SPRING SENSORY EVENT HAPPENINGS
Monday, March 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
We are thrilled you will be joining us for our sensory friendly event! When you arrive, purchase tickets at the Hardin Visitor Center and proceed into the Visitor Center. Inside you can visit our welcome table for event information and plant a seed in a wet peat pellet to take home.
Spring is a beautiful time to visit the Atlanta Botanical Garden. You’ll see lots of spring flowers in bloom and depending on the weather, you may see lots of birds, squirrels and even bullfrogs in our ponds. There will be fountains with running water and lots of nature sounds.
Visit the art station on the Rose Garden Lawn to create your very own spring picture.
Visit the playdough station stocked with natural materials and playdough tools on the Great Lawn under the Elm Trees.
Various bouncy toys will be on the Great Lawn to enjoy!
CRITTER STATION

Come by the Mershon Hall Children’s Classroom to meet some of our in house critters. You may meet a frog, bug or salamander!
In the Edible Garden, visit our taste test table to sample spring vegetables like kale, cabbage and beet greens.
In the Children’s Garden we will set out a sensory bin with dirt, root vegetables and shovels and another bin with lavender scented rice and natural scoops a bowls.
LOU GLENN CHILDREN’S GARDEN

The interactive Children’s Garden has a water painting wall, a bouncy rope or clatter bridge, mosaic snake walkway, a balsa wood building area and a tree house slide and play area.
The Fuqua Conservatory is a garden under glass. Inside the lobby are tanks of frogs from tropical regions. The hallway leading to the Desert House is the Orangerie where you can find economically important plants like chocolate, cinnamon, oranges and vanilla. At the end of the hallway is a small room with different kinds of carnivorous (meat eating) Nepenthes Pitcher Plants. There are misters in this room that periodically go off to keep the room moist.
The Tropical Rotunda is a warm, moist room with misters periodically making noise and spraying water to keep the plants wet. You may also hear poison dart frogs calling. The tiny frogs are no longer toxic and mostly stay hidden in the plants.
The Desert House features succulents from Africa and Madagascar. Many of the plants are spiky and should not be touched. The air in this room is much drier than the Tropical Rotunda. You may also see two resident radiated tortoises in the Desert House.
The Fuqua Orchid Center is the spot to see beautiful flowers and orchids! Depending on the weather outside, you may hear the widows in the roof opening or closing and may hear and feel the misters spraying water to keep the room moist. The 2020 *Orchid Daze* show contains water features with falling water. Take some time to smell some of these orchids. Their smells are unique and wonderful!
The Canopy Walk is a walkway through the treetops. It starts at level ground and then stays high as the ground below it dips. At its highest point the walkway is 40 feet high, then it gradually wraps back down to the ground.
There will be four take a break spaces throughout the Garden. Volunteers can help you find them or follow the signs. Each space will have a table with books, markers, white paper and model magic. The take a break space in the Trustees Garden by the Children’s Garden is near a road and will have street noises.
Volunteers and staff are on hand to help you and your family. We are at the discovery stations and walking throughout the Garden. Please feel welcome to say hello or ask questions!