

ARBORETUM

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky
University of Kentucky 1500 Alumni Drive
Lexington, KY 40503



2018 Party for the Planet and Arbor Day Celebration

Thanks to presenting sponsor Kentucky Utilities, April is once again PARTY FOR THE PLANET month at The Arboretum. Our theme this year is *Cultivating Connections*. We will explore this theme all month long in our Cultivating Connections workshops held each Thursday in April (see calendar page 7) and on Saturday April 7 at our Celebrating the Seasons SPRING HAS SPRUNG event in the Kentucky Children's Garden from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's Party for the Planet incorporates the annual *Spring Is for the Birds! Birdhouse and Birdfeeder Display* starting April 18, along with a new feature—birdfeeders! Submissions to this artful and environmental event are due April 9 at the Visitor Center.

Party for the Planet festivities culminate on Saturday, April 28 at Lexington's 27th celebration of ARBOR DAY at The Arboretum, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's opening ceremony includes sponsor recognition, the State's proclamation of Arbor Day, Lex-

ington's proclamation, and Tree Campus USA and Tree City USA awards.

After the opening program, we hope you will tour our tents filled with exhibits from a variety of organizations. Be sure to take home a free seedling from the Tree Giveaway Tent. Meander through the adjacent gardens and view the handmade entries in the Birdhouse and Birdfeeder Display. Then stop by the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center to vote for your favorite birdhouse and do your best to win it by bidding in the Silent Auction. Finally, see the wonders of nature from a child's perspective by visiting the Kentucky Children's Garden, where admission is free until 2 p.m.

Thanks to our generous sponsors for helping to provide the day's activities: Kentucky Utilities, Kentucky American Water, LFUCG Boards and Commissions, Big Beaver Tree Service, Lexmark International, Blue Grass Energy and Dave Leonard Tree Specialists.



On the Grounds

Mississippi Embayment Wetland

Robert Castlen, Native Plants Team

Along the southern portion of the Walk Across Kentucky's paved path, visitors enter a representation of Kentucky's Mississippi Embayment region. They can't help but notice the wetlands display by the long boardwalk and, in most seasons of the year, a profusion of colorful blooming plants surrounding it. Ten years on it is well worth recognizing the area's evolution and success.

The project was conceived to address both the needs of homeowners in the adja-

cent Glendover neighborhood, whose homes often flooded during storms, and to continue to build features recommended in The Arboretum's Master Plan. This physiographic region at the westernmost part of the Commonwealth consists of intermittent wetlands and floodplains, with plant communities that can tolerate a variety of hydrological conditions, including inundations of water. The partnership between the University of Kentucky, The Arboretum and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government resulted in a project solution that met the goals of all involved.

The project area begins 100 yards uphill of the wetland where the existing landscape of two shallow depressions was incorporated. Two earth and stone dams were constructed to separate the two depressions, slowing the water that makes its way downhill and eventually reaches the constructed wetland forebay. The forebay temporarily detains water and slowly releases it into the city's storm water system. This periodic inundation creates ideal conditions for many of the wetland and riparian species displayed in the Mississippi Embayment region.

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Director's Message

Spring has sprung, and we hope you are ready to be outdoors again! Would you enjoy a chance to volunteer at The Arboretum? We are ready to welcome back our volunteers—and to incorporate new ones. Without the efforts of our devoted and faithful volunteers, all that we offer simply wouldn't be possible. We are particularly in need of volunteers for our May 12 and June 23 events (see below).

We held our Volunteer Fair on March 31, and we thank everyone who attended and signed on for volunteer opportunities. If you were unable to attend but would like to join our volunteers, information is available in the Visitor Center and on our website. Just click the **Volunteer** tab. You are sure to find a place where your talents are a perfect fit!

Benefitting The Arboretum

Our community partners are serious about supporting The Arboretum!

In March we were thrilled to be the Good Foods Co-Op's GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE month-of-March recipient—for a second year!

April 10 is Lucky's Market IMPACT DAY, when 10 percent of all sales will benefit the Kentucky Children's Garden.

May 12 The Arboretum will be the charity recipient of the JOHN'S RUN LOCAL 8K RACE—also for a second year! All profits will benefit THE CAMPAIGN to expand and renovate the Dorothy Smith Oatts Visitor Center.

On June 23, we will host the HUNDRED-ACRE WALK/RUN 5K to benefit the Kentucky Children's Garden. John's Run Walk Shop will support our fundraising efforts and provide expertise and logistical support.

We are so thankful for our wonderful community partnerships! Our gratitude to Good Foods Co-op, Lucky's Market, and John's Run Walk Shop for their generous support!

Details and special offers for both the May and June events will be available in our monthly e-blast. To receive the e-blast, send an email to arboretum@uky.edu. You will be added to our listserv and will receive updates directly to your e-mail inbox.

Legacy Campaign Update

We are pleased to report our fundraising totals as of February 28, 2018, for gifts and pledges to expand and renovate the Dorothy Smith Oatts Visitor Center and to establish an endowment for this building.

- Visitor Center Phase II Fund: \$1,085,810.02
- Dorothy Smith Oatts Endowed Fund: \$174,645.26

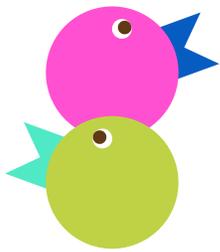
We thank everyone who has contributed to THE CAMPAIGN since it launched and our special thanks go to Mrs. Dorothy Oatts for her vision and generosity.

On a sad note, we mourn the recent passing of Mrs. Oatts. She was an unsurpassed supporter of The Arboretum and its mission, and we miss her unflagging interest and enthusiasm. Mrs. Oatts' family plans to hold a remembrance of life in early May at The Arboretum. Her legacy lives on in the gardens she so loved. More details will be provided nearer the service date.

Improvements to the Gardens

The fall and winter months have been busy ones for our staff. We have a jaw-dropping number of improvements that we hope you will enjoy! Our front entrance is being transformed and improved, both for visibility and aesthetic purposes. Jesse Dahl and Emily Ellingson are creating a planting plan that alludes to our horticultural and native plants collections and provides a longer bloom season. You will see the new witch hazel collection and our green roof project (see page 4); a garden conifer planting; additions to the magnolia, conifer and rose collections; additional plantings in the parking lot; and irrigation lines added to the the Penny-rile and Appalachian Plateau regions of the Walk Across Kentucky. Other improvements include plant labels to identify all perennials, roses, shrubs and trees in the horticultural collections; and replacement of two pedestrian bridges in the Mississippi Embayment Wetland display. We were able to make these improvements thanks to the judicious use of donations to various Arboretum funds throughout the years and the efforts of our Horticulture and Native Plants crews. We thank everyone who has made a donation—we know that you will enjoy these additions!

Friends of the Arboretum



Spring Is for the Birds!

Friends of The Arboretum present the 15th BIRDHOUSE DISPLAY AND SILENT AUCTION! Added as part of the program this year are birdfeeders. Creative birdloving artists of all ages are invited to participate. This annual display is growing each year and is a real favorite of our visitors! This popular event is once

again scheduled to coincide with April's PARTY FOR THE PLANET. Be sure to vote for your favorite birdhouse and/or birdfeeder outside or inside the Visitor Center. Honor awards will be presented for adult and student (under 12) entries for most creative and artistic; best use of natural materials; best use of recycled materials; and most functional for birds. And be sure to place a bid on birdhouses and birdfeeders up for auction in the Visitor Center. Entry forms are available in the Visitor Center and on our website. See the Calendar for dates and times.



Our thanks to Sally Horowitz for creating this collage of some of the 2017 birdhouse entries!

Hello, Friends

Nancy McNally, Friends President

Friends of The Arboretum have had a busy winter and we are ready for spring! The Arboretum has a full calendar of events and ways for you to contribute, support and enjoy The Arboretum.

We want to make sure you stay abreast of information that may not reach the Quarterly Newsletter because of deadlines. Our most timely and cost-effective methods for communication are The Arboretum's monthly e-blast messages, website and Facebook. You don't have to be a Friend to sign up for the monthly e-blasts, just have interest in The Arboretum and the Friends.

Our February 15, 2018 FOUNDERS LECTURE featured Matthew Clarke, a Lexington native now living and working in New York City. Matthew's talk on *The Culture of Parks and Open Space: Building Community* was of interest to all. The evening started by honoring our 2018 Bur Oak Society inductees. We so appreciate



2018 Bur Oak Inductees (left to right) Tim Brooks, Cliff Feltham, Louis Hillenmeyer and Phyllis MacAdam.

their many years of Arboretum participation and support.

Our March 22 FOUNDERS LECTURE featured Richard Weber of Springhouse Gardens. We greatly enjoyed his presentation on the evolution of one of his garden's and his insights on creating a garden with year-round appeal.

As you are planning your own gardens and seasonal activities, I want to remind you of the many benefits of your Friends Membership and we announce some exciting additional benefits this year (see below).

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in the gardens!

2018 Bur Oak Society Inductees

Friends of The Arboretum established the Bur Oak Society in 2003 to honor individuals who have made significant and continuous contributions to The Arboretum. The 2018 inductees were recognized at the February 15, 2018, spring FOUNDERS LECTURE by Matthew Clarke. The awardees, Tim Brooks, Cliff Feltham, Louis Hillenmeyer III and Phyllis MacAdam, are pictured above. You can read each inductee's biography of their contributions on the **Friends of The Arboretum** tab of our website.

Congratulations to these loyal Friends and members of the community. We are honored by your service and support!

Friends Membership Benefits

10% off at participating area garden centers

10% off at The Arboretum Gift Shop

\$15 off Kentucky Children's Garden season membership

\$20 off Junior Master Gardener summer sessions

Free Discovery Backpacks for children when visiting the grounds (must show member card)

Free Garden Guide tour of Home Demonstration gardens (one tour/ membership, must show member card, other rules apply)

Free Admission and/or additional benefits through the American Horticultural Society's *Reciprocal Admissions Program*, which offers free admission at 320 member gardens throughout North America

Free Better Homes and Gardens 1-year subscription

On the Grounds

Mississippi Embayment Wetland

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Upon completion of the construction contractor's work, The Arboretum's native plants staff began to complete the planting portion of the project. The lush and diverse plant environment that visitors now see required time to become established and to evolve into its present state. What you see today was not without challenges. Green plastic netting used for erosion control was laid on the bare soil after the ground was reshaped, requiring plants to penetrate the barrier in order to establish. Though machinery and construction workers traveled to the site on the paved path, equipment used to construct the bridge and excavate the earth unavoidably compacted the soil. The shifting of soil brought to the surface weeds once dormant in the seed bank, creating competition for resources as the natives strove to become established.

The front of the wetlands, near the bridge, is purposely open. Prescribed burns and the removal of woody plants help to portray a prairie environment. With an understory of 34 herbaceous species now established, nature has shifted the matrix of species over time. A thick patch of dense blazing star (*Liatris spicata*) stands where perhaps wild senna (*Senna marilandica*) once dominated. From the island in the forebay and back, 15 native woody species have been allowed to develop and one day will create a full tree canopy representing the wooded swamps of the Mississippi Embayment. Some of these tree species are found only in this region of Kentucky, including pyramid magnolia (*Magnolia pyramidata*) and water tupelo (*Nyssa aquatica*).

Over time, plant roots have become established and anchored, native plants have filled in and crowded together, and trees have grown up and out and established a canopy. Every year more turf is replaced as the wetlands' herbaceous borders expand, thus reducing mowing needs and increasing habitat and food for wildlife. The challenges of this ambitious project were met with dedicated weeding and patience, and a committed staff and volunteer base, resulting in a magnificent display.



Mississippi Embayment wetlands and pedestrian bridge.

Spring Color

Jesse Dahl, Arboretum Horticulturist

We've added a large collection of witch hazels to the area on the north side of the Home Demonstration garden. Witch hazels (*Hamamelis*) are wonderful plants with a long bloom season. With fall-blooming varieties that can continue to bloom into December and spring-blooming varieties that begin to bloom as early as February, they offer interest and color to the garden almost year-round. They bloom in a variety of colors, the most common being yellow, orange, and red. Witch hazels like some shade but also do well in full sun, thus the area near the large bur oak and birches is a perfect spot.

To complement our new witch hazel collection, we have added thousands of daffodil bulbs into the lawns in drifts to lend a bright yellow cheer to the area. Several new varieties of flowering quince will offer spectacular color early in the year. While many of our garden areas provide color in April, May, and throughout the summer and fall, this collection will peak in March, offering visitors a new and exciting spring display. We encourage you to get outside and enjoy the color in The Arboretum.

A Green Roof

Jesse Dahl, Arboretum Horticulturist

In addition to adding new plants, the Horticulture crew has been busy this winter building an addition to and painting the tool shed in the Home Demonstration Garden. This addition will give us much-needed storage and is the perfect opportunity to build a green roof.

What is a green roof? It is a living roof that is covered in vegetation. Our green roof will have approximately four inches of soil on which we will plant a variety of sedums, hens and chicks, and a few drought-resistant perennials. The roof will provide a host of benefits. The soil and plants there will soak up water, thus greatly reducing runoff. Unlike traditional roofs, our vegetation-covered roof will be cooler because it will not collect and radiate heat throughout the day. The variety of plants and soil will help capture air pollution particulates and sequester carbon, and the space will provide habitat for birds and insects.

As the weather warms, stop by the tool shed in the gardens to see our new green roof courtesy of our Horticulture crew.

Catching up with the Curator

Emily Ellingson, Curator and Native Plants Collection Manager

It's hard to believe that March 1st was my six month anniversary of starting my position as Curator and Native Plants Collection Manager at The Arboretum. It's certainly been busy and eventful and I am grateful for a welcoming staff, friends group, volunteer group and University community. I've had opportunities to attend numerous symposia and workshops, participate in events at The Arboretum, and have started to get to know the collection, especially the Walk Across Kentucky (WAKY).

The WAKY is an incredible resource for our local communities, all of Kentucky, and research and biodiversity worldwide. The trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants found across the WAKY are not only native, but are wild-collected from the regions in which they reside and help preserve the genetic diversity of Kentucky's flora.

I have a long way to go before I know all plants in The Arboretum, but I am regularly struck by features in the landscape. From the wooded peacefulness of the Appalachian Plateau, to the ingenuity of the Cumberland Mountains project, to the twisting alleyways and rustling microclimates in our Bluegrass Kentucky cane-breaks, there is something distinct and exceptional across every region. I can't wait to see the regeneration of prairies after controlled burns, witness our display of spring ephemerals and scout areas across Kentucky to collect seed and plants from in the fall. I'm also excited to continue work on our Landscape Management Plan, a tool that will undoubtedly help us manage our 100 acres.

I have been impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication displayed by staff and everyone involved at The Arboretum. I've also found there to be inspiring forward momentum in Lexington's environmental community and am excited to see where it takes us. I'm looking forward to the spring and what the next six months of the growing season will bring.

The time and energy that Friends and volunteers contribute are so important—and appreciated!

Nancy McNally, Friends President

Volunteers

Volunteering with Us

We have many ways for your skills, talents and time to be used to benefit and support The Arboretum.

All volunteers, whether new or returning, are asked to complete a waiver and release at the time they start their volunteer activities or at our annual Volunteer Fair. We are hopeful that the date of our 2018 Annual Fair on March 31st has reached you by e-blast but, if it didn't, we have information online or in the Visitor Center.

Kentucky Children's Garden (KCG) Volunteer Orientations and Refreshers

Do you like working outside with children? New and returning volunteers are invited (and required!) to attend an upcoming session. KCG volunteers make a difference in many ways including daily opportunities as a greeter or train operator, teaching opportunities during field trips, outreach and events and more! At the orientation, we will review procedures, complete 2018 paperwork (including a background check) and learn about all of the continuing and new opportunities that volunteers can participate in this year. Returning volunteers need only stay for the first hour. See the Calendar for upcoming orientations.

Staff News

Thank you, Katie Morrison

Katie Morrison, KCG Lead Educator last year, moved on over the winter. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her the very best and know that she will go far! Katie still plans to volunteer in the garden from time to time, so please join us in congratulating her on her new position and thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication over the past two years.

Welcome, Victoria

Victoria Wallace grew up in Frankfort, Kentucky with a love for the great outdoors. That passion led her to get her Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science from Bellarmine University in Louisville. While in college, she had the opportunity to intern with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at the Salato Wildlife Education Center, which sparked a passion for teaching. After graduation, she was able to combine her two passions, the great outdoors and teaching, by spending a year in Pine Knoll Shores, North Carolina working at an Environmental Education Center called Sound to Sea. Now that Victoria is back in Kentucky, she feels fortunate to be the new Lead Educator in the Kentucky Children's Garden and is excited to see the adventure unfold.



Katie Morrison, left, and Victoria Wallace.



Arboretum staff recognized John and Marvis Hartman for their outstanding volunteer contributions at our January 20, 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

Programs

Activities meet at the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

For more information, see the Calendar or go to: <http://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/Education>

Party for the Planet! Cultivating Connections Workshop

Join The Arboretum staff and community partners to learn about the interconnectedness of the natural and human world. Each workshop focuses on a different type of connection as part of our Cultivating Connections Party for the Planet celebration in April.

Walking Tour with the Curator

Put on your hiking boots and join our Curator and Native Plants Collection Manager, Emily Ellingson, on hour-long walking tours of the Walk Across Kentucky. Topics for each tour will be inspired by the landscape and could range from discovering spring wild flowers, to investigating the physiographic regions of Kentucky, to delving into plant collection and curation. Monthly topics will highlight current projects and interesting plants around the Walk Across Kentucky. Participants should be prepared to venture out in all kinds of weather and onto our mulched trails for these educational hikes.

Guided Garden Tours

Volunteer Garden Guides will lead tours of our horticultural areas gardens. Download the request form from our website on the **Plan your Visit/Tours** tab and either mail it to us or submit it by email to arboretum@uky.edu. We are delighted to be able to offer this revitalized program thanks to the leadership of Mary Witt, Laura Ferrell and John Hartman, and we

hope you will consider bringing a group to visit us!

StoryWalk

The StoryWalk continues this year with a new selection of children's books provided by the Lexington Public Library and Jessamine County Public Library.

West Sixth Brewery's Suds and Science

Arboretum Curator and Native Plants Collection Manager Emily Ellingson will present at West Sixth Brewery's Suds and Science event, which aims to bring local scientific experts to give a short presentation in a relaxed atmosphere. The presentation will be followed by questions while enjoying some beer at West Sixth!

New! Discovery Backpacks

Explore The Arboretum with our new Discovery Backpacks! Each backpack is designed for two children (ages 3 to 7) and an adult to share. Each pack contains fun and educational materials to help you get to know The Arboretum including books, costumes, activities and more. Backpacks available this spring include: Beautiful Bugs, Garden Explorers and Terrific Trees. Backpacks are available for daily rental on a first-come, first-served basis at the Visitor Center. You must leave a photo ID or credit card at the Visitor Center in order to rent the packs. The cost is \$5 (FREE for Friends of The Arboretum or Kentucky Children's Garden (KCG) members to use for the day).

Trees and Carbon Storage: How You Can Help Reduce the Effects of Climate Change

Students will visit The Arboretum to learn how trees can help reduce the effects of climate change. They will tour the grounds to learn about plant conservation and ecosystem services as well as use professional forestry tools to measure the amount of carbon stored by the trees here. A pre-tour activity introducing the carbon cycle and a post-tour activity including adopting a tree at your school will be provided. Thanks to the generous support of the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education and Kentucky State University Center for Environmental Education, the course can be offered free of charge to participating students on a first-come, first-served basis through June.

Celebrating the Seasons: Spring has Sprung!

Join us in the KCG to visit with local organizations and learn about spring.

Lexington Family Nature Club

The Lexington Family Nature Club is a partnership between The Arboretum, the Living Arts and Science Center and Lexington Parks and Recreation. Our mission is to provide opportunities for families to engage in nature play and to empower families to explore nature in Lexington and the surrounding areas. Pre-registration is required.

BEGINNING TO GARDEN

DATE May 12
TIME 10 am to noon
PLACE The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky

SNAKE SMARTS

DATE June 9
TIME 10 am to noon
PLACE Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

CITY LIFE

DATE July 14
TIME 10 am to noon
PLACE Living Arts and Science Center

ANIMAL TRACKING

DATE August 11
TIME 10 am to noon
PLACE McConnell Springs

Kentucky Children's Garden

Admission (purchased in the Visitor Center)

\$ 3 Children under 2 years FREE
\$ 10 Up to 5 people
\$ 90 Season pass (up to 5 people/visit)
\$ 75 Season pass (Friends of The Arboretum)

Spring Hours*closed April 1
March 15 to May 27
Thursday - Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday 1 to 5 pm
Admission closes each day at 4:30 pm

Summer Hours* closed July 4
May 30 to August 26
Wednesday - Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday 1 to 5 pm
Admission closes each day at 4:30 pm

Daily Events (except Sunday)

Each day the KCG is open, there is educational programming at..... 10:30 am**
1 pm
3 pm
The model trains run from 11 am to noon**
1:30 to 2:30 pm
3:30 to 4:30 pm

Free Admission Days

Arbor DayApril 28 10 am to 2 pm
Addie's DayMay 19 10 am to 2 pm

**For your safety, we close during inclement weather and if we see lightning or hear thunder. Hours of operation are subject to change without notice.*

** Except Sunday

Calendar

April 2018

5 THURSDAY

► **Rooted in Soil: Connections Between Plants and the Landforms Beneath Them**, with Rob Paratley, Scott Smith and Molly Davis (Party for the Planet Cultivating Connections Workshop)
TIME 5:30 to 7 pm
AGES 13 and up
LIMIT 30 participants, pre-registration required.
COST \$3/person, \$5/family (suggested donation)

6 FRIDAY

New StoryWalk book: Little Tree, by Loren Long.

7 SATURDAY

Celebrating the Seasons: Spring has Sprung!
Kentucky Children's Garden
TIME 10 am to 1 pm
AGES 2 and up
COST Regular admission rates apply, FREE for KCG members.

9 MONDAY

Spring Is for the Birds! Birdhouse/birdfeeder entry form and fee due at the Visitor Center. Entry forms available on our website or in the Visitor Center.

10 TUESDAY

Lucky's Market Impact Day
10% of proceeds benefit the Kentucky Children's Garden. Help make an impact for the KCG!

12 THURSDAY

► **The Good, Bad and the Ugly: Plant and Wildlife Connections**, with Jesse Dahl (Party for the Planet Cultivating Connections Workshop)
TIME 5:30 to 7 pm
AGES 13 and up
LIMIT 30 participants, pre-registration required.
COST \$3/person, \$5/family (suggested donation)

14-17 SATURDAY-TUESDAY

Spring is for the Birds! Birdhouse/birdfeeder drop-off at the Visitor Center. Drop-off times:
SAT 11 am to 4 pm
SUN 2 to 4 pm
MON 11 am to 4 pm
TUE 11 am to 4 pm

18 WEDNESDAY

Spring Is for The Birds! Birdhouse/birdfeeder display and silent auction begins!

19 THURSDAY

► **From Pawpaws to Parasites: Connections in the Plant Kingdom**, with Dave Leonard and Emily Ellingson (Party for the Planet Cultivating Connections Workshop)
TIME 5:30 to 7 pm
AGES 13 and up, pre-registration required.
LIMIT 30 participants, pre-registration required.
COST \$3/person, \$5/family (suggested donation)

21 SATURDAY

Kentucky Children's Garden Volunteer Training
R.S.V.P. to Jackie.gallimore@uky.edu if you would

like to attend.
TIME 10 am to noon

► **Guided Bird Walk**, with Tony Brusate—Hike around The Arboretum to count and record birds you see. Bring binoculars, smart phones and dress for the weather.
TIME 2 to 3:30 pm
AGES 7 (and their guardians) and up
COST \$3/person, \$5/family (suggested donation)

26 THURSDAY

► **Wonder and Joy: Connecting Children to Nature**, with Claude Stephens, Melissa Rue and Jackie Gallimore (Party for the Planet Cultivating Connections Workshop)
TIME 5:30 to 7 pm
AGES 2 (and their guardians) and up
LIMIT 75 participants, pre-registration required.
COST \$3/person, \$5/family (suggested donation)

28 SATURDAY

Arbor Day: Park in UK's Blue, Red or Green lots and ride a free shuttle to the event. FREE admission to the Kentucky Children's Garden after the ceremony until 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and at the event. Call (859) 257-6955 to sign up!
TIME 10 am to 2 pm

May 2018

4 FRIDAY

New StoryWalk book: Invisible Lizard, by Kurt Cyrus.

5 SATURDAY

Friends Spring Plant Exchange: FREE for Friends and KCG members (must show card for free admission).
TIME 9 am (bring items)
10 am (exchange starts)
COST \$2/person

► **Walking Tour with the Curator:** Friends and KCG members receive 1 FREE tour per membership (must show card for free tour).
TIME 11 am to noon
AGES 13 and up
COST \$5/person

6 SUNDAY

Spring Is for the Birds! Birdhouse/birdfeeder silent auction closes.
TIME 2 to 3:30 pm
3:30 to 4 pm (pick up birdhouses/birdfeeders)

11 FRIDAY

National Public Gardens Day!

12 SATURDAY

John's Run Local 8K, benefiting The Arboretum. Volunteers are needed to help hand out water and other non-running tasks. Sign up to volunteer for the event at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/KY/Lexington/JohnsRunLocal8k>. Use the code FRIENDS18 for \$5 off your race

► **Pre-register** at (859) 257-6955 unless otherwise noted.

registration and help the cause!
TIME 7 am to noon
PLACE Kentucky Horse Park

12 SATURDAY

Beginning to Garden: Lexington Family Nature Club. A great way to explore nature is through gardening! Go on a short tour of the Home Demonstration Garden, create a fairy garden, then plant seeds to grow! ► (859) 257-9339 or email jackie.gallimore@uky.edu.
TIME 10 am to noon
AGES 8 to 12 and their families
COST FREE

19 SATURDAY

Addie's Day: Enjoy a special day in the KCG in memory of Adelaide Kennedy McReynolds.
TIME 10 am to 2 pm
COST FREE

21 MONDAY

West Sixth Brewery's Suds and Science Event, featuring Curator and Native Plants Collection Manager Emily Ellingson.
TIME 7 to 8 pm

26 SATURDAY

Kentucky Children's Garden Volunteer Training
R.S.V.P. to Jackie.gallimore@uky.edu if you would like to attend.
TIME 10 am to noon

June 2018

1 FRIDAY

New StoryWalk book: Anywhere Farm, by G. Brian Karas.

2 SATURDAY

► **Walk with the Curator:** Friends and KCG members receive 1 free tour per membership. Must show card to receive free tour.
TIME 11 am to noon
AGES 13 and up
COST \$5/person

11-15

Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp (Session 1 - Scholarships available)
► (859) 257-9339 or email jackie.gallimore@uky.edu.
AGES 8 - 12 years
COST \$150/person OR \$130 for FOA members

18 MONDAY

Bluegrass Woodturner's Display and Silent Auction: Arboretum Visitor Center (closes July 8).

23 SATURDAY

100-acre 5K Walk/Run at The Arboretum: Benefits the Kentucky Children's Garden.

30 SATURDAY

Kentucky Children's Garden Volunteer Training
R.S.V.P. to Jackie.gallimore@uky.edu if you would like to attend.
TIME 10 am to noon

