



Oak Park Conservatory

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Visit the Conservatory Today!

The Conservatory is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Groups of 10 or more can arrange for a guided tour of the conservatory by calling (708) 725-2450 at least two weeks in advance.

Plant Clinic

Come in to our plant clinic on Mondays from 2pm to 4 pm. We can help with your gardening questions, plant identification or disease diagnostics. We also offer a potting service. Please call ahead. Donations are accepted for this service.

Party and Meeting Venue

Make your next celebration the envy of all. The Oak Park Conservatory is the ideal location for small weddings, parties, meetings and family celebrations. We can accommodate 60 to 80 people in the Conservatory Center and your guests will enjoy the unique ambience of our tropical, fern and desert rooms. Call Henrietta Yardley at (708) 725-2450 for more details.

Oak Park Conservatory Photography Policy

Professional photographers are welcome to use the Oak Park Conservatory facility for photo shoots once the proper permit application has been completed. To acquire a permit application, call the Oak Park Conservatory at (708) 386-4700. Tripods are not allowed when the Conservatory is open to the public.

Artists Display Botanical Art

Each month, the conservatory will host a new artist displaying their botanical art in our main entryway. August will feature Trudy Kilman, September presents Sherry Gogo-Madsen, October is a duo of Rae Penzin and Gene Norlock and November will feature Ann Evans.

Special Events

FREE FOPCON Plant Exchange

Sa, Sep 12

FOPCON's annual Fall Perennial and Houseplant Exchange will take place on Saturday, September 12 at the Conservatory. From 9:30 to 11:30am, anyone can drop off divided perennial plants at the alley gate south of the conservatory. Exchangers will receive a coupon for each potted donation. Please label your plants with its common name and color and include its botanical name if possible. At 12:00 noon, the gates will reopen and shoppers will be able to redeem their coupons for new additions to their gardens from Noon to 12:30pm. This is a great way to share the bounty of your garden with others while discovering new plants for your own yard. Remind your friends and relatives about this fun activity. If you have an organization that would be interested in any of our leftovers, please have them come at 12:30pm for plants for their school, church or community gardens. The more the merrier!

FREE Winter Holiday Craft Faire & Open House

Su, Dec 6 from Noon-4pm

Seasonal floral displays, Santa Claus, and an expanded craft faire at the Oak Park Conservatory. Forced Paper White Narcissus, poinsettias and door swags will be on sale.

FREE Carnivorous Plants

Sa, Nov 28 from 10am - Noon

What are they and how do they live? Do they really do that? You are invited to this rare opportunity to hear Oak Parker, Peter Crane, former Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England, speak about insectivorous plants that survive on animal protein. Peter is the current Dean of the School of Forestry and the Environment at Yale University and has graciously agreed to lecture on this astounding topic. Come hear for yourself what they can do! RSVP: 708-725-2450

Janet Macunovich, Author and Lecturer

Sa, Sep 19 from 10am-Noon

The Oak Park Conservatory is pleased to announce a presentation by nationally known author, lecturer and gardening specialist, Janet Macunovich. Janet has authored nine books on design and gardening in the Midwest and is known for her no-nonsense approach to gardening chores. She will cover topics such as gardening in clay soil, successful perennial gardening and preparing your garden for winter. RSVP to 725-2450 or henriettay@oakparkparks.com providing name, address and phone number. This free event is underwritten by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory.

Show Us Your Green Thumb !

Volunteers Needed

Help the Conservatory staff beautify over 80 park sites throughout the community this summer. Volunteers are encouraged to contribute 3 hours per week, from 9 am -noon, or from 1-4pm, Monday through Friday. Interested gardeners will learn many new skills and be involved in the growing of a wide range of fall, winter and spring display crops. There are jobs for all skill levels. For more information, please call Deborah Cullen, volunteer coordinator, at (708) 725-2460.

Conservatory Docents/Guides Needed

Put a spring in your step and learn to interpret the unique habitats of the Desert, Tropical and Fern Rooms at the Conservatory. Become a Docent for children and adults! Weekday and weekend volunteers are needed. Plant enthusiasts are encouraged to apply! For information on upcoming trainings, contact Deborah Cullen at (708) 725-2460.

**For Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory (FOPCON)
call Jacquelyn Paine at 725-2460.**