



REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

Horticultural Events from Around the Country

NORTHEAST

CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT

MAR. 18–20. **Capital District Garden and Flower Show.** Hudson Valley Community College. Troy, New York. (518) 786-1529. www.gardenandflowershow.com.

RAP APR. 2. **The Berry Patch Gardener.** Lecture. Berkshire Botanical Garden. Stockbridge, Massachusetts. (413) 298-3926. www.berkshirebotanical.org.

APR. 12–17. **New York International Orchid Show.** The Greater New York Orchid Society. New York, New York. (212) 332-6577. www.gnyos.org.

APR. 15–17. **Hofstra University Arboretum Flower and Garden Show.** Hempstead, New York. (516) 463-6633. www.hofstra.edu/COM/Arbor/Arbor_flower_show.cfm.

APR. 28–MAY 1. **Spring Herb Sale.** Lyman Estate Greenhouses. Waltham, Massachusetts. (781) 891-4882. www.HistoricNewEngland.org.

RAP APR. 30 & MAY 1. **Cherry Blossom Festival.** Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Brooklyn, New York. (718) 623-7220. www.bbg.org.

Looking ahead

MAY 7. **Herb Plant Sale.** The New England Unit of the Herb Society of America. Wellesley, Massachusetts. (401) 274-8873. www.neuhsa.org.

MID-ATLANTIC

PA, NJ, VA, MD, DE, WV, DC

MAR. 17–20. **Washington Home and Garden Show.** Washington Convention Center. Washington, DC. (703) 823-7960. www.washingtonhomeandgarden.com.

APR. 2–MAY 27. **Acres of Spring.** Spring display. Longwood Gardens. Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. (610) 388-1000. www.longwoodgardens.org.

APR. 3. **Wilkes Birthday Festival.** Celebration of plants that started the U.S. Botanic Garden. U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington, D.C. (202) 225-8333. www.usbg.gov.

AHS APR. 3–5. **Inspiring Ideas for the Home Gardener.** Symposium. Colonial Williams-

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burg. Williamsburg, Virginia. (800) 603-0948. www.colonialwilliamsburg.org.

RAP APR. 9 & 10. **Virginia Daffodil Society Show.** Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Richmond, Virginia. (804) 262-9887. www.lewisginter.org.

APR. 11. **No Stone Unturned: Artists and Gardens.** Symposium. Carnegie Mellon University's School of Art. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (412) 268-5765 www.cmu.edu/cfa/garden.html.

APR. 16–MAY 8. **Annual Gardening Days at Mount Vernon.** Plant sale. Mount Vernon. Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 780-2000. www.mountvernon.org.

AHS APR. 16–24. **Historic Garden Week.** Garden tours in numerous Virginia locations. The Garden Club of Virginia. Richmond, Virginia. (804) 644-7776. www.VAGardenweek.org. (See related article in "News from AHS" section.)

RAP APR. 30. **Annual Rare Plant Auction.** The Delaware Center for Horticulture. (302) 658-6262. www.dehort.org.

APR. 30. **Friends of the National Arboretum Garden Fair and Plant Sale.** U.S. National Arboretum. Washington, D.C. (202) 544-8733. www.fona.org.

Looking ahead

RAP MAY 7. **Rhododendron Show and Sale.** U.S. National Arboretum. Washington, DC. (202) 245-2726. www.usna.usda.gov.

MAY 7. **Bartram's Garden Native Plant Sale.**

Bartram's Garden. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (215) 729-5281. www.bartramsgarden.org.

RAP MAY 14. **Spring Garden Day.** Rare and unusual plant sale. Green Spring Gardens Park. Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 642-5173. www.greenspring.org.

SOUTHEAST

AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN

RAP MAR. 19 & 20. **Daffodil Show.** Atlanta Botanical Garden. Atlanta, Georgia. (404) 876-5859. www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

RAP MAR. 31–APR. 2. **Early Bird Violet Club Annual Show.** Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Birmingham, Alabama. (205) 414-3900. www.bbgardens.org.

RAP MAR. 31–APR. 6. **Annual Plant Sale.** New Hanover County Master Gardener Association. Wilmington, North Carolina. (970) 452-6393.

APR. 8–10. **Bloom 'n' Garden Expo.** Williamson County Master Gardeners Expo. Franklin, Tennessee. (615) 790-5721. www.wcmga.net.

APR. 14–17. **An EPIC Celebration of Spring.** Flower and garden expo. EPIC Community Services. St. Augustine, Florida. (904) 829-2273. www.epiccommunityservices.org.

APR. 16. **Growin' Crazy.** Plant sale, nursery exhibits. North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Pittsboro, North Carolina. (919) 542-8202. www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/.

APR. 22–24. **Arbor Day Celebration.** Family activities, exhibits. The North Carolina Arboretum. Asheville, North Carolina. (828) 665-2492. www.ncarboretum.org.

RAP APR. 23. **Glorious Hydrangeas.** Symposium. Sarah P. Duke Gardens. Durham, North Carolina. (919) 684-3698. www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens.

Looking ahead

AHS MAY 6. **Magic of Landscaping Symposium.** Lake Buena Vista, Florida. (352) 429-2171. www.magicoflandscaping.com. (See related article in "News from AHS" section.)

RAP MAY 7 & 8. **Gardens For Connoisseurs.**

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Opens New Visitor Center

VISITORS TO THE Minnesota Landscape Arboretum can now enjoy the new, state-of-the-art Visitor Center, which officially opened in January. The center is equipped with touch-screen kiosks to help visitors plan routes, an auditorium, two classrooms, a teaching garden, restaurant, and gift shop.

“Winter in Minnesota has always been our low season,” says Peter Olin, director of the 1,040-acre arboretum in Chaska. “With the new visitor center, we’ll have the opportunity year-round to present plant-related exhibits, while hosting conferences, lectures, and symposia that would otherwise have to move off-site.”

The new center reflects design elements from the original 30-year-old visitor center—which still stands nearby—designed by renowned Minnesota architect, Edwin Lundie. An emphasis on natural light and the use of geothermal energy for heating and cooling are just a few of the new building’s environmentally friendly features. In addition, six new terraces and garden areas around the visitor’s center will offer a glimpse into the experience that lies ahead.



Large windows provide the new center with plenty of light.

Already the arboretum has many events planned that will make use of the new facility. The Sugarbush Pancake Brunch and Maple Syrup Tours on March 26 and 27 provide a great family outing. Participants will learn how maple syrup is made and enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake brunch complete with arboretum-made syrup.

On April 9, the arboretum’s annual Plant Information Fair will take place in the MacMillan Auditorium of the Visitor Center. The event will feature demonstrations, lectures, a plant sale, and the opportunity to speak with garden specialists.

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is a Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP) participant, and therefore AHS members receive free admission. For more information about the arboretum, visit www.arboretum.umn.edu or call (952) 443-1422.

—Nicole Gibson, *Editorial Intern*

Tours of private gardens. Atlanta Botanical Garden. Atlanta, Georgia. (404) 876-5859. www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

NORTH CENTRAL

IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

RAP MAR. 5–20. **Spring Flower Show—Paintings Spring to Life.** Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Madison, Wisconsin. (608) 246-4550. www.olbrich.org.

RAP MAR. 12–20. **Annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show.** Indianapolis, Indiana. (800) 215-1700. www.hsishows.com.

RAP APR. 14. **Go Native! Incorporating Native Plants in Your Landscape.** Class. Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Rockford, Illinois. (815) 965-8146. www.klehm.org.

APR. 16. **Perennial Premier.** Plant sale. Indianapolis Museum of Art. Indianapolis, Indiana. (317) 923-1331. www.ima-art.org.

APR. 16 & 17. **Daffodil Show.** Fellows Riverside Gardens. Youngstown, Ohio. (330) 740-7116. www.millcreekmetroparks.com.

RAP APR. 20–24. **Cincinnati Flower Show.** Cincinnati Horticultural Society. Cincinnati,

Ohio. (800) 670-6808. www.cincyflower.com.

RAP APR. 24. **Ask the Experts: Growing and Caring for Lilies.** Lecture. Chicago Botanic Garden. Glencoe, Illinois. (847) 835-8326. www.chicagobotanic.org.

RAP APR. 30–MAY 1. **Plant Sale.** The Holden Arboretum. Kirtland, Ohio. (440) 946-4400. www.holdenarb.org.

Looking ahead

RAP MAY 13. **Arts and Crafts: Gardens and Landscapes of the Era.** Symposium. Chicago Botanic Garden. Glencoe, Illinois. (847) 835-8326. www.chicagobotanic.org.

RAP MAY 27. **AHS Member Day at the Cleveland Botanical Garden Flower Show.** Cleveland Botanical Garden. Cleveland, Ohio. (216) 721-1600. www.cbgbgarden.org. (See related article in “News from AHS” section.)

SOUTH CENTRAL

AR, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK, TX

RAP MAR. 5–APR. 10. **Dallas Blooms.** Spring display. Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Dallas, Texas. (214) 515-6512.

www.dallasarboretum.org.

RAP MAR. 18–20. **Oklahoma Flower and Landscaping Show.** Oklahoma Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Tulsa, Oklahoma. (405) 744-6460. www.hortla.okstate.edu.

RAP APR. 5–7. **Beauty and the Brush.** Spring festival. Garvan Woodland Gardens. Hot Springs, Arkansas. (501) 262-9300. www.garvangardens.org.

APR. 7–9. **Gateway to Spring.** Convention. American Daffodil Society. Saint Louis, Missouri. adsconv2005.stldaffodilclub.org.

RAP APR. 16. **Breaux Bridge Garden Club Plant Show.** American Rose Society. Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. (800) 637-6534. www.ars.org.

RAP APR. 16 & 17. **Daffodil Show.** Botanica, the Wichita Gardens. Wichita, Kansas. (316) 264-0448. www.botanica.org.

APR. 19 & 20. **Countdown to Bloom.** Flower, horticulture, and conservation show. The Garden Club of Houston, River Oaks Garden Club, and the Museum of Fine Arts. Houston, Texas. (713) 639-7571. www.gchouston.org.

SOUTHWEST

AZ, NM, CO, UT

RAP THROUGH APR. 25. **Invasive Species Botanical Illustration Exhibit.** Denver Botanic Garden. Denver, Colorado. (720) 865-3500. www.botanicgardens.org.

MAR. 26. **Spring In Bloom Private Home Garden Tour.** The Valley of the Sun Gardeners. Phoenix, Arizona. (480) 636-6515. www.phoenixgardeners.org.

APR. 2 & 3. **Home Garden Tour.** Tucson Botanical Garden. Tucson, Arizona. (520) 326-9686. www.tucsonbotanical.org.

RAP APR. 22–24. **Annual Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale.** Desert Botanical Garden. Phoenix, Arizona. (480) 941-1225. www.dbg.org.

WEST COAST

CA, NV, HI

RAP MAR. 26. **Plant Sale.** Harold L. Lyon Arboretum. Honolulu, Hawaii. (808) 988-0456. www.lyonarboretum.com.

APR. 9 & 10. **Spring Plant Sale.** Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. Occidental, California. (707) 874-1557. www.oaec.org.

APR. 16. **Open Garden.** Unique rose collection on display. Sacramento Historic Rose Garden. Sacramento, California. (916) 443-2146. www.cemeteryrose.org.

APR. 21. **Desert Living: Energy-Efficient Design and Landscaping.** Lecture. Springs Preserve. Las Vegas, Nevada. (702) 258-3205. www.springspreserve.org.

APR. 23. **Elfin Forest Garden Festival.** Elfin Forest, California. www.elfinforestgardens.info.

APR. 25. **Ten Steps to a SMARTGARDEN™.** Talk by Pat Welsh. Palomar District Garden Clubs. Vista, California. (310) 450-6901. www.patwelsh.com.

RAP APR. 29 & 30. **Annual Spring Sale.** San Francisco Botanical Garden. San Francisco, California. (415) 661-1316. www.strybing.org.

NORTHWEST

AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

RAP APR. 13. **Conifers for the Year-Round Landscape.** Lecture. Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. Cheyenne, Wyoming. (307) 637-6458. www.botanic.org.

RAP APR. 22. **Spring Plant Sale.** Idaho Botanical Garden. Boise, Idaho. (208) 343-8649. www.idahobotanicalgarden.org.

New Australian Garden in San Francisco

AN EXCITING experiential adventure awaits visitors to the new Eastern Australia Garden at the San Francisco Botanical Garden, where Australian-born designer Bernard Trainor's plan takes its character from "materials both hard and soft."

The design's fusion of horticulture and hardscape features an exceptional collection of Australian plant material, together with a compelling central feature, the "rock circle." Created by visionary artists Jennifer Madden and Jeffrey Reed of Reed Madden Designs, the circle is a sculptural setting defined by concrete wall forms conveying a warm-hued palette and the fluid striations of rock formations. While their gentle curvature frames a meditative space, the walls can function also as seating, or be used as an outdoor classroom to study the surrounding flora.

At every junction, top-notch plant specimens complement the hardscaping. For example, *Brachysema prae-morsum* 'Bronze Butterfly' is stunning, with burnished plum-colored foliage set off by odd red blooms with a beak-like profile. Kangaroo paw (*Anigozanthos* spp.) displays velvety vermilion inflorescences on slender flowering branchlets held high above the foliage.

Scot Medbury, SFBG's director, says, "It really is a morning garden, with shafts of light coming through all the fine foliage."

While the new Eastern Australia Garden may be viewed any day of the year, savvy gardeners may time their visit with another popular event—the San Francisco Botanical Garden's 38th Annual Spring Sale held on April 29 and 30. The preview sale on April 29 is for members only; the public sale is on April 30.

Admission to the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum is free though donations are welcome. For more information, please call (415) 661-1316 or visit www.sfbotanicalgarden.org.

—Alice Joyce, *GardenWalks* columnist, San Francisco Chronicle



The rock circle with its lush accompaniment of plants.

APR. 23 & 24. **Glide Wildflower Show.** Glide, Oregon. (541) 677-3797. www.glidewildflowershow.org.

RAP APR. 23 & 24. **FlorAbundance.** Plant sale. Washington Park Arboretum. Seattle, Washington. (206) 543-8800. www.arboretumfoundation.org.

RAP APR. 30. **Plant Sale.** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. Bellevue, Washington. (425) 452-2750. www.bellevuebotanical.org.

APR. 30. **Whidbey Island Garden Tour.** Freeland,

Washington. (360) 321-6430. www.wigt.org.

CANADA

RAP MAR. 31. **Pond Gardening.** Workshop. The Arboretum, University of Guelph. Guelph, Ontario. (519) 824-4120. www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum.

APR. 9 & 26. **Creative Container Gardening for Patios and Balconies.** Workshop. VanDusen Botanical Garden. Vancouver, British Columbia. (604) 878-9274. www.vandusengarden.org. ☺