EXPERIENCE THE SANCTUARIES: SUMMER 2023

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Selby Gardens offers a wide selection of special events, classes, programs, and lectures at both our Downtown Sarasota and Historic Spanish Point campuses. Please note that all information listed below is subject to change. Please refer to selby.org for the most up-to-date information when you go to register or purchase tickets.

We look forward to having you join us at Selby Gardens!

EXHIBITIONS

Tiffany: The Pursuit of Beauty in Nature
Through June 25
Selby Gardens’ 2023 Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition showcases the creativity and innovation of American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933). The first exhibition of its type to be presented in a botanical garden, this immersive show highlights the inspiring connection between the art of Tiffany Studios and the natural world through unique horticultural displays in the Tropical Conservatory and the Gardens, accompanied by seminal examples of Tiffany’s work on view in the Museum of Botany & the Arts.

John Pirman: Diving into Nature
July 22 to September 17
Dive into nature this summer at Selby Gardens with the iconic art of designer and illustrator John Pirman, who has called Sarasota home since 2008. Pirman’s widely celebrated artwork will be featured in the galleries of the Museum of Botany & the Arts and the outdoor Gardens at the Downtown Sarasota campus.

Seeing the Invisible: An Augmented Reality Contemporary Art Exhibition
Through September 2023
The most ambitious and expansive exhibition to date of contemporary artworks created with augmented reality (AR) technology continues at our Historic Spanish Point campus through September 2023. Seeing the Invisible features works by more than a dozen international artists such as Ai Weiwei and El Anatsui—including several artists’ first work in AR. Visitors engage with Seeing the Invisible via an app designed for the exhibition and downloadable to smartphones and tablets. This innovative show is on view simultaneously at several other gardens and museums in different countries, fostering collaboration between institutions, artists, and audiences and highlighting the power of art to connect people around the world.
Fourth of July All American Cookout
July 4, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Fourth of July at our beautiful Downtown Sarasota campus. Savor All-American favorites from the Michael's on East Grill (available for purchase), take part in a variety of family-friendly activities and games, and enjoy the fireworks show over Sarasota Bay! All-inclusive passes provide on-site valet parking, buffet dinner and open bar; access to the air-conditioned Event Center; and prime viewing of the fireworks show.

All-American Cookout - Members: $25/Non-members: $35/Children 5-17: $10 / 4 and under: Free
All-Inclusive - Adults $200 / Children 5-17: $50 / 4 and under: Free

NOTE: Ticketed events require registration at selby.org

TOURS

Guided group tours and self-guided tours are available at our Downtown Sarasota and Historic Spanish Point campuses. Group Tours provide an immersive experience and may highlight art installations, botanical research, history, and behind-the-scenes explorations. Please visit selby.org for details.

Savage Science: Carnivorous Plant Tour - NEW!
Date and time flexible, with advanced registration required
Take a terrifying tour of Selby Gardens' Savage Garden! In this new program, learn about different species of carnivorous plants, the shocking science behind their abominable appetite, and take part in your very own feeding frenzy. During each tour, you will be able to feed the plants in a live, hands-on demonstration, and experience the gruesome reason they are called carnivorous! As a bonus, at the end of each tour, guests will bring a carnivorous plant home with them. Designed for families and audiences of all ages.

Tour Fee: Members $40/Non-members $45 (general admission is included in the tour ticket)
Tour Size: 10 people maximum

Magic Boat Tour
Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 29, 23, 26, 31
June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour of Little Sarasota Bay on Magic, a replica of the Webb family's pioneer-era boat. The tour includes a lunch to enjoy before or after the boat trip.

Tour Fee: Members $60/Non-members $45
Tour Size: 6 people maximum per tour

Set Sail with Selby Gardens
Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 10, 24
July 15, 29
August 12, 26

“Set Sail with Selby Gardens” for a campus-to-campus boat-tour experience. Receive educational, interpretive narration of the native nature and regional history as you travel on a roundtrip boat tour along the Intracoastal Waterway between Selby Gardens’ two bayfront campuses. Enjoy full access to the Historic Spanish Point and Downtown Sarasota campuses and lunch.

Tour Fee: Members $125/Non-members $140
Tour Size: 30 people maximum

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Selby Gardens offers an array of hands-on classes at both campuses designed to foster a deeper connection to nature and our bayfront sanctuaries. Classes focus on horticulture, art, photography, and health and wellness. Please visit selby.org for updates and to register.

CLASS REGISTRATION POLICIES:
• Advanced registration is required and tuition is due with registration.
• Students may pay online or by credit card or check at our Welcome Centers.
• Each class listing includes an online registration link. You may also register in person at the Welcome Centers located at either campus.
• Class sizes are limited; therefore, we recommend that students register early.
• All fees for materials are included in the class tuition, unless otherwise specified. Material lists will be available where applicable.
• Registration fees are not prorated. If you do not attend any portion of the class, your registration fee is forfeited.
• There are no make-up classes for students who miss a regular class session.
• If Selby Gardens cancels a class, students will receive a refund.
• Participant cancellations made less than 72 hours prior to class are not entitled to a refund or class credit.
• For questions about classes, contact Ross Johnston, Manager of Visitor Engagement, at 941.366.5731 ext. 243 or rjohnston@selby.org

ART CLASSES

Intro to Painting in Nature – Plein Air Watercolor Class

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
June 14, July 12, August 9

In the style of the French Impressionists, this open-air course will focus on the techniques of watercolor painting in nature. Students will learn how to capture environmental perspectives in art, ranging from landscapes to botanical portrait painting.

Class Fee: Members $79/Non-members $84
Class Size: 10 students
Instructor: Bianca Clyburn

A Sizzling Summer! Intro to Glassblowing & Flameworking - Hosted by Little Wolf Glass

July 21, 22
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (in 30-minute sessions throughout the day)

Experience the excitement of glassblowing in this special hands-on flameworking program. This workshop will teach the process of melting and molding glass into a beautiful molten masterpiece. Under the supervision of a master glass artist, all participants will be assigned their own glassblowing station and learn to use specialized torches and tools to shape glass into a one-of-a-kind glass pendant that can be brought home!

Class Fee: Members $88/Non-members $98
Class Size: 4 students per time slot
Instructor: Matt Szidik, Little Wolf Glass

HEALTH & DISCOVERY

Yoga in the Gardens

Wednesdays & Saturdays through May
Wednesdays June - August, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
May 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Treat yourself to a peaceful mind/body yoga experience in the garden. This class will focus on alignment, breathing techniques, and relaxation. Open to all ages/skill levels.

Class Fee: Members $10/Non-members $20
Class Size: 40 Students
Instructor: Jessica LaFalce
PARTNERSHIPS

Investments made to Selby Gardens by community partners help us accomplish our mission to provide bayfront sanctuaries connecting people with air plants of the world, native nature, and our regional history.

To become involved, or for more information, contact development@selby.org.

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