AUGUST 2014 EVENTS AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

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SUMMER HOURS:
June 14 – September 28:
Weekdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

CHIHULY
June 14 – November 30
Free with admission
Denver Botanic Gardens presents the Rocky Mountain Region’s first major outdoor exhibition of artwork by celebrated American artist Dale Chihuly. Site-specific sculpture installations, ranging in size and style from small water floats to a 30-foot tower, are displayed throughout the Gardens and Shop at the Gardens presents a gallery of original Chihuly works for purchase.

CHIHULY TOURS
Fri, Sat & Sun, through Nov 30, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
$17, $10 member, general admission included
Participants enjoy a guided tour featuring impressive site-specific artwork by Dale Chihuly. Experienced docents lead guests through the Gardens to learn more about the artist and the exhibition.

CHIHULY FAMILY TOURS
Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., general admission included
$26 (adult/child combo), $18 member; additional adults or children $13, $9 member, general admission included
This one-hour guided walk offers children the opportunity to experience Chihuly’s art in an inspiring and active way.
Tours are recommended for families with children ages 4-12; children must be accompanied by an adult.

SIGNS OF LIFE: PHOTOGRAMS BY ROBERT BUELTEMAN
Through August 3
Free with admission
Robert Buelteman creates richly colored images of plants by electrifying the specimens with 80,000 volts of power and then illuminating the subject by hand with fiber optic light. The California-based artist’s technique is an elaborate enhancement of the traditional Kirlian photography process created in the 1930s.

MAKE IT RAIN: PAINTINGS BY IAN FISHER
August 13 – November 9
Free with admission, opening reception: August 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Free
The cumulous clouds of emerging artist Ian Fisher’s paintings are voluminous and majestic. Intended not only as sublime representations of what clouds are – formations of amassed water droplets – but also as an expression of the creativity and timelessness they reveal.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
The Gardens’ York Street UMB Amphitheater and Chatfield set the stage for concerts by renowned musical artists. Tickets are still available for Gipsy Kings (August 19 at York Street, 7 p.m.). August Concerts at Chatfield include: August 1: Barenaked Ladies; August 2: Sara Bareilles; and August 13: Sheryl Crow. Tickets range from $47-$86.50.

SPECIAL EVENTS
UNWIND: H2O
Thurs, August 7, 6-9 p.m.
$50, $45 member
The Gardens’ monthly event series, Unwind, features specialty drinks, food and entertainment. Unwind: H2O highlights the Chihuly artwork placed in the Gardens’ waterways. The ticket price includes a seafood-themed dinner, water bar, entertainment and alcoholic beverages. The event is 21+ with valid ID.

FÊTE DES FLEURS GALA
Saturday, August 22
This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Fête. This year’s theme is Chihuly, a complement to the feature exhibition. The black tie gala includes cocktails, dinner and dancing. All proceeds support the Gardens.

KIDS + FAMILY PROGRAMS
SEEDLINGS CLASSES
Tues: 18-24 month old, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.; Wed: 3-6 year old, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; Thurs: 24-36 month old, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
$11 for 18-36 month old, $9 member; $13 for 3-6 year old, $11 member
Seedlings classes offer a fun, hands-on way for young children to explore the Gardens, while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants. August class themes include “Musical Garden,” the week of August 5; “Life on the Pond,” the week of August 12; “Curious Carnivorous Plants,” the week of August 19; and “Magical Monarchs,” the week of August 26.

PLANT TO PLATE COOKING SERIES
Fridays, June 13 – August 15 (no class July 4), 9:30 a.m.-noon and 2-4:30 p.m
Children and families explore the world of edible plants in the Chipotle Home Harvest Garden, where they harvest fresh herbs and veggies, then utilize them to prepare basic, family-friendly recipes.
CHATFIELD PROGRAMS

BUTTERFLIES AT CHATFIELD
Through mid-October
Adult: $6, $4 member; Child: $4, $2 member; Senior: $5, $4 member; Free for children 2 and under
A new seasonal exhibit in partnership with Butterfly Pavilion features native butterflies and plants. There is also a special chrysalis chamber that reveals how the insects transform into beautiful butterflies.

PICKLING AND CANNING FRUIT AT CHATFIELD
Sat, August 2, noon - 3 p.m.
$45, $42 member, $38 CSA shareholder
Participants meet in the Gardens at Chatfield’s new outdoor kitchen and learn to prepare a pickled fruit condiment and preserve seasonal garden delights with water bath canning. Attendees receive a gourmet jar of pickled fruit to enjoy at home.

SUMMER BIRDS AT CHATFIELD
Wednesday, August 6, 8 a.m.
$21, $18 member
Heron, Hawks and Meadowlarks are just a few of the summer birds that can be seen at Chatfield. Hike 2-3 miles on level ground in an area seldom accessed by the general public.

HEALTHY BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKING
Thursday, August 21, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
$38, $35 member, $32 CSA shareholder
Learn how to make healthy, fresh lunches and snacks that are simple and easy to prepare. Join Chef Elizabeth Buckingham for this fun two-hour class with hands-on learning.

ART CLASSES

WORKSHOP: FIORI CLAY FLOWERS
Thurs, August 14, 6-8 p.m.
$39, $34 members
In this class, participants learn to make a flower out of polymer clay, inspired by Dale Chihuly’s Fiori series. Bright, translucent colors are mixed to make a fluted flower that can be placed in a small vase or planter. Due to the use of sharp tools, this class is adults only.

PHOTORAPHY: DAWN IN THE GARDENS
Fri, August 15, 5:30-8 a.m.
$44, $36 members
Scott Dressel-Martin joins participants at the Gardens before it opens to photograph the Chihuly exhibit in the beautiful light of the dawn “magic hours.”

PLEIN-AIR PAINTING
Tue, August 19, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
$25, $22 member
Instructor Judith Scott leads participants in the creation of a “Plein air,” or “open air” painting, inspired by the Chihuly exhibition. Students are responsible for their own painting materials and easel.

FOOD CLASSES

COOL SUMMER FOODS
Thu, August 14, 6-8 p.m.
$39, $35 member
Participants learn to make cool summer foods to help beat the heat, including cold raspberry citrus drinking vinegar, rice paper summer rolls, collard leaf wraps and blender chocolate mousse.

THE CHEF'S PANTRY
Thu, August 21, 6-8 p.m.
$45, $42 member (materials included)
Participants learn to use herbs in vinegars and vinaigrettes, concentrated drink syrups, savory fruit chutney, marinated cheeses and olives, salsa, herb butters, classic pesto and more. Recipes and a full dinner are included.

GARDENING CLASSES

PRINCIPALS OF PRUNING
Sat, August 2, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$105, $95 member
Participants are taught to enhance the beauty and strength of trees by learning when, why and how to prune them.

3-1/2 SEASON VEGETABLE GARDEN: EXTENDING THE GARDEN SEASON IN COLORADO
Thu, August 7, 6-9 p.m.
$44, $39 member
This class provides instruction in succession planting and extending a garden’s growing season. Participants will learn to successfully group and rotate plants, as well as techniques for succession planting.

WHAT MADE MY GOOD PLANT GO BAD?
Sat, August 9, 9 a.m.-noon
$44, $39 member
This hands-on class provides an overview of the most common types of plant problems, and what can be done to prevent reoccurrence.

TRIP
CRESTED BUTTE TO ASPEN BOTANICAL HIKE
Thu-Sun, August 7-10
$792 (double occupancy), $692 member; add $200 for single occupancy
Colorado Backcountry leads this hiking trip over Colorado’s most scenic pass, from Crested Butte to Aspen, complete with upscale mountain lodging and shuttle to and from the hike and hotel. Full itinerary and list of inclusions available at http://www.botanicgardens.org/programs/trips-travel/crested-butte-aspen-botanical-hike.

DAYTRIPS
MOUNT GOLIATH TOUR
Sat, August 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tours are free; participants are required to pay $10 U.S. Forest Service fee at Mount Evans Fee Station. Participants learn about the life cycles and lore of the alpine tundra, and enjoy the intense beauty of this natural garden, that enjoys just 40 frost-free days per year. Mount Goliath docents lead the tour down the stunning M. Walter Pesman Trail, a moderately difficult, 1.5-mile downhill trek from 12,153 ft. to 11,540 ft.

LATE SUMMER NATURE HIKE AT CHEROKEE RANCH AND CASTLE
Sat, August 16, 8-10 a.m.
Tour Guides Panayoti Kelaidis and Lynn Willcockson lead a late summer nature hike, rich in flora and fauna. Comfortable shoes and a water bottle are recommended.

HEALTH & FITNESS CLASSES
SUNRISE VINYASA YOGA IN THE GARDENS
Tue, August 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Thu, August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 8-9 a.m.
$12, $10 member
Instructor Blake Burger teaches Vinyasa yoga against the stunning backdrop of the Gardens. All levels welcome. Participants are asked to bring water and a yoga mat.

EVENING VINYASA YOGA IN THE GARDENS
Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6-7 p.m.
$12, $10 member
Instructor Blake Burger teaches Vinyasa yoga against the stunning backdrop of the Gardens. All levels welcome. Participants are asked to bring water and a yoga mat.

About Denver Botanic Gardens
Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens began in 1951 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Gardens’ living collections encompass specimens from the tropics to the tundra, showcasing a plant palette chosen to thrive in Colorado’s semi-arid climate. The Gardens is a dynamic, 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences for the whole family – as well as world-class education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield is a 750-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org.