

Cleveland Botanical Garden summer programs, events set for summer



Cleveland Botanical Garden's summer season will include a variety of programs and events, including a large-scale outdoor art installation, gardens, activities and more.

Here's a look at upcoming programs and events:

- "Awake in Every Sense," Rachel Hayes' art installation of colorful textile pieces, opens Saturday, June 25. The work, in partnership with LAND studio, inserts color and form into built and natural environments. Site-lines of color will be installed throughout the gardens to highlight points and distances. The exhibit will run through Sunday, Sept. 18.
- The garden's blooms include spirea, Japanese snowbell, flowering dogwood, lilacs, roses and much more. To see what is in bloom each month, go to holdenfg.org.
- Gourmets in the Garden will be 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays - June 30, July 21, Aug. 25 and Sept. 15 on Geis Terrace. Bite-sized portions will be available while guests learn how to make dishes at home with local ingredients. Registration is required.
- Amy Mothersbaugh's exhibit 'Alit' will be displayed in the Eppig Gallery through Sunday, June 26. Mothersbaugh titled the exhibit as such, the museum says, as butterflies and bugs signify hope, landing for a moment ready to collect nectar and fly off again. "They act with faith there will be another to alit upon as needed," the folks at the gardens say. Ten butterfly wreaths were created. Works from other artists also scheduled: Joe Dill (Tuesday, June 28, through Sunday, Aug. 7), Gunter Schwegler (Monday, June 20, through Monday, Aug. 29) and Elaine Hullihen (June 28 through Sunday, Oct. 2, in the Perennial Playspace).
- Ron and Lydia Harrington Perennial Playspace is a new hands-on, multisensory gallery focusing on plants and trees. Target audience is families and groups with children.
- Hershey's Children's Garden offers a water fountain, rock wall, treehouse and water pumps. Weekly activities include a scavenger hunt, story-time sessions, garden explorers, arts and crafts and more.
- Classes include Roses in Watercolor (9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18), Basics of Kombucha Brewing (5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 30) and Pruning Techniques in Japanese Gardening (5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27).

If you go

Holden Forests & Gardens – which is composed of The Holden Arboretum and Cleveland Botanical Garden – is one of the country's largest public gardens. Cleveland Botanical Garden is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The arboretum is located at 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland. Cleveland Botanical Garden is at 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland.