

Destination Asia Festival

Saturday, August 3, through Sunday, August 4, 2024



Conservation Across the Globe

The Destination Asia Festival celebrates the cultures of Asia, where many trees and plants at The Morton Arboretum originated. From its founding in 1922, The Arboretum's collection has included Asian plants. Since the early 1990s, Kris Bachtell, vice president of collections and facilities, and colleagues have traveled to China and other Asian countries frequently, collecting specimens of paperbark maple and other plants. The Arboretum collects plants, including endangered trees, from the wild for study and conservation. Research teams then add these plants to the Arboretum collection and preserve the species for the study and enjoyment of tree champions in future generations. The Arboretum's scientists and arborists also work with colleagues in countries such as Myanmar, China, and Taiwan to support research and encourage policies that improve the conservation and management of forests and trees in the face of rapid changes in these countries' economy, ecology, and culture. The Destination Asia Festival celebrates Asian cultures and plants as the Arboretum champions trees in Illinois and around the globe.



General Information

Saturday and Sunday Festival Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS

Visitor Center: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ginkgo Restaurant: Daily, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ginkgo Café: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Children's Garden: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arboretum Store: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sterling Morton Library: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Plant Clinic: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For general Arboretum and membership information, please stop inside the Visitor Center at the Information and Membership desks. For festival information, visit the festival information tent (location 5 on map).

WHILE YOU ARE HERE

Of the Earth

Five large-scale sculptures by Polish American artist Olga Ziemska have been created exclusively for a new exhibition, *Of the Earth*, at The Morton Arboretum. The artist's work was created from reclaimed and pruned tree branches and other natural materials gathered throughout the Arboretum's 1,700 acres. "I am giving reclaimed natural materials a new life and transforming them from nature into new forms," Ziemska said.

Learn more at mortonarb.org/oftheearth.

Tram Tours

Enjoy a tram tour on the Acorn Express. A one-hour narrated tour will take you through the Arboretum's woodlands, wetlands, and prairies. Purchase tickets in advance at the Information Desk in the Visitor Center lobby.



Saturday, August 3

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Prairie State Bonsai Society	Location 4
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Chinese Yo-Yo Performance	Location 1
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Japanese Shinken Swordmanship Demonstration, Trevis Cane	Location 2
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Pungmul Drumming, Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago	Location 1
	Japanese Ensemble Music, Chicago Koto Group	Location 3
	Prairie State Bonsai Society Demonstration	Location 4
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Midwest Cricket League, Tom Melville	Location 7
	Chinese Yo-Yo Interactive Booth	Location 6
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Tsukasa Taiko Drumming with Shubukai Dance, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Baul/Qawali Folk Songs, AqilBrothers	Location 1
	Kerry Leung	Location 3
	Herbarium Tour (Sign up for a tour at the information tent; availability is limited.)	Location 5
	Ikebana Floral Demonstration	Location 6
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Japanese Archery, Fuko Kyudojo	Location 7
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	USA Sumo	Location 2
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Philippines Folk Dances, Philippine American Cultural Foundation Performing Arts and BIBBAK IL	Location 1
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Kung Fu Performance, Illinois Shaolin Kung Fu School	Location 2
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	J-Pop and Anime Music Performance, ORiHANA	Location 1
	Thai Dance Performance, Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago	Location 3
	Herbarium Tour (Sign up for a tour at the information tent; availability is limited.)	Location 5
	Ikebana Floral Demonstration	Location 6
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Tsukasa Taiko Drumming with Shubukai Dance, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Cambodian Traditional Music Ensemble	Location 1
	Folk Dancing and Mandala Arts, Mandala South Asia Performing Arts	Location 3
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	USA Sumo	Location 2
	Prairie State Bonsai Society Demonstration	Location 4
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Indian Dance, Acharya Performing Arts Academy	Location 1
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Seven Star Lion Dance Group	Location 2

Sunday, August 4

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Prairie State Bonsai Society	Location 4
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Chinese Yo-Yo Performance	Location 1
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Seven Star Lion Dance Group	Location 2
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Hindustani Rasik Mandal	Location 1
	Indian Pop Music, Chicago Indian Music and Dance Association	Location 3
	Japanese Shinken Swordmanship Demonstration, Trevis Cane	Location 7
	Prairie State Bonsai Society Demonstration	Location 4
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Midwest Cricket League, Tom Melville	Location 7
	Chinese Yo-Yo Interactive Booth	Location 6
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Tsukasa Taiko Drumming with Shubukai Dance, Asian Improv aRts Midwest	Location 2
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Indian Musical Performance, RAMETI	Location 1
	Kerry Leung	Location 3
	Herbarium Tour (Sign up for a tour at the information tent; availability is limited.)	Location 5
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12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	J-Pop and Anime Music Performance, ORI HANA	Location 1
	Indian Musical Performance, Akshaya Music Academy	Location 3
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Storytelling, Anne Shimojima	Location 6
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Indonesian Gamelan Music, Friends of the Gamelan: Javanese Ensemble	Location 1
	Indian Dance, Acharya Performing Arts Academy	Location 3
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	USA Sumo	Location 2
	Prairie State Bonsai Society Demonstration	Location 4
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Traditional Bali Music and Dance Performance, Friends of the Gamelan: Balinese Ensemble	Location 1
	Indian Classical Dance, Kalakriti School of Dance	Location 3
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Indian Dance, Acharya Performing Arts Academy	Location 2

Reasons to Return

Arbor Evenings

Wednesdays through August 21

Unwind with family and friends on Wednesday evenings at The Morton Arboretum this summer. Mingle as you enjoy live music while surrounded by beautiful trees on the picturesque Frost Hill.

Dog Admission Days

August 11, September 8, November 3, and December 8

Bring your dog when you visit the Arboretum on this year.

Wine and Art Walk

Saturday, August 17, and Sunday, August 18

Sip wine and shop for nature-themed art as you stroll around Meadow Lake.

Celebración de los Árboles

Saturday, September 28, and Sunday, September 29

Experience the diverse cultures of Latin America through music, dance, and food in the beautiful natural settings of The Morton Arboretum.

Fall Color 5K Run and Walk

Saturday, October 26

Spend a magical fall morning running or walking through a scenic course with trees in brilliant autumnal colors, and kick off the Fall Color Festival. You'll experience a unique course with rolling terrain along the Arboretum's East Side, perfect for participants of all levels. A virtual 5K option is also available.

For more information, visit mortonarb.org/events.

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