

# Hand in Hand

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## Plant Sale!

Wednesday, July 8 • 10 am

The Discovery Center is having a plant sale! Starting at 10 am we will sell vegetables and herbs such as cucumber, green beans, basil, cilantro, and much more. Seedlings are \$1 ea.

The sale will be outside, rain or shine, and will not close until all plants are sold. Admission is not required to visit sale. 100% of proceeds go to the Discovery Center!

## Buy your next gift at Great Discoveries!

### • New! Wooden Animalz

Animalz is the award-winning, eco-friendly toy made from plantation maple wood and recycled textile products. Each Animalz has a unique registration number. You can register your Animalz by going to [www.animalz.com](http://www.animalz.com). Follow the prompts and receive an authentic Animalz birth certificate. Accompany playtime with the Animalz CD and you've got a recipe for fun the whole family can enjoy!



Animalz figures sold separately. Choose from cow, horse, pig, sheep, donkey, goat, reindeer, llama, camel, emu, giraffe, kangaroo, crocodile, elephant, black bear, gorilla, lion, and more!

### • Webkinz Pet of the Month!

July - Spotted Frog  
August - Gray Arabian



Plus, Great Discoveries Gift Shop will also have turtles, porcupines and the new red fox! Call the gift shop at 890-2300.

### • What's Cooking This Summer?

Great Discoveries also has cookbooks! Check out the *Flash & Sizzle* cookbook or the new *Tennessee Hometown Cookbook* with recipes from across Tennessee.

Get your kids in the kitchen with the new Flower Pot Cake Mixes or the food cutting and pizza sets from Melissa & Doug.

All purchases support the Discovery Center!

## Restaurant Partnership

Here is your chance to have an enjoyable meal and benefit Discovery Center at the same time!



Every Third Tuesday!  
July 21 - 11:00 am - 10:00 pm  
223 West Main Street

## Secret Garden Party

This year's Secret Garden Party was another roaring success! The theme, Smokin' South Beach, the beautiful setting of the home of Bill & Kathy Jones and the hard work of two amazing co-chairs and their committee made for a wonderful night of fun, food and music with all proceeds benefitting the Discovery Center.

Discovery Center extends a big thank you to the following for their help and support of the Secret Garden Party:

Bill & Kathy Jones for hosting the event.

Co-chairs, Dr. Libby Long and Dr. Melinda Mallette, and their talented Secret Garden Party Committee: Kelly Baum, Sylvia Beckman, Angie Boyd Chambers, Vicki Eastham, Mary Ann Eckles, Melanie Fuller, Susan Gritton, Ann Hoke, Jamie Jackson, Anna Morad, Mary Armour O'Reilly, Amanda Reeves, Liz Rhea, Kathy Ryan, Joyce Taylor, Dawn White.

Lisa Williams, Auction Chair, and her wonderful committee: Jill Converse, Jean Alyne Dotson, Lindsey Fournier, Meredith Hilleary, Christine Merchant.

Thank you to Ryan's Smokin' Rotisserie for the excellent food, Charlie Patel, Stones River Total Beverage for a great wine selection, and Valley Growers Nursery for providing plants that evening.

Our Secret Garden Party Sponsors: AT&T The Real Yellow Pages, Children's Dentistry of Murfreesboro, Reeves Sain Drug Store, Tennessee Pediatrics, media sponsor Murfreesboro Magazine, and all of our Secret Garden Patrons.

And a special thank you to our 2009 Secret Garden Tour garden owners: Elizabeth & Robert Bray, Ted & Melissa Cassidy, Jamie Walker Gilman & Fran Miller, Kathy & Joe Reeves and Billie & Joe Little, and to Optimistic Gardeners Club and Sassy Veg Productions for helping make the 2009 Secret Garden Tour a success.



Melinda Mallette (left) & Libby Long (right), co-chairs with Executive Director Billie Little (center)

## Tried & True Red, White and Blue Thursday

Thursday, July 2 • 10 am - 12 pm

Celebrate Independence at Discovery Center! Wear your favorite 4th of July outfit. Decorate your stroller or wagon and join our parade or explore facts about the United States. Plus, enjoy patriotic snacks in the kitchen and a special art project. Regular admission applies.



## Great New Programs Just for July!

Discovery Center is proud to be part of YouthCAN. Our awesome YouthCAN teens - Ana, Anna, Buddy, Chris and Felicia - have created some wonderful new programs just for July!

### Wetland Walks

Monday - Thursday • 10:30 am

### Story time

Monday - Thursday • 3:45 pm

- June 29 - July 2 *Rainbow Fish*
- July 6 - 9 *Wolves in the Walls*
- July 13 - 16 *The Ugly Duckling*
- July 20 - 23 *Where the Wild Things Are*

### How-To Sessions

Monday - Thursday • 12:30 pm

- June 29 - July 2 How to Escape a Fire
- July 6 - 9 How to Care for a Pet
- July 13 - 16 How to Play Checkers
- July 20 - 23 How to Count in Spanish

### FETCH

Monday & Wednesday • 2:00 pm

- July 1 Don't Let it Pull You Down  
Gravity Adventures
- July 6 & 8 Don't Be a Sinker:  
Flotation Fun
- July 13 & 15 Don't Play with Your  
Food: Edible Play dough
- July 20 & 22 TBA



Plus, check out our new **Chinese Fun** sessions. **Tuesdays at 9:00 in July.** Children will explore the chinese language through sing-alongs, word recognition and finger plays. Ideal for children 3-5. Regular admission.



Hours:  
Monday-Saturday  
10am-5pm  
Sunday  
1pm-5pm

Admission:  
\$5 Children & Adults  
Under 2 Free



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Thank You to our  
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Secret Garden Party hosts Kathy & Bill Jones, corporate & individual sponsors, Ryan's Smokin' Rotisserie, silent auction donors, garden tour owners, Optimistic Gardeners Club and our Secret Garden Party Committee

Pat & Kathy Ryan for generous matching funds donation

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

## Next Time You're In . . .

- Check out our progress on Tiny Town and TOTSpace. New murals by Norris Hall are up and construction on the Tiny Town stores will begin soon!
- Plus, get some information about a Sassy Veg Productions cooking class - Garden Glory! Or call 691-2758 for information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2009	<b>No Parents &amp; Tots in July. It will resume in August.</b>		1 <b>Snack Attack!</b> Patriotic Fruit Pizza 3:30 pm	2 <b>Creation Station</b> Salt Dough 2:00 -4:00 pm  Red, White & Blue Thursday Regular Admission	3 <b>FETCH Fun Fridays</b> 3:30 pm	4 <b>Happy 4th of July!</b> Museum Closed 
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19	20 <b>Snack Attack!</b> Oven Fried Potatoes 3:30 pm	21 <b>Chinese Fun!</b> 9:00 am  <b>Animal Antics</b> Meet the water turtles 3:30 pm	22 <b>Snack Attack!</b> Oven Fried Potatoes 3:30 pm	23 <b>Creation Station</b> Fun with Fabrics 2:00 -4:00 pm	24 <b>FETCH Fun Fridays</b> 3:30 pm	25
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## Volunteer Spotlight

Discovery Center recognizes our Volunteer of the Month, **Olivia Hillman!**

Olivia has been with the Discovery Center since September of 2008 and has accumulated 126 hours of service! She regularly volunteers for Tuesday Parents & Tots and camps.

A rising 9th grader at MTCS, Olivia enjoys ice skating, gymnastics, trampoline, and pottery. She also plays tennis and golf.

Olivia thinks volunteering at Discovery Center is a great experience and suggests everyone try it. Her favorite thing about volunteering is "being with the kids & helping them" during Parents & Tots, and her favorite DC animal is Bill, the ball python, because he is "cute."



## SUMMER CAMP OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE!

### LILLIPUT CAMPS

Campers entering kindergarten.  
\$75/members, \$100/non-members.

### BITTY BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES

Session 2: July 27 - 31  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Investigate the creeping, crawling world of insects. Create buggy art, enjoy buggy snacks and explore bug habitats. Go on a "bug safari" in the wetlands!

### ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Session 1: July 20 - 24  
9:00 am -12:00 pm  
Interact with the animals that live at the Discovery Center. Listen to stories about animal characters; explore where they live, what they do, and much more. Create animal art and try animal snacks each day. Enjoy our exhibits and explore animals in their natural habitat on wetland walks.

### ADVENTURE CAMPS

Campers entering 3rd - 7th.  
\$75/members, \$100/non-members

### ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Session 2: July 6 - 10  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Love animals and enjoy the natural world? Work with our Animal Education Specialist to investigate their many differences, assist with the animals' care, explore their natural habitat, and meet people who work with animals every day.

### CREATIVE CHALLENGES

Session 1: July 27 - 31  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Create, design, and invent thru activities that spawn creativity and ingenuity. Activities will be guided but open-ended, allowing kids to draw conclusions, create plans, & have loads of fun!