



Spring is in full swing at the Garden: longer days, bright sunshine, and new life around every corner. This April, we're celebrating the season with nature play, art activities, and storytimes designed to spark curiosity and creativity in every child who visits.

We're also excited to take part in the Giving Challenge on April 15-16, a community-wide event where eligible donations are matched one-to-one, helping us grow our programs and keep the Garden accessible for families across our community. It's one of the most impactful ways to support the work we do all year long.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is officially sold out—thank you for the incredible support! And while summer still feels a little ways off, Summer Camp is filling quickly, with limited spots remaining. Come enjoy the beauty of the season with us!

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**Tuesday, March 31st, 11am Planting Carrot Seeds** We are reading “Home for a Bunny” and planting carrot seeds to take home and grow.

**Friday, April 3rd, 10-11am Easter Placemats Activity** Color in your placemat for Easter and join us at the stage at 11am for a reading of the silly story, “How to Catch the Easter Bunny” and enjoy a treat!

**Saturday, April 4th, 10am Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Now Sold Out!**

*The Garden will be closed to the public from 10-11:30am for the duration of the Egg Hunt.*

**Saturday, April 4th, 2pm Easter Bunny Food Making** If you missed the Egg Hunt, never fear! Visit the Garden at 2pm to make your magical bunny food with hay, kale, carrots, and grasses to bring home and sprinkle on your lawn.

**Sunday, April 5th Happy Easter!** *The Garden will be closed on Sunday for Easter and reopen Tuesday.*

**Tuesday, April 7th, 11am For the Love of Birds** We are reading a sweet story called “A Mother for Choco” and making paper bag bird nests in the garden.

**Friday, April 10th, 11am Spring Fans Craft** Come make your fan and color in the nature design to make it your own for a creative way to cool off.

# Keep the Garden Growing This Giving Challenge!

April 15th & 16th, noon - noon

*#Be The One to keep the Garden's Magic in bloom!*

For one day only, your gift to The Children's Garden can have twice the impact. During the Giving Challenge hosted by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, donations between \$25 and \$100 will be matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to The Patterson Foundation. Your support helps protect 2 acres of creative nature play where all children can explore, imagine, create, and grow!



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## Free Community Day!

Wednesday, April 15th, 10am - 3pm

Help us kick off the Giving Challenge with a day of play, exploration, and connection. Embark on a scavenger hunt where you can explore the space while learning more about the Garden's story, mission, and the work that keeps it going, and visit the stage at 12pm for storytime. This is a free event and a great way to experience what makes the Children's Garden so special.

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Tuesday, April 21st, 11am **Pirate Pete** Grab your eyepatches and join us at the stage at 11am for a story reading of "Pirate Pete" before finding your own piece of "gold" to bring home!

Thursday, April 23rd, 11am **Love Grows Everywhere** Listen to a sweet story about friendship and color in your plant stake before planting your own seeds to take home and grow.

Tuesday, April 28th, 11am **Save the Frogs Day!** To celebrate our froggy friends, we are reading a classic Garden story, "Hungry Harry," and making paper plate frog puppets.



The Children's Garden has joined the Sprout Squad to bring nature and art activities to the Sarasota Farmer's Market. Stop by this month on Saturdays, April 11th and 25th, from 8am to noon for family-friendly fun!