



THE APPALACHIAN SPRING PROJECT

FLOWERING OUR WORLD

CHARLESTON'S 1,000 TREE INITIATIVE

APRIL 2026 EVENTS

Thursday April 9



TREE TALK led by Chris Higgins, City Arborist, Spring Hill Cemetery Park/Ratrie Arboretum. Chris will talk about some of the trees at the arboretum that are great for small gardens. Event will be at Kanawha County Public Library (Main). 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. (www.kcpls.org)

Wednesday April 22 (EARTH DAY)



TINY TOTS TREE PROGRAM for toddlers (18-36 months) led by librarian, Mary Cravens, featuring books, songs, and musical instruments. Kanawha County Public Library (Main-4th floor). (www.kcpls.org)

Thursday April 23



ARBORETUM WALK led by Chris Higgins, City Arborist. (chris.higgins@cityofcharleston.org). A guided walk through The Old Circle at Spring Hill Cemetery/Mary Price Ratrie Arboretum. Meet at the mausoleum at **6:30 PM**.

Friday April 24 (ARBOR DAY)



ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING CEREMONY with Mayor Amy Goodwin, the Municipal Beautification Commission, the Green Team, and the WV Division of Forestry. Celebration Station/Piedmont Elementary School. **10:00 AM**.



SPRING BLOSSOM WATERCOLOR CLASS FOR ADULTS led by Beth Loflin, local artist and professional landscape architect. Kanawha County Main Library (Room 311B). **10 AM–12 PM**. Space is limited. Pre-register at (www.kcpls.org).

Saturday April 25



FLOWERING TREE ART PROJECT led by Jeff Pierson, Director of Office of Public Art (jeff.pierson@cityofcharleston.org). Capitol Market, Center Court. **1:00–3:00 PM**.



GREENHOUSE CRAFT PROJECT FOR KIDS led by Kanawha Garden Club (kanawhagc@gmail.com). Capitol Market, Center Court. **1:00–3:00 PM**.



TREE COOKIE PAINTING AND EDUCATIONAL STATION for kids and adults led by WVU Extension educators. (www.extension.wvu.edu). Capitol Market, Center Court. **1:00–3:00 PM**.

Monday April 27



URBAN FORESTS: TODAY AND TOMORROW, lecture by Mark Buscaino, Senior Advisor to the non-profit urban forestry organization, Casey Trees, in Washington, DC. (www.caseytrees.org). The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of WV (Planetarium), **5:00 PM**.

Thursday, April 30



LET'S LEARN ABOUT TREES, program for all ages led by Kelsey Johnson, technology librarian. Learn about the important role trees play in our environment, read some tree stories, and decorate some tree cookies. Kanawha County Public Library (Main). **4:00 pm - 5:00 pm** (www.kcpls.org)

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

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