

Fall Exhibit & Display— **Apples Peas & Pumpkin Pie** *Where On Earth Does Our Food Come From?*

What do potatoes, carrots, and onions have in common? Where do we get chocolate and bananas? How do you grind wheat to make spaghetti? And can you really play with your food?

Get the answers to all these questions and more in an interactive fall exhibit and display at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Exhibit features activity stations such as seeds, roots, and fruits, where children can grind their own flour and learn about nuts and edible fruits and vegetables; apple tasting; create-a-menu activities; and a mum, pumpkin, and gourd display.

Exhibit runs through Nov. 29. Cost: Adults \$5; children 5-18 \$2; under 5 free. Admission includes the above drop-in activities in the Conservatory during the exhibit. Wednesdays: free Conservatory admission noon–8 pm.

During the exhibit, bring the kids in for **fall and Halloween programs and events below**. Register and pay for the activities and get into the exhibit free!

WHAT: Interactive, fun, and educational fall exhibit in the Conservatory at Matthaei Botanical Gardens featuring displays and food-related activities for kids and families

WHERE: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; 734.647.7600

WHEN: Sat., Oct. 24–Sun., Nov. 29. Tues. 10 am–4:30; Thurs.–Sun., 10 am–4:30 pm; Wed., 10–8 pm; Wednesdays free admission to the Conservatory noon–8 pm

Build Your Own Scarecrow: Fall Exhibit Opening Event

Sat., Oct. 24, 10 am–noon

Bring your used children's clothes, hats, and other materials you'd like and make your own kid-sized scarecrow. We'll provide the straw and other necessary materials you need to put the scarecrow together. Take your "kidcrow" home or enter it in our Scarecrow Contest the following Saturday. Ages 6–10. Registration required. Materials fee \$5 per participant.

Halloween Spooktacular Workshop

Sat., Oct. 31, 10 am–noon

Decorate a jack-o'-lantern and cut-out bats, learn how to make your own delicious pumpkin-seed treats, and vote for your favorite scarecrow. Plus, learn what kids in other countries use to make jack-o'-lanterns. What local veggies from Michigan could we decorate? Ages 6–12. Registration required. Materials fee \$5 per participant.

What Do We Do With All These Apples?

Sat., Nov. 14, 10 am–noon

There's more than one way to eat an apple—and there's more to apples than Red Delicious! Taste apples that are different from any you've ever had before, and learn what apples were like when your grandma was a kid. Make a garland of dried apples and cranberries to hang in your yard for the birds this winter. Ages 6–12. Registration required. Materials fee \$5 per participant.

Kids Are Chefs, Too! Thanksgiving Harvest

Sat., Nov. 21, 10 am–noon

Create a beautiful Thanksgiving-table bouquet from dried flowers and seeds, and find out why seeds aren't just for the birds. Whip up your own special fruit sauces from local fruits. Grind Michigan wheat or corn and learn to make rolls for dinner. Make and take home your own recipe book using locally grown fruits and vegetables. Ages 6–12. Registration required. Materials fee \$5 per participant.

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Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) is 720 combined acres of gardens, trails, woods, and prairie. Hosting events, programs, classes, and activities, MBGNA facilities are open nearly every day of the year for visitors, with all outdoor trails and lands free and open year-round sunrise to sunset. The Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road. The Arboretum is located at 1610 Washington Heights. MBGNA is owned by the University of Michigan. Its mission is to promote environmental enjoyment, stewardship, and sustainability through education, research, and interaction with the natural world. For more information, call 734.647.7600 or visit www.mbgna.umich.edu.