

## February 2018 WGC Community Liaison

### 2018 Kansas City Garden Workshop and Symposium

Fri, FEB 9, 2018, 2:00 P.M.- 4 P.M., Loose Park Garden Center, 5200 Pennsylvania  
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 presented by Tammi Hartung.

Sat., FEB 10, 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M., Rockhurst University, presented by Gardeners Connect

A full day symposium 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. See <https://gardensymposium.org> for additional information including the Friday banquet

### Felted Forms Exhibition - Wool in the Woods

FEB 10, all day. Overland Park Arboretum, 8909 W. 179th St., Overland Park, KS 66085  
[katharine.garrison@opkansas.org](mailto:katharine.garrison@opkansas.org). No pre-registration necessary, included with admission.  
Contact: Katharine Garrison, 913-685-3604.

The Kansas City Felt Makers Federation of Kansas use color and form to enhance the grey winter scenery through the woodland sculpture garden. We hope you will take a stroll along the path and discover these felted forms for yourself. You'll learn about the ancient craft of felting where wool fibers are felted using moisture, friction and heat. The exhibition runs through April 30.

### Local Artists

FEB 10, @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Overland Park Arboretum – Visitors' Center, 8909 W. 179th St.  
Artisans are coming to the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Come support local artists as they display and sell their hand-made products. Gift selections include jewelry, accessories, pottery, art and apparel. With Valentine's Day around the corner, this is the perfect time to buy something nice for that special someone. Enjoy the gardens and stay warm at this indoor event sponsored by the [Friends of the Arboretum](#). No pre-registration necessary, included with [admission](#).

### Getting to Know Your Weeds

Mon, FEB 12, 7pm; at Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060, 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS 66061.

Weeds seem to pop up everywhere in the lawn and garden. Getting the upper hand on them requires us to first know the pesky weed and its characteristics. This is the first step. This class will help us identify our weed problems. This class when combined with the February 26 class will be the perfect one-two punch. Attendance at both is not required. Come to one or both. Limited to 45. \$10, enroll at [www.johnson.k-state.edu](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu).

### **We Love Orchids! Work and Learn Workshop**

Wed, FEB 14, or Thurs, Feb 15, 9am-noon and 1-4pm each day; at Powell Gardens.  
Celebrate Valentine's Day and your love for plants with this special greenhouse work and learn workshop at Powell Gardens. In this three-hour session, you will learn about basic orchid care, several easy orchids to grow, orchid fertilizing, and how and why to repot orchids. Each workshop is taught by Eric Perrette, Powell Gardens horticulturalist with the assistance of other Powell affiliated staff. Participants will be repotting orchids from Powell Gardens' collections to gain professional-level expertise and will receive a small orchid start at the end of the workshop to take home. COST: \$35 (members less 10%)—includes start of an orchid to take home. Visit [powellgardens.org](http://powellgardens.org) for details.

### **Native Trees for Kansas City Landscapes**

Thurs, FEB 15, 6:30pm; at Kauffman Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO.  
Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City  
Our presenter will be Chuck Connor who is a Community Forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation and has over 30 years' experience in the care of trees and forest land. Chuck is very informative and adds humor and liveliness to his presentations. This presentation will cover how to select, plant and establish native trees in urban landscapes. Free and open to the public. No registration is required. For further information call 816-665-4456 or visit our website @ [mggkc.org](http://mggkc.org) and browse Gardeners' Gathering.

### **Powell Gardens**

Member-Only Saturdays  
FEB 17 @ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Join us in the winter months when the Gardens are dormant but still beautiful. Powell Gardens members only.

### **Landscaping With Native Plants: Native Landscaping Native Plants for Novices Intro**

Tuesday, FEB 20, 2018 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, walk-in (adults)

If you're a new homeowner, beginning gardener or just "native-plant curious" - this is the workshop for you! We'll cover the basics: importance of native plants in your garden, tried and true favorite species and simple garden templates you can try at home. Once you get your feet wet you'll never look at your yard the same again!

### **OrchardKeepers Spring Courses**

Spring 2018 OrchardKeepers, at Anita B Gorman Discovery Center, Kansas City, MO. The goal of OrchardKeepers is to train residents on the proper maintenance and care of fruit trees. These skills can then be applied to their own trees or to help maintain orchards found within the community.

Tuesday, FEB 20th: 9:00 – 12:00 pm  
Food Security | Introduction to Soils and Biology | Site and Species Selection

Wednesday, FEB 21st: 9:00 – 12:00 pm  
Planting | Insects and Diseases | Control Methods | Fruit Management | Pruning

Thursday, FEB 22nd: 9:00 – 12:00 pm  
Hands-On Pruning Field Day

REGISTER NOW If you have questions, call Noelle Morris at 816-561-1061 ext. 115 or email [Noelle.Morris@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:Noelle.Morris@bridgingthegap.org).

### **Seed Sharing Event**

Wed, FEB 21, rain or shine, noon-3pm; at the visitor center at the Overland Park Arboretum. Jim Earnest and Ken O'Dell will host a Seed Sharing Event. Attendees will be able to select and pick out seed that Jim and Ken have collected from wilderness, woodlands, prairies, and the arboretum. There will be seed from more than 50 different trees, as well as seeds from many shrubs, wildflowers, vines and grasses. The seed and small bags to put them in will be provided. You should bring a pen to write on paper or plastic. There is no charge for the event, and registration is not necessary. Just come in with a smile on your face. There may be a \$3 fee to enter the Arboretum.

### **Go Bats for Bats: Family Workshop**

Sat, FEB 24, 1-4pm; at Powell Gardens. Join us for an afternoon to learn all about bats—what species we have in Missouri, what they eat, where they live, and why they are not scary! This experience includes construction of a plywood bat house kit (one per family group) that you can take home and install in your backyard to support our bat population. Best for family groups with children ages 8 and up. Children under the age of 12 must work with an adult at all times. COST: \$85 per family (one kit per family). Visit [powellgardens.org](http://powellgardens.org) for details.

### **Celebrating George Edward Kessler—Designer of a Green and Graceful Kansas City Park and Boulevard System**

Sat, FEB 24, 1-2:30pm; at National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W Pacific Ave, Independence, MO 64050. Join Dona R Boley, author, historian, and Kessler Society member, in examining the life and legacy of George Edward Kessler (1862 to 1923). His vision transformed Kansas City from a “shanty town” to a cosmopolitan city with wide tree lined boulevards, beautiful parks, and neighborhood playgrounds. RA Long’s Longview Farm earned the title The World’s Most Beautiful Farm thanks to George Kessler’s innovative designs. Sponsored by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Dept., City of Independence. Free to the public.

### **Getting the Upper Hand on Weeds**

Mon, FEB 26, 7pm; at Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1060, 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS 66061. Chemical, organic, cultivation? Getting a handle on eliminating weeds is about selecting the right option that meets your needs. This second session on weeds will cover your options in weed control. It is not a one size fits all method but a strategy that meets your needs. Attendance at the first session, Feb. 12, is not required so attend one or both. Limited to 45. \$10, enroll at [www.johnson.k-state.edu](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu). Instructor: Dennis Patton, Johnson Co K-State Research and Extension Horticulture Agent.