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ENJOY AUGUST AT THE ARBORETUM

This month, visit our 1,700-acre oasis of trees for family-friendly festivals, programs and two new events for outdoor enthusiasts who also love to eat, drink and discover art. Start off your August with a trip East as we welcome back the Destination Asia Festival, featuring world-class sumo wrestlers, energetic Bollywood-style dancing, martial arts demonstrations and a host of other authentic performances, August 6-7. On August 13, put the gears in motion and head on over for Bikes, Branches and Bites. Cruise vehicle-free roads and sample delicious food truck fare during this new event. Spend an elegant evening dining al fresco during our Farm to Table Dinner, August 26. And don't miss our first-ever Wine and Art Walk, August 27-28. Browse nature-inspired photography, paintings, jewelry and more from local artists while sipping wine and strolling around beautiful Meadow Lake. While we're on the subject, may we recommend these five plants to include in your backyard landscape that can be used to make wine or beer.

Every weekend in August, visitors can follow the action and get a crash course in history with the spoof "The Iliad, the Odyssey, and All of Greek Mythology, in 99 Minutes or Less," presented by Theatre-Hikes®. Visitor favorites Wednesdays, Woods and Wine and Thursday Family Nights continue all month long—join us and check out the 23 whimsical frogs of Ribbit! The Exhibit, here through September 25.

Members get more! Arboretum members are invited to enjoy early entry to the Arboretum on select days this month—perfect for hiking, biking, bird watching or simply exploring nature. Not a member? Join today.

INDULGE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

Chances are you've mastered staying in the lines. Next up: some fun with color theory and shading during Adult Coloring Night, August 11. Make the most of your backyard edible garden bounty and learn how to preserve the harvest, August 27. Fascinated by the ancient art of bonsai? Learn how to create a unique dwarfed tree with Bonsai for Beginners. Classes begin August 28.

ALL ABOARD FOR FUN

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10: Tails on the Trails

Select days, September 10-25: Theatre-Hikes®

September 24-25: Passport Europe Festival

October 1-31: Fall Color Festival

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Explore the grounds during Acorn Express Adventures, Wednesdays and Fridays all month long. We'll seek fun destinations to hike, make a craft, and explore new topics each week. Flutter about the Children's Garden in our Beautiful Butterflies program for those 18 months to 5 years. Kids will learn about these winged wonders through games and a hike, select days in August. Meet live amphibians and reptiles during Hooray for Herpetology, August 14.

A TREE FOR EVERY YARD

We know trees, and with our Northern Illinois Tree Selector, you will too. Find the best tree for your yard with this handy online tool. Looking to replace a tree that's come down? Heed this advice on why you shouldn't plant in the exact same spot. You pass by the same trees day in and day out, but can you identify them? Educate yourself with our August 26 Trees of Illinois class, and wonder no more.

WHAT'S IN STORE

The Arboretum Store's semi-annual clearance sale continues through August 14. Find nature-inspired home decor, jewelry, desktop items, apparel and books at savings of 30 to 60 percent.

SUPPORT US

The Arboretum is Growing Brilliantly. Our Center for Tree Science is bringing together scientists from around the world to study trees and find new ways to help them thrive. Learn more about this key initiative in the Arboretum's $63 million capital campaign.

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