**WINTER 2019 CALENDAR**

**January 2019**
- **Small Worlds**, photographs by Paige Billin-Frye, on view through February 2
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Kitikata paper, 10"x15"*, printed on green kitikata paper, 10"x15"

**February 2019**
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Fennel, “photograph*" 10"x15"
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Lindera benzoin, “flower show trip*" 10"x15"
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Homeschool Program* 10–11:15 a.m.
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Nature Preschool* 10–11:15 a.m.
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Weather Chasers* 1–2:30 p.m.

**March 2019**
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Evidence of Meaning*, works by Susan Kliner, on view through May 31
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Soup n Walks* 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Non Profit Org* 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Art Reception* 3–5 p.m.

**April 2019**
- **PLANT OF THE WEEK** *Spring Plant Sale* 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
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**Summer Nature Camps**
- Saturdays, May 4 and September 7, 8–10 a.m.
- Saturdays, June 15, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

**September 6–8**
- **First Saturday** 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Art Reception** 3–5 p.m.

**Holiday Open House & Wreath Sale**
- Saturday, December 7
- **Dog Walk** 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Art Reception** 3–5 p.m.

**Spring Plant Sale and Open House**
- Saturday, April 13
- **Art Reception** 3–5 p.m.

**Other Events**
- **Shore Shakespeare Company Presents “The Merchant of Venice”**
- May 31–June 2
- **Meade Monument Fair**
- Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
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**2019 Juried Art Show**
- **April 13**
- **Art Reception** 3–5 p.m.

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- *American beech, “Evidence of Meaning"*, mixed media on paper, 22"x29"
- *Susan Benarcik, “In the Absence of Words, "*, mixed media on paper, 22"x29"

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- *Betula nigra, “Weaving Yarn"*, 1–2:30 p.m.
- *District Missouri prairie "Boy"*, 1–2:30 p.m.
- *Lindera benzoin, “flower show trip"*, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

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Featured Native Plants Available For Order
Wednesday, March 13 & July 31, 1–3 p.m.
This program is free for members and $10 for non-members. Carry heels, tie, warm, wet, sun, or sky—determining the right plants for your landscape can be challenging. Join Susan Sverduk, Mt. Cuba Center Landscape Design Coordinator to learn about the plants offered for sale as spring and fall sales and their preferences in the landscape.

NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPE SERIES
Sunday, June 23, 1–3 p.m.
Introducing native plants in your landscape can lend you new and challenging design territory. Join veteran landscape designer Chris Pace making it easier by sharing some powerful design principles and techniques that work particularly well with natives.

Natives: Planting and Care—May 5
You've thought about planting natives—but now what? There are holes to dig, beds to decide, grass to kill, mulching, watering, and questions to answer. Chris Pace has been helping clients with these issues for many years. She will share state of the art techniques to make your natives easier to maintain and enjoy.

Native Alternatives to Lawns—June 9
If you’re interested by and/or invested in, join Sylvan Kaufman, the Arboretum’s science advisor, to learn about alternatives to the more common invasive plants. Our often-overlooked local options can provide beauty and diversity in your garden for years to come.

Building Diversity in the Garden—August 17
One of the key elements in a native garden is the use of plants that attract pollinators. Join Barbara W. Ellis, author of A New Viewpoint: Native Gardening, to learn about the value of diversity in the garden and the key of using as many plants as possible in every corner of your yard.

LOCAL FARMS TOUR
Summer Solstice—May 19, June 23, July 30, and July 7
For your $35 members/$40 non-members. Registration is required. See local farmers and learn about farming traditions and techniques.

Cutting Farm
Summer Solstice
Learn about food farming and the infrastructure required for crops, chickens, and pigs. Join Pres. Ceci Brown. Cover crops, greenhouses, the processing room, and freezers will be explored. This two-hour tour will follow with a visit to the planted butcher shops and make gravel stops.

Baby Bee Bomb—June 23
Join Mt. Cuba’s beekeeper and learn about this fascinating and often misunderstood group of pollinators.

Honeysuckle Flower Farm—July 31
Join Centre Jennings for a guided tour of her family-owned, 60-year-old farm. Each year, her resident honeybees help produce this farm’s own honey! Honeysuckle Flower Farm: Bring your favorite mug to make a flower arrangement to take home.

Schoolhouse Farmhouse—Sunday, June 23, 1–3 p.m.
Join Lauren Giardina and her partner, George Borovec, at their farm, a tour of their Cotswold Farm Fields, including an exploration of seed and species diversity. They will also showcase some of the many native plants that produce flowers, and discuss the role of pollinators in their farm operation.

Sweatbox Design Cutting Garden—Sunday, June 30, 1–3 p.m.
Take a walking tour of the garden and learn from Sweatbox’s founder, Robb Truax, about their diverse and highly pollinator-friendly flower garden.

Crop Walks
Crop Walks are led by native plant experts to provide interesting design elements on local farms. A variety of different crop walks will provide participants with a fundamental understanding of the science of native plants. Crop Walks are $25 and only pre-registration is required. Registration for Crop Walks is open now.

SWEETWATER MUNICIPAL FUND
Tuesday, February 26 to April 30, 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 27 to May 15, 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Fee: $35 members/$42 non-members. Workshop registration is required. This workshop is designed to be an introduction to this fascinating medium, which includes the variables of color and texture, plus making the physical movement of yarn through the fabric. Enjoy the so-called ‘soft sculpture’ properties of this medium.

ACORN ACADEMY OF NATURE PRESCHIRE
Tuesday, February 26 to April 30, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, February 27 to May 15, 11:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m.
Fee: $35 members/$42 non-members. Workshop registration is required. These two classes are designed to fit into the curriculum of the two preschools, early childhood development, and early childhood education programs.

Weather Changes Ages 5–12
Tuesday, February 26 to April 30, 1–2:30 p.m.
Fee: $35 members/$42 non-members. Workshop registration is required. What is the difference between weather and climate? How is weather measured to predict the future? How do we know about changes to climate? Home school students will find the answers to these questions and more through hands-on activities and an exploration of how weather affects us, including weather maps, climate, seasons, and water. Students presented with individual projects related to the weather will be part of the fun. Students should come prepared with a laptop, writing utensils, and clothes that may get a little dirty. Outside time will be part of every class, dress for the weather.

Earth Wisdom Ages 12–15
February 27, March 27, April 24, 1–4 p.m.
Fee: $35 members/$42 non-members. Workshop registration is required. Our most advanced home schoolers will learn about the theory and practice of permaculture as a foundational landscape design process that focuses on meeting human needs while regenerating the ecological functions of the land. Patterns found in nature and culture plant guilds and polycultures, food webs and hubs, water harvesting technologies, and more will be discussed through student led mini projects. Students given the opportunity to design their own ecological systems and engage in hands-on experiences. This course will be designed for students who are primarily interested in permaculture design and are already familiar with the more technical aspects.


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