

## APRIL

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### 25<sup>th</sup> **Earth Day Ladybug Parade (noon–4pm)**

A day of ladybug oriented crafts, stories and explorations leading up to the to day giant (70,000+) ladybug release for Earth Day Weekend. A focus is placed heavily on beneficial insects, active pest management and shared immersive positive insect experiences for kids and parents. Children will craft ladybug wings and musical instruments from recycled materials, learn about solar cooking, beneficial insects and composting, see amazing ecology based circus performance, leading to a parade of children in their ladybug wings playing their hand made instruments all culminating in the giant ladybug release!

### 26th **Learning Garden (10am–noon)**

## MAY

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### **Community Growing (Tuesdays, 11:30am–3pm)**

School groups are invited to help in the garden and learning about the 4R's, Backyard Biology, Beneficial Insects and the Food Cycle. (Please contact us in advance.)

### **Flower Life (Sundays, 8am–noon, with general learning garden)**

### 30 **Mad Hatters Tea Party (noon–4pm)**

A celebration of the ending of spring and the coming of summer, The Mad Hatters Tea Party will consist of games and activities throughout the day, with Wonderland themed craft projects and wishing tree wishes, capped off by a tea party accompanied with performance by the Wonderland musical circus group doing selected scenes from the Alice stories

### 31 **BugEyes!**

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## June

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### 27 **Butterfly Festival (noon–4pm)**

Featuring the beautiful Painted Lady butterflies we have been raising since the beginning of May, the Butterfly Festival will include a giant butterfly pavilion people can stand in with the butterflies, lessons on butterfly habitat and lifecycle, the crafting of butterfly wings to wear and butterfly garden seed balls people can plant at home, sampling of the butterfly diet, the official dedication of Yerba Buena Gardens as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation, and the release of more than a 100 hand raised Painted Lady Butterflies in front of our learning Garden.