

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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MARCH 2020

- 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**,
11 a.m. – 1 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.**
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.
- 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
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, course 2008621.

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- March 7** **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.
- March 8** **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.
- 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. For about a decade, Wilburton was a larger town than nearby Bellevue. It had a large sawmill, 400 people, and a busy atmosphere. This presentation tells the story of Wilburton from its roots as a small logging camp to the development of the neighborhood. 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:** 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 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 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- 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/>
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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- March 21** **Step Softly, Mountain Goats**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- 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/>
- 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. Don’t let limited outdoor space prevent you from trying out your green thumb! From tasty fruits and veggies to flowering plants, trees and shrubs – you can grow it all in less space than you may think. Come and learn about space-saving solutions and appropriate plant selection to make your balcony, patio, or small garden thrive. **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 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/>
- March 31 Garden Lecture: An Evening with Ciscoe**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
(Postponed from March 10) 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/>

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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 Christian 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 learn about the building of Enatai Elementary School and 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 awakens 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 by 4 p.m. the day before. **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:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/master-gardener-clinic-25/>
- April 18** **Garden Lecture: Debra Prinzing – American Beauty – Bringing the Slow Flowers Movement to Your Garden,** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Debra Prinzing is a regular radio and television guest and has written many books on seasonal, local and sustainable flowers. Presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance. **Cost:** \$25/Northwest Perennial Alliance members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3669170>
- April 18** **Garden Class: Floral Design Workshop with Debra Prinzing,** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Debra will discuss how to design with seasonal flowers (including those from your own garden) using environmentally-friendly techniques, as well as how to care for your arrangement and extend its vase life. Each attendee will design and take home their own lush centerpiece containing a wide array of Northwest-grown annuals, perennials, dahlias, roses and other popular cut flowers, paired with an American-made glass vase. All flowers and vases are included in the cost of the class. Presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance. **Cost:** \$85/Northwest Perennial Alliance members and \$100/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3669430>

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- 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.
- April 22** **Earth Day Garden Walk**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The North Bellevue Community Center is excited to welcome you to join us for a walk through the Bellevue Botanical Garden in celebration of Earth Day. This is a docent-led garden walk followed by art activities, led by an experienced instructor, to celebrate nature and its beauty. People with all levels of mobility and cognition are welcome. **Ages:** 50+. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course #2002533. **Info:** abragg@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- 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.

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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.

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

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- April 25** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with a day of hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This event is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event and is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **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 neighborhoods. 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 by 4 p.m. the day before. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- 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.

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April 30 Garden Lecture: An Inside Look at Ukraine's Natural World and Environmental Challenges – The Role of Botanical Gardens and National Parks in Ukraine Today, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Come and enjoy a rare opportunity to learn about Ukraine's natural world and its environmental challenges. We will have several botanist-educators from leading Ukrainian botanical gardens and its largest national park. They'll share photographs and descriptions of their country's natural beauty and environmental struggles, and the crucial role of its botanical gardens and national parks. There will also be a chance to hear about the ongoing environmental education exchange program that brought the educators to the Seattle area, and an opportunity to chat with native Ukrainian speakers. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Requested. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- May 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Hawk Rising”**
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! Soar with the red-tailed hawk as he searches for food to feed his family. We’ll fly over the neighborhood, encountering different urban animals along the way. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:**
LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 2** **Plant Sale: Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features hardy fuchsias in many sizes and colors for sale, and expert advice from local fuchsia experts. Arrive early for the best selection. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/gardens/eastside/eastside_fuchsia_garden.htm
- May 2** **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.
- May 3** **Plant Sale: Northwest Perennial Alliance Spring Plant Sale, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Celebrate the growing season by attending NPA’s annual Spring Plant Sale. A select group local small nurseries and specialty growers will sell an amazing collection of perennials, shrubs, ferns, grasses, and more. Many of these vendors are not open to the public, and all offer unique plants to delight any plant geek! This is your chance to shop from the best, all in one location, and bring home many new treasures to enhance your garden. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<https://northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3424203>

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- May 3** **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. Private group Ranger Walks are available by appointment. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 3** **Monsters in the Creek**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look closely into a creek. Stay still, and you might just see a giant set of jaws emerge from the deep to snatch dinner as it swims by! Creeks are full of living organisms, and while they might just look like ordinary bugs from afar, we'll get a tadpole's view of all the exoskeletons, pinchers, and external gills creeping along the creek bed. Indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 7** **Garden Class: Basic Plant Propagation**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Do you want to reproduce the plants in your garden? Come and learn about plant propagation. Topics to be covered include taking cuttings from shrubs and trees, dividing perennials, propagating plants from layered cuttings, and tips for starting seeds. You will practice taking cuttings and make your very own Forsyth pot to take your cuttings home. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- May 8** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden – Awakening to Spring**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
While we stroll slowly through the vibrant Garden in spring, we will focus on opening our senses and allowing ourselves to fully engage and awaken to the combined healing power of nature and present awareness. Utilizing elements of Mindfulness Meditation and Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing), we will cleanse our mind, body, and spirit, creating a feeling of inner spaciousness and stillness. Psychotherapist Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Naturopathic Physician Jessica Hancock, ND, are from Mindful in the Wild. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- May 8-17** **“Cinderella” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
May 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.; May 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This delightful show, with memorable music from Rodgers and Hammerstein, makes for a delightful experience for the whole family. Come feel the magic of this classical musical at BYT. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 9** **World Migratory Bird Day, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
Larsen Lake, 15238 Lake Hills Blvd
Each year, over 81 countries all over the globe come together to celebrate our wonderful migratory birds. Flock to the parks to celebrate this very special event with Bellevue Parks! Park Rangers will lead drop-in programs throughout the morning. You can browse for birds during a ranger-led hike, fly through the dangers of migration during a fun game, and create crafts for bird-friendly communities! Parking is located at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center, 15238 Lake Hills Blvd. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** This jubilee is fun for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 9** **Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Growing Musicians Garden Party,**
2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Enjoy performances in the Garden by members of the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.byso.org/gardenparty/rsvp/>
- May 10** **Mother’s Day at the Garden, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Celebrate this special day with your favorite mom by bringing her to the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Garden! There will be activities on hand for families such as live music, plein air artists, flowers for Mom, and tours. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- May 10** **Mother’s Day Historical Hat Event, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join the Eastside Heritage Center for a free interactive Mother’s Day event. Explore our historical hat collection in this hands-on information session where you’ll learn about historical fashion in our region. This event is perfect for mothers and children to learn and have fun together. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation - \$5) **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at info@eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- May 15** **Story and a Stroll: “The Hugging Tree,”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This book tells the story of a little tree growing alone on a cliff by the vast and mighty sea. With the help of one little boy’s kindness and compassion, the tree grows until it can hold and shelter others. **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.
- May 15** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test out your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We’ll learn all about our local bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes! Indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 2002452. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 16** **National Kids to Parks Day,** 12 p.m. -1 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join us for a day dedicated to exploration in the park, and learn all about the area’s natural history through a ranger-led walk full of activities and fun! From peeking under rocks to exploring the canopy high above, we’ll learn about all sorts of living things found in the park. This program will take place outdoors, so come ready to discover! We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required by 4 p.m. the day before. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- May 17** **Monsters in the Creek,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look closely into a creek. Stay still, and you might just see a giant set of jaws emerge from the deep to snatch dinner as it swims by! Creeks are full of living organisms, and while they might just look like ordinary bugs from afar, we’ll get a tadpole’s view of all the exoskeletons, pinchers, and external gills creeping along the creek bed. Indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- May 20 Garden Lecture: Contained Exuberance – The Art of Growing in Pots,**
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Bob Hyland owns Hyland Garden Design based in Portland, OR, and a retail garden shop, Contained Exuberance, where he sells pottery, fountains, benches, and hanging planters. He also offers residential garden design, coaching, and “container planting and wizardry.” Bob designs gardens that are “plant-driven,” exuberant, and sustainable, and he believes “Gardens should delight and excite you year-round.” **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- May 21 Puget Sound Dahlia Association Lecture and Planting Demonstration,**
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come to the Garden for a demonstration on planting dahlia tubers at 6:30, and stay for a talk and meeting of the PSDA at 7 p.m. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.com/>
- May 22 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. We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 23 Ranger Program: Please More Trees, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Trees are important to our forests and our neighborhoods. Join us as we venture out into the Mercer Slough to learn more about the trees we have and how beneficial they are to us and wildlife. Design your own nametag using parts of a tree. **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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- May 23** **Living with Wildlife – Springtime Shenanigans**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Is there a baby fawn hiding in the wilds of your lawn, or maybe you're having problems at your birdfeeder? Join us this month as we explore common springtime wildlife wackiness and learn what to do when you find baby animals, keep deer from eating your prized flowers, and avoid attracting large furred visitors. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 23** **Night Hike with a Ranger**, 9:30 p.m. – 10:30 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 awakens 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! We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required by 4 p.m. the day before. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- May 24** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Dr SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. 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 (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 24** **Adult Enrichment: “Green Fire – The Land Ethic” (film)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Green Fire was produced through a partnership between the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the Center for Humans and Nature, and the US Forest Service. The film examines Leopold's idea of a land ethic and its relevance to a population facing 21st century ecological challenges. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 30** **Pollinators: Bees & Beetles**, 12 p.m. -1 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Why do we always hear loud buzzing when we're near flowers in bloom? The answer is small but incredibly important! This continuation of our three-part pollinator series will explore the habits of bees and beetles and how they keep native systems functioning. Head out on a light hike with a Park Ranger, and end the morning with a craft to take home! We welcome your service animal to our program. In an effort to make your service animal more comfortable, we invite you to include them on your RSVP. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required by 4 p.m. the day before. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- May 30-31** **Garden Event: Terra Tillers Flower Show, "All Shook Up: Remembering Elvis,"** Saturday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This is a National Garden Club Standard Flower Show. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- May 30** **Monsters in the Creek**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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- May 31** **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. Private group Ranger Walks are available by appointment. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.