



Programs & Events

GREEN SPRING GARDENS

WINTER 2023

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Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series

Sundays in January and February

Join us for this popular annual series of virtual and in-person presentations by authors, garden designers, scientists and other garden enthusiasts on the cutting edge of horticulture. See [page 2](#) for a complete list of this year's lineup.



Washington Gardener Seed Exchange

Saturday, February 4

12:30-4:30 p.m. (Adult) *Washington Gardener Magazine* is co-hosting the annual seed exchange at Green Spring Gardens with lectures, a face-to-face seed swap and more. Bring your extra seeds to swap and leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends, and expert planting advice. \$15 for verified Friends of Green Spring members and *Washington Gardener* subscribers (use code [C1E.OIPQ](#)); \$20 for guests (use code [C1E.8Z4K](#)).

Getaway: Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia, PA

Monday, March 6, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

10 a.m.-10 p.m. (Adults) The Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event. It features stunning displays by some of the world's premier floral and landscape designers. Immerse yourself in the spectacular and decadent floral displays and the energetic and passionate side of flowers, gardens and horticulture. Bring a lunch or enjoy the atmosphere and food at the Reading Terminal Market located across the street. Trip cancellation deadline: Feb. 17, 2023. \$159 per person (includes motor coach and admission). Code [A19.21KH](#) for 3/6 and code [A19.YJT1](#) for 3/8.

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Sundays in January
and February

1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.

\$12 advance
registration

Please note that
some programs will
be held virtually.

Register online
at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes
or call Green Spring
Gardens at 703 642
5173.

HARRY ALLEN WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Virtual Winter Lecture - Backyard Pollinator Oasis

Sunday, January 15

(Adults) Are you dreaming of next year's garden? Would you like to create an environment that hosts pollinators and wildlife while creating less work for you? Join pollinator expert **Heather Andrews** in this virtual discussion on how to create a sustainable organic oasis that will invite in an army of good bugs to reduce pest pressure and improve your veggie and fruit yield. A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the program. Code [H3T.564R](#)

Winter Lecture - Making Green Spring Greener

Sunday, January 22

(Adults) Green Spring Gardens site manager **Judy Zatsick** and horticulturist **Adam Bucher** discuss how the funds from the 2021 FROGS annual appeal, "Making Green Spring Greener," were used around the site and will discuss the exciting new updates to the garden coming in the Fall! This program will be held in person. Code [EWI.P4MR](#)

Winter Lecture - Tropicals for Temperate Landscapes

Sunday, January 29

(Adults) Tropical and subtropical plants can create incredible energy and excitement in temperate landscapes and provide strong design elements through the toughest and hottest months of the growing season. Using five memorable categories from her new book "Tropical Plants and How to Love Them," **Marianne Willburn** will focus on incorporating some spectacular examples in containers and beds—many of which are remarkably easy to overwinter. This program will be held in person. Book signing after lecture. Code [8LN.YWHJ](#)

Winter Lecture - A History of Hedges

Sunday, February 5

(Adults) Hedges—high and low—have been in our gardens for over 2,000 years and are part of our cultural heritage. Explore the fascinating history of hedges, from rural hedgerows to classic garden design features with Green Spring Historian **Debbie Waugh**. Consider their practical, ecological and ornamental value and what they can tell us about the people who planted them. View spectacular hedges from around the world and hear about Green Spring's own historic hedge. This program will be held in person. Code [RO5.FVOM](#)

Virtual Winter Lecture - History of American Gardening

Sunday, February 12

(Adults) Join celebrated landscape designer and winner of the 2021 Philadelphia Flower Show "Best in Show" **Wambui Ippolito** for a virtual exploration of the history of American gardening through the lens of the immigrants who helped cultivate practices and plant life that are still used today. A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the program. Code [QXD.Z9Y3](#)

Virtual Winter Lecture - Stressless Gardening

Sunday, February 19

(Adults) Join landscape architect **Preston Montague** for a virtual discussion on how to avoid common gardening practices that cause unnecessary stress and reduce the ecosystem potential of our landscapes. Learn ways to keep gardening healthy for us and the environment. A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the program. Code [QIW.U0H2](#)

Adult Programs

Garden Terrarium Workshop

Saturday, February 11

1-2:30 p.m. (16-Adult) Enjoy the outdoors inside by creating a beautiful terrarium. Begonia enthusiast Johanna Zinn provides information on this versatile genus and teaches you techniques for creating the perfect terrarium. A terrarium, plants, soil and care instructions are provided. \$40 per person (register for both the class and the \$30 supply fee). Code [9C2.K3LC](#)

Starting from Scratch with Seeds

Saturday, February 18

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (16-Adult) Grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed and expand your garden. Be inspired by Green Spring staff members as they discuss potting mixes, containers, seed treatments, lighting, fertilization, watering, seed sources and timing. Then take home a few seeds to start your own collection. \$23 per person. Code [J1V.T698](#)

Intro to Tree and Shrub Pruning

Saturday, February 25

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Adults) Did your hydrangea fail to bloom? Nervous about shaping your specimen tree? Green Spring Gardens staff will teach you about timing, tools and techniques for pruning common woody plants to keep them healthy and looking their best. \$19 per person. Code [ZCT.WGJH](#)

Garden Talks

Winning Plants for Containers

Friday, January 13

1:30-2:30 p.m. (Adults) Whether it's flower pots, hanging baskets or window boxes, container gardens are beautiful, easy and rewarding for winter gardening. Learn how to create a dazzling display of perennials and annuals with eye-catching colors. Join Extension Master Gardener docents to gain information for your container. \$12 per person. Code [DOC.4POO](#)

Best Perennial Vines for Your Garden

Friday, February 24

1:30-2:30 p.m. (Adults) Elevate the beauty of your garden, even your lamp post, with vines. Vines bring attractive foliage and fragrant flowers to eye level and beyond. Extension Master Gardener docents teach you how to select appropriate vines. \$12 per person. Code [RVO.436F](#)

Spring Veggies and Herbs

Saturday, March 11

10:30-11:30 a.m. (Adults) If you have never grown a vegetable garden before, then this is the year to start! Extension Master Gardener docents show you how to plan a vegetable and herb garden that will conserve water, reduce waste, and reduce grocery bills. \$12 per person. Code [HBR.SJCO](#)

Fine Arts

Virtual Floral Design Workshop - Winter Walk

Wednesday, January 11

1-2:30 p.m. (16-Adults) Certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway will lead you through creating a winter floral arrangement that feels like a walk through nature. Please pick up your floral supplies at Green Spring Gardens prior to the class, either the day before or morning of the program. A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the program. \$40 per person (register for both the class and the \$35 supply fee). Code [G3S.PTBX](#)

Watercolor Workshop - Furry Critters

Saturday, January 21

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (16-Adults) Artist Marni Maree will teach you techniques for painting various furry textures with watercolor on paper. You can bring in pictures of your favorite furry friend to paint in class. A supply list will be emailed before class. Bring a lunch. \$110 per person. Code [319.OXEB](#)

Watercolor Workshop — Mosaics

Saturday, February 25

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (16-Adults) Artist Marni Maree helps you create a paper "palette" using watercolor paints on various papers. Then, experiment with textures and patterns that you will cut, tear, weave and redesign into a creative work of art! A supply list will be emailed before the program. Bring a lunch. \$110 per person. Code [30V.2XEN](#)

Yoga for Gardeners I

Mondays, starting January 9

9:30-10:30 a.m. (Adult) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. \$99 per person for 8 lessons. Code [6E6.6TXN](#)

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

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

Youth and Family Programs

Please note: All attendees, including parents, must register to control group size (except for Garden Sprouts).



Garden Exploration - Secrets of Winter

Saturday, December 10

2-3 p.m. (4-Adult) Join one of our educators and explore the corners of the garden that are often overlooked but full of stories to tell! In this session you will discover the ways nature flourishes and evolves even in the cold of winter. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$8 per person. Code [FL1.AG7Q](#)

Family Fun - Excellent Evergreens

Saturday, December 17

10-11 a.m. (5-Adult) Learn about the wonderful world of evergreen trees and plants that really stand out this time of year. Enjoy a seasonal walk through the gardens and make an evergreen craft to decorate your home. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code [4FD.OMUL](#)

Winter Solstice Celebration in the Garden

Wednesday, December 21

4-5 p.m. (5-Adult) Join us to celebrate the rebirth of the sun and the beginning of winter. Learn about one of the most ancient rituals in the world with legends, crafting and games. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code [8ED.9TWP](#)

Garden Sprouts Winter - Nature Playgroup

Mondays, January 9, February 13 and March 13

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler will enjoy nature-themed activities while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk, we will explore seasonal topics. \$10 per child. Code [DCO](#)

Family Fun - Glasshouse Exploration

Saturday, January 21

1-2 p.m. (5-Adult) Escape the cold winter weather and transport yourself to the tropics. Explore our glasshouse and learn about the plants in our collection and their warm native environments. Create your own mini glasshouse with seeds to take home. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code [O1L.KP9Z](#)

Family Fun - Sensational Seeds!

Saturday, February 25

1-2 p.m. (5-Adult) Thinking about your spring garden? Come explore the sensational world of seeds. We examine our seed collection, dissect seeds to see what's inside, and learn how they grow into the plants that fill our gardens. Then plant some seeds to grow at home. Transplant them outside in your garden in spring. All attendees, including parents, must be registered. \$10 per person. Code [E8F.ZTG9](#)

Family Fun - Forcing Flowers

Saturday, March 11

1-2 p.m. (7-Adult) Flowers in winter? Discover the science behind blooms and how to coax them out, even in winter. Create an early bouquet including pussy willow and forsythia branches to bloom indoors. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Code [2L0.2YN2](#)

SCOUTS

Cub Scout Bears - Fur, Feathers and Ferns Bear Adventure

Saturday, December 3

1-2:30 p.m. (8-9 yrs.) \$11 per scout. Code 40B.SZCM

Contact Bailey Price at bailey.price@fairfaxcounty.gov to schedule a private scouting program.

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

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

Art Exhibits

AT THE HORTICULTURE CENTER

Horticulture Center art exhibits are open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon–4:30 p.m.

Until December 11

- “Garden Dreams” – Springfield Art Guild, varied media
- “Designs in Nature” – F11 Women’s Photo Collective, photography

Until February 6

- “Art in Motion” – Marni Maree, watercolor and mixed media
- “27 Photos of Blooms” – Lewis Smith, photography
- “Birds, Blooms & Beasts” – Nature Photography DC/MD/VA

Art reception: Sunday, December 18, 1 to 3 p.m.



AT THE HISTORIC HOUSE

Historic House art exhibits are open Wednesday-Sunday, 12–4:30 p.m.

Until December 11

- “In Praise of Gardens” – Caroline and Erik Hottenstein, mixed media

Until February 6

- “The Garden Year” – Dale McGrath, varied media

Art reception: Sunday, December 18, 1 to 3 p.m.

*Exhibit space occasionally closes for program use.
Call before your visit to confirm the exhibit is open.
All art is for sale.*

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Friends of Green Spring on social media.

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Save the Date

Spring 2023 registration opens on January 31, 2023.

Events

EcoSavvy Symposium - Feel-Good EcoSavvy Gardening

Saturday, March 4

Join us virtually for the 19th annual EcoSavvy Symposium, presented by VCE Green Spring Master Gardeners! Understand how gardening affects your physical, mental and spiritual health and learn sustainable gardening techniques using green plants to reclaim contaminated soil and groundwater. A Zoom invitation will be emailed prior to the event.

Plant Swap: Houseplants, Cuttings and Containers

Saturday, April 8

Join us for Green Spring Gardens' 2nd annual Plant Swap! Bring your unwanted houseplants, cuttings and containers to swap with others or simply give away. A lecture and Master Gardener Help Desk will be included. Leave with new plants, containers, garden friends and expert advice.

Garden Gate Plant Shop Reopening

Saturday, April 15

The Garden Gate Plant Shop specializes in plants that do well in local growing conditions. Choose from a nice selection of shrubs, native plants, ornamental grasses, perennials and annuals. The Plant Shop is open Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday 12-3 p.m. Come back often, as the plant selection changes and expands throughout the growing season!

Spring Garden Day - The Big Plant Sale

Saturday, May 20

Local garden vendors descend on Green Spring Gardens with beautiful and unusual plants to fill your spring gardening needs. Growers and Extension Master Gardener docents are on hand to help with plant selection and offer gardening advice. Home-baked goods and treats will be available at the bake sale at the Horticulture Center. There will also be a used book sale. This annual event is sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS) and the proceeds help to support the gardens.

Spring Getaways

Lewis Ginter's A Million Blooms

Wednesday, April 19

Mt. Cuba Center and Winterthur

Wednesday, May 3

Tudor Place and Dumbarton Oaks

Wednesday, May 31



Green Spring Gardens Gift Shop

Looking for the perfect gift?

The Gardeners' Gift Shop in the Horticulture Center offers a broad selection of horticulture and nature books, gardening tools, gloves, t-shirts, and other gardening-themed gifts. Garden-inspired fashion accessories, decorative arts, home décor, house plants, and cards also are available.

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
and Sun. noon-4:00 p.m.

Weather Related Closures and Program Cancellations

Green Spring Gardens and other Fairfax County Park Authority sites follow Fairfax County Government closures. For information on weather related closures or cancellations, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or call 703 324 8661, TTY 703 803 3354.

Historic Green Spring Programs



A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each program. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries and scone with cream and jam.

Tea programs are by reservation only. Call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

Tea Programs

This Day in History

Sunday, January 15

1-3 p.m. (Adults) History is made every day! Discover what happened on this day in history as we explore historical events that occurred on January 15 in years past. From royalty to politics, crime to the arts, many events—some tragic, some comical—proved pivotal to human history. \$38 (program + tea; \$15 (program only).

The Tropics in Winter

Sunday, January 29

1-3 p.m. (Adults) Explore the fascinating history of the glasshouse, a gardening innovation that enabled people to grow exotic plants at home. Learn how the Victorians made growing under glass fashionable, and view spectacular glasshouses, orangeries and conservatories. Take a brief tour of the tropics in Green Spring's own glasshouse. \$38 (program + tea); \$15 (program only).

Dear Diary

Sunday, February 26

1-3 p.m. (Adults) Diaries reveal how people from all walks of life reacted to the events and mores of their times. Discover why personal writings are important to historians as we explore candid diary pages of the rich, famous and powerful, along with meaningful first-hand accounts of ordinary people. \$38 (program + tea); \$15 (program only).

Tasting Program

Teas for Winter Health

Saturday, January 8

10-11:30 a.m. (Adult) A steaming cup of tea offers warmth, comfort and health benefits throughout cold and flu season. Sample a variety of the best teas and herbal infusions to boost immunity and cure the winter blues. Learn about their medicinal properties and discover new healthful brews to enjoy year round. Take home a sample (afternoon tea not included). \$25 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. Code DZJ.3HHO

By-Request Programs

Private Garden Tours

Schedule a private group tour led by Green Spring Extension Master Gardener docents who interpret the gardens, the plant collections, the site's mission, and its historic legacy. \$10 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$12 per person for 19 or fewer. Minimum group size is five. For information or to schedule a garden tour call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

Private Tea Programs

Private groups may reserve a lecture or garden tour followed by a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House. Minimum group size is 18. For information call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.





SUPPORT GREEN SPRING GARDENS — BECOME A FROG (FRIEND OF GREEN SPRING)

Membership benefits include 10% off purchases at the Green Spring Gardens’ gift shops and Garden Gate plant shop; quarterly *Gardenline* and *Programs & Events* newsletters; discounts from selected local nurseries; and notification of Green Spring Gardens’ special events. Visit us at www.friendsofgreenspring.org.

- Individual (1 year) \$35 Name: _____
- Individual (3 years) \$90 Address: _____
- Family (2 adults + kids) \$50 _____
- Family (3 years) \$135 Phone: _____
- Organization (1 year) \$250 Email: _____
- Patron (1 year) \$150
- Lifetime \$500


Please make checks payable to FROGS and mail to: FROGS Membership, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, Va. 22312.
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 You may pay membership dues with VISA or MASTERCARD online or over the phone by calling 703-642-5173.



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