

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Event List**

November Events 2008

- Nov. 1** **Cool Camouflage**, 10 a.m.– 11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Who uses camouflage? Insects can, but do sharks? You may be surprised to find out how many kinds of camouflage there are and how behavior can help an animal hide too!. Pre-registration is required. \$5 per participant, ages 6+. To register call 425-452-6885. For more information call 425-452-4195.
- Nov. 1-9** **Bye Bye Birdie**, Nov. 1, 6, 7 & 8 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 2 & 9 at 2 p.m. at Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way. Take a nostalgic romp back to 1960 with BYT's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." The plot revolves around the rock and roll idol Conrad Birdie (think Elvis Presley) and the complications that arise when his agents stage a publicity stunt on the Ed Sullivan Show: Conrad will kiss one lucky girl before being drafted into the Army. Fun for the whole family. \$9 per reserved seat. For more information, or to purchase tickets call 425-452-7155.
- Nov. 8** **Home Sweet Home Fair**, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE. Learn strategies and resources for staying in your own home as you age. This event will provide older adults and their families with resources, ideas, and inspiration from speakers and exhibitors. \$5 donation at the door. For more information and to register call 425-452-7681.
- Nov. 9** **"Bareroot Party"**, 11 am – 4 pm., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, NPA Border. Help dig, lift and pot and – bonus! - take home a treasured perennial from the BBG in preparation for the renovation of the NPA Perennial Border at the Garden. No advanced registration needed. For more information, visit www.n-p-a.org.
- Nov. 10 – 21** **Garden d'Lights installers needed**, daily (except Saturdays), Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, pre-registration and background check required. Help install BBG's amazing annual display featuring over 500,000 lights (more and more of which are LED), created by over 300 volunteers who work year round to organize, teach techniques, install and build the displays. Work starts at 10:00 am and ends when it gets dark or we are too cold and wet to continue. There will be hot coffee and soup in the visitor center for lights volunteers. Call 425-451-3755 or visit www.bellevuebotanical.org or email ufresk@comcast.net for more information or to sign up.
- Nov. 12-13** **Winter Bazaar**, Wednesday, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Fantastic holiday and winter craft items for sale by local artisans! Wonderful selection of handmade and one-of-a-kind gifts, jewelry, hats, scarves, and decorations. Shop locally and support your community- a portion of the proceeds benefits the North Bellevue Advisory Board. Free Admission. For more information call 425-452-7681.

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Community volunteer event to provide an opportunity to participate in the care of our City's park resources. Sign up as a group or participate as an individual. For more information, call 425-452-4195.
- Nov. 18** **Veteran's Day Dance**, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Celebrate with the 'Sounds of Swing' big band sound. Enjoy standards of the swing era. \$3 per person at the door.
- Nov. 19** **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. –2 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join the staff and Boeing employees as we serve you a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided. Pre-registration is required by November 10th. \$5 per participant, ages 65+. For more information and to register call 425-452-7681.
- Nov. 22** **Track Trek**, 10 a.m.– 11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Let's head out into the woods and look for tracks and other signs of animals! We'll also make a plaster mammal track to take home at the end of the class! Pre-registration is required. \$5 per participant, ages 6+. To register call 425-452-6885. For more information call 425-452-4195.
- Nov. 21-30** **The Wizard of Oz**, Nov. 21, 22, 28 & 29 at 7 p.m., Nov. 23 & 30 at 2 p.m. at Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. This delightful musical is based on the wonderful book by L. Frank Baum and made famous by the movie. This play includes all the famous songs. It tells the story of a girl named Dorothy who finds herself in a land different from her farm in Kansas, and her quest to get back home. Fun for the whole family. \$9 per reserved seat. For more information, or to purchase tickets call 425-452-7155.
- Nov. 28** **"Youth Appreciation & Safety Day"** 12 p.m.-3p.m., at Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE. A variety of family activities and safety demonstrations will be offered by staff. The event celebrates today's youth with a focus on water safety and features free open swimming for children under 13 years of age. Designer t-shirts will be given out to the first 50 12 & under children through the front door. For more information call 425-452-4444.
- Nov. 29** **Animal Senses**, 10 – 11 am at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Have you ever wondered if animals see like you see and hear like you hear? Compare how animals' senses are like yours! Pre-registration is required. \$5 per participant, ages 6+. To register call 425-452-6885. For more information call 425-452-4195.
- Nov. 29** **Garden d'Lights**, nightly 5:30 – 10 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St, Free, donations encouraged, Visit BBG's amazing annual display featuring over 500,000 lights (more and more of which are LED),

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Ongoing November Events

Group Farm Tours at Kelsey Creek Farm Park -Each tour focuses on different aspects of farm life and varies by season. Children experience farm life from the pioneer era through the 1930's. For reservations and more information, call 425-452-7688.

Thursdays **Sit, Sip & Stroll**, 11 a.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE, free. Take in the magnificent views of Mercer Slough. Enjoy our brand new sustainably built facility that sits among the trees. Sip on coffee or tea as you observe and discuss nature from a comfortable chair or use the spotting scope to find and watch wildlife. Then, a Park Ranger will lead a guided stroll along the trails. No registration necessary. Call 425-452-2565 for more information.

Saturdays **Guided Tour and Wetland Walk**, 1 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE, free. Join us for a free guided tour of the new Environmental Education Center and wetland walk in the Mercer Slough Nature Park. No registration necessary. Call 425-452-2565 for more information.

Daily **Art in Nature Exhibits**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE, free. The ability to interpret nature through art is an extraordinary talent. These exhibits will display artists' work in the Visitor Center. New artwork will be featured every month. Come, be inspired. Call 425-452-2565 for more information.

Nov 29–Jan 3 **Garden d'Lights Greeters** needed, nightly 5:30 pm – 10 pm, Shifts are normally 3 hours, but can be flexible. Note: Helpers must pre-register and have background check done. Share BBG's amazing annual display featuring over 500,000 lights (more and more of which are LED), created by over 300 volunteers who work year round to organize, teach techniques, install and build the displays. Call 425-451-3755 or visit bellevuebotanical.org for more information.

December Events

Dec 1.-Jan 3 **Garden d'Lights**, nightly 5:30 – 10 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Free, donations encouraged, Visit BBG's amazing annual display featuring over 500,000 lights (more and more of which are LED), created by over 300 volunteers who work year round to organize, teach techniques, install and build the displays. For more information call 425-452-2750 or go online to www.bellevuebotanical.org.

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- Dec 2** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship!**, 8:50p.m. - 9:10 p.m. at Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE. Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship! Enjoy a large bonfire and hot cider while listening to the carolers on the boat. This is an all ages, free event. More information call 425.452.4106.
- Dec. 3-6** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show** Dec. 3,4, & 5 - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Dec. 6th 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. Come browse, shop and enjoy thousands for quality crafts from some of the Northwest's finest artists and craftspeople. Free. More information call 425.452.4106 or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov
- Dec. 5-7** **A Christmas Carol**, Dec. 5 & 6 at 7 p.m., Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th St. A mean-spirited, miserly man named Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by four ghosts: his long dead business partner Jacob Marley, who hopes to spare Scrooge the afterlife he has been condemned to, the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. Can Ebenezer learn the error of his ways? Is it too late? A Christmas classic for the whole family to enjoy. \$12 per reserved seat. For more information or to purchase tickets call 425-452-7155.
- Dec. 6** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship!** 8:30p.m.- 8:45 p.m. at Chism Beach Park, 1175 98th Ave SE. Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship while listening to the carolers on the boat. This is an all ages, free event. More information call 425.452.4106.*(no bonfire or hot cider)*
- Dec. 6** **Wetland Ecology**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Come to Lewis Creek to discover the wonders of wetlands! Wetlands do lots of really cool things like give homes to birds and other awesome animals and also help to clean your water. Join a naturalist to learn about your local wetland, the headwaters of Lewis Creek! Pre-registration is required. \$5 per participant, ages 6+. To register call 425-452-6885. For more information call 425-452-4195.
- Dec. 9** **Holiday Dance**, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Celebrate with the 'Sounds of Swing' big band sound. Enjoy standards of the swing era. \$3 per person at the door.
- Dec. 10** **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. –2 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join the staff and volunteers as we serve you a delicious chicken and trimmings feast. Holiday entertainment provided. Pre-registration is required by December 8th. \$5 per participant, ages 65+. For more information and to register call 425-452-7681.
- Dec. 13** **Wetland Filters**, 10a.m. – 11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Join us at Lewis Creek to figure out how wetlands clean our water and help stop floods. You can come and see how it works! Pre-

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- Dec.14** **"Peony Lifting"**, 11 a.m.-4p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, NPA Border. Help dig, lift and pot; bonus-take home a treasured perennial from the BBG in preparation for the renovation of the NPA Perennial Border at the Garden. No advanced registration needed. For more information call 425-452-2750.
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- Dec.20** **Holiday Dance**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Enjoy the sounds of the season with the 'Sounds of Swing' big band sound. Enjoy holiday tunes and all the standards of the swing era. \$5 per person at the door.
- Dec. 20** **Signs for Sherlocks**, 10a.m.– 11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Do you wonder what animals share the local lands? Sometimes all you will see are the signs left behind by these elusive critters. Come discover the habits, habitats and behaviors of some of our larger, famous animal neighbors. We will share cool artifacts, do some role playing and give the detective in you information for following the clues left behind in our Bellevue Parks. \$5 per participant, ages 6+. To register call 425-452-6885. For more information call 425-452-4195.

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January Events

Jan, 4 – 18 **Garden d'Lights helpers needed for breakdown** – must pre-register and have background check done. Help un-install BBG's amazing annual display featuring over 500,000 lights (more and more of which are LED), created by over 300 volunteers who work year round to organize, teach techniques, install and build the displays. Call 425-451-3755 or visit www.bellevuebotanical.org for more information.

Jan 13 **New Years Dance**, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. The 'Sound Of Swing' will perform for your dancing pleasure. \$3 at the door. For more information call 425-452-7681.

Jan 21 **Tropical Getaway Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE. Escape the winter blahs for a few hours! Tropical music, scenes from Hawaii, and great food- all without the hassle of going to the airport. Don your favorite wild shirt and join the fun. Lunch provided by Senior Services for a suggested donation of \$3 for 60+; charge of \$6 for under 60 years old. Pre-registration required by January 16th. For more information call 425-452-7681.

Jan 26 **Chinese New Year Celebration**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE. Come and celebrate the "Year of the Ox". Learn about Chinese customs, enjoy traditional Chinese entertainment and some fun games. Lunch provided by Senior Services for a suggested donation of \$3 for 60+; charge of \$6 for under 60 years of age. Pre-registration required by January 23rd. For more information call 425-452-7681.

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Event information as of September 23, 2008