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NOVEMBER: HIGHLIGHTS AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

ALL PROGRAM PRICES INCLUDE ADMISSION TO THE GARDENS, EXCLUDING OFFSITE EVENTS

Full calendar: www.botanicgardens.org



HOURS

York St.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Chatfield Farms: 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Plains Conservation Center: Mon – Thur: 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fri: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. ; Sat-Sun: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

YORK ST: EVENTS

Día de los Muertos Festival

Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\$15 Adults, \$10 Members, children 15 and under are free

Celebrate Día de los Muertos with altars, entertainment, related events and programs. Bring your family and friends to celebrate this colorful, heart-felt tradition at the Gardens. This year's annual celebration connects people, places and community through a series of public art, virtual activities for kids, a film series and more.

Night at the Museums

Saturday, Nov. 5, 5-10 p.m.

Evening admission is free

Denver Botanic Gardens and more than 20 of Denver's world-class museums open their doors for FREE at this once-a-year event. Thanks to free shuttles that run all night between the participating museums, you can experience a variety of incredible attractions all in one night.

Ikebana International - Denver Chapter Show

Friday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Included with admission

Members of Ikebana International Denver Chapter 66 will have Ikebana arrangements on display. Twice daily there will be demonstrations of the art of Japanese flower arranging.

Blossoms of Light

Nov. 18 – Jan. 7 (closed Nov. 24 and Dec. 25), 4:30-9 p.m.

\$24 Adults, \$22 Student, \$22 Seniors (65+), \$20 Children (ages 3-15), Free admission for children 2 and younger
Members: \$21 Adults, \$19 Seniors (65+), \$17 Children (ages 3-15), Free admission for children 2 and younger

Military: \$22 Adults, \$20 Seniors (65+), \$18 Children (ages 3-15), Free admission for children 2 and younger
The Gardens' signature event for more than three decades, this annual holiday lights extravaganza transforms our York Street location into a twinkling winter wonderland. Join us for this family-friendly event that has become a holiday tradition for thousands of Front Range families. In line with our core value of sustainability, all lights used in the event are LED.

CHATFIELD FARMS: EVENTS

Trail of Lights

Fridays – Sundays, Nov. 25 – Dec. 11; Nightly, Dec. 16 – Jan. 1 (closed on Christmas); 5-8:30 p.m.

\$16 Adults, \$14 Seniors (65+), \$12 Children (ages 3-15), Free admission for children 2 and younger, \$14 Student

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Trail of Lights at Chatfield Farms takes you along a winding path glistening with lights that illuminate the Colorado countryside. Tucked into the foothills under the dark sky, the glow of lights can be seen for miles. Just under a mile of walking trail, the illumination of cottonwoods, boxelders and pine trees line the pathway through the Green Farm, Crossroads, Deer Creek Discovery Children's Play Area and 1880s Hildebrand Ranch homestead. There is the option of a shorter path for those who want to take a shorter stroll.

YORK ST: EXHIBITIONS

Seeing Red: Botanical Art & Illustration

Oct. 1, 2022 – Jan. 8, 2023

Included with admission

Experience the vibrant shades of red found in plants and fungi. From peppers to hibiscus and apples to poinsettias, red is found throughout the natural world. *Seeing Red* highlights plants and fungi featuring red flowers, foliage, fruits and vegetables created by students of Denver Botanic Gardens' School of Botanical Art & Illustration.

Sammy Seung-min Lee: Taking Root

Oct. 1, 2022 – Feb. 5, 2023

Included with admission

Sammy Seung-min Lee explores the immigrant experience through cast paper sculptures of food and flora. Using traditional Korean paper-making techniques, she transforms mulberry paper into trees, fungi, and table settings layered with longing and warmth. Exploring traditions surrounding food and home, Lee's works give form to the ways in which we're anchored by friends and family and examine what it means to take root in a new and unfamiliar culture.

Abundant Future: Cultivating Diversity in Garden, Farm and Field

Oct. 8, 2022 – Jan. 15, 2023

Included with admission

Discover the importance of plant diversity with Abundant Future. Featuring forty original botanical illustrations of cultivated plants, this exhibition highlights the importance of biological diversity among crops. Humans have generated a nearly endless diversity in plants through selective breeding. However, in our recent past, agriculture has focused on a narrower range of important crops, leading to greatly reduced variety. Lack of diversity raises the risk of widespread insecurity from changing climate, environmental stresses, and disease. This exhibition seeks to highlight the biological wealth in our cultivated plants and wild relatives.

YORK ST: ADULT PROGRAMS

Sunrise Vinyasa Yoga at the Gardens

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-9 a.m.

\$12, \$10 member

Vinyasa yoga weaves flowing movement with challenging postures and cultivates a sense of peace and calm by the end of each class. Practicing vinyasa yoga on a daily basis can improve posture, flexibility and endurance. Beyond

the physical benefits, yoga helps to bring a sense of clarity to challenging situations in life, reminds us to stay present and focused in an ever-changing environment, and can help us find contentment in our surroundings. The postures practiced in this all-levels class will promote alignment, flexibility, focus, endurance and help detoxify the body. Advanced registration is required. Please bring a mat, a towel and water.

Yoga at the Gardens

Wednesdays, November 2, 16, 23 and 30, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

\$12, \$10 member

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Folk Painting on Holiday Ornaments

Friday, November 4, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$155, \$135 member

Folk art takes its inspiration from the shapes and colors found in nature. Join us as we paint wooden ornaments with acrylic paints in the style of Rosemaling, a Norwegian folk art technique. You will learn the basic stroke work of Rosemaling, dive deeper into the use of acrylic paints, and have two folk art ornaments to prove your new skills by the end of the class! This course is part of the Art Exploration program and open to everyone. The course fee includes some materials.

Meet a Rare Book

Saturday, November 5, 1-2 p.m.

\$12, \$10 member

Join us in the Edward P. Connors Rare Book Reading Room to see some of the most distinctive items in our rare books collection up close. Tour the library, learn about the world of rare books, dive into the history of the items chosen for the day's session and discuss how we approach primary resources from our vantage point in this historical moment.

Introduction to Botanical Illustration

Monday, November 7, 9 a.m. – noon

\$325, \$285 member

Start at the beginning. Whether you've had no experience with drawing or have forgotten what you learned way back when, this is the class for you. Learn step by step in this gently paced course. Carefully explained demonstrations, simple exercises and helpful critiques show you how to draw what you see. Build your skills and enter the School of Botanical Art & Illustration with confidence. This Art Exploration course is also a Botanical Illustration Certificate elective. It is suitable for all artists. The course fee does not include materials.

Fiendish Flora Tour

Friday, November 11, 2-3 p.m.

\$14, \$9 student, \$7 member, \$7 child (12 years-old and older)

Explore the dark side of plants and investigate a secret world of clever, ruthless, and sometimes deadly ecology. Plants, like humans, can be both delightful and villainous. This guided walk explores the dangerous defense mechanisms of plants.

Literature of the Land Book Club - Fall

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-8 p.m., \$5

Join us for the fall 2022 session of Literature of the Land, a book club series hosted by the Helen Fowler Library. We read three books over three months focusing on a specific topic of interest. This book club delves into literature

related to the land and to nature, and we discuss topics that may range from environmental issues to the culture of food and drink, from the American dust bowl to the cinnamon trees of Southeast Asia.

Singing Bowls at the Gardens

Saturday, November 19, 1:30-3 p.m.

\$24, \$22 member

Intuitive sound artist, Ann Martin, presents harmonically beautiful meditative concerts with crystal and Himalayan singing bowls, to help people find deep relaxation and inner stillness. Experience first-hand how to stop the mind chatter and bring the brain and body to a place of uncommon peace. The event concludes with a full spectrum of healing frequencies from the 36" OM Gong, to vibrate and harmonize every cell. Bring centering, awakening, and blissful balance to your world!

YORK ST: CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Young Writers Group

Sundays, 10 a.m. – noon

No fee or registration required

Teen writers or aspiring writers are invited to join us for plant- and nature-themed writing prompts, word games and/or discussion topics. We provide writing resources and pens and paper. Admission to the Helen Fowler Library is included, admission to the Gardens is separate.

Crafting Community

Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

No fee or registration required

Sustainable arts and crafts afternoon at the library. Bring your own projects to work on or use our recycled materials to start something new. Plant- and nature-themed projects each week include origami bonsai, DIY bookbinding, collage bookmarks, comics, zines, pressed flowers and more! All ages welcome. Parental supervision and assistance for younger children is highly encouraged as some projects include the use of tools such as scissors and sewing needles.

Science Studio for Homeschoolers: Plant Fossils

Thursday, November 17, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

\$14 non-member; \$12 per child; One adult per child is free of charge. Additional adults and non-participating siblings ages 3 and up are \$7 each

Join us as we travel back in time as paleobotanists to study fossils from ancient plants. Explore how plants become fossils and what fossils can tell us about the past. Use mineral paints to replicate the patterns and colors found in petrified wood. You'll be surprised to find that some fossils are still living today! Science Studio offers families the opportunity to investigate the connections between scientific concepts, the arts and the natural world. Each studio session showcases a unique collection of natural specimens for exploration and introduces families to a different form of art or art medium related to the collection of specimens. After exploring the natural specimens, children can create works of art to take home.

PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER

Native American Life on the Plains

Saturday, November 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

\$5 per person

Discover what daily life was like for native peoples living on the great plains. The City of Aurora's Parks, Recreation & Open Space department's mission is to encourage active lifestyles and create healthy environments for people, nature and community. Ages 6 and older.

Full Moon Hike

Tuesday, November 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$5 per person

Discover Aurora's true nature under the light of the full moon and learn a little about its history with this guided nature hike. The City of Aurora's Parks, Recreation & Open Space department's mission is to encourage active lifestyles and create healthy environments for people, nature and community. Ages 6 and older.

Family Workshop at Plains Conservation Center: Prairie Dogs

Saturday, November 12, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

\$12 per person

Come explore the key stone species of the shortgrass prairie and learn what makes prairie dogs so special to their ecosystem. Family Workshops at Plains Conservation Center offer families a fun, hands-on guided opportunity to learn about the prairie and the people, plants and animals that live or have lived on the prairie. Workshops include a guided exploration of the topic and a project for adults and children to create together. This workshop is designed for families with children ages 5-10.

Prairie Pup Adventures at Plains Conservation Center

Tuesday, November 15, 9-10 a.m.

\$8 per preschooler; one adult per child is admitted free of charge

Prairie Pup Adventures at the Plains Conservation Center offers a hands-on, fun way for preschool aged children to learn about the animals, plants and people who call the prairie home. Each week we will investigate a topic with a science, art, and exploration. For children ages 3-6 with their accompanying caregiver. Meet outside the Visitor Center at the Plains Conservation Center in Aurora for a fun adventure!

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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. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org.