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## October in the Gardens

October in the Gardens is filled with more than just pumpkins! We're saying 'goodbye' and 'see you next year' to the Full Moon OKC Run & Ride season, barre3 workouts and Dancing in the Gardens. We'll say 'hello' to our second annual Spooky Pooch Parade, which had nearly 100 dogs last year; we'll be giving away trees with the Tree Bank Foundation; honoring Robert Meinders at Orchids in October; and -- we're doing it -- we're having a "Pickle Practically Anything" class!

Pumpkinville, now in its 5th year, will bring in 16,000+ to the Children's Garden and our creative team will shape the area into a Woodland Fairy Tale theme. Last year nearly 20,000 attended. Cost is FREE for Gardens members, \$6 non-members. Free for children 3 and under. Below are eight events planned: Cider Press, Story Time on Grandma's Porch, Pumpkin Carving Class, Paint a Pumpkin and new – the Bricktown Holiday Inn Express train to Pumpkinville. We'll also have another Garden Monster Party on the final weekend.

Registration for events can be made online at [www.myriadgardens.org](http://www.myriadgardens.org) or by call (405) 445-7080.

### ON-GOING

Tuesdays, 5:45pm

**Yoga in the Gardens sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union**

No Late arrivals after 5:50pm

Inside the Crystal Bridge

Members FREE; Nonmembers \$10

Must be 16 & older

This is a great, all-levels class led by Lisa Woodward. Class participants should bring a yoga mat and water. Classes will meet inside the Crystal Bridge. Drop in for a session or two or enjoy the entire series!

Every Wednesday, 10 – 11am

**Reading Wednesdays**

(Formerly Bringing Books to Life; new name, same great program!)

Crystal Bridge South Lobby

FREE

Best for ages 2-5

Bring your youngster for story time each Wednesday at 10am. Books are nature-themed and selected based on the season. Children will also enjoy creating a small craft after the story. For groups of 10 or more please call Kodi Clifford at 405-835-6789. Note: No program November 23, December 21 and December 28.

Saturday, October 29, 10am

### **Gardens Walking Tour**

Meet in the South Lobby and Garden Grounds

Last Saturday of Every Month, 10am

Free

Walkups Welcome!

Join us to expand your Oklahoma plant knowledge and get great ideas for your yard. Each month changes as the plants grow through the seasons; in October and December we'll discuss plants for color and in November we'll highlight plants for water conservation. Can't make it for the guided tour? Pick up a self-guided handout in our South Lobby.

## **FAMILIES & KIDS**

October 7 - 23, 10am-5pm

### **Pumpkinville presented by OG&E**

Free for members & children 3 & under; Non-members \$6

\$10 Pumpkinville & Crystal Bridge Package

Social media: #PumpkinvilleOKC

Join us for our fifth annual Pumpkinville, in the Children's Garden! Beginning October 7, bring your friends and family to one of the most treasured fall treats in Oklahoma City. Explore the Children's Garden as we bring the woodland fairy tale town of Pumpkinville to life. Enjoy crafts, activities and imaginative displays that get you in the spirit of the season. Stop by the Garden's Pumpkin Patch to purchase your pumpkins for your porch display.

Presented by OGE Energy Corporation. Sponsors include: Express Employment Professionals, Bricktown/Downtown Holiday Inn Express, Delta Dental, Enable Midstream, E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation, Mercedes Benz of Oklahoma City, Midtown Renaissance, and Gray, Blodgett & Company.

Each weekend families can enjoy activities and entertainment.

### **Pumpkinville-related events:**

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21, 1-1:30pm

#### **Cider Press Demonstration and Tasting**

Pavilion Lawn

FREE, (\$2 suggested donation per participant)

All ages welcome

Learn how cider is made as we try out our old-fashioned cider press each Friday during Pumpkinville. Join in on the cider making and enjoy a taste of this delicious juice at the end.

Wednesday, October 13, 1-2:30pm

**How to Create an Herbal Home**

Pavilion Lawn

Taught by Lori Coats, My Raggedy Herbs

Members \$5; Non-members \$7

Register by Friday, October 7

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

Herbs aren't scary and mysterious and they are not just for teas! Come learn how to incorporate herbs into your home and busy lifestyle that are simple to grow and easy to use. Join us for this class to discover tips for growing, drying and using herbs that will save you time and money while improving your health and increasing your happiness.

Saturdays, October 8, 15, 22, 12-4 pm

Sundays, October 9, 16, 23, 12-4 pm

Friday, October 7 – Inaugural Ride from Bricktown Holiday Inn Express to Pumpkinville

**Bricktown Holiday Inn Express to Pumpkinville**

\$1 per rider, 3 & Under free

Handicapped accessible

Climb aboard the Bricktown Holiday Inn Express Train for a ride on a train around the fantastically fall Gardens each Saturday and Sunday from 12-4pm. \$1 per rider, Ages 3 and Under FREE.

Saturdays, October 8, 15, 22, 1–1:30pm

**Story Time on Grandmother's Porch sponsored by Gray, Blodgett & Company, PLLC**

The Porch in the Children's Garden

FREE with admission to Pumpkinville

Best for ages 4-9

Curl up on Grandmother's Porch to hear spooky, mysterious, and even funny stories each Saturday during Pumpkinville. Stories include Ten Timid Ghosts by Jennifer O'Connell, Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson and Not Very Scary by Carol Brendler.

Saturday, October 8, 2-3pm

**Pumpkin Carving Class with David Holland**

Pumpkinville Programming Tent on Pavilion Lawn

\$18 members, \$20 non-members

Best for ages 8 & Older

Register by Thursday, October 6

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

In this class you will follow pumpkin carver David Holland through the process of carving a traditional jack-o-lantern using curved and straight line cutouts in a pumpkin that you will take home with you at the end of the class. You can light it up at home to amaze your friends! And then the night before Halloween you can carve your own pumpkin at home with a pattern you chose or draw to get the pumpkin of your dreams.

Saturday, October 15, 11am-1pm

**Painting in the Gardens Series with Wine and Palette Pumpkin Painting**

Pumpkinville Programming Tent on Pavilion Lawn

Members \$10; Call to (405) 227-0230 to register and receive your discounted rate.

Non-members \$20; register online at [www.wineandpalette.com/Calendar.asp](http://www.wineandpalette.com/Calendar.asp)

All ages; walk-ups welcome if not sold out

Wine and Palette instructors will help you paint your own pumpkin. This is always very popular. Participants will be given instruction and shown the steps to create a unique and personal work of art.

Saturday, October 22, 2-3pm

**Pumpkin Carving Class with David Holland**

Pumpkinville Programming Tent on Pavilion Lawn

Cost: \$23 members, \$25 non-members

Best for ages 13 & Older

Register Thursday, October 20

Register online [www.myriadgardens.org](http://www.myriadgardens.org)

In this class you will follow pumpkin carver David Holland through the process of carving a traditional jack-o-lantern using curved and straight line cutouts in a pumpkin that you will take home with you at the end of the class. You can light it up at home to amaze your friends! And then the night before Halloween you can carve your own pumpkin at home with a pattern you chose or draw to get the pumpkin of your dreams.

Saturday, October 22, 6:30-8:30pm

**Pumpkinville Halloween Party: Garden Monster Bash presented by Soccer City**

Members \$10 per child; \$8 per adult

Non-members \$13 per child; \$11 per adult

Registration is required. Visit [myriadgardens.org](http://myriadgardens.org) or call (405) 445-7080 by October 19.

The monsters at this Halloween party are definitely more friendly than frightening. Join us for ghoulish garden games, eerie entertainment, and devilishly good treats! There will be prizes for those who wear their creepy, crawly and cute costumes.

Sunday, October 16, 7pm Run; 8pm Bike Ride

**Full Moon Bike Ride and Run LAST ONE!**

Meet at the Band Shell by the Great Lawn

Suggested donation of \$5 per person

Join other runners in a 5K run, led by Ultramax Sports Oklahoma, through the scenic downtown area as the sun sets. Those who make their \$5 donation will be entered in a drawing for prizes from Red Coyote Running and Fitness.

Rather ride your bike? Bring your bike and meet up for a leisurely one hour ride. Downtown-area routes are specially planned by Schlegel Bicycles. Lights and helmets are required. Those who make their \$5 donation will be entered in a drawing for prizes from Schlegel Bicycles.

Saturday, October 29, 10 – 11am

**The Great Tree Giveaway**

Pavilion or South Lobby in bad weather

Maureen Heffernan, Gardens Executive Director and Nicki Largent, The Tree Bank Foundation Executive Director

Members \$5; Non-members \$10

Register by Tuesday, October 25

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

Add a little beauty to your landscape with one of the most affordable trees you'll ever find! Thanks to the generous support of the Tree Bank Foundation, we're offering a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees in 3 gallon containers for you to take home and enjoy in your landscape. Plant maintenance tips will be discussed and each tree will come with a plant care sheet. All participants must pre-register.

Saturday, October 29, 6-7:30pm

**Spooky Pooch Parade presented by Bank of Oklahoma, sponsored by Midtown Vets**

Great Lawn & Band Shell

Members \$10 per dog

Non-members \$12 per dog

All dogs must be leashed at the event and nonaggressive.

Register by Thursday, October 27

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

Join us for our Spooky Pooch Parade on the Great Lawn. Enjoy spooky music and our parade of pooches. Judges will present prizes to the best dressed pooch! You don't have to register a dog to take part in the fun or even have a dog. Bring the family and be an observer.

**ADULTS**

Monday, October 3, 6-7:30pm

**Barre3 FREE Workout**

Great Lawn & Bandshell

FREE

Barre3 returns to the Gardens with their free community workout. Rooted in three fitness disciplines ballet barre, pilates and yoga—barre3 is designed to lift, lengthen, and tone your entire body.

Thursday, October 6, 7-10pm

**Dancing in the Gardens presented by Gardner Tanenbaum Holdings featuring Line Dancing**

Seasonal Plaza (by Ice House)  
FREE, All Ages Welcome

Join us as we transform the Seasonal Plaza into an urban dance space. Kick up your boots as our featured dance is Line Dancing! Beginning at 7pm, instructors from 3Sixty Dance Studio will give a dance demonstration followed by a FREE lesson for all. At 8pm our DJ will crank up the tunes to get the dancing started. Drink and food specials will be offered to highlight the night.

Saturday, October 8, 10:30am - Noon

**Woodland Terrarium Class**

Pavilion Lawn

Members \$30; Non-members \$35

Register by Tuesday, October 11

All ages welcome, ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

Make your own Woodland Terrarium to enjoy at home. We will take you through the steps of creating your whimsical terrarium, and don't worry, there will be plenty of miniature items for you to add. Then we'll go over tips for maintaining it.

Saturday, October 15, 2 – 3pm

**Pumpkin Calligraphy Class**

Pavilion Lawn

Megan Miller, owner of Oh Honey Paper Co

Members \$20; Non-members \$25

Register by Tuesday, October 11

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

Put a spin on a fall favorite, decorating a pumpkin. In this fun - and beautiful – class, Megan Miller will walk you through the art of hand-lettering and how to apply it to pumpkins. Each participant will take home a complete, brush-lettered artificial pumpkin that's ready to wow your friends each fall.

Thursday, October 20, 11:30am-1pm

**15th Annual Orchids in October**

Ceremony on the Water Stage

Park House Events Center for lunch

Orchid Sale in the South Lobby, 9am-5pm. \$15-20 each

Tickets \$85 in advance (this event usually sells out)

Call (405) 445-7084 for tickets, no online registration

Board of Directors of the Myriad Botanical Gardens is pleased to announce Robert (Bob) Meinders as the 2016 recipient of the James R. Tolbert III Crystal Orchid Award. This annual award is in its fifteenth year and is a tribute to those individuals who significantly impact the beauty and success of the Myriad Botanical Gardens and Oklahoma City. This celebration will be held on Thursday, October 20, with registration beginning at 11:30 and the program starting at noon on the Water Stage, followed by a luncheon in the Park House Events Center. Ticket prices are \$85; sponsorship levels begin at \$250. There will be an Orchid Sale on the same day, 9am-5pm, in the South Lobby of the Crystal Bridge. Cost for

orchids ranges \$15-20. Nate Tschaenn, Director of Horticulture, will be available 11:30am to answer any questions about maintaining orchids.

Saturday, October 22, 10am–2pm

**Pickle Practically Anything: Introductory Class**

Park House Event Center

Dr. Barbara Brown of OSU Extension

Members \$8; Non-members \$10

Register by Tues., Oct. 18

Bring a sack lunch

Ages 16 & up welcome

Register online [www.myriadgarens.org](http://www.myriadgarens.org)

Join us for this fun, informative class that will show you just how many things you can pickle and the great benefits of yet another way to preserve your vegetables. The process will be discussed, a tasting will be had, and then everyone will get to try their hand at pickling one jar of vegetable relish to take home - this would make an awesome housewarming gift for Thanksgiving!

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The Myriad Botanical Gardens is one of Oklahoma City's most beloved public spaces, offering its visitors a 15 acre natural escape in the very heart of downtown. A half-acre children's garden, an off-leash dog park, restaurant space, splash fountains, and paths for walking and jogging provide guests young and old with a place to seek solitude with nature, or seek community and the company of others. Additionally, the Myriad Gardens offers a variety of horticultural education programs for adults and children.

The Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory's unique design has earned attention and praise in the architectural community. It is 224 feet long, 70 feet in diameter, and is covered by 3,028 sections of translucent, double-layered acrylic panels. The Conservatory includes 13,000 square feet of plant display area in two distinct climates: the Tropical Wet Zone, which is at the south end and is watered daily; and the Tropical Dry Zone at the north end which receives water from April through September, followed by drought from November through March. Some 2,000 varieties of plants and a 35-foot waterfall round out the spectacular features of the Conservatory.

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