OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS
LEARN AT THE GARDENS
JUNE - DECEMBER 2021
Join us for informative, casual, and fun outdoor gardens and conservatory walks. Walks occur snow, rain, or shine; cancellations only in the event of dangerous lightning or snow storm. Dress appropriately for the weather. All walks begin in the Visitor Center Lobby. Limited space; register early and by the deadline.

**Early Summer Herb Walk**
Join us for an engaging stroll through Olbrich’s stunning herb garden as you learn about the history and uses of medicinal plants, herbal lore, harvesting tips, and interesting scientific facts.

*Instructors:* Kathleen Wildwood, Wildwood Institute

*Thursday, June 3, 6:30-8 p.m.*
*Registration deadline: May 24*
*$22/$18 Member

**Gravel Garden Walk**
Many people want beautiful gardens, but don’t have the time nor want to see precious resources like water and energy go into growing them. Learn about gravel gardens and how they easily can be incorporated into home landscapes. See how Olbrich has replaced lawns and traditional perennial beds with these sustainable gardens.

*Instructor:* Jeff Epping, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

*Wednesday, June 30, 6:30-8 p.m.*
*Registration deadline: June 20*
*$18/$15 member

**Fantastic Ferns & How to Grow Them Walk**
Ferns are an ancient plant lineage, with many contemporary garden uses. Take a walk through Olbrich Gardens while we discuss the biology and culture of this large and varied group, and how to use and care for them in the garden.

*Instructor:* Dan Schuknecht, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

*Thursday, July 8, 6-7:30 p.m.*
*Registration deadline: June 28*
*$15/$12 member

**Blooms & Bouquets Summer Walk**
Interested in honing your bouquet-making skills? Enjoy a stroll through the gardens while learning basic tips on using flowers from your own garden to make bouquets. After the walk, you’ll get a step by step bouquet-making tutorial and an opportunity to design your own bouquet using flowers from Olbrich to take home at the end of the evening!

*Instructor:* Samantha Malone, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

*Wednesday, July 28, 6-7:30 p.m.*
*Registration deadline: July 18*
*$35/$28 member

**Lawn Alternatives Walk**
Replacing the lawn around your home can create biodiversity, conserve water, and offer other environmentally beneficial outcomes. Learn about various lawn alternatives and how they easily can
be incorporated into home landscapes. See how Olbrich has replaced lawns and traditional perennial beds with more sustainable gardens.

**Instructor:** Jeff Epping, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Monday, August 2, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: July 25**

$18/$15 member

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**Create a Tropical Effect in your Garden Walk**

Olbrich’s Thai Garden is designed to convey a tropical effect using plants hardy to our climate. Stroll through the Thai garden with horticulturist Dan Schuknecht while we discuss plant selection and special techniques used to create this look, and ways to duplicate it in home gardens.

**Instructor:** Dan Schuknecht, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Wednesday, August 11, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: August 1**

$15/$12 member

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**Focusing on Foliage Walk**

Are flowers overrated? We often focus on the spectacular blooms of perennials and annuals, but good garden design requires more than attention to flowers. Foliage is a necessary component (while flowers are not!). Learn how to design beds and borders as well as containers considering primarily color, shape, texture, and sheen of foliage, and learn a palette of plants that are foliage stars.

**Instructor:** Dan Schuknecht, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Wednesday, September 1, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: August 22**

$15/$12 member

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**Fall for Native Grasses & Sedges Walk**

Native grasses and sedges are important components of ecologically valuable landscapes and aesthetically pleasing gardens. Native plants are adaptable and reliable, and help provide a full season of garden benefits from the fresh, green, living mulch of early spring to the tawny textures and subtle timbres of late winter. Join us for an autumn walk around the Gardens as we look at some of the best native grasses and sedges.

**Instructor:** Phillip Stutz, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Wednesday, September 15, 5:30-7 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: September 6**

$15/$12 member

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**Putting Your Garden To Bed Walk**

By following a few simple tips for fall “bedtime” in the garden, you can enjoy a more beautiful winter and a relaxing, rewarding spring. We will address many common questions related to fall gardening and include technique demonstrations, tips, and tools to help you tackle - and enjoy - putting your garden to bed.

**Instructor:** Erin Presley & Samara Eisner, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Wednesday, September 22, 5:30-7 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: September 12**

$22/$18 member

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**Preserve Fall Colors Walk**

If you find fall as fleeting as we do then this is the class for you! Take a brisk walk through the gardens to admire the vibrant fall colors. You will learn about plants with excellent fall interest and collect a handful of colorful leaves to add to a portable plant press. After a few weeks, the plant material will be preserved and ready to be made into a craft project at home, such as greeting cards or framed art. All supplies included.

**Instructor:** Katey Pratt, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Thursday, October 28, 1-2:30 p.m.**

**Registration deadline: October 18**

$28/$22 member

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Tai Chi Meditation (6 week class)
“Move like a great river; sit like a mountain” instructs the age-old description of the meditative exercise and art of Tai Chi Chuan. This class offers standing, moving and seated practices rooted within the Chinese tradition of Tai Chi and Chi Kung for the enrichment of body, mind and spirit.
Instructor: Jody Curley, M.A. Master Certified Instructor
Mondays, June 7 - July 19 (no class on July 5), 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 2
$80 per person

Mondays, July 26 - Aug. 30, 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 21
$80 per person

Mondays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 18, 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 8
$80 per person

Mondays, Oct. 25 - Nov. 29, 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline: October 20
$80 per person

Mindful Flow Yoga (6-week class)
Join us as we unlock a state of present awareness through a mindful moving practice. All abilities are welcome as we enjoy the benefits of yoga. You will be encouraged to safely work within your own limitations as the instructor is experienced in alignment yoga and will be giving individual cues to each participant.
Instructor: Surya Asija, Moksha Yoga and Wellness LLC
Wednesdays, June 16 - July 21, 5-6 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 6
$90 per person

Mondays, Aug. 9 - Sept. 20, 5-6 p.m.
(no class on Sept. 6)
Registration deadline: August 1
$90 per person

Wednesdays, Oct. 6 - Nov. 10, 5-6 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 30
$90 per person

Planting Visions on the Page
See page 11 for details.

Herbs & Fermentation for Digestive Health
A healthy microbiome promotes overall health of the digestive and immune systems. Explore herbs that are beneficial for the gut and fermented foods that are easy to incorporate into everyday life. We will cover recipes and a 5 point system for promoting and maintaining digestive health.
Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs
Tuesday, September 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 23
$25/$20 member

Mindful Flow Yoga
Mondays, September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22, 6-8 p.m.

Herbs & Wisdom for Menopause
See page 8 for details.
Sunday, November 7, 1-2:30 p.m.

From the Garden: Herbs for Topical Applications
See page 6 for details.
Tuesday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Herbal and Goat Milk Soap Making
See page 8 for details.
Sunday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Engage your senses, discover hidden talents, learn a new technique, and explore a more personal relationship with plants and nature. From gardening practices to using nature as inspiration for the arts and do-it-yourself projects, Olbrich Botanical Gardens offers a broad range of classes and programs for adults. Led by experts in their fields, our programs provide something for every interest and skill level. Visit Olbrich Botanical Gardens to explore the wonder of plants, gardening, and the natural world. Limited space; register early and by the deadline.

Grow Your Own Salad Bowl
Get fresh garden salads without the garden! Learn how to plant and harvest lettuce, spinach, beets, and herbs in a ‘salad bowl.’ Create your own easy to care for ‘salad bowl’ container garden, while sampling and learning about herbal vinegars to make at home when your salad is ready to harvest. All supplies provided.
Instructor: Melody Orban, Master Gardener
Wednesday, June 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: May 23
$48/$38 member

Gardening & Discovering the Uses of Parsley
Did you know that parsley is the 2021 Herb of the Year?! Learn how to grow, harvest, preserve, and use the many varieties of parsley. We will discuss tips for growing parsley in the garden and in containers, how to use it in beauty products, and the health benefits.
Instructor: Theresa Mieseler, Shady Acres Herb Farm
Wednesday, June 9, 6-7:15 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 3
$28/$22 member

Create Your Own Succulent Dish
Learn how to select and grow succulents that can be enjoyed throughout the year. We will discuss the definition of a succulent, light considerations, watering, temperature, and potting mix. You’ll also create your own succulent dish to take home. All materials provided.
Instructor: Melody Orban, Master Gardener
Thursday, June 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 7
$48/$38 member

Gel Print Making
Learn how to make your own art prints using a gel plate, stencils, stamps, and other texture tools. You’ll use acrylic paint and alcohol inks to create beautifully layered prints, including some botanical prints. Then you will select a few of your favorites to make cards and small journal covers. All supplies provided.
Instructor: Beth Kluth, Artist

Tools of the Trade: Watering your Garden
Learn all about watering tools and hoses from a tool expert at Fiskars! Find out what makes them work and how to choose the right ones. This class will cover both traditional and new tools, with time at the end to chat with a Fiskars engineer.
Instructor: Dan Cunningham, Fiskars
Wednesday, June 23, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 17
$15/$12 Member

Copper Bee Workshop
Learn how to use cold-formed copper techniques to create a unique piece of art for your home! You’ll create a single copper bee then add a bit of color with alcohol inks. The finished product will be mounted on a 6” x 6” rustic stained wooden board with honeycomb accents.
Instructor: Kami Strunsee, Artist
Sunday, June 27, 1-3 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 17
$82 per person
Eco-Poetry: Following W.S. Merwin and Other Contemporary Eco-poetry
See page 11 for details.
Tuesdays, July 13 - Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Unusual Suspects - The Other Pollinators
Although bees are the most popular and widely known pollinators, there are many other helpful critters that pollinate our beloved plants. We’ll review a few of our favorites, but be prepared to dive into some critters you’d never guess were helpful pollinators!
Instructor: Samantha Malone, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Thursday, July 15, 2-3 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 8
$15/$12 member

Insect Photography
Capture those beautiful images of bumble bees, butterflies, and other insects visiting vibrant flowers this summer! Join us to learn techniques for photographing common insects in nature. We will also discuss equipment and how to identify your subjects.
Instructor: Kevin Hanley, Photographer
Saturday, July 17, 1-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 7
$28/$22 member

Painting Portraits with Thread
Learn how to create color with stitches instead of brushstrokes! Students will learn basic embroidery and stitching techniques and how to transfer an image to fabric. Join us for an artistic embroidery class where students are encouraged to explore and experiment.
Instructor: Patrizia Ferreira, Textile Artist & Educator
Tuesdays, July 20-Aug. 3, 6-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 11
$68/$55 member

Sustainable Success at Olbrich
Olbrich’s horticulturists take tremendous pride not just in the beauty of the Gardens but also the thoughtful, research-based practices we utilize to protect and build soil, conserve water and fossil fuels, and foster a positive environment for the wildlife and other organisms that share this space. Join horticulturists Avery and Erin on this relaxed midsummer garden walk highlighting some of our best sustainable gardening tips, including gardening for pollinators, lawn alternatives, leaf mulching and much more.
Instructor: Erin Presley & Avery Pronschinske, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Wednesday, July 21, 6-7:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 11
$22/$18 member

Are Your Weeds Laughing at You?
Do you ever feel like the weeds in your garden are mocking you? Weeds can be a source of stress for many gardeners. In this class we’ll discuss strategies for easily extracting weeds, slowing their growth, and preventing some weeds all together.
Instructor: Paul Drobot, Horticulturist
Thursday, July 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 12
$20/$16 member

Abstract Florals with Alcohol Ink
Create three different abstract florals using alcohol inks. You’ll learn different techniques to guide and mix the inks, and we’ll mat all three paintings to 8x10” so you’ll leave with three works of art ready for framing. Great for beginners, but those experienced with alcohol inks will be sure to pick up new tips and techniques. All supplies are provided.
Instructor: Beth Kluth, Artist
Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 14
$68 per person

Teen Photography 1
This class is a great introduction to basic photography concepts for teens. Photographers using DSLR, Mirrorless, and phone cameras are welcome. Exposure, camera controls and composition will be discussed.
Instructor: Kevin Hanley, Photographer
Saturday, August 14, 1-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 4
$20/$16 member
A Montage of Mosaic Knitting
Explore how a simple stitch can create so many different looks! Join us to learn how mosaic patterns work and the advantages of using a Mosaic pattern. You will create a sampler using one or more Mosaic patterns.
Instructor: Mary Jo Harris
Friday, August 20, 1-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 10
$35/$28 member

Teen Photography 2
Join us to expand your knowledge of photography concepts. This class will take place in the classroom and outdoors as we discuss close-up/macro photography, composition, and editing photographs.
Instructor: Kevin Hanley, Photographer
Saturday, August 21, 1-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 11
$20/$16 member

Better Soil, Better Plants & Happier Gardeners
Healthy soil is the foundation for healthy plants. Understanding some of the basic properties of soil and good management practices will improve production in your garden. Become a happier gardener by learning how to use compost, organic matter, leaf mold, and other strategies to improve the soil health in your garden.
Instructor: Paul S. Drobot, Horticulturist
Wednesday, September 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: August 29
$20/$16 member

Advanced Macro Photography
Do you like to photograph flowers, insects, and other small subjects? Join us to learn about advanced macro photography techniques. We will discuss the use of flash, image stacking, tabletop studio, and other macro photography topics.
Instructor: Kevin Hanley, Photographer
Saturday, September 11, 1-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 1
$28/$22 member

From the Garden: Herbs for Topical Applications
Applying herbs topically can promote healing of the skin, relieving irritation from bug bites, pain, inflammation and much more. Join us to learn about a variety of herbal preparations for topical applications. Learn to make poultices, infused oils, salves, lotions, compresses, foot baths and much more! Recipes will be shared.
Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs
Tuesday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 9
$28/$22 member

Copper Butterfly or Dragonfly Workshop
Learn how to use cold formed copper techniques to create a unique piece of art for your home! You’ll create a single copper butterfly or dragonfly, or a grouping of 7 small butterflies then add a bit of color with vibrant alcohol inks. The finished product will be mounted on a 6” x 6” rustic stained wooden pallet.
Instructor: Kami Strunsee, Artist
Sunday, September 19, 1-3 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 9
$82 per person

Poetry in the Anthropocene
See page 11 for details.
Thursdays, Sept. 23 - Oct. 14, 4:30-6 p.m.

Autumn Interpretations in Soft Pastel
Celebrate the beauty of autumn using the versatile medium of soft pastel. Create three entirely different paintings based on a single fall landscape or garden photograph. We’ll use different color palettes, papers and styles of application on each piece, learning which styles and techniques work best for you. All paper will be provided; see supply list for other required materials. Please bring a bag lunch.
Instructor: Kay Brathol-Hostvet, Brathol-Hostvet Studios
Saturday, September 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 15
$120/$96 member
**Telling Stories through Textiles in the Style of Kantha**
Do you have pieces of unique textiles you just can’t part with? Join us to give those otherwise discarded pieces a new purpose. Kantha textiles are beautiful, intricate textiles often created out of tattered textiles that are layered, sewn together, and embroidered with myriad embroidery stitches to tell the unique stories of their creators.

**Instructor:** Patrizia Ferreira, Textile Artist & Educator

**Sundays, Sept. 26 - Oct. 10, 1-4 p.m.**
**Registration deadline:** September 16
**$68/$55 member**

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**Drainage Concerns Around your House**
Proper drainage around your home is essential. Join us to learn how to eliminate standing water and negative pitch towards your foundation. Strategies such as adding soil, use of drain tile and rubber membranes, extending downspouts, excavating swales, rain gardens, and correcting retaining walls will be discussed.

**Instructor:** David Polich, A L Ltd Landscaping

**Wednesday, September 29, 6:30-8 p.m.**
**Registration deadline:** September 19
**$15/$12 member**

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**Plant Spirit Medicine**
See page 2 for details.

**Wednesday, October 9, 1-2:30 p.m.**

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**Rain Gardens: Designing for Function & Beauty**
Learn how to design rain gardens to capture, purify, and infiltrate stormwater while increasing a sites aesthetic and habitat qualities. Planted with native grasses, sedges, flowers, shrubs and trees, rain gardens offer a variety of aesthetic options suitable for any landscape.

**Instructor:** John Gishnock III, Formecology LLC

**Tuesday, October 12, 6:30-8 p.m.**
**Registration deadline:** October 3
**$15/$12 Member**

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**Seeds of Olbrich: Seed Saving Workshop**
Seed saving and seed sharing is a way to connect with others, and to pass on generations of history and traditions for future gardeners to enjoy. Bringing together the time honored gardening traditions of seed saving with hands-on practice, this workshop offers a unique learning experience in how to identify, harvest, and store seeds from Olbrich Gardens. Wander the garden, learn about each plant and its particular seed, and help harvest seed for future use in the gardens.

**Instructor:** Avery Pronschinske, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

**Friday, October 15, 1-2:30 p.m.**
**Registration deadline:** October 5
**$22/$17 member**

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**Back to Knitting Basics**
Looking to get your knitting groove back? Join us for a reminder of how to knit, purl, cast on, and bind off. We will cover basic knitting terms, pattern reading basics, yarn weights and sizes, and knitting tools. You’ll leave inspired to tackle new skill building projects.

**Instructor:** Mary Jo Harris

**Tuesdays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 19, 1-3 p.m.**
**Registration deadline:** September 5
**$85/$68 member**

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**Cultivating Fermentation Skills**
Interested in fermentation, but don’t know where to start? Explore several methods for at-home fermentation, including sauerkraut, pickles, yogurt, kefir and kombucha in this engaging class. We will discuss tools and troubleshooting for beginners, health benefits of fermented foods and how to incorporate them into your diet.

**Instructor:** Laura Poe Mathes, RD

**Saturday, October 23, 1-4 p.m.**
**Registration deadline:** October 18
**$32/$26 member**

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**Gel Print Making**
See page 4 for details.

**Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**
Native Shrubs – A Symbiosis of Site, Structure & Sanctuary
Join us for some informative, yet easy-to-follow native shrub tips. Discover the environmental and economic benefits of native shrubs and how these beautiful, low maintenance plants can be used in your landscape for both aesthetic appeal and functional purposes.
Instructor: John Gishnock III, Formecology LLC
Tuesday, October 26, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: October 17
$15/$12 member

Sweet Grass & Pine Needle Basket
Weaving
Make your own coiled basket using pine needles and sweetgrass! Explore the creative possibilities of this traditional skill as you’re guided through how to coil and stitch a simple basket. Learn how to integrate other materials into your basket, such as black walnut hull, pine cone, beads, and more. Bring a small pair of scissors, a thimble, and reading glasses, if needed. All other supplies provided.
Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs, LLC
Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: October 20
$84/$67 member

Painting Portraits with Thread
Learn how to create color with stitches instead of brushstrokes! Students will learn basic embroidery and stitching techniques and how to transfer an image to fabric. Join us for an artistic embroidery class where students are encouraged to explore and experiment.
Instructor: Patrizia Ferreira, Textile Artist & Educator
Mondays, November 1 - 15, 6-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: October 27
$68/$55 member

Let’s Be Salt Wise!
All the salt that we apply to pavement, put in our water softener, and apply in fertilizer ends up in our water and Wisconsin freshwater is getting salty. Starkweather Creek is one of over 40 waterbodies in the state with chloride concentrations that are harmful to aquatic life. The City of Madison and dozens of local private companies are working to stop over-salting. Learn more about what’s been done and how you can help protect our lakes, streams, and drinking water.
Instructor: Allison Madison, Wisconsin Salt Wise
Saturday, November 6, 1-2:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: October 27
$9/$7 member

Herbs & Wisdom for Menopause
Nourish and celebrate life’s changes with holistic herbal medicine. Learn which herbs can be used for self-care to maintain a healthy body throughout menopause, and remedies to address specific symptoms such as insomnia, anxiety, and hot flashes.
Instructor: Jackie Nikolaus, Community Pharmacy
Sunday, November 7, 1-2:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 1
$25/$20 member

Landscape Your Way to a Dry Basement
Learn about long-term solutions to a potentially ‘knee deep’ problem. Preventing a wet basement begins by managing the water outside your house and in your landscape. Join us to explore creative and functional landscape solutions that are key to keeping your basement dry.
Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs, LLC
Saturday, November 6, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 4
$54/$44 member

Herbal & Goat Milk Soap Making
Nourish your skin before winter hits. Enjoy a day of making soap with herbs and fresh goat’s milk. Learn the basics, then dive into a hands-on experience. You’ll go home with soap made in class as well as instructions and recipes. Most supplies provided.
Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs, LLC
Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 4
$54/$44 member

What’s In A Name?
Understanding Botanical Latin
Two-part botanical names tell a story written in Latin, these words reveal characteristics of plants, where they come from, who discovered them, and so much more. They provide standardization and accuracy, recognized by botanists, horticulturists and gardeners all over the world!

Color, Texture, Shape & Form
From Acer palmatum var. dissectum ‘Atropurpureum’ to Zizania palustris! Botanical names or scientific names offer so much information but can intimidate even the most experienced gardener. We’ll go over basic terminology that will help you decipher what the name is trying to tell you about the plant. Learn ways to conquer this secret language of plants. Learn ways to conquer this secret language of plants.
Instructor: Katey Pratt, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Tuesday, November 16, 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 11
$15/$12 Member

People & Places
Clematis jackmanii, have you ever wondered what jackmanii means? Did you guess that it is named after the man who bred the plant, George Jackman!? What about canadensis, pensylvanica, virginiana? This class will discuss the fascinating people and places written into the names of many plants and much more.
Instructor: Avery Pronschinske, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Tuesday, November 23, 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 18
$15/$12 member
Beginning Chair Caning
Have you ever wondered how a caned chair seat is made? Explore the caning process through a guided 7-step method of hand caning a wooden trivet using natural strand cane. You will learn about various types of caning, different types of caning materials, and how to care for caned furniture.

Instructor: Mary Jo Harris
Saturday, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 10
$120/$96 member

Ink & Acrylic Floral Bouquet
Use alcohol inks and acrylic paint to create two floral bouquet paintings, one 8x10 and one 11x14. Learn techniques that transform abstract backgrounds and negative-space painting into beautiful works of art. All skill levels welcome. All supplies are provided.

Instructor: Beth Kluth, Artist
Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Registration deadline: October 27
$74 per person

Telling Stories through Textiles in the Style of Kantha
Do you have pieces of unique textiles you just can't part with? Join us to give those otherwise discarded pieces a new purpose. Kantha textiles are beautiful, intricate textiles often created out of tattered textiles that are layered, sewn together, and embroidered with myriad embroidery stitches to tell the unique stories of their creators.

Instructor: Patrizia Ferreira, Textile Artist & Educator
Mondays, Nov. 29 - Dec. 13, 6-9 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 24
$68/$55 member

Immune Support for Winter Health
Prevent winter colds this season by learning how to stock your home apothecary with herbs and foods that can strengthen your immune system. Explore preparations that actually work instead of ineffective supplements and fad remedies. You and your loved ones will be ready for whatever this winter may bring!

Instructor: Kathleen Raven Wildwood, Wildwood Institute
Tuesday, November 30, 6-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 23
$28/$22 member

From The Garden: Herbal Gift Making
Create a few homemade gifts for the herb lover in your life this season. Rotate through various stations as you make 10-12 different items from salts and infused vinegars to salves, body spray, and a felted soap bar. Learn about the variety of herbs offered and take recipes home of items made in class. All supplies provided.

Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs
Saturday, December 4, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 24
$88/$70 member

Table Wreath Workshop
Craft a candle ring that evokes the scents of the season, inspired by tropical plants growing in Olbrich’s Bolz Conservatory. Learn how to wire a small wreath form with materials that can last or dry inside, then decorate with cinnamon sticks, whole spices, and dried kumquats and calamondins harvested from the conservatory. When finished, hang it in a kitchen, set as a centerpiece, or give it as a gift. All supplies provided.

Instructor: Irene Padlin, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Sunday, December 5, 1:30-4 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 25
$68/$54 member

Evergreen Holiday Wreath Workshop
Evergreen holiday wreaths smell wonderful and add charm to your winter decorating scheme. Learn how to decorate your own unique wreath with natural materials from Olbrich’s gardens. Fresh evergreen wreath, plant materials, and other supplies provided to make one holiday wreath.

Instructors: Erin Presley & Samara Eisner, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Tuesday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: November 28
$75/$60 member

Tuesday, December 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration deadline: December 29
$75/$60 member
Melinda Myers

Known for her friendly and practical gardening advice, Myers is an award-winning, nationally recognized gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist. She has 35 years of experience and a master’s degree in horticulture, but most importantly, is a gardener like you. As host of The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program she inspires gardeners throughout the country. The teacher in her has driven the creation of over 20 books and decades of garden columns, appearing in hundreds of magazines and newspapers, including Birds & Blooms. Prior to her current work, she hosted “The Plant Doctor” radio show for 20+ years and “Great Lakes Gardener” on PBS.

Creating Pollinator Gardens
Whether planting a garden, enjoying the beauty of your landscape, or sitting down to a delicious meal, you have bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to thank. These essential members of our ecosystem are responsible for much of the food and beauty we enjoy each day. Create the right habitat and you can fill your landscape with bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinators. We’ll discuss plant selection, design strategies and care that help to attract and support pollinators.

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 6
Free

Adding Native Plants to Your Landscape & the Many Benefits
Explore ways you can incorporate native plants into your landscape whether gardening in the city, suburbs or on a more expansive piece of property. Melinda will cover native plants and combinations suited to various gardening spaces. Then reap the benefits of adding these native plants to your landscape, including attracting pollinators, keeping water where it falls, and reducing ongoing maintenance.

Tuesday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 13
Free

Low Growing Shrubs & Vines to Attract & Support Pollinators
Create an attractive landscape you and the pollinators will enjoy, using native shrubs and vines for sun and shade. Include color and seasonal interest while providing habitat for bees, birds, and butterflies. Plus, tips on proper selection, design, planting, and care to ensure their longevity.

Tuesday, June 22, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: June 20
Free

“Ask the Plant Doctor”
Question & Answer Session
Now that we are well into the growing season, you may have some pressing gardening questions or issues. Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers is back for a live Question & Answer session to field your questions, discuss problems she is finding in gardens and landscapes, and share solutions to help you be successful in all your gardening endeavors.

Tuesday, July 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 18
$15/$12 Member

Melinda Myers’ webinars are brought to you by

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Olbrich Gardens Book Club
Join the Virtual Book Discussion
Join other garden enthusiasts and book lovers to discuss non-fiction and fiction books about gardening, plants, nature and the environment. The Olbrich Gardens Book Club is a book discussion group for readers to come together to discuss a book and share in the reading experience. The discussions are hosted via Zoom, are free and open to the public. Participants will need to read the selected book, have an internet connection and provide an email address prior to the discussion. Books are not supplied but a copy may be available in the Schumacher Library for check-out. Olbrich members and volunteers enjoy library lending privileges.

FREE to attend
Please sign-up for Book Club discussion groups by emailing olbrichplantinfo@cityofmadison.com or call 608-245-3644 to RSVP.

Vesper Flights
Author: Helen Macdonald
Sunday, July 18, 1-2:30 p.m.

Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change our Minds and Shape Our Futures
Author: Merlin Sheldrake
Thursday October 21, 6:30-8 p.m.

Planting Visions on the Page
Join therapeutic writing facilitator Beth Turner for a unique six-part writing workshop. There is something in you; a poem, book, expression, a hope the world needs to hear and see. This is your invitation to amend the soil of your heart and soul and prepare them to receive the seeds of renewed dreams. The class registration page shares details regarding what you can expect each week of class.
Instructor: Beth Turner, Writer
Mondays, September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22, 6-8 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 2
$90/$72 member

Eco-Poetry: Following W.S. Merwin and Other Contemporary Eco-poetry
Lauded as one of the most important poetic voices of the last half century, W.S. Merwin cultivated a uniquely spiritually-tuned voice concerned always the state of nature, time, and human perception. This class will be at once a conversation revolving around topics of ecology, eastern spirituality, and poetic technique.
Instructor: Troy Hess, On the Yahara Writing Center
Tuesdays, July 13-Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration deadline: July 6
$40 per person

Poetry in the Anthropocene
Contemporary eco-poetry is shaped by ideas associated with our current geologic epoch called the Anthropocene – the unprecedented influence that humans have on the non-human natural world. Join us as we will explore a diverse array of poetry from Black Nature, Native American perspectives, and science-based poetry.
Instructor: Troy Hess, Owner of On the Yahara Writing Center
Thursdays, Sept. 23-Oct. 14, 4:30-6 p.m.
Registration deadline: September 16
$40 per person
Explore the wonder of the natural world with your family. Learn & Play Together classes are a great opportunity for parents or caregivers to spend quality time with their children. Classes are designed for you to explore nature-themed topics side-by-side with your child as they engage in hands-on, fun, age-appropriate experiences. Children must be accompanied by an adult; limit two age-appropriate children per adult; adult attends free. Dress for the activity and weather. Limited space; register early and by the deadline.

**Little Sprouts Programs**

Little Sprouts programs are nature and literature-based early childhood programs designed to meet the multidimensional learning and developmental needs of children ages 2-5 years. Each class is designed for children to work side-by-side with their adult caregiver as they engage in hands-on, fun, age-appropriate experiences that support the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

**Little Sprouts Gardening**

Little Sprouts Gardening classes take place outdoors in the Children’s Kitchen Garden where participants listen to a story, water plants, dig in the soil, and engage in hands-on learning activities. **Instructor:** Sarah Ellis or Mckenzee Okon, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

$9/$7 member, per child

**Animals in the Garden**

- **Wiggly Worms**
  - Tuesday, June 8, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 1
  - Friday, June 11, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 3
- **Peter Rabbit**
  - Tuesday, June 15, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 8
  - Friday, June 18, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 10
  - Saturday, June 19, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 10
- **Mouse, Bear, Strawberry**
  - Tuesday, June 22, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 15
  - Friday, June 25, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 17

**Growing a Garden**

- **Lola Plants a Garden**
  - Tuesday, August 10, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 3
  - Friday, August 13, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 5
  - Saturday, August 14, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 5
- **Compost Stew**
  - Tuesday, August 17, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 10
  - Friday, August 20, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 12

**Sights & Sounds in the Garden**

- **Quiet in the Garden**
  - Tuesday, July 6, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: June 29
  - Friday, July 9, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: July 1
- **Giant of Jum**
  - Tuesday, July 13, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: July 6
  - Friday, July 16, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: July 9
- **Flip, Float, Fly**
  - Tuesday, July 20, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: July 13
  - Friday, July 23, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: July 15
  - Saturday, July 24, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: July 15

**Mystery Vine**

- Tuesday, August 24, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 17
  - Friday, August 27, 10-11 a.m.
  - Registration Deadline: August 19
Garden Stories by Denise Fleming

Underground
Thursday, September 2, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: August 26

Lunch
Thursday, September 9, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: September 2

Tall, Tall Grass
Thursday, September 16, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: September 9

LITTLE SPROUTS STORY & STROLL
Little Sprouts Story & Stroll classes include a story, theme-related learning activities, and a stroll through the outdoor gardens or conservatory.
Instructor: Kim North or Sarah Ellis, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
$9/$7 member, per child

Down by the Pond
Snails
Wednesday, June 9, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: June 2

Frogs
Wednesday, June 16, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: June 9

Turtles
Wednesday, June 23, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: June 16

Exploring Insects
Beetles
Wednesday, July 14, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: July 7

Butterflies
Wednesday, July 21, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: July 14

Fireflies
Wednesday, July 28, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: July 21

Ladybugs
Wednesday, August 4, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: July 28

Ants
Wednesday, August 11, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: August 4

Bees
Wednesday, August 18, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: August 11

Fall into Autumn with Stories by April Sayre

Shadows
Friday, September 10, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: September 2

Honk, Honk Goose
Friday, September 17, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: September 9

Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep
Friday, September 24, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: September 16

Meeting Mysterious Animals

Spiders
Friday, October 8, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: September 30

Hyenas
Tuesday, October 12, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: October 5
Tuesday, October 12, 3-4 p.m.
Registration Deadline: October 5

Snakes
Tuesday, October 19, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: October 12
Tuesday, October 19, 3-4 p.m.
Registration Deadline: October 12

Bats
Tuesday, October 26, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: October 19
Tuesday, October 26, 3-4 p.m.
Registration Deadline: October 19

Saturday, October 30, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: October 21
Nature is All Around!

Because of an Acorn
Friday, November 5, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: October 28
Tuesday, November 9, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 2
Tuesday, November 9, 3-4 p.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 2

Tree to Sea
Friday, November 12, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 4
Saturday, November 13, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 4
Tuesday, November 16, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 9
Tuesday, November 16, 3-4 p.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 9

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter
Friday, November 19, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 11
Tuesday, November 23, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 16
Tuesday, November 23, 3-4 p.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 16

December Delights

Gingerbread
Friday, December 3, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 23
Tuesday, December 7, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: November 30

Peppermint
Friday, December 10, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: December 2
Tuesday, December 14, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: December 7

Whistling Trains
Friday, December 17, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: December 9
Saturday, December 18, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: December 9
Tuesday, December 21, 10-11 a.m.  
Registration Deadline: December 14

Storytelling is the social and cultural activity of sharing stories, sometimes with improvisation, theatrics, or embellishment. Join us in our Children’s Kitchen Garden as we foster our connection with plants and food through storytelling. Classes begin with storytelling followed by exploring plants through hands-on activities. Everyone will leave with tasty recipes to try at home related to the story.

Instructor: Kim North or Sarah Ellis, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

$9/$7 member, per child

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Join us for an engaging storytelling of the classic story *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett! Food may fall from the sky in this classic tale, but the food we eat grows from the ground. We will take a taste tour of the garden, make connections between foods in the story and plants, and create a salad snack together.

Youth Ages: 4-11 with an adult

Thursday, June 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Registration Deadline: June 17

The Bee Tree
Through a captivating storytelling of Patricia Polacco’s *The Bee Tree*, we will learn about the benefits of working hard from one of Earth’s hardest workers – bees! Explore how honey is made, investigate the relationship between plants and pollinators, and make honey herb lemonade to taste in the garden.

Youth Ages: 4-11 with an adult

Thursday, July 22, 5-6 p.m.  
Registration Deadline: July 15

Cranes and Corn
Enjoy a lively storytelling of the relationships among cranes, their habitats, and corn. We will explore corn plants, create crane puppets, learn a crane dance, and make corn salsa together.

Youth Ages: 4-11 with an adult

Thursday, August 19, 5-6 p.m.  
Registration Deadline: August 12
Wonderful Waterways
Engage in citizen science through hands-on stream monitoring. Then, through the lens of salt use, build connections between the actions that we take on the land and their impacts on our waterways. Participants will leave energized to be freshwater advocates and Salt Wise champions.

Youth Ages: 5-11 with an adult
Instructor: Sarah Ellis, Olbrich Gardens
Saturday, October 9, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: October 6
$9/$7 member

Mythical Garden Creatures
Join us for mythical garden creature fun! Learn the myth and lore of gnomes, flower fairies, and nymphs, search for signs of these mythical creatures, and make your own garden creature and small garden house to take home. All supplies provided.

Youth Ages: 5-11 with an adult
Instructor: Sarah Ellis, Olbrich Gardens

Saturday, October 23, 10-11:30 a.m.
Registration Deadline: October 15
$15/$12 member

All About Owls
Owls are incredible birds! Learn about owl adaptations and what owls eat. Class includes hands-on activities about owl adaptations, an owl pellet dissection, an outdoor guided walk, and a take-home activity.

Youth Ages: 5-11 with an adult
Instructor: Kim North, Olbrich Gardens
Saturday, November 20, 10-11 a.m.
Registration Deadline: November 12
$10/$8 member

The Science of Snow
When we think of plants, we often think of sunny, warm days. Did you know some plants actually appreciate snow too?! Visit the Frautschi Family Learning Center anytime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. for family-focused, hands-on science explorations to learn more about the relationships between snow, cold temperatures, and plants. Create your own winter-themed art project to take home. No registration necessary! Open to all ages with an adult.

Saturday, December 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Free

GROUP PROGRAMS
Interested in nature-based programs for your scout group, neighborhood group, or homeschool group? Olbrich is here for you! Contact Kim North at knorth@cityofmadison.com to learn more about our program offerings or to schedule a program.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register early. Class sizes are limited!

HOW TO REGISTER
Registration by the deadline is required for all classes and programs, except where noted. Classes may be canceled if the minimum number of participants has not been met by the registration deadline.

Walk-in registrations may be accepted if space, supplies, and instructor contract allow. Call (608)245-3648 for availability if the registration deadline has passed.

REGISTER BY:

Online
Online class registration is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit olbrich.org/education to register using a credit card. The online registration system is best used on a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet.

Mail
Mail completed class registration form with check made payable to Olbrich Botanical Society or with credit card information to: Olbrich Botanical Gardens Education Registrar 3330 Atwood Avenue Madison, WI 53704

Fax
Fax completed class registration form with credit card information to: Education Registrar (608)246-4719.

Telephone
Register by telephone, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. by calling (608)245-3648. To expedite your call, have your credit card information and class selections ready.

In Person
In-person registrations are accepted daily during open hours at the Greeter’s Desk, located in the Visitor Center Lobby. Submit completed class registration form with check made payable to Olbrich Botanical Society, cash, or credit card information.

PAYMENT
Full payment is due at time of registration using check, cash, MasterCard, or Visa.

CONFIRMATION NOTICES
Email correspondence is used to provide registrants with the most current information for classes and programs, including confirmation notices, supply lists, and receipts. Your email address will not be shared with any other individual or organization.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Class registrants who cancel 14 or more days prior to the class are subject to a 20% processing fee (minimum of $5). Cancellations with less than 14 days notice are non-refundable; please consider your payment a donation to Olbrich. Refunds are not given for missed classes. As available, class handouts may be emailed if requested within 7 days of a missed class. Call (608)245-3648 to inquire about handouts for missed classes.

Classes canceled by Olbrich due to low enrollment, instructor emergency, or hazardous weather conditions are fully refunded. You will be notified by email and/or telephone as early as possible if a class is canceled. Olbrich is not responsible for lack of notification if you do not have an answering service.

INCLEMENT WEATHER
In cases of inclement weather, you will be notified by email and/or telephone as early as possible if a program is canceled. Olbrich is not responsible for lack of notification if you do not have an answering service.

FOOD & BEVERAGE
Olbrich does not have food available for purchase. Beverages and limited snack-type items are available in the Growing Gifts Shop between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Unless otherwise stated, please bring your own snack or bag lunch to classes that occur through lunchtime.

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY
By participating in the class/program, you acknowledge that your voice, likeness, or image may be recorded by Olbrich Botanical Gardens in audio, video, or photographic form, and you hereby consent to such recording. You further grant Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Olbrich), the City of Madison, and affiliates the right to publish, broadcast, or otherwise utilize any such recordings of your voice, likeness, or image in any manner or for any purpose in any media without restriction, including for advertising and trade purposes.