

GARDENS

at Night & Remixed

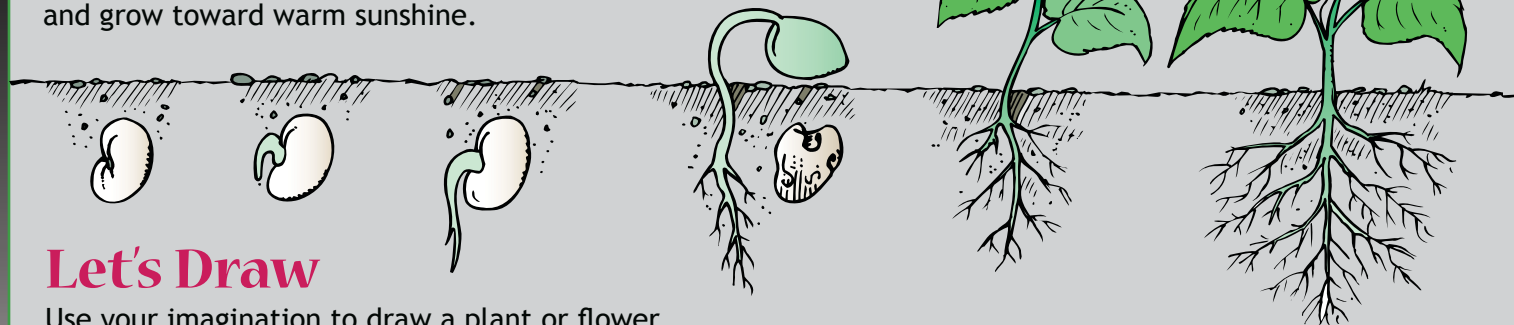
Meet John Bartram

John Bartram (1699 – 1777) was one of the first American botanists – a scientist who studies plants. Botany is important because we need plants for oxygen, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing. Bartram researched and collected plant specimens or samples along the Atlantic Coast from the New England colonies to Florida. He shipped many of the samples and seeds to Europe, where merchants, farmers, and scientists were fascinated by these New World curiosities. To keep the samples organized, dry, and dormant (sleeping), Bartram built elaborate wood boxes. Bartram’s eighteenth-century boxes inspired the contemporary artists whose “remixed” artworks fill the galleries this summer.



Let's Grow

Once seeds are no longer dormant, they germinate or grow. Most seeds germinate in the soil, break through the surface, and grow toward warm sunshine.



Let's Draw

Use your imagination to draw a plant or flower.

Hidden Words

How many words can you find “hiding” inside

G-E-R-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N?

More than 70 words with two or more letters are possible. For hints or help, stop at the Visitor Services desk.

Ring _____

Team _____

Gardens at Night

Take a walk in the Museum's sculpture garden. What do you see? Trees? Flowers? Birds? Butterflies? Look closely to spot a lounging hippo and wrestling bears. Close your eyes and imagine the gardens at night. What would you see in the moonlight?

Visit the Museum's galleries and discover blooms that hide in the nighttime. Photographer Linda Rutenberg captures botanical gardens at night with only flashlights and moonlight to illuminate – or brighten – plants and flowers.



Match Up

The common names of many plants and flowers are often a clue to shape or color. Study these Linda Rutenberg photographs and match each to its common name by writing the letter in the box provided.

A Lobster claw

B Globe thistle

C Angel's trumpet

D China dragon orchid



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