

garden fest

DISCOVER WHAT'S SPROUTING AROUND THE MALL

Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10 am - 4 pm

Edible Garden

Hangin' with Petunia

Have fun potting hanging baskets with velvet, raspberry or bubblegum colored petunias. Plants donated by Proven Winners®.

It's a Seedy Situation

Decorate your own seed packet, then fill it with the seed crop of your choice.

Flowers in Buttons

Wear your creativity! Design your own button with dried flowers.

Build-A-Bug and More

See live and preserved insects from the Insect Zoo at the National Museum of Natural History. You'll learn what insects eat around our garden and in your backyard. Bring your camera to take pictures with a colorful caterpillar and other insects!

Stump the Gardener

Test your knowledge of all things green against plant geek Janet Draper, horticulturist in the Mary Livingston Ripley Garden. This activity will surely be both educational and baffling for all ages.

Tree Walk and Tree Talk

Trees talk to us! Come learn a little of what they have to say from John Walters, certified arborist. Followed by a walking conversation in the garden and around the castle. Find out what an arborist does and how he can help you and your trees. 30 minutes.

Create the Past

Celebrate heirloom flowers and herbs by making a tussie mussie with Luci Herbert-Hansen, horticulturist in the Heirloom Garden at the National Museum of American History. A tussie mussie, also called a posy or a nosegay, is a mini bouquet worn by women during the mid-1800's. Visit a collection of posy holders on the lower level of the Dillon Ripley Center.

Hunt for Garden Treasures

Beautiful plants aren't the only things in the garden. Garden furniture and urns are full of whimsy with dogs, serpents, squirrels, and swans depicted in metal. Take part in the scavenger hunt to find the Enid A. Haupt Garden's hidden treasures and learn more about Horticulture Services' collections.

Basic Elements in Floral Design

Join Petal's Edge Floral Design for a demonstration of basic techniques of flower arranging in the European style. Their distinct style blends modern and romantic elements whether in striking monochromatic hues or eye-catching riots of color. Petal's Edge Floral Design is located in Old Town Alexandria. 1 hour.

The Big Adventures of a Tiny Seed

Author Stephanie Bloom will read her award-winning book 'A Place to Grow' along with a performance by actors from GreenRoom Productions. As Stephanie reads, the big adventures of a tiny seed searching for its special place to grow will be brought to life. Meet Stephanie and her GIANT seed character after each performance for a book signing. 25 minutes.

Flower Power

Receive a beautiful temporary tattoo of an orchid or daisy.

Butterfly Detectives

Investigate how-to attract butterflies to your garden with Jackie Calguire, horticulturist of the Butterfly Garden at the National Museum of Natural History. You'll examine butterfly food sources and the importance of having host and nectar plants in your garden, as well as butterfly identification.

One of a Kind Flowers

Watch Norman Davis, cake designer from The Sweet Life, create highly detailed and stylish gum paste flowers. The Sweet Life is located in Annandale, Va.

Botanical Art in the Garden

Meet members of the Botanical Art Society National Capitol Region (BASNCR) and watch their talents and enthusiasm for botanical painting and illustration come to life during **Botanical Painting: Yellow Asiatic Lily** by Margaret Saul; **Botanical Adventure: Lewis and Clark Project** by Jan Denton and Wendy Cortesi; and **Color Pencil Drawing** by Rita Pazzelli.

Dance with "Swing Dixie"

Enjoy a 3 piece band that provides traditional New Orleans Dixieland music.

The Garden Shoppe

For more information on gardening with butterflies, herbs, flowers and vegetables visit our Garden Book Shoppe.

Schedule at a Glance

Demonstration: Basic Elements in Floral Design
10 am

Production: The Big Adventures of a Tiny Seed
10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15

Tree Talk
10 am, 1 pm

Tree Walk
12 pm, 2 pm

Activity: Create the Past
11 am, 1 pm

Swing Dixie Band
11 am - 2 pm

Edible Garden Art
11:30 am

Botanical Painting: Yellow Asiatic Lily
12:30 pm

Botanical Adventure: Lewis and Clark Project
10 am

Color Pencil Drawing
10 am

Symbol Key



All Day Activities



Scheduled Programs