



The Dirt Newsletter January 2023

Happy New Year, Garden Family! We're celebrating beautiful weather and fresh possibilities this January with nature-based activities that are full of creativity. All programs and events this month are included with the cost of admission and free for annual members. Don't forget - Every Thursday is Thrifty Thursday, where adults get in for \$8+tax and kids get in for \$5+tax. May this new year bring your family health, happiness, and lots of nature play!

Tuesday, January 3rd, 11am **Choose your Nature Name** Discover your "Nature Name" and decorate your paper leaf with watercolor pencils, then add nature finds and beads to make your necklace.

Wednesday, January 4th, 11am **Fairy Soup!** A little water, a few bubbles, then add some herbs and flowers and stir it all together for a magical sensory craft.

Friday, January 6th, 11am **Silly Leaf Monsters** Today's activity is a silly craft that uses leaves and googly eyes to make a friendly monster that's perfect for little hands.

Wednesday, January 11th, 11am **Ssssss...slithering Snakes** What snakes have you seen in the garden and what do they eat? (No worries - None are venomous!) Then we'll create our own snakes with bendy straws.

Friday, January 13th, 11am **Nature Tails "A Mother for Choco"** Today's cute little tale is about a baby bird looking for his mother in unlikely places, then you'll make a paper bird nest craft to bring home.

Saturday, January 14th, 10:30am - noon **Winnie the Pooh's Birthday Party** We are kicking off Pooh's birthday by embarking on a scavenger hunt that will take you through the 100 Acre Woods to find crafting gifts from all of Pooh's neighbors. Then at 11am, it will be time for a Winnie the Pooh story at the stage and a cup of tea!

Tuesday, January 17th, 11am **"T" is for Tomatoes** Are tomatoes a fruit or a vegetable? We'll find out the answer before planting some tomato seeds to take home and grow for your own pizza or spaghetti sauce.

Friday, January 20th, 11am **Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!** We are off on our Safari to look for plants in the garden with zoo animal names with a cool coloring sheet to match.

Friday, January 27th, 11am **Choose your Nature Name** For those that couldn't join us on the 3rd, discover your "Nature Name" and decorate your paper leaf with watercolor pencils, then add nature finds and beads to make your necklace.

Tuesday, January 31st, 11am **Lost & Found** What is a boy to do when a lost penguin shows up at his door? Join us for a charming story titled "Lost and Found," followed by a penguin craft.