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APRIL 2022

ARTS IN APRIL COMMUNITY EVENTS

In celebration of World Art Day, the Winter Garden Arts Association will host a series of community events throughout the month of April to explore and create art. All of the events are FREE, except for the Art Night VIP fundraiser.

- Art Exhibits featuring Works from Adults, High School Students, and Children
- Projection Art Show on City Hall
- Spring Fever in the Garden Chalkin' It Up Sidewalk Art Contest
- Kids Art Sessions at the Winter Garden Farmers Market
- Downtown Art Scavenger Hunt
- Art Workshops at SOBO Art Gallery
- Urban Sketchers/En Plein Air Competition
- Live Music on Friday Nights
- Pop-up Art and Cultural Events
- Art Night VIP Immersive Experience – purchase tickets at wgart.org/vip
- and more!

For complete event schedule and more information, visit downtownwg.com/arts-in-april-2022.



Spring Fever in the Garden – April 2 & 3

Spring Fever in the Garden is back! Hosted by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society, in conjunction with the City of Winter Garden, the popular two-day plant, flower, and garden festival is one of Florida's best!

Saturday, April 2 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Sunday, April 3 | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Historic Downtown Winter Garden | Free

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, activities include:

- Chalkin' It Up Sidewalk Art Contest at City Hall
- Live entertainment
- KIDZONE
- Nature-related arts and crafts
- Vendor booths selling thousands of a wide array of flowers and foliage
- and more!

Free shuttle service will be available both festival days from the lot at the corner of Ninth Street and Plant Street.



While attending the event, be sure to visit downtown's new Monarch Butterfly Sculpture Park adjacent to the interactive fountain to meet Flora, the 10-foot copper butterfly sculpture gifted by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society to mark the festival's 20th anniversary partnership with Winter Garden.

All proceeds from Spring Fever in the Garden go toward providing financial support to West Orange County organizations, projects, scholarships, and schools to spread the love of gardening and nature. Since its founding 25 years ago, the Bloom & Grow Garden Society has invested almost \$500,000 back into our community.

National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY – April 30

On Saturday, April 30, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, bring your unused or expired medication for safe disposal to the drop-off site at the Winter Garden Police parking lot, 240 W. Plant Street. The event is part of DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

For questions, call the Community Liaison Unit at 407.656.3636 ext. 5416.



Golf Cart Registration – April 8

The Winter Garden Police Department offers designated days throughout the year for residents to register their golf cart. It is important to have this information on file in case your golf cart is stolen.

Friday, April 8 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Winter Garden Police Department (back parking lot),
251 W. Plant Street
Bring golf cart and proper form of identification for verification.

For questions, contact Officer Gail Michaud at gmichaud@wgpd.com, 407.656.3636 ext. 4405.

Shorten Your Commute and Work Where you Live

The City of Winter Garden is hiring! Explore the opportunities to work in your own backyard and gain precious moments of your day wasted on commuting.

Scan the QR code to see current job listings and the impressive benefit package.



What Are Lift Stations?

After you flush the toilet, wash your hands, take a bath, or rinse your dishes, do you ever wonder where all that water and its contents go? First, pipes carry wastewater from your home to bigger pipes in the middle of the street. From there, the wastewater travels to a lift station, usually in your neighborhood.

The City of Winter Garden has 105 lift stations. A lift station is a pump station that moves wastewater, or sewage, from a lower to higher elevation using a system of underground pipes and maintenance structures. Once the wastewater is lifted, more pipes then transport the wastewater from your home to its final destination: the wastewater treatment plant.

For more information, call 407.877.5193.



Central Florida Railroad Museum Hosts Open House

Visit the Central Florida Railroad Museum during its Spring Open House on April 2 & 3 to enjoy live presentations, special displays, a large-scale model railroad that young engineers can operate, a pop-up gift shop, and more.

Located in an over 100-year-old train depot, the museum boasts multiple galleries of local and nationwide railroad artifacts and memorabilia. Peek inside while attending Spring Fever in the Garden!

Saturday, April 2 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 3 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

101 S. Boyd Street | cfrhs.org | 407.656.0559 | Free Admission

Celebrate Earth Day with a Heritage Trees Walking Tour

Trees are vital to the environment and a great way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 is to take a walking tour of the oldest and grandest trees in your community.

The self-guided Winter Garden Heritage Trees Walking Tour is a two-mile trek around historic downtown Winter Garden that pays tribute to 56 Heritage Trees. Each tree is labeled with its species and a QR code that provides information about the tree and historical information about Winter Garden and its people.

The Bloom & Grow Garden Society, in partnership with the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and the City of Winter Garden, recently created the tour.

A tour map brochure is available at bloomandgrow.club and at the front lobby of Winter Garden City Hall.



SPRING into FUN with PARKS & RECREATION!

Tai Chi, Archery, Yoga, Martial Arts, Tennis, Softball, 50+ Activities, Art Classes, Kickball, Pre-School Activities, Youth Soccer, Aquatics, and more! All programs are held at Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street, unless noted otherwise.

Advance reservations required at enroll.wgplay.com. For details about programs, classes, and sports leagues, visit the "Parks & Recreation" page at cwgd.com. Questions, call 407.656.4155.

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS

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

6-week sessions beginning April 11
5 years and older

Fee varies, check cwgd.com for details
Chapin Station Park, 501 Crown Point Cross Road

BOOT CAMP WITH BRAD

Looking for cardio and strength training exercises that utilize both weights and body weight? Join this bi-weekly boot camp to learn how to develop a more physically healthy body and the mental well-being that comes with exercise.

Mondays and Thursdays | 5:00 – 5:50 pm
16 years and older

\$16 City Residents | \$18 Nonresidents, per class
\$55 City Residents | \$65 Nonresidents, per month (8 classes)

SYSTEMA

This Russian Martial Art focuses on self-defense methods, greater strength and endurance, patience, and working with others. *Winter Garden is the only place in Central Florida to practice this art used by Russian Special Forces!*

Mondays | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
18 years and older

\$15 per class
\$45 City Resident | \$55 Nonresident, per 4-week session

AQUATIC PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

Registration will begin on Wednesday, **April 6**, at 8:00 am, for Aquatic Programs such as swim lessons, classes, league, water polo clinic, and junior lifeguard program. Visit enroll.wgplay.com.

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Heritage Museum Hosts Tilden Family Exhibit

EXHIBITION: TILDEN: The Story of a Family
Now - May 31

The "Tilden" name is preserved indelibly on roadways, a neighborhood, antique citrus crate labels, and a historical legacy stretching back for almost 150 years in West Orange County. An exhibit showcasing photographs and artifacts donated by the pioneer Tilden family traces the heritage of an agricultural dynasty that greatly contributed to the region's growth.

1 N. Main Street | wgfh.org | 407.656.3244
Open Tuesday – Saturday
11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Free Admission

Summer Day Camp Registration Available April 6 – 29

Summer Day Camp offers children an interactive opportunity to participate in games, sports, crafts, swimming, and more with friends, counselors, and a well-trained Winter Garden Parks & Recreation staff!

Camp Dates | May 31 – July 29 | Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Age: Entering 1st through 8th grade
Jessie Brock Community Center, 310 N. Dillard Street

Registration for this popular program starts on April 6 and space is extremely limited. Registration is available online at enroll.wgplay.com, as well as at the Jessie Brock Community Center.

To avoid any registration issues, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 407.656.4155 prior to registration opening to verify your child's information in our system. Payment for the first two weeks is due by the end of registration on April 29 or will result in cancellation of weeks registered.

Registration:
City Residents | April 6 – April 29
Nonresidents | April 13 – April 29
(First two weeks payment due by April 29.)

	City Resident	Nonresident
1st Camper	\$110 per week	\$140 per week
2nd Camper	\$90 per week	\$120 per week
3rd + Campers	\$70 per week	\$100 per week

(Please note there is a \$1.50 online transaction fee per transaction.)



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SOBO Art Gallery

127 S. Boyd Street | wgart.org | 407.347.7996
Tuesday – Saturday | 10:00 am – 6:00 pm | Free Admission

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EXHIBITIONS

SOBO ART GALLERY:

Top Choice Annual Awards Show

The annual juried exhibition features a variety of 2D & 3D works competing for Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Awards.

April 5– May 28

Opening Reception | April 7, 5:30-8:00 pm | Public Welcome

Children's Glow in the Dark Art

Dive into a whimsical, glow-in-the-dark adventure under the sea.

April 5 – May 28

CITY HALL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES GALLERY:

High School Top Choice Annual Awards Show

A selection of high school students' 2D & 3D

works from SOBO Art Gallery's Top Choice Annual Awards Show.

April 1 – 30

Monday – Friday | 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 30 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

CALL TO ARTISTS

Send online submissions the FIRST through the EIGHTH of the month prior to an exhibition, wgart.org/artists/call-to-artists.

May 1-8 | Submit 2D & 3D artwork featuring portraits and other plays on the theme "About Face." Creative interpretations of the theme are always appreciated.

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Details and registration, wgart.org/adults.

Expressive Floral & Still Life Painting in Oils | April 9-11 | Fee required

Three-day workshop of demonstrations, discussion, and plenty of one-on-one instruction to learn how to make your paintings sing with light, color, depth, and movement in this all-from-life class.

Artist Night Studio: Life Drawing

Model is available to draw every session.

Wednesdays | 6:30 – 9:00 pm

18 years and older only

\$10 members / \$15 non-members

Open Artist Studio

Come in and create your art surrounded by other local artists.

Tuesdays | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm | Open to all | Free

Technique Tuesdays @ 2PM

A different instructor & technique every week.

Tuesdays | 2:00 -4:00 pm (during Open Artist Studio)

Open to all | Free to members & 1st time visitors

Schedule and details, wgart.org/tuesdays.

ART FOR KIDS

Details and registration, wgart.org/kids.

Wednesday Art Clubs

2nd grade - 5th grade | 2:45- 3:45 pm

Middle & High School | 4:00-5:00 PM

\$15 each session, includes all materials



Garden Theatre

160 W. Plant Street | gardentheatre.org | 407.877.4736

LIVE THEATRE | gardentheatre.org/plays

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

April 22 - May 22, 2022

Matinee and Evening Performances

ASL-Interpreted Performance, May 5

Sensory-Friendly Performance, May 14

Tickets start at \$25. | Discounts available for youth, seniors, groups, and military members.

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book by Linda Woolverton

Directed by Roberta Emerson

There's been a change in me, a kind of moving on, though what I used to be I still depend upon.

Trapped in her provincial life, an intelligent young woman risks everything to save her

father from a terrifying Beast in an enchanted castle. Belle becomes the heroine of her own story as she discovers the power in daring to be different and breaks free from the expectations of her quiet village. Filled with dancing teapots, gorgeous costumes, and theatre magic, this international best-selling sensation will be reimagined like never before for the Garden stage.

EDUCATION | gardentheatre.org/classes

Registration is now open for 2022 Summer Camps! Students are encouraged to try something new, develop their theatre skills, and become more confident in everything they do.

Production Summer Camps

Perform on the Garden stage! Production Camps are directed by theatre professionals

and feature sets, costumes, lighting, and sound. Audition not required.

Beauty and the Beast Jr.

May 31 - June 17 | Grades 3 - 9 | Performances June 17 - 18

Be More Chill Teen

July 18 - August 5 | Grades 7 - 12 | Performances

August 5 - 7

Design and Tech Team Camp

Students will learn the elements of theatrical design (costumes/ lights/props) and take on backstage roles during the rehearsal and performances.

Beauty and the Beast Jr.

June 6 - 17 | Grades 3 - 9 | Performances June 17 - 18

For health and safety information, visit gardentheatre.org/plan-your-trip.