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**MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM FILLS SPRING
WITH THESE GREAT GARDENING PROGRAMS**



MIDDLETOWN – Spring is almost here and there’s no better place to greet it than Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown. Along with its 54 acres of gardens and greenhouse for visitors to explore, Deep Cut Gardens also offers an array of horticultural programs. Here’s what is planned:

Garden Together - Early Spring

Saturday, March 14-May 9 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Spend time with your little one age 3-5 as you start seeds, force branches to bloom, go on nature walks, and more. The cost is \$55 per parent/child pair; pre-registration required.

Flower Design for Kids

Sunday, March 15 from 1-2 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 from 10-11 a.m.

Create your own simple floral design during this hands-on program. All supplies included. Open to children age 5 and up. The cost is \$9.50 per child per session; pre-registration required.

The Young Gardener Apprentice

Saturdays, March 21-May 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Children age 8-12 will love this hands-on gardening experience as they plan, plant and tend the Deep Cut Children's Gardens. After the eight-week apprenticeship with staff and volunteers, the young gardeners will continue to tend their garden through the summer. In July, they may enter their produce and flowers at the Monmouth County Fair. The cost is \$97 per child; pre-registration required.

Intro to Miniature Gardens

Sunday, March 22 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discover the captivating world of small-scale gardens. Gardening in miniature is a fascinating hobby that frees your full-sized imagination and lets you find a home for your biggest design ideas. All projects are step-by-step from start to finish. The cost is \$20 per person; pre-registration required.

Flower Mandala

Sunday, March 29 from 1-2 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxing walk through the gardens for inspiration before making a traditional Buddhist mandala using flowers and plant parts. These colorful mandalas are a deeply spiritual and impermanent art form. The cost is \$9.50 per person; pre-registration required.

Catnip, Cat Gardens and Greens

Sunday, April 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Make your cat happy by planting a cat garden. We'll provide the catnip and show you how. The cost is \$7.50 per person; pre-registration required.

For more information or to register, please visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call the Park System at 732-842-4000, ext. 1. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD

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