

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb 2 and 9 Painting the Bellevue Skyline**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
Enjoy the sweeping view as you paint the Bellevue City Skyline with Downtown Park in the foreground. Work at your own pace or alongside seasoned artist and teacher, Shelly Vollstedt. All materials (including canvas) and basic instruction are included. This is a two-session class. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$35/residents and \$40/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 2 Lewis Creek Story Time: “Wonderful Evergreen Trees”**
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 indoor hour of stories and crafts. What do evergreen trees mean to you? During this story time we’ll explore the importance of trees to different people and animals. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 3 Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (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 3 Getting to the Points: The Early Days of Medina, Hunts Point and Yarrow Point (Eastside Heritage Center program)**, 2 p.m. – 3p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Points Communities were among the earliest places settled on the Eastside, and evolved very differently from the surrounding areas of Bellevue and Kirkland. Their terrain made them less suited to agriculture and convenient ferry service stations to Seattle. This would result in them evolving early into sought-after locations for summer homes, large estates and commuter suburbs. This heritage program will be led by Eastside Heritage Board Member and former Mayor of Medina, Mike Luis. Light bites and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. This event is supported by 4Culture and presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Cost:** Free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 is warmly appreciated. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** info@eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049. **Info:** <http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/>

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- Feb 4** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you can continue to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 4** **Tricky Crafty Camouflage**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Is seeing believing? Just because we don't see animals doesn't mean they're not there. Discover how animals trick your eyes using different camouflage methods, before heading outside to test your spotting skills with a fun foraging quest! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 5** **Sewing Sampler & Machine Maintenance**, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Cheryl Kuczek presents the sewing workshop for anyone who desires to be engaged in and educated about sewing as a life skill. Topics will focus on mending techniques, making pillow covers, jewelry bags, zip bags, hand sewing, patchwork embellishment, quilting, and making t-shirts. Students will be given material supply lists for each project before that project is started. You can bring your own well-running sewing machine to learn how it runs, or borrow one from the instructor. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/residents and \$48/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 6** **Positive Discipline for the Early Years**, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
Join us to learn tools and strategies for parenting the 1 to 5 year-old. Solve problems, teach your child to listen, and learn ways to develop a family culture of respect and peace. Techniques will help parents stay calm in the face of the parenting storm. Enjoy the adventure of parenting! No child care provided. **Ages:** Adults only, ages 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Feb 9** **Lovely Ducks**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
It's hard to imagine a wetland in the Pacific Northwest without our web-footed friends. Enjoy a talk about our local ducks and how they raise ducklings together in the spring! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 10** **Valentine Fun**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together to create beautiful Valentine cards, share your love with a farm animal, and participate in some fun holiday activities. **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Additional family member - \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 10** **Family Fun: Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Robinswood Barn, 2432 148th Avenue SE
Make a special gift for your special pal to take home! Sing song, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. This is a child and caregiver class. Come join the fun! Karen Renfroe-Gielgens, instructor. **Ages:** Best for ages 2-5 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** \$30/residents and \$35/non-residents. Additional family member - \$6/resident and \$7/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 10** **Tricky Crafty Camouflage**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- Feb 11** **Coal Creek Natural Area Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meets at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 12** **Sewing Workshop: How to Hem Anything!** 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Cheryl Kuczek presents the sewing workshop for anyone who desires to be engaged in and educated about sewing as a life skill for all-purpose needs. Hemming is an essential skill that never goes out of style. Learn a variety of sewing techniques that help you adapt or repair current clothing. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/residents and \$48/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 13** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: “Learn to Identify the Common Mosses and Liverworts of Western Washington,”** 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Stewart Hougen of the Mountaineers will present a workshop with a field trip on the following weekend at the Redmond Watershed for more hands-on experience. **Info:** http://www.wnps.org/cps_programs.html
- Feb 14** **Happy Love Day! (Early Release Wednesday),** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 14** **Sweetheart Hike at Lewis Creek Park,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Get outside before your dinner date! Bring your sweetheart or best friend, and join a Park Ranger on a hike to celebrate Valentine’s Day. Learn about native animal pairs and more, as we wander through Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 16** **Night Hike,** 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 Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** 425-452-4195. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 16** **An Evergreen Evening (Hike)**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join us for an evening hike in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Bring your flashlight and a warm coat as we listen for and learn about creatures that get active in the dark hours! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 17** **Garden Class: “Making Paper Icelandic Poppies,”** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
During this class, taught by Kate Alarcon, you’ll make your own colorful Icelandic poppies! They are made from hand-colored fine crepe paper in shades of ombre pink, coral, and orange, wrapped around a wire. You’ll receive supplies to make three poppies, as well as a supply list to make more on your own. You’ll also learn how to color the petals so you can make your own custom-colored paper at home. This class is perfect for beginners with lots of individualized attention to help you create these beautiful flowers. **Cost:** \$55 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$65/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 17** **Family Discovery Series: Amphibians & Reptiles – For Goodness Snakes,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered what cold-blooded critters may be slithering or sauntering throughout the Mercer Slough Nature Park, what to do if you see one? Join a Park Ranger to learn more about our wetland amphibians and reptiles and their role in the ecosystem. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 18** **Tricky Crafty Camouflage**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- Feb 23** **Nature Movie: “Life in Cold Blood – Sophisticated Serpents,”**
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Prepare to be amazed as this documentary, a joint effort by the BBC and Animal Planet, gets you up close and personal with these masterful hunters. This program is a special presentation from the City of Bellevue’s Master Naturalists. **Ages:** All ages welcome; however, this film contains some graphic predator-prey interactions that may not be appropriate for some younger viewers. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 23** **Disco Fever Dance, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. This groovy affair is the perfect opportunity to dust off those culottes and bell bottoms. Boogie on down to Highland Community Center as we jive the night away. **Ages:** 16 years and older, individuals living with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Feb 23** **Garden Lecture: “Botanical Gardens and Environmental Education: An Exchange between the Pacific Northwest and Eastern Russia”, 7 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Since 2009, botanic gardens in the Russian Far East and the Pacific Northwest have been participating in an exchange of ideas and knowledge. This lecture will explore three Russian botanic gardens, their surrounding native floras, and their growing environmental education programs. Join us for this lecture by project initiator and Seattle native, Tony Allison, and two of his colleagues from the Russian Far East. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 24** **Living with Wildlife: That Woodpecker is Driving Me Crazy!**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Ever wonder which species of bird is making that obnoxious sound on the chimney and nearby trees? Of the eleven species of woodpeckers that live in Washington, the northern flicker is probably the most commonly seen and heard. Come learn about the benefits of having woodpeckers in your yard, and how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 26** **Sewing Workshop – Easy Drawstring Gift Bags**, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
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- Feb 28** **Positive Discipline for the Early Years**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
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- March 1** **Garden Class: “Grow Your Own Plant Starts,”** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Tilth Alliance. Get a head start on spring and summer by starting your organic veggie garden indoors now! Learn about supplies needed for setting up your indoor growing space, planting and caring for vegetable seeds and seedlings, organic practices not requiring synthetic chemicals, and how to harden off and transplant your little plants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Slippery, Slithery Ssssnakes” (presented by Bellevue Master Naturalists)**
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 presented by the Bellevue Master Naturalist Corps. Did you know that snakes can “smell” the air with their tongues when hunting for prey, or that they can unhinge their jaws? Join us for stories about these incredible creatures! We always make a fun craft to take home. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- March 2** **Bellevue College Science Workshop for Children: Kitchen Chemistry,**
4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come learn about science with your child, and do experiments that can be done easily with supplies from your kitchen. Parent can attend with child, but no under-age siblings are permitted. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$24/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 3** **Garden Class: “Hydrangea How-To,”** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Kit Haesloop, President of the Northwest Perennial Alliance. Learn how to get peak performance from hydrangeas in your garden. Kit will provide guidance on growing conditions, bloom color, and pruning options for different species, as well as a demonstration of proper pruning techniques on several species that grow in the NPA Perennial Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Class is indoor/outdoor. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- March 3** **Garden Class: “Native Bees & Bee Hotels,”** 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Crown Bees. In this family class, appropriate for adults and children, you will learn how hole-nesting bees live, what they need in your garden to thrive, and how to provide them with a five-star bee hotel. Your class fee includes nesting hole materials and the Native Bee Guide (26-page reference booklet) for you to take home. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 3** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- March 4** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you can continue to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 4** **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 Bellevue’s animal signs, then head outside on a scavenger hunt to see what animals have been 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 children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 7** **Frisky Goats (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 9** **The March of Dogs**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Where did dogs come from? What makes them different from coyotes and wolves who live in the wild? Join us for a short educational walk learning about the origin of dogs. Well-behaved dogs may absolutely join us for this walk. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- March 10** **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for spring ephemerals and choice garden plants not readily available at other times of the year. Learn from nursery experts, and let them help you choose some of the earliest bloomers of the season. Most of the sale is held indoors, where the kids can enjoy fun activities just for them while you shop. Shop these specialty nurseries: Botanica, Bouquet Banque, Dan Hinkley's Windcliff, Fancy Fronds, Growing Girls, Lee Farm, and Taking Root Nursery. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the educational programs of NPA and the NPA Border. **Cost:** No admission fee; open to the public. Cost of plants will vary. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php
- March 10** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meets at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 10** **St. Patrick's Day at the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m..
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together to make a green treat, get up close with a farm animal and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. This program is for adult/child teams only. **Ages:** Children 3 to 6 years old and their adult. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Additional family member - \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- March 10** **Lucky Leprechauns**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Robinswood Barn, 2432 148th Avenue SE
Top o' the mornin' 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 child and caregiver class, taught by Miss Karen. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. Additional child - \$6/resident and \$7/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 15** **Garden d'Lights Orientation**, 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join the Garden d'Lights team at a FREE orientation. We'll tell you how the light displays are built and what it takes to install and repair them, and we'll demonstrate our techniques. You'll view partially-constructed lights, then join a small group that will work with a member of the Garden d'Lights build team, who will show you how the features are built. Everyone will be able to bunch lights onto a rod and use a cable tie to anchor them in place. We will also show you how we repair lights. You will not be able to leave with the results, but if you've been thinking of volunteering, this is a great way to join the team as it starts to prepare for the 2018 Garden d'Lights season! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; space is limited. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 16-17** **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale**, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Thousands of tubers with hundreds of different varieties will be available for sale, priced around \$5 each. Several of our most knowledgeable dahlia growers will be available to help you with your selections. Come early for the best selection! Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of tubers varies. **Info:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/>
- March 16-25** **"The Last Unicorn" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play)**,
March 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 7 p.m.; March 18, 24, and 25 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come see Peter S. Beagle's classic story of a young unicorn as she and a bumbling sorcerer embark on a long and dangerous journey to find out what happened to the other unicorns. This story is adapted from the animated cartoon and book. Approximate run time is 90 minutes. **Ages:** All ages, but the Red Bull sequence may be too intense for some younger children. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on March 12. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- March 17 Family Discovery Series: Have You Seen all the Critter Litter?**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever been curious about what animals leave behind or what signs to look for, telling you they have been nearby? We may not always see these animals, but they often leave clues. Become a Nature Detective, and discover who may be visiting our park. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
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- March 18 Living with Wildlife: There's a Bear in the Yard! 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Springtime in south Bellevue often means hungry, roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts at your home, and what to do if you see one. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 21 Lovable Bunnies (Early Release Wednesday), 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 21 BBGS Lecture: "Tapestry Garden: The Art of Weaving Plants and Place,"**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Marietta O'Byrne, co-owner of Northwest Nurseries. Timber Press will soon publish Marietta's book, *Tapestry Garden, The Art of Weaving Plants and Place*, that will illustrate the wide variety of mouth-watering planting combinations Marietta has created. During her presentation, she will give us a pictorial tour of her exuberant garden. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- March 23** **Bunny Ball: Father-Daughter Dance Event**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create lasting memories at this night-out opportunity with Dad (or other father figure such as grandpa or uncle). Dress up in your finest clothes, and enjoy celebrating an evening of dancing, tea time with scones, commemorative photo with Dad, decorating your picture frame, and even a special visit from Bop'in Bunny. Register early to secure your space, as space is limited for this event. Each child is registered separately. Father attends free with child. Free parking on site. **Ages:** 3-10 years old. **Cost:** \$30. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 23** **Frog Hop!** 7 p.m. – 8:30 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 the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join us to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- March 24** **Garden Class: “Top Ten Spring Bulbs of Merit,”** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by George Lasch. Join us for a quick slide show and then a stroll through the Garden to talk about the best bulbs and how to get the most from them. George will share his top ten and will likely throw in a few “why bother?” ones too. Known for his humorous opinions on plants and gardening, George was the Border Supervisor of the Perennial Border at the BBG for eight years. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 24** **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (presented by Eastside Heritage Center),**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888, there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 25 Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture – “Vietnam’s Northern Mountains,”**
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Lecture by Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson, who run Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy. Last fall they explored high peaks and ridges in northern Vietnam in search of new plants. This area is a geographical plant convergence zone and one of the world’s hotspots of biodiversity. Surprisingly, many plants from this region are proving much more hardy than common sense would suggest. Explore with Sue and Kelly as they recount their journey and some of these incredible plants. Doors open at noon for plant sales. **Cost:** \$5/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- March 25 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 Bellevue’s animal signs, then head outside on a scavenger hunt to see what animals have been 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 children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- March 30 Nature Movie: “Fresh Water,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Only three percent of the world’s water is fresh, yet all life forms depend on it. This *Planet Earth* episode follows the journey of our fresh water and demonstrates how various species take advantage of this precious natural resource. David Attenborough narrates this film. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 30 – April 8 “Winnie the Pooh” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
March 30, 31, April 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.; March 31, April 7 and 8 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Join us in the Hundred Acre Wood to visit the beloved little bear who loves honey and all his friends, including Tigger and Christopher Robin. This story, created by A.A. Milne, is approximately 90 minutes long. **Ages:** All ages, suitable for the entire family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on March 26. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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March 31 **Peep Peep!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Robinswood Barn, 2432 148th Avenue SE

Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorate eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt will round off our morning of fun! This is a child and caregiver class, taught by Miss Karen. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. Additional child - \$6/resident and \$7/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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April 4 Communicative with Children, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Bellevue College’s Parent Education Faculty will present the challenges of achieving effective communication with children. Often problems in communication are not based on a lack of hearing or interest from the child, but on understanding the word choices used by parents. Discussion will include dealing with children’s feelings, gaining cooperation from children, and freeing children from playing roles. No child care is provided for this event. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

April 6 Lewis Creek Story Time: “Night Creatures”

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 presented by the Bellevue Master Naturalist Corps. When you’re going to bed at night, some animals are just waking up! Discover what nocturnal animals stay up all night and why you shouldn’t be afraid of them. We always make a fun craft to take home. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.

April 7 Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon

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.

Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- April 8** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you can continue to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 8** **April Showers Make... Watersheds?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
We know 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 the water cycle. We'll start our own mini rain showers, and afterwards we'll discuss different ways we can help our watersheds. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 10** **Garden Lecture: The Prairies of Western Washington,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The prairies of Western Washington are an unexpected surprise in an area renowned for its trees. Jon Bakker will review their history, importance and their current status. He will illustrate current restoration practices and highlight some fascinating elements of their ecology. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** https://www.wnps.org/cps_programs.html
- April 13** **When Bees Spring into Action!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The pollination season is approaching, and our little buzzing companions are waking up and getting to work! Join us at the Lake Hills Ranger Station to learn about the many different local pollinators and all that they do for us. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- April 14** **North American Rock Garden Society Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Rock Garden Society members and regional specialty growers will offer a wide range of plants that grow in the mountains, forests and deserts of the West, along with plants from Europe, Asia and South America. Members will be available to demonstrate growing conditions and to give advice. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants will vary. **Info:** <https://www.nargsnw.org/2018-spring-plant-sale>

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- April 14** **Family Discovery Series: Insect Investigation**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Without insects to help break down and dispose of nature’s waste, our environment would be a whole lot messier. In addition to insects being some of nature’s greatest recyclers, they also play a critical role in the food web. Come prepared to get a little muddy while we investigate further into the world of insects. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 20 – May 12** **“The Wizard of Oz” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play)**,
April 20, 21, 27, 28, May 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 at 7 p.m.;
April 21, 22, 28, 29, May 5, 6, and 12 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Follow the Yellow Brick Road in this amazing story by L. Frank Baum. No classic tale has captured the imagination of young people more than the tale of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion since the 1939 movie premiered. This show includes all the classic music such as “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” and “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” Approximate run time is 1 hour 45 minutes. **Ages:** All ages, suitable for the entire family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on April 16. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 21** **Arbor Day-Earth Day Family Festival**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bellevue’s annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event will mark the city’s 27th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day activity passport from a Park 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 are welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 21** **April Pools Day** – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Children will have the opportunity to learn basic self-help skills in a water emergency with water safety demonstration, lifejacket fitting, and a visit from Mercer Island Marine Patrol and their rescue boat. There will also be free raffles for prizes! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** 12 and under swim for free; 13 and older swim for \$7. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4444 or sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov

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- April 27** **Nature Movie: “Seasonal Forests,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* explores our seasonal coniferous and deciduous woodland habitats and the animals that depend on them. David Attenborough narrates this film. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 28** **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 activities, tractor/wagon rides, pony rides, food, and animal viewing areas. 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:** Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site, and credit cards are accepted for pony rides only. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 28** **April Showers Make... Watersheds?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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We know 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 the water cycle. We’ll start our own mini rain showers, and afterwards we’ll discuss different ways we can help our watersheds. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 29** **Living with Wildlife: Not So Coy Coyotes,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
So... there’s a coyote in the yard... Should 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:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 30** **Slime Fest,** 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come prepared to make a mess as you concoct your own slime, goo and gak. This program will be led by Bellevue College’s Parent Education teachers. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$24/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.