

April 2018, WGC Community Liaison

Keeping Backyard Chickens

Tues, Apr 3, 6-9pm; at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. An animal lover's guide to sustainable agriculture on a small scale. Chickens provide natural bug control, as well as breakfast. Learn the how and why and what in order to avoid the perils of raising chickens on a domestic scale. Fee: \$39. To enroll go to <https://ce.jccc.edu> or call 913-469-2323.

Birding Hike

Thurs, Apr 5, 8-9:30am; at Parkville Nature Sanctuary. We meet in the parking lot below the Clay County Health Building on 9 Hwy in Parkville. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form on our website (www.backyardbirdcenter.com/parkville-nature-sanctuary-5). Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113. Join us for one of our Thursday morning bird hikes!

TULIPMANIA LECTURE AND LUNCH, SAGES: POWELL GARDENS - TICKETS REQUIRED

THU, APR 5 @ 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Celebrate spring with an illustrated talk about the history and craze of the tulip as depicted in Dutch works of art presented by Nelson-Atkins Museum curator Rima Girnius. This program includes lunch and a tulip tour in the Kauffman Memorial Garden.

Info@PowellGardens.org

Lasagna Gardening: Is it for You?

Sat, Apr 7, 10-11am; at Fairway Pool House, 6136 Mission Rd, Fairway, KS. It is time to pick up the final leaves from those pin oaks, clean out the shrub border, and cut down the weather-beaten perennials...But, what to do with all that material? The answer may well be to turn it all into a Lasagna Garden! A form of "composting in place", this approach is a cost-effective way of the using materials at hand and reducing the amount of energy, time, and water required to maintain your garden space. Discard the tiller and Roundup, and join in learning a different way of gardening. Instructor: Ann Simpson, landscape designer and GrowNative professional. Cost: \$10. To Register: call 913-262-0350 x3 or visit fairway.recdesk.com

HAND PAPER MAKING WITH GARDEN PLANTS, POWELL GARDENS, TICKETS REQUIRED

SAT, APR 7 @ 9:30 AM – 3:30 AM INFO@POWELLGARDENS.ORG

This hands-on workshop, presented in collaboration with the Kansas City Art Institute's Fiber Department will provide participants with experience in identifying, growing, and collecting local plants that can be incorporated into hand paper making.

Make a Gourd Birdhouse Class

Sat, Apr 7, 10-11am; at Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St. Come and make a birdhouse to take home. Fee: \$15 per project plus admission. Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

Watch Waterfowl Migration

Sun, Apr 8, 1-4pm; at Smithville Lake, meet at the Jerry Litton Center. Spring is a great time for waterfowl migration, we will be visiting Smithville Lake each month (second Sundays) to keep tabs on what is coming and going. We should see great diversity as the gulls, loons, grebes, ducks, geese and raptor populations constantly change during the course of this season. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form on our website (www.backyardbirdcenter.com/second-sundays-smithville-lake-2). Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113.

Add a Splash of Color with Summer Bulbs

Mon, Apr 9, 7pm; at Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060, 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS 66061. Bulbs are not just for spring. Summer or tender bulbs are a great way to add more color and interest to the landscape. This session will look at those selections that either will not survive the winter or bloom during the summer. They come in a wide variety of plant types, forms, shapes and colors. This session will introduce you to these lesser-known bulbs for the garden. Proper care will be covered to help you get the most out of these garden gems. Limited to 45. \$10, enroll at www.johnson.k-state.edu.

Wildflower Walk

Wed, Apr 11, 18, 10am; at Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St. Explore the trails and wildflowers with a guide. Fee: Included with admission, register online. Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

Beekeeping III

Wed, Apr 11 & 18, 6:30-8:30pm; at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. This class will be a fun and active way to learn how to be a successful backyard beekeeper. We will provide the basic knowledge needed to keep and manage a healthy beehive, and produce honey and beeswax. This class will cover bee behavior, hive management, diseases, pests, swarming and how to harvest honey right from your own backyard. Fee: \$59. To enroll go to <https://ce.jccc.edu> or call 913-469-2323.

Birding Hike

Thurs, Apr 12, 8-10:30am; at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center, meet at nature center parking lot at 8. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form on our website (www.backyardbirdcenter.com/burr-oak-woods-nature-center-0). Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113. Join us for one of our Thursday morning bird hikes!

Starting with Shrubs: Designing for Birds

Sat, Apr 14, 10-11am; at Fairway Pool House, 6136 Mission Rd, Fairway, KS. Birds are attracted to a yard that has a diversity of plantings, but the foundation of your Birdscape should be shrubbery. Shrubs provide nest sites, protection from predators, food, winter shelter, and resting spots in ways that other plants in your yard cannot. We will discuss the value of native vs. non-native species, along with the most attractive and beneficial ways of planting. Welcome this Spring season, by welcoming more birds

and more bird *species*, to your yard! Instructor: Ann Simpson, landscape designer and GrowNative professional. Cost: \$10. To Register: call 913-262-0350 x3 or visit fairway.recdesk.com

LECTURE WITH CLAUDIA WEST PLANTING IN A POST-WILD WORLD, POWELL GARDENS - TICKETS REQUIRED INFO@POWELLGARDENS.ORG

WED, APR 18 @ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

This free talk is presented in collaboration with Missouri Department of Conservation, Western Nursery and Landscape Association and the Kansas City Native Plant Initiative.

DESIGNING NATIVE AND ECOLOGICAL PLANT COMMUNITIES, POWELL GARDENS - TICKETS REQUIRED, INFO@POWELLGARDENS.ORG

THUR, APR 19 @ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

This workshop is presented in collaboration with Missouri Department of Conservation, Western Nursery and Landscape Association and the Kansas City Native Plant Initiative.

Birding Hike

Thurs, Apr 19, 8-10:30am; at Smithville Lake, meet at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form on our website (www.backyardbirdcenter.com/smithville-lake-3). Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113. Join us for one of our Thursday morning bird hikes!

The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden

Thurs, Apr 19, 6:30pm; at Kauffman Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO. The Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City present our speaker is Roy Diblik, a recognized perennial plant expert, grower, designer, speaker and author. Combining his 35 years of knowledge growing traditional and Midwest native perennials, he specializes in highly aesthetic, sustainable plant communities for all seasons, while reducing maintenance through design. He believes that gardens should be thoughtful, ecologically directed, emotionally outreaching, and yet very personal. Free and open to the public. No registration is required. Door Prizes. For further information call 816-665-4456 or visit our website @ mggkc.org and browse Gardeners' Gathering.

Landscaping with Native Plants

Thurs, Apr 19, 7pm; at Carnegie Bldg, 900 W 9th St, Lawrence, KS. Learn about important design considerations for home landscapes. This workshop will feature Patti Ragsdale, owner of Happy Apple's Farm. She's been growing, selling, and planting display gardens that highlight their use in home landscapes since 2014. RSVPs are encouraged. Email GHF at grasslandheritage@gmail.com.

Go Native Free Workshop and Plant Sale

Sat, Apr 21, 9:30am-2:30pm; at Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO. Workshop: learn native plant benefits; guided landscape tours and expert advice; make a native plant seed ball; activities for children; free tree seedling. Plant sale: Missouri Prairie Foundation will offer a native plant

sale with Missouri Wildflowers Nursery; a percentage of proceeds will benefit prairie conservation. Walk-in (all ages welcome). Missouri Department of Conservation, <http://mdc.mo.gov/discoverycenter>, 816-759-7300.

Isn't It Time for a Rain Garden?

Sat, Apr 21, 10-11:30am; at Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W 53rd St, Fairway, KS. With the record-setting rains we experienced last fall, a rain barrel gets filled up really fast. The answer to managing the over-flow—or to any soggy, poorly draining spot in your yard – might be a Rain Garden. Join us for a step-by-step workshop led by Fairway resident and landscape designer, Ann Simpson. We will discuss siting, construction, and planting details that will take you through this truly “green” method of managing water issues on your property. Instructor: Ann Simpson, landscape designer and GrowNative professional. Cost: \$10. To Register: call 913-262-0350 x3 or visit fairway.recdesk.com.

CREATIVE CONTAINER DESIGN WORKSHOPS, POWELL GARDENS, TICKETS REQUIRED, INFO@POWELLGARDENS.ORG

SAT, APR 21 @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM OR

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Learn to plan and design beautiful containers like a pro. Participants will learn elements necessary for great container design—pot placement, soil, drainage, sun location, and container selection. Each participant will design a container to take home.

MATT MILES PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING: MISSOURI WILD AND WONDERFUL - APR 22 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, POWELL GARDENS, TICKETS REQUIRED, Info@PowellGardens.org

APR 22 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Meet Rogersville, Missouri nature photographer Matt Miles for his photo program “Behind the Lens.” Miles is the author of Missouri Wild and Wonderful a book published in 2017 that features 142 stunning images of Missouri landscape and wildlife.

Container Gardening

Mon, Apr 23, 7pm; at Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060, 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS 66061. Containers are problem solvers.. First we will look at the science of container gardening and what it takes to grow the plants. The second part of the session will be the fun, art of container gardening including design tips and of course the great plants that add the wow factor. Limited to 45. \$10, enroll at www.johnson.k-state.edu. Instructor: Dennis Patton, Johnson Co K-State Research and Extension Horticulture Agent.

Advanced Beekeeping – Queen Rearing

Wed, Apr 25, 6:30-8:30pm; at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. Queen Rearing is a highly specialized process and an important part of beekeeping. There are many

practices, variations and processes which you will review in depth. You will learn the DooLittle and Miller queen rearing methods, as well as best practices for queen grafting and successfully raising your own queens. Fee: \$29. To enroll go to <https://ce.jccc.edu> or call 913-469-2323.

Thursday, April 26, 2018 [THE MIDCENTURY MODERN LANDSCAPE WITH ETHNE CLARKE](#)

The speaker, Ethne Clarke. *Gardeners Connect Free Speaker Series.* info@gardenersconnect.org
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. New Location, New Date and New Time! Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch

Overland Park GOA Plant Sale

Thurs, Apr 26 and Fri, Apr 27 10am-7pm; Sat, Apr 28 10am-4pm; in the basement of Colonial Church, 71st & Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS. We have ordered some spectacular annuals, perennials and herbs for this sale. We will also feature Hostas locally grown by Rob Mortko "The Hosta Guy". Our ever-popular member grown plant selection will be even larger this year than last. For further information please call Karen Clark 785-224-7279.

Plant Sale

Apr 26-28; at Colonial Church, 7039 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS. Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 9am until 3pm, unless sold out before then. Plant sale offers hundreds of varieties of locally grown plants from our member gardens as well as beautiful plants from a local nursery. Parking is free and the sale is totally indoors – held either rain or shine. Please come to back entrance of the Church.

Birding Hike

Thurs, Apr 26, 8-10:30am; at Cooley Lake Conservation Area, depending on water levels, Cooley Lake can be a terrific migration spot. We will meet at the entrance road just north of Hwy 210, east of Missouri City. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form on our website (www.backyardbirdcenter.com/cooley-lake-conservation-area-1). Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113. Join us for one of our Thursday morning bird hikes!

Spring Garden Studio Sale

Thurs, Apr 26, 4-8pm; at From the Summer's Garden, 8601 Barkley St, Overland Park, KS 66212. Opening Night Garden Party for Strawberry Garden Time. Refreshments, live music and lots of fun handmade garden artwork!

Dahlia Root Sale

Fri, Apr 27 and Sat, Apr 28; at Loose Park Garden Center, 51st and Wornall, Kansas City, MO. Fri 11am-5pm; 1-4pm Member Sale; Sat 8am-4pm Public sale 8am-3pm.

Plantaholic Frolic hits the road. Saturday, April 28, 2018 Join Gardeners Connect as it visits Lawrence area nurseries. The bus will begin loading by 7 a.m. with anticipated return time of 6:00 p.m.
info@gardenersconnect.org

Annual Spring Plant and Bake Sale

Sat, Apr 28, 8am-noon; at Cave Spring Interpretive Center, 8701 E Gregory, Raytown, MO. The sale will feature a wide variety of annuals, perennials, and vegetables as well as delicious homemade baked goods. Garden club members will be available to answer any questions you may have. Sponsored by Raytown Garden Club.

Edible Landscaping

Sat, Apr 28, 9am-12pm; at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. Increase the health benefits of your yard by learning to incorporate edible plants into your landscape design. Mix beauty with a tasty harvest. Explore designs and tips on maintaining landscapes with many colorful and productive edible annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs and trees. Even yards with limited space and sunlight can be bountiful! Fee: \$39. To enroll go to <https://ce.jccc.edu> or call 913-469-2323.

BEST OF MISSOURI LIFE MARKET FAIR, POWELL GARDENS, INFO@POWELLGARDENS.ORG

SAT, APR 28 @ 10:00 PM – 4:00 PM, SUN, APR 29 @ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

General Admission Applies

Join the best craftsman, brewers, distillers, artists and winemakers Missouri has to offer at the first Best of Missouri Life Market Fair, planned in collaboration with Missouri Life Magazine.

Visit powellgardens.org/marketfair for more information.

MAY, 2018

Plant Sale

Tues, May 1, 4-7pm and Wed, May 2, 8am-noon; at 18505 West 114th St, Olathe. Olathe Garden & Civic Club annual plant sale. Purchase annuals and perennials to enhance your garden. Public is cordially invited to attend this event. For information, email Cathy at fraucathya@gmail.com

Spring Plant Sale

Thurs, May 3, 3-7pm; Fri, May 4, 9am-7pm; Sat, May 5, 9am-3pm; at Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St. Find your unique healthy plants here, and ask our experts about your garden. Free to shop. Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

