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GARDENS

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Love is in the air in the heart of Downtown OKC at the Myriad Gardens this February

Oklahoma City, OK -- February is the month for love, flowers and of course, chocolate. Myriad Botanical Gardens serves up the romance this month, along with a hearty assortment healthy lifestyle, botanic and entertainment offerings.

Immerse your senses in nature's expressions of love – "The Poetree Show" pairs the sensuality of hundreds of orchids and more with the emotion of poetry for the Gardens' 2018 Orchid Show. In the Crystal Bridge's south lobby indulge in the visual feast of "Jardim do Amor/Garden of Love" artworks by local artist Skip Hill.

Learn about chocolate – it's a fruit! Drink it hot and hunt for the delicacy in the conservatory. Wear your heart on your sleeve at "Valentine's Sweets, Eats & Beats" and bring your whole crew to celebrate the Lunar New Year with Boba Tea, food trucks, music and festive lion dancers.

Whether you're looking to beat cabin fever with rejuvenating yoga, planning your spring garden or seeking a stay-cation to beat the winter doldrums in the tropical Crystal Bridge, the Myriad Botanical Gardens brings a delightful menu of delicious, entertaining and educational offerings for February.

For more information and to register for events, visit www.myriadgardens.org or call (405) 445-7080. [Download images here](#).

KIDS & FAMILIES

Little Sapling Series

February 13 & 27 and March 13 & 27, 10 – 11am

Every Other Tuesday, January – March

Children's Garden (Terrace Room in inclement weather)

Members \$3; Nonmembers \$4

Best for ages 2-5

Register by Friday before each class online at myriadgardens.org

Join us in the Children's Garden for an hour of songs, games, and interactive nature fun. Toddlers (and parents!) will get to learn about the exciting world of gardens in an engaging and educational way. Experience activities such as making mud pies, watching caterpillars grow, making bird seed ornaments, or potting up seeds. Every Little Saplings event will include a sensory bin, a song, and a game.

Hot Chocolate Valentine

Saturday, February 10, 2 – 3:30pm

Terrace Room

Member \$12; Nonmember \$15

Best for ages 6-10

Register by Tuesday, February 6

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Did you know chocolate is made from a fruit that grows on tropical trees? Learn about the fascinating process that turns chocolate fruit into the tasty wintertime cocoa drink we all love. We'll start with a hunt through our conservatory to find the fruit growing on the tree, do a hot chocolate tasting and then create two treat packages with cocoa mixes and cards to give away to our valentines.

Lunar New Year at the Gardens: Year of the Dog

Friday, February 16, 4-8pm

Water Stage, Crystal Bridge and Park House Event Center

\$15 per Year of the Dog T-Shirt

\$2 per food ticket to be redeemed with our onsite vendors

Crystal Bridge South Lobby

\$2 suggested donation for crafts

ALL AGES WELCOME!

We are partnering up with our friends from [Super Cao Nguyen](#) in the OKC Asian District to celebrate the Lunar New Year! Join us for an evening of music, face painting and fun for the entire family. The Gardens will have lion dancers from the [St. Andrew Dung-Lac Lion Dance Association](#), festive décor, crafts for the kids, cultural presentations, calligraphers to write your name in Chinese, food vendors/Boba Tea—in the Park House Event Center and t-shirts for sale. What better animal to celebrate with than dogs? Pet owners are encouraged to bring their dogs however they are only allowed the dog park and outside the Crystal Bridge. There will be several photos ops with Lunar dogs outside in the Gardens.

Sprouting Chefs: Fun and Fresh Lunches

Saturday, February 17, 11am-12:30pm

Terrace Room

Food for Thought

Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

Best for ages 7-11

Register by February 13

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Start the Lunar New Year off right with a healthy cooking class for kids. We'll learn the basics of making healthy, easy dishes that your little ones will love. Families will work together to create a few nutritious lunch options and leave with the skills and inspiration to continue the fun at home.

Strictly for the Birds

Saturday, February 24, 11 – 11:45am

Children's Garden Porch

Abigail Curry, Children's Garden Manager

Member \$3; Nonmember \$5

Best for ages 5-9

Register by Tuesday, February 20

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Join us for a morning of bird-brained education and craft making. Learn how to make your backyard a bird-friendly habitat with plants and make a bird feeder to further welcome birds to your yard.

Reading Wednesday with the Metropolitan Downtown Library

February 28, 10am
Crystal Bridge South Lobby
FREE
Best for ages 2-5

On the last Wednesday of every month, we're excited to welcome the [Downtown Metro Library](#) to Reading Wednesdays! Library staff will be onsite with their pop-up library where you can sign your family up for library cards, or will be working with the Myriad Gardens to provide the reading and a fun craft.

ADULTS

Valentine's, Sweets, Eats & Beats

Friday, February 9. 7 – 9:30pm
Park House Event Center
Member: \$35; Nonmember: \$40
Ages 21+ ONLY
Registration required by February 8

\$4 suggested donation for additional glasses of champagne
\$2 for additional raffle tickets to win our staycation basket
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Celebrate love at the Gardens! Enjoy champagne, food, live music from [Ocean](#) and dancing in our Park House Event Center with a striking panoramic view of the grounds and a nighttime glow of the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. Ticket price includes one glass of champagne, light appetizers from [Kam's Kookery](#) and a raffle ticket for our staycation basket.

Plant Propagation Made Simple

Saturday, February 10, 10 – 11:30am
Terrace Room
Member \$14; Nonmember \$18
Bill Farris, Owner, [Prairie Wind Nursery](#)
Register by Tuesday, February 6
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Plant propagation is the process of creating new plants from seeds, cuttings or other plant parts and it is the ultimate way to save money on plants as one plant can become 10 for free. Nurseryman Bill Farris will discuss and demonstrate the various methods for propagating plants, from division to cuttings. He'll then guide each participant through making your own propagated cutting to take home and will go over care tips for your propagules.

Painting in the Gardens with Wine & Palette: "Valentines"

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30-9:30pm
Terrace Room
Members \$30, register by calling (405) 227-0230
Nonmembers \$35, register online at wineandpalette.com

Couples Paint Night at the Gardens! Want to do something unique with your Valentine this year? Pick your choice of teal love or monochrome rose to create a unique piece of art on a 16x20 canvas. The Gardens will also furnish wine and chocolates as an evening snack for participants.

Myriad Kitchen: An Intro to Healthy Cooking

Saturday, February 17, Noon–2pm

Water Plaza Room

Member \$20; Nonmember \$27

Kamala Gamble and Barbara Mock, Chefs, Guilford Gardens and [Kam's Kookery](#)

Register by February 13

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Enjoy a delicious lunch that will taste so good you'll have trouble believing it's healthy. The program includes an overview of: eating well and using in-season fresh fruits and vegetables; adding flavor with fresh and dried herbs; and best methods for healthy cooking.

Designing a Butterfly Garden

Saturday, February 24, 11am-12:30pm

Terrace Room

Member \$8; Nonmember \$12

Marilyn Stewart, [Wild Things Nursery](#)

Register by Tuesday, February 20

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Butterfly gardens are beautiful and buzzing with life. They are crucial to help butterflies and other pollinators and insects find sustenance to survive and thrive. Join butterfly guru Marilyn Stewart to learn how to design and select plants for creating your own butterfly garden this spring.

Introduction to Growing Plants for New Gardeners

Tuesday, February 27, 6-7pm

Crystal Bridge 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members \$5; Nonmembers \$7

Ann Fleener, Director of Education, Myriad Gardens

Register by Friday, February 23

Register at myriadgardens.org

This three part series serves as an introduction to the basics of growing ornamental garden plants including trees, shrubs and perennial flowers and grasses. Each class includes handouts on plant lists and maintenance guidelines. Part 1 in February will cover trees and discuss the best trees to grow in OKC and how to plant and maintain them. The other dates are March 27 and April 24, 6-7pm.

Gardens Walking Tour

February 24, 10-11am

Last Saturday of Every Month, 10am

South Lobby and Garden Grounds

FREE

Walkups Welcome

Expand your Oklahoma plant knowledge and get inspiration for your garden with our educational walking tours. Each month will feature different plants from our outdoor collection that make great choices for our region – from winter color to drought tolerant and more. Self-guided plant tour handouts are also available in our South Lobby.

Senior Wellness Wednesday

Wednesday, February 28, 9 – 10:30am

Park House Event Center and Crystal Bridge

Member: \$12 includes activities in the Park House Event Center and admission to the Crystal Bridge

Nonmember: \$15 includes activities in the Park House Event Center and admission to the Crystal Bridge

ALL SENIORS Crystal Bridge admission is \$2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Best for ages 62+

Join us for a 30 minute heart healthy exercise class, followed by a heart healthy cooking /wine demo and tasting with Kam's Kookery. End your visit with a walk through the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. This is the first part of a three month series focusing on betterment of Senior's mind, body and soul. Other dates include March 28 and April 25.

EXHIBITS

'Jardim do Amor/Garden of Love' Works by Skip Hill

February 1 – March 23, 2018

South Lobby, Crystal Bridge

FREE to the public during Crystal Bridge hours:

Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm

Proceeds from art sales benefit the Myriad Gardens Foundation

Skip Hill creates color rich and lyrical art exuding moods of epicurean delights in a mélange of sensual and sensory experience. Some of the most captivating parts of his mixed-media drawings are in their peripheral details – Tattoo expressive patterning, looping graphic lines, kinetic scribbling, Kanji calligraphy and African motifs. Like a shaman, Hill communicates freely between two worlds, between dream and reality, and manages to artfully coordinate his fantasy with his hand.

The "Poetree" Show

February 16 through March 24

Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory

Free with Crystal Bridge admission \$8 adults, \$7 seniors/students/military.

FREE for members of the Gardens

Plants have long served as an inspiration for poetry. For the 2018 orchid show, poetry will be the inspiration for our annual floral displays. Curated and arranged by Nate Tschaenn, director of horticulture and resident orchid expert, the Crystal Bridge will be filled with hundreds of spectacular orchids and tropical flowers featured in exhibits inspired by some of our favorite poems. Visit myriadgardens.org for related events.

ON-GOING

Yoga in the Gardens

Sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union

February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 5:45pm

Instructed by Lisa Woodard from This Land Yoga

Every Tuesday, 5:45pm

Late arrivals not accepted after 5:50pm

Outdoors or Terrace Room

Members \$5; Nonmembers \$10

Must be 16 and older

This is an all-levels class led by Lisa Woodward from This Land Yoga. Class participants should bring a yoga mat and water. Meet in the south lobby for check-in each week. Drop in for a session or two or enjoy the entire series.

Reading Wednesdays

February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10am

Every Wednesday, 10am

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. We'll begin with an interactive song and children will enjoy creating a small craft after the story. For groups of 10 or more please call Kodi Clifford at 405-835-6789.

March highlights

Oklahoma Gardening School: Garden Designs to Nurture Nature & Ourselves

Saturday, March 10, 9am-4pm

Devon Auditorium

Cost: Member \$40; Nonmember \$70; Student \$25; Optional box lunch \$14

Register by Tuesday, March 7; this event sells out quick so register early if possible!

For more information visit <http://myriadgardens.org/oklahoma-gardening-school/>

Go Green, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17, 12 – 4pm

Great Lawn and Band shell, Sheridan Lawn

Music is FREE

\$5 wristband, best for ages 4-10

Myriad Botanical Gardens' 30th Anniversary

Sunday, March 25, 11am-5pm

FREE Admission to the Crystal Bridge

Details to come!

Easter Egg Events in the Gardens

Sensory Sensitive Easter Evening

Thursday, March 29, 6 – 8pm

Crystal Bridge South Lobby

Member: \$10, best for ages 0-12

Nonmember: \$12, best for ages 0-12

Register online myriadgardens.org

Doggy Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Midtown Vets

Saturday, March 31, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Great Lawn, Band Shell and Sheridan Lawn

Doggie Easter Egg Hunt beginning promptly at 12:30pm for small dogs then 1pm for large dogs

*Small Dog 45 lbs or less, Large Dogs 45 lbs or more

Member: \$5 per dog; Nonmember: \$10 per dog

*Dogs must be leashed and have proof of current vaccinations

Register online myriadgardens.org

Easter Eggstravaganza in the Gardens! sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union

Saturday, March 31, 2:30pm hunt, 3pm activities

Great Lawn, Band Shell

Member: \$8 wristband, best for ages 0-8

Nonmember: \$10 wristband, best for ages 0-8

Adults FREE

Register online myriadgardens.org

Family Workshop: Natural Easter Egg Dyeing

Saturday, March 31, 1 - 2:30pm

Terrace Room

Member \$12; Nonmember \$15

Best for ages 6-10

Register by Tuesday, March 27

Register online myriadgardens.org