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Celebrate the Arts in April

Love Local extends to the arts community, an integral part of our City's local character. Look for opportunities to see, connect and create in April during this month-long celebration of the arts.



On April 17, celebrate *The World Outside* with art activities and exhibitions both indoors and outdoors throughout downtown, followed by a ticketed fundraiser event that evening. This community celebration and fundraiser includes over 20 indoor and outdoor venues and outdoor art activities. Find more information at www.downtownwg.com.

Winter Garden has many organizations dedicated to arts and culture. Here are seven ways to support local art in your community.

1. Donate to a local arts charity
2. Become a member of a local arts organization
3. Attend local art events
4. Buy local art
5. Support local art programs and schools
6. Plan on attending one of the arts activities during the month of April
7. Buy a ticket to the Fundraiser Arts at Night – Celebrating *The World Outside* on April 17. You will receive an annual membership to the Winter Garden Art Association with your ticket purchase.

City Launches Phase Two of LOVE LOCAL Campaign

The Love Local campaign, launched by the City of Winter Garden last fall, continues in 2021 with a line-up of programs and activities to help small businesses recover from financial losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of the Love Local campaign is to build awareness of the importance of shopping and dining local to support small business and community organizations that are vital to the City.



From now through the summer, the campaign will include monthly activities and programs that support local businesses and community organizations:

April: Arts in April

April 17: A community celebration throughout Downtown

May: Outdoor Dining Month featuring our unique restaurants throughout the City

June: Love Local Food celebrating local farmers, food artisans and vendors

June 5: A community celebration at the Winter Garden Farmers Market

July 2, 3 and 4: America's Birthday celebration – honoring our local heroes

Winter Garden Farmers Market

So many vegetables are in season in April! Local crops are harvested on Friday just for you on Saturday. The Winter Garden Farmers Market is also accepting SNAP and Fresh Access Bucks.

Saturdays | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | Downtown Pavilion



Spring into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Find dates, details and prices at www.cwgd.com or call 407.656.4155.

*Please note that due to COVID19, all programs are tentative at this time.

Group Tennis Lessons

Highly skilled instructor brings years of experience and knowledge to participants. Class space is limited, advanced registration required.

Beginning April 5 | Six-week sessions
5 years and older

Varies – check www.cwgd.com for details
Chapin Station Neighborhood Park, 501 W. Crown Point Cross Road

Summer Day Camp Registration

Summer Day Camp 2021 is here! All current and previous participants may register online. If your camper has yet to participate in our program, prior to registration, please be sure to contact the Jessie Brock Community Center for assistance on creating an account.

To avoid any registration issues, please contact the center to verify your camper's information by April 2. The first two weeks' payment is due by April 30. Payments not made by April 30 are subject to late charges or cancellation. Camp is offered from June 1 – July 30. Space is extremely limited.

City Residents register April 7 – April 30;
Nonresidents April 14 – April 30
(First two weeks' payment due by April 30)

Camp is open to children entering 1st through 8th grade

	City Resident	Nonresident
1st Camper	\$105 per week	\$135 per week
2nd Camper	\$85 per week	\$115 per week
3rd + Campers	\$65 per week	\$95 per week

Holiday Closure: Good Friday, April 2

Regular waste and recycling collection services are provided on Friday, April 2. Place all waste material at the curb by 7:00 am. City government offices are closed. If you have questions, please call 407.656.2256.

WINTER GARDEN FIRE RESCUE FIRE AND SAFETY ZONE



World Health Day is April 7, 2021. Consider these global health awareness tips:

- Integrate proper eating, sleeping and exercising, plus annual family checkups with a doctor.
- Wash hands with soap and water regularly to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Kitchen Safety Tips:

- Never leave pots and pans unattended in the kitchen, and turn pot handles away from the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.

Remember: A closed bedroom door between you and a fire can isolate the fire's flow, reduce room temperature & keep carbon monoxide levels down. Smoke alarms save lives (photoelectric alarms are recommended). To learn about the smoke alarm program or for fire safety information, call 407.877.5175.

Special thanks to the observant readers that found a typo in last month's issue. In case there was any confusion, we're running this story again...correctly.

Water Lawns Before 10:00 am or After 4:00 pm

The City of Winter Garden's conservation ordinance for landscape irrigation requires watering before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm. There's a reason for that. That's when temperatures and wind speeds are the lowest, reducing losses from evaporation and wind that can occur in the middle of the day. This allows the water to seep into the ground to the roots, promoting healthier plants with a deep root system. Questions? 407.877.5193

Did you know?

Most of the brick buildings standing at the intersection of Plant and Main Streets were constructed between 1912 and 1925 after fires leveled the wooden structures in the business district.

— Courtesy of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation



Winter Garden Art Association
SoBo Art Gallery | 127 S. Boyd Street | www.wgart.org

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

The World Outside

2D & 3D works related to getting outside again in life, thinking outside the box, or other fun interpretations of the "outside" theme. The exhibition runs from March 30 – May 29.

Opening Reception: April 1 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Top Choice Exhibition

SOBO's Annual Awards Exhibition. Open to all types of artistic entries, submit your best 2D & 3D works. Awards: Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Winners.

Opening Reception: June 3 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm

WORKSHOPS

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model available to draw every Wednesday night.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

Register online at wgart.org

Please visit the website for more details and updates:

wgart.org/workshops

CALL TO ARTISTS

Interested artists can submit online between the first and the eighth of the month prior to the exhibition. Please visit the website for monthly updates: wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists

VOLUNTEER

Currently accepting applications for volunteer opportunities at SOBO for Saturdays.

Sign up at: wgart.org/volunteer

PROGRAMS FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

Due to current restrictions for those at risk, please check the website for more information.

MUSICAL MINDS

With Central Florida Community Arts

Visit cfcarts.com/musicalminds or call 407.937.1800, Ext. 719

On April 17, downtown Winter Garden will feature an array of art experiences throughout the day and evening, celebrating *The World Outside*. It begins Saturday morning at the Farmers Market and continues into the evening with downtown streets being lit up artistically for everyone to enjoy. This event will also feature a ticketed VIP art experience to benefit the Winter Garden Art Association. For more info visit www.wgart.org

Looking for Ways to Celebrate Earth Day? Visit Lake Apopka

Lake Apopka is the fourth largest natural lake in Florida, and our neighbor. In its heyday, Lake Apopka was considered the Bass Fishing Capital of the Eastern United States. People came from all over to see who could hook the largest bass. During the early 20th Century, farmers built farms near the lake. In 1941, 21,000 acres of muck farm was created, later these farmers would pump wastewater into the lake. By the 1970s, algae bloom covered the surface. This once thriving lake was dead.

In 1991, Friends of Lake Apopka (FOLA), a citizen advocacy group, formed. Their purpose: restoring Lake Apopka to its once pristine condition. In 1998, the State of Florida completed the purchase of all farmland along Lake Apopka. Restoration began, and continues today. St. Johns River Water Management District replanted the farmland with native vegetation and removed invasive plants. Biologists removed bottom-feeding gizzard shad fish and replaced them with millions of bass. In 2003, a marsh flow-way system was created filtering Lake Apopka's waters through the restored wetlands. Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive opened in 2015. On this 11-mile drive around the lake, visitors may see alligators, bobcats, otters, bears, raccoons, armadillos, coyotes and over 360 species of birds.

Lake Apopka is once again filled with bass and other game fish. FOLA and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are sponsoring a fishing contest to help diminish the stigma that Lake Apopka is a damaged lake. The *Hooked on Lake Apopka Fish Tag Challenge* offers more than \$10,000 in prizes and takes place through May 31.

Whether you're into hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, motor boating, canoeing, kayaking or fishing, Lake Apopka is ready to welcome you. Its continued recovery is worth celebrating!

For more information visit: www.FOLA.org



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Garden Theatre

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THEATRE SERIES

Godspell

Conceived and Originally Directed by John-Michael Tebelak
Music and New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Originally Produced on the New York Stage by Edgar Lansbury / Stuart Duncan / Joseph Beruh
Director: Joseph C. Walsh

Prepare ye the way of the Lord! In Stephen Schwartz's (*Wicked, Pippin*) lively and enlightening hit musical, Jesus and his followers gather to share parables from the Book of Matthew, celebrating unity, spirituality, and community. With an eclectic rock score including the international hit "Day by Day," *Godspell* is certain to entertain and inspire all who experience its message of acceptance, hope and love.

April 22 – May 23

Matinee and evening performances

ASL-Interpreted Performance:

Thursday, May 6 | 7:30 pm

Sensory-Friendly Performance:

Saturday, May 8 | 2:00 pm

Tickets start at \$35

Discounts for youth, seniors, groups, and military members

gardentheatre.org/plays

MOVIES

The Wizard of Oz (1939, PG)

After a tornado sweeps Dorothy away from her farm in Kansas and drops her in the magical land of Oz, she embarks on a quest to return home. She and her newfound friends journey to the Emerald City to find the man who can help.

April 1

6:30 pm | \$15

EDUCATION

Talent is blooming at the Garden! At every age level, students are encouraged to try something new, develop their theatre skills, and become more confident in everything they do. Classes are tailored to fit the needs of each grade or skill level, and are taught by experienced local theatre professionals.

Friday Night Teen Sketch Comedy

Are you the class clown? Do you like to create silly characters and stories? Don't keep the comedy to yourself! Put that funny bone to work and collaborate with others in Garden Theatre's new sketch comedy class.

Fridays, April 2 – 23

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Grades 7 – 12

Saturday Morning Showstoppers: Sci-Fi Theatre

Live long and prosper in a galaxy far, far away in Garden Theatre's newest Saturday morning class. Discover intergalactic characters, legendary missions, and strange new worlds in a class where imagination has no limit!

Saturdays, April 3 – May 8

9:30 – 11:30 am

Grades 3 – 6

gardentheatre.org/education

COVID-19 Update

To best protect the health of guests, volunteers, performers, and staff, Garden Theatre will implement several safety precautions including but not limited to: physically-distanced seating, online playbills, paperless tickets, wearing face coverings inside the theatre, temperature checks, and no concessions.

gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip/

THERE'S A MAP FOR THAT! *Find Your Way Home: A Cartographic Survey of West Orange County*

The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation is combing through its vast collection of original maps to work on its next exhibit. The exhibit will showcase examples of rare maps from the Foundation's archive, some of which document West Orange County as it was settled in the late 19th century.



Thursdays and Fridays, April – July | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, or by appointment | Winter Garden Heritage Museum, 1 N. Main Street