

SCAVENGER HUNT

It's the time of year when warm weather has ended, and the air is turning cold. There are many changes that take place in nature as leaves change colors, flowers begin to fade, and animals start to snuggle up for winter.

Gilcrease Museum is built on the traditional homelands of the Osage Nation and currently sits inside the Muscogee Creek Nation. As the weather changes outside, so do the gardens around Gilcrease. Let's take a walk around outside in the Gilcrease Gardens and see what we can find for our fall scavenger hunt.

Before we begin, let's brush up on vocabulary from different Indigenous peoples' languages.

Brown: Chickasaw people say "losayyi' " for brown, which sounds like "low sigh yay".

Red: The Muscogee say "cate" for red, which sounds like "jaw dee".

Yellow: Cherokee people say "adalonige" for yellow, which sounds like "ah dah low ni gay".

Wander around the gardens with your group and find the items from the list below. With your group members, take turns pointing out your objects and saying the Indigenous words for the different colors.

- An acorn
- A pinecone
- A twig
- Pine needles
- A rock
- Bark
- A yellow leaf
- A brown leaf
- A red leaf
- Sacred Rain Arrow by Allan C. Houser and Giant Cone Flowers

Sacred Rain Arrow, the sculpture in the front of the museum, was created by Allan C. Houser. This statue is based on story of a Chiricahua Apache and is surrounded by many plants that are native to Oklahoma, including the Giant Cone Flowers with beautiful yellow petals.

