



Hello Garden Family! We hope this September newsletter finds you well. We are happy to be back open after our summer maintenance break. Our business hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm (closed on Mondays). Each Thursday is "Thrifty Thursday" - Adults get in for \$8+tax and kids get in for \$5+tax. As we enter the fall season, we are excited to share with you all the great nature programs coming up at The Children's Garden. All activities and programs this month are included with the cost of admission and free for garden members while supplies last. We hope to see you soon!

Tuesday, September 5th, 11am Story-at-the-Stage Join us at 11am sharp for a reading of "Raccoon on his Own" by Jim Arnosky, followed by a raccoon coloring craft.

Sunday, September 10th, 10am-noon Happy Grandparents' Day! We want to show our appreciation for all of the grandparents in our lives, so we're offering \$5+tax admission for grandparents all day along with a sweet thumbprint card craft from 10am to noon.

Tuesday, September 12th, 11am Leaf Squirrels This morning's craft is perfect for little hands - First, we'll color in our squirrel, then find fallen leaves in the garden and glue them on our page to create a bushy squirrel tail.

Saturday, September 16th, 10am-noon International Talk-Like-a-Pirate Day! Arrr! Calling all landlubbers to the Garden today to celebrate Talk-Like-a-Pirate Day with a storytelling of "Pirate Pete," a visit to the pirate tattoo parlor, fun folklore, pirate ship coloring sheets, and a treasure hunt!

Friday, September 22nd, 11am The Magic of Oak Trees Learn how a tiny acorn grows into a mighty oak, then use materials from nature to decorate an acorn collage for this morning's activity.

Tuesday, September 26th, 11am Nature Wands Use autumn-colored yarn and beads along with leaves and branches from the garden to make your own beautiful nature wands.

Coming up this Fall...

This year, we're bringing back Snuffy's famous HALLOWEEN DRAGON EGG HUNT! Put on your costumes and join us on Saturday, October 28th for a magical scavenger hunt and find your own dragon eggs with treasure and candy inside! The hunt begins at 10:00am sharp - How quickly can you find the dragon's eggs? As a special treat, Sarasota Ben & Jerry's will be handing out FREE SCOOPS at the garden starting at 10am while supplies last!

PLUS! Stay tuned for something **SPOOKY** brewing at the Garden on Sunday, October 29th, from 10am - noon...