Explore the Science and Art of Plants at Third Annual Fascination of Plants Day @ MSU: Arts Go Green

Michigan State University hosts the third annual Fascination of Plants Day @ MSU. This year, plant sciences meet the arts in a collaboration between MSU plant scientists, the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University (MSU Broad), and the East Lansing Art Festival.

**Date**: Saturday, May 18th   
**Time**: from 11a - 6p   
**Locations** (*there are two*): MSU Broad Art Lab (565 E Grand River Ave, E. Lansing, MI 48823) and Children's Art Activity Area at the East Lansing Art Festival.

The public is invited to explore the amazing world of plants, enjoy family-friendly activities, and meet researchers and artists at one of the world's best plant science institutions. Attendees will:

* **Experience hands-on science and art activities**: extract DNA from strawberries, manipulate plant 3D images in Virtual Reality, create cyanotypes of beautiful microscopic structures
* **Learn about the many benefits of plants**: bioenergy crops station and plant-based industrial products
* **Discover the plant scientist’s lab toolkit**: microscopes, measuring instruments, GMOs and plant DNA
* **Meet MSU researchers**: and learn about the exciting science that goes on at MSU.

**Fascination of Plants Day** is a worldwide event promoted by the European Plant Science Organization. It aims to get the public enthused about the importance of plant science on their day-to-day lives (agriculture, pharmaceuticals, etc.)**. Fascination of Plants Day @ MSU: Arts Go Green will take place alongside hundreds of others worldwide.**

**The MSU Broad Art Lab** is an expression of the MSU Broad’s commitment to creating engaging arts and cultural experiences for a diverse audience, connecting art to other disciplines, and positioning the museum as innovative and inclusive.

**The 56th annual East Lansing Art Festival** aims to enhance the sense of community and appreciation of art, culture and creativity in East Lansing and the greater Lansing region. The festival presents hundreds of artists and craftspeople and attracts tens of thousands of visitors annually.

For more information, visit the event website at <https://mps.natsci.msu.edu/fopd/> or the [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MSUFoPD/).

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