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JULY 2014 EVENTS AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

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

EXHIBITIONS

CHIHULY
June 14 – November 30
Free with admission
Dale Chihuly is a world-renowned artist who creates other-worldly art. Site-specific sculpture installations, ranging in size and style from small water floats to a 30-foot tower, are displayed throughout the Gardens.

CHIHULY DOCENT-LED TOURS
Fri, Sat & Sun, June 14 - Nov 30, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
$17, $10 member
Participants enjoy a guided tour featuring impressive site-specific artwork by Dale Chihuly. Experienced docents lead guests through gardens to learn more about the artist and the exhibition.

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.
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 plant world, while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants. July class themes are “Homemade Lemonade,” the week of July 8; “Unbelievable Underground,” the week of July 15; “Sunflowers Galore,” the week of July 22; and “Mismatched Vegetable Patch,” the week of July 29.

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.
$230 (adult/child combo), $200 member; additional adults or children $115, $100 member.
Children and families explore the world of edible plants in the Chipotle Home Harvest Garden, where they harvest fresh herbs and veggies and use them to prepare basic, family-friendly recipes.

FARM CAMP AT CHATFIELD: WAY BACK WHEN ON HILDEBRAND RANCH
Mon - Fri, July 7-11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$259, $239 members; scholarships are available
This camp at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield explores life as an early settler. Campers churn butter, make biscuits and learn to cook on a wood-burning stove on the Hildebrand Ranch over the course of this weeklong camp. No late pickup available. No late pickup available.

FARM CAMP AT CHATFIELD: LIFE ON THE FARM
Mon - Fri, July 14-18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$259, $239 members; scholarships are available
Throughout the course of this weeklong camp at Chatfield children will learn to care for farm animals and cultivate vegetables on a working farm. No late pickup available.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: CELESTIAL CELEBRATIONS
Fri, July 25, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
$25 family of four, $20 member; $4 for each additional person, $3 additional member. Children two and under free.
Family Fun Nights provide a unique opportunity to explore nature at night in the Mordecai Children’s Garden. July’s event includes an introduction to plants with names inspired by objects in the sky and an exploration of rockets and the phases of the moon. Inside the Orchestra will provide a one-of-a-kind musical experience. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner (no glass allowed); a light snack will be provided.

ART CLASSES

CANVASES AND COMPANY
Thurs, July 24, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
$46, $41 member (materials included)
Instructor Judith Scott leads participants in the creation of a garden-inspired painting while they enjoy snacks and libations brought from home.

MORNING PHOTOGRAPHY
Tues, July 29, 7-8:30 a.m.
$28, $26 members
This self-guided event allows participants to photograph the Gardens’ Chihuly sculptures in morning light, before Denver Botanic Gardens opens. This session is self-guided, without an instructor.
FOOD CLASSES

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY
Sat and Sun, July 19, 20, 26 & 27, 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
$32, $27 member
Visitors are invited to experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony inside the Gardens’ authentic Japanese Tea House in Shofu-En, the Japanese Garden.

SUMMER TEAS
Sun, July 20, 1-3 p.m.
$32, $27 member
Participants sample an array of tea smoothies and tea coolers and leave with ideas on how to incorporate tea into summer menus.

TRIPS

GARDENS TO GLASS TOUR OF SEATTLE
Wed - Sun, July 9 - 13
$1,520 per person (double occupancy), $1,420 member; add $650 for single occupancy
Participants explore Seattle with Kim Manajek, associate director of exhibitions, art and interpretation at Denver Botanic Gardens. Trip highlights include *Chihuly Garden and Glass*, Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island, Tacoma Museum of Glass and a private culinary walking tour at Pike Place Market.

MOUNT ZIRKEL BACKPACKING AND WILDFLOWER VIEWING
Fri - Sun, July 18 - 20
$448, $218 member (including meals and transportation)
Members of the Botanic Gardens’ Horticulture staff lead this two-night, three-day tour, filled with hiking, camping and wildflower viewing in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness area outside of Steamboat Springs. Hiking distances and terrain are moderate to difficult, so this trip is not recommended for beginning hikers and backpackers.

CRESTED BUTTE: FIELDS OF COLOR, FARM TO FORK
Thurs - Sun, July 31 – August 3
$852 (double occupancy), $752 member
Participants enjoy a weekend in the “Wildflower Capital of Colorado,” with upscale mountainside lodging and activities including a tapas tasting and wine dinner, ski lift ride to an alpine wildflower hike, guided tour of the historic downtown and a farm-to-fork cooking class.

DAYTRIP

MOUNT GOLIATH TOURS
Tues, Thurs & Sat, July 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 & 31, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tours are free; however, 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.

HEALTH & FITNESS CLASSES

SUNRISE VINYASA YOGA IN THE GARDENS
Tues, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 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
Wed, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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.

URBAN HOMESTEAD CLASS
MAKING AND USING FLOWER ESSENCES
Sat, July 19, 9-11:30 a.m.
$58; $53 member (materials included)
Participants learn about the vibrational healing properties of flower essences in this class, and take home essence-based remedies for trauma and fear. Participants are asked to bring a pair of small scissors, bottle of spring water and a 3-8 oz. clear glass bowl or ramekin.

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Image Credit: Dale Chihuly  *Pink Fiori*, 2010  Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art, Nashville

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](http://www.botanicgardens.org).