April Activities at the Arboretum

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April is Earth Month, and this year The Arboretum, the State Botanical Garden of Kentucky in Lexington, will be cultivating connections all month long through their annual celebration, Party for the Planet. With the support of presenting sponsor Kentucky Utilities, the annual party offers special activities focused on environmental topics and is designed to help adults and children connect to nature.

Bring the kids and get a start on spring in the Kentucky Children's Garden's Celebrating the Seasons Series from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 7. The entire family can enjoy a fun, educational experience, as they visit booths that include demonstrations, crafts and plant giveaways. Regular admission applies: $3 per person or $10 for a family

of up to five people. The planting of the official Arbor Day tree, a Magnolia acuminata, will take place at 11 a.m. The Magnolia acuminata, native to the Eastern United States, is commonly known as a cucumber magnolia or blue magnolia. It is one of the largest and most cold hardy of the genus.

The Cultivating Connections workshop series, the first three of which are suggested for ages 13 and up, begins 5:30 to 7 p.m. EDT April 5 and continues each Thursday throughout April at the same time. Preregistration is required, with a suggested donation of $3 per person or $5 per family. Each session is limited to 30 people, with the exception of the April 26 workshop, which is limited to 75 participants. Sessions include:

• April 5: Rooted in Soil: Connections between Plants and the Landforms Beneath Them. University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Dean Emeritus Scott Smith; Robert Paratley, UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Herbarium curator, and Molly Davis, The Arboretum director, will discuss how soils are created and how three of the seven soil types in Kentucky provide

a foundation for plants that require very different environments.

• April 12: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Plant and Wildlife Connections. The Arboretum's horticulturist, Jesse Dahl, will lead a workshop on the many, often amazing ways animals and insects interact with plants.

• April 19: From Pawpaws to Parasites: Connections in the Plant Kingdom. Arborist Dave Leonard and The Arboretum curator and native plants collection manager Emily Ellingson will give an overview of the various ways trees and plants are connected, from the obvious to the obscure. The workshop will culminate outdoors to see connections in action.

• April 26: Wonder and Joy: Connecting Children to Nature. Instructors Claude Stephens, facilitator of outreach and regenerative design at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest; Melissa Rue, Bernheim's Children at Play Network coordinator; and Jackie Gallimore, The Arboretum's children's education coordinator, will lead this family gathering in the Kentucky Children's Garden for ages 2 and up. The workshop will help parents better understand the value of play and will

offer strategies for exploring nature through play. Plus, it will be a lot of fun for the children.

Party for the Planet wraps up with Arbor Day at The Arboretum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT April 28. The ceremony will include Kentucky's Arbor Day Proclamation, Lexington's Arbor Day Proclamation, and presentation of the Tree Campus and Tree City USA awards. There will be tree giveaways, exhibitor tents and the annual birdhouses and birdfeeders display.

To register for workshops, call The Arboretum at 859-257-6955. More information about Party for the Planet and other Arboretum activities are online at http://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/calendar.

The Arboretum began in 1991 as a joint effort between UK and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. It is located near UK's campus at 500 Alumni Drive and offers more than 100 acres of trails, waterways, native trees, a children's garden and exhibits.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.
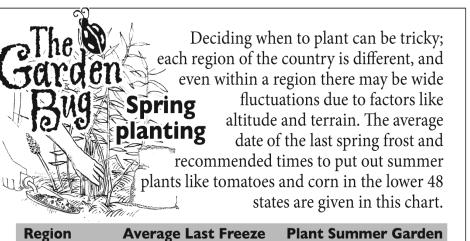

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **N** equals **S**

U EZM ZNNTIPM IQ VPZG NLYIZBE

OCYFKPI VZN MTP LY ZD TKBPC,

FTL IQ OEQNUBUZD NZUM U VZN

NYCPKQ IUNLZGPD.

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

YFUUBJJDD: Z IWFCV FS

JRD CKSBJ ZVVFBKJDP HQ

JRD CKLBNNBKI JF PF JRD

CKKDYDAAZWQ.

— YZWN Y. HQDWA

The Garden Bug

Spring planting

Deciding when to plant can be tricky; each region of the country is different, and even within a region there may be wide fluctuations due to factors like altitude and terrain. The average date of the last spring frost and recommended times to put out summer plants like tomatoes and corn in the lower 48 states are given in this chart.

Region	Average Last Freeze	Plant Summer Garden
Gulf Coast	February 1 – March 1	March 1 – April 1
Southeast	March 1 – April 1	March 15 – April 15
Midwest	April 1 – May 1	April 7 – May 7
North	May 1 – June 1	May 15 – June 15

Source: www.todayshomeowner.com

- Brenda Weaver

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Sound Advice

Do you bird by ear? If not, try it. It's a great skill for any birder. The other morning I could identify cardinals, wrens, robins, catbirds, warblers, red-shouldered hawks and crows without ever seeing them. Try the Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs (Amazon.com), or any other. It's worth it!

E-mail: birdingbits@cfl.rr.com

Americanisms

"There's zero correlation between being the best talker and having the best ideas."

—Susan Cain

Farming News

from Extension Agent Eric Baker

Monday, April 9th @ 7pm

Vegetable Disease Seminar

Gardeners are in a constant battle growing vegetables under many pests, especially diseases. Plant diseases are a particular challenge, especially with tomatoes. If you want to learn how to manage disease issue in the garden, you will want to attend our Vegetable Disease Seminar on Monday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m., at the Estill County Extension office. UK Extension plant pathologist Emily Pfeufer will be our instructor. If you plan to attend, please pre-register by calling 723-4557 by April 6th.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

You may know a pentagon has five sides-- a hexagon--six sides and an octagon--8 sides...but can you match these polygon names with their number of sides?

1) Hexdecagon	A. 19 sides
2) Hectagon	B. 10,000 sides
3) Enneadecagon	C. 13 sides
4) Myriagon	D. 16 sides
5) Triskaidecagon	E. 100 sides

Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

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CURVED

Even Exchange
answers

1. Grand, Gland
2. Larder, Larger
3. Solve, Salve
4. Throne, Throng
5. Middle, Riddle
6. Raven, Ravel
7. Scared, Stared
8. Tense, Terse
9. Attach, Attack
10. Point, Paint

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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1	5	4	6	9	7	3	8	2
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King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

CryptoQuip
answer
My university is offering students a class in horsemanship that's called "creative riding."

CryptoQuote
answer
Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers.
— Daniel Boorstin

Bible Trivia Answers
Now available by Wilson Casey! 2017 Bible Trivia box calendar loaded with daily teasers.

ANSWERS 1) Old; 2) Doves; 3) Shalom; 4) Vain repetitions; 5) Shushan; 6) Gershon