating

Autumn is here, we are getting ready for celebrations at the end of the month. Come to the garden to make a fun family pumpkin, we will supply the pumpkin and all materials for you. There will also be a guided walk through fall foliage in the garden.

Members \$15, Non-members \$25

Saturday, October 14 | 10 a.m.

Harvest Basket Centerpiece

It is time to gather in the harvest and gather the family. In this class, we will adorn a burlap covered container with natural materials. In the basket, we will place gourds, nuts and fruits for your harvest table decoration. There will also be a guided tour of the Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory.

Members \$20, Non-members \$35

Saturday, November 11 | 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.





SOUND BATHING

Sound bathing is a meditative experience where attendees are “bathed” in sound waves. These waves are produced by a variety of means, including healing instruments such as gongs, Himalayan singing bowls, crystal singing bowls, percussion, chimes, rattles, tuning forks, shruti boxes, and even the human voice.

Join us for an evening of meditation and sound bathing. We’ll gather together in the great hall; you bring yourself and anything you need to be cozy (yoga mat, blanket, pillow, eye mask, etc) and we’ll bring The Sound.

Instructors: Eleanore and Matthew Shrader

We need this class to be a fragrance-free space. Thank you for not wearing any of the following during your visit: cologne, after shave lotion, perfume, perfumed hand lotion, fragranced hair products, fragranced hand-sanitizer, essential oils, and/or similar products. Our chemically-sensitive teachers and participants thank you.

Members \$35, Non-members \$45

May 3 | June 14 | July 12 | August 9

Classes are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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.



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.

Instructor: 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 22 | June 19 | July 17 | August 21

Classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m.



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.

Instructor: Jenelle Emory, Energy Healing Omaha

Members \$10, Non-members \$15

April 17 | April 24 | May 29 | June 26

July 24 | August 28

Classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m.





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

AN INTRODUCTION TO FUNGI: MUSHROOM IDENTIFICATION AND FORAGING

This class will include a 30-minute talk providing a brief overview of the fungal kingdom, ethical foraging practices, and methods/patterns of identification. Additionally, there will be a 1-hour foray through Lauritzen Gardens' woodland trail to search for mushrooms and apply the identification methods learned during the talk. Participants will be shown how to use the iNaturalist app to help them identify organisms. As a pre-requisite, downloading and logging into the free iNaturalist phone app is encouraged.

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

May 7 | 1 to 2:30 p.m.



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. - SOLD OUT

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. 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. 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.

May 20 | 9 to 10:30 a.m.



SPRING FLOWERING WALK 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, and more. A tram ride is included in this tour.

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

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.

First Quarter Moon & Spring Constellations
May 27 | 9 to 11 p.m.

Crescent Moon & Summer Stars
June 24 | 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Moon & Saturn
July 29 | 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

First Quarter Moon, Saturn & Jupiter
August 26 | 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

First Quarter Moon, Saturn & Jupiter
September 23 | 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

SINGING INSECT TWILIGHT TOUR

Join Dr. Ted Burk on a guided tour of the garden at twilight, when the insect chorale is at its peak. Learn to identify insects by their song. A tram ride is included in this tour.

August 25 | 8 to 9:30 p.m.



ROSE GARDEN TWILIGHT TOUR

Following a tram ride to the rose garden, the Omaha Rose Society will provide a guided walking tour of the rose collection.

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

BUTTERFLY WALKS

In this guided tour series, learn how to identify butterflies as well as how to attract butterflies to your garden for years to come!

July 22 | August 19 | September 16
10 to 11:30 a.m.





SUMMER SOLSTICE
LECTURE: BEAUTY
OF THE WILD

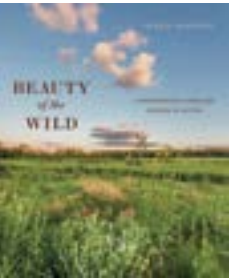
In this talk, Darrel Morrison will talk about people and places that have influenced or inspired him in teaching and in designing landscapes based on nature for more than a half century. These include the once prairie landscapes of southwest Iowa, where he grew up on a 160-acre farm in the 1940s; also the restored tall grass prairies at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum; and a variety of protected natural areas. Important influences to his work include wildlife ecologist and philosopher Aldo Leopold; landscape architects Jens Jensen and A.E. Bye; and environmental psychologists Steve and Rachel Kaplan.

Speaker: Darrel Morrison

Members \$15, Non-members, \$20
Includes dessert reception after lecture

June 21 | 7 p.m.

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Called “one of the best gardening books to read in 2022” by Gardens Illustrated. Copies of *Beauty of the Wild: A Life Designing Landscapes Inspired by Nature* by Darrel Morrison are available to purchase now in the garden’s gift shop for \$40 plus tax. Garden members save 10% every day.



LAURITZEN GARDENS’
BIOBLITZ

Help count species at the Lauritzen Gardens Bioblitz. The public is invited to explore the natural diversity of the garden and help catalog the species found there during the Bioblitz on June 24. The free, family-friendly event will join members of the public with natural resources experts to explore and learn about the biodiversity and habitat at the gardens. Then, participants will work to identify as many plants and animals as possible during the event. Participants should register at lauritzengardens.org. People may sign up to attend one or multiple events.

Free with registration

June 24

Birds | 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Bees | 10:30 to Noon

Butterflies | 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Dragonflies | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Woodland | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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, unless otherwise noted.

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

Baby’s Breath Runner

This class will dive into the baby’s breath trend as we create a table runner made exclusively of baby’s breath. This class is strategically scheduled for you to be able to pair up with your mom for the activity or gift the work of art you create. Due to supply and demand of flowers for Mother’s Day, registration will close on April 25.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65

May 13 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Korean-Style Floral Wrap

It’s all in the details as we style and upgrade a basic bouquet for the ultimate presentation. From floral placement to the perfect wrap and bow, you will leave with a styled bouquet and the confidence to do it on your own in the future.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65

July 10 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Viva Magenta

Pantone’s color of the year is described as a “nuanced crimson red tone that presents a balance between warm and cool.” We will design using florals within this realm and other complimentary colors to design a stunning vase arrangement.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65

August 28 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunflower Power

Learn tips and techniques to control large and in charge sunflower blooms, while creating a seasonal mixed arrangement with them.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65

September 18 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.





IKEBANA

The fundamental difference between Western and Japanese flower arranging is that the European style fills spaces. The Japanese way, on the other hand, is to create space. Ikebana emphasizes all elements of an arrangement, the shape and size of the container is just as important as the flower material. In this workshop, you will learn to use living plant material, often found in home gardens, to create a lovely floral arrangement, bringing the outside in.

Supply list provided on registration page.

Instructor: Marilyn Hoskins

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

May 21 | July 16 | August 20 | September 17

Classes are held from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

BUILD YOUR OWN
SUCCULENT PLANTERS

Join Moss Hunters in making a potted succulent arrangement of your very own. Guests will choose three succulents from a large variety of specimens, then go over the basic structure and substrate needed to make a beautiful and lasting succulent planter. Materials are included. Come play with some dirt and express your creativity!

Members \$35, Non-members \$45

May 20 | June 17 | July 15

August 26 | September 23

Classes are held from 2 to 4 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.

May 6 | 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.

June 17 | 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.

July 15 | 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 garden! 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.

August 19 | 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Still Life Photography

In this class, you will learn how to create beautiful still life images, how to use classic Rembrandt lighting to create a mood, and how to arrange and compose different elements in an image. Then, we'll take a deep dive into depth-of-field to achieve the perfect aesthetic.

September 9 | 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.



Whether you are a seasoned artist or have never held a pencil, our roster of botanical illustration workshops will teach you the basics of botany and the artistic skills needed to draw plants in a technically detailed manner. Led by horticulturist, artist, and member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, Camille Werther, participants will exercise creativity, learn about plant families, and explore the natural world. Every session will feature different specimens, making for a new experience each time. Supply lists will be provided on the registration page.

DRAWING FLOWERS

This is a repeating class with different beautiful flowers to draw each time. We'll draw the flowers and learn more about their floral families. Drawings from each class can be put together in a sketchbook that becomes a colorful record of different plant families. Feel free to jump in at any session, as we use different plants each time.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | May 10 and 11 | June 7 and 8 | August 1 and 3 | September 6 and 7 | 6 to 8 p.m.

DRAWING STEMS, SPROUTS, AND NEW GROWTH

Capture the wonder of new growth in your sketchbook! Using graphite and colored pencil we will explore techniques for drawing and shading stems and delicate new growth.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | May 17 and 18 | 6 to 8 p.m.

KEEPING AN ILLUSTRATED GARDEN JOURNAL

Learn how to keep a beautifully illustrated garden journal as a record of your garden or as an observation of the natural world around you. Enjoy slowing down, tuning in to the experience of the garden, and sketching to relax, while creating a record of the beauty around you.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | May 23 and 24 | 6 to 8 p.m.

WATERCOLOR PENCILS: FRUIT

Watercolor pencils are a lot of fun to use as a base for a colored pencil drawing, or on their own. Learn how to use these unique materials as we draw beautiful fruit.

Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | June 19 and 22 | 6 to 8 p.m.

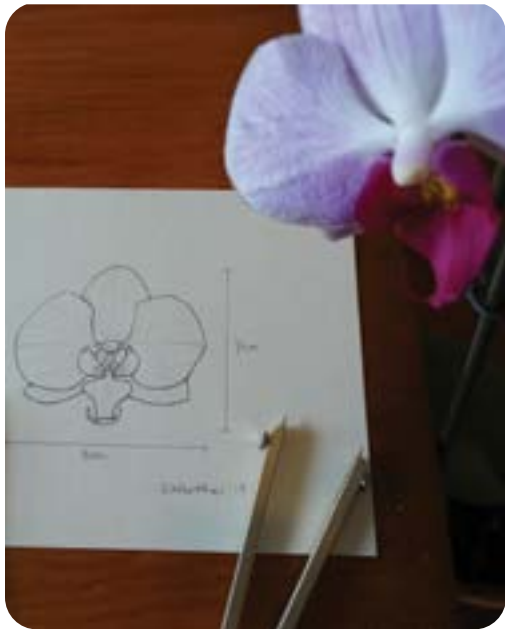


DRAWING BOTANICALS ON TONED PAPER

Learn to use toned paper for botanical drawings! These papers allow for dramatic effects of lights and darks.
Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | June 27 and 29 | 6 to 8 p.m.

DRAWING FERNS

More than just greenery for a bouquet, ferns have a beauty of their own that inspired a Victorian era obsession. Learn what makes ferns so special, and techniques for drawing these intricate forms
Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | July 25 and 27 | 6 to 8 p.m.



DRAWING PRAIRIE PLANTS

Explore the world of prairie natives! We'll use a magnifying glass to unlock the secrets of grasses and explore the Fibonacci spirals in sunflower heads.
Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | August 23 and 24 | 6 to 8 p.m.

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Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | August 30 and 31 | 6 to 8 p.m.



INTRO TO GOUACHE

Learn to use the opaque water media, gouache, for beautiful botanical illustrations. Its forgiving nature makes it ideal for beginners and anyone who loves vivid color.
Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | September 13 and 14 | 6 to 8 p.m.

DRAWING FRUIT

In this class, we'll draw delectable fruit and learn more about their structures.
Members \$55, Non-members \$65
Two sessions | September 20 and 21 | 6 to 8 p.m.

WATERCOLOR IN THE GARDEN: WITH THE JOSLYN ART MUSEUM

Stop and paint the roses in this five session class that will teach the watercolor basics. Instruction will combine practice in the classroom and plein air experiences within the picturesque settings of Lauritzen Gardens. Participants must attend all five classes in the package.

Instructor: Telagio Bapista

Members \$140, Non-members \$150

Five sessions | May 17, 24, 31, June 7 and 14

Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.



PAPERMAKING

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

Instructor: Chelsea Herman

Members \$30, Non-members \$40

HAND PAPERMAKING

This workshop begins outdoors looking at examples of plants that make good paper. We'll discuss where, when, and how to collect plants suitable for papermaking. Participants will create their own sheets of paper using pulp from locally sourced plants and cloth rag and will create a small edition of handmade paper to take home.

June 24 | 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.

July 22 | 9 to 11 a.m.



SCULPTURAL TECHNIQUES

Learn about the three-dimensional forms artists have created using paper pulp and techniques such as wrapping, casting, and molding. Using gathered material from the garden and beyond, create your own sculptural forms from handmade paper.

September 16 | 9 to 11 a.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

May 4 | June 1 | July 6 | August 3 | September 7 | Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

WATERCOLOR AND INK ON YUPO PAPER

Explore mixed media techniques on the unique surface of YUPO paper. YUPO is a thin synthetic paper that is non absorbent and can be used to capture loose, striking textures and colors. Dive into a world beyond your palette by experimenting with liquid watercolors, and ink to create unique, spontaneous paintings.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

May 18 | July 20 | September 21 | Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

NATURE JOURNALS AND WATERCOLOR

Learn to put together a watercolor travel kit and how to capture images quickly and then transfer them into a nature journal. This course will guide you in creating a sample page full of watercolor illustrations fit for any person interested in journaling about the natural world.

Pre-registration is required one week in advance of the course.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

June 15 | August 17 | Classes are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

TEXTILE ART: SPINNING CLASSES



GIVE IT A WHORL

This introductory spinning class will help you go from fluff to stuff! Learn about different types of supported and suspended (drop) spindles and learn the ancient practice of creating yarn. Students will have the opportunity to learn basic vocabulary, try different techniques and learn the science behind the fiber magic! Students are encouraged to bring a spindle they already own but this is not required to participate, as a variety of spindles will be available to try. This class involves the use of animal fiber, specifically wool or alpaca. All fibers are humanely, and when possible, locally or American sourced. Fiber will be provided.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi

Members \$40, Non-members \$50

May 11 | June 22 | July 27 | August 31

Classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m.

SPIN THE ZOO

This class will focus on the wide array of animal fibers available to the modern spinner. Students will learn about different breeds of sheep before diving into exotic fibers. Students will leave with samples of multiple fibers and an understanding of how to approach spinning them. Students should bring their own spindle or wheel to class.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi.

Members \$50, Non-members \$60

May 25 | June 29 | August 10 | September 14

Classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m.

WORSTED TO WOOLEN

This class will focus on understanding the range of yarn structures. Students will learn the difference between fiber preps and different drafting methods used to create a variety of yarn types. Students should bring their own spindle or wheel to class.

Instructor: Sydney Sehi

Members \$40, Non-members \$50

June 8 | July 13 | August 24

Classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m.

FOOD & DRINK



THE BOTANICAL BAR

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

MUST be 21 or over to attend

Members \$30, Non-members \$40

Classes are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

May 31 | Drinks for Dad

June 28 | July 4th Cocktails

July 26 | Drinks for the Dog Days of Summer

August 30 | Tequila

September 13 | Rum



CHARCUTERIE CLASSES

Welcome to Boarding School! Best Of Omaha winner, Artisan Boards Of Omaha, is happy to partner with Lauritzen Gardens for a series of charcuterie classes.

You will learn the basics of cheese selection, how to fold meat, make a meat rose, and learn about the different variety of cheeses as well as fun tidbits about charcuterie.

You'll be guided step by step as you create your own board to take home and enjoy (one board per registered 2 people)! We hope you leave with the knowledge and confidence to create and design your own board. A custom designed board will be provided for everyone to sample from.

You will be assembling your charcuterie boards next to Chompers The Shark and will have time to tour the Washed Ashore exhibit during your class. Join us for a great adventure in the world of charcuterie!

Each registration is good for two participants and one charcuterie board.

Members \$85, Non-members \$100

Classes are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

April 27 | Shark-uterie Class

May 4 | Shark-uterie Class

May 12 | Mom and Me Board Class



BASKET WEAVING



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Basket weaving is an ancient art form that uses botanical materials to create a variety of functional containers. In these workshops, students will learn and practice traditional and contemporary weaving techniques. 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

Members \$45, Non-members \$55

Classes are held from noon to 5 p.m.

June 10 | Seashells - SOLD OUT

The Seashells basket is a continuing theme from last years "Ocean Blue" basket. This one starts with an oval grooved slotted base where we add our spokes. This is a continuous weaving basket with shades of blue reed. Finish up the basket with a matchstick rim and raffia and we will glue a seashell on to it for pizzazz!

July 29 | Documents - SOLD OUT

This basket starts with a woven base out of reed and is wide enough to store your mail or papers flat. There will be some color choices to choose from at class time. There are side handles we will wrap with reed; something we have not done in class before. The dimensions of this basket are 15" x 11" x 4" tall.

September 16 | Little Boo

We are channeling Halloween with black, orange, and natural reed. This basket has a round wooden base that has been painted black and finishes up with a black swing handle. There will be fun embellishment on the top of the rim!

October 28 | Criss Cross Market

This market basket is a workhorse of the basket world as it can be transported anywhere with that handle. Take it on a picnic, to the farmers market, or use it for storing your hobby items next to your chair. The colors are natural and smoky light brown. This will be a favorite basket of yours. Allow a solid 5 hours.

December 2 | Angel Wall Basket

This is a fun basket that is intended to hang on the wall or door. The basket colors are gray, black, and natural reed. Participants will have variety of seasonal embellishments to choose from.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WASHED ASHORE

On display 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 oceans 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.

GLASS IN FLIGHT 2

April 28 through October 15 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Discover 16 life-like installations in a sculpture exhibit that showcases the beauty and importance of butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and other pollinators.

See iridescent exoskeletons and translucent wings of giant insects, made of steel frames with Dalle de Verre glass, and witness the interaction of sunlight and colored glass alongside the garden's plant collection. Don't miss this informative, engaging, and enchanting swarm of sculptures! By artist Alex Heveri.

Included with paid garden admission, FREE for garden members.

LEASHES AT LAURITZEN

May 1 and 8, June 5 and 12, July 3 and 10, August 7 and 14, September 4 and 11, and October 2 and 9 | 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



IN THE GALLERY

Beyond The Garden Wall
by Anthony Deon Brown
April 4 through May 29

Landscapes by Reagan D. Pufall
June 1 through July 23

Art from the Heart by Telagio Baptista
July 26 through September 23

GARDEN TWILIGHT

Monday and Tuesday evenings | 5 to 8 p.m.
May 15 through September 12

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.

Note: The garden will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 for a private event.

TEMPO OF TWILIGHT

June 6 | June 20 | July 11 | July 18
August 1 | August 15 | August 29 | 6 to 8 p.m.
We can't think of a better way to spend a summer evening than listening to live music in the garden. That's why we are SO EXCITED for Tempo of Twilight, with seven summer shows from talented local bands. Make plans to join us for a harmonious blend of music and nature.

ALL EUROPEAN SHOW AND SHINE

September 10 | Noon to 3 p.m.
See fine European cars and motorcycles staged against a lush background.

LAURITZEN GARDENS ANTIQUES SHOW

September 28 through October 1
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.

Save the date to celebrate 20 years of fine antiques in Omaha. Stay up-to-date with the show at omahaantiqueshow.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

WICKED PLANTS DISPLAY

October 7 through November 2
This spooky display features some of the most dangerous and notorious members of the plant kingdom.

JAPANESE AMBIENCE FESTIVAL

October 7 and 8 | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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 29 | Noon to 4 p.m.
Get in the spirit of the season and learn about things in nature that make fall so festive! This event is 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 or email membership@omahabotanicalgardens.org





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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. (This policy excludes Summer Camps, please check for more details).

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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