



Nature's Apothecary Opens Today at The Leaf

For immediate release: Winnipeg, January 30, 2026 – The Leaf biomes are open today after a scheduled closure, during which the Babs Asper Display House was transformed into a mystical world with our new display, *Nature's Apothecary*. Running from January 30 to March 22, this new display invites Leaf visitors to learn more about the healing and transformative power of plants.

"Plants and herbs have been used around the world for thousands of years to remedy ailments and support our wellbeing," said Gerald Dieleman, Senior Director of Horticulture at Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "We hope this display will engage visitors through a rich sensory experience and deepen their appreciation for how plants support our everyday lives."

Nature's Apothecary features a diverse collection of botanicals – such as neem, mango, and aloe vera – that are valued across cultures for their practical and healing properties. Visitors will also encounter medicinal herbs throughout the display and have their senses awakened by the fragrant scents filling the air.

This display connects traditional plant knowledge with real-world practices of growing, preserving, and using herbs for daily life. Each plant tells a story of tradition and the enduring relationship between people and the plants that support our lives.

Visitors will be invited to explore our nature's pantry, where they can admire dried flowers and herbs grown in Assiniboine Park's gardens. Harvested in the fall, these botanicals are carefully dried in a cool, dry environment and preserved for every season.

Nature's Apothecary is included with regular Leaf admission. The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. More information about visiting The Leaf is available at assinibonepark.ca.

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