



Spring has sprung and the days are growing longer once again. We have lots of nature and art activities planned for this month. Be sure to join us for our Bug Bash Nature Party on April 9th to kick off the 2024 Giving Challenge! All activities this month are included with admission and free for garden members while supplies last.

**Tuesday, April 2nd, 11am Mushroom Art** We are making the cutest little mushroom collages out of upcycled materials, perfect for crafty kids!

**Friday, April 5th, 11am Magic of Gardening!** Like Jack and the Beanstalk, we're planting green beans today to bring home and watch grow.

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*Noon-noon on April 9th - 10th*  
**2024 Giving Challenge!**

**11am to 3pm on Tuesday, April 9th** We're kicking off the 2024 Giving Challenge with our **Bug Bash Nature Party!** We are showcasing our wonderful nature, gardening & art programs with some help from some special crawly critters. Come out and support the Garden and #BeTheOne to keep our magical doors open for years to come!

11am: **"Bug Hunt This Way"** Learn all about bugs with Director Robin Fulk

12pm: **"Beautiful Butterflies"** presentation with a story and butterfly "life cycle" snack

1pm: **"Fairies & Bugs"** Learn about fairies and their houses and build your own fairy house!

2pm: **"Let's Rock!"** Paint your bug rock with Jules Farnsworth from Sarasota Rocks.

3pm: **"What's the Buzz About?"** Learn about bees & plant wildflower seeds with a honey stick treat.

**"Bee" The One** to donate to the Garden during the 2024 Giving Challenge and support our weekly interactive nature programs and special events! This amazing 24 hours of giving is hosted by The Community Foundation of Sarasota

County. Your donations go twice as far thanks to all donations between \$25 and \$100 being matched by The Patterson Foundation.

Visit our Giving Challenge profile here!



**Wednesday, April 10th, 11am Stone Soup** We are stirring up some make-believe nature fun, with a reading of “Stone Soup” and then using nature finds to create a pot of interactive magic! There’s one more hour to donate to the Children’s Garden and support all of our nature fun that we offer in order to “Keep Our Kids Connected To Nature!” Thank you so much for your kindness!

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**Tuesday, April 16th, 11am Wake up, Fairies!** Shhh... We are waking up the Fairies this morning with our little tambourines. Decorate your tambourine with a rainbow, mushrooms or wee folks.

**Friday, April 19th, 11am Come Celebrate Earth Day** with a special Earth Day Scavenger Hunt in the Garden for a sweet family experience this morning. Enjoy an earth day treat when you are done!

**Tuesday, April 23rd, 11am Storytime on the Octopus** Join us by Isabel the Octopus for a reading of “Commotion in The Ocean” by Giles Andreae, along with a coloring page to enjoy!

**Friday, April 26th, 11am Arbor Day Tree Walk & Talk** Join us this morning and learn all about our wonderful trees and their importance to our environment! We are going on a tree walk to identify some special trees and then collect some nature material to make our journey sticks. Ribbons, yarn and beads will add some magic!

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Stay tuned for our upcoming **Enchanted Mother’s Day Tea** event on May 11th from 12pm - 2pm. Enjoy your own mini charcuterie cup, sip organic tea, and make your own petal perfume! Reservation and prepayment is required for this event. *\*Rain Date: May 12th\**



Cost:

<b>Non-members</b>	<b>Members</b>
<u>\$25.00+tax</u> for 13&up	<u>\$22.50+tax</u> for 13&up
<u>\$22.50+tax</u> for 2-12yrs	<u>\$20.00+tax</u> for 2-12yrs



*Refunds available until two weeks prior to the event date.*