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Green Spring Gardens Celebrates Cherry Blossoms

Green Spring Gardens will hold two programs this spring to celebrate the beauty and history of the cherry blossom. One is a family program, the other is a Japanese-themed tea.

Children and their families will enjoy visiting learning stations on April 2, 2016. Visitors can hear a story, try their hand at origami and chopsticks, paint a Japanese style lantern, and seek out beautiful cherry trees on a cherry tree hunt. This Children's Cherry Blossom Festival program, held in partnership with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, is a Saturday drop-in program that includes free activities and fee-based crafts. It runs from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and craft tickets are \$10 per person. Advanced registration is recommended for craft tickets. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. This program is designed for families with children ages five and up.

On Sunday, April 10 adults can enjoy a Japanese-themed tea at the Madame Butterfly program built around the short story that influenced Puccini's beloved opera of the same name. Discover the prevailing attitudes that brought these characters together in Japan and the "temporary wives" who became real-life "Butterflies." This program runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and the cost is \$42 per person for program and tea or \$12 per person for the program only. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 703-941-7987.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Va., one quarter-mile north of the intersection of Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike (Route 236). For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173 or visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.