

# Get Your Green Thumb at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale

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No doubt you've survived yet another dreadful winter by daydreaming about your 2018 garden. Soon it will be time to shop for plants at the Overland Park Arboretum plant sale, held each year on the first weekend in May.

The sale is open to the public under a big-top tent, rain or shine, on Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and—new this year—on Sunday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be limited quantities of some of the more unusual plants, and Friends of the Arboretum members will have first dibs from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

“Shoppers enjoy supporting this important Arboretum fundraiser while purchasing plants they might have difficulty finding elsewhere,” said Pat Blanchat, plant sale chair. “Gardeners instinctively want to share what they know and love about our natural environment, and that’s one thing that makes our sale special—knowledgeable folks are always on hand to ‘talk plants’ and happily assist shoppers.”

The 20th annual sale will feature butterfly host and pollinator plants; colorful annuals, hanging baskets and planters; native plants and unusual small shrubs and trees. There will also be a wide selection of perennials for shade and sun, including varieties featured in Arboretum gardens; great herbs, veggie transplants, and small fruits for cooks. All are locally grown plants that have proven their suitability for our climate. “We’ll have many of the most interesting new varieties this year,” noted Anne Wildeboor, Arboretum horticulturist. “This is your chance to support the Arboretum while adding some unique appeal to your 2018 garden.”

Proceeds go toward expansion of the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. “The timing is perfect to shop for Mother’s Day,” added Karen Kerkhoff, Arboretum Supervisor. “It’s also a good opportunity for you to introduce a fellow nature-lover to the Arboretum and learn about the exciting things happening here.”

Located a half mile west of Hwy. 69 at 179th and Antioch, the Arboretum is a year round retreat and inspiration for everyone who enjoys the outdoors. For more information visit the FOTA website at [www.opabg.org](http://www.opabg.org) or call 913-685-3604.

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