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FROM THE DIRECTOR

All of us at Botanica – the Board of Trustees, members, volunteers and staff – say “THANK YOU!” to everyone who supported Botanica in 2019. Over 90,200 guests visited during Illuminations. This is an all-time record! Illuminations has become a winter holiday tradition for many families. Botanica’s existence has become dependent on the Illuminations event. All support, including over 12,000 cookies donated and sold, helps Botanica meet the annual financial obligations during the 2020 season. It is absolutely awesome how so many people have stepped forward to be part of making Botanica one of the most beautiful places in our city.

The completion of the Khicha Family Carousel and carousel pavilion was timed perfectly to hold a grand opening event before Thanksgiving and be ready for Illuminations. It is amazing how many people would tell us their stories of when they rode the carousel at Joyland and what it meant to them to ride it again. The smiles were endless and new memories were made.

With your help Botanica will continue to grow in 2020. Developing the new Koch Carousel Gardens and a new parking lot will create a beautiful place for people to gather and make new memories with their families and loved ones. The gardens and the parking area are currently under design, and construction will begin mid-spring. Exciting times are ahead with the planning of new special events and activities for all.

Your continued support is needed in 2020. Completing the magnificent Koch Carousel Gardens with a new entrance that includes food service, elevated decks overlooking the Grand Lawn, an artist studio and a new gift shop will bring Botanica to a new level for botanical gardens. This chapter of Botanica’s history will not only bring new exhibits and special events but will become a gathering place for everyone in our community. What we do at Botanica is the ultimate expression of our love for our community, bringing a spirit of unity to our gardens. We thank all of our supporters for helping Botanica become one of the best quality-of-life organizations in our community.

Thank you,

Marty Miller
Executive Director
Greetings from the gardens and welcome to spring. March, April and May return spring to us like a long lost friend. Even if it is cold outside today, you know the bright splashes of the colors of spring are coming to the landscape, which begins another season of growing at Botanica.

Botanica’s spring display started in January with the continuation of flowers on our 10,000 pansies planted last September. The late December and January rainfalls gave them the moisture needed to continue to bloom through the winter months. The snowdrop flowers joined them in mid-January and our spring display began.

Typically, mid-February begins our daffodil season with ‘February Gold’ starting to bloom in the northwest parking lot island. Unfortunately, the maple tree died in that island. I had all the soil removed and replaced for a new tree, and we lost the daffodil bulbs. It was my intention to order new ones last fall and replace them, but I forgot to do it. However, there will be at least 100 ‘February Gold’ on the order this fall and they will grace the gardens in February 2021. I described the four new cultivars of daffodils that we planted last fall in the Cultivate winter 2019 issue. They will join the 125,000 daffodil blossoms in the gardens from now until early May, ending with ‘Stratosphere’, the last cultivar to bloom in the gardens every year in front of Prairie Flowers (the bronze sculpture in the Cissy Wise Wildflower Meadow).

In the winter issue of Cultivate, I also mentioned we planted 10 varieties of species tulips. Species tulips are smaller in height (3-10” tall), smaller flowering (¾-1½” wide and high), considerably earlier blooming in March, but naturalize areas well, so they are planted in areas not disturbed by seasonal plant changes. We planted the highest concentration of these in the Xeriscape garden, the John Firsching Pinetum and Evergreen Collection, and the All-Season Perennial Border. These tulips will reward visitors in March and early April who visit on warm days with their bright colored blossoms. Make sure to look inside the flowers since most of them have different colored insides or bases. ‘Little Beauty’ is rose colored with a blueberry center, and ‘Little Princess’ is spicy orange with a chocolate center. Enjoy these little delights while you anticipate the big display coming your way in April.

Our big display of tulips this spring will include 63,000 flowers made up of 112 varieties, of which 28 of them have never been planted at Botanica before. The new variety ‘Kansas Proud’ (a triumph variety that is maroon with a purple outside and white base) says it all about this display. Every nook and cranny of the gardens will burst into vibrant
colors and amazing shapes. Last year a visitor said the double varieties looked like they were exploding with color. ‘Olympic Flame’ has huge yellow with red flames that open up flat in the afternoon sun to look like dinner plates. Along with the sharply pointed lily varieties and the tall 28-36” single late varieties standing tall against the wind, so visit often and look beyond the pretty colors.

Every year our tulips display gets better as our woody collections grow and mature. Forsythia and redbuds are sure signs spring is here, along with crabapples, Amelanchiers, azaleas and viburnums, which all play a role in improving Botanica’s spring display.

Not only can the beauty of the flower, but also the fragrance fill the gardens with great delight. Shrubs like winter honeysuckle, boxwoods, carlsii and juddii viburnums, and who could forget lilacs, along with trees like lindens and crabapples, all fill the senses with the joy of spring.

Perennials round off these three months of spectacular color with the flowers of dianthus, columbine, iris, bleeding hearts and, of course, peonies. Peonies are the queen of flowers in May. We have over 140 varieties made up of a wide range of colors. Laura Shumaker and Lauren Casner have taken care of our main collection of peonies the last three years, and these are their favorite three: ‘Mr. Ed’, an elegant, bomb-shaped bloom that intermixes cream, blush and light pink hues, flowers early to mid-season. ‘Bowl of Cream’ is a creamy white, fully double bloom that can reach 9” in diameter. Golden, hidden stamens make it appear as if it glows from within. ‘Lady Kate’ has a nice rose-like fragrance, has double light pink blooms and is one of the latest varieties to bloom. Thank you, ladies, for your top picks. We invite our visitors to let us know their favorite as they bloom this spring.

The Kansas Pond Society will again spend Saturday, April 4 dividing Botanica’s water lily collection. This is a huge undertaking and the garden crew greatly appreciates the help. The club has done this heavy, messy project for years. They use it as a demonstration on how to divide, repot and replace the lilies in the pond. Club members and the public are invited to attend and observe or help if they like. Botanica reaps the benefit of getting our entire collection done in one morning, and they are a great group to work with. We thank the Kansas Pond Society for their many years of great service and support to Botanica’s pond and aquatic collection.

I can never express enough gratitude for the garden volunteers and staff for all their endless hours of dedication and hard work. They help clean the gardens, plant all the new plantings and continue with weeding, deadheading and making Botanica look great. Without their endless hours of dedication and hard work, Botanica would not exist. Thank you to each of you and take pride in knowing what you do is why Botanica is here. I invite each of our readers to bring a friend and visit the gardens weekly. Each visit will introduce you to new varieties of plants and broad splashes of color, so visit often.
GET READY TO

Spread your wings!

Our favorite spring event is back! Come ride our carousel and visit our new Bee House while you explore our gardens with over 60,000 tulips blooming.

- Special guests
- Bounce house & obstacle course
- Face painters
- Games, scavenger hunt and lots of bubbles!
- DJ Ronnie
- Fairytale dress up
- Characters by Storybook Wichita
- Crafts

Special Guests:

April 4
- Great Plains Nature Center with their owls
- Tanganyika with an educational experience & surprise animal

April 11
- Egg races (Winners receive Botanica Membership)
- Nate Mathews with a prairie falcon and eagle

April 18
- Four Points Ranch with a petting zoo
- Prairie Creek Singers performance
- Winner is announced of the Fairy Tale House/Jar Competition

April 11th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
Have breakfast with the Easter bunny, partake in our Easter egg hunt, receive a token to ride the carousel, and stay to enjoy Tulips, Fairies & Forts!

Pancake breakfast made on-site by Stearman Field Bar & Grill.

Fairy Tale House & Jar Competition

$5 entry fee

Participants must bring their completed fairy homes and registration form between March 30 and April 18. All entries will be on display in our lobby until the end of Tulips, Fairies & Forts.

1st Place Winner (for each category) will receive a $25 gift certificate from Johnson’s Garden Centers and a 1-year membership to Botanica.

Categories: Child (12 & under), Teen (13-17), Adult (18+)

Fairy Jar Construction Requirements:
- Must be inside a jar (think mason jar)
- Your imagination!

For questions on competition rules please email Stefanie Worrell at sworrell@botanica.org.

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Presenting Sponsor:
Fairy Tea Party

APRIL 18th
$40 KIDS | $10 ADULTS

TUES
10 am – 11:30 am | First Seating of Tea Party
11:30 am – 12:00 pm | Special Performance
11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Second Seating of Tea Party

You won’t want to miss this tea party and special performance! Each child will receive his or her own fairy wings when they take a seat at one of our lovely tea party tables. Special character appearances by Storybook Wichita. We will provide lemonade and water along with mini sandwiches and other treats provided by Blue Moon Caterers. After the tea the kids are welcome to explore different stations where they will create their own flower crown, make a fairy wand and plant a flower to take home. This will be a one-of-a-kind event you and your child won’t want to miss!

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SUNDAY, MAY 10 | 11AM-4PM
Non-Member Moms $5, all others General Admission
Stroll the gardens and enjoy an adult beverage, shop local artisan market, enjoy live music by Harrison Steele, eat lunch at the Garden Café or Lolo’s Crepes food truck. Make sure to stop by Lamhouse Photo Booth to get a picture with your mom, and kids will have an opportunity to make a Mother’s Day craft! Moms receive one token to enjoy a ride on our carousel!

Paint the Towne will have 3 sessions to create a masterpiece in the gardens for only $10, you must be pre-registered, ages 6 and up. Times are 12:00, 1:30 & 3:00 pm.

2020 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

With an abundance of colorful plants, elegant sculptures and flowing fountains, the Botanica gardens serve as inspiration for gardeners and photographers alike. All entries should depict the photographer’s impression of Botanica from January 2019-March 2020. We will select the top 30 photos and have them displayed in our lobby May & June 2020.

Deadline: March 27, 2020

A non-refundable $10 entry fee per entry (payable to Botanica) must accompany your photo(s). Botanica members receive 1 free entry. We will only accept photos on a labeled CD/DVD with your name and contact info along with your entry form.

For more info visit botanica.org
After 4 years of hard work renovating the Joyland Carousel, building the Carousel Pavilion and receiving a generous donation from the Khicha Family, Botanica debuted the Khicha Family Carousel to the Wichita community on November 26th. Guests delighted in hearing from key donors, Dr. Gyan Khicha and Matt Martin of Spirit AeroSystems, and then enjoyed food and drinks while riding the carousel for the first time.

Prior to the community grand opening event, a press conference took place which announced the $1 million gift from the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation and the Koch Companies Community Fund. Mrs. Liz Koch was the keynote speaker at the press conference expressing her excitement for partnering on what will now be known as the Koch Carousel Gardens. The Koch Carousel Gardens will include the already built Khicha Family Carousel, carousel pavilion and the Spirit AeroSystems Educational Gathering Room, but will also encompass the additional 5.5 acre space that is currently being designed with interactive play spaces, water features, a grand lawn and event stage, and new lobby and entrance space.

The Khicha Family Carousel was open during the day in December and during Illuminations hours with over 30,000 people riding the newly renovated carousel! The carousel is open currently from 12:00-4:00 pm Monday through Saturday, with new hours being announced in the spring. There are also opportunities to rent the space and/or the carousel. For more information on this, please contact Linda Keller, Director of Rentals, at laker@botanica.org or 316.264.0448 ext. 104.

There are still some naming opportunities that remain available in the Koch Carousel Gardens. For more information on these opportunities, please contact Jamee Ross, Director of Development at jross@botanica.org or 316.264.0448 ext. 105.
BOTANICA’S NEWEST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Please welcome Botanica’s newest Board of Trustees members. The Botanica board currently has 18 trustees and four ex-officio members. Please see the inside cover for the full list of current trustees. We appreciate our wonderful trustees and all they have done for Botanica over the years!

Ron Coleman
Ron is the owner of Coleman Materials, a company specializing in concrete and masonry construction supply and rebar fabrication. His community involvement includes service as a board member and past president of The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), board member and past president of The Kansas Systems Builders Association (KSBA), volunteer leader of World Impact Ministries Thrift Store, and Home Team Leader Pathway Church. Ron says he will bring experience in construction, development and business management to his service on Botanica’s Board of Trustees.

Suzanne Castro-Miller
Suzanne has spent the majority of her adult life in the education field: teaching American children in Spain, director of ESL in Atlanta, Georgia to Southeast Asian refugees and 25 years homeschool educating five children. For 10 years, she’s been in business as a childbirth educator and birth assistant (doula). Suzanne’s community service includes leading field trips to Botanica, the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, organizing students to attend the opera, teaching classes at the homeschool co-ops, serving at the Classical School of Wichita, Trinity Academy, CYT drama, volunteering at the local elementary schools, teaching Sunday school to kindergarteners, serving at scout troops and various roles in her church. She says she will bring to the Board of Trustees her experience of working in and viewing other botanical gardens around the world, as well as her educational, organizational and creative skills.

Cindy Howey
Cindy was born and raised in California, moving to Kansas in 2006 to be closer to family. A graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Agricultural Business Management/Marketing. she uses her degree to help her as a realtor with J. P. Weigand and Sons, Inc. An avid animal lover, she has raised and shown the family's Arabian horses for over 30 years. Cindy also loves working in the garden, especially with her roses. A big believer in giving back and helping the future, she is currently the President of the Andale Area Chamber of Commerce, Region 8 of the Arabian Horse Association Youth Coordinator and Vice-Chair of the Youth Committee of the Arabian Horse Association as well as President of the Wichita Rose Society and Wichita Area Garden Council. In addition, she is a licensed Horse Show Judge with U. S. Equestrian. In her spare time, Cindy likes baking, cooking, reading and crafts.

Hugh Nicks
Hugh is retired from a long career that has included SASNAK Management, Cham Nicks Marketing, Investors Diversified, Wichita Area Chamber and Wichita Heights High School. His community involvement has included serving on the boards of Wichita Wagonmasters, Friends University, Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, Orpheum Theatre Restoration, Sedgwick County Extension, Maize Park and Tree Board, Maize Planning Commission and a 23-year stint as show coordinator for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Hugh says he will bring to the board his strong organizational and people skills.

Lucynda Raben, DDS
Dr. Raben is owner of her own practice, Raben Dentistry. Her community involvement has included the boards of Delta Dental Plan of Kansas, Leadership Kansas, United Way Dental Campaign, Oral Health Kansas, Central Plains Medical Society and as volunteer dentist with Project Access, Kansas Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped and Kansas Mission of Mercy. Dr. Raben says she’ll bring to the board her business management, leadership, and relationship-building skills.
**2020 SPRING VOLUNTEER**

**Volunteer Coffees**
Wednesday, March 11 at 10am
Wednesday, April 8 at 10am
Wednesday, May 13 at 10am

**Weed & Feeds: 1st Tuesday of each month**
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, May 5

**Volunteer Kick-Off Dinner**
Thursday, March 26 at 5:30pm

**Education Events**

**Spring Break Carnival**
Monday-Friday, March 16-20 from 10am-4pm

**Special Events**

**Tulips, Fairies & Forts**
Saturdays, April 4, 11 & 18

**Girl Scout Workshop**
Saturday, April 25 at 9:30am

**Mother’s Day**
Sunday, May 10 at 11am

**Family Night Hike**
Friday, May 22 at 6-9pm

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**Spring Volunteer Opportunities**

**Special Event Support**
Volunteer to assist our staff with special crafts, games and educational activities. This spring we have Tulips, Fairies & Forts in April and Mother’s Day in May.

**Garden Aides**
Do you enjoy working with young children and helping them learn about nature? The Education Department will need you! This spring will be field trip season and we could use additional Garden Aides to help students safely interact with the gardens.

**Family Night Hike**
Volunteers are needed to help during this year’s Family Night Hike on Friday, May 22. We need volunteers to help with food, games and managing the fire pit.

**Volunteer Coffees**
These monthly informal meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We will discuss upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Oxford Villas will provide a light snack, and The Spice Merchant will provide coffee and tea. Please come and enjoy the snack and socialize with our wonderful volunteers.

**Botanica Volunteer Kick-off Dinner**
Botanica would like to welcome our volunteers to help us kick off our 2020 volunteer season. On Thursday, March 26 at 5:30pm we will be connecting with our volunteers during our annual kick-off dinner. The main course will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP to Kristi Conkle by March 15.

**Docent/Garden Ambassadors**
Share your knowledge and love of plants with visitors in a variety of ways including assisting with tours, Butterfly House and the Bee House. If you are interested in becoming a Docent or Ambassador, contact Janet Lyda at JLyda@botanica.org or 316-264-0448 ext. 109.

Contact Kristi Conkle at 316-264-0448 ext. 103 for more info!

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**2019 GARDEN STAR AWARD**

Every year Botanica recognizes a volunteer for their outstanding work and support of the gardens. The award is announced at our Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the end of each year. The 2019 award went to two of our outstanding volunteers, Linda Ruzich and Tom McReynolds.

As of January of 2020, Tom has accumulated an impressive 6,299 hours, and Linda is one of the top volunteer hour givers with an incredible 8,582 hours at Botanica.

Both of these volunteers bring an expertise that is priceless to Botanica. While they do so many things throughout the year, it is Illuminations where they shine. They are here almost every day making the gardens spectacular for the 90,000 people who come to Illuminations.

“I have worked with Linda since I started here 15 years ago. We could not do any of our events, projects or exhibits without Linda. Linda has a big heart and a work ethic like no other. Botanica is very lucky to have her on our team. Linda is very deserving of this award. Congratulations!” - Jamee Ross

“Tom McReynolds is one of the hardest working and kindest men I know. We all are so lucky to work with him. He has a huge impact on all of our special events and Illuminations wouldn’t happen so smoothly without him. I am forever grateful for his dedication and support of Botanica.” - Kathy Spillman

**Congratulations to Linda Ruzich and Tom McReynolds for winning the 2019 Garden Star Award!**
BLOOMS, BREWS…

AND

Bloody Marys

Thursday, May 28 | 6pm
$60/$50 members

10 contestants battling for Wichita’s best Bloody Mary, 6 local breweries, 3 bars and more!

Vote For Wichita’s Best Bloody Mary!

TUESDAYS ON THE TERRACE

JUNE 2 - SEPTEMBER 29 | 6-8PM | $10 NON-MEMBERS, $5 MEMBERS

Cash bar provided by Bars on Demand. There will not be any outside food vendors, but the Garden Café will have food available.

JUNE

2nd  Brother Jukebox
9th  Groove 42
16th Epic
23rd Stimulus
30th Pretend Friend

JULY

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JULY

7th  Candice & the Business Casual
14th  The Erin Alan Project
21st  Llew Brown Band
28th  Sunshine the Bunny

AUGUST

4th  Dustin Arbuckle & The Damnations
11th  Escaping Pavement
18th  Kil Vargas
25th  The Rough & Tumble

SEPTEMBER

1st  RKO Blues Band
8th  Carrie Nation & the Speakeasy
15th  Marley’s Ghost
22nd  Haymakers
29th  Mudbugs Cajun & Zydeco Band

Tickets can be purchased at botanica.org or by calling Natalie Mahaffay at (316) 264-0448 ext. 107
Join us each Thursday morning at 10:30am inside the Children’s Library as we share our favorite stories, flannel boards, fingerplays, songs and movement. After story time grab a warm drink or smoothie from our Garden Café, take a stroll throughout the gardens and enjoy a carousel ride!

Children of all ages and a participating adult are welcome, included with admission or membership. Carousel ride tokens $3.

May 28 – August 6, two weekly Story Times each Thursday at 10am and 11am

**Family Night Hike**

**Friday, May 22 | 6-10pm | Rain Date: June 12**

Bring the whole family for an evening of after-hours fun in the gardens! Enjoy guided night hikes, field games, live music, dinner and s’mores over the fire pits. One carousel ride included.

- Adults $18/$15 members
- Youth (3-12 years) $15/$12 members
- Please pre-purchase tickets.

**Summer Drop-in Activities**

**Monday, June 1 – Friday, July 31**

Summer Fun for Everyone! Every weekday from 10am to 2pm enjoy activities inside the Downing Children’s Garden and throughout Botanica. Come each week for a new interactive theme that will educate and entertain the whole family.

Activities are included with admission or membership.

**POPUP**

Watch our website for Summer Pop-Up Activities inside the Downing Children’s Garden! Each Pop-Up will bring something new to experience, taste or create!
Dive into the Hive!
Suit up and join our beekeepers as they inspect one of our on-site hives! May through July, 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am to 11:30am, for everyone in the family aged 7 and older.

- Wear our beekeeping suits, hats and gloves
- Hold a hive frame
- Learn about hive behavior
- Sample local honey
- Get a photo of yourself holding a hive frame
- Take home a 2 oz bottle of our Botanica bee honey!

$15/$11 Members Must pre-purchase tickets online.

The Spring Hive
Come visit our Observation Hive as the weather warms. You will see the honeybees increasing their activity as they begin to forage for pollen and nectar and repopulate their hive. Families can explore information, books and toys to learn more about these fascinating and important insects!

Busy Bee Wednesday
Every Wednesday from May 27 – September 30. Join our beekeepers every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm inside the bee house. They will BEE able to answer questions and help you BEEcome acquainted with the bees in our Observation Hive. Be sure to try on beekeeping suits, hats, veils and gloves! Included with admission/membership.

Spring Break Carousel Carnival
March 16th-20th | 10am - 4pm
KIDS 12 and under are FREE!!

[ Story Time Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 in the Children's Library ]

Are the kids bored at home during Spring Break? Bring them to the gardens for Spring Break Carousel Carnival fun! Come play, explore our 18 acres and try your luck at carnival-style games throughout the gardens (rain or shine!). Get creative with crafts, dress up in a photo booth, and don’t forget to ride the carousel!

Children 12 & younger FREE with paid adult admission or membership. Carousel tokens $3

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair, March 13-20, benefitting the Education Department!
**Taste This:** Bee Tour & Honey Tasting Experience

$20 per person (minimum 8, maximum 40)

Dates:
- Tuesday, March 17 (10:00-11:30 a.m.) - Fireside Room
- Thursday, March 19 (1:00-2:30 p.m.) - Fireside Room
- Saturday, March 21 (10:00-11:30 a.m.) - Fireside Room
- Sunday, April 19 (1:30-3:00 p.m.) - Lotus Hall
- Tuesday, May 5 (1:00-2:30 p.m.) - Fireside Room

Enjoy a delicious honey tasting experience followed by a short tour of the Alexander Bee House. Did you know not all honeys are sweet? Some honeys burst with caramel or butterscotch flavors, others with grassy flavors. Good honey is just as layered and complex as wine, chocolate and olive oil. Learn to appreciate the taste nuances of honey through a tasting flight of 4-5 honeys with seasonal food pairings and beverage.

Visit botanica.org for more information and to pre-register.

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**EXPERIENCE A SENSE OF NATURE**

Minimum 8 - Maximum 40  |  Price: $15 per person
Duration: Approximately 90 minutes to 2 hours

Friday, May 15 (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) – South Terrace Room

Have you ever planted a seed that then grew into something bigger? That’s what happens here at Botanica and makes us one of Wichita’s best attractions. Step into a living kaleidoscope of over 30 themed gardens! Come experience a personalized, small group tour with a sensory experience like no other! Larger groups will be divided into smaller groups, each with its own tour guide. Visit botanica.org for more information and to pre-register.

All Experience tours include admission; no member discount. Pre-registration required

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**GUIDED GROUP TOURS**

These casual and informal seasonal walking tours include admission and a seasonal treat. Tours start and end in the lobby near the Garden Café and are about 45-60 minutes in length.

No minimum; maximum 45.  $15/non-members; $10/members.
Pay at the door. Pre-registration not required.
Tours will start promptly at time specified, so arrive early!

- **Early Spring Bloomers Walking Tour**
  - Tuesday, March 17 (1:00-2:30 p.m.)
  - Celebrate early spring bloomers – daffodils, prairie-smoke, snowdrops, crocuses, Lenten rose - with a guided tour to see what’s blooming and where in the gardens! Ten varieties of species tulips should also be blooming in mid-March, because they do bloom early!

- **Tulip Garden Tours**
  - Wednesday, April 15 (10:00-11:30 a.m.)
  - Friday, April 17 (10:00-11:30 a.m.)
  - Monday, April 20 (1:00-2:30 p.m.)
  - Tulips galore! Join us on a guided tour to see the 63,000 tulips, made up of 112 varieties of which 28 of them have never been planted at Botanica before.

- **Late Spring Garden Tours**
  - Monday, May 18 (10:00-11:30 a.m.)
  - Enjoy late spring blooms by visiting our gardens with a guided tour highlighting the woodland and prairie garden.

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For more information, contact Janet Lyda at 316-264-0448 Ext. 109 or jlyda@botanica.org
MARCH 4
PIECE OF WICHITA’S HISTORY
Tony Myers, author of “I Read About This in the Newspapers”, will be connecting the dots for us between the owner of The Wichita Eagle building, his wife and the Wichita Art Museum. As we follow this path, several parts of Wichita’s history unfold.

MARCH 11
ATTRACTING AMERICA’S FAVORITE BIRD
Nick and Cathy Clausen, owners of Backyard Nature Center, maintain a martin house in the middle of their parking lot at The Shops at Tallgrass. This colony, established over 10 years ago, has fledged some 90 young martins. Their picture presentation will teach you how to establish a martin house and troubleshoot any potential problems.

MARCH 18
WHAT’S NEW AT ARNOLD’S GREENHOUSE
Andrew Fox will share his favorites of the 150 new varieties of plants for 2020, as well as reporting on what did especially well in 2019. Annuals and perennials will be covered as well as some shrubs.

MARCH 25
INCORPORATING EDIBLES IN THE LANDSCAPE
Would you like some homegrown tomatoes, peppers or some fresh chard, but don’t want to rip up your lovely yard? Lynn Behnke will provide tips for working some fruits and vegetables into your established planting beds and walkways.

APRIL 1
HUNTING AND TRADING ON THE GREAT PLAINS 1859-1875
James R. Mead’s writings encompass the territorial days through the march of civilization and give a firsthand account of buffalo, Native Americans and the honor of the early settlers. His grandson, Dr. Schuyler Jones, will be here for a Q&A session with Jim Mason. Learn about this famous pioneer and major business developer in early Wichita.

APRIL 8
SHADE LOVING SHRUBS
Barney Barnhard has lived and gardened the last 30 years on 2 acres of woods. He will share what shrubs thrive in shade in Wichita, how to evaluate and understand the nature of shade, how to map the shade in your yard and selecting the shrubs that meet your requirements.

APRIL 15
WHAT IS A CUTTING GARDEN?
Karen Sanders-West, a Master Gardener, will tell us how to design your cutting garden, what flowers or plants to consider and a trick or two to create extra growing space for “cutting flowers/plants” when space in your garden is limited.

APRIL 22
LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER, BUT...
Don’t be caught off guard. Janet Gordon has analyzed the plantings for 2019 at Botanica. Get the scoop on what really works in our sun and soil. Know what to expect before you buy those plants!

APRIL 29
RAMBLINGS ABOUT HERBS
The 2020 Herb of the Year does ‘ramble’. Kay Neff of Neff Family Farm will tell us about that plant and many other herbs and their uses. Don’t miss getting Kay’s enticing recipes using herbs.

MAY 6
ORIN FRIESSEN
This familiar KDII announcer will be here to tell us about the origins of KFDI and how that relates to the Goat Gland Doctor. His book “From Goat Glands to Ranch Hands” will be available for sale.

MAY 13
GROWING CACTI & SUCCULENTS
Learn the importance of using the right pot type and soil for each variety. Gloria Mangum with the South-Central Kansas Cactus and Succulent Study Group will demonstrate correct potting techniques.

MAY 20
WATER FEATURES FOR EVERYONE
Lolana Moore with Scenic Landscapes will talk about water options with much lower maintenance than ponds. You will learn about ‘dry’ water features and ones in containers. She will also touch on koi ponds.

MAY 27
CONTROLLING CRITTERS IN THE GARDEN
Master Gardener Dave Odell will discuss a broad range of animals and insects that play havoc with our well laid plans for yard and garden. He will tell us how to thwart the damage of the most common critters in our area.

Catering Provided By:
March – Cheaper By the Dozen
April – Blue Moon
May – Botanica Café

Garden Council & Clubs

WICHITA AREA GARDEN COUNCIL
1st Wednesday of each month
at Botanica, 6pm

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS CACTUS & SUCCULENT STUDY GROUP
Last Sunday of each month
at members’ homes, 1pm

HERB SOCIETY OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS
3rd Tuesday of each month
at Botanica, 6:30pm

KANSAS ORCHID SOCIETY
3rd Sunday of each month
at Botanica, 2pm

KANSAS POND SOCIETY
1st Saturday of each month
at Botanica, 6pm

PRAIRIE WINDS DAYLILY SOCIETY
4th Monday of each month
at Botanica, 7pm

PROJECT BEAUTY, INC.
3rd Thursday of each month
at various locations, 12pm

SUBURBAN GARDEN CLUB
2nd Monday of each month
at Botanica, 9:45am

WICHITA AFRICAN VIOLET STUDY CLUB
3rd Friday of each month
at Botanica, 1pm

WICHITA BONSAI CLUB
2nd Saturday of each month
at Hong’s Landscape, 9:30am

WICHITA DAYLILY CLUB
2nd Monday of each month
at Botanica, 7pm

WICHITA HOSTA SOCIETY
3rd Tuesday of each month
at Botanica, 7pm

May meeting will not be at Botanica

WICHITA IRIS CLUB
3rd Monday of each month
at Botanica, 7pm

WICHITA ORGANIC GARDEN CLUB
4th Tuesday of each month
at Botanica, 7pm

WICHITA ROSE SOCIETY
2nd Tuesday of each month
at Botanica, 7pm

May 12 will be a Garden Party/Ice Cream Social not at Botanica

OTHER CLUBS WITH NO REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS:
Wichita Area Garden Railway Society
Wichita Daffodil Society Show – April 19 from 1-4pm at Botanica
### MARCH 2020

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**Visit the Garden Café for gourmet beverages & snacks and enjoy a book in the Children’s Library.**
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Dear Illuminations Supporters,

I can not thank you enough for your support in helping us break another record with 90,283 visitors during Illuminations 2019. This would not be possible without our fabulous volunteers, community sponsors and wonderful staff. The Khicha Family Carousel was a huge addition and we had over 25,000 guests ride the carousel during Illuminations. The new Children’s Garden meadow show was also a fan favorite with our mega tree at 22 feet tall with 15,162 lights, 200 new snowflakes with 16, 800 lights and 40 white trees that all danced to music. One of my personal favorites is the Children’s Garden. Each year our volunteers keep adding, getting creative especially this year with the monster head and this year they added pink, orange and yellow mini lights to the trees. Did you see the bubbles in the Shakespeare? That was a small addition but was a big hit with the kids. It was so fun to see their excited faces when the bubbles would start. We love our city and have already started planning for next year! Thank you for making Botanica the number one holiday display.

Sincerely,
Kathy Spillman
Save the Date
Vine
Sept. 19th 6:30pm
Presented by
Celebrity Cruises Edward Jones
Early Bird Pricing $120/$110 Members. After September 4th, all tickets $130

June 10, July 8 & August 5 | 9:00am
Breakfast & Butterfly Release
$17/$15 members
Presented by Cox

Spend time in our gardens while enjoying fresh air, fun and breakfast with the butterflies! Each guest will receive a live butterfly to release in our Cox Butterfly House and breakfast by Stearman Field Bar & Grill. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and orange juice in our garden. You will also receive fish food to feed our koi and a token to enjoy a ride on our carousel.