

# Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary

## SPRING CLASSES



### Watercolors—Painting Nature

Led by Sandy Muzzy

#### Session 1

Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm

May 6, 13, 20, and 27

#### Session 2

Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm

June 10, 17, 24, and July 1

Cost per session: \$85 or \$150 for both sessions

Learn the art of watercolor painting in a natural setting. Sign up for one or for both sessions. Beginners and more experienced painters are encouraged to register. Materials for use at the Garden will be provided.

**Session 1:** Experiment with watercolor techniques and learn about the basics of working with color values and texture.

**Session 2:** Delve into learning more about color theory and composition. In addition, work with pen and ink will be incorporated.

### Medicinal Plants of the Garden

Led by Cynthia Thomas

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

April 26 - Early Woodland Medicines

May 10 - Introduction to Wild Medicines

May 24 - Spring Edible and Medicinal Plants

Cost: \$15 per class

Learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food and specifically the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Find out which plants are traditionally eaten in the spring for their health benefits. Discover how to identify and use several favorite medicinal plants species.

The Wildflower Garden is a sanctuary for native plants. Harvesting plant material from the Garden is strictly prohibited.

### Gardening with Wildflowers

Led by Shirley Mah Kooyman

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

May 4, 11, and 18

Cost: \$60

Wildflowers are valued as reliable and beautiful plants to use in formal and informal gardens. Join us for a foray into the art and science of gardening with wildflowers. Learn more about easy-to-grow wildflower species while being shown the basics of garden design and simple plant propagation techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to propagate and take home wildflowers from the teacher's garden.

### Plant Families and Scientific Names

Led by Shirley Mah Kooyman

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

June 1 and 8

Cost: \$30

Learning more about the basics behind scientific plant names and family groupings can help uncover a world of meaning and enrichment. This class will start you on your journey of getting to know common plant families of the Midwest through field-explorations in the Garden. Class time will also be spent learning about the meanings behind many Greek and Latin words used for scientific names.

# Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden

Founded in 1907 as a preserve for native plants, the Wildflower Garden now encompasses 15 acres of forest, wetland and upland oak savanna. The oldest public wildflower garden in the country; it is home to more than 500 plant species and provides habitat for more than 140 resident and migratory bird species. The great diversity of Minnesota flora and fauna represented at the Garden provides endless opportunities to study and enjoy the beauty of our natural heritage all season long.

## CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration and pre-payment are required. Register in the following ways:

- Online at [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org) (credit card payment)
- In person at the Visitors Shelter in the Wildflower Garden (checks only)  
Make checks payable to Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden
- Mail in class request and payment (checks only) to  
Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, 3800 Bryant Avenue S, Mpls, MN 55409

**Summer classes at the Garden—watch for details coming soon.**

- Writing the Natural World (Poetry)
- The Power of Observation (Visual Arts)
- Writing the Animal (Poetry)
- Medicinal Plants of Summer
- Wildflower Photography  
and more!

### Garden Location

1 Theodore Wirth Parkway

The entrance to the Garden is on Theodore Wirth Parkway, south of Glenwood Ave.

### Garden Hours

The Garden is open daily, April 1–October 15, 7:30am to 1/2 hour before sunset

### Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours

Mon–Sat: 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

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