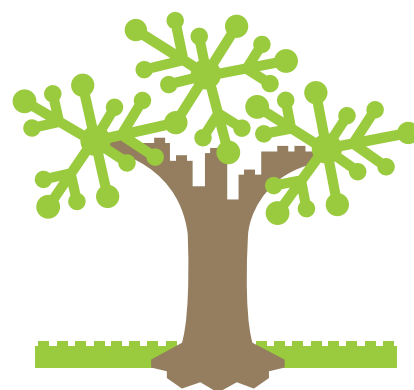


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NEWSLETTER OF LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN



**NATURE
CONNECTS®**

ART WITH LEGO® BRICKS

MAY 27–SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Details and related activities page 4.



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Thank you for voting Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden as one of the Nation's Best Botanical Gardens! The Garden placed #4 among some of the country's most prestigious gardens (*USA Today*, 2016).

Message from the Executive Director

Horticulture



editor's box

The *Garden Times* newsletter is mailed three times a year to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden members.

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Elevation

2016 marks the 31st year of the “Garden Times” newsletter.

Unearthing Our Potential

Grab a shovel. Walk over to a bare spot in a planting bed or a flagged corner of the lawn. With the handle leaning on your shoulder, pull your gloves out of a hip pocket and tug them over your hands. Plant the blade with a quick, slicing thrust, as if it were a flag pole. Step on the back of the blade with one foot, driving the shovel in the ground, then lever out a section of earth, revealing things long hidden from daylight. Repeat the process, and note how every action is informed by the one preceding it. Will this hole drain, or is it going to pool water like a low spot in an asphalt road? How much compost will it need, and how much water? Does the soil come up easily, or does the ground yield reluctantly, shivering the handle of the shovel and your hands? When your work is half done, you have a pile of soil in a low pyramid, and you have a neat cylinder of space imprinted on the surface of the earth, waiting to be filled.

Gardening metaphors are apt when reviewing the broader work of a botanical garden. They involve mind and muscle, plans and practicalities. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden has been conducting two concurrent planning processes under board and staff leadership for many months.

Strategic planning (what we want to do, who we want to be and why) has been intertwined with master site planning (how do we shape our garden space in order to make those first things happen). The 2016–2020 Strategic Plan, christened *Unearthing Our Potential*, was approved at the March 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors and is available on our website at <http://bit.ly/GardenMission>. The next steps of our site planning will be reviewed and adopted this summer.

As the programs and events described in this newsletter unfold, and tens of thousands of students and guests visit each month, plans are underway to create our future. I invite you to read about all the plans as they develop. Ask questions, and let us know what you think. Pull on your gloves. Grab a shovel.

Shane Tippet
Executive Director

Bright Spots



summer

Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta



autumn

Camellia
Camellia sasanqua 'Daydream'



conservatory

Ti Plant
Cordyline sp.



tree

Bald Cypress
Taxodium distichum



LYNN KIRK

Fall PlantFest (Formerly Fall Plant Sale)
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 169AM–5PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 179AM–3PM
PARKING LOT C
Fall is for planting, and the Fall PlantFest is for purchasing! Select from an enticing array of top-quality plants, shrubs and trees, ranging from the usual to the unusual. Discover butterfly attractors, unique decoratives and ready-to-display container plantings. Enjoy live music as you mingle with knowledgeable vendors and helpful Garden volunteers. It's one of Central Virginia's largest, most anticipated plant sales, and it doesn't disappoint!
Open to the public (free). Regular admission for Garden visitation.



JAMES DUFFY

All Abuzz with Activity

Watch for an exciting addition to the Community Kitchen Garden: an apiary! The newly fenced area will be home to honeybee hives, which will be surrounded by containers of pollinator-supporting plants. The hives will represent the Langstroth model and the top-bar styles and will include an observation hive. These will be used for adults' and children's education programs. *The apiary was made possible by the Kenneth & Shirley Walker Charitable Fund of The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia.*

What to look for, once the apiary is completed:

- As bees fly back to their hive and stop at the entrance, look for brightly colored pollen carried in pollen baskets on their hind legs. Pollen varies in color, from shades of light yellow and orange to dark red. Think about the different flowers the bees have visited to gather this pollen.
- What flowers do you see bees visiting? Honeybees are attracted to white, blue and other light-colored flowers, but you might see them on bright flowers, too. They collect both pollen and nectar.
- Honeybees have a caste system, so look for three different types of organisms. The large female queen lays eggs and leaves the hive only during mating and swarming. Female worker bees gather pollen and nectar, care for young bees and the queen, and produce wax. Drones are male bees, which are larger than female worker bees, and their main purpose is to mate with queens.

Summer Exhibits & Events


Additional details about programs and activities at lewisginter.org.
*Free for members and included with Garden admission. \$ = Fee.



NATURE CONNECTS®
ART WITH LEGO® BRICKS

Award-winning exhibit!

MAY 27–SEPT. 18 | SPECIAL EXHIBIT | THROUGHOUT THE GARDEN




Check out a ginormous tiger swallowtail butterfly, crafted with 37,481 LEGO bricks, at the upcoming exhibit!

Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks*

What would you do with half-a-million LEGO bricks? New York artist Sean Kenney—a self-claimed “professional kid”—and his staff devoted two-and-a-half years to crafting them into giant flowers, birds, insects and other intriguing sculptures. See a big bumblebee weighing 60 pounds (16,383 LEGO bricks); a dramatic dragonfly with a three-and-a-half-foot wingspan (6,535 LEGO bricks); a soaring seven-foot-tall red rose (41,242 LEGO bricks); and more! Together, they illustrate ways that living things are interconnected. Guaranteed to increase your family’s fascination with LEGO, as well as nature’s connections!

Related: Walk and Talks, page 6; exhibit, page 7; movie, page 7; group tour, page 11.



LEGO User Groups (LUGs) Train Show*

MAY 27–29 (ONLY) | DEMONSTRATION | KELLY EDUCATION CENTER

LEGO User Groups from Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania and Virginia launch the Nature Connects exhibit with electric trains chugging past farms, gardens and buildings creatively crafted with LEGO bricks.

Making Mosaics with LEGO Pieces*

MAY 27–SEPT. 18, 10AM–4PM

INTERACTIVE BUILDING ACTIVITY | LORA M. ROBINS LIBRARY

Stop by the building station and create a mosaic for display on the Library wall. *Fun for all ages!*

Building STEAM*

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATH

MAY 27–SEPT. 18 | DISPLAY YOUR SCULPTURE | LORA M. ROBINS LIBRARY

Build your own home-crafted LEGO brick sculpture, based on a STEAM theme, and submit it for display during the Nature Connects exhibition. You'll be entered to win great prizes! *Three display periods, each limited to 250 entries. Details at <http://bit.ly/LEGOsteam>.*

VirginiaFIRST Demo Days*

MAY 28, 10AM–4:30PM | ROBOT DEMONSTRATION DAY | CHILDREN'S GARDEN

JUNE 18, 10AM–4:30PM | TECH CHALLENGE TEAMS | CLASSROOM 2

JULY 9, 10AM–4:30PM | ROBOTICS COMPETITION TEAMS | AUDITORIUM

Watch fascinating challenge demonstrations across obstacle courses with eco-friendly themes.

Provided by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), which engages tomorrow's leaders through mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills.



“The LEGO Movie”*

SEPT. 1 (ONLY), 8–10PM | OUTDOOR MOVIE | ROSE GARDEN LAWN & TERRACE

Flowers After 5 rolls into a showing of “The LEGO Movie.” Snacks available for purchase until 9 p.m. (\$). Bring a blanket and enjoy!

One night only. Moves to Auditorium if inclement weather.

Photo Contests*

Enter to win a prize package by uploading your favorite photos to Instagram:

A Million Blooms | <http://bit.ly/InstaBloom>

Butterflies LIVE! | <http://bit.ly/InstaBFLIES>

#LEGOoutside | <http://bit.ly/LEGOoutside> | *Inspired by Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks*

You also can enter by emailing photos to jonahh@lewisginter.org. Winners will be announced on the Garden’s Facebook page.

Thursday Evenings After Hours



Flowers After 5*

THURSDAYS, JUNE–SEPTEMBER 8, 5–9PM

Bloemendaal Lawn: Food & beverage 5–8PM; Music 6–8PM

Children’s Garden: Good Green Fun 5–6PM; WaterPlay** until 8PM

Garden Shop: Until 7PM

Escape workweek doldrums with a relaxing evening outdoors. Take a sunset stroll around the lake, or kick back to the sounds of live music. Treat the kids to Children’s Garden fun. Then enjoy great food, beer and wine (\$) under the tent. *Weekly themes, entertainers and facility rental options at lewisginter.org. Butterflies LIVE! exhibit NOT open since not active at night.*

** Pending weather.

Other activities move indoors if inclement weather.

Fidos After 5*

SELECT THURSDAYS, 5–9PM

JUNE 9 & 23

JULY 14 & 28

AUGUST 11 & 25

SEPTEMBER 8

All the fun of Flowers After 5, plus the opportunity to bring your dog (these dates only). If you don’t have a pet, come anyway: they’re leashed at all times, and they tend to add to the evening’s entertainment!

Regular visitor admission. \$2 pet admission benefits Richmond SPCA.

Flowers After Five*

Family Fun Night with LEGO® Bricks

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 5–9PM

Share the Garden with your friends at a discounted rate, and introduce them to all the Garden has to offer! Special activities for children and incentives on new memberships purchased that evening.

Members: FREE

Discounted admission for non-members:

Adults (age 12 and over): \$10

Children (under age 12): FREE

Presented by the Board of Associates.



Late-Summer Lawn Party at Historic Bloemendaal*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, NOON–3PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, NOON–4PM

Enjoy a lazy, late-summer afternoon on the lawn at Historic Bloemendaal, original home of the Lakeside Wheel Club (c. 1895). Partake in an old-fashioned ice cream social (\$), and enjoy picnic fare under the tent (\$). Hear ragtime music, visit with costumed interpreters and see historical bicycle displays and demonstrations. Relax while the barbershop quartet serenades, play a lawn game and step inside the Bloemendaal House for informal tours recalling the late 19th-century bicycling craze. *A fun-filled, family-friendly event!*



Butterflies LIVE!

DAILY–OCTOBER 9, 9AM–5PM | CONSERVATORY, NORTH WING

Every butterfly is different, as is every visit to Butterflies LIVE! Whether you find them feeding, fluttering or flying, you’ll always find them fascinating. Visit time and again, and bring a friend!

Related information pages 9 & 12.



Meet the Butterflies:

log on to <http://bit.ly/MeetBflies>.



Don't miss summer's special exhibits and events, spotlighted on pages 4 and 5.

june

Themed Garden Walk Visiting Special Trees
WEDNESDAY, 110AM
Member free. Non-member \$17.
Pre-registration required at 262-9887, ext. 320.

Block Party: Nature Connects® Preview
WEDNESDAY, 15–8PM
Private reception and tour of the Nature Connects: Art with LEGO® Bricks exhibit.
By special invitation for Patrons giving at the Partner Level & above.
Call 262-9887, ext. 334 for information.



Flowers After 5*
THURSDAYS, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.....5–9PM
Details page 5.

Fidos After 5*
THURSDAYS, 9, 235–9PM
Details page 5.

Themed Garden Walk Hydrangeas
SATURDAY, 119AM
THURSDAY, 165:30PM
Member free. Non-member \$17.
Pre-registration required at 262-9887, ext. 320.

Flowers After 5* Family Fun Night with LEGO Bricks
THURSDAY, 165–9PM
Details page 5.
Presented by the Board of Associates.

june continued

Richmond Area Daylily Society Show* & Sale
SATURDAY, 18
SALE9AM–SOLD OUT
EXHIBIT, AUDITORIUM.....1–3:30PM
Exquisite daylilies on display & for purchase.
Open free to the public. Regular admission for Garden visitation.

Father's Day Weekend
SATURDAY, 18
CHILDREN'S GARDEN
FAMILY ACTIVITIES*10AM–4PM
Build-a-Better-Boat to float craft and read books on the lawn.
CLASSROOM 2
VirginiaFIRST TECH CHALLENGE TEAMS
Details page 410AM–4:30PM

SUNDAY, 19
CHILDREN'S GARDEN
FAMILY ACTIVITIES*10AM–4PM
(same as Sat.)
HISTORIC BLOEMENDAAL LAWN
BUFFET COOKOUT (\$)..... NOON–3PM
“THE JANGLING REINHARTS”
LIVE MUSIC*1–4PM
SYDNOR LAKE
REMOTE-CONTROLLED MODEL
BOAT DEMONSTRATIONS*1–4PM
MODEL BOAT RACES*2–3PM
Courtesy of Richmond Model Yacht Club.

june continued

Celebrate National Pollinators Week*
MONDAY, 20–SUNDAY, 26
Children's Garden
Details page 9.

Walk and Talk Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks
TUESDAY, 2810AM
Member free. Non-member \$17.
Pre-registration required at 262-9887, ext. 320.

july



CarMax FREE Fourth of July Celebration*
MONDAY, 49AM–5PM
ACTIVITIES1–4PM
PARADE, CHILDREN'S GARDEN2PM
Wear red, white & blue, bring wagons & strollers to decorate for the parade, enjoy WaterPlay & visit Butterflies LIVE! Music by the “Happy Lucky Combo.”
FREE admission (today only).
Presented by CarMax.

Flowers After 5*
THURSDAYS, 7, 14, 21, 285–9PM
Details page 5.

Botanical Book Club
FRIDAY, 811AM–NOON
E-mail library@lewisginter.org for details.

VirginiaFIRST Robotics Competition Teams
SATURDAY, 910AM–4:30PM
Details page 4.

Walk and Talk Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks
TUESDAY, 1210AM
Details in June listing.

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Fidos After 5*
THURSDAYS, 14 & 285–9PM
Details page 5.

Themed Garden Walk Hydrangeas
SATURDAY, 169AM
THURSDAY, 215:30PM
Details in June listing.

august

Santa GardenFest Dinner Reservations Begin
MONDAY, 1
Limited availability; first call, first reserved.
Details on page 7, top right.

Walk and Talk Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks
THURSDAY, 46:30PM
Details in June listing.

Flowers After 5*
THURSDAYS, 4, 11, 18, 255–9PM
Details page 5.

Fidos After 5*
THURSDAYS, 11 & 255–8PM
Details page 5.

Themed Garden Walk Visiting Special Trees
SATURDAY, 1310AM
Details in June listing.



Late-Summer Lawn Party at Historic Bloemendaal
SATURDAY, 27–SUNDAY, 28
Details page 5.

september

Flowers After 5*
THURSDAYS, 1, 85–9PM
Details page 5.

“The LEGO® Movie”*
ROSE GARDEN LAWN & TERRACE
THURSDAY, 18–10PM
Details page 4.

Fidos After 5*
THURSDAY, 85–9PM
Details in June listing.

Botanical Book Club
FRIDAY, 911AM–NOON
Details in July listing.

Fall PlantFest
FRIDAY, 169AM–5PM
SATURDAY, 179AM–3PM
PARKING LOT C
Details page 3.

A Day of (Digital) Photography in the Garden
SATURDAY, 248AM–4PM
Details in Adult Education section.

october

Santa GardenFest Brunch Reservations Begin
SATURDAY, 1
Limited availability; first call, first reserved.
Details at top right.

October Oddities*
OCTOBER, 1–31
Details page 9.



Rose Fest*
SUNDAY, 2NOON–3PM
Countless roses, Children's Garden activities & Butterflies LIVE! Also live performances by Latin Ballet of Virginia at 12:15PM & 1:45PM at Cochrane Rose Garden.

Goblins & Gourds*
SUNDAY, 231–4PM
CHILDREN'S GARDEN
Details page 9.



GardenFest Meals & Dining with Santa

Santa invites you and yours to a Garden tradition and family favorite! Seatings fill quickly, so don't delay. Call 262-9887 and the appropriate extension, as noted below.

Meal	Reservations Accepted	Date Options	Location
Santa Dinner	Beginning Aug. 1, ext. 345 or 224	Dec. 18–21	Auditorium
Santa Brunch (2 seatings)	Beginning Oct. 1, ext. 329	Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18	Tea House
GardenFest Dinner (15+ guests)	Any time, ext. 345 or 224	Sun.–Tues., Nov. 27–Jan. 9	Robins Room

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3rd Annual Oktoberfest*
SATURDAY, 2911AM–4PM
BLOEMENDAAL HOUSE LAWN
Live music, local food & beers (\$), games & prizes.
Bring canned goods to benefit FeedMore.
Sponsored by Meriwether Godsey.

november

The Charles F. Gillette Forum on Landscape Design: Making Beauty Sustainable
THURSDAY–FRIDAY, 3–4
Details in the August Education & Events Catalog.

Ikebana of Richmond Ellen Gordon Allen Lecture/Demonstration
THURSDAY, 1010AM–NOON
AUDITORIUM
Ikebana Master demonstration & lecture by Karen Napoli, executive master of the Ichiyo School.
Details in the August Education & Events Catalog.



Cheers to Shopping!
THURSDAY, 105–8PM
Holiday shopping that's refined and redefined.
Stay tuned!

Botanical Book Club
FRIDAY, 1111AM–NOON
Details in July listing

Holly Jolly Christmas on Lakeside Avenue
FRIDAY, 115–9PM
Support our local merchants!

november continued



ShopFest
SATURDAY, 1910AM–5PM
GARDEN SHOP
Super sale for holiday shopping!
20% discount on purchases with member ID.

Dominion GardenFest of Lights
FRIDAY, NOV. 25–MONDAY, JAN. 9, 2017
Ticketed event.

Ginter Gallery II

Botanical Mosaics with LEGO Pieces
MAY 27–SEPTEMBER 18
Richmond artist Brian Korte of Brickworkz LLC presents nature-themed, wall-sized mosaics made with LEGO bricks.

Work by Erling Sjovold
SEPTEMBER 25–NOVEMBER 6
Richmond artist's new works explore the construct of place through art.

Summer Hours

Garden
Daily: 9AM–5PM
Thursdays (only), June–September 8: 9AM–9PM
Garden Shop
Monday–Saturday: 10AM–5PM
Sunday: NOON–5PM
Thursdays (only), June–September 8: 10AM–7PM
Garden Cafe
Daily: 10AM–4PM

Adult Education

Opportunities abound for most everything related to horticulture. The Education & Events Catalog will be mailed to member households and inserted in the August 6th issue of “Style Weekly.” Details & registration at lewisginter.org/learn/adult-classes. \$.

Upcoming Highlights

A Day of (Digital) Photography in the Garden
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 248AM–4PM
Nationally recognized photographers present a full day of demonstrations, workshops and lectures for digital SLR enthusiasts.
Pre-registration required. \$.

The Charles F. Gillette Forum on Landscape Design Making Beauty Sustainable
THURSDAY–FRIDAY, NOV. 3–4
The biennial symposium on cutting-edge design and sustainability efforts is offered for architects, designers and seasoned gardeners.
Pre-registration required. \$. Details in the August Education & Events Catalog.

Lora Robins Tea House
Wednesday–Sunday: 11:30AM–2:30PM
Reservations recommended for special events & parties of 5+: 262-9887, ext. 399.
Closed Monday & Tuesday.

Lora M. Robins Library
Weekdays: 10AM–4PM
Saturday & Sunday: 1–4PM

WaterPlay
Daily, pending weather.
Schedule & weather updates on Garden's Facebook page & website.



Happening Now!*

Unstructured play opens windows to learning, creativity and development. So drop by and introduce your children to these **Drop-In Activities**.
More information at <http://bit.ly/HappeningNOW>.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Good Green Fun with LEGO® Bricks	Garden Art	Family Walk and Talks	Drop In and Dig	Good Green Fun During Flowers After 5	Good Green Fun with LEGO Bricks	Good Green Fun with LEGO Bricks
June–Aug. NOON–2PM	June–Aug. 2–3PM	June–Aug. 10–11AM	April–Oct. Times vary	June–Sept. 8 5–6PM	June–Aug. 10AM–NOON	June–Aug. 10AM–NOON

Stickman Returns!*



He's Back!
CAN YOU FIND HIM???

Green Adventure Summer Camps

JUNE–AUGUST
SELECT MONDAYS–FRIDAYS, 9AM–NOON
Outdoor exploration, tweaked with educational enrichment! Select from one-of-a-kind themes, including **LEGO Brick Stop-Motion Animation** and **LEGO Mosaics: Art in Nature**.
Check remaining availabilities at <http://bit.ly/KidsCAMPS>.
Pre-registration required. \$.

Brownie, Daisy and Girl Scout Programs

SELECT DATES, SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER
Troops earn garden-related badges during fun-filled activities.
Pre-registration required by Troop leader. \$.



Cool down with splash-tastic, fun-tastic **WaterPlay!*** Daily–September, weather permitting.

*Free for members and included with Garden admission. \$ = Fee.



BUTTERFLIES LIVE!*

See page 5 for exhibit information. Related family opportunities:

Kaleidoscope Pointe*
Daily–October 9
Bird and Butterfly Meadow
Children’s Garden
Watch butterflies in their natural habitat and visit the Certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation.

National Pollinators Week*
June 20–26, 10AM–4PM
Children’s Garden
Participate in the Who’s Pollinating the Garden? activity, learn the bee dance and celebrate the importance of pollinators to agriculture and ecosystem health.
Major initiative of the national Pollinator Partnership.



Harvest Happenings



October Oddities Displays*

OCTOBER 1–31 DAILY
Refresh your “garden spirit” as seasonal displays of nature’s underappreciated oddities and found objects cultivate curiosity and wonder.

Scarecrow Quest*

OCTOBER 1–31 DAILY
Explore the TreeTrail to discover six unique scarecrows designed by the GardenKeeper and her friends.
Scarecrow Quest available at Admissions.

Goblins & Gourds Event*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 1–4PM
Celebrate the harvest season with wacky music by the “Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra.” Pick a pumpkin from our patch for decorating, and enjoy good green fun!

Educator Workshops

BUILDING WITH THE BRICK: FEATURING LEGO® EDUCATION PRODUCTS

Thursday, July 14: Grades K–5
Friday, July 15: Grades 3–5
Saturday, July 16: Grades 4–8
FIRST® LEGO League
Pre-registration required.
\$40 per day includes lunch.

“This is the best and most fun day in my life.”

— FIRST-GRADE STUDENT FROM MAUDE TREVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tours, Rentals & Volunteer Opportunities

Rosarian Society

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden honors the following Rosarians who demonstrated generous support during our last fiscal year (April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016):

- Anonymous
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Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany B. Armstrong
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis I. Belcher
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Mrs. Mary Denny Wray



2015 Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award

Sept. 8, 1993, was the first time Betsy Slade volunteered at the Garden. Now, 23 years later, she has logged more than 5,800 hours of volunteer service! In recognition of her dedication and devotion, Betsy received the 2015 Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award. Excerpts from Betsy's nomination aptly describe why she was so highly honored:

Betsy is a volunteer that plants and people can rely on! Betsy has applied her experience and expertise to many aspects of horticulture – from managing plant records to carrying out all manner of greenhouse tasks – big and small, clean and dirty. She demonstrates amazing initiative – often finding additional tasks that she [can] work on at home ... She is a tireless pillar in the Volunteer PlantFest effort ... [and] She seamlessly combines high expectations, exemplary work ethic, and genuine interpersonal skills - so that working on her team is an absolute pleasure. ... Working with Betsy is a treat and a privilege; her work in the Garden has been - and continues to be - invaluable.

@LewisGinterWeddings

Want to see how the Garden can create the perfect backdrop for your wedding? Check out our new Lewis Ginter Weddings Instagram, featuring photos of the latest weddings held at the Garden. Follow us on Instagram @lewisginterweddings to see how brides are utilizing our lovely Garden space and to learn more about how the Garden can be a part of your special day! For wedding packages and event information, contact our facility rental experts at 262-9887, ext. 224 or 345, or email facilityevents@lewisginter.org.



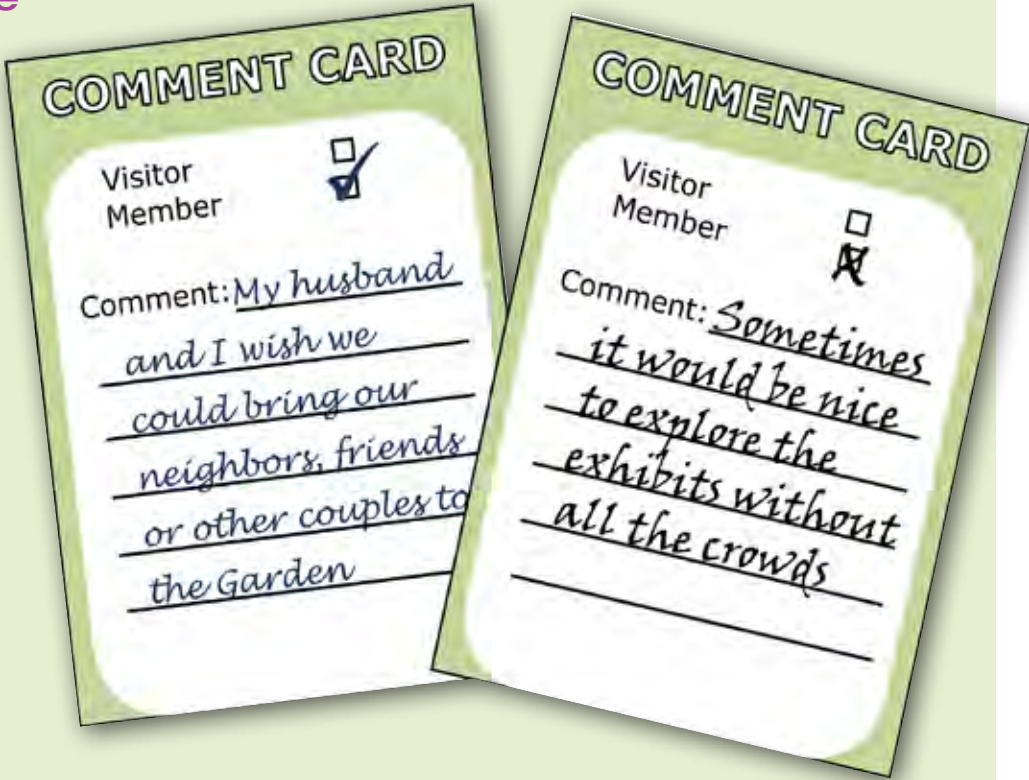
Membership Update

You spoke. We listened.

This summer we are rolling out new membership benefits tailored just for you!

We surveyed similar botanical gardens. We looked at other Richmond-area organizations. Most importantly, we spoke to you, our members, to create a program with options and benefits that meet **your** needs.

The details are almost finished, so be on the lookout for updated membership materials on the Garden's website and in your mailbox!



Guided Group Tours

Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks

Join an expert guide for a tour of discovery, and experience the 14 displays of playful sculptures crafted from nearly half-a-million colorful LEGO bricks. Hear fun facts about the toy shared across generations as you enjoy making connections in the growing garden. Find out how the giant swallowtail butterfly and six-foot-long bison both illustrate stories of relationships in nature. Interesting behind-the-scenes information will make your tour complete! To reserve a tour for your group of 15+, call 262-9887, ext. 320. \$.



Garden Shop

The Garden Shop has everything LEGO—from bird kits and journals, to alarm clocks and watches. You'll also find everything SUMMER—for indoors and out. So save time for a visit after your next Garden stroll. Or better yet, make a special trip and bring a friend. With all these goodies and an ever-changing inventory, you'll be glad you did!





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