

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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JANUARY 2019

- Jan 4** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Stanger in the Woods”**
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! Have you ever wondered what a deer is thinking when it spots you in the woods? This month we’ll be reading along from the animal’s point of view as they gather their courage to find out about the mysterious visitor in their midst. 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.
- Jan 5** **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.
- Jan 6** **Living with Wildlife - It’s a Mole.. It’s a Muskrat... No It’s Mountain Beavers! 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
An elusive creature most people don’t even realize exists is wandering around Bellevue - the mountain beaver! Join us as we learn more about our shy neighbors, how they help the environment, and how we can keep their homes and teeth out of our gardens. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 6** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
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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- Jan 6-12** **SBCC's 13th Anniversary Celebration**, times vary by activity
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
In celebration of the New Year and to honor SBCC's thirteenth anniversary, many of our instructors will offer their classes, activities, and programs for free as a thank-you to our loyal patrons, and as an invitation to try something new! Come celebrate with Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Rock Climbing, Boot Camp with Karie, Parent/Child Indoor Play, Strong & Fit for Seniors/Adults, Drop-In Sports, Total Body Fitness, Purna Yoga, Pilates, Jazzercise, Yang Style Tai Chi, Parkour, Post-Rehab Strength and Conditioning, and Children's Ballet! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see SBCC's web page – <http://bellevuewa.gov/sbcc.htm>.
- Jan 7-11** **Bellevue Main Club's New Student Free Fitness Classes**, times vary
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
New students can come and enjoy one week of fitness classes for free at the Bellevue Main Club. Classes focus on overall wellness and include cardio fitness, strength training, Tai Chi movement, balance, fall prevention, meditation, yoga, and breathing. Classes are beneficial for all fitness levels and adult ages. Visit the Bellevue Main Club web page or contact us for a schedule of classes. **Ages:** Adults, 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 9** **Northwest Arts Center Open House**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Explore what Northwest Arts Center has to offer. Free workshops will be available for people to try out different class options. For the workshop schedule, visit <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/community-centers/northwest-arts-center>
Ages: All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 11** **Indoor Play with Xakary the Magician**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us for a free 45-minute performance from Xakary the Magician, followed by an hour session of Indoor Play. ParentMap magazine and website has awarded Xakary the Magician the "Golden Teddy" award for being one of the top children's entertainers in the Puget Sound region in every year from 2013 to 2016! He is the only entertainer to be recognized for all four years. **Ages:** 0-5. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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- Jan 11** **Who's in Your Backyard: Cousin Coyote**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you heard them howling in the evening near your home? Coyotes can easily adapt to an urban setting like Bellevue. Come learn what to do if you come across one of these dog-like creatures in your backyard or in the parks! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 11** **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 #1908461.
- Jan 11** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 5 p.m. – 6:30 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 180740. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 12** **Winter on the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together to find out how farm animals survive the chilly winter months. Meet our fluffy and furry animals on a touch-and-tell walk. Come inside and warm up as we continue our fun activities in the barn. 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 #1900515.
- Jan 13** **Cascade Canines**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know foxes are the only canids to climb trees or that coyotes tiptoe to be extra sneaky? Discover more about Washington's furry canines and practice your howl with a park ranger this month. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 16** **BBG Society Lecture: Welcome to Subirdia**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
John Marzluff, Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington, will show us the importance of suburbs in preventing species loss in the face of climate change. This lecture is presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and is open to the public. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Jan 18** **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 #1908462.
- Jan 19** **Marshmallow Madness**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a warm and cozy Saturday morning with your child making fun marshmallow art, music, games and a yummy snack! This is a child and caregiver class. **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 190366.
- Jan 19** **Garden Class: Growing Mushrooms at Home**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Tristan Woodsmith and focuses on growing gourmet mushrooms at home, both indoors and outdoors. Learn the mushroom life cycle, various substrates used for growing mushrooms, and low-tech methods for generating mycelium including spores, spawn, and stem-butts. Species covered will include oyster mushrooms, shiitake, lion's mane and more! **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Jan 19** **History of Eastside Logging (Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center),**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920? Or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? (It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach 'maturity')! Come and see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand-saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 20** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Event and Lecture: The Promise of Spring,**
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Event includes plant sale and lectures by Donna Bogumill and Julia Graham on the NPA Open Gardens of 2018, and by Steve Edney, Head Gardener of the Salutation Garden in the UK. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$15 for non NWPA members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- Jan 20** **Cascade Canines, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know foxes are the only canids to climb trees or that coyotes tiptoe to be extra sneaky? Discover more about Washington's furry canines and practice your howl with a park ranger this month. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 21** **Plant Trees on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Eastgate Park, 14500 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by volunteering with the City of Bellevue and EarthCorps to improve the health of our parks and forests. Gloves, tools, hot drinks, water and snacks will be provided. No experiences necessary. Come ready to plant, rain or shine, and work alongside other dedicated volunteers. **Ages:** 7 and older with adult help. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.EarthCorps.org (click on "Volunteer Calendar") **Info:** 425-452-6048.

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- Jan 21** **Holiday Farm Tour: Martin Luther King, Jr. 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
Bring the whole family to come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them!
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 #1905971 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1905972 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.
- Jan 25** **Movie with a Ranger: “Wild Kratts: Little Howler”,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
In this episode, Martin find a wolf pup in his backpack after he and Chris run back to the Tortuga exhausted yet gratified from their recent adventure with wolves. The Kratt brothers retrace their steps in order to find out how the wolf pup ended up in Martin’s backpack and to devise a way to return the wolf pup back to its pack. Enjoy this educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then we will expand our learning with a wolf program. **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 25** **Nature Movie Night: “One Ocean,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The ocean covers more than 70% of the surface of our planet. Researchers continues to explore the vast reaches in search of answers to the unknown. Narrated by the great David Attenborough, this first episode of *Blue Planet II* begins to explore sea life in all regions of the world. 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.
- Jan 26** **Felted Landscapes,** 10 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
View different landscapes and become inspired to create your own. We will visit our resident Kelsey Creek Farm sheep, view different landscape pictures, and then use wool roving to make your own felted landscape in a plastic bag. Each child will take home a finished landscape wall hanging. **Ages:** 6-11. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/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 #19006011.

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- Jan 26** **Family Discovery Series: Creatures Below the Snow**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The surface of the snow-covered ground looks peaceful and serene; what lies beneath is drastically different. Many animals struggle to survive the harsh winter months, while others thrive below the snow. Listen to a story about these creatures' survival strategies with a Park Ranger, and then enjoy a fun winter craft. **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.
- Jan 26** **Cascade Canines**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know foxes are the only canids to climb trees or that coyotes tiptoe to be extra sneaky? Discover more about Washington's furry canines and practice your howl with a park ranger this month. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 27** **Ranger-led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space**, 10 a.m. – Noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 28** **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 #1906031.

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- 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 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.
- 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.

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- 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** **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.
- 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/events>
- 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.

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- 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/>
- 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.

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- 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
Bring the whole family to come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them!
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.
- 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.

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- 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** **BBSG 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-BBSG 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.
- 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 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** **Felted Landscapes, 10 a.m. – noon**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
View different landscapes and become inspired to create your own. We will visit our resident Kelsey Creek Farm sheep, view different landscape pictures, and then use wool roving to make your own felted landscape in a plastic bag. Each child will take home a finished landscape wall hanging. **Ages:** 6-11. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/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 #19006012.
- 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 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.

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- 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.
- 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

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 16** **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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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 meetings 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.

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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 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/>
- 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 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.

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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.