

WGC Community Liaison for June and July 2018

Aquatic Plant Workshop

TUE., JUN 12 @ 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, POWELL GARDENS

Join the Missouri Conservation Department at Powell Gardens to learn about managing ponds and lakes on your property! Get the goods on fish management including stocking recommendations. Learn about the importance of aquatic plant in your water's ecosystem and in small water gardens. Bring photos of nuisance aquatic plants in your pond for ID and receive recommendations on management and control. Pre-Register by calling (660)530-5500.

Dog's Day Out

SAT., JUN 16 @ 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, POWELL GARDENS

Stop and smell the roses with your furry-friend at our "Dog's Day Out" from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Stroll through lush fields, sniff your way through vibrant gardens, and meet new some new four-legged friends while you enjoy a day in the outdoors. A portion of admissions fees will benefit the Great Plains SPCA's mission to promote a better life for pets and the people who love them. Beer paws will be on-hand with tasty drinks for your pal and the first 100 dog owners will receive some tasty dog treats created by Barb the Gardener! General admission applies. This event is rain or shine.

Tour of KC Water Swope Campus Green Infrastructure

Thurs, Jun 21. A parking lot usually means cars and asphalt, but KC Water's parking lot is a lesson in stormwater management. Join the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City for a tour of KC Water's Swope Campus Parking Lot, located at 4800 E 63rd Street, in Kansas City, Missouri. The parking areas and rain gardens are designed to catch, infiltrate, and slowly release the 10% probability storm (that's 5.25 inches of rain in less than 24 hours!) to reduce stormwater runoff from the site. Learn how different types of porous pavements, native plantings, and raingardens are performing and being maintained while enjoying an evening walk along the paved walking trail or sitting in the outdoor plaza designed to promote a healthy work environment for employees. Guided tours of green infrastructure, including native plantings, pervious concrete, porous asphalt, grasscrete, permeable pavers, rain gardens, and bio-swales will be conducted by KC Water employees. The tours will be conducted at 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The event is free, but registration is required and begins on May 25 and closes June 15. Visit our website www.mggkc.org and browse "MG Events" to find the

Eventbrite link to sign up sign up for your preferred tour. Sign up early to get your preferred time; space is limited.

Wonders of Discovery

Fri, Jun 22, 9am-2pm; at Pollinator Prairie, 320 S Blake St, Olathe, KS 66061. The Pollinator Prairie will host a family-friendly event at the garden in Olathe in conjunction with National Pollinator Week. This event is free and open to the public. People of all ages are invited to learn about pollinator species with activities including: Caterpillar Petting Zoo, Bat Exhibit, Caterpillar and Butterfly Exhibits, Birds of Prey Exhibit, Native Bees vs Honey Bees, Building Native Bee Houses, Bringing Nature Home, "Get Your Fingers in the Dirt", Arts & Crafts, Coloring Books and much more. Contact: Nancy Chapman 913-710-0623 or Marilyn Jordan 913-693-1906.

Backyard Beekeeping

SAT., JUN 23 @ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, TICKETS, POWELL GARDENS

Look into a hive, find the Queen bee, learn how to help Missouri's State Insect – The Honey Bee, try on a bee suit, exercise your muscles and crank the honey extractor, and get your bee stamp!

Daylily Show

Sat, Jun 23, 10:30am-3:30pm; at Loose Park Garden Center, 51st and Wornall, Kansas City, MO. Membership. 816-513-8590

Stems: a garden soirée

Sat, Jun 23, 7-11pm; at Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Garden, invites you to the event of the summer. Tickets \$150 General Admission Ticket, \$250 Patron Ticket. Visit stemssoiree.org or call 913-322-6467 for all ticket and event information.

Breakfast & garden tour!

Sat, Jun 23, 8am-3pm. Anytime between 8-10am, enjoy the simple pleasures of a home style breakfast: eggs, sausage, country potatoes and all the trimmings. The American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City will provide entertainment during breakfast. Come hungry and leave well fed! Garden tours begin at 10. The grounds of the Bingham will look lovely and will be the start of the tour. The tour will feature private local gardens, all of which will be a pleasure to visit! Tickets for Breakfast & Blooms are \$25 – this ticket includes breakfast, the garden tour and a tour of the Bingham Waggoner Estate to be used the day of the garden tour or any day by Oct 31, 2018. Tickets for breakfast only are \$11. Tickets for the gardens only are \$20. Tickets may be purchased by calling Shireen at 816-461-3491.

Missouri Barn Dinner: Bryan Zachery Sparks of Broadway Bistro

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It Ain't Easy Being Green – What Makes Your Garden Grow? – Gr 8-12

Fri, Jun 29, 10am-4pm; at Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. .Acquire the knowledge and skills required to grow plants from seeds, cuttings, leaves, runners and slips. Propagation techniques such as air-layering and serpentine layering will be covered. You will study basics of setting up hydroponic and aquaponic systems and observe existing systems in the Horticultural Sciences Center at JCCC. You will also learn about soilless growing media, potting methods, liners, fertilizers, plant growth regulators and much more. Fee: \$79. To enroll go to <https://ce.jccc.edu> or call 913-469-2323.

Booms and Blooms Festival

SAT., JUN 30 @ 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, TICKETS, POWELL GARDENS

Celebrate our nation's independence with explosions of color and texture on the land and in the air at this popular annual event. Plan to arrive early to stake out a seat on the grass with your picnic blanket.

Daylily Open House/Garden Tour

Jul 4 and 5, open from 9am-1pm; at Hart's Daylilies, 7460 W 255th, Louisburg, KS. The garden has 900 varieties of daylilies. Call 913-837-5209 for more information.

All About Succulents

Thurs, Jul 5, 11:30am-1pm; in Sunflower Room, Extension Office, 1208 N 79th St, Kansas City, KS. Jesse will be showing us how to arrange them in containers and how to care for them. Each class participant will be given a succulent to take home. This class, sponsored by the Wyandotte County Extension Master Gardeners, will be taught by Jesse Nelson from Family Tree Nursery. Registration is not required. Fee: \$5 payable at door (waived for certified Extension MGs). For more information, call 913-299-9300.

25thAnnual Water Garden Tour of Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City

Jul 7 and 8. Many of the 40 sites have never been on tour before and there are numerous gardens with working trains, fairy and sculpture gardens. For our 25th annual tour there will be featured artists and musicians to celebrate art in the garden at several locations.

The 25th Greater KC Water Garden Society tour is a feast for all the senses, beneficial to the environment and wildlife, and a place to get answers to many of your questions. There will be pond builders at the sponsored ponds to explain the process and how to incorporate your style in a water feature.

Tickets for the 2-day tour will be available at all garden centers in the greater Kansas City area, Hen House Markets and Westlake Hardware. Prices for the self-directed

driving tour is \$10 for both days. Children under 14 are free with an adult. This one-of-a-kind tour serves another purposes. To date, the KC Water Garden Society has built over 60 ponds for schools and other nonprofits. For information on discounted tickets at \$8 per person for groups of 10 or more, email us at tour@kcwatergardens.com. Visit our website at www.kcwatergardens.com and on Facebook. For further inquiries, call Linda H. at 816-305-5963.

Docent Led Tour: Our Edible Landscape
SUN., JUL 8 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, POWELL GARDENS

Join Powell Gardens docent Bruce Monke on a walking tour in the Heartland Harvest garden to learn more about what is planted, harvested and our Community Supported Agriculture program. Dress for the weather. Free with garden admission. Limited availability. NOTE: This is not a tasting tour.

Exercise Therapy for Gardeners

Mon, Jul 9, 6pm; at Loose Park Garden Center, 51st and Wornall, Kansas City, MO. Gardening does not have to be a painful hobby. Travis Perret's lecture will show exercises that gardeners can perform to improve flexibility, decrease pain and improve posture without the use of drugs. Travis' passion is helping people get back to doing what they love to do without the limitations of chronic pain. Travis graduated from the University of Kansas and received his degree in Exercise Science with an emphasis in pre-physical therapy. He was a decathlete on the University of Kansas track and field team. After graduating, he was hired by The Egoscue Method and worked for Pete Egoscue for seven years. He then returned to the Midwest to open Exercise Therapy of Kansas City. He is a speaker, author, and has owned and operated Exercise Therapy of Kansas City in Overland Park, KS for 13 years. For any questions, please contact Margaret at 816-942-8889.