

EXPERIENCE THE GARDEN IN A NEW WAY

BECOME A MEMBER

Anderson Japanese Gardens is recognized as one of the premier Japanese gardens in North America. Your membership provides vital financial support that helps us program and maintain the Garden to world-class standards.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Free admission for cardholder (and children 18-years-old & younger for family members)

- The Garden during regular hours
- *Tuesday Evening in the Gardens* concert series
- *Garden Explorers* interactive children's series
- *Groovin' in the Garden* kids' concert series
- *Strings on Sunday* a mid-afternoon music series
- Monthly Lecture Series (March - November)

To become a member, call Leah at 815.316.3285 or visit www.andersongardens.org

MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Family \$95	Senior \$45
Individual \$55	Student \$35

SAVE THE DATES

Visit www.andersongardens.org for more details about upcoming events.

TUESDAY EVENING IN THE GARDENS

May 30 - August 29
Performances start at 5:45 PM

FREE for Garden Members

Cost of Regular Garden Admission for Non-Members

Tuesday Evening in the Gardens features local, regional and nationally touring musicians. Join friends and family for an evening of live music and comradery in this beautiful outdoor setting.

Food & Beverages Available for Purchase from Local Vendors:

Woodfire Pizza | DiTullio's Italian Deli
Rockford Roasting Company | Zammuto's
Fresco at the Garden | Nothing Bundt Cakes

JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL

A Celebration of Traditional Cultural Arts

Saturday, August 19 & Sunday, August 20

FREE for Garden Members

Cost of Regular Garden Admission for Non-Members

The Japanese Summer Festival features exhibits, traditional demonstrations and unique performances that help foster a better understanding of the Japanese culture.

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Class size is limited and registration is required
- Register online at www.andersongardens.org
- Payment must accompany registration
- Refunds will be issued for classes if the participant cancels at least 5 days prior to class date
- Anderson Japanese Gardens reserves the right to cancel events; in which case, a refund will be issued.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Dates: Fridays, June 16 - July 21 **Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Session Cost: \$66 Garden Members | \$67 Non-Members

Join Young Rembrandts as they explore the culture and beauty of Asia and around the world in a six week drawing workshop. Young Rembrandts provides a fun and creative environment where children learn and improve drawing skills and art techniques, while expressing creativity in a positive environment. This class is recommended for students ages 7-14.

ORIGAMI

Dates: Saturdays, May 13 | September 16 | October 14

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Cost Per Class: \$10 Garden Members | \$12 Non-Members

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, which started in the 17th century. Instructor Keiko Hall teaches easy origami for all ages. No previous experience is required.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE TUTORING

Private sessions are offered covering Japanese culture through reading, writing and speaking the language. Students will learn greetings, numbers, time, simple sentences and noun/verb usage. Instructor Keiko Hall is a native of Tokyo and teaches reading the writing of the three Japanese writing forms: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Contact Keiko at khall@andersongardens.org for pricing and further information.

BRUSH PAINTING

Dates: Wednesdays, May 3- July 26 **Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Cost Per Class: \$15 Garden Members | \$20 Non-Members

Sumi-e, the Japanese word for black ink painting, focuses on the beauty of each individual stroke of the brush as it captures the essence of nature. Students will use the beauty of the Gardens to inspire their works as National Watercolor Society Signature Instructor, Stella Dobbins, demonstrates a new painting each week. The class is targeted for students ages 8-16.

JAPANESE MINI CAMP

Dates: Saturdays, May 20 | October 7 **Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Cost Per Class: \$25 Garden Members | \$30 Non-Members

Students will join instructor Keiko Hall for this imaginary trip to Japan, where they will learn about Japanese culture and customs. Activities include origami, designing a "Kare San Sui" (rock garden) and learning "Bon Dance" (a traditional Japanese dance). Japanese snacks will be provided. This class is targeted for students ages 9 and up.



In the Garden: A Moving Classroom is a series of expert-led experiences designed for parents and children to connect with nature through hands-on participation. Programs are age appropriate for children 8-14 years old.

**Group Sizes Limited to 15 Participants Total
Class Fee for Each Participant is \$12**

Registration is required and is available at www.andersongardens.org/programming or by calling Sara at 815.316.3307.

BAT NIGHTS IN THE GARDEN

Date & Times: June 9 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

July 8 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

August 7 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us as we enjoy the music of the night creatures in the garden under the full moon. We'll eavesdrop on the bats that hunt over the Garden ponds while watching the sun set and the full moon rise. Using a "bat detector," which lowers the pitch of bat calls, we will be able to hear the bats and learn the different patterns of each species' calls. We'll also listen for frogs and insects that sing at night. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.

ARCDESIGN SOIL EROSION CLASS

Date: Tuesday, August 2 • **Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn about soil erosion and technologies to prevent it with ArcDesign. Using the Garden as a classroom, students will see demonstrations and learn the science behind a common environmental issue.

INSECT HUNT

Dates: Wednesdays, July 12 | August 9 • **Time:** 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Join us for an insect hunt with local expert, Barbara Williams. Participants will walk through the Gardens in search of native bees, butterflies, dragonflies, and a variety of other insects and learn about how they live in the Gardens. In the case of inclement weather, the class will be moved indoors. This class is appropriate for all age levels.

CREEK WALK

Dates: Wednesdays, June 14 | June 28 • **Time:** 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Let's get our feet wet! Join us for an exploration of Spring Creek in the Garden with representatives from Atwood Center. We will look for signs of animals that live in and around the water, turn over some rocks and conduct science experiments. Come ready to get wet and muddy! *An adult guardian must accompany students.*

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Thursday Mornings at 9:00 AM under the Pavilion
Guests encouraged to arrive starting at 8:45 AM

FREE for Garden Members & Children 10 Years & Under
Adults & Seniors: \$5

Age appropriate for 3-5 year olds, but all ages welcome
Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times

Storytime books are selected & provided by the Rockford Public Library



Groovin' in the Garden is a music series where children, parents and grandparents are encouraged to jump, clap and get silly together.

All performances start at 10:00 AM & take place outside of the Pavilion
Guests are encouraged to arrive early to set-up blankets & chairs on the lawn

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Overflow parking at the College of Medicine | Free shuttle service provided



Thursday, June 8 - BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Reader: Lynn Stainbrook
Executive Director, Rockford Public Library
Program: Barbara Williams, Nature Expert

Let's learn all about birds! Children will learn all about birds and hold real bird nests and feathers! Each child will take home an origami bird.



Thursday, July 13 - ANIMAL TRACKS

Reader: Tom MacNamara
Mayor of Rockford
Program: Sarah MacNamara, Artist

Make an animal print! Children will make art prints and a stationary set using water soluble colored inks and a print block carved with animal faces and tracks.



Thursday, June 15 - MY WONDERFUL BODY

Reader: Dr. Alex Stagnaro-Green
Regional Dean, College of Medicine at Rockford
Program: Discovery Center Museum

Come play with "mucus!" Learn about healthy mucus vs unhealthy mucus and make some slime to take home! We'll color, cut out and assemble a brain and skeleton to take home!



Thursday, July 20 - AESOP'S FABLES

Reader: Chief O'Shea
Police Chief, Rockford Police Department
Program: Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation

Hoo Haven brings some of the animals featured in Aesop's favorite fables: Whiskers the Chinchilla Rabbit, TJ the Turkey Vulture and a tortoise. See the skills Whiskers is learning and discover why the world needs turkey vultures!



**Thursday, July 27
TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME**

Reader: Rockford Rivets Baseball Players
Performer: Duke Otherwise

Duke returns to perform his hilarious, charming and interactive musical program for all ages. With his guitar, tap shoes and distinct baritone, he writes original songs bursting with clever wordplay and fun ideas for both kids and adults.



Thursday, June 22 - I LOVE MY CITY

Reader: John Groh
CEO, Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Program: Karla Lombardo, Artist

Karla Lombardo's art is much like her personality and hometown: unmistakably original. With the help of the kids, Karla will paint a picture of what makes our city, and each child, original.



Thursday, June 29 - PUPPET PLAY ALONG

Reader: Rockford IceHogs Representative
Performer: Laura Doherty

Laura Doherty, a Chicago favorite in the family music scene, will perform breezy folk-pop tunes with her puppet friends: Jazzasaurus, Pinky the Fish and Domingo the Flamingo. This interactive concert will have kids dancing and clapping along to Laura's catchy tunes!



Thursday, August 3 - BUZZING BEES

Reader: Geoff VanThiel, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon, Orthollinois
Program: Barbara Williams, Nature Expert

Learn all about bees with expert Barbara Williams. We'll look at preserved specimens of various bees, see their nests and even taste honey! Each child will take home an origami bee.



Thursday, July 6 - BATS IN THE NIGHT

Reader: Austin Love, Morning Anchor, WREX
Program: Barbara Williams, Nature Expert

Learn fascinating facts about bats! Discover the different types of bats and listen to some of their "calls." Each child will take home an origami bat.



Friday, June 9

JIM GILL Returns to Anderson Japanese Gardens

Jim Gill is an award-winning children's author and musician. He has released six playful children's CD's and two books that are favorites in family rooms, classrooms and playrooms. Jim Gill's distinctive musical play creates a family room ambiance during his performance where kids are encouraged to jump, clap and dance along as Jim strums out energetic rhythms on his banjo. For more information on Jim Gill, please visit www.JimGill.com.



Friday, July 14

**TOM CHAPIN,
Three-Time Grammy Award-Winning and Five-Time Grammy Nominated Artist**

Come see one of America's favorite family entertainers at Anderson Japanese Gardens. Tom Chapin is a gifted singer who charms audiences of all ages. His remarkable musicianship, great song writing and personal warmth shine through in his many award-winning recordings. Visit www.TomChapin.com for more information about Tom.



Friday, August 11

**RALPH'S WORLD
Nationally Acclaimed Children's Artist**

Ralph's World is the mega-fun musical planet where kids rock, rock, rock and dance, dance, dance to their delight. The band leads the audience through a rocking set of dancing, singing, and good old-fashioned fun. Covert's national media appearances for Ralph's World include NPR's All Things Considered, ABC World News Tonight, The CBS Morning Show, and Sirius XM Kids Radio New Year's Eve broadcast. His praise in print nationally includes *Newsweek*, *Time*, *People* and *Parade*. Visit www.ralphsworld.com for more information.

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