

April Community Events

Powell Gardens

7 Missouri Arbor Day

9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Celebrate Missouri's Arbor Day by helping choose a new tree to plant in the Gardens! The first 100 visitors will receive a free tree seedling. Between 1 and 3:30 p.m., visit with horticulturists to learn about the trees they care for throughout the Gardens.

8 Backyard Chicken Keeping

9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. Learn the ins and outs of raising your own poultry flock - including Guinea hens - from chicken wranglers Jeff and Barb Fetchenhier. Discover all you need to know to get started and keep your girls happy!

15 Easter Eggs and Breakfast Bunnies

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Have a morning of fun with the Easter Bunny! Enjoy a Chris Cakes pancake breakfast followed by an egg hunt on the lawn. Throughout the morning, enjoy art activities, story time, and photos with the Easter Bunny!

22 Earth Day and Member Appreciation Day

9 a.m.-5 p.m. There's something special for everyone to celebrate Earth, our only home. Non-members enjoy half-price admission all day. Members are invited to stay late in the Heartland Harvest Garden to enjoy drinks and a free snack.

29-30 Doggies and Dogwoods Days

9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Bring your pup to this brand new event! Enjoy fun activities, learning opportunities, live entertainment, and more, all geared toward you and your barkin' bestie!

May 5 Apocalypse Plants: They Will Survive and Thrive?

2-4:30 p.m. The Midwest presents many challenges to the home gardener, such as extreme heat, humidity, torrential rain, spells of summer drought and of course, heavy clay soils. During this class, learn how to select plants that will thrive in these "apocalyptic" conditions. Garden professionals will teach students how to identify conditions in their yard and recommend plants to survive them. Participants will learn about tough Powell Gardens favorites on a short garden tour, obtain a personal garden plan worksheet, and develop a custom plant shopping list for their own yard. A classroom question and answer session with light wine and

refreshments will wrap up this experience and members can hustle into the plant sale at 5:00 p.m. and fulfill their shopping list.

May 6-7 Spring Plant Sale

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Pick out your favorites for landscape, containers and fruit or veggie gardening. Our expert staff will be available to answer questions and offer tips for success. Admission also gets you in to our exciting new Fungi and Fermentation Festival.

May 6-7 Fungi and Fermentation Festival

9 a.m.-6 p.m. This all-day festival celebrates mushrooms and beer providing opportunities to learn about and enjoy these tasty items in a variety of ways. Join author and Missouri Mycological Society expert Maxine Stone for a workshop on identifying mushrooms. This special session features a short excursion on the Byron Shutz Nature Trail to discover and identify mushrooms. Listen to live music and taste chanterelles prepared by Barb the Gardener. Visitors have the opportunity to sign up for a beer-brewing class and can also learn how to cook with mushrooms. Food is available for purchase onsite from local vendors and Cafe Thyme.

Kansas City Community Gardens

7 Planning Your Plot For Garden Success

12 – 2 p.m., Discovery Center, 4750 Troost. Find out how creating a planting plan for your garden plot can help you maximize garden space, get more of the vegetables that you love and save you time and money. KCCG has developed some great tools to help you create a garden plan and seed/plant list for spring, summer and fall.

13 Gardens At Sunset Planning Committee Info Session

6-7 p.m. Kansas City Community Gardens (KCCG), is looking for Event Planning Committee members to help with the fundraising event Gardens at Sunset. Gardens at Sunset is a fun and unique event including food, cocktails, and a silent auction in KCCG's beautiful gardens in Swope Park. This event is an informational session for those interested in serving on the committee. The event will be September 9, 2017.

Overland Park Arboretum

8 GeoKids

10-11:30 a.m. GeoKids is a fun-filled activity consisting of a brief classroom presentation on maps, directions and how to use a compass, geared for ages 7-11. Kids then head out into our learning Arboretum on a treasure hunt for prizes, with educational stops along the way.

8 Sapling Giveaway

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contribute to the landscape of Overland Park! The forestry division of the Parks Department will give away tree seedlings at Matt Ross Community Center, Tomahawk Ridge Community Center and the Overland Park Arboretum.

9 Kite Fest

12 – 4 p.m.