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Learn to ID Trees, Prune or Draw at Green Spring Gardens

Learn to identify trees or find your inner artist with programs at Green Spring Gardens next weekend.

Can't tell a pine from a fir or a spruce? Then come to Green Spring on Saturday, March 5, 2016, for a workshop on how to identify conifers. Walk the park with Green Spring Manager Mary Olien to look at the scale needle conifers and learn how to distinguish the junipers, cedars and cypresses. Take a closer at these trees that keep the landscape green year-round by bringing along a 10x hand lens or magnifying glass. Be sure to dress for the weather. This program is designed for participants age 16 and older and runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$22 per person.

If you think you can't draw, guess again. Artist and instructor Marni Maree will show you how to draw by learning techniques on different media. You will learn that drawing is more than making a realistic representation of something – it is also creative expression. This workshop for artists-to-be age 16 and older runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$80 per person. A \$10 supply fee is payable to the instructor at class. Bring cash or a check.

Also on March 5 is an opportunity to learn about rescue pruning. Winter wreaks havoc on the landscape with broken limbs and cold damage. However, all may not be lost for saving your valued trees and shrubs with targeted pruning. Join Green Spring's Manager Mary Olien on a walk to learn pruning strategies you can use in your own garden from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Dress for the weather. The cost is \$25 per person. To register call 703-642-3601.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, VA. For more information, call 703-642-5173 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>.

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