Tulip Festival

14th annual festival returns to Ashton Gardens
April 13 - May 5th
metamorphosis

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A change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a completely different one, by natural or supernatural means

butterfly biosphere

A brand-new transformative experience at Thanksgiving Point. Visit ThanksgivingPoint.org/butterfly to learn how you can get involved.

Coming early 2019
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Dear Thanksgiving Point Member,

Spring at Thanksgiving Point is one of the best times of year. Everyone knows the Tulip Festival, but there is much more to see and do. From the adorable baby goats, chicks, and lambs arriving at Farm Country to burgeoning bulbs at Ashton Gardens, there is no shortage of ways to experience springtime here. In fact, there is something new every day at Thanksgiving Point.

As a member, you enjoy free admission to the Ashton Gardens, Farm Country, the Museum of Ancient Life, and the Museum of Natural Curiosity. Did you know your membership also includes admission for hundreds of free special events and activities held during weekdays, week nights, and on the weekends? Here’s a peek at just a few we invite you to attend:

**Monday Night Activities** Every Monday from 4:30 – 7 pm, enjoy themed activities and programs to explore the world around us. Families come together to learn and play in a way that transforms everyone’s understanding.

**Family Game Night** The board game trend is booming as families and friends look for fun, memorable ways to spend time together. Join with other members of Thanksgiving Point to play a variety of classic and new games for guests of all ages. Held the first and third Friday of each month.

**Curious Critters** Get up close and personal with animals that inhabit our world. Ask questions, listen to fun facts, and learn about a new species. Held the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

**Check out ThanksgivingPoint.org/Education/Family-Programs to learn more.**

Perhaps our most exciting upcoming member perk is the Butterfly Biosphere. As a member, you will receive exclusive early access and admission to this exciting new venue. This $31 million project is the result of 4,821 generous donors who gave gifts ranging from $1 to $105 to more than $2 Million to build this one-of-a-kind experience for our community. This spring, a glass conservatory will begin to be visible from Water Tower Plaza. In that conservatory, butterflies in every shade of the rainbow from all over the world will fly and live in our desert state of Utah.

According to ASTC (Association of Science-Technology Centers) “there were nearly 150 living butterfly exhibits at zoos, gardens, and other educational centers throughout the world, and over 24 in North America. Some are stand-alone, while many others are part of a larger garden, nature park, or museum.” So, Thanksgiving Point is moving into a new and rare space and we hope you’re as excited as we are to see the Butterfly Biosphere.

Visit ThanksgivingPoint.org/Butterfly to learn more.

Gratefully,

Mike I. Washburn

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Now is the best time to 
Start your garden

Heidi King Education Coordinator
The days are growing longer and the weather can’t make up its mind. These are indicators of spring we as Utahns have grown quite familiar with. If you are like most people, these tell-tale signs tend to invoke an innate need to be outdoors and soak up the sunshine. This need is what we refer to as “spring fever”. It bites at each of us and we do whatever we can to address the need. Whether we know what we are doing or not, many of us take to the garden.

In recent marketing studies, research shows younger generations are trading homeownership skills for technological skills. These generations aren’t as interested in learning how to care for a garden as compared to older generations. That is, however, until they purchase a home and look at their garden of weeds and aren’t sure how to combat them. If you are new to gardening, or would like to refresh your memory, here are some ideas on how to get your start on your garden this spring as well as giving you an understanding to what specialty crops are and how to grow them, and instill a seed of confidence for your gardening abilities.

The first thing to remember when gardening is plants will die and that is okay, but it doesn’t mean you should give up! Here are a few basic steps to help you get started.

CREATE A PLAN
a. Visit local nurseries and gardens near you to gain ideas of what plants you would like to see in your garden. As you meander through, be sure to take pictures and jot down notes of what you like. Check out the Utah Public Gardens website to find a garden near you at utahpublicgardens.org.

b. Map out where you would like to plant your plants. Keep in mind how much sun an area will receive and how much sun your plants need. Each plant at a nursery should have a plant tag. Plant tags will tell you how much sun, water and space they need in order to grow healthy.

c. Budget how much you intend on spending. Purchasing plant starts or transplants adds up quickly. Seeds are a less expensive route; however, they are more labor intensive.

PREPARE THE GARDEN
a. Tilling a bed will help loosen up the soil, especially if it is compacted clay. Tilling is not necessary and many gardeners and farmers prefer not to till, but it is beneficial in some cases.

b. Pull all the weeds. If you’re unsure if it is a weed or not, the Internet is an excellent source or visit your local county extension office.

PLANTING
a. Plant your new plants and give them plenty of water until they are established, meaning their roots have grown sufficiently to find water deeper in the ground.

b. Plant plants at appropriate times of year.

MAINTENANCE
a. Mulching your garden four-to-six inches will help prevent weeds and retain soil moisture.

b. Pull weeds as soon as you see them. Especially before they flower and start to spread more seeds. Weed seeds can live in the soil for decades.

c. On average, northern Utah does not need to start watering lawn and gardens until about Mother’s Day and can shut water off at the end of September. When water is applied deeper and less frequently, this helps plants become more drought tolerant.

i. Annuals (plants that do not grow back each year) need the most water. Be sure to water these vegetables and flowers on a daily basis in the heat of the summer.

ii. Perennials (plants that do grow back every year) need much less water. These plants only need water two or three times a week.

What does it mean to plant plants at the appropriate time? All plants have different growing requirements. While some need heat and an exponential amount of sunlight (called summer crops), others prefer the cooler weather and less sunlight (called cold crops). The USDA defines specialty crops as any fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. In other words, any flowers, vegetables, and fruit trees are considered a specialty crop. In this table, these specialty crops are listed with the best time to plant them and when to pull them out.

| ANNUAL FLOWERS | BEST TIME(S) TO PLANT: After Mother’s Day | WHEN TO PULL: Fall |
| PERENNIAL FLOWERS | BEST TIME(S) TO PLANT: SPRING OR FALL | WHEN TO PULL: N/A |
| FRUIT TREES AND SHRUBS | BEST TIME(S) TO PLANT: SPRING OR FALL | WHEN TO PULL: N/A |
| COLD CROPS | (Broccoli, Carrots, Peas, Kale, Kohlrabi, Swiss Chard, Cabbage, Radishes, Turnips, Beets, Lettuce, Spinach, Onion) | BEST TIME(S) TO PLANT: LATE MARCH, APRIL, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER | WHEN TO PULL: MAY OR JUNE |
| SUMMER CROPS | (Squash, Melons, Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Cucumber, Beans, Pumpkin, Herbs, Gourds, Sunflowers) | BEST TIME(S) TO PLANT: AFTER MOTHER’S DAY | WHEN TO PULL: OCTOBER |
| BULBS | (Garlic, Tulips, Daffodils, Crocus, Snow Drops, Hyacinth) | BEST TIME(S) TO PLANT: OCTOBER | WHEN TO PULL: N/A |

If you are in need of inspiration, visit the Ashton Gardens’ Learning Garden to see what local community members have been learning and working on to grow specialty crops in our arid and extreme climate. Happy Gardening!
Laura St. Onge Director of Corporate Relations

Many visitors to Thanksgiving Point do not know that it’s a not-for-profit charity and are surprised to hear we share many budget similarities with your local school, church or food pantry. Much of what Thanksgiving Point offers the community is the direct result of the support we receive from our corporate partners, donors, members, and government grants. Partners assist Thanksgiving Point in fulfilling our mission of providing high-quality educational programming in the Museum of Ancient Life, the Ashton Gardens, Farm Country, and the Museum of Natural Curiosity through the natural world by transformative family learning. Our partners are vital to the overall success of Thanksgiving Point and outreach we provide in the Utah community.

If you are wondering if Thanksgiving Point would like to partner with your company...the answer is likely yes. In exchange for your financial support, in-kind service or product donations, Thanksgiving Point provides a healthy return on investment. We help to promote your positive brand, increase brand awareness and customer loyalty. We aid you in reaching a wider demographic. As a respected community identity, we thrive when we collaborate with local, large and small businesses.

The partnerships we forge help to enhance the Thanksgiving Point experience across the property. We have multiple partners that you likely see each visit. Adobe sponsors our traveling exhibit space in the Museum of Natural Curiosity, currently called Treehouses. dōTERRA is our newest property sponsor with the Junior Master Gardener program at Farm Country and Fragrance Garden in Ashton Gardens. Last year we celebrated the Legend Solar partnership with the Museum of Ancient Life and soon-to-be solar panel installation on the roof. Utah Broadband provides free WiFi for your use on property. Zions Bank generously helps us to provide the annual Utah Symphony concert on site at the Ashton Gardens Waterfall Amphitheatre. AAA of Utah sponsors $2 Tuesdays in August, providing affordable access for all to Thanksgiving Point. Oakdell Eggs and Meadow Gold are two of our longest standing partnerships for Farm Country, Easter Eggstreme and Dairy Day. Coca-Cola is one of hundreds of companies supporting our annual Discovery Cup golf tournament and Imagine That Gala.

We have plenty of local companies that are wonderful partners as well! A few examples include: Lone Peak and Timpanogos hospitals that sponsor our weekly Tales for Tots programs. Chick Fil-A has donated more chicken sandwiches than we could ever count. Harmon’s Grocery baked up a storm of cookies for our recent Breakfast with Santa. Harper’s Homemade Bread and Driscoll Farms donated hundreds of loaves of bread for our Eco Challenge and Ag Day at the Farm. Namify has spoiled us with in-kind coats, superhero capes and t-shirts. Oakdell covers the Ashton Gardens in compost. The list is long, and we are grateful for each and every partnership.

BE CREATIVE!
HOW CAN YOUR COMPANY PARTNER WITH THANKSGIVING POINT?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING A THANKSGIVING POINT PARTNER, PLEASE CONTACT LAURA ST. ONGE AT 801-768-7433 OR EMAIL LSTONGE@THANKSGIVINGPOINT.ORG.
Lorie Millward  VP of Design and Programming

In March of 2014, Thanksgiving Point began planning our fifth and newest venue, Butterfly Biosphere, which is now under construction. We worked with the best scientists and builders to envision this exciting addition, but those weren’t the only experts we consulted. With a focus on family, and a goal to create fun, interactive experiences for kids of all ages, we knew we needed to ask kids to help us design this museum.

Partnering with Wasatch Peak Academy for the 2014-2015 school year, we worked with every student in this charter school, from kindergarten to fifth grade. Starting in the fall and throughout the year, members of Thanksgiving Point’s Education and Exhibits teams visited each classroom to teach students the design process and mentor them in their work. They began by thinking about what they and other kids might want to do in a museum like Butterfly Biosphere and brainstormed hundreds of ideas for themes, exhibits, programs, and family activities.

Next, they voted on their favorite ideas and started developing prototypes. Students drew pictures, made cardboard dioramas, and created exhibits with paper, yarn, clay, and sticks. Creative ideas were plenty and included a scientist’s hut and research lab perched high in the trees of a rainforest where families can play together and make amazing discoveries; larger than life interactive exhibits where people can experience the world as tiny insects; and a flower-filled greenhouse complete with waterfalls, streams, and of course, thousands of colorful butterflies.

The Thanksgiving Point team used these, and many more of the students’ ideas, to inform our creative process and as the basis for exhibit design documents. On September 11, 2017 during the official “skybreaking” ceremony, Wasatch Peak Academy students were recognized and thanked by Thanksgiving Point CEO, Mike Washburn along with other dignitaries, including Governor Gary Herbert, for their important contributions to this world-class project.

When the doors of Butterfly Biosphere open and you find yourself wondering, “how did they come up with these clever ideas?”, remember that Thanksgiving Point takes pride in working with only the most innovative thinkers, and sometimes they’re as close as a local elementary school.

The Butterfly Biosphere is scheduled for completion later this year and will likely open to the public in early 2019. Stay tuned to ThanksgivingPoint.org for ongoing updates and details.
LET’S GET EXCITED...
ABOUT TREES!

Esther Henrichsen Garden Designer at Ashton Gardens

Ashton Gardens at Thanksgiving Point is a relatively young garden. All the trees in the garden have been planted in the past twenty years. Though the garden is too young to have champion trees there are some beloved trees that guests often inquire about. We are also frequently asked, “What is the best tree to plant in my yard?”

Becoming a fully-grown tree is a long journey, so planting an appropriate tree that will last into the future is a gift to the future environment of an entire neighborhood. Planting the right tree in the right place will save you headache and money.

When Ashton Gardens were first created 9,000 trees were planted. Most of those trees began their lives in the mild climate of nurseries in Washington state and the tough transition to their new home in our high desert climate resulted in the loss of a number of trees over the years. Nevertheless, the adaptability of some trees is amazing.

Today, there are more than a hundred varieties of trees in Ashton Gardens. Besides trees native to Utah, there are others from various parts of North America, Central Asia, Europe, China, Japan, and Australia. Trees of particular horticultural interest, as well as examples of the best trees to plant in Utah are also always on display.

Ashton Gardens has been awarded a generous grant from the Smith Horticulture Trust, whose mission is to promote ornamental horticulture in North America. Thanksgiving Point will use the grant to teach guests, and the entire community about trees through a series of learning opportunities beginning this summer, called the Tree Experience.
The **Tree Experience** will include:

- Guided tours with trained docents will focus on the trees throughout the Gardens and will be available periodically during the three seasons the Gardens are open.
- A self-guided tour includes a map that spotlights forty trees in the Gardens marked with professional signs.
- A brochure about our trees with in-depth descriptions and horticultural information will be available to download from the Thanksgiving Point website.
- Tree planting days will be offered when guests can come to the Gardens and learn how to properly plant a tree.

The goal of the Tree Experience is to help us all become better acquainted with trees. Trees are vitally important for improving air quality, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife as well as appreciating the shade of trees on a sunny day, their ability to absorb sound, and, of course, their beauty. Through a connectedness to trees we can also become more alive to the changing moods of the weather and the seasons.

The hope of the Tree Experience is to help our guests be more aware of the trees they encounter on walks in the Gardens, and to make our guests aware of trees that perform well in our area. Hopefully, it can also be much more. Learning about trees is fun, in the same way that climbing a difficult mountain and getting to the top is fun.

With experience, different trees become recognizably distinct: the leaves, bark, flowers, and buds, even the tree’s silhouette, are well defined and recognizable. With more practice, it becomes easier to see how different trees vary in structure and have notable features. Sometimes the best way to learn is through your own authentic exploration of the natural world. Touching the bark of a tree, looking at the leaves up close, smelling the flowers are ways to impress knowledge and experience onto the senses and into the brain. Even learning plant names, which some find daunting, becomes much easier when learning through hands-on experience. Botany and horticulture have been called the most peaceful of the sciences. Come explore the peaceful sciences with us this spring at the Gardens.
THANKSGIVING POINT'S TULIP FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR ITS 14TH YEAR

Josh Berndt Communications Director

After the cold Utah winter, spring is literally a breath of fresh air in the Rocky Mountains. And that fresh air ushers in another Tulip Festival at the Ashton Gardens, April 13 - May 5! The 2018 Tulip Festival is the 14th annual event for Thanksgiving Point. Each year, nearly 40 full and part-time gardeners prepare the Tulip Festival by planting close to 300,000 bulbs in more than 100 varieties. The gardeners planted the bulbs in September to prepare for the month-long event. It’s truly a one-of-a-kind event in the region and the state of Utah. The Thanksgiving Point Tulip Festival is one of a handful of amazing tulip events throughout the United States each year. These tulip festivals vary in sizes, varieties, and uniqueness, just like the Tulip Festival Thanksgiving Point guests have seen for so many years. Let’s meet a few of our fellow Tulip Festival-ites from around the country.
One of the most popular spots in the Ashton Gardens is the Secret Garden. Come see how the entire Ashton Gardens is transformed during the 2018 Tulip Festival April 13-May 5.
In Washington state guests are treated to a little taste of Holland at the **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival** each spring. From April 1-30, this sleepy part of the Pacific Northwest welcomes 350,000 guests to its Tulip Festival. Skagit Valley’s Tulip Festival will celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2018. Executive Director, Cindy Verge says,” there are literally millions and millions of tulip bulbs in the ground in our fields of crops.” Skagit Valley has a number of sub-gardens within the Festival too, including Tulip Town which highlights another ten acres of tulip fields in rainbow stripes. Verge suggests to “arrange your schedule for a mid-week experience to fully enjoy and take your time at the Festival.” To learn more visit tulipfestival.org

**Tulip Time**, in appropriately named Holland, Michigan, is another tulip sister event. “Each year the Tulip Time Festival in Holland, Michigan welcomes an estimated 500,000 visitors to celebrate its rich Dutch heritage and millions of tulips. Tulip Time is proud to have been named the 2017-2018 Tulip Festival of the Year by the World Tulip Summit,” states Susan Zalnis, Tulip Time marketing director. Tulip Time is May 5-13 this year and 2018 will be this its incredible 89th year! This whirlwind event features any and everything Dutch you can imagine, from authentic costumes and Dutch dancers to wooden shoes, foods, and souvenirs. To see more about Tulip Time in Holland, Michigan check out tuliptime.com.

Also called **Tulip Time** is an event in Topeka, Kansas from April 1-16. According to Communication and Public Information Supervision Mike McLaughlin there are more than 100,000 multi-colored tulips blanketing three public gardens during Tulip Time. Ted Ensley Gardens blooms with 60,000 tulips and offers panoramic views of Lake Shawnee. Old Prairie Town’s 1800s village and adjacent Ward-Meade Botanical Garden feature 40,000 tulips. Visit the Tulip Time homepage to learn more at visittopeka.com under the events tab.

As you can tell, the Tulip Festival at the Ashton Gardens is in great company around the country. In all corners of the land are displayed these unique and captivating flowers. While the tulips are the highlight and star attractions, each festival boasts activities, concerts, special tours, food, vendors, and so much more. If travel plans are in your near future make a date to visit these wonderful places. And, of course, we’ll see you at the Ashton Gardens this spring for this incredible event. Stay updated on openings, special events, ticketing, and all things Tulip Festival at ThanksgivingPoint.org
With the new Butterfly Biosphere set to join the Thanksgiving Point family of amazing locations, we want to know what you, the kids, think would be another cool exhibit here! Simply draw a picture, name it at the top or bottom of your artwork, and have mom or dad take a photo and tag us on any social media. There’s a chance your idea will be featured in an upcoming Gazette or other materials.
### GEOLOGY ROCKS!
**March 17 | Museum of Ancient Life**
At Thanksgiving Point, we think geoROCKS! Crafts, games, activities and displays centered on the amazing world of rocks and minerals will make this Saturday’s museum visit extra fun!

### AG DAY™
**March 24 | Farm Country**
Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use, and wear on a daily basis. To celebrate National Ag Day, come learn about and celebrate the amazing contributions of agriculture while enjoying an early spring day at the Farm!

### EASTER EGGSTREME™
**March 31 | Electric Park**
More than just filling your basket, this event includes activities and games, inflatable play structures, rideable row train, food trucks, vendors, and of course, age-divided egg hunts every 30 minutes.

### EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST™
**March 31 | Show Barn**
Celebrate with us at our first Easter Bunny Breakfast. A delicious breakfast will be served with visits from the Easter Bunny followed by complimentary photos with the Bunny, activities, crafts and more. Each ticket also includes free admission to Easter Eggstreme held the same day.

### LAMB N WOOL™
**April 7 | Farm Country**
Sheep are the star of the show for the Lamb and Wool Festival. Come watch the exciting sheep shearing process; learn about wool use and fiber arts and enjoy a sheep dog presentation while you spend the day at Farm Country.

### TULIP FESTIVAL™
**April 13 - May 5 | Ashton Gardens**
The annual Tulip Festival at Thanksgiving Point is sure to delight. Join us in celebrating spring in the gardens; nearly 300,000 spring bulbs and activities for the whole family.

### TULIP FESTIVAL 5K & KIDS RACE™
**April 28 | Ashton Gardens**
This year’s new 5K course will fully immerse runners into the Ashton Gardens to enjoy the colorful Tulip Festival in a whole new way.

### LYCEUM PHILHARMONIC™
**May 5 | Ashton Gardens**
Enjoy the final day of Tulip Festival 2018 by attending the concert provided by Lyceum Philharmonic, one of the nation’s premiere youth orchestras.

### BABY ANIMAL BIRTHDAY™
**May 11-12 | Farm Country**
Springtime means BABIES at the Farm. Join us for a party to celebrate our cute new additions, vote on your favorite baby names and enjoy a slice of birthday cake too!

### NASA DESTINATION STATION
**May 17 | Water Tower Plaza**
Come see NASA’s Destination Station and see and touch real Moon rocks, astronaut food, a photo-op spacecraft, and so much more!

*Included with venue admission.  
**Thanksgiving Point Members receive 10% discount.

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### To learn more about upcoming events and programs visit ThanksgivingPoint.org

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