

FRIENDS

of Fellows Riverside Gardens

SPRING 2019



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and more!



If the recent end-of-January weather makes the winter doldrums seem endless, our Spring Newsletter has arrived just in time! Looking for ways to fulfill that New Year's resolution and embrace a more active lifestyle? You will find just the motivation to do so in the Calendar of Events planned for the upcoming season at Fellows Riverside Gardens. There are a variety of activities, programs and exhibits for all to enjoy. In addition, members of Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens are invited to attend several special events at the Gardens, including the Annual Meeting of Friends on March 21, 2019, the Spring Open House at the Shop at the Gardens on April 3, and one of our biggest events – the Spring Plant Sale, held on Mother's Day week-end. For months, our plant sale team of volunteers has been plotting (literally!) and planning for this event.

The Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Spring Plant Sale will be held May 10-11, 2019. There will be a member's only preview sale on Thursday May 9, 2019 from 4-7 PM, when members may do some early shopping and receive a 15% discount on all plants. When you visit our Plant Sale, you will find plants creatively displayed by section, staffed by knowledgeable and experienced volunteers. You'll also find a great selection of quality plants very reasonably priced – just in time for Mother's Day shopping. In addition, a special 'thank you plant' is given to members who have subscribed at Sustainer, Patron, and Benefactor levels.

Plus, back by popular demand... **On the Terrace at 5!** will return this June! We are excited to revive this beloved event, featuring live music, Kravitz's Garden Café, and the addition of a Friends member discount.

New members are always welcome to join at any time at the Shop in the Gardens in the D.D. Davis Center. We are grateful to the 70+ volunteers who make this event a huge success. Through their efforts in 2018, over \$7,500.00 was raised for the care and support of the Gardens. Be sure to make this your first stop as you begin to reconnect with your garden and celebrate spring!

We look forward to a busy and exciting year. Thank you for being an important part of the success of Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and for supporting the park you love!

The Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

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To become a member of Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, pick up a brochure at the Davis Center for details. Or visit www.FriendsOfFellows.org.

THE FRIENDS OF FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

Since 1988, the Friends have been dedicated to the promotion, improvement and preservation of Fellows Riverside Gardens, a free public garden, through advocacy and fundraising. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Friends are independent of the Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks, yet work in steady collaboration with them to sponsor events and programs and to fund large-scale garden projects.

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Thinking Spring with Gardens Staff by Scott Lantz

On January 18, 2019, I met with Gardens Supervisor Rob Chismar, Assistant Gardens Supervisor Sarah Spetsios, and Gardener Marcy Dubec to talk about spring at FRG. The timing seemed incongruous as Youngstown was about to receive more than ten inches of snow over the next two days. However, the staff's preparation for spring had actually begun the previous fall, and they were busy planning, mixing, and potting on the day we met.

Question: So, will visitors to the Gardens see anything new this spring?

Rob: We added a permanent daffodil display on the northwest entrance, so that's new. We also planted a black gum tree, *Nyssa sylvatica*, on the northern end of the Great Lawn. There are also many new donor plants and shrubs.

Sarah: Also, three new benches were added.

Q: About the new daffodil display, FRG is well known for its varieties of daffodils. How many different kinds are there here?

Rob: We have close to 200 unique cultivars of narcissi.

Q: What do you like best about spring at FRG?

Sarah: For me, it's the bulb display. Last fall, the staff and volunteers planted 39,000 bulbs.

Q: Was this done in a particular color theme or scheme?

Marcy: Yes, we went with warm colors; lots of reds and yellows, with many variations on those colors.

Q: Do you have a personal favorite spring flower?

Rob: For me, probably the Reticulated Iris.

Sarah: I would say hyacinths.

Marcy: My personal favorite spring flowers are pansies.



From left: Rob Chismar, Marcy Dubec, and Sarah Spetsios

Q: How about favorite trees or shrubs in spring?

Rob: Dwarf Fothergilla. It is in the Witch-hazel family and has small flowers that smell like honey. It is also one of the earliest blooming woody shrubs and is therefore a harbinger of spring, like forsythia.

Sarah: I love any variety redbud.

Marcy: I would say the Milky Way Kousa Dogwood by the Shade Garden, although it blooms a little later in spring. That particular tree is even known nationally. One of the country's leading horticulturalists, Michael Dirr, talks about it in one of his books.

Q: Anything else you would like visitors to know about spring?

Sarah: Only that we are anxiously awaiting it like everyone.

Rob: Yes, every year spring is the rebirth of the Gardens.

Garden Travel Tours 2019

As registration continues for Cincinnati in Bloom, our first trip of 2019, the Garden Tours committee is hard at work making plans for two other exciting travel experiences coming later in the year. A summer day trip is slated for Wednesday, July 10, where private garden sanctuaries will be the highlight of our travel. First, we'll visit the beautiful Draime Estate Gardens, a partner of Kent State University's horticulture program. This magical estate boasts an impressive display of pristine topiaries, winding paths and lovely botanical specimens.

We will also guide our travelers to a Chagrin Falls business that specializes in garden design and the creation of enchanting garden structures. Miriam's River House Designs is a hub of creativity whose work revolves around building personalized spaces and architectural wonders. We'll tour the property and have the opportunity to get an up-close look at the astounding work of owner/partner Nancy Drobnick and her team.

Also in the works is a multi-day trip where we will immerse ourselves in the botanical marvels of Chicago! Mark your calendars and join us Friday-Sunday, September 6-8, for the first Friends-sponsored excursion to the windy city. Tour destinations are still in the works, and more information will be available in the coming months. Please call 330.740.7116 ext. 210 with any questions.

Spring Plant Sale

The Plant Sale Committee met in January to plan for its 2019 Sale. Committee members include volunteers responsible for selecting and organizing plant sections for the Sale, as well as several Gardens staff: Rob Chismar (Gardens Supervisor, MCMP), Bill Mills (Sale set-up), Monica Parkhurst (Veggies and Fruit), Stan Vuletich (Dahl-ias), Lanore Jones (Finance & Development Administrator, FFRG), Marcy Dubec (Gardener, MCMP), Peggy Mills (Roses), Deb Metzger (Plant Sale Committee chair), Carol Knock (Succulents), June Nolasco (Perennials), Pam Baytos (Herbs), Michelle Spernak (Woody Plants), Janet Yaniglos (Annuals), and Andrew Pratt (Gardens Director, MCMP). Missing from the photo are Marilyn Africa, Patty Rush,



Sarah Spetsios, Gordon Vujevic and Elise Huzjak.

New this year will be a wide array of

succulents for Ohio gardens. The Plant Sale Member Preview is Thursday, May 9, with the Sale opening to the public May 10-11.

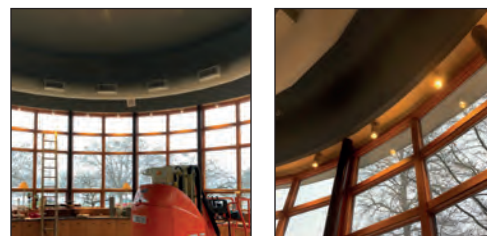
SHOP in the GARDENS

The Shop in the Gardens has spent the winter months gearing up for one of their busiest times of year - spring! Shelves are packed to the brim with beautiful florals and cheery home & garden decor, plus new spring stationary, candles and more!

Also new in the Shop are updated, energy-saving LED lights which

provide much-needed illumination in various areas. As part of our \$75,000 yearly donation towards Davis Center improvements, Friends funded the lighting upgrades which took place in January. Lights were added along the ceiling's perimeter, in the lobby display windows, Shop entranceway, and large drum light in the center of the ceiling, making for an even more enjoyable shopping experience!

The Shop in the Gardens Spring Open House, a members-only event, is scheduled to take place on Wednesday,



April 3 from 5:00-7:00 PM. All members will be treated to refreshments, dessert, and 20% off spring merchandise. Memberships will be available to purchase at the door. Be sure to visit the Shop during your next visit to the Gardens!

PLUS...

Meet the local owner and creator of one of the newest and most unique greeting card lines in the United States! A graduate of Ursuline High School and North Lima resident, Gregory Stanko, owner of Theia Chandelier Cards, is an avid natural history enthusiast and artist. His extensive butterfly and moth collections have previously been on display at the Davis Center and throughout the country. Greg has combined his passions and has created a brand that appeals to consumers both young and old. When opened, Chandelier Cards™ become a unique gift as the elements emerge in a cascading shape, creating surprise and excitement for the recipient. The line will make its debut at the Greeting Cards Association Show in NYC, May 2019 and can be viewed online, www.theiachandeliercards.com.

Greg has designed a special Fellows Riverside Card that will be unveiled and available for purchase at the event. By sending the Fellows Riverside Garden Card, he hopes that all who enjoy the natural beauty of the Gardens will share the beauty with others. He looks forward to meeting everyone at the Spring Open House and will personalize/sign any purchased cards!



The Evolution of a Library by Janet Yaniglos



Any visitor to the D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center is likely to wander into the Maxcine Antonucci Horticulture Library – and then stop short in surprise, struck by its grand, to-the-ceiling windows. Comfy chairs and amazing succulents along the windows draw one to venture closer, to take in the up-close view of the garden landscape. Have not you yourself wandered in and felt the charm of the light-filled space... and then perhaps vowed to return someday to peruse the library's books?

This gem of architectural design was part of the Davis Center's original layout, when it opened in December 2000. John Antonucci funded the construction of the library in memory of his mother Maxcine Antonucci. Seven years later, the Antonucci family and friends sponsored a special evening fundraiser, "The Season of Roses and Wine", which raised \$26,000 to support library operations and the creation of "Mimi's Corner" for children's reading.

Garden Forum Beginnings

The idea of a garden-based library was championed long before, in the 1960's, by the Garden Forum of the Greater Youngstown Area. Many books were donated over the decades to the Fred W. Green Memorial Garden Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens, which closed in August 1999 to make way for construction of the Davis Center. Ever since then, worn older books would find their way into the annual Used Book Sale stacks. Sale profits and individual donations made possible the purchase of increasingly more colorful and photograph-filled books. Funds

New for Children

The western side of the library – Mimi's Corner – is now fully dedicated to encouraging children to linger and experience the magic of reading. All books are shelved at levels easy to reach for little hands. There are child-size beanbag chairs, and Friends has paid for an enticing collection of life-size animal puppets and boxed games for imaginative play.

Also, a few brainstorming sessions have been held among several staff, Friends Board members, and library-lovers (Andrew, Mandy Smith, Carole McWilson, Carol Hart, Denise Stewart, Debbie Liptak and Janet Yaniglos). The group learned that today's libraries are emphasizing programs to encourage a life-long love of reading, often actively engaging adults who accompany children visitors. It was decided that offering such activities during 2019's cold-weather months would be a good start to boosting use of the library.

So check the calendar for "Crafty Critters" programs, conducted by the MetroParks Education staff. Similar to the outdoor "Family Fun Fridays" during the Gardens' growing season, the hours give adults flexibility in time spent there. Drop in with your favorite little ones for a hands-on craft activity and garden- or nature-oriented reading session. Add a stop in the Shop in the Gardens... enjoy lunch in the Garden Café... what a perfect way to spend a few cold weekday hours with a young child!

Stay tuned for further program developments in the library. Andrew's dream is to make technology available there so visitors can tap into information on the garden's plantings – an idea in its very early stages, but perhaps another opportunity for Friends to bring its resources and collaborative support to Fellows Riverside Gardens. And meanwhile, take some time to peruse those library shelves!



raised by the much loved Wintertime Teas also helped the collection grow.

This past decade has seen a decline in use of the Gardens library, as people have turned to the internet for horticultural expertise, mirroring national trends. (When was the last time you took time to page through a magazine or check out a book from the Antonucci Library?) That's what drove Gardens Director Andrew Pratt and his staff to take a hard look at ways to make better use of the under utilized library. Last year, he asked the horticultural librarian from the Cleveland Botanical Garden to do a careful

winning down of the book collection, with outdated references and worn books directed to the Used Book Sale. The books that remain continue to span the broad array of contemporary horticultural topics. References on gardening techniques, floral arts, botanical gardens, and just about every type of flower and landscape plant fill the book shelves on the eastern side of the library. Andrew is adamant that there will always be a good horticultural reference library at Fellows Riverside Gardens – it's a botanical garden's crucial resource for both staff and the community.

All classes are held in the D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitors Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Registration is required 48 hours in advance for all classes (except when noted) by calling Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330.740.7116. Payment is required for registration. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and checks are accepted.

Cancellations made less than 48 hours prior are non-refundable. Cancellations made less than one week prior, but before 48 hour deadline will have a 10% cancellation fee. Cancellations made one week prior will receive a full refund.

FFRG = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens member price

CUISINE

Laid Back Cooking: Eggstravaganza

4/9 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Hands-on. Get cooking in the kitchen with Jack Kravitz with eggstravagant recipes. Learn how to make omelets, quiche and egg bakes. Register/pay by 4/6, call 330.740.7116. \$22 R; \$24 NR

EXHIBITS

Nature Photography Exhibit

Weller Gallery

Through 3/24 | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm

The annual Nature Photography Exhibit returns the Weller Gallery. Enjoy the beauty and color of nature - indoors! The skills of amateur photographers are featured in this popular exhibit. View landscapes, wild animals, Mill Creek MetroParks scenes and more through the lens of talented photographers.

As Did Monet, Artists Paint the Landscape

Weller Gallery

3/30 - 6/2 | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm

A cluster of artists may be seen painting in the landscape throughout surrounding counties. They are a meet-up outdoor artist group that originated out of the Davis YMCA art studio. Plein Air is the French term for open air painting. The group has evolved to nearly 80 members. Some favorite places are Mill Creek MetroParks, Beaver Creek State Park, Poland forest, sunflower fields, farms, old villages, apple orchards, ponds, creeks and more.

Daffodil Show

4/12 | 3 - 5 pm and 4/13 & 4/14 | 10 am - 5 pm

Discover the delights of daffodils! Enter your perfect bloom in the daffodil show at the Davis Center, Friday 4/12 and Saturday 4/13, that highlights the diversity and beauty of daffodils. Call Fellows Riverside Gardens, 330.740.7116, for details. Friday, 4/12, entries accepted: 3 – 5 pm; Saturday, 4/13, entries accepted: 8 – 10 am, judging: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, and show: 1 – 5 pm; and Sunday, 4/14, show: 10 am – 5 pm.

Mill Creek MetroParks History

Ongoing | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm

The Melnick Museum offers the visitor a peek into the unique history of Mill Creek MetroParks. Look back and discover how Volney Rogers garnered property and how that land has grown into Mill Creek MetroParks. Learn about the generosity of Elizabeth Fellows that was the beginning of

Fellows Riverside Gardens. And take time to learn about the early days of McGuffey and his boyhood homestead located in Coitsville and now known as the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Nature-Inspired Stoneware Mugs

3/12 | 6 - 8:30 pm

Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Join Lynn Cardwell to construct two nature-inspired stoneware mugs. They will be food and dishwasher safe. The project will be glazed, fired and ready for pick up approximately four weeks after the class. Register/pay by 3/10, call 330.740.7116. \$28 R; \$30 NR

Spring Wreath

3/16 | 10 - 11:30 am

Celebrate the change of seasons with a cheery and bright wreath for your home. Using silk spring flowers, Judy Stanislaw will guide you in the artistry of crafting a wreath. Register/pay by 3/14, call 330.740.7116. \$24; FFRG \$22

Spring Grocery Store Bouquet

4/9 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Do you frequently receive bouquets from the grocery and simply plop them in a vase? Well, Judy Stanislaw will share tips and tricks to go beyond the vase with these lovely blooms. Register/pay by 4/7, call 330.740.7116. \$24; FFRG \$22

Whimsical Fairy or Bird House

4/16 | 6 - 8:30 pm

Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Do you have fairies or birds in your garden? Lynn Cardwell will teach students how to construct a stoneware clay fairy house for their garden. The work will be glazed, fired and ready to pick up in approximately four weeks. Register/pay by 4/14, call 330.740.7116. \$28 R; \$30 NR

Spring Leaf Bowl

5/14 | 6 - 8:30 pm

Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Lynn Cardwell will teach students to construct a clay bowl embossed with leaf patterns. The work will be glazed in spring colors, fired, and ready to take home approximately four weeks after the class. Register/pay by 5/12, call 330.740.7116. \$28 R; \$30 NR

Summer Wreath

5/21 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Celebrate the change of seasons with a bright and beautiful wreath for your home. Using silk summer flowers, Judy Stanislaw will guide you in the artistry of crafting a wreath. Register/pay by 5/19. \$24; FFRG \$22

Acrylic Pour Painting

6/4 | 6 - 8 pm

Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Lynn Cardwell will demonstrate how to pour paint onto canvas for students to create their own nature inspired masterpiece. The painting will dry, be clear coated and ready for pick up in one week. Register/pay by 6/2, call 330.740.7116. \$28 R; \$30 NR

Succulent Dish

6/11 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Adults & ages 12+ with paid adult. Judy Stanislaw will walk you through the process of design principles and plant placement to create a beautiful succulent dish garden of your very own. Register/pay by 6/9. \$28; \$26 FFRG

HEALTHY LIVING

Yoga Basics Course

3/3 - 4/21 | Sundays, 9 - 10 am or (no class 4/7)
3/5 - 4/23 | Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm (no class 4/9)

Learn the basics of Yoga in a safe way with Karres Cvetkovich. Benefit from an experienced teacher and a welcoming environment. Focus on the fundamentals: ease of movement, being more limber, standing strong on your own two feet, and breathing well for positivity and alertness. Bring a mat and blanket, pillow if desired. Choose either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this seven-week course. Participants need to pre-register; no drop-ins. \$70; 10% discount (\$63) if registered by 2/26.

Yoga in the Gardens

3/5, 3/7, 3/12, 3/14, 3/19, 3/21, 3/26, 3/28 | 9:30 – 11 am
4/2, 4/4, 4/9, 4/11, 4/16, 4/18, 4/23, 4/25, 4/30 | 9:30 – 11 am
5/2, 5/7, 5/9, 5/14, 5/16, 5/21, 5/23, 5/28, 5/30 | 9:30 – 11 am
6/4, 6/6, 6/11, 6/13, 6/18, 6/20, 6/25, 6/27 | 9:30 – 11 am

Join Marina Perdos for a blend of energizing yoga styles that will help you keep a healthy outlook. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and small blanket. Call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330.740.7116 for details. Drop-in. \$12/class

T'ai Chi Step One in the Gardens

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 | Noon – 1 pm
 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 | Noon – 1 pm
 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 | Noon – 1 pm
 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 | Noon – 1 pm

Ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Join Marie Lew in warm-ups, breathing exercises and selected movements from a classic Chen T'ai Chi form. Call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330.740.7116 for details. Drop-in. \$10/class

T'ai Chi Basics for Beginners Course

3/14 - 5/16 | Thursdays, Noon – 1 pm or

Learn this classic art of energy balancing while developing coordination, flexibility and leg strength with Marie Lew during this ten-week course held on Thursdays at Fellows Riverside Gardens or Wednesdays (3/20 - 5/22 | 7 - 8 pm) at MetroParks Farm. Designed for beginners, this course includes warm-ups, breathing exercises and the first steps of a classic T'ai Chi form. Learn to flow through your day feeling centered and attuned! Participants need to pre-register; no drop-ins. \$100; 10% discount (\$90) if registered/paid at Fellows Riverside Gardens, 330.740.7116, by 3/7(Thursdays) or 3/13 (Wednesdays).

Fragrant Fridays: A Year of Prevention

3/22, 7/12, 9/27 | 10 - 11:30 am

Join Marina Perdos to look through the lens of Ayurveda: A Seasonal Formulary. Learn how to integrate Ayurvedic philosophy to balance yourself during the changing seasons of KAPHA (Spring), PITTA (Summer), VATA (Fall/Winter). You will learn how to recognize and understand your own unique make-up. You will understand how to correct any imbalance in your body, mind, and spirit during each season. And you will learn specific therapies and lifestyle practices using the five senses (touch, taste, smell, hearing, and sight). Each of the classes will be packed with formularies and specific guidelines to keep you happy, balanced and well! Bring a writing utensil and paper/journal. Register/pay one week prior to each class date, call 330.740.7116. \$26 R; \$28 NR per class.

KAPHA Season - March 22, 2019

PITTA Season - July 12, 2019

VATA Season - September 27, 2019

Tantra & Chakras

4/4 | 6 - 8 pm

Experience deeper aspects of yourself through chakra investigation with adept teacher from India, Swami Dharmakirti. Explore myths and truths. Be informed about tantra, one of the six main philosophies of India which is the origin of the chakra system and all forms of hatha yoga. Bring a mat and a small blanket. Chair seating available. Register/pay by 4/2, call 330.740.7116. \$38

Yoga Basics Courses

4/28 - 6/16 | Sundays, 9 - 10 am or
 4/30 - 6/18 | Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm

6/23 - 8/11 | Sundays, 8 - 9 am or
 6/25 - 8/13 | Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm

Learn the basics of Yoga in a safe way with Karres Cvetkovich. Benefit from an experienced teacher and a welcoming environment. Focus on the fundamentals: ease of movement, being more limber, standing strong on your own two feet, and breathing well for positivity and alertness. Bring a mat and blanket, pillow if desired. Choose either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this eight-week course. Participants need to pre-register; no drop-ins. \$80; 10% discount (\$72) if registered by 4/23 or 6/18.

HORTICULTURE**Spring Clinic & Trade Show**

3/6 | 8 am - 3 pm

The Mahoning Valley Landscape & Nursery Association, Mill Creek MetroParks, and OSU Extension – Mahoning County will sponsor this spring horticulture clinic at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Topics will focus on innovative ideas for the green industry. Vendors will display current service products. Call 330.398.7710 for details or visit www.mvlva.org for more information.

Men's Garden Club Talk

3/6, 4/3, 5/1, | 7 - 8 pm

The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown invites you to attend their general meeting which includes topics by local and regional speakers on horticulture and nature. Drop-in. Free.

Garden Design 101

3/16 | 9 am - Noon

Garden Design is a process that uses science and art to solve problems and create places of beauty and use. In this workshop, join Debra Knapke to explore the tools and rules of design and delve into issues that every garden has: soil type and compaction, plant success and failure, drainage difficulties, hardscape headaches, and more. Following the presentation we will engage in a design studio in which each participant will bring pictures of an area in her or his garden that needs attention. Attendees will be part of the discussions for solving these garden problems. Register/pay by 3/10, call 330.740.7116. \$52 R; \$60 NR

Botanical Mornings

3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28 | 9 - 10 am

Discover the progress of seasons here at Fellows Riverside Gardens with Educator Lynn Zocolo. Then, enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or tea in Kravitz's Garden Café. Register/pay by 3/20. \$5

The Fundamentals of Green Gardening Course

3/26, 4/9, 4/16 & 4/30 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

As gardeners, we are stewards of the environment, whether we cultivate a postage stamp lawn or several acres. The Fundamentals of Green

Gardening course covers ways to take your home landscape to the next level of stewardship. Sessions include: ways to maintain healthy soil, exploring innovative design, and learning about integrated pest management, native plants, and pollinator gardening. Register/pay by 3/12 by calling 330.740.7116. \$45 R; \$55 NR

Find out more on the John and Doris Andrews Horticulture Certificate Program webpage: <https://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/the-john-and-doris-andrews-horticulture-certificate-program/>

Daffodil Walk

4/13 | 1 - 2 pm

Delight in the beauty, diversity, and fragrance of daffodils on this guided walk with Gordon Vujevic, daffodil expert. Discover over 200 different species and cultivars that are a part of the Fellows Riverside Gardens Narcissus collection. Meet in the Davis Center Lobby. Drop-in.

Summer Flower Gardening in Ohio & Western PA Course

5/14, 6/4, & 7/16 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Summer flower gardens are one of the highlights of the home landscape here in Ohio and Western PA. This course digs deep into building a palette of flowers that will enhance and create definition for your home landscape. Sessions include: basic preparations for summer flowers, an in-depth look at perennials for our region, and how to create designs for annuals and container gardens. Register/pay by 4/30 by calling 330.740.7116. \$45 R; \$55 NR

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National Public Gardens Day Tours

5/11 | 11 am or 2 pm

Celebrate National Public Gardens Day here at Fellows Riverside Gardens! Learn about the importance of public gardens and Fellows Riverside Gardens with one of our knowledgeable Garden Guides. Drop-in. Free.

KIDS & FAMILIES**Sprout Club**

3/21, 4/18, 5/16 | 1 - 2 pm

Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join the Sprout Club this spring for learning and fun with topics that include: maple syrup, worms, and fairies! Each class will include an activity and snack. Attend all three classes and receive a class related prize. Deadline for series is 3/19. \$15/series; \$7/class

Introducing the Dinosaurs

3/23 | 4 - 5 pm

For all ages. Dale Gnidovec of the OSU Orton Geological Museum will describe how we find, excavate and reconstruct these marvelous beasts,

SCHEDULE of classes

View MetroParks classes and activities online at: millcreekmetroparks.org

discuss the major groups of dinosaurs, and share some of the other animals (such as the swimming and flying reptiles) that lived at the same time. Registration requested, not required. Register at Fellows Riverside Gardens, 330.740.7116.

Crafty Critters

3/23 | 4 - 5 pm

Winter blues? Get out of the house with the kids and get cozy in the library, located in the Davis Center, with fun, simple crafts, stories, and a scavenger hunt. Stop by the Garden Cafe for a snack and enjoy a walk to see the beauty of the Gardens during Winter. Drop-in.

Family Fun Fridays

6/7 - 8/23 | Fridays, 11 am - 1 pm

Each Friday, take part in fun drop-in activities in the Family Garden, where families can learn and explore together. Special guests visit each week with activities like yoga, the pop-up library, crafts, storytelling, and more. Drop-in.

Sprout Club

6/20, 7/18, 8/22 | 1 - 2 pm

Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join the Sprout Club this summer for learning and fun with topics that include: pizza, water, and buckeyes! Each class will include an activity and snack. Attend all three classes and receive a class related prize. Deadline for series is 6/19. \$15/series; \$7/class

SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS

Trekkers: "Herbology & Potions"

6/24 - 6/28 | 9 am - 4 pm

Ages 10-12. Park your brooms at the door and line-up for a week filled with magic and mischief at Mill Creek MetroParks. Inspired by Harry Potter, campers will develop skills with botany in Herbology class and chemistry in Potions class. Get your hands dirty learning everything about plants: identification, the benefits of, and how to communicate with them. Wizard activities include wand-making, herbal concoctions, making butterbeer, and garden explorations. Register/pay by 6/18, call 330.740.7116. \$126 R; \$140 NR

LECTURES

Naturalist Series: Teeth, Jaws & Claws

3/23 | 6 - 7 pm

Dale Gnidovec, OSU Orton Geological Museum, gives us a look at the tremendous diversity of theropods, the carnivorous dinosaurs, and why scientists say birds are living dinosaurs. Registration requested, not required. Call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330.740.7116. The Naturalist Series is a collaboration between the OSU Extension - Mahoning County Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program and Mill Creek MetroParks. The next program will be 5/7 on Tree Communication at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Beyond Beauty: Magnolias Around the World

3/28 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Magnolias are among the most recognizable, ornamental flowering trees in the world. In addition to beauty, their primitive origins, unique ecological interactions, and conservation value render them as much more than "another pretty face" in the garden. These factors allow them contribute to gardens on many levels that are not often considered. Join Peter Zale, Associate Director, Conservation, Plant Breeding and Collections at Longwood Gardens, as he discusses these factors in a photographically rich exploration of magnolias around the world, as well as a short discussion of the best new magnolia hybrids for the garden. Registration requested, not required. Call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330.740.7116. Sponsored by the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Memorial Lecture Series.

Naturalist Series: Tree Communication & Natural Defenses

3/28 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Ever wondered how trees handle their enemies? And if they talk to each other? If you've ever asked yourself these questions, or even if they are completely new to you, join us as Dr. Enrico Bonello tells us about these fascinating aspects of the natural world. Enrico is a chemical ecologist who studies interactions among trees, fungal pathogens, and insect pests at Ohio State University. Registration requested, not required. Call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330.740.7116. The Naturalist Series is a collaboration between the OSU Extension - Mahoning County Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program and Mill Creek MetroParks. The next program will be 6/20 on Coyotes at the MetroParks Farm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Jewels of Winter

Through 3/3 | Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm

Orchids are the jewels of the plant world, full of color, let them dazzle you with their brilliance and splendor. During the heart of winter, find the spirit of the tropics here at the Davis Center as you observe these exotic beauties on display. Bring your camera, as there will be plenty of amazing flowers to photograph.

Lunch with the Leprechaun

3/9 | 11 am - 1:30 pm

Enjoy a traditional Irish buffet, Irish Music by County Mayo, Irish inspired activity/craft, magic time with Seamus O'Foole the magical leprechaun, and Burke Irish Dancers. Space is limited. Register/pay by calling 330.779.8201 by 3/6. \$19.95 adults, \$10.95 kids 4-12, under 4 free with adult.

Buffet Includes:

Corned beef and cabbage, vegetarian cabbage-potato-carrots, Ruebens, chicken fingers, coleslaw, tater tots, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, Irish Brownies and Irish Cream cheese cake.

Daffodil Weekend

4/13 & 4/14 | 10 am - 5 pm

Discover the delights of daffodils during Daffodil Weekend! Enter your perfect bloom in the daffodil show at the Davis Center, Friday 4/12 and Saturday 4/13, that highlights the diversity and beauty of daffodils. Enjoy a stroll through the Gardens on 4/13 during a guided walk to see the over 200 different species and cultivars in the Narcissus collection. Or even hike to Daffodil Meadow with the Wild Women of Mill Creek on 4/14!

Daffodil Show Details: Friday, 4/12, entries accepted: 3 - 5 pm; Saturday, 4/13, entries accepted: 8 - 10 am, judging: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, and show: 1 - 5 pm; and Sunday, 4/14, show: 10 am - 5 pm.

Plant the Seed to Read Book Festival: Reading's My Superpower

4/27 | 10 am - 3 pm

"Reading's My Superpower" is the theme for the 13th annual book festival. Altrusa Club of Youngstown, Mill Creek MetroParks, Western Reserve Public Media, and the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County together present an event that brings authors, illustrators, book characters, storytellers, and hands-on activities for children. Come out to meet Alpha Pig from the PBS show Super Why! and join the fun to promote literacy in the Mahoning Valley. Free.

National Public Gardens Day

5/11 | 10 am - 5 pm

National Public Gardens Day is an annual celebration of the nation's public gardens to raise awareness of the important role botanical gardens and arboreta play in promoting environmental stewardship, plant and water conservation, green spaces, and plant education in communities nationwide. In the Mahoning Valley, this celebration takes place locally at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Enjoy opportunities throughout the day that include: the spring plant sale from 10 am - 3 pm, guided garden tours at 11 am and 2 pm, and a 10% discount in the Shop in the Gardens.

Mother's Day Brunch

5/12 | 11 am or 2 pm

Fellows Riverside Gardens will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch by Inspired Catering. Reservations are required. Contact Kravitz's Garden Cafe at 330.779.8201 for more information.

TROLLEY TOURS

Spring Fling Trolley

4/20 | 10:30 - 11:30 am or 1 - 2 pm

Join Educator Lynn Zocolo on a trolley ride through historic Mill Creek Park as we celebrate spring. Learn about the plants leafing out and look for spring wildflowers as we enjoy the season. Limited seating. Register/pay at Ford Nature Center, 330.740.7107, by 4/18. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; seniors/youth: \$5 R, \$8 NR.

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