

KIRKWOOD EVENTS TO HONOR NATURALIST EDGAR DENISON

The life of Edgar W. Denison (1904 - 1993), late resident of Kirkwood, Mo, amateur naturalist, botanist, artist and early leader in environmental sustainability, will be celebrated in Kirkwood this spring with events promoting education and appreciation of Missouri's natural assets. All events are free and open to the public:

Edgar Denison Nature Education Series at Kirkwood Library, 140 East Jefferson. Presentations begin at 7 pm:

- Monday, March 31st: *Missouri Natural Communities and Natural Areas*, by Mike Leahy, Natural Areas Coordinator for Missouri Department of Conservation
- Wednesday, April 9th: *Naturescaping: Landscaping for Life*, by Mitch Leachman, Director, St. Louis Audubon Society, and co-founder/director of Bring Conservation Home
- Tuesday, April 15th: *Natives, Beyond Beauty, Plants that REALLY Work*, by Bill Ruppert, Kirkwood resident, representative of Missouri Prairie Foundation's Grow Native! Committee
- Monday, April 21st: *Show Me the Monarch: Adventures in Butterfly Gardening*, by Jennifer Loyet-Schamber and Tammy Behm, Greenscape Gardens
- Tuesday, April 29th: *The Best Missouri Trees for Native Landscaping*, by Mark Grueber, Urban Forester, Missouri Department of Conservation

Also at Kirkwood Public Library, an exhibit of nature watercolors by Kirkwood artist, Elizabeth Holm Cole. Artist's reception, Wednesday, April 9th, 6 - 7 pm. On display through April.

Exhibit of Edgar Denison's original botanical artwork at Missouri Department of Conservation's Powder Valley Nature Center, 11715 Cragwold, Kirkwood, opening reception April 5th, on display through April, including:

- Saturday, April 5th: Gallery Opening, 6 - 8 pm
- Saturday, April 12th: Nature Drawing class, 10 am - noon
- Tuesday, April 22nd: Gallery Talk, 6 - 6:45 pm, 7 - 7:45 pm

Edgar Denison: A Modern Johnny Appleseed: A panel discussion on the life and contributions of Edgar Denison. Moderated by Scott Woodbury, Curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden, Shaw Nature Reserve. Panelists include Dr. Peter Raven, Dr. George Yatskievych, Tom Ott, Lesley Schoedinger and Bill Ruppert. First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, East Adams and South Kirkwood Road, Monday, April 14th, 7:00 pm.

Spring Wildflower Walk: led by George Yatskievych, PhD, Missouri Botanical Gardens Native Plants Botanist & Curator of Steyermark's *Flora of Missouri*, at Emmenegger Nature Park, Saturday, April 19th, 1:30 pm.

Edgar Denison Day: Saturday, April 19th, 10 am - 3 pm, Kirkwood Farmers' Market, in conjunction with Kirkwood Living Green's Earth Day celebration, including exhibitors and native plant sellers, kids' activities, and at 10 am, dedication of an Edgar Denison Memorial Garden, designed by Kirkwood resident June Hutson, Supervisor of the Kemper Home Demonstration Gardens at the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Emmenegger Nature Park BioBlitz: Friday/Saturday, May 16th-17th, 24 hours of nature hikes and educational inventory of on-site flora and fauna, sponsored by Webster Groves Nature Study Society & Academy of Science St. Louis.

For more information, visit: www.KirkwoodinBloom.org/calendar or contact Gwyn: gwahlmann@sbcglobal.net



