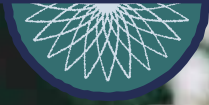


OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

LEARN AT THE GARDENS

— JUNE — DECEMBER 2023 —



WELCOME

Whether you are a gardening expert, new to gardening, interested in wellness topics, looking to flex your artistic muscles while you connect to nature, or wanting to explore with your family, Olbrich Botanical Gardens is the perfect place for you to relax, slow down, and deepen your connection with nature. We invite you to check out our incredible variety of in person and virtual learning opportunities for all ages, interests, and skill levels. Featuring 16 acres of outdoor gardens and a tropical conservatory, talented instructors, inspiring subject matter, and fun social connections, we welcome you to experience something new at Olbrich.

Along with classes and workshops, there are endless opportunities for you and your family to delve into the world of plants at Olbrich. Here are just a few highlights:

- Learn about the Herb Garden, Thai Garden and Pavilion, and interesting insects from Olbrich's talented docents on weekends and select weekdays throughout the summer months.
- Explore the endless possibilities of designing containers to enhance your landscape.
- Engage your senses with the magnificent sights, sounds, and scents in the Bolz Conservatory.
- Take a ride on the Tram for a guided, pre-recorded audio tour of the Gardens by Olbrich's talented team of horticulturists. The Tram operates daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Deepen your understanding of nature and gardening topics with a book from Schumacher Library.
- Relax with family and friends as you enjoy live music on Olbrich's Great Lawn. Olbrich's Summer Concert Series occurs every Tuesday at 7 p.m., June 27 – August 15.
- Look for native plants and other notable plants displayed in the Lobby's Garden Highlights Cart as you explore the gardens.

An exciting semester of learning opportunities awaits you!

COME LEARN AT THE GARDENS!



Kim North

Kim North, Director of Education

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Some of our adult programs accept youth participants. Please email rbenedict@cityofmadison.com if you are interested in signing up a youth participant for an adult class.

Virtual Zoom™ Class

Virtual class Zoom links will be shared via email. Please provide a working email address when registering for a virtual class.

To Register for Classes:

Registration can be completed online, by phone, or in person. Visit olbrich.org/learn for additional registration information or to register. Registration by the deadline is required for most classes. 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.

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on most education programs!

Visit olbrich.org for more information





GARDENING AND NATURE

Deepen your knowledge of plants and the environment as you get inspired to tackle new gardening projects. Led by experts in their fields, including Olbrich's talented horticulturists, these classes offer something for every interest and skill level. Limited space; register early and by the deadline.

Container Gardening for Flowers, Foliage, and Food

Container gardening is an adaptable approach for both large and small spaces. In this engaging virtual lecture you will gather inspiration for fresh container designs from traditional to contemporary. We will also cover container growing basics including watering, drainage, composition, winter care, scale, and much more.

Instructor: Heather Prince, Fearless Gardening

Friday, June 2, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 25

\$15/\$12 member

Inside The Olbrich Honeybee Hives

Have you ever wondered what life is like inside a honeybee hive? Or perhaps what it might be like to keep bees? Using Olbrich's honeybee hives as a live demonstration, Kurt Runzheimer of City Bee, Country Bee Apiaries and beekeeper of Olbrich's hives will explore first hand the life cycle of the bees, their daily activities, and routine care of the hives.

Instructor: Kurt Runzheimer, City Bee, Country Bee Apiaries

Tuesday, June 20, 3-5 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 13

\$35/\$28 member

Midwest Home Garden Design: 1830 to the Present

Draw inspiration for your own home, no matter what age or style, as we explore garden design evolution in the Midwest from the time of settlement. Learn about design trends, the rise of the suburban lawn, foundation plantings, cottage gardens, moon gardens, heirloom plants, Victory Gardens and much more.

Instructor: Nina Koziol, horticulturist

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 14

\$25/\$20 member

Natural History of Maples

From pre-settlement to today, discover the many ways humans, birds, animals and insects have used and treasured maples. We will examine where these trees are typically found in nature, their myriad uses over the centuries, folklore and stories, plus faunal partnerships.

Instructor: Heather Prince, Fearless Gardening

Friday, June 30, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 22

\$28/\$22 member

Big Bold Perennials

Discover how to add height and drama into your garden with big, bold, bodacious perennials. Tall plants are cool plants! The secret to a stunning garden design is a variety of plant layers that draw the eye up, yet many gardeners shy away from plants that grow to more than three feet tall. We'll review some favorite tall perennials that will create layers of color and texture in your garden.

Instructor: Heather Prince, Fearless Gardening

Friday, July 14, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 6

\$28/\$22 member

Lunch Hour Virtual Lectures

Sit back and enjoy your lunch while learning from inspiring professionals in the gardening community. Each presentation will allow plenty of time to answer questions from the audience. We are excited to welcome Heather Prince and Michele Chalice as this season's featured lunch hour speakers. **Each virtual lecture is \$15/\$12 member.**

Heather Prince has been a part of the green industry for more than 20 years, including experience at The Morton Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Garden, the American Horticultural Society, and many others. She is a trained horticulturist specializing in trees, shrubs, and natives with a passion for connecting people with plants. Heather firmly believes anyone can garden and everyone will fall in love with plants given the chance.

Michele Chalice is an experienced landscape architect living in New Hampshire. She started Healthy Home Habitats in 2019 as a way to offer people creative options to foster a healthier world right from their own home. Michele enjoys working collaboratively with homeowners to determine and implement the most useful strategies to create sustainable spaces that fit their interests, needs, and lifestyles.

More Delight & Less Drudge in Your Home Landscape

Bored managing your home's landscape? Join Michele Chalice to learn about various choices that have less drudgery, money spent, water and air pollution, as well as more ecological benefits. We will cover topics of less lawn, lawn substitutes, perimeter shrubs for color and wildlife habitat, the financial advantages of keeping your leaves, and much more.

Thursday, August 3, 12-1 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 27

Fantastic Fall Flowers

Yes, you can have flowers from the garden on your Thanksgiving table! Heather Prince will explore which perennials bloom in autumn and add color to our late season gardens, be it sunny or shady. She will also touch on the important role fall flowers play in feeding our pollinators before hibernation or migration.

Friday, August 4, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 27

Rain Gardens 101

Discover the benefits of rain gardens! As more municipalities start encouraging residents to manage stormwater on their own properties, rain gardens are becoming an easy way to manage water and add a lively garden feature. Heather Prince will walk through the basics of engineering, the different types of rain gardens, and explore an extensive plant list.

Friday, August 18, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 10

Five Easy Choices for Healthier Yards and Gardens

Feeling anxious about the state of our environment? Join Michele Chalice to discover five choices you can make this season to manage your piece of nature in a way that welcomes more life, less lawn, more pollinators, less chemicals and more hope for yourself as well as for our collective future.

Wednesday, September 6, 12-1 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 30

Gravel Gardens

If you want a garden that truly rocks, look no further than a gravel garden. Earth-friendly gravel gardens require less of just about everything – water, mulch, energy, chemicals, and labor – and give back so much more! Jeff Epping, former Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens for over 25 years, will show you how to replace conventional lawns, expensive annual plantings, and labor-intensive perennial beds with these easy-to-maintain gravel gardens, just as he has done at Olbrich and elsewhere.

Instructor: Jeff Epping, Horticulturist

Thursday, September 7, 5:30-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 31

\$28/\$23 member

Native Grasses and Sedges

Sedges abound at Olbrich! These grass-like plants are versatile, ecologically valuable, and offer design options for any garden. In this class, we will talk about thirteen top performing, native *Carex* species during a classroom presentation and then take a stroll to see these sedges firsthand in the gardens.

Instructor: Phillip Stutz, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, September 12, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 5

\$22/\$18 member

Seed Saving Workshop

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 seeds for future use in the gardens. Gardeners of any skill level will enjoy using seed saving and seed sharing as a way to connect with others and to pass on generations of history and traditions.

Instructor: Avery Pronschinske, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Friday, October 6, 1-2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 28

\$22/\$18 member

Friday, October 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: October 5

\$22/\$18 member

Cranes over Wisconsin

Have you heard about the international conservation organization just north of Madison that works to bring North America's tallest birds back from the brink of extinction using puppets, planes, and communities like yours? Join the International Crane Foundation for an engaging and informational presentation about our work with Whooping Cranes in Wisconsin.

Instructor: Stephanie M. Schmidt, International Crane Foundation

Wednesday, November 8, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 1

\$25/\$20 member

Pots with Panache

Adding seasonal containers helps create a dazzling display in a garden, around an entryway, on a patio or deck or in a window box. Join us as we explore pots, potting mixes, planting techniques, maintenance, and a variety of plants to create four-season interest.

Instructor: Nina Koziol, horticulturist

Thursday, November 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 2

\$24/\$19 member

Seasonal Guide to Caring For Trees

Want to learn more about how to care for the trees on your property? This virtual workshop will explore the different seasonal needs of trees, from the roots to the canopy. Join us to learn proper timing for disease and insect management as well as pruning.

Instructor: Briana Frank, Tree Health Management

Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 8

\$15/\$12 member

Tree Health Management has provided invaluable service to me and my trees for years. I was delighted to have the chance to learn more from Brianna. I learned so much!

– Seasonal Guide for Caring for Trees

Planting a Prairie: Choose Your Own Adventure!

Adding a prairie to your property can add beauty, reduce maintenance costs, and provide critical wildlife habitat. Site preparation, seeding, and early stewardship are critical steps that will vary depending on site conditions. This lecture will outline the process of prairie establishment and help you chart a course that fits the needs of your site.

Instructor: Frank Hassler,
Good Oak Ecological Services

Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 9

\$25/\$20 member

Evergreen Holiday Wreaths

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.

Instructor: Erin Presley and Samara Eisner,
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, December 5, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 28

\$100/\$80 member

*Wednesday, December 6,
9:30-11:30 a.m.*

Registration deadline: November 29

\$100/\$80 member

Natural Materials Ornament Workshop

Feeling festive? Let your creativity flow while creating natural material ornaments. These are great gifts for the fellow gardener or nature-lover on your holiday list! Each participant will create ornaments to take home at the end of class. Start with a base of dried citrus, wood slice, or pinecone and build your ornaments using dried flowers, seedpods and more! All materials are pre-harvested from Olbrich Gardens to create a one-of-a-kind, unique piece of art.

Instructor: Katey Pratt, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Thursday, December 7, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 30

\$32/\$26 member



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Wreath Making with Holiday Spices

Craft a small wreath that evokes the scents of the season, inspired by tropical plants growing in Olbrich's Bolz Conservatory! Learn how to wire fresh greens to a wreath form, then decorate with whole spices and dried citrus slices. This project is perfect to set as a centerpiece with candles or to hang inside to dry in place. Gloves and jewelry pliers will be useful to bring to aid in twisting wire; all other supplies are provided.

Instructor: Irene Padlin, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Saturday, December 9, 2-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 30

\$100/\$80 member



Avery's class was the perfect mix of introductory instruction and engaging, hands-on experience. She was exceptionally approachable, well-organized and well-prepared. I learned a lot and look forward to putting my new knowledge to work in my own garden!



– Seed Saving Workshop

Summer Breeze

Join in the fun – grab a refreshing beverage and take a relaxing stroll in the Gardens with your sweetheart, create in community workshops, play a friendly game of bocce ball or cornhole with your pals, or start a dance party in the Thai Garden. Whether you're 2 or 102, there's something for everyone at this new summer program. For ticket information visit [Olbrich.org](https://www.olbrich.org).

Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 4-9 p.m.



I loved taking Essentrics with Anna. Essentrics combines stretching and strengthening movements to gently work the entire body, including the muscles, joints and connective tissues. This class helped improve my range of motion, reduce stress and improve my mental clarity. Overall, if you are looking for a low-impact exercise program that can help you improve your flexibility, balance, and posture while also promoting mindfulness and relaxation, Essentrics may be worth exploring. You won't regret it!



– Essentrics for Gardeners: Stretch, Strengthen, and Grow!



WALKS

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 Tips and Tricks from Olbrich's Herb Garden

This informal tour by Herb Garden horticulturist Erin Presley is sure to delight both experienced and aspiring herbies! Join us for a preview of the summer's plans and the techniques that contribute to the garden's bountiful, beautiful displays. This session is a prequel to a later fall session in September and will touch on selection, design and planting techniques, harvesting early season herbs, and plans for the Hmong Garden.

Instructor: Erin Presley, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Thursday, June 22, 6-7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 15

\$22/\$18 member

Fantastic Ferns and How to Grow Them

Ferns are an ancient plant lineage with many contemporary garden uses. Take a walk through Olbrich Gardens with horticulturist Dan Schuknecht while discussing the biology and culture of this large and varied group. We will also talk about how to use and care for ferns in the garden.

Instructor: Dan Schuknecht, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, July 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 28

\$22/\$18 member

Summer Container Walk

Discover the endless possibilities of designing garden containers to enhance your landscape! Containers can thrive all season long by learning tricks and tips of designing, planting, pruning, and general maintenance. Design techniques for sun and shade containers, hanging baskets, succulent combinations, herbs, tropicals, and more will be shared. Gardeners of any experience level will enjoy this walk.

Instructor: Samara Eisner, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, July 12, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 5

\$22/\$18 member



Home Garden Tour

This year's Home Garden Tour features spectacularly sustainable gardens in Shorewood Hills! The tour provides an invitation for gardeners to share in the rare, the quirky, the beauty, and the conservation opportunities a garden naturally provides. For tickets and more information visit [Olbrich.org](https://www.olbrich.org).

Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8



Summer Wild Food and Wild Medicine

Join us for a lively summer walk to explore seasonally available plants for wellness. You will learn to identify the plants of the season, how to respectfully harvest them, and best practices for preparing them for food and medicine.

Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs

Tuesday, July 18, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 11

\$36/\$30 member

Summer Blooms & Bouquets Walk

Enjoy a stroll through the gardens with horticulturist Samantha Malone while learning some basic tips on using flowers from your own garden to make bouquets. After the walk, you will get a step by step bouquet-making tutorial. Then practice your new skills by designing your own bouquet using flowers from Olbrich to take home at the end of the evening!

Instructor: Sam Malone,
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, July 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 12

\$46/\$38 member

Sam was full of so many wonderful tips and tricks when it came to flowers and what would make an incredible bouquet. My friend and I would love to come back for another season of flowers and bouquet making!

– Summer Blooms & Bouquets Walk

Evening Meadow Stroll

Take a relaxing, summer evening stroll through the meadows of Olbrich. Get lost in the beauty and tranquility of each meadow in full summer bloom while learning to appreciate what makes each meadow unique. We will discuss each meadows creation, maintenance, and contributions to Olbrich's vast ecosystem. Gardeners of all skill levels will enjoy this gorgeous garden stroll!

Instructor: Avery Pronschinske, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Thursday, July 20, 5-6 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 13

\$22/\$18 member

Notable Natives Garden Walk

This summery stroll with Olbrich horticulturist Erin Presley highlights an array of garden-worthy Midwestern native perennials, trees and shrubs. We will check out native plants suitable for gardens of all sizes and a range of growing conditions. We will touch on design and maintenance tips for incorporating native plants, good sources for purchasing natives, benefits to wildlife, and considerations when including native plant cultivars. Prepare to be inspired by these notable natives!

Instructor: Erin Presley, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Thursday, July 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 20

\$22/\$18 member

Discovering Olbrich's Insects

Enjoy a casual evening stroll with horticulturists Sam and Katey as they identify fascinating insects in the garden. We will learn what plants attract beneficial insects, as well as our top 10 favorite insect-friendly plants. You might also be lucky enough to spot garden spiders, active native bees, wasps, beetles, and more!

Instructor: Katey Pratt and Sam Malone, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, August 9, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 2

\$28/\$22 member

Create a Tropical Effect in Your Garden Walk

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

Instructor: Dan Schuknecht, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, August 16, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 9

\$22/\$18 member

Are Flowers Necessary?

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!). Join us for a walk through the gardens as we learn how to design beds and borders as well as containers considering 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 6, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 30

\$22/\$18 member

Fall Blooms & Bouquets Walk

Enjoy a stroll through the gardens with horticulturist Samantha Malone while learning some basic tips on using flowers from your own garden to make bouquets. After the walk, you will get a step by step bouquet-making tutorial. Then practice your new skills by designing your own bouquet using flowers from Olbrich to take home at the end of the evening.

Instructor: Sam Malone, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, September, 13, 5:30-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 6

\$42/\$34 member

Guided Garden Strolls

Get an insider's view of Olbrich's outdoor gardens during a free guided garden stroll. All ages are welcome for this casual overview of the Gardens. Guided garden strolls will vary somewhat according to the season to reflect the garden areas that are at peak interest. Strolls start and end in the lobby and are about 45 to 60 minutes in length. No registration is required; strolls are drop-in only.

Sundays, June-August, 1:30 & 3 p.m.



Your Winter Ready Garden

Are you and your garden ready for winter? Learn how Olbrich's horticulturists prepare their gardens for the cold winter months ahead. Fall gardening tips and tricks will be shared so you can enjoy a more beautiful winter and a relaxing, rewarding spring. We will address common questions related to fall gardening and include technique demonstrations, strategies, and tools to help gardeners of any skill level tackle and enjoy getting gardens ready for the next season.

Instructor: Erin Presley and Samara Eisner, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, September 19, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 12

\$28/\$22 member

Fall Tips and Tricks from Olbrich's Herb Garden

This informal tour of what's happening in the Herb Garden is sure to delight both experienced and aspiring herbies! Horticulturist Erin Presley recaps the summer and the techniques that contribute to the garden's bountiful, beautiful displays. This fall class is a sequel to the early summer session in June and will touch on how we adapted to the season's weather, fall harvest and overwintering tips, and highlights of the Hmong Garden.

Instructor: Erin Presley, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, September 26, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 19

\$22/\$18 member

Exploring Olbrich's Orchids Walk

Join Olbrich's conservatory and orchid horticulturist Irene Padlin for an inside look at Olbrich's orchid collection as she takes you on a lively tour of the Bolz Conservatory and Vera Lee Orchid House. This will be a casual walk packed with a lot of information and ample time for questions.

Instructor: Irene Padlin, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Saturday, October 21, 5-6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: October 16

\$28/\$22 member

Behind-the-Scenes Holiday Show and Greenhouse Walk

Ever wonder what it takes to transform the Atrium into a beautiful blooming paradise for Olbrich's Holiday Express Show? Come and enjoy the chaos before the show! Join Olbrich staff for an interesting sneak preview before the show is completely finished. Assistant conservatory curator Amanda Dix will walk you through our new production greenhouses as she gives a behind-the-scenes look at how the plants are cared for prior to the show. Horticulturist Katey Pratt will share the overall design concept and ideas behind specific scenes, explain the building process, and point out unique details along the way. You may even get to help create a small element of the show!

Instructor: Katey Pratt and Amanda Dix, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, November 28, 5:30-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 21

\$28/\$22 member



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WELLNESS

Whether you are trying new ways to enjoy physical activity, restore balance to your life, improve stress management or eat healthier, Olbrich Botanical Gardens can support you on your wellness journey. Round out your wellness practices with our diverse adult classes led by experts in their fields. Limited space; register early and by the deadline.

Essentrics: Mindful Movement for Strength, Balance & Stretching (5-week Series)

Essentrics is a full-body workout that is great for people of all ages and fitness levels. The technique develops lean, strong, and flexible muscles with immediate changes to your posture through a combination of body weight strengthening and deep stretching. With music playlists accompanying each routine, this equipment-free workout leaves you feeling energized, youthful, and healthy! This series is suitable for all levels.

Instructor: Anna Clarke, Grow with the Flow

Thursdays, June 1-27, 6-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 25

\$75/\$60 member

Mondays, September 18-October 16, 6-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 11

\$75/\$60 member

Tuesdays*, November 7-December 12, 6-7 p.m. (*no class on 11/21)

Registration deadline: November 1

\$75/\$60 member

Chair Yoga (4-week series)

Join us for 45 minutes of gentle yoga. Your instructor will thoughtfully guide you through stretches and traditional yoga poses while seated and standing. The chair will support your foundation, allowing these positions to be more accessible. Guidance through breath exercises and meditation will be a main component of this class to enhance your overall body awareness.

Instructor: Megan Reed, Ivy Energy

Fridays, June 2-23, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Registration deadline: May 25

\$60/\$48 member

Tai Chi Meditation

“Move like a great river; be still like a mountain” instructs the age-old description of the meditative exercise and movement art of T'ai Chi Ch'uan. This class offers standing movements and seated practices rooted within the Chinese tradition of Tai Chi and Chi Kung for the enrichment of body, mind and spirit. All physical abilities welcome, including those in need of chair-based practice.

Instructor: Jody Curley, M.A.,
Master Certified Instructor

Mondays, June 5-July 10, 6-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 29

\$75/\$60 member

Mondays, July 17-August 21, 6-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 10

\$75/\$60 member

📅 *Mondays, September 11-October 16, 6-7 p.m.*

Registration deadline: September 4

\$75/\$60 member

📅 *Mondays, October 23-November 27, 6-7 p.m.*

Registration deadline: October 16

\$75/\$60 member

Essentrics for Gardeners: Stretch, Strengthen and Grow!

Whether you are planting, digging, or weeding, your body needs to stay strong and mobile to prevent injuries. Join this 5-week series that will prepare your body for gardening season and make you feel your best! This no-impact practice will help your flexibility, range of motion, and improve posture by gently strengthening and stretching all your muscles and joints. This series is suitable for all levels.

Instructor: Anna Clarke, Grow with the Flow LLC

Tuesdays, June 6-29, 8:30-9:30 a.m. (4-week series)

Registration deadline: May 30

\$60/\$48 member

Thursdays, September 21-October 19, 9-10 a.m. (5-week series)

Registration deadline: September 14

\$75/\$60 member

Seasonal Yoga Flow (6-week series)

Join us for fun and dynamic yoga classes that reflect on the seasons. We will discover what we can learn from the natural world surrounding us and internalize these connections through a physical asana practice. We will follow a vinyasa flow class structure with room to include restorative postures and yin practices.

Instructor: Jessica Zuniga, RYT 200 Certified

Tuesdays, July 18-August 22, 5-6 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 11

\$88/\$72 member

Making Herbal Medicines from Your Yard

There are highly nutritious and healing herbs growing in your yard that can be used as first aids, digestive and respiratory supports, and energy tonics. Learn more about the traditional medicinal uses of these abundant plants and their most effective preparations. Participants will also learn how to make a simple tincture to take home with them.

Instructor: Jennifer Helmer,
Community Pharmacy

Sunday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 10

\$46/\$38 member

Fermentation: Hands on and Fun!

Whether you are new to fermentation or have experience you will gain tips and tricks in this workshop that will expand your repertoire. Learn to ferment just about any vegetable as well as ways to include them in everyday meals. We will learn to make both brined and straight fermented vegetables. Everyone will take home jars of ferments we make in class.

Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs

Tuesday, September 5, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 29

\$63/\$50 member

Gentle Yoga (4-week series)

Nourish your body and come alive with spring! Your instructor will kindly guide you through gentle, opening postures using the breath and a focused mind. Some postures will be restorative in nature and others will flow with the breath to break up stress and tension from everyday life. Through meditation we will bridge the mind and heart allowing your energy to feel lighter and brighter, improving your overall experience in your day to day living.

Instructor: Megan Reed, Ivy Energy

Wednesdays, September 6-27, 12-1 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 30

\$60/\$48 member

Connecting to the Wisdom of the Plants

All plants have their own unique energy and healing wisdoms. Learn how to tune into a plant using one or more of your five clair senses (clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc.) to personally receive plants' healing messages. We will use guided drumming meditation to tune into the plants in the garden, and will discuss some of the local medicinal species and the medicines they offer. Meditations will be lead outside, so dress appropriately for the weather.

Instructor: Jennifer Helmer,
Community Pharmacy

Sunday, October 1, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 21

\$32/\$24 member

Herbs for Winter Health: Hands on Fun!

The fall is a great time to prepare for the upcoming cold and flu season. Learn about herbs that aid winter wellness and prepare several remedies to take home such as a simple syrup, lozenges, and a throat spray. We will also sample tea and infusions that can be easily made at home.

Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs

Tuesday, October 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: October 17

\$80/\$65 member

Restorative Yoga (4-week series)

Minimize stress and tension from the busy holiday season through restorative yoga. Through gentle, restorative poses and meditation we will bridge the mind and heart, allowing your energy to feel lighter and improving your overall felt experience in your daily living.

Instructor: Megan Reed, Ivy Energy

Wednesdays, November 29-December 20, 12-1 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 21

\$60/\$48 member

Herbal Gift Making: Hands on Fun!

Create 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 are provided.

Instructor: Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 21

\$100/\$80 member



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ARTS

Discover hidden talents as you use nature as inspiration for the arts and do-it-yourself projects. Olbrich Botanical Gardens offers a broad range of classes and workshops for you to learn from talented artists and craftspeople to grow your artistic skills, create unique works, and explore artistic media. Limited space; register early and by the deadline.

Bird Photography

Interested in taking your bird photography to the next level? Explore exposure, camera modes, focusing options, and the best starting settings for your bird photography in this hands-on workshop suitable for all levels of photographers. Some technical info will be more appropriate for the DSLR and Mirrorless photographers while cell phone photographers will benefit from composition and other tips to help them capture stronger images. There will be time to eat while getting cameras ready for the active photography portion of the class so pack a lunch along with your camera.

Instructor: Kevin Hanley, photographer

Sunday, June 11, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 1

\$32/\$26 member

Watercolor with Blossoms, Birds and Insects

Enjoy a fun and creative day using western and Asian watercolor techniques to paint morning glories with butterflies, roses with bees, orchids, peonies, iris with small birds, plum blossoms with dragon flies, and lotus with kingfisher. You

can bring your own supplies, or a supply kit (\$25) can be purchased from the instructor and reserved at the time of registration.

Instructor: Stella Dobbins,
National Watercolor Society

Sunday, June 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 8

\$95/\$78 member

Flower Photography

The gardens are in bloom and what a great place to photograph! Join photography teacher Kevin Hanley to learn more about proper equipment and composition, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of both natural light and flash photography for flower subjects. There will be time to eat while getting cameras ready for the active photography portion of the class so pack a lunch along with your camera.

Instructor: Kevin Hanley, photographer

*Wednesday, July 12,
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

Registration deadline: July 5

\$32/\$26 member

Butterfly Photography

Our Blooming Butterflies event offers a unique opportunity to photograph some of the most colorful insects around in a tropical environment. Learn more about macro concepts and equipment as we focus on the challenges associated with fast moving small subjects. Suggested equipment includes a DSLR or mirrorless camera, flash with off camera cord or wireless, and a macro or close focusing lens. Cell phones are welcome, but not all classroom info will apply. Please do not bring a tripod. There will be time to eat while getting cameras ready for the active photography portion of the class so pack a lunch along with your camera.

Instructor: Kevin Hanley, photographer

*Wednesday, July 19,
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

Registration deadline: July 12

\$32/\$26 member

Etegami: Japanese Picture Cards Inspired by Summer Blossoms

Create serious or whimsical cards for family and friends by using traditional Japanese contour style and calligraphy. Learn different watercolor techniques while painting summer flowers, such as, morning glories, orchids, plum blossoms, peonies, iris, camellias and sun flowers. You can bring your own supplies, or a supply kit (\$25) can be purchased from the instructor and reserved at the time of registration.

Instructor: Stella Dobbins,
National Watercolor Society

Sunday, July 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 13

\$95/\$78 member

Watercolor and Botanicals: Sunflowers and Harebells

Celebrate the beauty of sunflowers by painting your own! Learn how to paint sunflowers and harebells using watercolors. This class is perfect for beginners since your design will be printed directly on your watercolor paper. You will paint an 8x10 piece that will be matted at the end of class.

Instructor: Emily Schroeder,
Emily Marie Watercolors

Saturday, July 29, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 20

\$50/\$42 member

Watercolor and Botanicals: Blooming Peonies

Learn how to paint peonies in watercolor. Using some reference photos of peonies growing at Olbrich Gardens, you can choose your own peony colors! This class is perfect for beginners since your peony design will be printed directly on your watercolor paper. You will paint an 8x10 piece that will be matted at the end of class.

Instructor: Emily Schroeder,
Emily Marie Watercolors

Saturday, August 5, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 27

\$50/\$42 member

Summer Concert Series

Enjoy an evening concert in one of Madison's most delightful outdoor venues! Concert attendees should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Carry in picnics and beverages are welcome. Concerts are FREE to the public; a \$5 suggested donation is appreciated. No tickets required.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., June 27-August 15



Napkin Block Printing with a Press

Interested in exploring the linocut process and learning to print with a printing press? This class will cover the linocut process from start to finish: planning, carving, and printing your block on a small printing press. Students will be provided all materials including linoleum, linoleum cutters, cotton napkins, and ink, and will leave the class with a set of 6 napkins.

Instructor: Laurie Hunt

Sunday, September 3, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: August 24

\$86/\$72 member

Painting the Landscape in Acrylic

Fast-drying, low-odor acrylic is a versatile painting medium! The focus of this workshop will be on learning to mix colors and basic painting techniques for capturing the beauty of the landscape in acrylic. Several short, useful exercises will help you understand paint-handling and basic color theory before you begin a landscape painting from your own photographic references. Some materials will be provided; see supply list for other materials. This workshop is appropriate for all levels. Bring a bag lunch each day.

Instructor: Kay Brathol-Hostvet,
Brathol-Hostvet Studio

*Saturday & Sunday, September 9-10,
10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Registration deadline: August 31

\$250 per participant

Free-flowing Watercolor Painting: Colorful Cacti

Explore different techniques to create loose and colorful cacti in watercolor. Join us to learn how to use water to mix colors and create unique designs. You will paint an 8x10 piece that will be matted at the end of class. Your design will be printed directly on your watercolor paper, so you don't have to worry about drawing!

Instructor: Emily Schroeder,
Emily Marie Watercolors

Sunday, September 17, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 7

\$50/\$42 member

Abstract Sunflowers with Alcohol Ink

Alcohol ink is an incredible medium that is fluid like watercolor, but more vibrant and predictable in its movement. In this workshop you'll learn how to also use air to create vibrant, abstract sunflowers. Select your colors and learn step-by-step as you create three paintings. Your finished work will be matted to 8x10 and ready for framing. All supplies are provided. No experience necessary.

Instructor: Beth Kluth, Ink Art by Beth Kluth

Saturday, September 23, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 14

\$100/\$80 member

GLEAM: Art in a New Light

Olbrich's annual outdoor art exhibit, features large scale light installations created by local, regional, and international designers. Take an enchanting stroll through Olbrich's 16-acre garden after dark and see the Gardens in a whole new light! For tickets and more information visit olbrich.org.

*Wednesdays through Saturdays,
August 30 – October 28*



Watercolor with Helen Klebesadel: A Fresh Start

This is an introductory two-day watercolor workshop designed for absolute beginners and for those who have some experience painting with watercolor but seek a refresher to start painting again. Learn or re-learn basics of watercolor including experimental wet-into-wet techniques that give you enough understanding of the medium to enjoy painting watercolors on your own. This workshop does not require drawing skills.

Instructor: Helen Klebesadel, Helen Klebesadel Art

*Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8,
10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Registration deadline: September 28

\$195/\$165 member



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Floral Bouquets with Alcohol Ink

Learn simple techniques for using alcohol inks to create vibrant floral bouquets. Your finished 8x10" painting will be matted to 11x14", ready for framing. All supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. This workshop is great for beginners, but those experienced with alcohol inks will be sure to pick up new tips and techniques.

Instructor: Beth Kluth, Ink Art by Beth Kluth

Saturday, October 7, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: September 28

\$100/\$80 member



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Advancing Your Watercolors with Helen Klebesadel

Join us in this two-day watercolor workshop for painters with some experience. Designed for artists with an interest in advancing their creative and technical approach to watercolor painting, and in expanding their subject matter. Build upon the skills you have acquired to create stronger artworks.

Instructor: Helen Klebesadel, Helen Klebesadel Art

*Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22,
10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Registration deadline: October 12

\$195/\$165 member



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Autumn Leaves with Alcohol Ink and Foil

Interested in creating unique pieces of art to celebrate the autumn season? Learn how to use alcohol inks and foil to create four stunning 6x6 pieces that highlight the beauty of autumn. The colorful leaves and backgrounds will be defined with brilliant foil. All supplies are provided. No experience necessary.

Instructor: Beth Kluth, Ink Art by Beth Kluth

Sunday, October 22, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: October 12

\$100/\$80 member

Watercolor Holiday Cards: Merry and Bright Monstera Plant with Gift Tags

Create your own watercolor cards this holiday season! The card design will be printed directly on your watercolor paper, so you don't have to worry about drawing. Your card will include a potted Monstera Plant with brightly colored lights strung on and "Merry and Bright" written below. You will also paint a few matching gift tags. All supplies included to create 1 holiday card and 2 gift tags.

Instructor: Emily Schroeder,
Emily Marie Watercolors

Friday, November 3, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: October 26

\$50/\$42 member

Watercolor Holiday Cards: Wreaths

Create your own Holiday Cards to send out this year! In this class, you will learn how to paint a simple wreath using watercolors. This class is explained well enough for beginners, but more advanced painters will also be able to take away tips for creating their own holiday wreaths.

Your design will be printed directly on your watercolor paper, so you don't have to worry about drawing! All supplies are provided to create 2 holiday wreath cards.

Instructor: Emily Schroeder,
Emily Marie Watercolors

Monday, November 13, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 6

\$50/\$42 member

Holiday Card Block printing with a Press

Ready to get into the holiday spirit through craft and community? Learn the process of linocut carving and create a set of 10 cards. This workshop will walk you through the linocut process from start to finish: planning, carving, and printing your block with a small printing press. Students will be provided all materials- linoleum, linoleum cutters, cards and ink- and will leave the class with a set of 10 cards and envelopes.

Instructor: Laurie Hunt

Saturday, December 2, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 21

\$86/\$72 member



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BIKING & BUTTERFLIES VIRTUAL LECTURES

Join us for special virtual lectures by inspiring professionals working hard to bring more attention to butterfly conservation. Both guests share stories of how they combined long biking journeys with their passion for butterflies. *Lectures are FREE for all to attend. Make sure you visit Olbrich (by bike if possible!) for our annual Blooming Butterflies event July 13 - August 7.*

Simon Saville

Wednesday, July 12, noon-1 p.m.

Simon Saville has had a life-long passion for butterflies, having been raised in the rural south of England. He is an active volunteer and trustee of Butterfly Conservation, the only UK charity dedicated to saving butterflies, moths and the habitats they depend on. He now lives in London and encourages people to explore, enjoy and improve the green spaces near where they live and work. There's nature under our noses, even in a metropolis like London!

Simon's virtual lecture will recount his 2021 adventure, when he combined another passion - cycling - with butterflies and embarked on a "Bike for Butterflies" journey along the whole length of Britain. Starting at Land's End in the south, he rode 1,200 miles finishing at John o'Groats at the tip of Scotland 30 days later. Every day, he visited a different wildlife site to promote the cause. Doing so, he raised over £30,000 for Butterfly Conservation.

Sara Dykman

Wednesday, July 26, noon-1 p.m.

In 2017 Sara Dykman became the first person to follow – by bicycle – the eastern population of monarch butterflies on their roundtrip, multinational, multigenerational migration. From Mexico to Canada and back, her 10,201 mile adventure was a call to action. "The monarchs need us," Dykman explained, "they can't call politicians to demand healthy prairies or rally for native gardens. But we can. We might not be able to fly like butterflies, but we can bike alongside them, and be their voice."

Dykman's inspirational bike ride alongside the monarchs was recounted in her book *Bicycling with Butterflies*, which is filled with optimism, energy, and hope. It is a compelling story, confirming the urgency of saving the threatened monarch migration – and the other threatened systems of nature that affect the survival of us all.

Sara Dykman's virtual lecture uses her bike touring adventure and the remarkable monarch migration as a lens to explore science, conservation, and the power of combined action.



READING GROUP

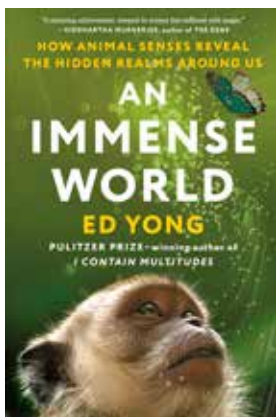
Gift yourself with the opportunity to explore a new story by visiting Olbrich's Schumacher Library or joining the Garden and Nature Community Reading Group. Books provide knowledge and inspiration for improving your garden and insight to help you better understand the natural world around you.

Garden and Nature Community Reading Group

Different Worlds

Join other garden, plant and wildlife enthusiasts to discuss books and ideas about gardening, plants, nature and the environment. This reading group is a partnership between Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Steenbock Library, and the UW Arboretum. The theme for our 2023 fall series is *Different Worlds*. We will be reading and discussing three fun, eye-opening books that invite us to consider and experience plants and nature in a new way. All discussions are free and open to the public and participants are encouraged to read the selected book prior to participating in the discussion. Books are not supplied but are available at Schumacher Library, partner libraries, and the Madison Public Library system.

Instructors: Eva Stefanski, Horticultural Librarian at Olbrich Botanical Gardens; Marian Farrow, Restoration Work Party Manager at UW Arboretum; and Karen Dunn, Librarian at Steenbock Library



An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us

Author: Ed Yong

This book is the winner of the American Library Association's 2023 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Nonfiction. In *An Immense World*, Ed Yong takes readers on an astounding voyage into the world of animal sensory perception by introducing a complex ecosystem of touch, scent, sound, sight, and even the magnetic fields that surround us. With humor and joy, this book reveals an entire universe of animal experience that will invite you to reconsider the world around you.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m.

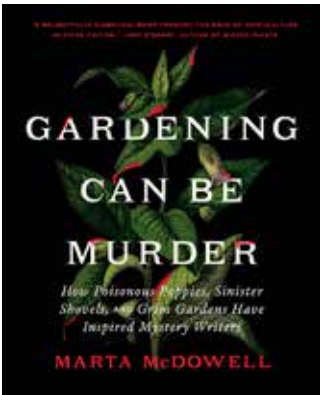


Dinner on Mars: The Technologies That Will Feed the Red Planet and Transform Agriculture on Earth

Author: Lenore Newman and Evan D. G. Fraser

Join us for a fun and enlightening discussion about one of agriculture's greatest challenges – how do you feed a community on Mars? The future of sustainable food production for earth and beyond is the topic of this entertaining and eye-opening book. We will discuss how issues such as gravity and radiation impact how food is generated and consumed and what solutions on earth may enable human life on other planets.

*Wednesday, October 25,
6:30-8:00 p.m.*



Gardening Can Be Murder: How Poisonous Poppies, Sinister Shovels, and Grim Gardens Have Inspired Mystery Writers

Author: Marta McDowell

Do you love a good garden-themed mystery? Then join us for a discussion of Marta McDowell's brand new book *Gardening Can Be Murder*. McDowell's is the first book to explore the popularity of horticultural themes in the mystery genre going back to Edgar Allen Poe all the way through to the contemporary cozy. We'll discuss McDowell's findings along with our own favorite sleuths and stories. Was is a shovel in the flower bed or deadly nightshade in the conservatory? Come join us to find out!

*Wednesday, November 29,
6:30-8:00 p.m.*

VISIT SCHUMACHER LIBRARY!

Our collection of over 2,800 books is just the beginning of what the library has to offer. We also have activities for families to enjoy and offer resources like our family adventure backpacks and seasonal garden guides (just to name a few!) for children and adults alike to enhance their explorations in the outdoor gardens or conservatory. Come chat about the gardens, read a magazine, try out new ID apps, and learn more about what the library has to offer!





LEARN & PLAY TOGETHER

Explore the wonder of the natural world with your family. Learn and 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; 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. \$9/\$7 member, per child

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.

Adventures in the Garden

Mouse, Bear, Strawberry
Friday, June 9, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Peter Rabbit
Friday, June 16, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Giant of Jum

Friday, June 23, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Summer Bugs

Butterflies

Friday, July 14, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Fireflies

Friday, July 21, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Bees

Tuesday, July 25, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, July 28, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Ants

Tuesday, August 8, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, August 11, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Beetles

Tuesday, August 15, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, August 18, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, August 19, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Ladybugs

Tuesday, August 22, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, August 25, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Garden Stories by Denise Fleming

Lunch

Tuesday, September 5, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, September 8, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Tall, Tall, Grass

Tuesday, September 12, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, September 15, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, September 16, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Underground

Tuesday, September 19, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, September 22, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

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.

Meeting Mysterious Animals

Bats

Friday, October 13, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 14, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Snakes

Friday, October 20, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Spiders

Friday, October 27, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Nature is All Around!

Because of an Acorn

Tuesday, November 7, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, November 10, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Tree to Sea

Tuesday, November 14, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, November 17, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter

Saturday, November 18, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

December Delights

Whistling Trains

Friday, December 8, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 9, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

The Mitten

Tuesday, December 12, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, December 15, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Festive Candies

Tuesday, December 19, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Friday, December 22, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Holiday Express

Enjoy large-scale model trains chugging through a festive scene overflowing with hundreds of poinsettias and fresh evergreens. Each year, Olbrich's creative horticulturists design and carefully construct a unique environment for guests to explore.

Daily, December 2 – December 31,
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



FAMILY CLASSES

Breakfast for the Butterflies

Join us for a behind the scenes look at Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies Exhibit! Work side-by-side with staff to feed the butterflies in the Bolz Conservatory. Learn about the butterfly lifecycle, where the butterflies come from, and how they are cared for. We will also release some butterflies if they are ready to fly! Ages 5-11 with an adult.

Instructor: Sarah Ellis,
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Wednesday, July 19, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: July 13

\$18/\$15 member, per child

Wednesday, July 26, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: July 20

\$18/\$15 member, per child

Wednesday, August 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: July 27

\$18/\$15 member, per child

Blooming Butterflies

This special exhibit features up to 19 different species of free flying butterflies in the tropical Bolz Conservatory. Two chrysalis cases provide opportunities to possibly witness a butterfly emerge from a chrysalis!

**Daily, July 13-August 6,
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



Garden Harvesting

Explore the Children's Kitchen Garden when the beds are bursting with fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers to be eaten! We will do a little garden maintenance, explore how we compost, and harvest lots of fresh food that will be donated. You may also get some veggies to snack on and take home! Drop your young learner off or stay and join in on the fun in the Children's Kitchen Garden. Ages 8-12 with or without an adult.

Saturday, August 12, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Registration deadline: August 7
\$15/\$12 member, per child

Medicinal Herbs & Herb Exploration

Bring your young nature enthusiast to learn all about herbs for this new family class! We will learn about how to use herbs, sustainable harvesting techniques, and even fill a sachet with fresh herbs from the garden to bring home! We will meet indoors but dress for the weather. Ages 5-11 with an adult.

Saturday, September 23, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Registration deadline: September 18
\$10/\$8 member, per child

Autumn Ephemeral Arts

What is ephemeral art? Art that is only created with natural materials and is meant to get blown away by the wind or tumbled down by the rain. Meet in the Learning Center, but be prepared for a walk around the gardens collecting fallen leaves, sticks, and any other natural art materials we can find, so please dress for the weather. Drop your young artist off or stay and join in on the fun! Ages 8-12 with or without an adult.

Saturday, October 21, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Registration deadline: October 16
\$15/\$12 member, per child

Pumpkin Carving and Painting

Have you ever seen a pumpkin with a flower nose and fuzzy grass eyebrows? How about a crown made of cornhusks? Use natural materials gathered from the gardens to decorate a pumpkin or carve a pumpkin to celebrate the autumn season. One pumpkin per participant is provided while supplies last. Drop in anytime between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Ages 5-11 with an adult.

Tuesday, October 31, 2:30-4 p.m.
No fee or registration required

Tropical 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 in our tropical conservatory, and make your own garden creature and small garden house to take home. All supplies provided. Ages 5-11 with an adult.

Thursday, November 9, 5:30-7p.m.
Registration deadline: November 10
\$15/\$12 member, per child

“My children loved having the opportunity to explore the kitchen garden and pick their very own vegetables. They especially loved the pears!”

– Garden Harvesting

Watercoloring Holiday Greeting Cards with Kids

Looking for a new approach to your seasonal greeting cards this year? Join watercolor artist Joyce Folgert for a Saturday afternoon watercolor class and paint two holiday greeting cards. We will paint a snowperson in the snow and a lovely red poinsettia flower. All materials will be provided. The paintings can be taken to a print shop to be printed and ready to send out as seasonal greetings to friends and family. Ages 8-12 with an adult.

Instructor: Joyce Folgert

Sunday, November 19, 1-3 p.m.

Registration deadline: November 9

\$70/\$60 member

Natural Ornaments

Get in the holiday spirit with this drop-in craft! Let your creativity flow while creating natural material ornaments - great gifts for the fellow gardener or nature-lover on your holiday list! Participants will create ornaments to take home. Start with a base of dried citrus, wood slice, or pinecone and build your ornament using dried flowers, seedpods and more! All materials are pre-harvested from Olbrich Gardens to create a one-of-a-kind, unique piece of art! Participants must be comfortable working with hot glue and delicate material. Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. All materials provided while supplies last.

Wednesday, December 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

No fee or registration required



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“ We love Little Sprouts classes! It is so fun to have choices and to be able to go through most of the activities self-paced. The teacher was extremely engaging with my son and she wonderfully supported and encouraged child-led play. With so many activity stations, the class went by quickly. Thank you! ”

– Little Sprouts



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YOUTH PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is the perfect place for youth to explore the wonders of nature. We welcome youth, scout groups, K-12 community organizations, homeschool groups, and K-5 students to join us for hands-on exploration of a wide variety of nature-based topics.

YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS

Register your Scout Troop or K-12 community organization for one of our nature-based programs or contact us to develop a program suited to your group's needs and interests. Programs are offered year round. Check details for the best time to schedule particular programs.

Plant, Water, Grow (Spring-Summer)

All About Owls (Fall)

Every Drop Counts (All year)

Mythical Garden Creatures (Summer-Fall)

Medicinal Herbs (Summer - Fall)

Are you interested in a self-guided field trip for your youth group? We can offer learning resources to support a meaningful experience and support your learning goals. For question about scheduling a K-12 community program, self-guided resources, or the Explorer Field Trip Program, please contact Youth Programs Coordinator Ariel Christian (achristian@cityofmadison.com or 608-243-0583).

EXPLORER FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

Join us for hands-on, inquiry-based field trips! We invite you and your students (K-5) to experience the extraordinary world of plants by participating in our Explorer School Programs. All programs support the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards and the Madison Metropolitan School District Science Curricula Scope and Sequence. Each program is 90 minutes and includes indoor learning stations and a guided nature walk in the indoor tropical Bolz Conservatory and the outdoor gardens. Dates and times available for registration are on the website. *Explorer Field Tips can be adjusted for Grades 6-8. Please email achristian@cityofmadison.com for more information.

Ecology Explorer – Grades K-5*
October – November

Forest Explorer – Grade K-5*
February

Botany Explorer – Grades K-5*
April - May





DISCOVERY DAYS

Are you looking for fun activities to do in the gardens this summer? Visit the Olbrich Discovery Cart for fun, hands-on, outdoor activities for families. The theme, activity, and location change weekly. Some activities will focus on life in the pond at the Discovery Dock, exploring clouds in the Great Lawn, rainforest food webs in the Bolz conservatory, or learning about growing vegetables in the Children's Kitchen Garden. Check in at the greeter desk in the lobby or with the outdoor garden greeter for the daily location.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The cart will be active in the outdoor gardens from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Monday through Friday in June, July, and August. The theme and location in the outdoor gardens will change weekly. Throughout Blooming Butterflies the cart will be stationed at the various iSpy Pollinator locations.

FALL SCHEDULE

Visit the discovery cart on the education patio in the Bolz conservatory from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in September, October, November, and December. The theme will change each month. Themes include patterns in nature, rainforest food webs, colors of the rainforest, and others.



Activities you can look forward to on Discovery Days include collecting pollen around the Great Lawn, scent matching in the Herb Garden, finding tessellations and other patterns in nature, exploring the complex food web in the layers of the rainforest through a sound scavenger hunt, and so much more!



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REGISTRATION

Use a separate registration form for each registrant.
Additional forms available at www.olbrich.org.

[Please print.]

Registrant/Parent: _____

Are you an Olbrich Member? Yes No

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Email correspondence is used to provide you with the most current class information, including class confirmation notices. Your email address will not be shared with any other individuals or organizations.

Class Date	Class Title	Child's First Name/Age <small>(for children's classes)</small>	Fee \$
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Fee Total: \$ _____

If you have any allergies or accommodations that you would like us to know about, please write it on the back of this page or email RBenedict@CityOfMadison.com.

PAYMENT METHOD

Personal Check #: _____

[Make check payable to Olbrich Botanical Society.]

Cash Gift Card #: _____

Credit Card

#: _____

All credit card payments are subject to a processing fee per each program. If you wish to avoid this convenience fee, please pay with exact cash or check. Email OlbrichEducation@CityOfMadison.com with questions.

Exp. Date: _____ Cw Code: _____

Cardholder Name: _____



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