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**Kansas City Attractions Unveil July and August Events for Visitors
and Kansas City Residents**

(Kansas City, Missouri) – If you are planning an end of summer trip to Kansas City are, the members of the Greater Kansas City Attractions Association (GKCAA) have a number of special events, in store for you. 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.

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

Union Station

[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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