

Events at Powell Gardens

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony

April 1, 2016

In March, we asked our Facebook fans to choose a tree for us to plant on Arbor Day (which is the first Friday in April in Missouri) by voting for their favorite tree from the top 10 [Champion Trees of Greater Kansas City](#). We invite you to join us today as we plant the winning tree. ...

Magnolia Walk with Alan Branhagen

April 2, 2016

Learn more about Powell Gardens' nationally acclaimed magnolia collection during the spring 2016 Magnolia Walk. Horticulture Director Alan Branhagen will be your guide during this hour-long tour of the Gardens' early flowering cultivars. ...

Growing Strawberries

April 2, 2016

Strawberries are fun to grow and make an excellent edible ground cover. Learn how to grow your own strawberries and discover ways to preserve the fruit of your labors. Sample homemade strawberry goodies. Learn easy recipes and instructions for making your own jam. Take home 25 plants to start your strawberry patch. Part of the class will be outside, so dress accordingly. Gardening gloves are recommended....

Meet Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City Members at Powell Gardens

April 2, 2016

Want to learn more about growing orchids? Come to Powell Gardens today to get expert advice from members of the [Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City!](#) They are here from 11 am.-3 p.m. It's also the final weekend for the Spring Butterfly Exhibit! ...

Tropical Creature Feature

April 2, 2016

Meet a trio of yellow-banded dart frogs and learn how these tiny frogs are big on survival in the rainforest....

Growing Asparagus

April 3, 2016

The taste of fresh asparagus beats store-bought hands down, and growing your own is less expensive. Learn the proper techniques and conditions for growing a healthy crop of asparagus. Planting and care tips are included. Take home six asparagus crowns, including a purple variety....

Watercolor Workshop: Skyscape

April 9, 2016

Watercolor is the perfect medium to paint the sky. We will paint the sky and clouds using various techniques. Cloud research will be provided. Skies can be stormy and dark, bright and colorful, soft and delicate and have a glow all its own. Drawing skill is not necessary. You will use washes, brushwork, wet into wet, dry brush, demonstrations and other techniques to create your skyscape. Ellie is a retired Hallmark artist who enjoys demonstrating the joy of watercolor. A supply list will be mailed upon registration....

Tangled Mugs

April 9, 2016

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Enjoy sipping coffee out of your own tangled masterpiece each morning! This class is intended for those who have prior experience with Zentangle. Enjoy pumpkin pull-apart bread while creating your own unique tangled coffee mug! PowerPoint presentation and handout included....

Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arranging

April 9, 2016

Take your flower-arranging skill to a new continent! Learn about Ikebana, the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging that emphasizes form and balance. Sharpen your focus on the line and form of your own arrangement while learning about Japanese culture. Leave with a reusable vase, a pin frog and fresh flowers for practice at home. Increase your skill by attending more sessions. Bring trimming shears. We'll provide all other materials. (You must purchase a vase and pin frog for the first session you attend. You may reuse these for subsequent sessions.)...

Creative Condiments

April 9, 2016

Learn how to create several tasty, wonderful condiments in mere minutes that taste better than store-bought and will save you money. Discover how to make homemade mayonnaise and a maple syrup substitute. You will even learn to make your own brown sugar. Recipes and samples to taste are included....

Astronomy: The Lion of the Night

April 9, 2016

Join amateur astronomer James Miller under Powell Gardens' beautiful dark skies for a new series of astronomy programs. Each event is designed to help beginners and more experienced sky watchers learn about and appreciate the night sky. (Evening programs will be canceled if skies are overcast or rainy.) Register three participants and the fourth person is free! The constellation Leo the Lion sits on a bed of thousands of galaxies! This program takes you very, very deep into space as we explore Leo and learn about galaxies....

Seasonal Hike: Spring Blooms and Hilltopping Butterflies

April 10, 2016

Will we see plums and redbuds blooming? Spring bulbs in full glory in the Gardens? Mother Nature will decide. If the day is sunny and warm, you may see spring butterflies looking for a mate on our high ridge, an act called "hilltopping." This may be your only time to see seasonal butterflies including Falcate Orange-tip, Henry's Elfin, Sleepy Duskywing and Juvenal's Duskywing. Experience the beauty and mysteries of nature and the changing seasons on the landscape. Hike the 3.25-mile Byron Shutz Nature Trail with Alan Branahagen, Director of Horticulture, naturalist and plantsman. Long, outdoor hikes are a great way to stay fit and healthy. All participants must be able to walk nearly 4 miles over mulched and mowed terrains. Bring binoculars and wear waterproof footwear....

Worms for Supper? Vermicomposting for Kids (Ages 8 & Up)

April 16, 2016

With Earth Day approaching, it's a great time to think about recycling. We will learn about worms as recyclers and how they help the environment. Each child will make a vermicomposting bin to take home. Worm bin and starter kit included....

Medicinal Uses of Herbs

April 16, 2016

Learn what our grandmothers don't teach us anymore. Discover which "weeds" in your yard are edible and medicinal. Learn how to preserve collected herbs and how to use poultices, compresses, tinctures and teas for overall good health. We'll take a short walk to identify and gather herbs and make a healing salve from our harvest. Hands-on demonstrations, samples and handouts included....

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Make an Eco-Pot for Earth Day

April 22, 2016

Come make an eco-friendly seed-starter pot out of recycled newspaper. Seeds, potting soil and care sheet included. (Free, while supplies last) ...

Celebrate Earth Day at Powell Gardens!

April 22, 2016

In honor of Earth Day, we are offering free admission to Powell Gardens, Kansas City's botanical garden, all day on Friday, April 22, 2016! Arrive early for a chance to take home a seedling from our [Legacy Tree Program](#) (one per party while supplies last). See Barbara Fetchenhier's display of creatively upcycled items and enter a raffle to win a rain barrel. Learn more at powellgardens.org/EarthDay. ...

Basketry: Two-Twill Basket

April 23, 2016

Craft a large 8-inch deep, 8-by-12-inch twilled basket with a wooden bottom. Whether you have made a basket or two in the past or are just thinking about trying your hand at the craft, Sandy McCormick offers classes designed to give you basket-making skills as well as a decorative and well-made basket to take home. All materials will be provided. Bring a sack lunch or snack as the class will not break for lunch....

Learn to Play the Native Flute

April 23, 2016

The Native American flute is one of the easiest instruments to learn and a wonderful meditative tool. You will receive your own beautiful 6-hole Navajo Pine flute in the key of A, great for playing both indoors and out. After class, you can upgrade your flute to a different wood or size flute (prices may vary). Learn to imitate nature sounds and play melodies with this soulful instrument. Also learn about some of the healing qualities of this Native flute. No prior musical knowledge necessary....

Healing Properties of Essential Oils

April 23, 2016

Learn about the healing power of nature with essential oils. You will learn how specific oils help with overall wellness and for certain ailments. Discover the chemical properties of essential oils that make them anti-tumoral, anti-fungal, anti-microbial and more. You can sample different oils and learn how they are used in healing settings around the world. As an added treat, take a bottle of homemade hand sanitizer made with essential oils (recipe included)....

Healing Power of Nature Workshop

April 29, 2016

In this seminar you will learn a specific technique for gaining insights and creative problem solving through nature. Become more connected with nature in a way that will facilitate the healing process. The techniques are practical and can be applied for personal use or applied in health care facilities. Discover the healing qualities of essential oils and practical uses at home for wellness, etc. Time will be spent in nature practicing what you have learned. Walking long distances is not required, but is an option. This workshop is appropriate for anyone interested in holistic health and creative problem solving. Discover the power of observing and connecting with nature. The program is approved for 5 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) valid in both Kansas and Missouri by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. This workshop is regularly attended by nurses, social workers, psychologists, licensed professional counselors, licensed marital and family therapists, massage therapists and physical therapists, but all health-conscious persons are encouraged to attend....

Arbor Day

April 29, 2016

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Floral Photography
April 30, 2016

Using secrets of the pros along with common sense hands-on training, you will be able to take images just like those seen in magazines. Discover techniques to turn your average images into spectacular shots. Learn to use composition and lighting for stunning images in both black and white and color. This workshop includes both in-class work and hands-on training in the field. Students need a 35mm SLR camera with full manual settings (film or digital)....

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