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March at the Myriad Gardens Celebrate 30th Anniversary and Welcome Spring at the Gardens

Oklahoma City, OK — Its been 30 years since OKC's monumental grand opening of one of the city's most cherished attraction, the Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. Today's Botanical Gardens is the jewel of downtown Oklahoma City — more lush, vibrant and bursting with life than ever. March's calendar is filled with events that celebrate horticultural life, art and cuisine, and several holidays as the beginning of spring on March 20 brings a season of beginnings.

The festivities include gardening classes and a family-friendly "Go Green" celebration for St. Patrick's Day including fiddling, step dancing, bag pipes and more. Easter brings a menu full of holiday happenings including artful egg dyeing sessions, Easter egg hunts for the kids, one for the canines, and a sensory-sensitive event Easter evening. Mark your calendars for the Myriad in March.

KIDS & FAMILIES

March 1 through April 1

OKSeed Display and Interactive Exhibits

Crystal Bridge South Lobby and Garden Room

FREE

Seeds are amazing. They are the foundation of all plant life and we depend on them for human nature's very existence. Visit the Gardens during this month-long exhibit to learn all the amazing things seeds do to survive and do for us.

Exhibit related events:

OKSeed Walkups

Every Saturday in March, 10 a.m. to 3pm and Sundays, 12–3pm

Crystal Bridge South Lobby and Garden Room

Members \$2; Nonmembers \$4

All You Need to Know About Starting Seeds

Thursday, March 1, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 17, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Terrace Room

Member \$17; Nonmember \$21

Olivia Tegeler, Myriad Gardens Children's Garden Assistant

Register by Monday, February 26 for March 1 and Tuesday, March 13 for March 17

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Dr. Seuss Day in the Gardens

Friday, March 2, 10 a.m. to noon
Crystal Bridge South Lobby
Special Guest, The Cat in the Hat
Member \$2; Nonmember \$4
Register online at myriadgardens.org
Best for ages 2-7
Walkups welcome

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and his wonderful books in the Myriad Gardens. Everyone's favorite character, Cat In the Hat, will 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.

Syrup Sunday

Sunday, March 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Park House Event Center
\$12 per child ages 12 and under, Infants who don't eat solid foods FREE
Adults: Member Adult \$25; Nonmember: \$30
Register online at myriadgardens.org
ALL AGES WELCOME!

The Myriad Gardens is partnering up Syrup (syrup.), a new local restaurant in Uptown and Norman owned by missionaries in Cape Town, South Africa. OKC breakfast brunch boutique offers a meal that's fun for the entire family. Guests will be able to enjoy a buffet style serving of cinnamon roll pancakes or crunchy French toast, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice and pecan wood smoked bacon. A cash mimosa bar will be onsite for guests 21 and older to purchase drinks for \$5 each.

Reading Wednesdays

March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10 a.m.
Every Wednesday
Crystal Bridge South Lobby
FREE
Best for ages 2-5

Children ages 2-5 are invited to story time each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the south lobby of the Crystal Bridge. 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.

Little Sapling Series

March 13 and 27, 10 to 11 a.m.
Children's Garden (South Lobby in inclement weather)
Member \$3; Nonmember \$4

The Children's Garden is the location 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.

Sprouting Chefs: Spring Break Cooking Camp

March 19 through 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Park House Events Center
Package rate (includes all 4 days): Member \$100; Nonmember \$140

Or Per Day rate: Members \$30 per day; Nonmembers \$40 per day

Best for ages 8-12

Register by Wednesday, March 14 online at myriadgardens.org

In this fun, hands-on cooking camp, young chefs will practice essential kitchen skills while creating delicious dishes using fresh ingredients. The day will start off by learning the basics of the day's theme then jump right in and get our hands dirty. Each morning will finish with a tasty lunch homemade by the class. Each day has its own theme: Monday, Bread Baking with Whole Foods; Tuesday, Fun with Fruit with Wheeze the Juice; Wednesday, Marvelous Mexican with Food for Thought; and Thursday, Sweet as Honey with My Raggedy Herbs.

Go Green, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17, 12 to 4 p.m.

Great Lawn and Band Shell, Sheridan Lawn

Music is FREE

\$5 wristband, best for ages 4-10

Guests can enjoy food trucks, vendors, an Irish step performance, and fun fiddling tunes. Each paid participants wristband includes access to make a fruit loop rainbow necklace, plant a clover seed, play with our Imagination Playground sponsored by Express Employment Professionals and hunt for treasures in our shamrock sensory bins on the Sheridan Lawn. The day will end with a performance by the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums.

Spring Has Sprung in the Children's Garden

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. to noon

Children's Garden Porch

Instructor: Abigail Curry, Children's Garden Manager

Member \$5; Nonmember \$7

Best for ages 5-9

Register by Tuesday, March 20 online at myriadgardens.org

Celebrate the arrival of spring in the Myriad Gardens' Children's Garden! The class starts with planting seeds and decorating take home flower pots, and end with a decorating bonanza. Kiddos will be able to take painted pine cones and hang them all over the Children's Garden to welcome in the season.

30th Anniversary of the Myriad Botanical Gardens & Crystal Bridge

Sunday, March 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE admission

The Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory opened on March 25, 1988. Since then the Gardens has hosted millions of visitors, thousands of events, weddings, proposals and more. Visitors have enjoyed bountiful plantings, beautiful spring bulbs and more. The history will be remembered on the past 30 years with gratitude and it will be a celebration the exciting future.

Sensory Sensitive Easter Evening

Thursday, March 29, 6 to 8 p.m.

Crystal Bridge South Lobby

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

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

Adults FREE

Register online at myriadgardens.org

This is an evening for families with children how have special needs inside the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory for an Easter Evening unlike any other. This is not an Easter egg hunt, but a fun-filled evening for families and typically developing siblings. Families will enjoy festive booths and activities for children to visit and collect eggs, each child is

guaranteed 20 eggs. Don't forget your Easter basket! The Easter Bunny will have a designated spot for photos throughout the evening. Registered guests that need handicap accessible parking should contact Ashley Elkins for details at aelkins@myriadgardens.org

In Touch with Trees: OK Arbor Week Celebration

Friday, March 30, 10 to 11 a.m.

Terrace Room and Garden Grounds

Member \$6; Nonmember \$8

Best for ages 5-12

Register by Monday, March 26 online at myriadgardens.org

Celebrate Oklahoma Arbor Day in the Myriad Gardens with a fun, educational morning all about our friendly and vital neighbors: the trees! Learn what trees do for our environment by playing some games and end with a tree-inspired craft to take home. Geared towards homeschool families but all are welcome.

Painting in the Gardens with Wine & Palette: Easter

Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Water Plaza Room

Members \$20, register by calling (405) 227-0230

Nonmembers \$35, register online at wineandpalette.com

Families can make this event their Easter family painting afternoon. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc. can bring the kiddos for a fun-filled afternoon of painting a pre-sketched Easter Egg by using paint and corkscrews. Mom or grandma can paint a lovely tulip scene to brighten up their home for the spring season. Both parties will receive an 11"×14" canvas to create their masterpiece.

Doggy Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Midtown Vets

Saturday, March 31, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Great Lawn, Band Shell and Sheridan Lawn

Doggie Easter Egg Hunt beginning promptly at 12:30 p.m. for small dogs then 1 p.m. 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

The Gardens' annual Dog Easter Egg Hunt at the Gardens is back for its fourth year. This year's doggy events have been separated into two hunts: one for small dogs at 12:30 p.m. and one for large dogs at 1 p.m. Leashed dogs are invited to come to the Great Lawn for a tail-wagging good time. When the dog touches one of the plastic eggs with their nose, into the basket it goes. When the time is up, open all the dog's eggs. Some will have treats and some will have stickers. Turn the stickers in to get a prize for the lucky pup.

Family Workshop: Natural Easter Egg Dyeing

Saturday, March 31, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Terrace Room

Member \$12; Nonmember \$15

Best for ages 6-10

Register by Tuesday, March 27 by registering online at myriadgardens.org

Create Easter egg masterpieces using natural materials from the garden. There will be a discussion about the tradition of dyeing Easter eggs and go over the materials that will be used and where they came from. Then get into creating – using natural plant dyes and materials to create fun patterns and colors. Four eggs per child.

Easter Egg Events at the Gardens!

Saturday, March 31

Easter Egg Hunt begins promptly at 2:30 p.m.
Easter Eggstravaganza family activities beginning at 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union
Members: \$8 wristband, best for ages 0-8
Nonmembers: \$10 wristband, best for ages 0-8
Adults FREE

Register online at myriadgardens.org

*Member registration opens February 26 for both events. Non-Member registration opens March 5 for both events.
Limited number of spaces, this program usually sells out early

Easter Egg Hunts

The day will begin with the Gardens' traditional Easter Egg Hunt but unlike years' past, it will be on the Great Lawn and Band Shell. The Great Lawn will be roped into sections for age groups. The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. Don't be late! A limited number of spaces are available for this event. The Easter Bunny will be onsite to take photos, after your egg hunt, stick around for our Easter Eggstravaganza. Wristbands are good for all day activities.

Easter Eggstravaganza family activities

For children who aren't as competitive, this might be the event will be for them. This is not an Easter Egg Hunt, but a fun-filled afternoon for the entire family including face painting, music, food trucks and tulips for sale. Each paid participant's wristband will visit our festive booths that include an Easter activity as they collect a guaranteed 20 eggs per child and receive a printed photo with the Easter Bunny to take home. Tinker Federal Credit Union's Save-A-Tron will be onsite and a few lucky children will win \$200 SaveAbles Kids Club accounts to the child who collects the TFCU prize eggs. Guests can also participate in the Easter Hat Parade, Egg Roll and Bunny Hop along the Great Lawn. The day will wind down the afternoon with a performance from the Sugar Free Allstars at 4:30 p.m.

ADULTS

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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, participants will learn how to start annual flowers, vegetables and herbs, the best way to take care of seeds as they grow and many more tips, techniques and tools helpful in seed starting. All participants will plant up several containers of a variety of plants to take home and grow on.

OKSeed Walkups

Every Saturday in March, 10 a.m. to 3pm and Sundays, 12-3pm

Crystal Bridge South Lobby and Garden Room

Members \$2; Nonmembers \$4

Drop-in to the Gardens in the south lobby of the Crystal Bridge between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays and between noon and 3 p.m. on Sundays during the "OKSeed Show" to learn even more about the amazing seed. Interact with knowledgeable volunteers as they wow people with seed facts and guide through fun seed crafts and activities that change weekly.

Designing Your Kitchen Garden

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to noon

Terrace Room

Members \$13; Nonmembers \$20

Lori Coats, My Raggedy Herbs

Register by Tuesday, February 27 online at myriadgardens.org

A kitchen garden may be comprised of many elements – plants, pathways, raised beds, seating, trellises and more. It can be utilitarian or elegant or funky but no matter the style it requires planning. Join Lori Coats, edible gardener and landscape designer, as she talks to participants through all the elements that might include in home gardens, how to lay out the elements so you are sure everything will fit and function in your space and how to add little touches that will make it more beautiful, functional and fun. The last part of the class will be devoted to you designing your own space, with help and guidance from Lori.

Yoga in the Gardens

March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 5:45pm

Instructed by Lisa Woodard from This Land Yoga

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 Woodard 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.

Oklahoma Gardening School: Garden Designs to Nurture Nature & Ourselves

Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Devon Auditorium

Members \$40; Nonmembers \$70; Students \$25. A box lunch is available for \$14

Oklahoma Gardening School, the state's premier annual horticultural symposium designed for home gardeners and professional horticulturists, garden designers and landscape architects will be held Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Devon Energy Auditorium. This year's theme, "Designs to Nurture Nature and Ourselves," features a line-up of speakers who will demonstrate how to design a nurturing landscape for wildlife and ourselves.

Myriad Kitchen: Take Your Salads to a Whole New Level

Saturday, March 24, 1 to 3 p.m.

Terrace Room

Member \$15; Nonmember \$20

Donna Jung, RD/LD, FCS/4-H, Extension educator in Canadian County

Register by March 20 online at myriadgardens.org

Salads can be amazingly tasty or unfortunately sometimes, amazingly bland but if you know a few tricks you can add tons of taste to a salad without compromising on healthiness. Hear healthy tips that will make any salad more delicious and then enjoy a demonstration and sample sizes of two salads: Broccoli tortellini salad and eight layer salad. By the end by creating a delicious kale salad everyone can each take home for dinner.

Senior Wellness Wednesday

Wednesday, March 28, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

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 at Crystal Bridge are \$2 from 9am-5pm

Best for ages 62+

Register online at myriadgardens.org

This group geared toward seniors will participate in a 30-minute Tai Chi exercise class, followed by some brain trivia and BINGO in the Park House Event Center. The class will then do a walk-through the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. This is the second part of our three month series focusing on betterment of Senior's mind, body and soul. The final date is April 25. Seniors that don't want to participate in the exercise class and brain games can get a reduced rate at the Crystal Bridge from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. of \$2 per person.

Horticulture for the Novice Gardener

Thursday, March 29, 6 to 7 p.m.

Terrace Room

Member \$5; Nonmember \$7

Dr. Ann Fleener

Register by Friday, March 23 online at myriadgardens.org

There is nothing like discovering the joy of growing and caring for plants. Yet, getting your feet wet in the world of gardening can be overwhelming. Join Horticulturist Ann Fleener for a three part series as she introduces you to the basics of caring for plants. In part two of our three part series Ann will introduce you to shrubs. You'll learn about planting and maintenance basics for each of the following shrub types: spring and summer flowering shrubs, evergreen and deciduous varieties. Ten of the best varieties to plant in Oklahoma will be shared as well. Each participant will head home with a plant list and care tips.

Gardens Walking Tour

March 31, 10 to 11 a.m.

Last Saturday of Every Month

South Lobby and Garden Grounds

FREE

Walkups Welcome

Participants can expand their Oklahoma plant knowledge and get inspiration for their garden with the Myriad Gardens monthly educational walking tours. For our March tour guides will highlight plants for water conservation. Self-guided plant tour handouts are also available in our South Lobby.

EXHIBITS ONGOING

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

February 1 to March 23, 2018

South Lobby, Crystal Bridge

FREE to the public during Crystal Bridge hours:

Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 Orchid & Poetry Show

February 16 to March 24, 2018

Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory

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

FREE for members of the Gardens

Open during regular hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

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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