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**JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS**

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

Full calendar: [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)



**HOURS**

**York St.:** January 1-7, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for Blossoms of Light; January. 8-31, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Chatfield Farms:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Plains Conservation Center:** Mon-Thurs: 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**

**Orchid Showcase**

January 12 – February 20

See hundreds of exotic blooms, including rare orchids from the Gardens' collection. The Showcase is a great idea for a Valentine's Day activity. Included with admission to the Gardens.

**YORK ST: EXHIBITIONS**

**Seeing Red: Botanical Art & Illustration**

Through January 8

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**

Through February 5

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](#)

Through January 15

Discover the importance of plant diversity with Abundant Future. Featuring 40 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**

#### [Exploring Exhibitions Tour](#)

Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 15, 10-10:45 a.m.

\$16, \$12 member, \$10 student

Denver Botanic Gardens is a premier venue for art exhibitions, including bronze sculpture, botanical illustration, photography, site-specific installations and more. Walk through the galleries with a docent who shares stories about the work on display. Price includes admission to the Gardens.

#### [Advanced Pen & Ink: A Contemporary Conifer Composition – ONLINE](#)

Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 9 a.m. – noon

\$375, \$315 member

Take your pen and ink work to a new level as you focus your artistic attention on conifers. Start with an introduction to the geometry behind the growth pattern of a conifer cone and the arrangement of the needles around the stem. Through close observation, build the spirals that form the foundation of these challenging subjects and your base drawing. A visual history of conifer "portraits" will provide inspiration to get creative and experiment with a contemporary approach to your composition. Using traditional pen and ink tools, review, practice and refine pen and ink basics as you work on in-class exercises. Then, home in on advanced techniques to help address issues of perspective, texture, core and cast shadows specific to your subject. Develop a finished plate demonstrating your new skills and professional polish. A must for the serious student of pen and ink. **\*Registration opens December 9 at 10 a.m.\***

#### [Basic Encaustic Techniques with Victoria Eubanks](#)

Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$230, \$200 member

Curious about encaustic? Discover what you can create with this ancient, luminous medium a molten mixture of beeswax, tree sap and pigment. This is a two-day, basic encaustic techniques workshop. The workshop is designed to give participants an overview of the encaustic process and allow students to experiment with various tools and techniques. This course is part of the Art Exploration program and open to everyone. The course fee includes all materials. **\*Registration opens December 9 at 10 a.m.\***

#### [Curator Conversations](#)

Thursday, January 12, 10-10:45 a.m.

\$19, \$15 member, \$13 student

Denver Botanic Gardens is a premier venue for art exhibitions including bronze sculpture, botanical illustration, photography, site-specific installations and more. Join us for a walk through the galleries with one of our curatorial staff members and learn behind-the-scenes information about how these exhibitions came to be. Price includes admission to the Gardens.

#### [Guided Mediations: A Monthly Series](#)

Tuesday, January 17, 6-7 p.m.

\$18, \$15 member

Join us each month for a new intention and time in the Gardens. January: The new year often brings with it thoughts of change and renewal. What are your hopes and dreams for the coming year? What inspires you? what are your goals and aspirations? Seated meditation provides a tranquil opportunity to be still and to focus on becoming.

### [Introduction to Design: Nature-Inspired](#)

Thursdays, January 19 and 26, 4-5:30 p.m.

\$215, \$180 member

Explore plant motifs and botanical themes in this introductory survey of design. Get acquainted with western European and American artists and designers from the 19th and early 20th centuries to discover their inspirations and creations. Uncover the intersections of form, function, art and social context. This class will be offered in a hybrid format; register for either the onsite or online format. This course is an elective in the Botanical Illustration Certificate Program. The course fee does not include materials. **\*Registration opens December 9 at 10 a.m.\***

### [Flower Happy Hour](#)

Thursday, January 26, 5:30-7 p.m.

\$65, \$60 member

Join Lisa Weddel, co-owner of DIY Designs Inspired by You, for a new kind of monthly happy hour! Each session features a different design style and technique, and each participant takes home an impressive, one-of-a-kind arrangement. Grab your friends, bring a beverage, and learn how to design a stunning floral arrangement built around seasonal blooms! All floral supplies are provided and bloom selection changes seasonally. BYOB wine and beer are permitted. Please be sure to bring valid ID if consuming alcohol.

### [Starting Your Garden from Seed](#)

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 a.m. - noon

\$37, \$32 member

Few things excite a gardener more than growing from seed and the financial benefits of growing your own plants. This class demystifies the seed-starting process primarily focused to the novice gardener, but it is a good refresher for more advanced gardeners. Learn simple seed botany and the process of best practices for successful seed germination, successful transplanting, seed collection and storage. Understand some of the reasons seeds and seedlings fail.

### [Nourishing Self-Care Mini Retreat and Workshop](#)

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$113, \$105 member

It's a new year and a new beginning. Take a day away for pampering, fun, new friends and starting the year off right. Consider what you want to bring into your life this year. We'll cover setting intentions, herbal tonics, health-boosting superfoods and natural skin products you can make yourself. Learn simple self-care practices to regain balance and vibrant health. Make and bring home a soothing skin salve, a cleansing face mask, a tonic tea, recipes, a comprehensive handout and lots of new ideas for becoming your best self. Superfoods lunch and all materials included.

## **YORK ST: CHILDREN, TEENS 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. Takes place in the Helen Fowler Library; Access to the library is free, entry to the Gardens requires an admission ticket.

### **Crafting Community**

Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

No fee or registration required

Sustainable arts and crafts afternoon in the Helen Fowler 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. Access to the library is free; entry to the Gardens requires an admission ticket.

### **Family Make and Take: Build a Fairy Garden**

Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

Join us as we create miniature lands for our mystical garden friends. Discover which plants fairies fancy as you design, plant and landscape a tiny fairy oasis. Family Make and Take programs offer a space for children and their grownups to connect with natural materials and create together. These self-guided and self-paced programs are designed to provide a creative environment that sparks imagination. The Gardens provides the space and supplies.

### **Science Studio for Homeschoolers: From Soil to Sculpture**

Thursday, January 26, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

\$14; \$12 member; One adult per child is free of charge

Grow your connection with the land around you through the exploration of soil and clay. Join us as we take a closer look at soil. Explore tiny clay particles and try creating clay from scratch. Sculpt a clay work of art to take home with you. 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.

### **Homeschool Day: Paleobotany**

Monday, January 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

\$14; \$12 member; One adult per child is free of charge

Explore the plants of Colorado's past and become a paleobotanist for a day. Learn how fossils are formed, examine the links between prehistoric and modern plants, and discover why learning about ancient climates helps scientists make predictions about our modern world. Homeschool Days offer families the opportunity to explore plant-based themes through a variety of hands-on explorations and take-home projects that families can do together. Activities are designed for children ages 6 to 10 years.

### **Seedlings**

Ages 3-6 years: Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Ages 24-36 months: Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Ages 18-24 months: Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

\$11 per toddler/preschooler, \$9 per toddler/preschooler member; one adult per child is admitted free of charge

Seedlings classes offer a fun, hands-on way for young children to explore the plant world while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants and their importance. Programs include stories, nature walks and art projects. Week of January 4: The Dinosaur Gardens; week of January 11: Winter Terrariums; Week of January 18: Winter Wonderland; Week of January 25: Painting with Plants.

## **PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER**

### **Family Workshop at Plains Conservation Center: Surviving Winter on the Prairie**

Thursday, January 5, noon – 2 p.m.

\$12 per person

Winter on the prairie brings long nights, strong winds and deep snow. People living in soddies used the long nights and cold to tell stories, sing songs and repair clothing and equipment. Join us for songs with dulcimer and lumberjacks, string games and hot chocolate as we pass the winter day warm on the prairie. 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.

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**About Denver Botanic Gardens:** Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens was founded 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 has a robust living plant collection, natural history collection and art collection along with temporary art exhibitions. 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 art exhibitions and education programs in the Freyer – Newman Center; plant conservation efforts and horticultural research. 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](http://www.botanicgardens.org).