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FALL-THEMED PROGAMS AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

Member presale begins August 26; public tickets on sale August 31

All tickets must be purchased in advance, unless otherwise noted.







FALL HOURS:

- York Street: Sept. 8-30, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (grounds cleared at 8 p.m.)
- Mordecai Children's Garden: closes for the season on Oct. 31 at 5 p.m.
- Chatfield Farms: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (grounds cleared at 5 p.m.)

WINTER HOURS:

- York Street: Oct. 1- Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (grounds cleared at 5 p.m.)
- Mordecai Children's Garden: closed Nov. 1 until spring
- Chatfield Farms: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (grounds cleared at 5 p.m.)

CHATFIELD FARMS:

Corn Maze
Fridays – Sundays, Sept. 18 – Nov. 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
$12 - $22, free for children 2 and under. Get lost in our 8-acre Corn Maze at Chatfield Farms. This year, Corn Maze honors the Centennial State's 150th anniversary. Twists and turns cut into the maze create Colorado state symbols like the Rocky Mountain columbine and the bighorn sheep. Climb the bridge for a bird's-eye view of the maze. Children under the age of 10 can explore the mini corn maze.

Pumpkin Festival
Friday – Sunday, Oct. 9-11, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
$12 - $22, free for children 2 and under.
A fall family favorite, Pumpkin Festival promises three days of fun. Purchase pumpkins from our 10-acre patch and enjoy carnival games, wagon rides, local vendors, and live music. Food, beer and cider selections are available for purchase. Access to Corn Maze is included with Pumpkin Festival tickets.

Agriculture Past, Present & Future
Fridays, Sept. 4 and 11, 10-11:30 a.m.
$35, $25 member, $10 student

Chatfield Farms has deep roots. Climb aboard for a tractor ride provided by our partners at Front Range Antique Power Association. Ride through our working historical ranch and discover the land and the crops that have shaped it. On this 90-minute tour, take in sweeping views of the property, passing by lavender fields and cultivated gardens. Your guide will share the story of this land and how it has been shaped by generations of agricultural practice. The tour includes a stop at the Chatfield Farms Solar Garden, where an emerging approach called *agrovoltaics*. — growing crops beneath solar panels — is being put to the test as one vision for the future of farming in Colorado.

Fall Foraging on the Wild Side, Workshop and Luncheon
Saturday, Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
$98, $91 member
Take a morning walk around Chatfield Farms and discover all the tasty, nutritious, edible and medicinal plants that grow wild. Discover purslane, high in Omega 3's for salads and stir fry's, elderberries for immune boosting, rose hips for teas and syrups and much more. Tastings include cactus salsa and chips, nettle pesto appetizer, wild edible and herb salad, a sweet for dessert and iced rosehip/raspberry leaf tea. Handout with recipes included.

Strolling Stories at Chatfield Farms: Fun on the Farm
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:45-11:30 a.m.
$11 preschooler, $9 member preschooler; one adult per child is admitted free of charge. Additional adults and non-participating siblings should purchase or reserve general admission tickets.
What veggies like the cool, crisp air? Join us to explore Chatfield Farms' vegetable patch and discover animals that call the farm home. Strolling Stories combines story time and nature hikes at Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms. Each week we venture out around the grounds of Chatfield Farms and investigate nature as it changes with the seasons. Along the trail we stop to read a seasonally themed story and then continue our adventure with an exploration based on the day's book.

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Glow at the Gardens™
Thursday – Sunday, Oct. 15-18 and Wednesday – Saturday, Oct. 21-24, 5:30-9 p.m.
$27 - $37, free for children 2 and under. Presenting Sponsor: McDonald Volvo
Experience Denver's most luminous fall celebration! Glow at the Gardens weaves together the spooky, silly and spirited for an autumnal family-friendly event like no other. Wander an immersive path to discover enchanted landscapes brought to life with performers and illuminated hand-carved pumpkin displays. This event sells out every year, so get your tickets early.

Ghosts in the Gardens
Friday – Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Tuesday, Oct. 20, Wednesday – Saturday, Oct. 28-31
Various Times
$29 member, $34 public
Explore the Gardens after hours as storytellers share true staff experiences, security guard encounters with the unexplained and the haunting history of the place once known as "The Boneyard." This self-guided experience allows you to visit storytellers in any order. Appropriate for children ages 12 and older.

Literature of the Land: Fall Book Club
Wednesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
$5 per session
Join us for the Fall 2026 sessions of Literature of the Land, a book club series hosted by the Helen Fowler Library. We read three books over three months focusing on a specific topic of interest. This fall we will explore water and issues about water in Colorado and around the world. Participants may register for a single session or all three sessions. Book club takes place in person in the Helen Fowler Library.

Literature of the Land: Fall Book Club - ONLINE
Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, 1-2 p.m.
$5 per session
Join us for the Fall 2026 sessions of Literature of the Land, an online book club series hosted by the Helen Fowler Library. We read three books over three months focusing on a specific topic of interest. This fall we will explore water and issues about water in Colorado and around the world. Participants may register for a single session or all three sessions. Book club takes place online. In-person sessions will be offered as well.

Yo soy: La lotería botánica exhibit
Sept. 13 – Oct. 15
Included with Gardens admission
Yo soy: La lotería botánica is a reimagining of the traditional Mexican card game of Lotería through a botanical lens. Presented as part of Yo soy, the Gardens' annual celebration of Latino cultures, the exhibition features original artwork by local artists inspired by plants and their connections to culture, food, history and community. The exhibit will be in the Ming Bridge that connects the Boettcher Memorial Center and the Freyer – Newman Center.

Seedlings: Fall Frolic
Late September. Dates and time below.
$13 per toddler/preschooler, $11 per toddler/preschooler member; one adult per child is admitted free of charge. Additional adults and non-participating siblings should purchase or reserve general admission tickets.
Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall. Join us for a nature walk and see what seasonal changes are happening in the Gardens. Seedlings classes offer a fun, hands-on way for young children to explore the plant world while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants and their importance. Programs include stories, nature walks and art projects. Seedlings programs have indoor and outdoor components. Participants should come prepared to spend time both outdoors and indoors.

- Ages 3-6 years: Wednesday, Sept. 23, 9:15-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Ages 24-36 months: Thursday, Sept. 24, 9:15-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Ages 18-24 months: Friday, Sept. 25, 9:15-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Haunted History Guided Tour
Friday, Oct. 2, 5:30-7:15 p.m. or 7:30-9:15 p.m.
Join us for a one-night experience after dark. Gain exclusive access to areas typically off-limits to the public along with a more robust collection of stories, updated staff encounters and historical information about the former Mount Prospect Cemetery and surrounding neighborhood. Appropriate for children ages 12 and older.

NEW: Botanic Obscura: An Evening of Plants, Folklore and Books
Sunday, Oct. 11, 5:30-8 p.m.
Free with advance registration.
Join us as you follow your curiosity through an evening exploring the worlds of plants, folklore, transformation and tradition. Discover treasures from our Helen Fowler Library rare book collection and other activities takes place in the Freyer – Newman Center atrium.

Botanically Bewitched Tours
October 15-30, various dates and times
$12 - $20
This spooky season, discover the roots of magic at the Gardens. Learn how plants adapt for survival in an unforgiving world and the eerie legends that accompany them. This tour will highlight strange and frightening flora: the poisonous, psychoactive, carnivorous and parasitic.

Fall Themes in Oil Pastel
Saturdays, Oct. 17 and 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Using a loose, expressive approach, focus on capturing the essence of autumn in this all-level oil pastel class. Learn several techniques for layering and building color and luminosity through guided exercises. Discover the expressive potential of this medium. No prerequisites required.

Children and Family Make and Take: Ghostly Gardens
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31, 10-11:30 a.m.
$16 per project non-member, $14 per project member
Plant and decorate a miniature Halloween themed indoor garden to celebrate spooky season. with giggling ghosts, wicked witches, boisterous bats, silly spiders and more. After completing your ghostly garden, explore the Gardens on your own with a self-guided scavenger hunt. Appropriate for ages 5 and up.

Children and Family Make and Take: Harvest Wreaths
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, 10-11:30 a.m.
$24 per project non-member, $22 per project member
Embrace the changing seasons and create a seasonal wreath using autumnal colors, seed pods and artificial foliage. After you create your wreath, explore the Gardens on your own with a self-guided scavenger hunt that explores nature's beauty during the **f**all season.

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About Denver Botanic Gardens: Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2026 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and the American Public Gardens Association, the Gardens has a robust living plant collection, natural history collection and art collection along with temporary art exhibitions. The Gardens' Denver location features a 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences– as well as world-class exhibitions, special events, education and plant conservation research programs. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms is a 700-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Blue Sky Scenic Byway. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org