



Summer is winding down and it's time to welcome in autumn. This is a time of year to enjoy cooling temperatures and make the most of the shorter days. Stop out and visit the prairie garden to witness the abundance of fall flowers in bloom from yellow goldenrods to purple asters. Settle in on a bench for a stint to watch a bounty of birds feast on seeds as many prepare to fly south for the winter. Look for the first signs of autumn's changing hues as you stroll along our woodland trails. Be sure to stop in to the Visitors Shelter to find out more about the current happenings at the Wildflower Garden.

Seasonal Classes at the Wildflower Garden

Nature's Healers – Medicinal Plants of the Garden

Led by herbalist *Cynthia Thomas*

Mondays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Class fee: \$15 per class

September 12 – Early Fall Medicine Plants

September 26 – Fall Medicine Roots & Barks

Join herbalist Cynthia Thomas in the field to learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food. Learn about the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Discover how to identify and use several favorite medicinal plants species.

Using Prairie Plants in Your Garden

Led by *Shirley Mah Kooyman*

Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. - Noon Class fee: \$20

Learn how to include prairie plants in your perennial garden to attract butterflies and birds to your yard. Many prairie plants have deep roots and are more tolerant of drought conditions. If you have a sunny spot you can grow any number of prairie plants with a range of colors from spring to fall. A hike to the prairie area to see plant examples is included.

Wildflower Photography 101: Autumn Foliage

Led by photographer *John Maciejny*

Friday, September 23, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Class fee: \$15

Learning how to photograph the subtle beauty of native plants takes time, patience and the right tools. In this class participants will be taught basic techniques to create stunning floral images. Digital or film cameras are welcome.

Registration and pre-payment are required. Register in the following ways:

- Online at www.minneapolisparcs.org (credit card payment)
- In person at the Visitors Shelter in the Wildflower Garden (checks only)
Make checks payable to Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden
- Mail in class request and payment (checks only) to
Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, 3800 Bryant Avenue S, Mpls, MN 55409



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Visit the Garden –

Garden hours– The Garden is open daily from April 1 to October 15 and weekends October 15-30, 7:30am – 1/2 hour before sunset.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter hours– The Visitors Shelter is open Monday to Saturday, 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset; and Sunday, Noon to 1 hour before sunset



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3	8:30-10:00am	Early Birders
	11:00am-12:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
	3:00-4:30pm	Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits
Sunday, September 4	1:00-2:30pm	Late Summer Wildflower Tour
	4:00-5:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Tuesday, September 6	5:00-6:00pm	Evening Nature Stroll
Saturday, September 10	8:30-10:00am	Early Birders
	9:30am-12:00pm	Special Event – Tree Planting**
	11:00am-12:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
	3:00-4:30pm	Magnificent Mushrooms
	7:15-8:15pm	Full Corn Moon Garden Tour
Sunday, September 11	1:00-2:30pm	Quaking Bog Tour
	4:00-5:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Monday, September 12	5:30-7:00pm	Medicinal Plants of the Garden*
Tuesday, September 13	5:00-6:00pm	Evening Nature Stroll
Saturday, September 17	8:30-10:00am	Early Birders
	11:00am-12:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
	3:00-4:30pm	Wildflowers of Wetland & Prairie
Sunday, September 18	1:00-2:30pm	Berries, Drupes and Other Fruits
	4:00-5:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Tuesday, September 20	10:00am-12:00pm	Using Prairie Plants*
	5:00-6:00pm	Evening Nature Stroll
Friday, September 23	9:30-11:00am	Wildflower Photography 101*
Saturday, September 24	8:30-10:00am	Early Birders
	11:00am-12:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
	3:00-4:30pm	Magnificent Mushrooms
Sunday, September 25	1:00-2:30pm	Late Summer Wildflowers Tour
	4:00-5:00pm	Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Monday, September 26	5:30-7:00pm	Medicinal Plants of the Garden*
Tuesday, September 27	5:00-6:00pm	Evening Nature Stroll
	7:00-8:00pm	New Moon Creatures of the Night

*Seasonal Class at the Garden. Details are on the other side of this brochure.

**Special Event at the Garden. Details are at right.

**BERRIES, DRUPES AND OTHER FRUITS OF THE GARDEN – \$5 per person/
\$10 per family**

Although many visitors come to see the spring wildflowers, it is later in the season that the flowers of spring have fully transformed into the glorious fruits of the Garden. Come to the Garden to explore fascinating fruit topics including: fruit formation, edibility of native plant fruits and uses of fruits by animals and humans.

EARLY BIRDERS – Free

This program is designed for individuals who have some experience with field guides and binoculars, and wish to practice finding and identifying birds. In addition to bird identification, we will focus on birding by ear, bird behavior, and bird habitats. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

EVENING NATURE STROLL – Free

Early evening is a wonderful time to enjoy the spirit of late summer at the Garden. Relax and revel in the beauty of this season as a Garden naturalist leads you on a tour of the wildflowers along the Garden trails.

FULL CORN MOON GARDEN TOUR– \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Note: Advance registration for this tour is required
Take a twilight tour of the Garden and discover the magic of being in our Sanctuary long after the sun has set. We'll look for bats and listen for owls. Meet at the front gate.

GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS NATURE HIKE – Free

Learn about the current blooms, bird sightings, and animal antics in the Garden while hiking the trails with a Naturalist. The Garden Highlights Hike will focus on what is of interest on the day that you visit, so each hike will be a new exploration into the most up-to-date curiosities and wonders of the Wildflower Garden.

MAGNIFICENT MUSHROOMS – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Behind the scenes of the Wildflower Garden, hosts of mushroom species are hard at work recycling nutrients and helping plants grow. You will learn the basic structure of mushrooms and how to identify some species. Bring a pair of binoculars or borrow ours.

Program Registration: Go online to www.minneapolisparcs.org to register using ActiveNet, stop in the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter, or call us at 612-370-4903.

All programs begin at the Shelter unless otherwise noted.

Garden Information and Inquiries: To ask Garden related questions or to inquire about plants in bloom and recent bird sightings please stop by the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter or call 370-4903 during Shelter hours.

Garden Hours: The Garden is open daily, April 1 – October 15 and weekends October 15-30 7:30am to 1/2 hour before sunset.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours:
Monday to Saturday: 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset
Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

NEW MOON CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Note: Advance registration for this tour is required

As darkness washes over the Garden an array of sounds, smells and sights greet our senses. This is also a great time to see nocturnal wildlife of the Garden, including bats, nighthawks, owls, and raccoons. Come to learn more about these wonderful creatures of the night at the Garden this autumn. Meet at the front gate.

QUAKING BOG TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

The bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat what it is and take part in hands-on analysis of the water in the bog. Learn about what is being done to preserve this special habitat. Meet at the Quaking Bog parking lot.

LATE SUMMER WILDFLOWER TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Late summer is unfolding in flowers at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Join a Garden Naturalist to explore the blossoms of September in the woodlands, wetland and prairie. We will explore the Garden trails while learning about the natural histories of the plants flowering during your visit.

**WILDFLOWERS OF THE WETLAND AND PRAIRIE TOUR – \$5 per person/
\$10 per family**

Join a Naturalist on a wildflower-focused tour of the Garden. You will have a chance to walk the Garden trails while learning about and looking for wildflowers of late summer including asters, goldenrods, and more.

Special Event at the Garden

Public Native Tree and Shrub Planting Event

Saturday, September 10, 9:30am-Noon

(Registration requested)

Join Garden staff and Friends of the Wildflower Garden volunteers this month to help plant more than two hundred native trees and shrubs in the woodland area just beyond the fence of the Wildflower Garden. This planting has been made possible through an *REI Gives Grant*. The planting is part of a larger on-going restoration project in this section of the Wildflower Garden and in the woodland areas surrounding the Wildflower Garden. Over the past eight years countless volunteers, including volunteers from the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, the Legacy Volunteers Program, and REI have contributed greatly in our efforts to remove invasive buckthorn, honeysuckle, and garlic mustard from the woodlands of the Wildflower Garden and beyond. This September, join us as we continue to bring the wonderful woodlands here into greater health and ecological soundness. Bring your gardening gloves—we'll supply the shovels.