

garden events

Walking Club EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:30 A.M., APRIL 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 29
Gardens are a lovely place to walk and Lauritzen Gardens is no exception. The stunning outdoor environment is a unique alternative to a gym or health club, offering fresh air and a place where beautiful scenery changes daily. A great way to exercise and explore the garden, the Garden Walkers wellness program is free to garden members or is included with regular daily admission. Join us for a walk on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to help you fight stress, strengthen your mind and body and feel rejuvenated.

Guild Spring Luncheon WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
James Farmer, a prolific author and former contributing editor for Southern Living magazine, brings his unique passion for cooking, gardening, design and architecture to each of his sought after parties. Hailing from the peach-laden fields of Middle Georgia, the up-and-coming designer is a must-see. Make your reservations by calling Merri at (402) 346-4002, ext. 201.

Mother's Day Brunch MAY 12, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
Make your plans now to treat the special women in your life to a wonderful brunch among the flowers, catered by Hap Abraham Catering. Brunch is \$26 per person, \$12.50 for children 6-12. Reservations and prepayment are required. To make reservations, cancellations or modifications to existing reservations, contact Merri at (402) 346-4002, ext. 201 or m.sears@omahabotanicalgardens.org by Wednesday, May 8.

Spring into Spring Plant Sale MAY 18 AND 19, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
Support Lauritzen Gardens by purchasing your plants at our annual plant sale. Local plant clubs, plant societies and environmental organizations will be on hand selling plants and sharing information on how to care for plants and help sustain the environment. In addition, children's activities, live music and guided garden tours will be offered. In the spirit of "being green," guests are encouraged to bring their own bags and boxes to assist in carrying out their plant purchases. Garden members will have the first opportunity to purchase plants on May 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Rose Day JUNE 9, PUBLIC VIEWING FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
Join the Omaha Rose Society for their annual Rose Day and Show, to promote the culture and appreciation of the rose. See a wide-variety of rose blooms on display, as well as an array of spectacular floral arrangements. Visit with consulting rosarians to learn about roses and their care. Explore the Robert H. Storz Family Rose Garden at Lauritzen Gardens to see more than 200 varieties of garden roses. Become an exhibitor and show the best blooms that your garden has to offer. Horticultural entries will be accepted from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Arrangements may be entered until 11 a.m. More information can be found at www.omaharosesociety.com.

Tempo of Twilight JUNE 18, JULY 2, 16 & 30, AUGUST 13 & 27, 6 P.M.
Bring your lawn chair and picnic basket and enjoy a harmonious blend of music and nature at Lauritzen Gardens. These family-friendly outdoor concerts provide a unique atmosphere to enjoy wonderful, local entertainment. A special, members only concert will be held on June 4, at 6 p.m. featuring Geezer. For a complete schedule of performers, visit www.lauritzengardens.org.

Summer Solstice Lecture JUNE 20, 7 P.M.
"Life on the Edge: Tough Plants for Tough Places." In this tale from the road, plantsman Kelly Norris wears two hats—that of a plant ecologist and a horticulturist—while sharing with the audience a palette of garden-worthy plants from harsh environments across the U.S. Cost of the lecture is \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members. Space is limited. Please call Merri at (402) 346-4002, ext. 201 or email m.sears@omahabotanicalgardens.org to register and make payment by June 17.



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educational programs

REGISTRATION

All classes, workshops and other educational offerings listed in this brochure require advance registration with payment due upon registration. For more information, including the cancellation and refund policy, visit www.lauritzengardens.org and click on "learn." To register please call (402) 346-4002, ext. 212 or e-mail Brian Kutsch at b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org. Registration can also be completed online at www.lauritzengardens.org.

MARCH

LIL' SPROUTS: LEGO® BRICK BUILD-A-COOKIE

Preschool program

Wednesday, March 6; 10 to 11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, March 7; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

How well do you know your shapes and colors? Design a one-of-a-kind LEGO brick cookie using your skills and imagination. After building a model of this delicious treat, each child will decorate their own edible cookie to take home. Lil' Sprouts classes are designed for children ages three to five and one accompanying adult and includes a walk of the garden, a story, activity and a snack.

\$8/member, \$14/non-member

FABULOUS FLORALS: SPLISH, SPLASH FLORAL IN A BIRD BATH

Adult workshop

Saturday, March 9; 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Come build a bouquet in a birdbath. These floral ideas will be perfect for a garden party or wedding. Each participant will receive a miniature birdbath and create a floral arrangement to take home. All materials are included.

\$39/member, \$46/non-member

VOLUNTEER 101

FREE Adult workshop

Wednesday, March 13; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join us for the fifth annual Volunteer 101 Day and learn about the volunteer opportunities Lauritzen Gardens can offer you. We have volunteer projects available in all departments; horticulture, visitors services, development, administration, education and marketing. Come spend the day at the garden and learn how you can support the garden as a volunteer.

Registration requested but not required; FREE information session

APRIL

LIL' SPROUTS: LEGO® BRICK BUG HOUSE

Preschool program

Wednesday, April 3; 10 to 11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, April 4; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

All living things have homes. Learn about the places that bugs live, then create a LEGO brick bug house in our "play and let it stay" building station. Each child will get to make a bug puppet to take home. Lil' Sprouts classes are designed for children ages three to five and one accompanying adult and includes a walk of the garden, a story, activity and a snack.

\$8/member, \$14/non-member

BOTANICAL BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Adult class

Saturday, April 20; 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Join director of horticulture Melissa Burdick to learn how to save money and help protect the environment by economizing in the garden.

\$14/member, \$18/non-member

FABULOUS FLORALS: CREATING CORSAGES AND BOUTONNIERES

Adult workshop

Saturday, April 27; 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Do you have a wedding or prom coming up? Want to hone your floral skills? Learn simple and easy techniques on how to create your one-of-a-kind corsages and boutonnieres. All materials are included.

\$39/member, \$46/non-member

MAY

HERBAL RETREAT

Adult class

Saturday, May 4; 10 a.m. to noon

Visit various herb stations, staffed by members of the Omaha Herb Society, and learn about the herbs that grow well in Omaha and how to incorporate them in your cooking, crafts and lifestyle. Participants will gather recipes, ideas and techniques through hands-on demonstrations. If you love to talk about, grow, smell or cook with herbs, this is the place to be!

\$14/member, \$18/non-member

FABULOUS FLORALS: MAY BASKETS

Adult workshop

Saturday, May 4; 10 to 11:30 a.m.

May Day historically celebrates a return of life after the long winter and brings new hopes for a good planting and rich harvest. Celebrate this traditional spring holiday and create a colorful basket of flowers to share. Each participant will decorate their own basket brimming with fresh spring flowers. All materials included.

\$39/member, \$46/non-member

SUMMER CAMPS

Three brand new camps are available for children 4-12 years of age (campers will be divided by age 4-7 years and 8-12 years). Campers may choose to explore nature in a half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m.) or full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) setting.

DIRTY JOBS

July 8-12 or July 29-August 2

Have you ever wondered how dirty, grimy and grubby you can get working in the garden or at the zoo? Campers will see what it takes to keep Lauritzen Gardens and the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium running as they visit both organizations. From worms to wild animals and miniature trains to giant locomotives, dive into the amazing world of working with nature.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES

July 15-19 or August 5-9

Campers will explore the world with their taste buds, find out how insects and animals help plants to grow and much more! We'll make tasty snacks, pot plants to take home and explore how people eat plant parts across the globe.

WILD ABOUT NATURE

July 22-26

Has your child ever wondered how fireflies glow? Why leaves change? Whether fish sleep? Or just why? This hands-on camp offers a unique experience where campers will explore the mysteries of nature through fun and exciting activities.

Member Pricing

per week of camp	per day of camp
• Half-day \$79	• Half-day \$25
• Full day \$149	• Full day \$39

Non-member Pricing

per week of camp	per day of camp
• Half-day \$99	• Half-day \$35
• Full day \$169	• Full day \$49

The Science Behind The Scenes

A SPECIAL PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JOSLYN ART MUSEUM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Marie Curie received two Nobel Prizes for her pioneering research on radioactivity. She was also an avid gardener and lover of flowers. *Madame Curie*, a special exhibition at the Joslyn Art Museum (January 26 to May 12) celebrates the life and work of this remarkable scientist through a spectacular video installation by artist Jennifer Steinkamp featuring animated images of a selection of plants drawn from a biography written by Curie's daughter. This special program-partnership between Lauritzen Gardens and the Joslyn Art Museum will provide a unique way to the experience the exhibition. Beginning at 1 p.m. at Joslyn Art Museum, participants will enjoy an introduction to the exhibition with Karin Campbell, Joslyn's Curator of Contemporary Art. Following the gallery talk, participants will travel via shuttle bus to Lauritzen Gardens where they will receive a special behind-the-scenes tour of production greenhouses where expert horticulturists research, study, propagate and grow many of the plants that end up on public display in the garden, including the dramatic presentation of tulips promising peak performance at the end of April. Garden educators will discuss how such plantings are conceived, designed, and executed before participants head back to Joslyn Art Museum.

Space is limited and advanced reservations are required. Tickets: \$25 Joslyn or Lauritzen Gardens members; \$35 for general public.

To register or for more information, contact Joslyn's Director of Adult Programs at sseverson@joslyn.org or (402) 661-3862.

Art Exhibits

MARCH THROUGH JULY

Lauritzen Gardens has been proud to host many famous local, regional and national artists in our gallery space over the last eleven years. Artists who are exhibiting in 2013 include Iowa painter Priscilla Steele, Nebraska painters JK Thorsen and Martie Wagner and Nebraska photographers Robert Wigton and Paula Day. Exhibition dates and details for each artist may be found on our website at www.lauritzengardens.org.

Prints and drawings by Priscilla Steele
THROUGH MARCH 31

Wagner, Wigton, Thorsen Exposition
APRIL 2 THROUGH MAY 19

Photography by Paula Day
MAY 22 THROUGH JULY 14

MISSION

Lauritzen Gardens is a living museum of unique four-season plant displays, maintained to the highest standards consistent with environmental stewardship. It provides memorable educational and aesthetic experiences for all.

OPEN DAILY

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open until 8 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays from mid-May through mid-September

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

ADMISSION

Members: Free
Adults: \$7 (\$6 from October-March)
Children: \$3 (6-12)
Children under 6 are admitted free

TRAM TOURS

50-minute narrated tram tours of the garden's 100-acre site are available May through October for \$3 per person.

GENERAL GARDEN INFORMATION

402.346.4002
www.lauritzengardens.org

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

402.346.4002, ext. 214
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GIFT SHOP

Open daily
402.346.4002, ext. 250
Enjoy this selection of high-quality gift items that reflect the collection in the gardens.

CAFÉ

Open daily
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The garden's café offers visitors a beautiful setting for brunch, lunch or a snack.

GROUP TOURS

402.346.4002, ext. 212
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FACILITY RENTALS

402.346.4002, ext. 261
Lauritzen Garden is a spectacular site for your special day or special event. The garden blends uncommon natural beauty with exceptional amenities and service.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

To register: 402.346.4002, ext. 212
For school programs: 402.346.4002, ext. 253

VOLUNTEER

402.346.4002, ext. 263
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

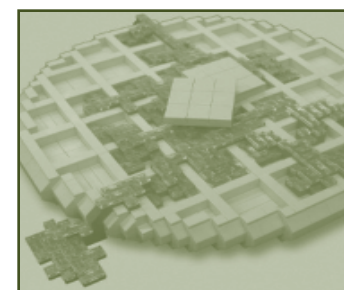
DONATIONS AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

402.346.4002, ext. 224
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



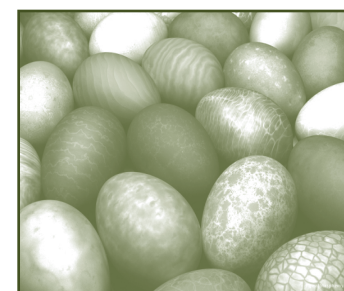
NATURE CONNECTS THROUGH MAY 19

Walk under an 8-foot tall hummingbird, stand amidst a 7-foot rose, go nose-to-nose with a 5-foot butterfly, and then try your own hand at building and show us what you can make! Built from nearly half-a-million LEGO® pieces, this show features 27 larger-than-life sculptures built with LEGO® bricks by New York artist Sean Kenney. Just as LEGO® bricks connect together to create something fun, colorful and intricate, so too is nature. Through the exhibit and its accompanying interpretive messaging, guests will learn how all living things on Earth are interconnected.



Build-A-Breakfast

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS THROUGH MAY 19, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
Enjoy a fun brunch of EGGO® waffles, with bacon or sausage, fresh fruit garnish and choice of coffee, milk or orange juice. Breakfast is \$6 per person in addition to regular garden admission. Explore the exhibit *Nature Connects*, and see what you can build with LEGO® bricks. Reservations are not required.



Easter Extravaganza MARCH 30, 9 A.M. TO NOON

At Easter Extravaganza, children of all ages can take photos with the Easter Bunny and engage in fun activities. Enjoy crafts from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by egg hunts divided into three age groups with staggered starting times. Regular admission applies with an additional \$3 per child for egg hunt and activities. Due to limited capacity, advanced registration is required for any and all activities. RSVP to (402) 346-4002, ext. 262 by the end of the day March 25.



Easter Brunch MARCH 31, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Easter Brunch at Lauritzen Gardens has become a tradition for many Omaha families and sells out quickly. Make your plans now to join us at the visitor and education center for a wonderful brunch, catered by Hap Abraham Catering from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menu and event details are available on our website or by calling Merri at (402) 346-4002, ext. 201. Reservations required.