



CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

CLASSROOM OPEN HOURS

TUESDAYS, FEB. 14-MAY 30, 1-3 PM, FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; AGES 3 AND UP

Welcome, unschoolers and homeschoolers alike, to an open-ended exploration in our learning laboratory. Tinker to your heart's content, rearrange moving parts and explore our nature museum and teaching library. Or just play in the "squishy corner" especially made for small people. An on-site staff member will answer questions, help with using materials and setting up learning explorations.

FEBRUARY SESSIONS	FEB. 14	FEB. 21	FEB. 28	
MARCH SESSIONS	MARCH 7	MARCH 14	MARCH 21	MARCH 28
APRIL SESSIONS	APRIL 4	APRIL 11	APRIL 18	APRIL 25
MAY SESSIONS	MAY 2	MAY 9	MAY 16	MAY 23 & 30

DROP-IN FEE PER SESSION: \$3 PER CHILD, \$10 PER FAMILY.

A SEASON PASS FOR ALL 16 DATES IS AVAILABLE FOR \$40 PER CHILD, \$120 PER FAMILY.

Parking pass included with advance registration.

GARDENING OPEN HOURS

THURSDAYS, APRIL 6–MAY 25, 3–5 PM, FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; AGES 3 AND UP

Join us in our hands-on outdoor learning space! Each week a staff member will guide families through an exploration of all things connected with growing plants, including digging, using tools, planting, watering, weeding, managing pests, harvesting, tasting and composting.

APRIL SESSIONS	APRIL 6	APRIL 13	APRIL 20	APRIL 27
MAY SESSIONS	MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25

LOCATION: MEET IN THE CHARLOTTE BRODY DISCOVERY GARDEN.


DROP-IN FEE PER SESSION: \$3 PER CHILD, \$10 PER FAMILY. A SEASON PASS FOR ALL 8 DATES IS AVAILABLE FOR \$20 PER CHILD, \$56 PER FAMILY.

Parking pass included with advance registration.

NATURE NAVIGATORS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Explore the natural world with our certificate program for young naturalists! All classes listed below are eligible for certificate credit.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Certificates available for three age groups: children ages 4–5, 6–8 or 9–12 years old. All Children and Family programs with this symbol  qualify toward completion of your certificate. Please feel free to complete all three certificates as you meet the age ranges.
- Complete at least 6 Duke Gardens classes of your choice, 3 in the spring and 3 in the fall, for each certificate.
- Keep track with stamps in your Nature Navigators Passport.
- Complete an observational field notebook at home with age-appropriate prompts. Upon completion of each age range certificate program, you will receive a Nature Navigators certificate and a surprise reward that will help you pursue your nature studies at home.

No additional fee to participate in the certificate programs; registration required before attending each class.



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CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

NATURE STORYTIME

THURSDAYS, 10:30 AM, MARCH 2-JUNE 8; SUGGESTED FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Free!


Enjoy the outdoors with a story read aloud in the Gardens. Nature-themed stories are followed by a related activity or garden walk.

MARCH SESSIONS	MARCH 2	MARCH 9	MARCH 16	MARCH 23	MARCH 30
APRIL SESSIONS	APRIL 6	APRIL 13	APRIL 20	APRIL 27	
MAY SESSIONS	MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25	
JUNE SESSIONS	JUNE 1	JUNE 8			

LOCATION: PLEASE MEET IN THE CHARLOTTE BRODY DISCOVERY GARDEN STORY CIRCLE.

Free drop-in event. Parking fees apply.

NATURE FOR SPROUTS

TUESDAYS, MARCH 7-APRIL 25, FROM 10:30-11:30 AM, FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 

Explore the outdoors at Duke Gardens with your child. Each week we will have stories, songs, movement, observation and hands-on, creative projects that explore the Gardens. Sign up for one more sessions.

MARCH SESSIONS	MARCH 7	MARCH 14	MARCH 21	MARCH 28
APRIL SESSIONS	APRIL 4	APRIL 11	APRIL 18	APRIL 25

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED.

TUESDAYS, 10:30-11:30 AM. LOCATION: MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER

FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS \$7; GENERAL PUBLIC \$10.

REGISTER FOR ALL 8 SESSIONS AT \$6/\$9 PER SESSION.

Parking pass included with advance registration.

*Help us build the future of Duke Gardens
by becoming a member today!*

Look for this icon to identify FREE DROP-IN events! 

Look for this icon to identify Nature Navigators Certificate program classes 

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-6 AND 7-9

MONDAY, FEB. 27	THE HIDDEN WORLD  What's hiding under your feet? Learn about soil and the living things that make their homes underground for the winter or all year round.
MONDAY, MARCH 13	WILD WEATHER  From fierce snowstorms to peaceful summer days, the weather is always changing. Learn how scientists study weather and try out some of the instruments they use. Explore how the weather affects plants and the landscape.
MONDAY, MAY 8	USEFUL PLANTS  From medicine to fabric, people use plants for more than just food! Learn the parts of a plant and explore how they can be useful. Seek out these special plants in the garden and plant some yourself.
MONDAY, MAY 22	FLYING THROUGH NATURE  People can't fly without machines, but many things in nature can! Explore how plants and animals move through the air and learn how they've inspired people to defy gravity.

DETAILS FOR EACH PROGRAM

SECTION A: CHILDREN AGES 5-6; 10:30-11:30 AM. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED.

SECTION B: CHILDREN AGES 7-9; 10:30 AM-NOON

PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR YOUNGER SIBLING POLICY

LOCATION: PLEASE MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER

FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS \$7 PER CLASS; GENERAL PUBLIC \$10 PER CLASS

REGISTER FOR ALL 4 CLASSES AT \$6/\$9 PER CLASS

Parking pass included with advance registration.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-10

TWILIGHT AT THE GARDENS: THINGS WITH WINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6-8 PM, FOR AGES 7-10 

Drop off your kids on Friday evening so they can learn about the butterflies and moths of spring. We will have a butterfly-themed picnic, tiptoe through the gardens to search for fluttering wings, play butterfly games and see all the stages of a butterfly's life cycle.

LOCATION: PLEASE MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER

FEE: \$30 PER PERSON, INCLUDES DINNER

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12

ARTISTS IN THE GARDENS WORKSHOPS

MONDAYS, 10 AM-NOON, FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12 

Use art to hone your observation skills and express yourself! Art can communicate everything from how you're feeling today to the close relationship between a caterpillar and its host plant. We'll explore habitats, uncover wildlife and identify plants while learning about art and making our own.

Each workshop will use photography and other media, including drawing, painting and collage. Classes will include time to investigate the garden, make connections, create art and share work with the group.

Join us for the full series or sign up for individual workshops. Bring your own digital camera; any kind is great, from cell phones to SLRs. All other materials provided.

MONDAY,
MARCH 20

BACK TO BASICS: ELEMENTS OF ART

Learn about line, shape, color and the other elements of art and observation. Notice the color of plants, the shape of garden beds, leaf textures and more as we turn those elements into art.

MONDAY,
APRIL 3

THE LONG VIEW: LANDSCAPES

Since ancient times, people all over the world have created art featuring the landscape. Learn how to use landscapes in your own art while immersed in the landscape of Duke Gardens.

MONDAY,
APRIL 17

LOOKING CLOSELY: STILL LIFES & PORTRAITS

Art can reveal small details that go unnoticed in everyday life. Look closely at patterns in the garden, use microscopes to investigate truly tiny things, and create your own art highlighting the details.

MONDAY,
MAY 1

PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES: EXPERIMENTATION

Create outside the box! Mix media, try new techniques and collaborate with classmates to express yourself. We'll use the garden for inspiration and as a source of unusual materials.

MONDAYS, 10 AM-NOON

LOCATION: PLEASE MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER

FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS \$16 PER CLASS; GENERAL PUBLIC \$20 PER CLASS

REGISTER FOR ALL 4 CLASSES AT \$14/\$18 PER CLASS

Parking pass included with advance registration.

GROWING ARTIST EXHIBIT

JOIN US ON MONDAY, MAY 1, FROM 12:30-2 PM, FOR AN EXHIBIT OF ART WORKS PRODUCED DURING ALL FOUR WORKSHOPS.