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LURIE GARDEN'S FALL AND WINTER 2008-09 PROGRAMS

Schedule of Free Lectures, Workshops and Events At Millennium Park's Lurie Garden and at the Chicago Cultural Center Plus, Hands-On Family Workshops Round Out the Season

Learn more about the rich and varied plant life of Millennium Park's Lurie Garden, along with a full season of fall and winter lectures, workshops and events about nature and the great outdoors. All programs are free and will take place either in the Lurie Garden or at the Chicago Cultural Center, located across the street from Millennium Park at 78 E. Washington Street.

"The Lurie Garden has something remarkable to offer all year long," said Colleen Lockovitch, Head Horticulturist of Millennium Park's Lurie Garden. "We've created unique ways of looking at the Garden—including garden walks, photo workshops and lectures by experts in the field of horticulture and nature."

The Lurie Garden fall and winter programming schedule is below.

URBAN BEEKEEPING: FROM THE ROOFTOPS TO THE WEST SIDE

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 6 p.m.

Chicago Cultural Center, 5th floor Garland Room

Michael Thompson, Director of the Chicago Bee Co-op, will discuss how this small sustainable honey business transformed a neglected, vacant lot on the city's west side into a productive community space, training residents in beekeeping, as well as business. Chicago Bee Co-op honey and beeswax products will be for sale.

FALL PHOTOGRAPHY: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LURIE GARDEN

Saturday, October 18, 2008 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Meet at the Chicago Cultural Center, 4th floor Conference Room

Join instructors from the Chicago Photography Center for a free, hands-on workshop and photo shoot in the Lurie Garden. All levels of experience are welcome. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Call 312.742.5519 to register. Ages 15 and up.

AUTUMN GARDEN STROLLS

Saturdays, November 8 and December 6, 2008 10 a.m.

Wednesdays, November 12 and December 10, 2008 12:15 p.m.

Meet at Cloud Gate

Take a casual, yet informative walk through the Lurie Garden and discover the richness and texture that autumn brings. Led by staff of the Lurie Garden.

URBAN COMPOSTING WITH LITTLE OR NO OUTDOOR SPACE

Thursday, November 13, 2008 6 p.m.

Chicago Cultural Center, 5th floor Millennium Park Room

Is composting even possible if you have limited or no outdoor space? Professional gardener Bill Shores will discuss the importance of composting and practical ways to do so in an urban environment, both indoors and outdoors. He will also explain ways to utilize your "black gold."

OF PRAIRIE, WOODS AND WATER: TWO CENTURIES OF CHICAGO NATURE WRITING

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 6 p.m.

Chicago Cultural Center, 1st floor Garland Room

Joel Greenberg, author of *A Natural History of the Chicago Region* and co-author of *A Birder's Guide to the Chicago Region*, will read from his newest book, a collection of first-person narratives written between 1721 and 1959. These unique voices from the land present an unexpected and fascinating portrait of Chicago. Books will be available for sale.

BIRD MIGRATION IN CHICAGO: THE SPECTACLE AND THE HAZARDS

Thursday, January 15, 2009, 6 p.m.

Chicago Cultural Center, 5th floor Millennium Park Room

Learn from David Willard, collection manager of the Field Museum's bird collection, who will describe features of the spectacular bird migration through the city of Chicago, as well as some of the on-going research on the obstacles a city presents to birds, as they move between wintering and breeding grounds.

VISIONS OF GREEN: DANIEL H. BURNHAM AND JENS JENSEN'S

OPEN SPACE PLANS FOR CHICAGO

Thursday, February 19, 2009, 6 p.m.

Chicago Cultural Center, 5th floor Millennium Park Room

Historian for the Chicago Park District, author of *Garden in the City* and co-author of *Inspired by Nature: the Garfield Park Conservatory and Chicago's West Side*, Julia Bachrach will highlight the groundbreaking and inspired work of Jensen and Burnham and illustrate examples of their visionary work that one still enjoys today.

In addition, a full range of hands-on **family programs** in the Chicago Cultural Center have been added to the fall and winter line-up. Children must be age six and up, and accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required for these program by calling 312.742.5519. The fall and winter family program line-up includes:

SLEUTHING SEEDS AND SOIL

Saturday, November 15, 2008 10 a.m.—Noon

Chicago Cultural Center, 1st floor Garland Room

Investigate soil, seeds and all the magic and energy they contain, and make some seedy crafts to take away.

FLOWER FRENZY

Saturday, December 13, 2008 10 a.m.—Noon

Chicago Cultural Center, 1st floor Garland Room

Learn the parts of a flower and why each part is important to the plant. Dissect and investigate real flowers, then make some flower-based crafts to take home.

THE WILD ART OF RECYCLING

Saturday, January 11, 2009 10 a.m.—Noon

Chicago Cultural Center, 1st floor Garland Room

Recycle some of the garden's plants into artwork and make a few cool crafts from unexpected materials.

THAT SMELLS....GREAT!

Saturday, February 21, 2009 10 a.m.—Noon

Chicago Cultural Center, 1st floor Garland Room

Discover the role of herbs in the Lurie Garden and explore how different cultures have used them; then make a few herbal surprises to take away.

About the Lurie Garden

Designed by Gustafson Guthrie Nichol Ltd, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel, the 2.5-acre Lurie Garden pays homage to the City's motto, "Urbs in Horto" (City in a Garden), which refers to Chicago's transformation from its flat and marshy origins to a bold and powerful city. Highlights of the Garden include the dramatically lit, 15-foot-high Shoulder Hedge. This physical representation of Sandburg's famous description of the "City of Big Shoulders" encloses the Garden on two sides. A graceful hardwood footbridge over shallow water divides the Garden diagonally between "light" and "dark" plates. This year, the Lurie Garden earned the 2008 top design award from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) – besting hundreds of entries from around the world. The Lurie Garden endowment is managed by Millennium Park Incorporated.

About Millennium Park

Located in downtown Chicago on Michigan Avenue between Randolph and Monroe Streets, the 24.5-acre Millennium Park is an unprecedented center for world-class art, music, architecture and landscape design. In addition to the Lurie Garden, the Park's prominent features include the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture.

For more information about Millennium Park or the Lurie Garden, please visit www.millenniumpark.org or call 312.742.1168.

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