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September in the Gardens means a full slate of fun and educational events for adults, children and families

Oklahoma City, OK – The temperatures may be falling but Myriad Botanical Gardens is gearing up for a September packed with activities that feature beautiful butterflies, a mariachi band and the music of a national touring artist who is making a stop for a free concert on the grounds.

Follow the incredible journey of the monarch butterfly as we feature the award-winning documentary *Flight of the Butterflies* on The Devon Lawn on Sept. 6. The seasonal plaza will be the site of a Latin Foodie and Mariachi Fest on Sept. 14 and we will cap off the month with the Gardens' signature concert Sept. 29 featuring rising star Parker Millsap, a Purcell native who has had a string of successes in recent years including his performance with Elton John at the Apple Music Festival in London, an Austin City Limits taping and an Americana Music Association nomination for Album of the Year.

And did someone say "Pumpkinville?" October is fast approaching and we've already got Pumpkinville mapped out with plenty of fun fall activities. The Children's Garden will be transformed into a New England Pumpkin Town destined to be *wicked awesome*.

For more information or to registration for events visit myriadgardens.org. [IMAGES AVAILABLE HERE](#)

EVENTS

Yoga in the Gardens in sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union and Stephenson Cancer Center

Give-away sponsor Athleta

Tuesdays, 5:45pm

Instructed by This Land Yoga

Tuesdays, 5:45pm. Late arrivals not accepted after 5:50pm

Members \$5; Nonmembers \$10

Check-in at the north lobby to receive your wrist band

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.

***Flight of the Butterflies* sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union**

Partners include Okies for Monarchs and The Oklahoma Nature Conservancy
Thursday, September 6, 6-9pm
The Devon Lawn
FREE
All ages welcome

Educational and entertaining, this movie showing includes fun before the movie starts - how to plant and maintain a pollinator garden to attract butterflies to your yard, kids' crafts, face painting, food trucks and more. Visit the various booths and then settle in to watch a screening of the Flight of the Butterflies and see that the monarch butterfly is a true marvel of nature. Follow the monarch's perilous journey and experience millions of them in the remote mountain peaks of Mexico.

Foodie Friday Latin Food and Mariachi Fest

Friday, September 14, 7-11pm
Presented with help from Tango PR
Seasonal Plaza and Park House Event Center
Music and outdoor activities FREE
VIP Area inside the Park House Event Center Member: \$40, Nonmember: \$45, Ages 21 & Up
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Come enjoy a FREE mariachi concert under the stars as we kick off Hispanic Heritage month at the Gardens. Visit our food trucks onsite or enjoy a savory snack from Pitchfork in the Park. We will have lawn games and beverages for purchase from Double Shot Bar Services. Take it up a notch with a VIP ticket, guests will have access to the Park House Event Center that will include: a private bar, tequila and food samples from some of the best Hispanic restaurants in OKC.

Myriad Gardens Signature Concert featuring Parker Millsap

Sponsored by Ad Astra Foundation
The Devon Lawn and Band Shell
Saturday, September 29
Chase Kerby and the Villains 7:30 p.m.
Headliner Park Millsap 9 p.m.
FREE, All ages welcome
VIP Tickets \$35: receive one drink ticket and appetizers at our cocktail hour in the Meinders Terrace and front row reserved area seating for the concert as well as an individual motorized fan.
Purchase VIP tickets online at myriadgardens.org

Join us for a music filled night under the stars beginning at 7:30 p.m. on The Devon Lawn! The evening will kick off with Chase Kerby and the Villains, an Indie, Americana, Rock band based out of Oklahoma.

At 9 p.m. our headliner, Parker Millsap, will perform. At 25 years of age, Oklahoma native Parker Millsap is quickly making a name for himself with his captivating live performances, soulful sound and character-driven narratives. He's had a string of highlights in recent years including his network television debut on Conan, a performance with Elton John at the Apple Music Festival in London, an Austin City Limits taping and an Americana Music Association nomination for Album of the Year. He has also received praise from The New York Times, The Boston Globe, LA Times, Austin Chronicle and Rolling Stone to name a few.

CHILDREN

Reading Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10am

Children's Garden Porch (or north lobby in case of inclement weather)

FREE

Best for ages 2 to 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.

Sprouting Chefs: Pinwheels with Pizzazz

Saturday, September 8, 11am-12:30pm

Member \$12; Nonmember \$15

Best for ages 8 to 12

Register online at myriadgardens.org

In this family cooking class, we'll learn about pinwheels - some basic recipes and then how you can get creative with them, combining your favorite flavors or using what you have in your pantry. We'll practice preparing fresh vegetables and fruits, rolling up 3 different creations and then enjoying them.

Evening Bug Hunt

Friday, September 14, 6:30-7:30pm

Member \$6; Nonmember \$7

Best for ages 6 to 11

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Come learn about the flying, crawling and creeping creatures that come out at night in the Gardens. We'll start by learning about what types of bugs like the dark, gather our bug hunting equipment and then go exploring. We'll learn how to take care of our friendly bug neighbors and create a craft to take home.

Family Workshop: Mushrooms and Gnomes in the Gardens

Saturday, September 15, 1-2pm

Member \$6; Nonmember \$8

Best for ages 6 to 10

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Learn all about mushrooms in this crafty and hands-on class. We'll learn about the basic types of mushrooms and where they grow. Then we'll finish by making mushrooms and gnomes out of recycled materials, making a little scene to take home and display in a garden or window. If the weather is right, we'll also go on a mushroom hunt.

Fall Fairy Fashion

Saturday, September 22, 10-11am

Member \$4; Nonmember \$5

Best for ages 5 to 9

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Fairies are known for their great style, and fall fairies are especially colorful! Join us on the Autumn Equinox as we create our very own fall fairies from natural materials. We will read a fairy book for fashion inspiration, then head out for a walk around the Children's Garden to collect materials to create our fabulous fairies. Costumes welcome!

ADULTS

Myriad Kitchen: Organic Vegetables

Saturday, September 8, 1-3pm

Member \$18; Nonmember \$25

Pam Patty, RD/LD, Community Wellness Dietician for Integris Health

Register online at myriadgardens.org

This demonstration class will showcase seasonal vegetables (tomatoes, corn, squash, cabbage, mushrooms, and root vegetables). Participants will sample recipes by Pam Patty, Community Wellness Dietician for Integris Health, as she prepares succulent, mouthwatering dishes featuring organic vegetables. Pam will also share essential tips for wellness, plant-based diets, and sustainable living.

Water Marbling Workshop

Thursday, September 13, 6-8pm

Member \$20; Nonmember \$25

Kanuni Yilmaz, Principal, Dove Science Academy

Register online at myriadgardens.org

This ancient practice teaches patience, balance and harmony. All materials are natural and organic: seaweed, branches of rose, horsehair brushes, ox gall liquid, water, and paints. In Ebru, each painting is as unique as the human creating the art is. Disposable aprons will be provided to shield clothes as you create personalized works.

Growing Your Fall Garden

Thursday, September 20, 6-8pm

Member \$10; Nonmember \$12

Dale Spoonemore, From Seed to Spoon

Register online at myriadgardens.org

In this class, From Seed to Spoon creator, Dale Spoonemore will guide you in growing the highest quality produce in cooler temperatures. He will also demonstrate helpful techniques in growing and harvesting a backyard garden with ease. Once you begin to immerse yourself in the joys of autumn gardening, you may extend your growing season every year.

Harvesting and Preserving Herbs

Sat, September 22, 10am-Noon

Member \$14; Nonmember \$19

Lori Coats, My Raggedy Herbs

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Have you ever planted a few herbs and then wondered what to do with them after they matured? Join Lori Coats, Backyard Kitchen Gardener and owner of My Raggedy Herbs, and learn how stress-free it is to harvest and preserve your bounty. No more wasting your precious produce! Discover fun tips and useful techniques for drying, freezing and utilizing the herbs that you have grown.

Gardens Walking Tour

Last Saturday of the Month, 10-11am

Meet in the North Lobby and Walk the Garden Grounds

FREE

Walkups Welcome

Geared towards adults, children and leashed dogs always welcome

Expand your knowledge of Oklahoma plants and find inspiration for your own garden with our educational walking tours. Each month will feature different plants from our outdoor collection that make great choices for our region – from spring color to drought tolerant choices and more. Self-guided plant tour handouts are available in our north lobby.

PUBLIC EVENTS BEING HELD AT THE MYRIAD GARDENS

VegFestOKC

September 8, 9am-5pm

The Devon Lawn

vegfestokc.com

Hamlet

September 14-30, 8pm (Thursdays-Saturdays)

Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park

Water Stage

oklahomashakespeare.com

Wiggle Out Loud

September 17, 11am-6pm

The Devon Lawn/Bandshell

wiggleoutloud.com

October = Pumpkinville!

Seventh Annual Pumpkinville is Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 22

[Download images here](#)

One of the most treasured fall traditions in Oklahoma City – Pumpkinville presented by OGE Energy Corp. – will be October 5-22, 2018 at Myriad Botanical Gardens. The popular Children's Garden will be transformed into a New England-themed Pumpkin Town that will feature thousands of pumpkins, hundreds of gourds, a variety of fall foliage and tons of fun activities.

More than 16,000 pumpkins fill the Children's Garden along with imaginative displays, creative crafts and fun games that celebrated the fall season. Visitors can enjoy riding the Pumpkinville Express Train on Saturday's and Sunday's, Paint-A-Pumpkin, ride the Carousel at the Myriad Gardens, enjoy harvest themed vendors and other activities that were held onsite as part of our festivities.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Myriad Gardens Foundation depends on the generosity of visitors and friends to maintain the Gardens and to fund the 400-plus events held at the Gardens each year for all of the community to enjoy. Pumpkinville is a prime fundraising event with all proceeds benefitting the operations of the Gardens. Pumpkinville visitors are encouraged to purchase a family membership for \$65 which entitles up to eight members of the same household to enter Pumpkinville, plus year-round free admission to the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory and more. Join online at myriadgardens.org.

Pumpkinville Sensory Night

Children's Garden

Friday, October 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

Myriad Gardens Members \$10 per participant, adults FREE

Non-Members \$12 per participant, adults FREE

Register online at myriadgardens.org

An event tailored for families with children with special needs, join us inside Pumpkinville for an evening of fall festivities! This event provides a more controlled and welcoming environment to experience our fall festival. No loud music and smaller crowds. Siblings are welcome! We will have festive booths, crafts and activities for everyone to enjoy. A light snack will be provided for registered participants. Registered guests that need handicap accessible parking should contact Rebekah Wade at rwade@myriadgardens.org.

Spooky Pooch Parade Sponsored by Midtown Vets

The Devon Lawn

Sunday, October 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

\$10 per member dog

\$12 per non-member dog

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Help us wind down the fall season by joining us for our Spooky Pooch Parade on The Devon Lawn. Enjoy spooky music by DJ Brian Smith, booths and fun for the entire family. The event will kick off with a performance from the OKC Disc Dogs, followed by our parade of pooches. Special guest judges will present prizes to the best and most creatively dressed pooches! 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 and visit Pumpkinville.