



FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

Educational Membership Description

Purpose: The purpose of the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Educational Group Membership Program is to provide higher education classes a cost-effective option to make multiple visits to Meijer Gardens.

Who is Eligible: Art, horticulture or architectural classes that plan to visit Meijer Gardens on multiple occasions during a single semester to enhance the curriculum of the class.

To Enroll: The class instructor must complete an application and include a current semester student roster (electronically in Excel is preferred) the instructor's name must be included on the roster. Please Note: Payment is due at the time the application is submitted. Memberships will not be processed until payment is received.

Cost:

- \$ 60.00 per semester for a class of up to 25 students
- \$120.00 per semester for a class of 26-50 students
- \$180.00 per semester for a class of 51-75 students
- \$240.00 per semester for a class of 76 -100 students

(Cost per semester increases by \$60 per every 50 students thereafter)

Benefits:

- Free general admission during regular business hours
- Unlimited use of the Peter M. Wege reference library

Overview:

- The instructor must provide the Membership Department a student roster (electronically in Excel is preferred) and is responsible for communicating all changes. Important: Students' names MUST be on the student roster and students MUST have their student ID at each visit, or they will be denied admission under this Educational Membership.
- Membership applies to one class only, per semester, and is non-transferable
- Additional benefits, such as member discounts, are not included under the Educational Membership Program. Individual Student memberships can be purchased for \$30 at the Membership Desk.



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Date Membership Begins: _____ Date Semester Ends: _____

Student Roster enclosed (electronically in Excel is preferred)

Class Code and Name: _____

Educational Institution: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Form of Payment:

Check Enclosed Please make check payable to *Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park*

Amount: \$ _____ MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Signature: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. ____/____

Please mail completed form to: Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Attn: Membership Department, 1000 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 OR fax to 616-957-5792.

If you have questions or comments about your membership, please contact our membership office at 616-977-7689 or membership@meijergardens.org.



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Educational Membership Policies and Procedures

We encourage these policies be distributed to each student.

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park reserves the right to limit activities of the class, such as painting or sketching, if it interferes with daily operations or the guest experience.

Painting/Sketching Policy

We welcome and encourage onsite painting and sketching of our collections and grounds for personal or professional enjoyment. However, these activities must be carried out with utmost attention to the protection of our facilities, with a minimum of disruption to the visiting public.

Feel free to visit our Information Desk for a Visitor's Map and Guide. For the preservation and safety of our facilities, sculptures and gardens, we reserve the right to limit painting/sketching activities and/or locations at any time. You must follow all of our rules (available at check-in or online) and agree that all sketches and paintings are for personal enjoyment and do not imply any commercial endorsement by Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

Materials. Please transport equipment carefully to and from your painting/sketching location. Drawing/painting materials are limited to: dry materials (pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, pastels [including oil pastels]), and wet materials (inks and water-based paints such as watercolor, gouache, acrylics, or water-miscible oil paints]). No sprays or volatile liquids are allowed, due to safety and guest sensitivity concerns.

Outdoor Areas. Both wet and dry materials—and easels—may be used outdoors. Please be considerate of other guests by not blocking pathways—stay on paved or mowed areas. You are responsible for any damage to artworks or plant/landscape materials.

Indoor Areas (except Sculpture Galleries). Sketching and painting without the use of an easel is permitted in indoor public areas. All activities and equipment must remain at least three feet away from art objects, hallways and doors. Please be considerate of other guests by not blocking viewing areas.

Indoor Sculpture Galleries. Sketching with pencil and paper only is allowed in the sculpture galleries. Artists must remain at least three feet away from art objects and gallery walls. Please be considerate of other guests by not blocking viewing areas, doors or hallways.



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Photo Guidelines

Guests may take photos of public areas during normal business hours for personal use according to the photography policy.

Portraiture photography (i.e. senior pictures, engagement / bridal / wedding, family portraits, etc...) is not permitted without prior approval. Please contact Facility Rental (or call 616-975-3146) to schedule a photo shoot—fees apply and our Photography Agreement must be signed.

Guests may share or repost images through social media, email or personal web pages.

All photography must be conducted without disruption to Meijer Gardens' operations or limiting accessibility of exhibitions, stairwells, entrances/exits and high traffic areas. Photographers are asked to comply with our rules of etiquette.

Non-flash photography is now allowed in the galleries and temporary exhibitions. Due to the sensitivity of drawings, photographs and prints, and out of respect of artists' copyright laws, photography may not be allowed in some temporary exhibitions. If or when photography is prohibited, there will be ample signage in the galleries stating this policy change. We reserve the right to monitor and restrict equipment use during special exhibitions (such as *Butterflies Are Blooming* and *Christmas and Holiday Traditions Around The World* exhibitions, and others).

We reserve the right to refuse permission or terminate a shoot at any time if it is not in the best interest of guests, donors, artists represented in our collection, or if it conflicts with Meijer Gardens' mission.

You may not make high-resolution images of our facilities, grounds, or permanent collections available for any commercial purpose without a signed agreement and, if applicable, written permission from the artist's estate or foundation. Fees are determined on a case by case basis.

You may not state or imply any endorsement of or by Meijer Gardens for any purpose—personal or otherwise—without written permission from Meijer Gardens.

All media professionals must contact John VanderHaagen in Public Relations to arrange photo shoots (or call 616-975-3155).

Professional photography, including commercial and social events, is permitted by appointment only. Please contact John VanderHaagen in Public Relations (or call 616-975-3155) to schedule a photo shoot—fees apply and our Photography Agreement must be signed.



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Sculpture Policy

Help us conserve these artworks for future generations. Climbing on or touching the artworks can damage them in many ways. While perhaps not visible, there are joints and welds in the metal sculptures that can weaken or split open. Bronze works are not solid metal, but hollow casts that can be dented or bent. The sculptures were not constructed to bear any excess weight. Surfaces of the artworks can be scratched by zippers, buttons and jewelry, or scuffed by shoes and sneakers. Oils secreted by our skin can also damage metal surfaces. Even stone objects, because they are porous, can be damaged by residues on our skin, dirt, etc. Just as important, we do not want anyone injured.

Library

The Peter M. Wege Library at Meijer Gardens offers a collection of books and magazines on sculpture, gardening, botany and the natural environment. The collection of over 2,000 volumes offers resources to adults and children, professionals and lay people. The Wege Library is one of very few in the region and even the nation with resources including artist's biographical sketches in the well-respected texts Thieme-Becker and Benezit; extensive information on sculptors, sculpture history and methods; The Carnivorous Plant Newsletter; numerous books on orchid care and the cultivation of many other garden and house plants; Michigan's natural environment; preserving the environment and much more.

Refreshment Policy

No outside refreshments are allowed past the admissions area. The Taste of the Gardens Café offers a variety of food and beverages; however, all food must stay in the café. No food or beverages are allowed in the indoor or outdoor gardens or in the sculpture park. Picnic areas are available near the parking lot in covered gazebos for students bringing their own refreshments.