April 2022

THE VINE

ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Garden experienced another exciting spring filled with visitors, the return of school programs and plant sales, and of course beautiful blooms!
EDUCATION

School programs are back! With Austin area schools returning to in-person instruction and as the weather warms, we are enjoying the return of school programs. Since February, 534 students from pre-K to High School have visited the Garden to attend docent-led tours and activities as well as visit for their own teacher-led exercises.

We are bolstering our school programs by providing teacher resources including TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) based lessons that classes can do prior to visiting the garden. We are also offering TEKS-based volunteer-led activities to accompany the classic garden tours. By including the TEKS in the lessons, activities, and tours, teachers can more readily acquire funding for their visit and ensure that the trip aids in covering important concepts.
MOTHER'S DAY PICNICS

Treat mom to a picnic in the Garden this Mother's Day! BYOBlanket and enjoy a Shareable Snack Tray from Antonelli's intended for 1-6 people to graze on.

DINO DAYS

While most of the dinosaurs might have died 66 million years ago, our love of dinosaurs persists. This love of dinosaurs was alive and well in the Hartman Prehistoric Garden as folks searched for cycads and ferns, dug through sand to find dino bones, and pipetted spores to grow their very own fern. Visitors enjoyed a presentation on plant evolution by our Education Director and a meet-and-greet with John Maisano, the sculptor who created the garden's Ornithomimid statue.

YOGA IN THE GARDEN

Yoga returns for its second season in the Garden. Available now through May 25th, every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am. Classes are $15 for non-members, and $10 for Conservancy members.
The Woodland Faerie Trail returns this summer! Registration for faerie home plots opened in March and filled up in record time. As a result, there will be 75 homes for guests and faeries to enjoy this season, almost twice as many as last year!

The Trail will open with an exciting weekend on May 28-29 which includes live flute and harp performances. This included with the price of admission and free for members.

On April 21st the Surreal Garden kicks off with VIP night and continues April 22-23 and 28-30, 6-10pm.

The Garden welcomes thousands of guests to enjoy the most surreal event of the Spring. There will be craft cocktails, local food vendors, DJs, and over 100 pieces of neon art! Get your tickets today before prices go up at the door!

To learn more, visit: https://www.ioart.com/surreal

A portion of the proceeds of the Surreal Garden event will benefit the Zilker Botanical Garden Conservancy (ZBGC), a 501c(3) established in 2015 to advance the capacity and status of Zilker Botanical Garden. The Garden is now managed as a public-private partnership between the City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department (PARD) and the ZBGC.
THE BUTLER WINDOW

With a plan in place to preserve and restore The Butler Window, the Conservancy is hosting regular fundraisers at the Garden to educate others on the history and vision of this iconic structure. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a donor, email development@zbgconservancy.org

BOTANICAL BENEFACTORS

Botanical Benefactors are monthly donors committed to the restoration, revitalization, and ongoing programming at ZBG. Become a Botanical Benefactor and know that you are helping build a sustainable future for the Conservancy. You are helping the Conservancy plan for the future by providing a consistent source of revenue.

The Garden has been part of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department since its inception. While it will always remain parkland, the Conservancy is working to raise funds for a world-class botanical garden that far outweighs what the City's budget can accommodate. The Conservancy works to augment this shortfall, funding programming, added staff, and special projects such as the restoration of the Butler Window, an upcoming Master Plan...and much more to come! Click this page to visit our donate page and become a botanical benefactor.
Founded in 2015, Zilker Botanical Garden Conservancy is a 501c(3) non-profit organization (ZBGC) dedicated to restoring this jewel of a botanical garden on the banks of Lady Bird Lake. The Conservancy has supported the City’s efforts to improve the landscape and experience of the ZBG. We are actively looking for new board members who can lend their professional experience to help this Conservancy continue to grow. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email development@zbgconservancy.org

Looking to honor a loved one? Buy a brick or bench in their honor to be displayed at the Zilker Botanical Garden. Bricks can be purchased online at www.zilkergarden.org/walk-of-friends/ For bench inquiries, email development@zbgconservancy.org.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Garden is reigniting its volunteer opportunities including opportunities in horticulture, programming, and visitor services. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please sign-up for the Zilker Botanical Garden GivePulse group available at https://www.givepulse.com/group/424-Zilker-Botanical-Garden.

Once you sign up, opportunities can be seen in the list or calendar form. The volunteer organizer for new opportunities will send notifications through GivePulse. In addition to general volunteer opportunities, if you are interested in becoming an educational volunteer assisting with school programs and tours, please email Matthew Gaston at education@zbgconservancy.org for more information.

AAGC GARDEN CLUBS

Spring plant sales returned in full force this March including sales by the First African Violet Society, Austin Organic Gardeners, Austin Herb Society, and the Austin Cactus and Succulent Society. In-person meetings are also back and many clubs offer a variety of guest speakers each month. Head to zilkergarden.org/about-aagc to learn more about AAGC clubs and consider joining one!