

January 2018 Community Liaison

Johnson County K-State Extension

Jan 22, Monday 'Landscape Designing From the Inside Out', 7pm at Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060, 11811 S Sunset Dr., Olathe, KS 66061. Have you thought about applying the concepts of decorating your home to your landscape? This session will help you draw parallels using many of the same concepts. Learn a few basic tips which will help you build on the framework for a pleasing setting. Limited to 45. \$10, enroll at www.johnson.k-state.edu. Instructor: Dennis Patton, Johnson Co K-State Research and Extension Horticulture Agent.

Powell Gardens <https://powellgardens.org/events-exhibits/calendar/>

JAN 20 Sat ----Wassail Celebration: @ 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Usher in the New Year with the sixth annual Wassail Celebration & Feast at Powell Gardens. Also referred to as a wintertime drink of spiced wine or ale, the word wassail comes from the Anglo-Saxon greeting “wes hal,” meaning to “be of good health.”

JAN 27 Sat ---- Winter Meditation, Poetry Reflection, and Woods Walk: @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 P.M. Join us for a non-denominational meditation workshop in the Chapel featuring breathing exercises followed by a winter walk and, haiku poetry writing instruction. We will share our poems in the Chapel as part of the experience. Refreshments also included.

FEB 1 Thur ----SAGES: Attracting and Identifying Missouri Birds in Winter: @ 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Join us for a one-hour illustrated talk presented by Missouri Master Naturalist Mary Nemecek about native bird species. View live birds in action from our visitor center as you enjoy soup, salad, and bread lunch in our cafe.

FEB 3 Sat ----Botanical Illustration: Mixed Media Workshop: @ 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Learn about the history of botanical illustration and botanical illustrators' styles and techniques from Kansas City artist and scientific illustrator Nicole McClure Kurlbaum. Review a little plant anatomy and work from collected herbarium specimen.

FEB 14 Wed ---- Work and Learn Workshop: We Love Orchids! @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Celebrate your love for orchids in our greenhouse. Workshop participants will learn about orchid care, easy to grow varieties, and how and why to repot orchids. Participants will help repot our orchid collection in exchange for an orchid cutting.

Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

January 27, 2018, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Kansas Day: Ditch the drab of winter with a lively birthday party for Kansas at the Overland Park Arboretum. January is the month our state entered the union, and we are celebrating our Kansas heritage with storytelling, reenactments, music, a history fair and more. 8909 W. 179th St., Overland Park, KS 66085. No pre-registration necessary, included with admission. Katharine Garrison, 913-685-3604, katharine.garrison@opkansas.org

Nelson-Atkins Museum

Jan. 28 Chinese New Year Celebration: Celebrate the Year of the Dog with activities, demonstrations, performances and more! Free www.Nelson-Atkins.org

Gardeners Connect

Garden Symposium, Fri. February 9, Sat. February 10

Saturday offers a full day of regionally focused lectures by nationally recognized garden experts. Featuring Joe Lamp'l host of the PBS series "Growing a Greener World;" Tammi Hartung, author of "Wildlife Friendly Gardening;" Carol Davit, Missouri Prairie Foundation director; and Kelly Norris, author and director of horticulture at Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden.

Consider also the Friday Symposium Banquet, an evening of a delectable dinner, great company and a behind-the-scenes look at some of the most popular stories over 8 seasons of the PBS series "Growing a Greener World" with Joe Lamp'l and a Friday workshop during which you can enjoy a thriving, fragrant herb garden and use your harvest to bring beauty, flavor, and health to your everyday life. The workshop will include demonstrations on preparing vinegars and honey for culinary and medicinal benefits. www.GardenSymposium.org

The January 20 Saturday speaker for Gardeners Connect is Bill Malouche. The topic is "Selecting Perennials for Landscape Durability and Sustainability, 10:30 at the Plaza Library.

PHS Philadelphia Flower Show

The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show runs from March 3 – March 11, 2018. Gardeners Connect is sponsoring a garden getaway, including the Philadelphia Flower Show, from Mar. 2 - Mar. 6. www.GardenersConnect.org

Great Backyard Bird Count, Audubon

Fill your birdfeeders in preparation of the GBBC, Friday, Febr. 16- Monday, Febr. 19. See <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> for instructions and toolkit.

