



MONTGOMERY PARKS

# Middle Eastern American Artists in the Garden and Beyond

March 1 – April 25 (Virtual)

March 29 – April 25 (In-Person) Brookside Gardens' Visitor Center

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Welcome to our exhibit! Let me share with you the story behind it. I've always been a big fan of Brookside Gardens. BG is my 'getaway' from reality, where I go to get lost in the colors of the tulips, to cleanse my mind at the ponds, and to stand beneath the blooming Japanese wisteria. Here at Brookside Gardens, one quickly becomes captured by the beauty of mother nature and the joyful experience of seeing artwork of immensely talented community members.

During these challenging times, it is always nice to see a happy event that brings me hope, peace and inspiration. It's like turning on beautiful music in the middle of our COVID-19 war; it won't end the struggle but it will push you forward to fight the battle! Our art exhibit is like a light in the darkness, a smile after a cry, a song instead of a shout.

We are hosting this exhibit to bridge the gaps between different cultures and build understanding and more connections, not walls, through the universal language of art.

Middle Eastern American Artists in the Garden and Beyond is your journey for exploring our cultures, from Shahrzad's Tales by Maysoon Zaidan AlGburi, to Landscape from Iraq by Ahmed Alkarkhi, to The Legend Tree by Khalid Alaani, Butterflies by Arwa ElBoraei, Hidden Pearl by Karim Chaibi, The Walk by Mariam Hathor, and Subhanallah el Azeem by Sughra Hussainy.

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