

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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JANUARY 2020

- Jan 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Over and Under the Snow”**
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! Many animals burrow down into the subnivean zone to stay nice and toasty from the worst winter weather. Read along as we discover this hidden refuge under our feet!
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.
- Jan 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.
- Jan 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.
- Jan 5** **What’s Up? The Canopy! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There’s an entire world hiding within the layers of Bellevue’s forests. We’ll learn what makes up the canopy and why each layer of the forest is important to our resident wildlife. Afterwards, we’ll go out on a short walk to put our new forest knowledge to the test. 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.

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- Jan 5-11** **SBCC's 14th Anniversary Celebration**, times vary by activity
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
To celebrate the New Year and to honor SBCC's fourteenth anniversary, many of our instructors will offer their classes, activities, and programs for free as a thank-you to our loyal patrons, and as an invitation for any person to try something new! Come celebrate with Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Rock Climbing, Fit 360°, Parent/Child Indoor Play, Strong & Fit for Seniors/Adults, Drop-in Sports, Total Body Fitness, Purna Yoga, Pilates, Jazzercise, Yang Style Tai Chi, Parkour, Post Rehab Strength and Conditioning, children's ballet, and MORE! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240
- Jan 9** **Ladies Musical Club of Seattle Concert**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for a classical music concert by the Ladies Musical Club of Seattle. This concert will feature songs by Swedish composers. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.
- Jan 10** **Winter Wings**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
While many of the other animals in our region are tucked away, we still often notice plenty of different birds – even ones we don't usually see! On a Ranger-led walk, we'll discuss why this is, how migration works, and learn which species to look for. (And who knows, maybe we'll even see a few!) Back at the Ranger Station, use your creative side for a 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.
- Jan 10** **FREE Indoor Play Event: Nate Jester – Ace of Illusions**,
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way
Nate mingles with guests, creating unbelievable illusions right in front of their eyes, and often, right in their hands! The room comes alive with energy, laughter and amazement as he interacts with spectators of all ages. You won't believe your eyes as borrowed money is transformed and coins, pens and wristwatches disappear! Following Nate Jester's performance, FREE Indoor Play is available from 11:15am-12:30pm. **Ages:** 0-5. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240

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- Jan 10** **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.
- Jan 11** **Ranger Program: A Long Winter's Nap**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Can you imagine sleeping all winter and waking up in the Spring? Wouldn't you get hungry? While some animals can adapt to winter conditions, others will hibernate right here in our own backyards. Join a Park Ranger to find out what happens to their bodies that allows them to survive without food. **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.
- Jan 11** **Living with Wildlife – Crouching Bobcats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Can you tell the difference between a bobcat, cougars, and a housecat? Bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but sometimes we're lucky enough to see them! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats and how we can coexist with our shy neighbors. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 12** **Adult Enrichment: The Lowering of Lake Washington**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Local educator and Eastside Heritage Center staff member, Jane Morton details the effects of the 1916 lowering of Lake Washington on the economic growth of the region. This fascinating presentation examines the shaping of our world and economy through the varying effects that the exposure of new land had on individuals and businesses all over the Eastside of King County. Join Eastside Heritage Center as we discover what this change in geography meant for the towns surrounding Lake Washington. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation: \$5) **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565 and Angeline Nesbit, director@eastsideheritagecenter.org

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- Jan 15** **Garden Lecture: “Ferns: A Bellevue Botanical Garden Legacy,”**
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Lecture by Richie Steffen, Executive Director of the Elisabeth C Miller Botanical Garden and the President of the Hardy Fern Foundation. Ferns have had an important place in the Garden since the Shorts family developed the land prior to it becoming a public garden. The BBG has a partnership with the Hardy Fern Foundation, which assists with maintaining the ferns and adding to its collection. Richie will share his knowledge of the best selections for our area as well as share the varied and interesting history of the fern in the Garden. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Jan 17** **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.
- Jan 17** **Story and a Stroll: “Baby Bear is Not Hibernating” 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This story captures baby Black Bear’s winter adventures with his friends moose, owl, and rabbit. He soon realizes that life outside his warm, cozy den may not be all that fun. With the help of his friends, he makes his way back to shelter to spend a long, cozy winter with his mom and dad. **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.
- Jan 17** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 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 20004221. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 18** **Mix, Measure and Chop!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Caregiver and child will mix, measure and cook a delicious and tasty mini-meal together. All materials provided. This is a caregiver/child class. Instructor: Miss Karen. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents/ and \$28/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 2000762. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 18** **Winter on the Farm,** 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 find out how the farm animals at Kelsey Creek survive the chilly winter months. Meet some of our fluffy and furry friends, then come in and warm up as we continue our fun activities in the history barn. 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 2000335.
- Jan 18** **What's Up? The Canopy!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There's an entire world hiding within the layers of Bellevue's forests. We'll learn what makes up the canopy and why each layer of the forest is important to our resident wildlife. Afterwards, we'll go out on a short walk to put our new forest knowledge to the test. 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.
- Jan 19** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture and Event: "The Promise of Spring,"**
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Where can you find gardening inspiration in the middle of January? At NPA's Promise of Spring event! In fact, you get TWICE the inspiration, once from NPA's 2019 Open Gardens, and once from Ciscoe Morris! Event includes door prizes, multiple speakers, and a plant sale feature winter blooming perennials. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members and \$15/non-members. **Info:** <https://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/event-3482888>
- Jan 20** **Fiber Fun at Kelsey Creek Farm,** 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upstairs, 410 130th Place SE
School is out, but the sheep are still busy at the farm. Join Mrs. Kandi for a fun day of fiber arts. We will visit the sheep, learn the process of making yarn, and felt a project with wool from the farm sheep. Please bring your lunch and wear closed-toed shoes. **Ages:** 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000317.

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- Jan 20** **Holiday Farm Tour: Martin Luther King, Jr. 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
Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! 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 2006672 (10-10:45 a.m.) and 2006683 (11-11:45 a.m.).
- Jan 23** **Garden Class: Urban Gardening Series – Indoor Plants**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Penny Kriese. Are you interested in having plants inside your home? Penny will help you select indoor plants and show you how to care for them. Penny is an Outstanding Master Gardener with a love of indoor plants. If you are a Master Gardener, this class would count as CE for you. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Jan 24** **Make Pasta at Kelsey Creek 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 as we learn to make pasta using three different methods with only two ingredients. Kandi will provide sauce options and recipes. You will leave with a pound of fresh pasta and the confidence to make it again at home. **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 2000318.
- Jan 25** **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 20005361.

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- Jan 25** **What's Up? The Canopy!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There's an entire world hiding within the layers of Bellevue's forests. We'll learn what makes up the canopy and why each layer of the forest is important to our resident wildlife. Afterwards, we'll go out on a short walk to put our new forest knowledge to the test. 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.
- Jan 25** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Planet Earth II - Mountains,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In this episode we climb high into the world's great mountain ranges. Only a few pioneering animals have what it takes to survive up here. They are among the most elusive and mysterious on the planet! 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.
- Jan 25** **Night Hike with a Ranger,** 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 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 welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 26** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highland Open Space,** 10 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately Difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 27** **Kids Can Cook Cinnamon Rolls,** 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 the process of making cinnamon rolls from scratch. Each child will bring home a pan of cinnamon rolls and the recipe. 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 2000334.

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Jan 31

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:**

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- 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 2** **Garden Event: Celebrating the Lunar New Year**, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come celebrate Lunar New Year and the Year of the Rat with T.E.A. Washington! The event is in a carnival format, with unique candies, traditional arts and crafts, and a Chinese tea demonstration. There will also be a Lion Dance as the opening performance, followed by traditional Chinese instrument performances and a Peking Opera performance. Throughout the whole event, there will be a corner to take family pictures, and the Lucky Goddess will be handing out chocolate money to the kids! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** None. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- 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/>
- 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
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- 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
Historian Tom Hitzroth presents a lecture which explains the complex legal history of land claiming in Washington. This presentation shows how global forces affected settlement through the Land act of 1820, which came about as the result of a declaration of peace between Great Britain and France in 1815. Between the early 1870s and late 1890s, European immigrants to Washington claimed land all over our region. Often, we refer to them as “homesteaders” today, but the term homesteader refers to only a specific group of people claiming land under a very specific legal rules. Join Eastside Heritage Center as this presentation explains the development of these land laws—from the Land Ordinance of 1785 that set up the public land survey system to the Homestead Act of 1862 - and how they shaped our King County. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation: \$5) **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565 or Angeline Nesbit, director@eastsideheritagecenter.org.

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- 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>
- 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
Moove 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
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 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.
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 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** **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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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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
Join Eastside Heritage Center as Carla Trsek shares her unique research into our neighborhood. For about a decade, Wilburton was a larger town than nearby Bellevue. It had a large sawmill, four hundred people, and a busy atmosphere. This presentation tells the story of Wilburton from its roots as a small logging camp to the development of our neighborhood. **Ages:** Appropriate for all but recommended for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! (Suggested donation: \$5) **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565 or Eastside Heritage Center at info@eastsideheritagecenter.org
- 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.
- 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/>

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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 month to 3 years with accompany 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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- 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 2000334.
- 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
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/>
- 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 appearance, 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.

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- 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 2003202.
- 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:** Required. **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:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 2000363.

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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/>