

## 2023 Community Partner Fall Events

### Durham Museum

#### **Julia Child: A Recipe for Life Exhibit**

*October 7 – February 11, All Day*

#### **Trailblazer. Innovator. Legendary Icon.**

The Durham Museum is serving up a one-of-a-kind interactive exhibition that explores the key ingredients in Julia Child's personal journey, through a series of immersive experiences. Julia's insatiable curiosity and tenacious spirit drove her to endlessly try, test and teach how to make delicious food. Learning to cook empowered Julia, and she empowered others, profoundly transforming American cuisine and food culture in the process.

#### **Cream of the Crop: Omaha Pioneers of the Food Science**

*October 7 – February 11, All Day*

After publishing her book *From Julia Child's Kitchen*, Julia Child was described "as genuine and earthy as the plains of Nebraska" by reviewer Stephen Schmidt. Nebraska also had its own pioneers of the culinary world who worked to inspire other food fans with simple and enjoyable recipes. North Omaha cateress Helen Mahammitt provided her services for high-profile events and began a cooking school to empower other Black women with skills and confidence as caterers. Just as Mahammitt worked diligently behind the scenes and teaching in the classroom, Martha Bohlsen (pictured) did so through live television. Among the many programs first broadcast on television in Omaha, Bohlsen's focused on meals anyone could prepare at home. Both women's passion for food and sharing their knowledge worked to mold Omaha's future chefs.

#### **River City History Tour: Omaha's Park and Boulevards**

*October 8, 1-3pm*

Did you know that Omaha developed a beautiful parks and boulevard system beginning in the late 1800s? In fact, much of this system remains today linking popular parks like Elmwood and Hanscom with gorgeous tree-lined streets such as Happy Hollow and Lincoln Boulevard. The "Parks and Boulevards" tour will take you along the beautiful path these developers laid out so many years ago. Members: \$30; Non-members: \$35. [Registration required.](#)

#### **Julia & Julia Film Screening at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater**

*October 10, 6-8pm*

Let's go to the movies! The Durham Museum is partnering with Film Streams to host a screening of the hit 2009 film *Julie & Julia* on October 10. Event will include a pre-screening chat with The Durham Museum staff about some of the important local figures in Omaha's culinary history, as featured in our local focus exhibition, *Cream of the Crop*, alongside *Julia Child: A Recipe for Life*. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

## **Durham Museum cont..**

### **The Joy of Julia Speaker Series: Joy Bites: A Culinary Conversation**

*October 12, 5-8pm*

Join us for this appetizing series celebrating the joy of cooking, inspired by Julia Child who introduced Americans to the art of French cuisine and the pleasure of creating meals that nourish the soul. Whether you're a self-proclaimed foodie, aspiring chef, home cook or you simply can't resist a trending TikTok cooking tutorial, this series will undoubtedly inspire you to embark on your own culinary adventures — just as Julia would have wished. Each evening will begin with a social hour and self-guided tour of the exhibit *Julia Child: A Recipe for Life* followed by the presentation. Social hour will include hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Free for members; Regular Admission for Non-members. [Registration required.](#)

### **Museum Insider: Omaha's Eerie Past**

*October 14, 9:30 -11am*

Join us, if you dare, for the final Museum Insider Tour of 2023, a behind-the-scenes series offering one-of-a-kind history tours. Guests will receive gloves and a VIP badge that allows them to enter special areas of the museum with our Collections team. October is the perfect time to creep into the basement collection and hear macabre tales of Omaha. Learn about death and mourning, local legends, and the kookier side of our spooky city. Tours are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. [Advance registration](#) and payment are required. Space is limited!

### **River City History Tour: Remember the Ladies! The Women of Early Omaha**

*October 15, 1-3pm*

Hop on a tour with us in honor of the founding ladies of Omaha. This tour will introduce you to a few of Omaha's first women, from factory workers and business owners to religious leaders and activists, who contributed to the growth and success of Omaha today. Destinations on this tour will include driving through Omaha's previous "Red Light District," the Paxton Hotel, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral, and so much more! Members: \$30; Non-members: \$35. [Registration required.](#)

### **The Great HALL-oween Haunt**

*October 24, 5-8pm*

Join The Durham Museum and other community organizations including Fontenelle Forest, NE SciFest and The Rose Theater for trick-or-treating fun. Come in costume and snag sweets from historical characters and spooktacular displays located throughout the museum. Then try your hand at ghostly games and creepy crafts in the Swanson "Ghoulery." Don't forget to check out our spooky — but not scary— Haunted Train, and "crawl" your way through the Cobweb Caboose! Stop by our historic Soda Fountain to indulge in some extra sweet Halloween treats, available for purchase. Plus, a crowd-favorite, the Dancing Zombies from UNO's The Moving Company, are back for their 10th year and will perform at 6:45PM! Reserve your free tickets by calling Sydney Holmes at, 402.444.5071 x521

### **Spooky Tales for Tots**

*October 25, 10:30-11:30am*

Bring your littles ghosts and goblins and celebrate Halloween with a reading of a Halloween story. Storytime will be followed by a purrfectly themed-craft.

### **Celebrate at The Platform: Dia de los Muertos**

*October 28, 10am – 12 pm*

Join us at The Platform, for an interactive play space, to celebrate. There will be a special craft or activity and feature related photos from our photo archive for a bit of a history lesson while you celebrate.

## **Durham Museum cont..**

### **Hallo-weekend**

*October 28, 10-4pm; October 29, 12-4pm*

All weekend long, children 12 and under get in free and costumes are encouraged! Enjoy goodie bags (while supplies last), the Haunted Train, Cobweb Caboose and Halloween games on The Platform. Plus, the Dancing Zombies, courtesy of UNO's The Moving Company, are back for their 10<sup>th</sup> year and will perform at 12:45pm.

## **Fontenelle Forest**

### **Family Adventure Day**

*October 7, 9:30am – 12pm*

Need some outdoor family fun? Bring the family and join us for an exciting day of archery, yard games, s'mores, and hiking, and a lesson on backpacking survival skills. Fees for members, \$5 (ages 4-7); \$15 for 8+; non-members, \$10 (ages 4-7) \$20 for ages 8+

### **Sunset Hike**

*October 13, 7:30-9:30pm*

Are you worn out after a busy work week? Grab your coworkers and come wind down during our Sunset Hike! This hike will explore the gravel and dirt trails near the Nature Center then head to the third loop of the Boardwalk to watch the sunset over the Missouri River. This program will include an hour and a half naturalist-guided hike though easy to moderate terrain of the Forest. Trekking poles will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Participants will be let in at the front gate and will meet outside on Dennis Plaza (behind the Nature Center). \$5 for members; \$15 for non-members. [Register here.](#)

## **Lauritzen Gardens**

### **Glass In Flight**

*Now – October 15, all day*

This traveling art and science exhibit features steel and glass sculptures of gigantic insects by artist Alex Heveri. Each piece captures the essence of flight. Staged throughout the garden, sunlight shines through the colored glass and mimics the transparency and iridescence of insect wings, making these towering sculptures informative, engaging, and simply enchanting! Included with paid garden admission, free for garden members.

### **Wicked Plants Display**

*October 7 – November 2, all day*

Meet some of the most notorious members of the plant kingdom during Wicked Plants. This indoor exhibit highlights the dark side of the botanical world, with specimens that can poke, puncture, poison, irritate, intoxicate, stink, and even kill. It's a great way to learn about plants and celebrate spooky season! Included with garden admission, free for members.

### **Family Workshop: Pumpkin Decorating**

*October 14, 10-11:30am*

Come to the garden to make a fun family pumpkin- we will supply the pumpkin and all of the decorations for you. There will also be a guided walk through the fall garden to explore seasonal color. One project set is provided per registration (up to 5 participants as long as one adult is in attendance). [Register here.](#)

## Lauritzen Gardens cont...

### Fall Leaves Arboretum Tour

*October 24, 5:30-7pm*

Enjoy an evening tram tour and see the changing fall colors at Lauritzen Gardens. This tour will highlight the diversity of tree species and their beautiful fall-colored leaves on this guided walk with Steve Rodie. \$20 for non-members, \$10 for garden members. [Register here.](#)

### Read and Grow: What a HOOT!

*October 26, 10:30am – 12pm*

Join the Omaha Public Library in the garden for stories that celebrate gardens, plants, insects and more, and discover the joys of nature, movement, music, and literature. Storytime will be outside as weather allows. Wide-eyed readers will love this selection of books that celebrate owls. Programs are geared towards preschool aged children, but all ages are welcome. This is a FREE program, no registration is required. Drop in and join us!

### Ghoulish Garden Adventure

*October 29, 12-4pm*

Just in time for Halloween, experience a Ghoulish Garden Adventure at Lauritzen Gardens. Explore a variety of educational and fun activity stations and treat stations throughout the garden. Learn about the mysteries of nature, get up close and personal with the amazing creatures that make the fall so festive, and make your very own crafts to take home. Included with garden admission, free for members.

## Omaha Children's Museum

### Jurassic Nebraska

*Now – January 7*

Experience what life would be like if dinosaurs were around in our everyday life; toss a football against some ferocious defenders, explore and discover fossils in a giant dig pit, climb Chimney Rock to look a T-Rex in the eye, and more!

### Cobweb Castle

*Now – October 31, 9am – 4pm*

A Halloween tradition without the frights, *Cobweb Castle* returns this fall! Clamber your way through the spooky maze, scale the castle wall, or don your sorcerer's hat and makeup. The not-so-scary Halloween experience is here through October 30. Come and enjoy the fun of Halloween without the scares in our seasonal exhibit, *Cobweb Castle*! Meet members of the Cobweb Court this fall in *Cobweb Castle*. Together we will learn all about spiders and their awesome secrets! Find out how spiders help humans, how incredibly strong (and beautiful) their webs are, and why we should be nice to these spindly creatures.

## **Omaha Community Playhouse**

### **Beautiful: The Carole King Musical**

*Now – October 15, varying times*

Tony Award winner *Beautiful The Carole King Musical* is the inspiring true story of singer / songwriter Carole King's remarkable life, her journey to fame, and the mammoth impact she and her work had on the music industry. While not without strife and heartache, King's story and unbreakable spirit will capture your heart. Tickets start at \$25. To order, call (402) 345-0606 or purchase online [here](#).

## **The Rose Theater**

### **Life Doesn't Frighten Me**

*Now – 22, varying times*

The inspiring poem written by Dr. Maya Angelou is adapted for the stage by renowned hip-hop theater artist Paige Hernandez (the dynamic performer of the show "Havana Hop" from The Rose's 2022-23 season), with original music by Grammy-nominated Kris Funn. Join us on a musical journey of facing our fears, embracing our individuality and turning to our community in times of need. As this play reminds us, "Life doesn't frighten me, I am fearless Royalty!" Tickets start at \$30. Order online [here](#).