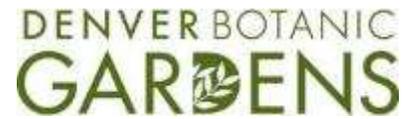


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**FALL-THEMED EVENTS AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS**

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, NO WALK-UPS**

Full event calendar: <https://www.botanicgardens.org/calendar>



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**Raptor Day**

Friday, September 10, Noon- 4 p.m.

Included with Gardens admission

Live raptor experience from Raptor Education Foundation (REF). Visitors can find different Raptor Stations in the Annuals Garden & Pavilion and June's PlantAsia to and learn the natural history of of the species and their important role in ecological diversity. REF staff will discuss numerous topics including predator/prey relationships, habitat preservation and more. This experience is great for all ages and welcomes families and home school groups to ask an expert questions they have about these fascinating birds. A special sketching station on the West Terrace will be set up for students in the School of Botanical Art & Illustration (SBAI).

**Seedlings**

Wed: 3-6 years old, 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Thu: 24-36 months old, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. | Fri: 18-24 months old, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.

\$10, \$8 member

Seedlings classes offer a fun, hands-on way for young children to explore the plant world while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants. Seedlings programs are offered for three different age groups and are modified to fit the developmental needs of each group. Week of Sept. 8: Piece by Piece; Sept 15: Marvelous Marigold; Sept. 22: Fall Frolic; Sept. 29: Curious Corn; Oct. 6: Prairie Plants; Oct. 13: Nature's Art; Oct. 20: Three Sisters Garden; Oct. 27: Pumpkins, Gourds and More.

**Fall Plant & Bulb Sale Preview Party**

Thursday, September 23, 4:30-7 p.m.

\$45, Tickets go on sale August 31

Enjoy wine, beer and light snacks while getting first access to the plant selection. Receive exclusive access to bulbs and expert advice from our horticulturists before the sale opens to the public. Members receive 10 percent off purchases.

### **Fall Plant & Bulb Sale**

Friday-Saturday, September 24-25, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Free admission to the plant sale and to the Gardens, reservations required

Hundreds of bulbs, perennials and Grown at the Gardens plants are offered, along with expert advice from our horticulturists. Take home beautiful horticulturist-curated bulb bag designs and large custom seed mixes. The sale is located under the tent at the UMB Bank Amphitheater. Members receive 10 percent off purchases.

### **Alebrije: Xólotl**

Saturday, October 2 – Sunday, November 7

Included with general admission

In partnership with the Mexican Cultural Center, the Gardens hosts a monumental sculpture by contemporary Mexican artist Óscar Becerra Mora. Standing nearly 15 feet tall, the sculpture depicts an alebrije—a fantastical hybrid creature from Mexican folklore, featuring the tail, wings, horns and claws from a variety of animals. Xólotl: dios perro (dog deity) depicts the Aztec deity Xólotl, the brother of Quetzalcóatl, charged with guarding the sun as it passed through the underworld. The sculpture will be on display in the Freyer – Newman Center atrium.

### **Family Make and Take: Día de los Muertos Miniature Ofrendas**

Saturday, October 16, 17, 30 and 31, various times

\$15 per project fee; \$12 member project fee

Explore the cultural traditions of Día de los Muertos as you create a miniature ofrenda in remembrance of a loved one. Ofrendas are an important element of the Día de los Muertos celebration and are often displayed in homes to remember and honor loved ones who have passed. Families are encouraged to bring a photo copy of loved ones to include in their ofrenda. Materials provided are appropriate for children ages 5 and up. Preregistration is required.

### **Glow at the Gardens**

Tuesday – Sunday, October 19-24, 6-9:45 p.m. (last entry 9 p.m.)

\$23 adult; \$21 adult member; \$19 youth; \$17 youth member; Free for children 2 and under (no ticket required)

Wander through a spooky, illuminated landscape as the Gardens dresses up for Halloween. Using all real pumpkins harvested from local farms, our pumpkin artists push the boundaries of traditional pumpkin carving to create larger-than-life sculptures and dense displays of jack-o'-lanterns, with grins and grimaces fit for the season. Performing artists and additional activities add to this enchanted experience.

### **Alebrijes Iluminandos**

Wednesday, October 27 – Sunday, November 7

October 30: Artist talk and related activities, time TBA

Included with Gardens admission

There will be three Alebrije— a fantastical hybrid creature from Mexican folklore, featuring the tail, wings, horns and claws from a variety of animals— on display in Marnie's Pavilion and Boettcher Center Lobby. The colorful sculptures, created by contemporary Mexican artist Óscar Becerra Mora Rubén Miguel Castillo, are illuminated from within, creating a subtle glow during the day.

### **Noches Iluminandas**

Saturday, October 30 – Friday, November 5 (excluding Nov. 30, 4-7 pm.)

Included with Gardens admission

15 and under free

There will be three Alebrije— a fantastical hybrid creature from Mexican folklore, featuring the tail, wings, horns and claws from a variety of animals— on display in Marnie's Pavilion and Boettcher Center Lobby. The sculptures, created by contemporary Mexican artist Óscar Becerra Mora and Rubén Miguel Castillo, are illuminated from within, creating a warm glow in the evening. Related programming will be announced soon.

## **Ghosts in the Gardens Tour**

Thursday – Saturday, October 14 – 16 and October 28-30, various times

\$34, \$29 member

Guides share haunting stories of the Gardens' one hundred years of history, inside and outside of what used to be called "The Boneyard." Each tour features staff ghost stories, real overnight security ghost encounters and intriguing history – including access to the haunted Waring House that is not open to the public. Enjoy this creepy opportunity to walk dark paths throughout the Gardens after hours.

## **Día de los Muertos Celebration**

Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. 4 p.m.

Included with Gardens admission, 15 and under free

It is the 10th anniversary of the Gardens' Día de los Muertos Celebration. Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday with ancient roots combining Mexican indigenous customs and European traditions. Día de los Muertos is a lighthearted and joyful tribute to the memory of family and friends who have passed away. Families celebrate by creating ofrendas (offerings) – elaborate displays commemorating loved ones – decorating sugar skulls and more. The Gardens' event includes craft vendors, entertainment, kids crafts and a display of Nichos. There will not be face painting this year.

## **CHATFIELD FARMS**

### **Corn Maze**

Friday-Sunday, September 17 – October 31, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\$15 Adult; \$13 Adult Member, Student, Senior (65+), Military\*, Child (ages 3-15); \$10 Child Member; Free for children 2 and under (no ticket required)

PLEASE NOTE: Oct.8-10, you will need to purchase a ticket to Pumpkin Festival to gain entry to Corn Maze

Get lost in our seven-acre Corn Maze. The maze can be viewed from a 15-foot tall bridge. Visitors under the age of 10 can explore the mini corn maze. Barrel train rides included with the purchase of a child Corn Maze ticket. Escape Rooms available for an additional fee during Corn Maze hours. Step into a movie-like environment surrounded by exciting props, clues and locks used to solve your way out while trying to beat the clock. Presented by HD Escape Rooms. Bring your own food or purchase from the food vendors onsite that include funnel cakes, corndogs, fresh squeezed lemonade, kettle corn and roasted nuts.

### **Pumpkin Festival**

Friday-Sunday, October 8-10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$12 Adult; \$10 Adult Member, Student, Senior 65+, Military, Child (ages 3-15); \$7 Child Member; Free for children 2 and under (no ticket required)

Discounted Corn Maze tickets can be added for an additional \$8 per adult or child.

Ticket price includes access to the 10-acre pumpkin patch; live music, antique tractor exhibit by Front Range Antique Power Association; tractor-pulled parking shuttles; hayrides; photo booths; 20 carnival tickets for games and inflatable bouncers, slides and obstacle course per child's paid admission; mini- corn maze for kids 10 and younger, express face painting and balloon characters. Additional costs include Corn Maze right next door, pumpkin golf cart shuttles directly to your car, stunt jump and additional carnival tickets for games and inflatables. Pumpkin prices vary by size; the average price is \$8.

### **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 Chatfield Farms is a 700-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](http://www.botanicgardens.org).