



THE BRENTON ARBORETUM

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May - December 2012

tours. field trips. series. nature clubs.

GROUP TOURS

Schedule a tour for your club or organization. A typical tour for 5 - 20 people highlights the collections, history, and research projects of the Arboretum. Contact the Arboretum to arrange a tour for your group.

FIELD TRIPS

Students, scouts and youth groups are welcome to come out and explore the natural world. Prepared activities meet National Science Teaching Standards, Iowa Core Curriculum and Catholic Diocese benchmarks. We are happy to help you craft a unique adventure, too! Contact the Arboretum to arrange a tour for your group.

NATURE CLUBS

2nd Fridays every month

9:30 to 11:30 AM and 1 to 3 PM

Come run, jump, and play! Discover pond critters, bird nests; Wade through wildflowers; Learn about butterflies. Contact the Arboretum to join our monthly exploration.

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

3rd Wednesdays every month

10 am to NOON

Explore the Arboretum and your personal relationship with nature. Learn nature writing, photography and other interpretive techniques.

Members free, Non-members \$5.00 each month

WEDNESDAY PLAY DATES

1st Wednesdays every month

3:00 to 4:30 PM

Come make new friends Wednesdays after school. Discover and learn by playing. New, engaging activities introduced every Play Date.

Members free, Non-members \$5.00 per child each month



events. programs. classes.

May

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS

Saturday, May 5th

7:30 to 10:30 AM

Join us on a walk through the trees with John Bissell and prairie to discover these many, feathered creatures.

Members free, Non-members \$5.00

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 5K

Sunday, May 6th

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Special Olympics Iowa will host their annual Special Olympics 5k Walk and Fun Run at the Arboretum, and invite arboretum visitors to observe and participate in this event and celebration.

NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY

Friday, May 11th

Visit the Arboretum for free tours, natural beauty sessions, color-me corner and panoramic picnics in celebration of our public gardens. Use your Garden Passport here and at other public gardens that day to receive a garden gift! Free.

ART AT THE ARB.

Saturday, May 19th

Nature Photography Workshop

9 am to noon

Photographers Ryan Leafgreen and Luke Tingley will teach photo composition and mounting. Please bring your camera.

Members \$20.00, Non-members \$35.00, children \$5.00.

Landscape Painting and Drawing Workshop

1 to 4 pm

Artists Dwight James and Pete Cornell will teach techniques and provide helpful tips for beautiful, botanical masterpieces.

Members \$15.00, Non-members \$35.00, Children \$5.00.

Both workshops: Members \$30.00, Non-members: \$60.00, Children \$10.00. Please bring a lunch.

Jazz at the Arboretum

4:30 pm

Conclude your artistic experience with music in a natural setting. The Dallas Center-Grimes Jazz ensemble will give a free performance in the Pavilion.

This schedule is subject to change. Updated postings are found on our website: www.thebrentonarboretum.org. Please contact Lee Goldsmith at 515.992.4211 or lee@thebrentonarboretum.org to register or for information.

June

7TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GATHERING

Saturday, June 9th
3 to 5 PM

Members are invited to an evening in recognition of their special contributions. The public is welcome to attend and become members at the Gathering. A special presentation by Trees Forever Founding President Shannon Ramsey will be followed by refreshments and drawing and photography exhibitions. See the Arboretum website for membership information. www.thebrentonarboretum.org

TINDER AND TWILIGHT

Tuesday, June 12th
6 to 8 PM

Come listen to stories by the fire, roast a marshmallow, and play games among the trees. Bring the whole family! Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

July

CITY TREE COUNTRY TREE

Saturday, July 21st
9 to 11 AM

David Jahn, Des Moines Municipal Arborist, will discuss trees for your site and how the right tree can improve your home. Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

PUDDLES AND PONDS

Thursday, July 26th
9 to 11 AM

Who's in the Puddles and Ponds? Explore the wildlife in the pond with your child. Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

August

MEASURE ME!

Thursday, August 2nd
9 to NOON and 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Learn how to measure a tree and contribute to the Arboretum's tree records. Participants will be recognized as volunteers. Free

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Saturday August 25th
3 to 5 PM

Listen to inspiring composition and enjoy pastoral vistas from our open-air pavilion. Violinist Jonathan Strum will perform. Members \$5.00, Non-members \$10.00.

September

FOUNDER'S WALK

TBA
10 AM to NOON

Tour the Arboretum with Founder Buz Brenton. He will discuss the Arboretum's history and his unique insights. Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

October

TINDER AND TWILIGHT

Thursday, October 4th
5 to 7 PM

Come listen to stories by the fire, roast a marshmallow, and play games among the trees. Bring the whole family! Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

MIGRATION BIRD HIKE

TBA
7:30 to 10:30 AM

Learn how to scout for and identify birds in transit during this annual walking tour. Catch a look before they leave for the winter! Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

November

A FRUIT FROM EVERY TREE

Saturday, November 3rd
10 AM to NOON

Is it a fruit or a nut? Explore the fruiting trees at the Arboretum during a refreshing autumn hike. Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

December

A DIVERSITY OF CONIFERS

Saturday, December 8th
10 AM to NOON

This winter hike will highlight many little-known conifers. Find out what you've been missing. Members free, Non-members \$5.00.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

TBA
Come to brush up on your birding with the Audubon Society and help keep this annual count. Observer fee is \$5.00 to the National Audubon Society.



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