



Spring is in the air at The Children's Garden! March is all about GREEN – the fresh leaves in the trees, the frogs hopping through the garden, and even a few lucky shamrocks along the way. The garden is bursting with activity this month, from magical story times to hands-on nature fun. Get ready for a season of adventure, creativity, and nature exploration. All programs and events this March are included with admission and free for garden members (while supplies last).
Stay tuned for all the fun ahead!

Summer Camp Registration Opens March 13!

Mark your calendars! Registration for our 2026 Summer Camps (Ages 5–10) begins Friday, March 13th. Sign up for one week, or all four! Enroll online through Zeffy, or in person at the Garden. Spaces fill up fast—don't miss out on a summer of garden magic!

- June 2 – 5 | **The Gnome Garden:** Dig in the dirt with gnome friends! Create "bee sips," plant seeds for butterflies, and paint a custom ceramic gnome to take home.
 - June 9 – 12 | **June Bugs:** Become a nature detective! Build mini-beast hotels, go on daily bug hunts, and enjoy "bug bite" snacks in the Caterpillar Cottage.
 - June 16 – 19 | **Nature Notions & Potions:** A week of sensory alchemy! Mix herbal concoctions, bubbling serums, and your own custom essential oil petal perfume.
 - June 23 – 26 | **Nature Rangers:** Adventure awaits! Learn compass skills, tracking, and map reading before garden hikes with a daily stop at the "Trail Mix Bar" to create the perfect hiking snack for the journey.
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March Programs & Activities

Thursday, March 5th, 11am Hungry Harry Today is all about our cute & wet friend, the frog! Come to the stage at 11am and listen along before making your own little puppet frog craft.

Tuesday, March 11th, 11am "Three Peas in a Pod!" Planting Activity Get crafty with a colorful peapod art project and learn fun facts about how peas grow. Afterward, plant pea seeds in a take-home pot to grow at home.

Friday, March 13th, 11am A Day for Rainbows Follow the rainbow to the Garden! Create your own colorful rainbow craft and celebrate with a sweet handful of rainbow "seeds" (Skittles).



Saturday, March 14th, 10am

Annual Leprechaun Gold Hunt!

The Leprechauns have hidden their sparkling gold throughout the Children’s Garden! Search high and low, collect your treasure, and trade it in for a festive St. Patrick’s Day goodie bag filled with treats and small prizes. This fast-paced hunt begins at 10:00am sharp – arrive early and be ready to join the fun. At 11:00am, gather at the stage for a cheerful reading of “How to Catch a Leprechaun.” *Included with general admission and free for members (while supplies last).*

Tuesday, March 17th, 11am Shamrock Wands Embellish your wand with bells, ribbons and beads and wave it around for a little luck of the Irish and take home a green shamrock lollipop!

Wednesday, March 18th, 11am Nature Fans : Happy Spring! Color a paper plate fan featuring a cheerful spring design, then use it to stay cool as the season warms up.

Thursday, March 19th, 11am Snuffy the Beautiful Green Dragon Join us for story time at the stage as we read a book about our beloved friend at The Children’s Garden, Snuffy the Dragon! Enjoy a coloring page and make your “Fruity-Oop” necklace.

Friday, March 20th, 11am Fairy House Making Listen to the sweet tale of a young girl’s adventure in the Fairy Woods, then create your own fairy house using natural materials found in the garden along with a treat!

Thursday, March 26th, 11am Busy Buzzing Bees Start at the stage with a reading of “The Greedy Bee,” then enjoy a honey stick while completing a fun bee-themed activity page.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 4th at 10am sharp



Hippity Hop Down the Bunny Trail to find your Easter Eggs! Each child can collect 12 eggs filled with sweets to bring home - Some eggs even have a ticket inside for a special prize. Be sure to say hello to "somebunny" very special - the Easter Bunny! Meet and greet with opportunity for photos is included with the event price. The doors will open at 9:45am - The Hunt begins at 10am and lasts until the eggs have been collected. *Tickets will be available for sale in person at the gift shop or online through our website. Admission is included with the cost of the Egg Hunt. All kids participating in the egg hunt are required to pay for admission.*

Tickets are available by reservation only and must be purchased before the day of the event.

Cost:

Members	Non-Members
Adults (13+up): \$8+tax	Adults (13+up): \$12+tax
Egg Hunters (2 yrs+up): \$6+tax	Egg Hunters (2 yrs+up): \$8+tax



Find us at the Sarasota Farmer’s Market Sprout Squad on Saturdays, March 14th and 28th, from 8am to noon for a family gardening activity!

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