



Celtic Connections Conference 2020

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Exhibition – Picturing the Prairie: Paintings by Philip Juras – Fri, May 8, through Sun, Sept 20

Philip Juras's exhibition of landscape paintings celebrates the rich aesthetics, ecology and history of Illinois prairies. A dozen large studio canvases and many smaller field paintings take the viewer on a journey of prairie landscapes from Wisconsin to the south end of Illinois. Scenes of prairies, savannas and wetlands will be represented from several locations, at different times of day, different seasons, in varying weather, and even from different historical points in time.



Picturing the Prairie – Friday, May 8, through Sunday, Sept 20

Visitors will enjoy prairie plants highlighted throughout the display gardens and signage that helps them learn more about prairie conservation and restoration. Endangered and threatened species will be planted in the annual bed, *Rudbeckia hirta* will be planted in the Heritage Garden, and *Panicum virgatum* 'Heavy Metal' will be planted in the Lakeside Gardens.

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America– Sat, May 9, through Sun, Oct 11 – 10 am to 5 pm Special evening hours until 8 pm, Wednesdays Jun 10 through Sept 2 (weather permitting)

The 7,500-square-foot Model Railroad Garden is a family-favorite exhibition featuring 18 ts running on 1,600 feet of track. The trains travel more than 22,000 miles each season and are 1/29th the size of life-size trains. Enjoy the delightful sights and sounds of the miniature trains traversing high and low through tunnels, across bridges, and around nearly 50 American landmarks. Admission fees apply. Go to chicagobotanic.org/railroad for more info.

Butterflies & Blooms – Sat, May 23, through Sun, Sept 2 (10 am to 5 pm, weather permitting)

Immerse yourselves in a habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies with species native to both North and South America, Asia and Africa. The 2,800-square-foot mesh enclosure is located on the Regenstein Learning Campus. Visit chicagobotanic.org/butterflies for ticket info.

Garden Chef Series – Saturdays and Sundays from May 23 through Oct 4 (1:30 and 2:30 pm)

Learn to cook with garden-fresh ingredients all summer long at the Garden Chef Series. Noted chefs prepare recipes in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden's open-air amphitheater. Seating is first-come, first-served for these free demonstrations.