

ANNUAL EVENTS

FRIENDS OF OVERLAND PARK ARTS

NUTCRACKER TEA PARTY

Join us on an early December weekend for a wonderful kid-friendly holiday tradition. The afternoon will begin with a lovely tea, including finger sandwiches, fruit, dessert and beverages. The event features a one hour performance of “The Nutcracker Ballet”.

The kid-friendly menu and world-renowned ballet is sure to delight both young and old. The Nutcracker Tea Party features the Legacy School of the Arts in three weekend performances, one on Saturday from noon-2 p.m., and two on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ritz Charles, 9000 W. 137th St.. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each show.



Select a keepsake from our boutique, and have a professional picture taken of your child or grandchild with a dancer. Tickets are \$40 for Adults and \$25 for children, children under 3 are free (\$35 Adults and \$20 Children for Members of the Friends of Overland Park Arts).

Sponsorships are available for \$250 - \$10,000 and include recognition at the event and on our website and e-newsletter, preferential seating and complimentary favors. Join our growing list of supporters.

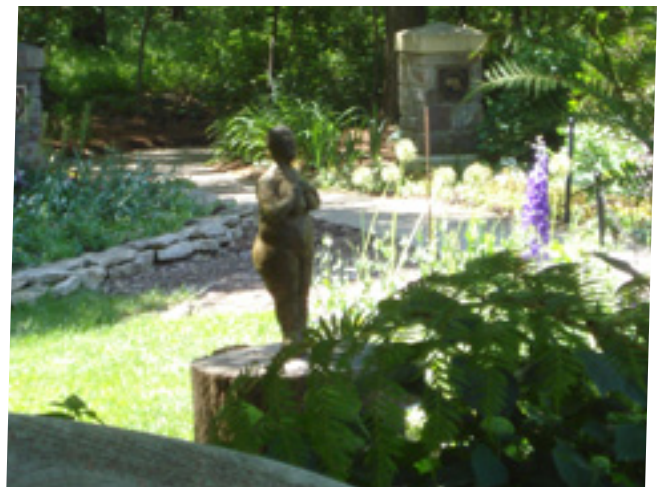
All proceeds benefit public arts programs of the Friends of Overland Park Arts.

Check the calendar for specific dates.

ARBORETUM SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Sculptures are on display each year in the Overland Park Arboretum Sculpture Exhibition from May through October. Admission is free, see the Arboretum web site for hours: <http://artsandrec-op.org/arboretum/index.html>.

The generosity and vision of Georgia and Richard Erickson created this exhibit in 2005. The Ericksons have long been benefactors for our community, donating much of their time and energy, creating a beautiful experience for everyone. Among their contributions is the 1996 installation of the Erickson Water Gardens.



To purchase featured art or to apply for the exhibition contact Julie Bilyea, city arts coordinator, at 913-344-8656, or by email at julie.bilyea@opkansas.org. VISA, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are accepted. Information also is available about tax deductible art purchases for permanent display at the Arboretum. This exhibition is part of the not-for-profit arts programs presented by the city.

PLEIN AIR PAINT

En plein air is a French expression which means “in the open air.” The term particularly refers to the act of painting outdoors rather than in a studio. Artists work quickly to capture their subject in natural light. In our annual Overland Park Plein Air Paint event, all paintings submitted for judging must be created entirely on site at the Overland Park Arboretum and/or the Deanna Rose Farmstead during the event, in the true spirit of Plein Air painting!

All artists must pre-register and pay a registration fee of \$35 to participate. Paintings will be exhibited at Stems with juried placement at an “Art at the Center” feature show at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center.

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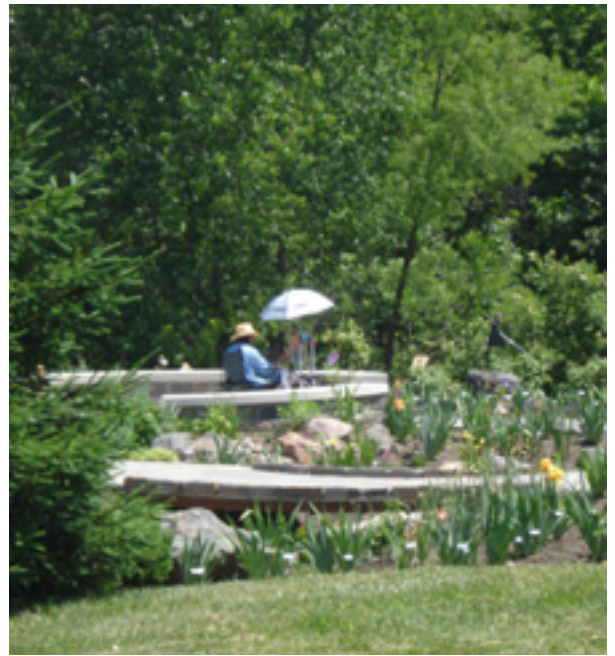
What is Stems? It’s a fun-filled stroll through the botanical gardens at the Arboretum on a lovely June evening while sipping wine, tasting delicious food from 15+ area restaurants and caterers, enjoying art created during the annual Stems Plein Air Paint, music and other entertainment. Meet friends at the party of the summer – the place to see and be seen, supporting the Arts and Recreation Foundation and its mission to maintain the quality of life in our community.

All proceeds benefit the Foundation’s General Fund and its campaigns to build the Train Garden at the Arboretum, the Ice Cream Parlor at the Farmstead and the City’s Master Plan for Public Art.

Check the calendar for a specific date and time.

MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES

Bring your family. Bring a picnic. Bring a chair. But leave your wallet at home because these concerts are always free! Music In The Park is the City of Overland Park’s free summer concert series featuring regional groups performing in the historic downtown bandstand. Music in the Park is offered each Sunday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Commons Park, 81st and Santa Fe Drive. Dogs may join their families provided they are kept on a leash and other applicable animal control ordinances are followed. Alcohol is prohibited in city parks. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.



Bands/Singers: To be considered for Music in the Park, you must submit a demo CD, press kit, photo, rate sheet and references to: Julie K. Bilyea, arts coordinator, 11902 Lowell Ave., Overland Park, KS 66212. Web site links for music downloads are not accepted.

OVERLAND PARK FALL FESTIVAL

Kids anxiously sitting on the street curbs and parents waiting for the next act can only mean one thing - the downtown Overland Park Fall Festival. The festival will be held in September, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, in downtown Overland Park, located two blocks west of Metcalf Avenue on Santa Fe Drive between 79th and 81st streets.

This year's festival will feature:

- Johnson County's best Arts and Crafts Fair, featuring 200-plus vendors
- Three stages of free concerts
- Free children's entertainment and kid-friendly activities, including moonwalks, an inflatable obstacle course, and other fun options
- Food booths, offering everything from lemonade and hot dogs to hamburgers, ice cream and more
- Free motorcycle show, featuring new and antique bikes, at the Matt Ross Community Center

The annual Santa Fe Trail Days parade starts at 2 p.m., one block west of Metcalf at 79th and Floyd. It will go west on 79th Street to Santa Fe, then Santa Fe to Robinson, ending near Overland Park Elementary School on Robinson.

Check the calendar for a specific date and time.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY CONCERTFEST

A late October weekend event for the whole family, our Halloween Family Concertfest features performances by the Overland Park Civic Orchestra, and the Legacy School of the Arts. Children can participate in a costume parade, and all will enjoy a cookie and punch reception with treat bags for kids.

The concert and reception are free, and held at the Johnson County Community College, Carlsen Center, Yardley Hall. 12345 College Boulevard.

Check the calendar for a specific date and time.

