

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
(This list is a guide. Details may change.)**

FEBRUARY 2019

- Feb 1** **Story Time on the 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 animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908463.
- Feb 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Great Kapok Tree”**
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! Learn about the different animals of the Amazon Rainforest as they come together to tell the story of the kapok tree and hopefully save their home. This is an indoor program. **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 2** **Garden Class: Winter Watercolor**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Molly Hashimoto. Come and learn how to celebrate the late winter season through art! We’ll create watercolor sketches of individual botanical specimens, as well as paint a landscape. All supplies will be provided. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 2** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **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.

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- Feb 2** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home. 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; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1980541.
- Feb 3** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: 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 will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 6** **Kiddy Klub Indoor Playground and Art Club**, 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come in from the cold to spend the morning with your child, playing and working together on an art project. There's a new theme every week! Parents and caregivers get an opportunity to meet and make new friends while your child plays and meets new friends too. **Ages:** 18 months to 3 years old. **Cost:** Free! Drop-in program. **Pre-registration:** Not required; however, attending parent must sign a waiver. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 8** **Movie with a Ranger: "Wild Kratts: Falcon City"**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
In this episode, Aviva is working on Peregrine Falcon Discs, when Jimmy Z takes the Wild Kratts to a city where there are pigeons – a potential prey for peregrine falcons. Enjoy this educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then we will expand our learning with a program on raptors and other birds of prey. **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Feb 9** **Valentine Fun**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together 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:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900777.
- Feb 9** **Family Fun: Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 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. Karen Renfroe-Gielgens will be the instructor. Come join the fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** Best for ages 2 to 5 years with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106 for course 1900369.
- Feb 9** **Lunar New Year Celebration**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Please join us to celebrate Lunar New Year, the fifth day of the New Year, to welcome the Fortune God. In the Aaron Education Center, enjoy the display stations for regional costumes, folk arts, botanical displays, and Chinese tea demonstrations. Watch performances in Tai-Ji, Chinese folk dance, and musical concerts. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 9** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 10** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 12** **Garden Lecture: Crown Jewel Wilderness: Creating North Cascades National Park,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture, by Laura Danner, will be presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to register:** <https://www.wnps.org/>
- Feb 15** **Story Time on the 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 animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908464.
- Feb 15** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park,** 6 p.m. – 7:30 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 sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1900161. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 16** **Garden Class: The Hidden Half of Your Garden – A New Way to Think About Soil,** 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Dave Montgomery and Anne Bilke. Come and learn about how the smallest creatures on Earth are upending practices in gardening, agriculture and medicine. We will talk about human and plant microbiomes and the role of living soil in keeping gardens, farms, and even our bodies humming along like they should. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members or Northwest Perennial Alliance Members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Feb 16** **Pioneer Life on the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Learn all about pioneer life in our unique 19th-century historic log cabin. Participants will try their hand at pioneer chores, create a pioneer craft, and read stories about early settlers and farming. The session will conclude with a visit to one of our resident ponies, and we will learn how horses were an essential part of pioneer farm life. **Ages:** 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900786.
- Feb 17** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 18** **Holiday Farm Tour: Presidents' Day**, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 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. You'll also be able to pet some of the animals, 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. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted as space allows. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Each attendee must register. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1907951 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1907952 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.
- Feb 22** **Nature Movie Night: "A Murder of Crows"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although cultures around the world may regard the crow as a scavenger, bad omen, or simply a nuisance, this bad reputation might overshadow what could be regarded as the crow's most striking characteristic – its intelligence. New research indicates that crows are among the brightest animals in the world. *A Murder of Crows* bring you these so-called feathered apes, as you have never seen them before. **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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- Feb 22** **Night Hike: An Evergreen Evening**, 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 learn about native Washington trees and listen for creatures that get active in the dark hours! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Feb 23** **Family Discovery Series: Breakfast for Birds**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory birds year-round. Limited resources for these birds during the winter months can make survival challenging. Join us to find out more about our winter birds and what you can do in your own backyard to help them survive tough times. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 23** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 24** **BBGS Garden Special Lecture: The Queen's Gardener**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
What's it like to garden for the Queen? We are delighted to welcome John Anderson, the Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Castle and Savill Garden in England. He is going to create a special lecture for us that focuses on working for the royal family, but also on his experience gardening with plant groups that are popular in the Pacific Northwest. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Heronswood members; \$25/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 24** **Adult Enrichment Series: Wondrous Wetlands**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about the different wetlands around Bellevue? Join a Park Ranger for a presentation about what makes wetlands special before heading outside to visit Lewis Creek's own marsh. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This hike's difficulty is rated as easy (.5 mile). This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1900174. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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Feb 28 **Garden Class: Layering the Landscape for Less Maintenance: Clematis, Shrubs and Groundcovers that Love Our Climate, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Marianne Binetti, radio host, author and columnist. Marianne will talk about designing with the best plants for Western Washington, including the easiest to grow clematis. Brought to you by Cascade Water Alliance and the City of Bellevue. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: <https://layering.brownpapertickets.com/> **For other Cascade Gardener classes:** <https://cascadewater.org/water-efficiency/cascade-gardener/>

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MARCH 2019

- March 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Crafty Crows”**
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 Bellevue Master Naturalists for an hour of stories and crafts featuring the crafty crow. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- March 2** **Introduction to Backyard Chickens, 10 a.m. – noon**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn Farm Room, 410 130th Place SE
If you’re interested in keeping pet chickens in Bellevue, 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 choose from, and how to care for them at all stages of life. You’ll also tour our chicken coops, see the kind of equipment you will need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. **Ages:** 14 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$25/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1901015
- March 2** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **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 3** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine**
Meet at: 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 will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; 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 8** **Story Time on the 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 animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908465.
- March 9** **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 2 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. **Cost:** Open to the public; no admission fee.
Info: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php
- March 9** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home. 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; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1980542.
- March 9** **Home Is Where You Lay Your Fuzzy Head**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals all over Bellevue come up with creative solutions when it's time to find a home. Would you like to sleep at night in a spiderweb and moss nest? How about in a house built under a hill of logs, a gravel tunnel home, or one made of saliva and chewed plants? We'll head outside for some inspiration before tapping into some of that creativity ourselves. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 13** **Garden Class: Spring 101 Gardeners Question Time**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join a panel of four King County Master Gardeners who will present a powerpoint of what you should be doing in the garden in Spring. We will be talking, planting, pruning, propagating, soil and compost care, and taking questions from the audience. This class is presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance. **Cost:** \$25/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Info and tickets:**
http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php
- March 15** **Farmer for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Come join us at Kelsey Creek Farm for a fun day off school and become a farmer for a day! Experience farm life firsthand as you go behind the scenes and see what it really takes to be a farmer. Help us collect eggs, make animals' meals, clean out stalls, and brush a pony! Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1906032.
- March 15** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden – Nourishing Peace Within**,
10:30 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Experience the healing power of nature. Stroll through the solitude and sanctuary of the winter garden while Deborah and Jessica guide you in Mindfulness Meditation while opening your senses with Shinrun-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing). Taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 15** **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 sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1900162. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 16** **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 team together to make fun crafts, get up close with one of Kelsey Creek Farm’s farm animals, and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900801.
- March 16** **Garden Class: Hydrangea How-To**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Kit Haesloop. In this class you will learn the distinguishing traits between species, and how best to keep your hydrangeas beautiful with the proper care, growing conditions, and pruning. Bring your questions and be prepared to go outside in the second half of the class. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 16** **Lucky Leprechauns**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
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 a pot of “gold” waiting for you at the end of the rainbow. This is a child and caregiver class. **Instructor:** Miss Karen. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106 for course 1900370.
- March 17** **Home Is Where You Lay Your Fuzzy Head**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals all over Bellevue come up with creative solutions when it’s time to find a home. Would you like to sleep at night in a spiderweb and moss nest? How about in a house built under a hill of logs, a gravel tunnel home, or one made of saliva and chewed plants? We’ll head outside for some inspiration before tapping into some of that creativity ourselves. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 18** **Naturalist for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Spend your day off from school exploring Kelsey Creek’s wetlands and Douglas fir forests. Learn about the local ecosystem, look for wildlife, and start your own nature journal! We’ll study trees, do art projects, and play outside. Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900802.

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- March 20** **BBGS Garden Lecture: Plants Are Back in Landscape Architecture: The Increasing Diversity of Plants in Public and Private Projects**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Richard Hartlage is the founding principal and owner of Land Morphology, www.landmorphology.com. His award-winning, innovative designs are renowned as emotive, immersive spaces that incorporate sophisticated horticulture, artful detailing, and historical knowledge that heighten the human experience of the natural world. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 21** **Garden Class: Garden d’Lights Orientation**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Have you wondered how they make all those flowers out of holiday lights? If you’re interested in learning about volunteering for our Garden d’Lights crew, come to this orientation to find out all about it! The crew meet on Thursday mornings throughout the year. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; space is limited. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 22** **Story Time on the 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 animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908466.
- March 23** **Painting with Chickens**, 1 p.m. – 2 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. All activities will be inside, but dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children’s finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1901016.

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- March 23** **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (Eastside Heritage Center Program),**
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. This program is presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 23** **Bunny Ball, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create lasting memories with your child at this night-out opportunity for parent and child. Dress up in your finest clothes and enjoy celebrating an evening of dancing, tea time with scones and cookies, and a commemorative photo with your date. Child and parent can decorate their own picture frame for their photo to remember this special evening. Register early, as space is limited. **Ages:** 2 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$20/child (includes tax). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1801577.
- March 24** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Film Event: “Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf,”** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Revolutionary landscape designer Piet Oudolf is known for designing public works like New York City’s popular High Line and the Lurie Garden in Chicago’s Millennium Park. These spaces redefine our conception of gardens as works of art in themselves. This gorgeous, meditative documentary immerses viewers in Oudolf’s work, taking us inside his creative process. From his aesthetic theories to his strikingly abstract sketches to the ecological implications of his ideas, the film poetically reveals how Oudolf upends conventional notions of nature, public space and, ultimately, beauty itself. Film begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** \$5 for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20 for non-members. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- March 28** **BBSG Special Lecture: The Botanical Gardens of Eastern Russia,**
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With Tony Allison. Come and enjoy a rare opportunity to learn about the flora and botanical gardens of eastern Russia! We will have several botanist-educators from Russian gardens who will share photographs and descriptions of their gardens, and how they are different from and similar to gardens here in the Northwest. There will also be a chance to hear about the environmental education exchange program that brought the educators to the Seattle area, and an opportunity to chat with native Russian speakers. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- March 29** **Nature Movie Night: “Big Blue”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
So much remains a mystery as to how many of the ocean’s creature survive. This episode focuses on some of the toughest predators of the ocean. The researchers and film crews go to great lengths to give us a rare glimpse into the lives of these survivors. This film is part of the *Blue Planet Series II*, narrated by David Attenborough. We’ll provide the popcorn! **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 29 – April 7** **“The Little Prince” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
March 29, 30, and April 6 at 7 p.m.;
March 31, April 6 and 7 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This show captures the magic of a story of a pilot downed in the desert and his encounters with the little prince. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- March 30** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area, 10:30 a.m. – noon**
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
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 you’ll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 30** **Family Discovery Series: Camouflage Critters, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In nature, every advantage increases an animal’s chances of survival. One of the most widespread and varied adaptations is natural camouflage, an animal’s ability to hide itself from predators. Join a Park Ranger for some fun activities, crafts, and to discover some of the techniques that animals in the Mercer Slough use to survive. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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March 31 **Home Is Where You Lay Your Fuzzy Head**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals all over Bellevue come up with creative solutions when it's time to find a home. Would you like to sleep at night in a spiderweb and moss nest? How about in a house built under a hill of logs, a gravel tunnel home, or one made of saliva and chewed plants? We'll head outside for some inspiration before tapping into some of that creativity ourselves. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- April 4** **Garden Class: Creating Your Dream Garden, Part 1**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Lisa Bauer and George Lasch. During this two-part workshop, you will plan the garden of your dreams with methods used by industry professionals. Learn processes, tips and tricks the pros use to create a functional, beautiful and sustainable garden. You will then have some time to take those ideas home and work on your own design. **The second session is on Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, where you will get feedback and discuss design solutions. **Cost:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$75/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 5** **Story Time on the 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 animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908467.
- April 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Lorax”**
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! Learn how you, too, can “speak for the trees” as we read this classic story and learn the basics of environmental stewardship. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- April 6** **Garden Class: Expressive Acrylic Painting**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Terry MacDonald. Come and create a brilliant botanical artwork! Acrylics are a very versatile medium with bright colors, infinite techniques and are easy to use. In this class, we will create two projects: a small warm-up project on a wood surface and a larger painting of a geranium on canvas. Students should have some basic painting skills, but not necessarily much experience. The instructor will provide the materials. **Cost:** \$75 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$85/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- April 6** **What is Woolly, Wiggly, and Snuggly All Over?** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
A sheep! Come to the farm to meet our sheep and find out what it takes to be a shepherd. Help us clean the sheep stall, feed out hay, and pet a sheep! Each child will do a craft with wool from one of our sheep. Come dressed for the weather.
Ages: 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows.
Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900803.
- April 6** **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.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 6** **Garden Class: Beneficial Bugs for Kids,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
What are Beneficial Bugs? Why do we need them, and how do we attract them to our garden? Join us as we examine live insects, read a story, create a bug craft, and go in search of pollinators. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** \$12 per child. Accompanying adults are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 7** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: 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 will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 7** **Best Buds**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All winter long the trees have been holding onto their buds; but now that spring is here, leaves will be opening everywhere! Join a Park Ranger to discover what's hiding inside the protected buds, see some that have already opened, and dig deeper into a closed bud. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 9** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Alpine Flowers of Mt. Rainier**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture, by Donovan Tracy, is presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://wnps.org/>
- April 13** **Peep! Peep!**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt will round off our morning of fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Instructor:** Karen Renfroe-Gielgens. **Ages:** Best for ages 2 to 5 with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1900372.
- April 13** **Spring Egg-Stravaganza**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Come to Kelsey Creek for a fun morning on the farm with our lovable farm animals, and learn all about eggs. Children will get to collect eggs from our chicken coops and compare chicken, duck, and goose eggs. They will also pet a bunny, pet a chicken, and go on an egg hunt! **Ages:** 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900804.
- April 13** **NW Chapter of the 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/>

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- April 13** **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:** Contact Patrick Simmons at 425-452-4444 or psimmons@bellevuewa.gov
- April 17** **BBGS Lecture: Ten Questions to Ask About Your Garden’s Design,**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Steve Aitken. Steve is the Editor of *Fine Gardening*, a magazine devoted to making readers better gardeners. Steve spends much of his time talking with and visiting horticulturalists and avid gardeners around the country. The knowledge he gains from these activities not only helps the magazine, but also provides solutions to everyday challenges he faces in his own garden. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 19-28** **“Exile of Lord Rama/What About Us” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m.;
April 27 and 28 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come join us for an evening of two one-act plays. “Lord Rama” is a classic tale told with dance and the passion of India. “What About Us” examines the timely topics impacting our young people today. This will be a wonderful time of enlightenment in the theatre. **Ages:** “Lord Rama” is suitable for all ages, which “What About Us” may handle material not suitable for under 10. Audience members attending “Lord Rama” will be able to leave at intermission. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 19** **Story Time on the 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 animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908468.

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- April 20** **Arbor Day-Earth Day Family Festival**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bellevue’s annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event will also mark the city’s 28th year of being recognized as a “Tree City USA” community by the Arbor Day Foundation. At 11:30 a.m., Bellevue park rangers and elected officials will plant a ceremonial tree and recognize environmental volunteers. Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Plant a tree with your family! Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day activities passport from a Park Ranger and journey through various eco-stations. Completed passports will be entered into a prize drawing. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 26** **Nature Movie Night: “Our Blue Planet”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode examines the role of human anthropogenic activity on the oceans. Microplastics and pollution are an increasing problem for the world’s seas, threatening the lives of marine life and ultimately affecting the ecosystem. Can human reverse their activity to protect these threatened ecosystems and the wildlife dependent on them? This film is part of the *Blue Planet Series II*, narrated by David Attenborough. We’ll provide the popcorn! **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.
- April 27** **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 (service animals only). **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 27** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at Kelsey Creek Farm’s special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1901017.

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- April 27** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event and is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 27** **Living with Wildlife – There's a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Springtime in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood, and what to do if you see a bear. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 27** **Family Discovery Series: Spring into Nature**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures, big and small, are emerging from their long winter's nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of spring. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 28** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Spring Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This is the NPA's biggest plant sale of the year. **Cost:** No admission fee; open to the public. Cost of plants will vary. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/plant_sales.php
- April 28** **Best Buds**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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