

## Westport Garden Club Community Liaison for May, 2018

**Fri., MAY 11 @ 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Powell Gardens, Members-Only Plant Sale** Join us for this Highly Anticipated Member Event! Get first-pick of hundreds of varieties selected by our expert horticulture staff and make purchases for your home landscape for the upcoming season while also supporting Kansas City's botanical garden! the Powell Gardens annual plant sale offers a wide selection of:

- Species carefully selected for beauty, non-invasiveness, and resilience (summer heat tolerance and winter hardiness)
- Native selections; grasses, perennials and shrubs
- Plants leading new design trends and new cultivars of grasses and perennials

**Sat., MAY 12 @ 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sun., MAY 13 @ 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Annual Plant Sale at Powell Gardens**

**Sun., MAY 13 @ 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Mother's Day at Powell Gardens** All Mothers receive FREE admission. Enjoy and hour-long yoga session in the Vineyard at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. no additional charge (first-come, first-served) . Free chair massages for Mothers under the eaves of the Missouri Barn from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (first-come, first-served sign up at the barn when you arrive) and get access to the BIG Backyard an interactive exhibition featuring oversized backyard objects. General admission applies.

**Friday May 18 and Saturday May 19, 2018 rain or shine! Johnson County Extension Master Gardener Public Garden Tour**

9 a.m. — 5 p.m., tickets available at any Johnson County Hen House Market [www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/public-garden-tour/index.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/public-garden-tour/index.html) Hosted by the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs), this beloved biennial event is your chance to peek inside and tour seven of the most beautiful private gardens in Kansas City.

**Why We're Different** Our garden tour is unique! Each garden is owned and maintained by one of our EMGs. By opening up these private gardens you get a rare chance to wander through your neighbor's backyard and see and learn from local experts. While on the tour you will receive information about each garden and educational fact sheets full of practical tips and ideas.

**Sat, May 19, 9am-12pm; Herbs for Beginners at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS.** May is the perfect time to plant more herbs! Become more familiar with growing herbs, their many culinary and medical uses with this hands-on class. Learn which are perennials or annuals and how best to grow each in your garden. In addition, learn about medicinal uses, useful recipes for the kitchen and the many ways to preserve the herbs you grow. Fee: \$39. To enroll go to <https://ce.jccc.edu> or call 913-469-2323.

**Sat., MAY 19 @ 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Fungi & Fermentation at Powell Gardens** Celebrate mushrooms and all things fermented with a daylong event featuring tastings, demonstrations and classes. Learn to cook with mushrooms, observe an artist painting images of mushrooms or learn how to make kimchi. Enjoy FREE classes with topics such as growing mushrooms, composting, and making mead (all classes first-come, first-served). Live music, food vendors, and a ticketed beer garden showcasing regional microbrewers are also part of the fun (admission to the beer garden is limited to those 21 years and older with ID required). A free make-a-mushroom hat activity is available for families during the day.

**Sat., MAY 19 @ 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM Fungi & Fermentation: Beer Garden at Powell Gardens** Enjoy the ticketed Beer Garden at the Fungi & Fermentation celebration! Featured Brewers are Boulevard Brewing Company, Crane Brewing, Kansas City Bier Company, Leaky Roof Meadery, Mother's Brewing Company

**Saturday, May 19 | Kaw Point Meadery/Fox and Pearl | Missouri Barn Dinners at Powell Gardens** "Game of Thrones" introduced mead, a wine fermented from honey, into popular culture but, throughout history, the drink has been made mostly for home consumption. Now a 20-something group of entrepreneurs have started Kaw Point Meadery, a tasting room featuring mead made from local honey. Sample their semi-sweet Lavender Lemonade, Dry Hopped session, hibiscus and cinnamon-tinged Flowers & Bark and a barrel-aged Trojniak.

For this three-course, family-style meal, we asked Vaughn Good, formerly of Hank Charcuterie in Lawrence, to create a honey of a meal you won't soon forget, enjoyed on the terrace of the Missouri Barn as part of our summer-long Barn Dinner Series. Daniel Bauer, head brewer and "yeast herder", will be on hand to lead us through the tastings, providing a unique sneak peek of what their tasting room will offer when it opens later this summer in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood.

**Thurs, May 24, 8-9:30am; Birding Hike at Parkville Nature Sanctuary**, meet in the parking lot below the Platte County Health building on HWY 9. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form on our website ([www.backyardbirdcenter.com/parkville-nature-sanctuary-6](http://www.backyardbirdcenter.com/parkville-nature-sanctuary-6)). Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113.

**Sun, Jun 3, 6am-4pm. Tallgrass Prairie Birding at Dunn Ranch** If you want to take a step back in time and see what northern Missouri looked like before European settlement, this is trip for you. Dunn Ranch is a 3,258-acre property owned by the Missouri Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in northern Harrison County and protects the largest remaining track of unplowed deep soil, tallgrass prairie remaining that we know of. We will see a herd of genetically pure bison roaming the treeless landscape and many unique species of birds native to the tallgrass prairie. We should easily find Bobolinks, Eastern and Western Meadowlarks, Upland Sandpipers, Sedge Wrens and many, many more. Pack a sack lunch and snacks. We will meet at the Liberty Park and Ride Lot just north of the Liberty Hospital at 6am. We should be back to town around 4pm. Sponsored by Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64154, 816-746-1113.

**Sat, Jun 9, 9am-3pm. Leavenworth County Garden Tour** The Leavenworth County Master Gardeners will host nine beautiful gardens in the city of Leavenworth. This event will occur rain or shine. Tickets cost \$10 and will go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Leavenworth County Extension office, the Pot Rack and Homestead Greenhouse. For more information contact the Leavenworth Extension office at 913-364-5700.