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February in the Gardens

Oklahoma City, OK -- Myriad Botanical Gardens serves up a variety of options in February to help beat the winter doldrums. A hearty assortment for a healthy lifestyle is available, including educationally fun classes for youth and adults, and entertainment offerings. Whether you're looking to beat cabin fever with rejuvenating yoga, wanting to celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Pig, or learn from an energetic couple how they plan, grow, and harvest organic produce, there's something for you at the Gardens!

For more information and to register for events, visit www.myriadgardens.org or call (405) 445-7080.

March is included.

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Love Bugs

Saturday, February 2, 10-11:30am

The Garden Classroom at Visitor Center

Member \$6; Nonmember \$8

Best for ages 6 to 10

Register online at myriadgardens.org

Celebrate your little one's love of nature and bugs in this hands-on, Valentine's Day themed class. We'll read books and play a game to learn about all sorts of love bugs - from bugs that are good for your garden to bugs that are festively colored. Then we'll finish our celebration by creating bug inspired Valentine's Day cards and crafts.

Hot Chocolate Valentine

Saturday, February 9, 10-11:30am

The Garden Classroom at Visitor Center

Member \$12; Nonmember \$15

Best for ages 6-10

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 cocoa beans into the tasty wintertime hot chocolate 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.

Nature Music Maps

Saturday, February 16, 10-11am

Children's Garden Porch
Member \$4; Nonmember \$6
Best for ages 7 to 11
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Music is everywhere in nature; you can find it in the song of a bird, the wind whistling through tree branches and through the crunching of leaves and twigs underfoot. Join us as we learn about the components of a song and how to "collect sounds" in our nature journals by sketching symbols that remind us of the things we hear. Compose your very own musical masterpiece after a walk through the Children's Garden!

ADULTS

Myriad Kitchen: Quick Healthy Meals

Saturday, February 9, 10am-Noon
Park House Event Center
Member \$18; Nonmember \$23
Jenny Dunham, Resident Chef at Sur La Table
Register online at myriadgardens.org

In this hands-on experience, learn the essentials in preparing flavorful dishes in a short amount of time. As advancements in pressure cookers have boosted curiosity, don't miss this opportunity to harness the power of unsurpassed taste in quick healthy meals.

Growing Food Together

Saturday, February 16, 1-2:30pm
Spoonmore residence (near Moore)
Member \$8; Nonmember \$12
Dale & Carrie Spoonmore, From Seed to Spoon
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Out of love and necessity, Dale and Carrie Spoonmore transformed their backyard into an urban food farm. In this gardening adventure, the energetic couple will demonstrate how they plan, grow, and harvest organic produce economically, efficiently, and sustainably. Sample herbs, learn practical irrigation techniques, and gain insight into functional designs for raised beds. Address details available upon registration.

EVENTS

Lunar New Year: Year of the Pig

Friday, February 8, 6-9pm
Crystal Bridge South Entrance, Water Stage,
Park House Event Center and Seasonal Plaza
\$15 per t-shirt
Event is FREE
Food beverages available on-site for purchase

Celebrate Lunar New Year in the Gardens with our partners at Super Cao Nguyen. Enjoy music, face painting and fun for the entire family. The Gardens will have lion dancers, festive décor, crafts for the kids, cultural presentations, calligraphers to write your name in Chinese and food vendors in the Park House Event Center and t-shirts for sale!

Painting in the Gardens: Golden Lunar Piglet

Saturday, February 9, 1-3pm

The Garden Classroom at Visitor Center

\$20 members; \$25 nonmembers

Register online at wineandpalette.com

Members call (405) 227-0230 to get discount

Join Wine and Palette in the Garden Classroom to create a unique piece of art on 11" x 14" canvas. Participants will have a single starting point, and all will be provided with the instruction and proper steps to create a work of art that can be created only by you. This event is recommended for all including children.

Saved-by-the-90s Celebration

Friday, Feb. 15th from 8pm-11pm

Park House Event Center

\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

Must be 21 and older

Get jiggy and give back the Gardens with this 90s themed celebration and fundraiser. Break out those scrunchies, slap bracelets and matching tracksuits for this 90s themed party at the Park House Event Center. Games, snacks, drinks, karaoke, and music, giveaways and more, all centered around the nostalgia of the end of the 20th century. All proceeds benefit the Myriad Gardens Foundation.

Coming up in March

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Dr. Seuss Day in the Gardens

Saturday, March 2, 10am-Noon

Crystal Bridge Visitor Center

and Garden Classroom

Member \$3; Nonmember \$4

Best for ages 2 to 8

Register online at myriadgardens.org

We'll have everyone's favorite character, Cat In the Hat, to read stories and tell fun Dr. Seuss facts. Kids can learn from the Lorax about how to take care of our animal and plant friends while visiting our special Oklahoma City Zoo visitors. We'll also have Dr. Seuss inspired crafts and a fun photo op area.

Little Saplings

Spring Session – every other Tuesday from March to June

March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28; June 11, 10-11am

Children's Garden Porch
Member \$3; Nonmember \$4
Best for ages 2 to 5
Register by Friday before
Register 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. Each week features a new theme with corresponding activities and learning opportunities. Every Little Saplings event begins with a song, ends with a sensory bin, and includes a hands-on craft.

Spring Break in the Gardens

March 12, 14, 19, 21, 10am-Noon
Tuesdays and Thursdays during Spring Break
Children's Garden Porch
\$3 per child
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Looking for something fun to do over Spring Break? Join us in the Children's Garden as we celebrate the coming of spring with hands-on activities such as fruit and vegetable stamping, making weather wind sticks and seed planting. For groups of 10 or more call Lily Peppers at (405) 445-5162.

The Story of a Tree

Saturday, March 23, 10-11:30am
The Garden Classroom and Garden Grounds
Member \$5; Nonmember \$6
Best for ages 7 to 10
Register online at myriadgardens.org

Celebrate the start of Oklahoma Arbor Week by exploring the story of a tree and then telling your own story. We'll use real tree slices to learn about the layers inside a tree, how they help the tree grow and how to use tree rings to learn a tree's story. Then we'll create our own tree slices to tell our life stories as trees. We'll end by going on a scavenger hunt to find the most interesting trees in the gardens.

ADULTS

Oklahoma Gardening School: Growing Beautiful, Successful, and Low-Maintenance Herb Gardens

Saturday, March 9, 9am-4pm
Location: Devon Energy Auditorium
\$40 members; \$70 nonmembers; \$25 students with ID; \$15 box lunch option
Register by Tuesday, March 5 online at myriadgardens.org
SPEAKER LINE-UP ANNNOUNCED SOON!

The 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 2019 theme is Growing Beautiful, Successful and Low-Maintenance Herb Gardens. Speakers will inspire as they demonstrate how to grow purposeful herb gardens through adaptive designs, proper plant selection, and precise cultivation and maintenance practices to produce the finest aromatic, culinary, and therapeutic benefits for a healthier and more bountiful gardening experience.

Water Conservation and Turf Management Seminar

Saturday, March 23, 10am-Noon

The Garden Classroom

Member \$8; Nonmember \$12

Jeff Salmond, University of Oklahoma, Director of Athletic Field Management, CSFM

Josh Campbell, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Urban Ag. and Natural Resources

Register online at myriadgardens.org

In this featured seminar focused on saving water while caring for your lawn, you will learn cost-effective methods for conserving natural resources. From setting up strategic rain barrels to the effective use of mulch, you will be on your way to efficiently managing drought-resistance grass and hearty low-ground cover year-round. Coffee and light breakfast provided.

Special thanks to Squeeze Every Drop

Seed Starting Workshop

Saturday, March 30, 10am-Noon

The Garden Classroom

Member \$14; Nonmember \$19

Bill Farris, Prairie Wind Nursery

Register online at 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 experience, you will learn how to start annual flowers, vegetables and herbs, the best way to take care of your seeds as they germinate and grow (containers, watering, thinning, and lighting) and other tips, techniques and tools helpful in seed starting. All participants will plant a variety of seeds to take home and grow.

EVENTS

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

Sunday, March 17, 12-2pm

The Devon Lawn and Band Shell, Sheridan Lawn

Music is FREE

\$5 wristband, best for ages 4-10

The fun begins with a performance by the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums. Guests can enjoy food trucks, vendors, an Irish Step performance, and fun fiddling tunes. Each paid participant's wristband includes access to the Sheridan Lawn for crafts, games and activities suited for ages 4-10 years-old.

Painting In the Gardens: The Lucky Hat

Sunday, March 17, 11am-1pm

The Garden Classroom

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Happy birthday Myriad Botanical Gardens & Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory

Monday, March 25, 9am-5pm

Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory

FREE admission

Visit the Crystal Bridge for free on the Myriad Gardens birthday!

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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