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**Kansas City Attractions Announce More Events in May and June
for Visitors and Kansas City Residents**

(Kansas City, Missouri) – The Greater Kansas City Attractions Association (GKCAA) have many special events upcoming in May and June. GKCAA is a not-for-profit organization that provides benefits and services to more than 70 attraction and tourism-related businesses in communities near Kansas City on both the Kansas and Missouri sides of the State Line.

Union Station Kansas City

Stonehenge: Ancient Mysteries and Modern Discoveries (Opening May 25)

Visitors will encounter over 300 original artifacts and learn what 20 years of groundbreaking scientific research has revealed. Join as we dig into these ancient mysteries and present the latest in modern discoveries. This must-see exhibition is here for a very limited time. For tickets, visit unionstation.org/Stonehenge.

Missouri Star Quilt

Missouri Star Academy (May 21-24, 2019)

This event has grown so much that we are offering two 2-day sessions featuring some of the quilting industry's biggest designers! Tickets are required for the Academy itself, but there will be free demonstrations throughout our shops during the four days. Information about these events can be found missouriquiltco.com

Powell Gardens

Fungi & Fermentation (Sat., May 4, 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.; gardens open at 9:00 a.m.)

Celebrate mushrooms, beer, and all things fermented with a daylong event featuring tastings, chef demonstrations, and classes. Enjoy free classes with topics such as growing mushrooms, making kombucha, and more. Live music, vendors, and a ticketed beer garden showcasing regional microbrewers are also part of the fun. A free make-a-mushroom hat activity is available for children. Included with admission. Learn more at powellgardens.org/fungi.

Fermentation Dinner: Chef Rick Mullins of Café Sebastienne (Sat., May 4, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. \$75)

Known for his interest in using preservation methods to reduce food waste and layer flavors, Mullins plans to feature the earthy smell and umami flavor of mushrooms from Grand River Mushrooms in a three-course, family-style dinner using ingredients sourced from the Gardens and local farms. Local fermented beverages will round out the experience. [Learn more](#).

Family Frolic: Backyard Bugging (Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Dig in dirt, sift through pond sludge, and chase down aerial insects in search of some of the most unique invertebrates found in Missouri. Missouri Master Naturalists will guide guests in their search and teach kids how to safely handle the insects. Free hands-on activities for kids. Watch LEGOLAND Master Builder construct a larger-than-life model of the rarely seen Assassin Bug, and catch the StoneLion Puppet Theatre performance. [Learn more](#).

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12 – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)

All mothers receive free admission. A special Mother's Day brunch will be served in Cafe Thyme (reservations required). [Learn more](#)

Other Powell Garden events in May:

[Annual Plant Sale](#) (Sat., May 4, noon - 4:00 p.m. and Sun., May 5; gardens open 9:00 a.m.)

[Drop-In Tour: Frida Kahlo Loved Plants!](#) (Sun., May 5, 2:00 p.m. | Free) [Learn more](#).

[Revive Your Beds! Perennial Planting Design](#) (Saturday (May 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | \$55

[Dog's Day Out](#) (Saturday, May 25, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

[Goats in the Garden! Tour](#) (Saturday & Sunday, May 25 - 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.)

Zona Rosa

Festa Italiana (May 31 - June 2)

One of Kansas City's favorite festivals at Zona Rosa Town Square! A unique celebration of Italian traditions and Italian-American culture. Enjoy Italian food favorites, great entertainment, a 3v3 soccer tournament, Italian Motorsports Show and much more!

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art

Artist Talk with Liza Lou (Friday, May 17 5:00 p.m. cash bar, 6:00 p.m. program | FREE)

Los Angeles-based artist Liza Lou gives a special artist talk in honor of Kemper Museum's twenty-fifth anniversary. Lou's major exhibition "Backyard and Kitchen" ignited amazing public interest in her work. Returning to Kemper Museum, Lou will talk about how her work has

evolved. Learn more at kemperart.org.

National World War I Museum & Memorial

Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 24 - Monday, May 27)

As the commemoration of the Centennial of World War I continues, the National WWI Museum and Memorial serves as a fitting place to honor and recognize the men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving their country during Memorial Day weekend. The Museum and Memorial offers events throughout the weekend for people of all ages, including a free public ceremony on Memorial Day. General admission to the Museum and Memorial is free for veterans and active duty military personnel, and half-price for the public all weekend. Learn more at theworldwar.org/memorialday.

June

Powell Gardens

Saturday Rhythm & Blooms (Saturday, June 8, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Enjoy the rhythm of live music, libations, and the blooms of the season Second Saturdays through the summer. Purchase tasty bites from Cafe´ Thyme or Perennial Gifts, the garden gift shop, grab a drink from the terrace bar, relax and breath in the Gardens. Included with Garden Admission. [Learn more](#).

Garden of Eating (Sunday, June 16, noon-4:00 p.m. | \$20 adults, \$5 children)

Grab your dad and your appetite and join us on Father’s Day for this special ticketed event in the Heartland Harvest Garden. Hosted under the eaves of the Missouri Barn, this special salute to fathers features fresh, hearty bites prepared by Kansas City’s Urban Cafe. Enjoy dry-rubbed Wingz, Elvis sliders, and corn and black bean quinoa salad while you listen to the music of Ernest James Zydeco. Dads with ID also get one free beer! A cash bar featuring wine, beer, and soft drinks is also available. [Learn more](#).

Family Frolic: Buzzed About Bees (Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

Bring the family out to get “buzzed” about bees during National Pollinator Week. The Heartland Beekeeping Association will be in attendance with an active beehive to teach families about beekeeping. Make native plant seed bombs to take home and start your very own pollinator gardens, create pollinator origami art, embark on a garden-wide search of active pollinators, and plant an eco-pot with an important butterfly host plant. For an additional fee kids can paint and take home their own flower pots, and families can learn how to make tasty treats with a local chef. [Learn more](#).

Booms & Blooms: 25th Anniversary Celebration (Sat, June 29, Gardens open at 9:00 a.m. fireworks begin at dusk. Rain Date: Sunday, June 30)

Join us for the 25th and final installment of this popular Independence Day celebration! Enjoy a beautiful palette of floral color on land and a fantastic display in the air provided by our new fireworks partner, Premier Pyrotechnics. Plan to arrive early to check out the summer exhibition, Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks and then stake out a lakeside seat to

watch the fireworks. Guests can partake in hands-on activities and enjoy the musical stylings of the Lee's Summit Symphony. Festival admission applies. [Learn more.](#)

More Powell Gardens events:

[Seasons for the Soul: Sequence of Spring](#) (Sunday, June 2, 2:00 -3:00 p.m.)

[Cocktails & Constellations](#) (Friday, June 7, 8:30-10:30 p.m. | \$45)

[Species Spotlight: Wonderful Water Lotus](#) (Saturday, June 8, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.)

[Insect Identification: Good Bug? Bad Bug?](#) (Saturday, June 15th, 9:00 a.m.-noon | \$45)

[Integrated Pest Management](#) (Saturday, June 15th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. | \$45)

[Planting for Pollinators: Container Design](#) (Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | \$55)

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

Kauffman Center Presents: National Geographic Live - Cheryl Knott and Tim Laman, Biologist and Photographer: Adventures Among Orangutans (Tuesday, June 4 7:30 p.m.)

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Solitary animals living in hard-to-reach places, orangutans are one of the most difficult large land animals to study. Since 1992, husband-and-wife team Cheryl Knott and Tim Laman have been using innovative techniques and new technologies to gain a closer look at this intelligent, resourceful – and threatened – species, giving us insights not only into their world, but also our own. Frequent contributors to National Geographic, Knott and Laman have been studying, photographing and protecting wild orangutans in Borneo for more than 25 years. [Get tickets.](#)

Kauffman Center Presents: Snarky Puppy (Tuesday, June 11 7:30 p.m.)

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Fusion-influenced, genre-bending group Snarky Puppy makes exploratory jazz, funk and rock. Displaying a rare and delicate mixture of sophisticated composition, harmony and improvisation, Snarky Puppy has been praised for being “big, rich and funky” by NPR Music. The band features a wide-ranging collection of more than 30 musicians known as “The Fam,” centered around bassist, composer and bandleader Michael League. Each live performance highlights a rotating cast of about a dozen musicians, ensuring every show is different. [Get tickets.](#)

Kauffman Center Presents: Napoleon Dynamite (Friday, June 28 7:30 p.m.)

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

The beloved indie classic Napoleon Dynamite hit theaters almost 15 years ago. Since then much has changed; but the characters, as enduring as they are endearing, stay in our hearts. Napoleon Dynamite makes us laugh – and laugh hard – over and over again. A full screening will be followed by a moderated discussion with fan-favorite cast members Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite), Efren Ramirez (Pedro) and Jon Gries (Uncle Rico). VIP tickets include premium seating and a meet and greet with Jon Heder, Efren Ramirez and Jon Gries. [Get tickets.](#)

Midwest Genealogy Center

2019 Global Family Reunion (Saturday, June 20 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Celebrate family connections across the globe in a day-long party. Global Family Reunion is a

live worldwide family reunion, festival, fair, and genealogy convention created by bestselling author A.J. Jacobs. The free event includes the following: HOOPLA! Stories & Songs to Make You Wiggle and Giggle at 10:30 a.m., family-friendly hands-on activities from 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m., complimentary lunch while supplies last Noon-1:00 p.m., and Mad Science - Family Chemistry program at 2:00 p.m. Register at mymcpl.org/events.

Union Station Kansas City

9th Annual Maker Faire Kansas City (Saturday-Sunday June 22-23)

National World War I Museum & Memorial

Taps at the Tower (Tuesday-Monday, June 16-22)

Linking the beauty and simplicity of the Taps bugle call with the symbolism of the Liberty Memorial Tower, Taps at the Tower is presented each evening at sunset. People are invited to come and use the grounds each evening, have a picnic, play games and enjoy the outdoors. At sunset (8:45 p.m.), people gather to experience Taps being played during a brief, moving ceremony. [Learn more.](#)

Missouri Quilt Company

Missouri Star Quilt - Christmas in July (Wednesday – Friday, July 17-19)

Join us for a brand-new Christmas in July. Christmas and holiday fabric designers will be presenting their festive fabrics, quilts and other creations during this magical 3-day event. [Learn more.](#)

Powell Gardens

Saturday Rhythm & Blooms (Saturday, July 13, noon-4:00 p.m. | FREE)

Enjoy the rhythm of live music, libations, and the blooms of the season Second Saturdays through the summer. Purchase tasty bites from Cafe´ Thyme or Perennial Gifts, the garden gift shop, grab a drink from the terrace bar, relax and breath in the Gardens. Free with Garden Admission. [Learn more.](#)

Festival of Butterflies (July 26-August 11, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily | FREE)

Flit and flutter out to Powell Gardens for this annual event focused on our favorite pollinator! Enjoy hands-on activities, interact with expert community partners, and walk among the winged beauties in the tropical conservatory display and Native Butterfly Habitat. [Learn more.](#)

Monarch Butterfly Social & Release (Friday, July 26, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | \$35)

The Monarch Bar, 4808 Roanoke Parkway, Kansas City

Join us for a truly unique happy hour featuring a live Monarch butterfly release from the terrace of The Monarch Bar. During this exclusive event, sip on a premium butterfly-themed cocktail and learn how to promote Monarch butterfly populations by offering the right host and nectar plants in your home garden or landscape. [Learn more.](#)

More Powell Gardens events:

[Drop-In Tour: Shady Secrets of the Woodland](#) (Sunday, July 7, 2:00 p.m.)
[Work and Learn: Powell Gardens Iris Collection](#) (Thursday, July 11, 9:00 a.m.-noon | \$25)
[Species Spotlight: Hunt for Berry Treasure](#) (Saturday, July 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.)
[Captain Plant-It Kids Camp](#) (July 8-12, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily | \$225)
[Sow What? Get Cooking in the Garden Kids Camp](#) (July 15-19, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily | \$225)
[SAGES: Water Gardening 101](#) (Thursday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | \$35)
[Natural Exposure: Photography Exhibition](#) (July 26-September 8, 2019)
[Meet the Experts: Photography Demonstration](#) (Saturday, July 27, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

Kauffman Center Presents: An Evening with Jane Fonda: A Celebration of a Storied Career
(Tuesday, July 9, 2019 7:30 p.m.) Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Join two time Academy Award-winning actress Jane Fonda for a career retrospective live on stage. Fonda will share clips from her storied career, along with anecdotes, conversation and an audience Q&A as we celebrate one of entertainment's best. From Barbarella to Book Club, don't miss a celebration of Jane Fonda. VIP tickets are \$250 plus applicable fees and include a premium seat and a post-show photo opportunity with Ms. Fonda. No autographs. [Get tickets.](#)

Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm

Independence Day: 1860s Style! (Thursday, July 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Enjoy a reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic music, and a cannon firing! Take a stagecoach ride, and see what is cooking on Mrs. Mahaffie's cookstove. Bring your picnics, chairs and blankets to enjoy this all-American celebration! mahaffie.org

Fireworks: 1860s Style! (Thursday, July 11, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.)

Enjoy a concert by the Olathe Civic Band, visit the Mahaffie House and blacksmith. Take a stagecoach ride and play 1860s games. Listen to the Declaration of Independence, followed by a cannon firing, and 1860s Fireworks begin approximately at 9:30 p.m. You must be on the grounds of the Mahaffie Farm to view these fireworks as they are set display pieces. Bring your picnics, chairs and blankets. mahaffie.org

Union Station Kansas City

[Science City Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11](#) (July 20, 2019)

August

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[PNC kidFEST at Science City](#) (August 31, 2019)

Powell Gardens

Native Butterfly Habitats: The Heart and Soul of Your Garden (Sunday, August 4, 2 p.m.)

Join docent Betty Boyd for a walk through the Native Butterfly Habitat in the Heartland Harvest Garden to learn about the life cycle of butterflies and what is needed to create a successful habitat for supporting varied phases of the butterfly life cycle. [Learn more.](#)

Missouri Barn Dinner with Chef Michael Foust (Sunday, August 18, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | \$75)

Enjoy garden bounty and brews in the Missouri Barn with Chef Michael Foust of The Farmhouse and Black Sheep + Market. Enjoy a three-course, family-style meal using Powell Gardens-grown vegetables and local meats prepared in the Argentinian style over open flame. The meal will feature beer pairings presented by Michael Crane of Crane Brewing. [Learn more.](#)

More Powell Gardens events:

[Photographer's-Only Butterfly Access](#) (Thursday, August 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | \$10 (does not include festival admission or parking))

[Saturday Rhythm & Blooms](#) (Saturday, August 10, 12:00 -4:00 p.m.)

[Species Spotlight: Perfect Pollinators](#) (Saturday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

[Victoria Secret: Lily on the Water](#) (Thursday, August 15, 7:30-10:00 p.m. | \$45)

Zona Rosa

Unico Microbrew Fest (August 10, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Celebrate local brewers, crafters, and makers at the 11th Annual UNICO Microbrew Festival at Zona Rosa.

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art

Lexicon Spoken Word Night (Thursday, August 8 5:00 p.m. cash bar, 6:00–8:00 p.m. program | FREE)

Organized and MC'd by Poet Laureate of the 18th and Vine Historic District, Glenn North, local spoken word artists will perform a combination of original and known works, inspired by works currently on view at Kemper Museum. Learn more at kemperart.org.

2019 Block Party (Saturday, August 24, 6:00–10:30 p.m. | FREE)

Kemper Museum's fifth annual block party! Join us to celebrate the museum's twenty-fifth anniversary with featured music, food trucks, exhibition tours, family activities, a Museum Shop trunk show, and outdoor movie screening on the museum lawn to close the evening. Learn more at kemperart.org.

Kansas City Zoo

Wine Walk for Wildlife (Saturday, August 24)

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

Kauffman Center Presents: Iyanla Vanzant - Acts of Faith Remix Tour (Friday, August 23 8:00 p.m.) Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Iyanla Vanzant is a celebrated spiritual teacher, *New York Times* bestselling author, legendary speaker and Emmy Award-winning television personality is known for her riveting work as the

host of Iyanla Fix My Life on OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network). This landmark event celebrates the updated 25th-anniversary edition of Iyanla's internationally acclaimed bestseller, *Acts of Faith*. The beloved life coach to millions will lead audiences of all hues through the transformative work that unites the humanity in all of us. VIP ticket holders will receive prime seating and a copy of Iyanla's book, *Acts of Faith 25th Anniversary edition*. [Get tickets](#).

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