

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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FEBRUARY 2020

- Feb 1** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 1** **Garden Class: Paper Icelandic Poppies with Kate Alarcon**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Start spring early by making your own Icelandic poppies from hand-colored fine crepe paper! You will receive supplies to make two poppies as well as a supply list so that you can make more on your own. You will also learn how to color petals so you can make your own custom-colored paper at home. **Cost:** \$55/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$65/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Feb 2** **World Wetlands Day Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to celebrate World Wetlands Day with a hike around Lewis Creek Park's marsh. We'll discuss the role wetlands play in our communities for both people and wildlife. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 5** **Garden Class: Intro to Pruning: The Basics**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join Shawna van Nimwegen from Plant Amnesty to learn about the different types of approved cuts to make on trees and shrubs, basic plant habits, the pruning budget, and how much of each plant to prune each season. Come to this class and earn credit toward your Master Pruner Certificate. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- Feb 7** **SBCC Book Club – *Boys in the Boat***, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join the South Bellevue Community Center’s Book Club to read and discuss literature with a group of your peers. We will let you know about each month’s book online or at the South Bellevue Community Center. Join anytime! Book club meets the first Friday of each month. **February’s book:** *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Feb 7** **Wondrous Woodpeckers**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue is home to a myriad of woodpecker species, from the striking red-breasted sapsucker to the brightly-patterned pileated woodpecker. Spend a morning learning how these birds fit into our parks, and what you can do to help them thrive. We’ll gaze into the forest on a Ranger-led walk to discuss them (and maybe even spot a few), and enjoy a craft back at the Ranger Station! **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Feb 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Coyote Moon”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Join Coyote in her search for food to feed her family. She’ll take us on a midnight tour as she trots along roadways and creeps through a golf course, encountering wildlife along the way. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 8** **Family Fun: Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m.. – 11:45 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a special gift for your special pal to take home! Sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. Come join the fun! This is a caregiver/child class. Instructor: Karen Renfroe-Gielgens. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/residents/ and \$26/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 200747. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 8** **Valentine Fun**, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team up to create beautiful Valentine cards, share their love with a farm animal, and participate in some fun holiday activities. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 2000337. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Feb 8** **Making Tracks in Lewis Creek Park**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about Bellevue's animal signs, then head outside on a hunt to see what animals have been wandering through Lewis Creek Park! We'll look for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what's been happening in the park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 9** **Mercer Slough Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 9** **Eastside Heritage Lecture Series: How Settlers Acquired Land**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Ever wonder what laws allowed people to settle their farms here in Washington? Local historian Tom Hitzroth explores the legal ins and outs of the process. Come learn about the early pioneers to our area and how the US government created the rules for acquiring land on the Eastside. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation: \$5) **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center, info@eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Feb 12** **WNPS Current Forest and Tree Health Issues in Western Washington**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Dead and dying trees have proliferated throughout western Washington. Hemlocks and cedars have been particularly hard hit, causing concern for many property owners. This talk, by Kevin Zobrist, a professor with Washington State University, covers the basics of forest health in western Washington. Learn about current and spreading issues affecting the area, risk factors, and how to know how well a forest is functioning. Know what's normal and what's not, when to be concerned, and what to do if you suspect a problem. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** None. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/events>

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- Feb 13** **Backcountry Film Festival**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Produced each year as a celebratory, backcountry community event by the Winter Wildlands Alliance, the 15th Annual Backcountry Film Festival film line-up is full of snowy, cinematic adventure. Winter Wildlands Alliance is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving winter wildlands and a quality human-powered snow sports experience on public lands. This is a partner event with The Mountaineers. This event has been rescheduled from Jan 16 due to winter weather conditions. Original tickets will be honored. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$11/Mountaineers members and Bellevue residents; \$13/everyone else. **Tickets:** [Eventbrite web site](#). **More info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883
- Feb 14** **Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm**, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm-related theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 15** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m..
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun experience on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home with you. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult. **Ages:** 6-10 years old. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2003221.
- Feb 15** **Ranger Program: Beaver Fever**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Beavers' ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the "sacred center." Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well. Come learn more about these nocturnal creatures that call the Mercer Slough home. **Ages:** Best for children 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 15** **History of Eastside Logging,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920, or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach ‘maturity’! Come and see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand-saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 17** **Holiday Farm Tour: Presidents’ Day,** Two sessions, choose one:
10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. OR 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
If you’ve always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, courses 2007642 (10-10:45 a.m.) and 2007653 (11-11:45 a.m.).
- Feb 20** **Garden Lecture and Meeting: Puget Sound Dahlia Association,**
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Cost: Free. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/psda3.html>
- Feb 21** **Story and a Stroll: “I’m Done,”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This story explores the value of perseverance at a level perfect for very young kids. The darling illustrations capture the sweetness of Little Beaver’s attempt at perfecting his dam – and the triumph of his eventual success. **Ages:** Best for children ages 3-5 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 22 Garden Class: Early Bloomers Watercolor Class – Early Flowers, Winter Foliage and Landscapes**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join Molly Hashimoto in creating watercolor sketches of individual botanical specimens and painting a landscape. All supplies are provided, including artist quality watercolor paper, though participants are encouraged to bring extra paper. All abilities are welcome. **Cost:** \$35/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$45/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Feb 22 Cowabunga with Cows**, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m..
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Mooove on over to the farm for an afternoon with our adorable cows! Your child will meet our cows, prepare their stall for the night, and learn all about cows. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000391.
- Feb 23 Garden Class: The Art of Bonsai**, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn about the art of bonsai from choosing a nursery plant to styling a bonsai and maintaining it for the first year of growth. The horticulture of specific species will be covered with attention to the Pacific Northwest climate zone. Soil components and care throughout the four seasons will also be covered. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Feb 23 Making Tracks in Lewis Creek Park**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- Feb 27 Garden Class: Cascade Gardener Class**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This free landscaping class, presented by the Cascade Water Alliance, will focus on sustainability in gardening. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** Cascade Water Alliance - <https://cascadewater.org/events/>

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- Feb 28** **Curious Coyotes**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Very few animals of the Pacific Northwest invoke stronger feelings than the native coyote. Together, we'll discuss these canines' unique place in our ecosystem and clear up misconceptions during a mild hike, along with information on living with this unique animal! As we conclude the program, enjoy creating a coyote-themed craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Feb 28** **Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm**, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm-related theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 28** **Make Soup and Bread at the Farm**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m..
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE
Join Kandi in the Farmhouse and learn three different soup recipes and one bread recipe. We will make beef stew, butternut squash bisque, and barley-mushroom soup, and pair that with four-ingredients Dutch Oven Artisan Bread. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2003202.
- Feb 29** **Introduction to Backyard Chickens**, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m..
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
If you're interested in keeping pet chickens, the staff at Kelsey Creek Farm can help you get started! We'll cover setting up a chicken coop, where to get chickens, what breeds to pick from, how to care for them at all stages of life, and more. You'll also tour our chicken coops, see the kind of equipment you will need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. Pre-register to reserve your spot. Day-of registrations will be accepted as space allows. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$25/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000384.

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- Feb 29 Making Tracks in Lewis Creek Park, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
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Join a Park Ranger to learn about Bellevue’s animal signs, then head outside on a hunt to see what animals have been wandering through Lewis Creek Park! We’ll look for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what’s been happening in the park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 29 Movies at Mercer Slough: “Beaver, The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw,”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever seen a beaver lodge or dam and wondered, “how did they do that?” Take an intimate swim with beavers to explore an amazing diverse aquatic habitat that is home to one of Nature’s greatest engineers. This film is a heartfelt story about following a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- March 3 Garden Class: Hydrangea How-To**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join Kit Haesloop and learn how to get peak performance from hydrangeas in your garden from the ever-expanding varieties available. In this class you will learn the distinguishing traits between species, and how best to keep your hydrangeas beautiful with the proper care. Kit will provide guidance on growing conditions, bloom color and pruning options for the different species. Bring your questions and be prepared to go outside in the second half of the class.
Cost: \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members.
Pre-registration: Required. **Info and to register:**
<https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- March 5 Garden Class: Everything Roses – Garden Design with Roses**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Using garden design principles, Nita-Jo Rountree will share how to successfully use various types of roses in mixed beds as well as in formal designs. She will present photographic examples of roses that are a delight for the senses and share ideas for beautiful companion plants. She will also cover how to select and care for roses so they will be disease-free and thrive in the Pacific Northwest. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
<https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- March 6 Garden Class: Botanical Latin and Garden Walk with Susie Egan**,
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance. Susie will present a fascinating and intriguing history and evolution of Botanical Latin. Boost your understanding of the Latin names on plant labels. To further enhance your Botanical Latin education, we will then tour the NPA border at the Garden, bringing those Latin words to life as you match up the Latin name to the characteristics of plants or the story behind the name. **Cost:** \$25/Northwest Perennial Alliance members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
<https://northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3669170>

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- March 6 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**
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- March 6 Lewis Creek Story Time: “If Sharks Disappeared”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Sharks might seem scary, but they do a very important job for our oceans! In this story time program, we’ll discover what would happen without sharks and take a closer look at Puget Sound’s prehistoric sixgill sharks. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- March 7 Garden Class: Forest Bathing in the Ravine, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Take a Winter Walk on the Wild Side with Deborah and Jessica, teachers of our popular Mindfulness in the Garden series. Stroll across the suspension bridge and into the peace and sanctuary of the most pristine forested area in the Garden, while practicing Mindfulness Meditation and Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing). Restore mind, body and spirit as you experience the healing power of Nature. Please note: this class involves approximately one mile of walking, including up and down gentle inclines. Instructor Deborah Wilk, LMFT, is a psychotherapist in private practice and a founder of Mindful in the Wild. Instructor Jessica Hancock, ND, is a naturopathic physician who utilizes mindful healing approaches in her private practice. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- March 7 Family and Friends Farm Tour, 10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
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- March 8** **Eastside Heritage Lecture Series: Wilburton Neighborhood, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Local historian Carla Trsek explores the history of the Wilburton neighborhood, once a town bigger than nearby Bellevue. Come learn about the economic and social history of the area and how it became what it is today in this in-depth lecture. **Ages:** Appropriate for all but recommended for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation: \$5) **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565 or Eastside Heritage Center at info@eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- March 8** **Step Softly, Mountain Goats, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Mountain goats are lovable icons of the Cascade Mountains, but when it comes to visiting new environments, even our sure-footed friends can have an impact. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about mountain goats. Step into their hooves to find out how we can follow “leave no trace” principles when visiting the subalpine environment. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- March 10 Garden Lecture: An Evening with Ciscoe**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With heart and humor, Ciscoe will regale us with a few of the gardening stories in his new book, *Oh La La!: Homegrown Stories, Helpful Tips, and Garden Wisdom*. Hear about the gardens he has tended, the wildlife he has encountered – deer, moles, rats, birds – lessons learned, and more. This event includes complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres, and laughter. You'll have the opportunity to buy Ciscoe's book, and he'll be happy to autograph it. Purchasing a book is not required to attend, so come join us one way or another for a fun evening. You must be at least 21 years old to attend. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- March 13 Wild Weather**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The phrase “in like a lion, out like a lamb” has long been used to describe March's weather, bringing to mind the reasons for these crazy conditions. Become an expert by learning how we get rain, wind, and our other types of weather. Take a stroll outside with a Park Ranger during the lesson, and stay for a weather experiment to demonstrate your newfound knowledge! **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- March 13 Toddler Trails**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger, and get out some wiggles on select Fridays. We'll make frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park. We'll wander through and learn how nature can be fun for all ages. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Distance:** Approximately .5 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Very easy. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. on the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- March 13** **Mercer Slough Night Hike: A “Slough” of Senses**, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Awaken your senses and step into the nocturnal world for a guided hike into the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Exploring the park after the sun has set will certainly prove to be a unique and memorable experience for the whole family. Afterwards, warm up in our community room with a cup of hot cocoa. Dress warmly and don’t forget a headlamp or flashlight. Hot cocoa provided! **Ages:** All are welcome, but hike is best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 14** **NPA March Mania Plant Sale**, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Rain or shine, browse unique offerings indoors, out of the elements. March Mania proceeds support both the NPA’s (Northwest Perennial Alliance) Horticultural Education Programs and our Specialty Nurseries, most of whom only sell plants at specialty plant sales. This is an opportunity to chat with these knowledgeable growers and to look for that special, hard-to-find plant. In addition, NPA will be selling plants propagated from the NPA Border, including double hellebores. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3409899>
- March 14** **Lucky Leprechauns**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o’ the morning’ to ya! Join us for art, games, music, and all things green. Don’t forget to have your leprechaun wear something green so you won’t get pinched! There’s a pot of “gold” waiting for you at the end of the rainbow. This is a caregiver/child class. **Instructor:** Miss Karen. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/residents/ and \$26/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 2000755. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 14** **St. Patrick’s Day at the Farm**, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child team up to create holiday crafts, get up close with a farm animal, and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000360.

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- March 14 Ranger Program: Coexisting with Nature in Urban Environments,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
For many of us living in King County and the surrounding areas, nature is our backyard. While we enjoy the tranquility of our parks in urban areas, humans are not the only ones taking advantage of these natural spaces. Many animals are adapting and thriving in an urban environment, and together we must coexist. Learn more about the animals living in these areas and how we can avoid negative interactions. **Ages:** Best for children 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 14 Step Softly, Mountain Goats,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Mountain goats are lovable icons of the Cascade Mountains, but when it comes to visiting new environments, even our sure-footed friends can have an impact. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about mountain goats. Step into their hooves to find out how we can follow “leave no trace” principles when visiting the subalpine environment. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- March 15 Living with Wildlife – Not So Coy Coyotes,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
So... there's a coyote in the yard... show I be worried? Nope, but there are definitely some tips and tricks to keep this fascinating urban creature as wild as possible. Join us to learn how! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 18 Garden Lecture: The 21st Century Botanic Garden: Where We've Come From and Where We're Going,** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Dr. Ari Novy is the CEO of the San Diego Botanical Garden and has worked in public gardens around the country. He is passionate about connecting people and plants. This talk will touch on Botanic Gardens, their evolution, and their importance in a changing world. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- March 20 Kids Can Cook Pasta**, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE
Join Mrs. Kandi in the Farm House and learn to make pasta using three different methods with only two ingredients. We will also make fresh butter to top the pasta. Each child will bring home the recipe, fresh pasta to cook, and compound butter. Please bring your lunch and wear close-toed shoes. **Ages:** 5-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000534.
- March 20 Story and a Stroll: “Critter Litter,”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Let the kids giggle as they learn what animals have left behind on the forest floor, from animal tracks to food and scat (yes, poop)! They will love this engaging introduction to wildlife right in their own backyard. **Ages:** Best for children ages 3-5 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 20 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call the park home, and join a Park Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 2000422. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 20-21 Plant Sale: Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale**, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Dahlias of all shapes, sizes, styles and colors will be for sale, and expert dahlia growers will be on hand to help you choose the right one for your site. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.com/>
- March 20-29 “Rapunzel” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
March 20, 21, and 28 at 7 p.m.; March 22, 28, and 29 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This version of the timeless tale is sure to have you rolling in the aisles. Learn the who, what, where, when, and most of all, why behind a fairy tale you thought you already knew. It’s full of surprises and laughs. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- March 21 Painting with Chickens, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork combining your child's creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable, but wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 20005362.
- March 21 Step Softly, Mountain Goats, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Mountain goats are lovable icons of the Cascade Mountains, but when it comes to visiting new environments, even our sure-footed friends can have an impact. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about mountain goats. Step into their hooves to find out how we can follow "leave no trace" principles when visiting the subalpine environment. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- March 22 Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead, 15400 SE Newcastle Coal Creek Road
Explore Coal Creek at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue's largest park. Get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife, which you'll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 22 Northwest Perennial Alliance Nicolay Memorial Lecture, 2 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Lecture by Claire Takacs, Garden Photographer. Claire is an Australian photographer who loves to capture the beauty and essence of gardens and landscapes around the world, particularly while working with light. She sees gardens often as works of art and believes in their ever-increasing importance in our daily lives. This stunning photographic presentation is not to be missed! **Cost:** \$5/Northwest Perennial Alliance members and \$20/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <https://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>

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- March 26 Garden Class: Small Garden Space Design**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by landscape designer Jason Jorgenson. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- March 27 Black Bears**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bears are becoming an increasingly common sight in our parks and neighborhoods, but why? Join our program to learn all about bears and better understand the reasons behind their often-surprising appearances, as well as some ways to ensure a safe and beneficial coexistence. We'll venture out on a Park Ranger-guided walk through the Greenbelt's trails, and end with a bear-y fun craft! **Ages:** Best for children ages 3 to 8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- March 27 Movies at Mercer Slough: "The Planet Earth II - Cities,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Cities are growing at a faster rate than any other habitat on Earth. They may seem an unlikely place for animals to thrive, but for the bold this is a world of surprising opportunity. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 27 Make Mozzarella at the Farm**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE
Join Kandi in the Farm House and learn to mozzarella cheese. You will leave with the recipe, know-how, and confidence to make the cheese at home and experiment with flavors. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000542.
- March 28 Garden Class: Fuchsias 101**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
One of the most popular plants at the Garden are fuchsias! Tammy Brown will let you in on the secrets to caring for these beautiful plants. We will discuss how to bring your fuchsias out of winter storage, how to deal with pests, and information about hardy fuchsias. This is a great opportunity for those new to caring for fuchsias, so bring your questions! **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- March 28 Garden Class: Botanical Drawing: Butterflies and Botanicals, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join artist Dorota Haber-Lehigh and learn about butterflies, their wonderful symmetry, and how to capture them without a net! Create a beautiful portrait of a butterfly using colored pencils on walnut ink-stained paper. We will begin with loose sketching from observation, explore various techniques using colored pencils (embossing, blending, layering), experiment with creating textures, and discuss how to approach a composition. By the end of the workshop students will complete a dynamic and evocative portrait with butterflies and botanicals. **Cost:** \$45/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$55/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- March 28 Hop into Spring, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Bunnies love spring because it means it is time to plant carrots! Your child will get to meet our adorable bunnies, go on a pony ride, do a bunny-themed craft, and find out what's growing in the garden. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000363.
- March 29 Garden Class: Chinese Green Tea, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come and learn all about Green tea! We will talk about where and when the tea plant is grown in Southern China, local season sensibility and timing for harvest, manufacturing techniques, Green tea's usage as food, the tea gathering setting, and the medicinal value of Green tea. In the second half of the class, each student will have the opportunity to practice making a pot of tea, which will include learning about measuring, temperature control, and using leaves sustainably and efficiently. **Cost:** \$25/person. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- April 2** **Garden Class: Garden d’Lights Orientation**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come and find out what happens behind the scenes of our holiday Garden d’Lights show! This is an opportunity to meet the volunteers, find out what they do, and to consider joining the team. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please register so that we know how many to expect and can contact you if anything changes with this orientation. **Info and to register:**
<https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- April 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Nature’s Yucky!”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Sometimes the things we discover about nature can gross us out, but in this story time we’ll discover that even the strangest things in nature have a purpose! **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- April 3-11** **“Once On This Island JR” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
April 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 7 p.m.; April 5 and 11 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Once On This Island JR is the story of Ti Moune, an orphan saved by the gods for something wonderful! Ti Moune is a peasant who longs for a more exciting life. This musical adaptation of Hans Christina Anderson’s *The Little Mermaid* is a beautiful new fairy tale that’s appropriate for all ages. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 4** **Peep! Peep!** 10 a.m.: – 11:45 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off our morning of fun! This is a caregiver/child class. **Instructor:** Karen Renfroe-Gielgens. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/residents/ and \$26/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 200758. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- April 4 Garden Class: Kokedama**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
You'll learn to create and care for a striking and unique Japanese moss ball under the guidance of Weina Dinata, a native plant advocate and botanical designer, seasoned in the art of making kokedama. The workshop includes all the materials for assembling your moss ball, a step-by-step breakdown of the process, and helpful care tips for keeping your creation happy and healthy. We'll be serving Japanese-inspired refreshments and beverages to complete the theme of the event. **Cost:** \$55/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$65/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- April 4 Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 4 Larsen Lake Cabin Open House**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm, 14812 SE 8th St
Come explore the Larsen Lake Cabin at the historical Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm. Learn about the families who used to live in this building, and participate in historical activities that will connect you directly to the history of our region. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** info@eastsideheritagecenter.org, 425-450-1049.
- April 4 Garden Class: Mini-Habitat Living Centerpiece**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With your family, learn how to create a one-of-a-kind mini-habitat centerpiece using PNW native plants in a repurposed lamp globe. We'll cover basic planting and design composition techniques and then have fun decorating our centerpieces with rocks, moss, branches, and insect or bird decorations. You will walk away with either a woodland or a rock garden centerpiece and information about native plants! **Ages:** Best for ages 9 years old and up. **Cost:** \$45/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$55/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- April 5** **Mercer Slough Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 5** **Eastside Heritage Lecture Series: Enatai Neighborhood**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Local historian Sharon Pang explores the history of the Enatai neighborhood. Come explore the building of Enatai Elementary School and learn about the families and industries that created the area we still call Enatai today. **Ages:** Recommended for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation: \$5) **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565 or Eastside Heritage Center at info@eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 5** **April Showers Make... Watersheds?**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
We know that April means rain showers, but what happens after the rain falls? Join a Park Ranger to learn the ins and outs of watersheds and the important part they play in our lives. We'll start our own mini rain showers and then discuss different ways we can help our watersheds. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- April 8, 18, and 22** **Garden Class Series: Designing the Compelling Photograph**, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join instructor Ray Pfortner for this three-part photography class focusing on exploring the principles of composition, a range of creative settings, and camera handling. The Garden will be our studio, our canvas, and our focus. The class is aimed at all skill levels using any digital camera from phone to point-and-shoot to dSLR to mirrorless. **Please note that this is a three-part class, and the registration fee includes all three classes.** **Cost:** \$75/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$95/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- April 9** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun experience on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home with you. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 2003232. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 10** **Toddler Trails**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger, and get out some wiggles on select Fridays. We'll make frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park. We'll wander through and learn how nature can be fun for all ages. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Distance:** Approximately .5 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Very easy. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. on the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- April 10** **Ranger Program: Wake Up Wetland**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures, big and small, are emerging from their long winter's nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of Spring. **Ages:** Best for children 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 11** **North American Rock Garden Society Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Northwest NARGS members bring interesting and rare plants they've grown and make them available for sale at the spring plant sale. This sale is a must for plant collectors and rare plant aficionados alike! Members also make themselves available to answer questions and give advice on how to grow and maintain these gems. All proceeds from our plant sales benefit the ongoing educational mission of the Northwestern Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. **Cost:** Entry is free. **More info at:** <https://www.nargsnw.org/>

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- April 11** **Spring Egg-stravaganza**, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come to Kelsey Creek for a fun morning on the farm with our lovable farm animals, and learn all about eggs. Collect eggs from our chicken coops and compare chicken, duck, and goose eggs. You will also pet a bunny, pet a chicken, and go on an egg hunt! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 2000368. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 11** **Night Hike with a Ranger**, 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Most of us have taken walks or hikes during the day, but what about at night? A whole different world of creatures awaken in the evenings at our parks, ready to be discovered! Take a relaxed hike through the Lake Hills Greenbelt with a Ranger to look and listen for these mysterious animals. Bring warm clothing and a reusable cup for some free hot chocolate! **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- April 14** **Garden Lecture: Expanding Our Interest in Native Plants through Photography**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Native plant enthusiast and wildflower photographer Donovan Tracy will examine how photography expands our appreciation and knowledge of native plants in this lecture put on by the Washington Native Plant Society. There will be refreshments, and the public is invited. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/>
- April 15** **Garden Lecture: The Pleasure Garden**, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Jeffrey Bale graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon, soon after beginning a career designing and building gardens on his own. It was an early trip to Spain and Portugal that introduced him to the art of mosaic. On returning home, he taught himself how to build his own pebble and tile mosaics and frequently uses them to embellish his garden designs. He has a profound appreciation for the natural world, so the gardens he builds are complementary to the natural environments surrounding them. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- April 17** **Story and a Stroll: “Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring,”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a boy and his dog as they explore nature and take a stroll through the countryside, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the melting brook to chirping birds, they say goodbye to winter and welcome the lushness of spring. **Ages:** Best for children ages 3-5 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 18** **Master Gardener Clinic,** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Bring your plant and gardening questions to the Master Gardener Clinic every Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., April 18 to October 3. Get answers about what plants are best for you, plant identification, how to solve tough growing challenges, and lots more. If you’re bringing in a plant sample, please put it in a plastic bag. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** <http://www.mgfk.org/resources/map-of-mg-clinics-and-gardens>
- April 18** **Arbor Day – Earth Day Family Festival,** 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This year’s celebration will also mark the city’s 29th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation, and will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Join us at this fun, environmental celebration, where local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Plant a tree with your family! Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day activity passport from a Ranger and journey through various eco-stations. Completed passports will be entered into a prize drawing. At 11:30 a.m., Bellevue Park Rangers and elected officials will plant a ceremonial tree and recognize environmental volunteers. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required for the family festival. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 18** **What is Woolly, Wiggly, and Snuggly All Over,** 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
A sheep! Come to the farm to meet our sheep and find out what it takes to be a shepherd. Help us clean the sheep stall, and feed hay to the sheep, and pet a sheep! Each child will do a craft with wool from one of our sheep. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 2000371. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- April 24** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Mystery Sharks of Seattle,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
One of the world’s largest and most elusive predatory sharks, the sixgill, suddenly appears in Seattle’s waters. These creatures typically dwell in darkness several thousands of feet beneath the surface. Little is known about them. What would make them appear in the shallows of Puget Sound? Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 24** **Frog Hop!** 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as which species of frogs live in Western Washington. Then, join us to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 2000420. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 24-May 3** **“The Taming of the Shrew” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
April 24, 25, and May 2 at 7 p.m.; April 26, May 2 and 3 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
BYT presents Shakespeare’s play about the struggle for control within a relationship. It’s a comedy ramp, a witty, eccentric, passionate and sometime bruising story of true-ish love. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 25** **Kelsey Creek Farm Sheep Shearing,** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Watch the sheep being shorn of their winter coats. Enjoy wool spinning demonstrations, children’s crafts, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pony rides, food, animal viewing areas and more. Free shuttle service will be available at Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. Please note: No pets are allowed in the barnyard area. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** No entrance fee. **Costs vary for food & activities.** **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- April 25 Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Event**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours. Assist with children's activities and other event tasks at our annual sheep shearing event. Volunteers need to be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on their feet in all types of weather. Participants must register by April 21, 2020 and be enrolled in high school at date of event. If you have questions, please contact us: kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688. No day-of-event registrations will be accepted. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number which must be submitted by April 21, 2020. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000153
- April 25 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, the Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049
- April 25 Washington Native Plant Society Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The native plant sale returns to the Bellevue Botanical Garden in 2020! Find excellent plants for your garden, and ask the experts for advice on what to plant. **Cost:** Entry is free. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/>
- April 25 Pollinators: Hummingbirds**, 12 p.m. -1 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who hasn't heard the soft hum of wings or felt a slight breeze pass them as a small bird flies by? Hummingbirds are plentiful in this region as the months warm, and some even stay around for wintertime. This program will introduce one of our most charismatic pollinators, and teach you about the species found in Bellevue's parks and neighborhood. Fly out to start on a walk, and swoop back to the Ranger Station for a creative craft! **Ages:** Best for children ages 9 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- April 25** **April Showers Make... Watersheds?,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
We know that April means rain showers, but what happens after the rain falls? Join a Park Ranger to learn the ins and outs of watersheds and the important part they play in our lives. We'll start our own mini rain showers and then discuss different ways we can help our watersheds. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- April 26** **Living with Wildlife – There's a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Springtime in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood and what to do if you see a bear! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.