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**GARDENS**

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## **March Into the Gardens!**

Oklahoma City, OK -- March is one of our favorite months of the year in the Myriad Botanical Gardens! Our very popular Oklahoma Garden School returns March 11, and it's reaching a sellout. We have fun events including Adventure Week March 13-16 during Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day fun on Friday, March 17. Great classes are happening like the Seed Starting with Gardens' executive director Maureen Heffernan. Spring classes for kids; walking tours, yoga and more! We're also introducing a new Crystal Bridge floral exhibit *Kaleidoscope of Colors* that's sure to wow visitors.

Here's our list of events:

### **Kids & Families**

Wednesday, March 1, 10 – 11am  
**Reading Wednesday Celebrates Dr. Seuss**  
South Lobby  
Special Guest, The Cat in the Hat  
FREE (\$2 suggested donation)  
Best for ages 2-7  
Walk-ups welcome

Join us for a special Reading Wednesday event to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and his wonderful books. We'll have everyone's favorite character, Cat In the Hat, here to read stories and tell fun Dr. Seuss facts. Between story times, kids can make Dr. Seuss-inspired crafts and take photos with our quirky cat visitor.

Monday, March 13 through Thursday, March 16, 10am – 2pm  
**Adventure Week at the Gardens!**  
Pavilion & Lawn, Children's Garden and Crystal Bridge  
Member Children \$13; Adult FREE (per day)  
Nonmembers Children \$18; Adults \$8 (per day)  
Parents must accompany their child during all activities  
Register online [www.myriadgardens.org](http://www.myriadgardens.org)

The weather is warming, the sun is shining and the flowers are blooming! Come celebrate Spring Break with us. Each day we will have hands-on activities and workshops under the pavilion and pavilion lawn. Join us inside the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory Discovery Room to find your inner builder, scientist, or detective. Then try your luck at our scavenger hunt inside the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory that houses more than 2,500 plants. End the afternoon with a trip to our outdoor Children's Garden. Food trucks will be onsite during the lunch hour.

Themes: Mad Science Monday; Touch-A-Truck Tuesday, Workshop Wednesday; Theatrical Thursday. For a full list of events, visit [here](#).

Friday, March 17, 10am – 2pm

**Go Green, St. Patrick's Day in the Gardens**

Great Lawn & Bandshell, Sheridan Lawn

Music is FREE

Activities on the Sheridan Lawn \$5 per person

Face painting costs vary depending on design

May the luck of the Irish be with you as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The fun begins with a performance by the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums followed by a performance by Hill Irish Dance School. Create festive crafts, learn about Irish heritage and enjoy some on our Sheridan Lawn. Find out where our silly leprechaun hid the Garden's pot of gold, listen to fun fiddling tunes by Casey and Min, and don't forget to wear green!

10am-2pm

- Face Painting, prices dependent on design: \$5 check design, \$8 half face and \$10-12 full face
- Activities on the Sheridan Lawn to include crafts, storytelling and more! \$5 per person

10am-11am

- Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums performing at Great Lawn and Bandshell

11 -11:30am

- Hill Irish Dance School Performance at Bandshell

Noon-2pm

- Casey and Minna performing (an acoustic guitar and fiddle duo)

Saturday, March 25, 2 – 3pm

**Spring Celebration**

Water Plaza Room

Members \$8; Nonmembers \$10

Best for ages 6-10

Register by Tuesday, March 14

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

Come out and celebrate the start of spring with your family. We'll learn about: bulb flowers that start off the season; dissect a bulb; and then each pot one up to take home. We'll finish by creating a paper kite to go out and fly.

March 29, 10:30 – 11:30am

**Bringing Gardens to Life**

South Lobby  
Members \$2; Nonmembers \$3  
Best for ages 2-5  
Last Wednesday of each month

Stick around after Reading Wednesdays for this fun indoor activity that brings gardens to life, even when it's cold outside! We will make a nature-based, take-home craft that relates to the book. For this Bringing Gardens To Life we'll make names in nature. For groups of 10 or more call Lily Christman at (405) 445-5162.

## **ADULTS**

Saturday, March 4, 10 – 11:30am

### **Seed Starting Workshop**

Terrace Room

Instructor: Maureen Heffernan, Executive Director of Myriad Gardens and author of Burpee Seed Starter

Members \$17; Nonmembers \$21

Register by Wednesday, March 1

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

Starting your own plants from seed is fun, easy and a great way to save money on plants for your garden. In this hands-on workshop, you will learn how to start annual flowers, vegetables and herbs, the best way to take care of your seeds as they grow and many more tips, techniques and tools helpful in seed starting. All participants will plant up a variety of edible and flower seeds to take home and grow.

Saturday, March 11, 9am-4pm

### **Oklahoma Gardening School: The Layered Garden for Year-Round Beauty and Sustainability**

#### **Presented by Devon Energy**

Devon Energy Auditorium

\$35 members; \$60 nonmembers; \$20 students with ID

Optional box lunch \$14

Register by Tuesday, March 7

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

Myriad Botanical Gardens' annual Oklahoma Gardening School is the state's premier annual horticultural symposium designed for home gardeners and professional horticulturists, garden designers and landscape architects. The Oklahoma Gardening School showcases local and national experts in gardening, plant selection and garden design. Their illustrated talks and Q&A discussions help participants learn how to create and maintain more beautiful, sustainable and successful gardens in Oklahoma. Speakers will discuss how to select and attractively layer heights, shapes, colors, textures and bloom times of ground covers, perennials, shrubs and trees and grow them sustainably to save water and be environmentally-friendly to soil life, pollinators and other wildlife.

March 10 through April 15, 2017

### **Kaleidoscope of Colors exhibit**

Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory  
Open during Crystal Bridge Hours:  
Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm  
\$8 adults, \$7 seniors/students/military  
FREE for members & Children 3 & Under

Myriad Gardens presents a unique perspective on the colors of spring in its new orchid and spring flower show. Hundreds of orchids, spring flowers, and colorful tropicals in a rainbow of colors will be on display in exciting exhibits and arrangements that will dazzle the eye. Outside of the conservatory, see thousands more tulips, daffodils and other spring bulbs in our biggest celebration of spring ever!

#### *Related events*

Saturdays, March 25, April 1 & 8, 11am  
**Kaleidoscope of Colors Guided Tours**  
Meet in the South Lobby  
FREE with admission to Crystal Bridge

Join one of our knowledgeable tour guides on a stroll through this year's spring show. Learn all about the colorful orchids and tropical plants that make up the whimsical displays in the conservatory and how they use color to attract pollinators. You will also have the opportunity to see our unique and colorful outdoor bulb displays and learn how to use spring bulbs to add some color to your own garden.

Saturday, March 18, 11am-1pm  
**Painting in the Gardens with Wine & Palette: Kaleidoscope of Flowers**  
South Lobby, Crystal Bridge  
Members \$20; register by calling (405) 227-0230  
Nonmembers \$25; register at [www.wineandpalette.com/calendar.asp](http://www.wineandpalette.com/calendar.asp)

Join Wine and Palette at the Gardens to create a unique piece of art. On this day we'll paint "Kaleidoscope of Flowers" on a 11" x 14" canvas.

Friday, March 24, Noon – 1pm  
**Tree ID 101: Walk and Talk**  
South Lobby and Garden Grounds; Jerí Irby, Forester and Educator with Oklahoma Forestry Services  
FREE (\$5 Suggested Donation)  
Register by Monday, March 20 at [www.myriadgardens.org](http://www.myriadgardens.org)

Learn about fantastic new trees to add to your plant palate in this fun and informative walk. Jerí will introduce you to plant identification techniques and show you some tricks for identifying the trees we discuss.

Saturday, March 25, 11am – Noon  
**Attracting a Kaleidoscope of Pollinators to Your Yard**  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Abby Curry, Children's Garden Manager  
Members \$3; Nonmembers \$5  
Register by Tuesday, March 28 at [www.myriadgardens.org](http://www.myriadgardens.org)

In this class, learn how to create a garden that will be attractive to you and pollinators. We'll discuss ways to attract pollinators (insects, butterflies and birds) to your yard so that you have an explosion of flower color and an influx of all your favorite pollinators this spring and summer! Make a morning of it and join us beforehand for the Gardens Walking Tour at 10am.

Saturday, March 25, 10am

**Gardens Walking Tour**

South Lobby and Garden Grounds

Free

Walkups Welcome!

Last Saturday of the month

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 March we'll discuss plants for water conservation. Can't make it for the guided tour? Pick up a self-guided handout in our South Lobby.

## **ON-GOING**

Every Wednesday, 10 – 11am

**Reading Wednesdays**

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.

Tuesdays, 5:45pm

**Yoga in the Gardens**

No late arrivals after 5:50pm

Meet in the South Lobby for check-in

Members FREE, Nonmembers \$10

Must be at least 11 years old to participate

This is a great all-levels class led by Lisa Woodard. Class participants should bring a yoga mat and water. Classes will meet in the south lobby for check-in each week. Drop in for a session or two or enjoy the entire series!

Wednesdays, 5:45pm

**Family Yoga in the Gardens**

No late arrivals after 5:50pm

Meet in the South Lobby for check-in

Members \$5, Nonmembers \$10

Best for ages 5-10

Want to get keep your kids and yourself active during the winter months? Come to the Gardens each week for a fun family yoga course. Class participants should bring a yoga mat and water. This isn't just for kids; this is for the ENTIRE family. Come, exercise and unwind from the day together. Classes will meet in the south lobby for check-in each week.

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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