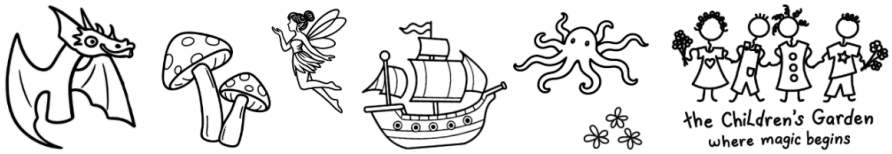
The Dirt Newsletter
November 2026



Hello, Garden Family! November is officially here, bringing gorgeous fall mornings, wonderful Thanksgiving celebrations, and plenty of hands-on outdoor fun, crafts, and nature play to the Garden

November Holiday Hours & Schedule Notice:

- **Wednesday, November 25th:** Closing early at **3pm**
- **Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Day): CLOSED**
- **Friday, November 27th:** Reopening for normal hours (**10am – 4pm**)

As a reminder, our regular fall hours are **Wednesday through Sunday, 10am – 4pm** (closed Mondays and Tuesdays). All weekday morning drop-in programs and crafts are included with regular admission and, as always, are completely **free for annual members**!

Featured Workshop: Dragons & Donuts!

Saturday, November 28th at 10:30am sharp

Bring the family out Thanksgiving weekend for a mythical garden adventure! We'll kick things off at the stage with an interactive reading of *Fedge Makes a Wish* (complete with a special take-home gift), enjoy delicious donuts with dragon sprinkles and cold milk, and construct our very own miniature Dragon Dish Gardens using living moss, mini plants, genuine geodes, sparkling gold rocks, a jeweled treasure hoard, and a toy dragon!

- **Pricing:** $24 + tax for non-members (includes child garden admission; accompanying adult admission is discounted to $8 + tax) | $18 + tax for Garden members
- *Pre-registration and prepayment required on Zeffy starting Sunday, November 1st. Space is strictly limited.*

Weekly Morning Programs (Wednesday – Friday)

All weekday activities are included with regular admission, free for members, and run while supplies last.

Step-Into-A-Story & Drop-In Crafts (Wednesdays at 11am sharp at the stage)

- **November 4th | *Pea-ple of the World*:** Give peas a chance! Learn about round peas with a sweet craft, then plant your own peas to take home and watch grow.
- **November 11th | *Turkey's Gifts to the People*:** Gather for a beautiful Native American tale, then plant Indian corn seeds to take home.
- **November 18th | *Johnny Appleseed*:** Celebrate Apple Cider Day! Read about Johnny Appleseed, make an apple craft, and sip a cup of fresh apple cider.
- **November 25th | Thanksgiving Placemats & Sweet Treats (Drop-in from 10am until supplies run out):** Getting ready for the holiday! Stop by to color your own festive Thanksgiving placemat for the holiday table and grab a lollipop. *Please note: the Garden closes early at 3pm.*

Junior Ranger Station (Thursdays, 10am – 11am)

Visit our interactive Ranger Station in Safari Land. Crafts available while supplies last.

- **November 5th | Paper Bag Bird Nests:** Build a cozy nest inside a paper bag using natural garden materials, and observe our feathered friends living in the Garden.
- **November 12th | Junior Ranger Binoculars:** Color and sticker your own pair of explorer binoculars to spot treasures on the ground and in the sky.
- **November 19th | Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Grab your scavenger hunt sheet, track down items around the paths, and check your explorer bag for a sweet treat.
- **November 26th | CLOSED for Thanksgiving:** Happy Thanksgiving from our Garden family to yours!

Nature Craft Fridays (Fridays, 10am – 10:30am)

Pick up supplies in the gift shop and head to the picnic tables for an open-ended project (while supplies last).

- **November 6th | Hedgehog & Toadstool:** Color a sweet woodland page, then gather fallen garden leaves to glue onto your hedgehog and mushroom.
- **November 13th | Talking Sticks:** Learn the tradition and meaning behind the Native American talking stick, then craft your own using twigs, yarn, beads, and feathers.
- **November 20th | Fall Craft Day:** Swing by the gift shop for a drop-in seasonal garden craft!
- **November 27th | Scratch-Art Fall Leaves:** Celebrate autumn air with a colorful scratch-art leaf finished with a ribbon to hang at home or give as a gift.

Sprout Squad at the Farmers Market!

Find our free outreach booth downtown at the Sarasota Farmers Market on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays:

- **Saturday, November 14th | Getting "Corny":** Plant sweet corn just in time for Thanksgiving and color a festive holiday headband!
- **Saturday, November 28th | Dino Salad:** Plant fresh lettuce seeds to make a crunchy salad for you and your dinosaur friends, then color a dino paper fan.

Save the Date: Annual Candy Cane Hunt!

Saturday, December 5th at 10am sharp

Kick off the holiday season with our sweet garden tradition! Join us as we search the winding garden paths for hidden candy canes starting at 10am sharp, gather at the stage for holiday storytime at 11am, and color a gingerbread craft. *Included with regular admission and free for members!*

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