Happy August, everyone!

With the return of the monsoons, our gardens are looking their best and just in time for our longstanding biggest fundraiser of the year- the Summer Garden Party which we will be hosting Saturday, August 26 from 4pm -7pm. As we work together to recover from the impacts of the pandemic and rebuild the Arb invite you to attend this wonderful event to show your support for the important work we do.

This year, I am excited to announce that we will be featuring local author and science reporter, Melissa Sevigny, as our keynote speaker. If you are not familiar with her work, see Melissa’s website [here](http://theARB.org). Her recent book, *Brave the Wild River* is a fascinating story of two women who mapped the botany of the Grand Canyon in the 1930s. Locally sourced food will be provided by Square Root Foods with an open bar and live music from Two Hand Union.
Please join us in this fun-filled night in support of the Arboretum we all love. Purchase your tickets today [here](#)!

I hope to see you on August 26th!

With gratitude,
Nate O'Meara

P.S. If you are a local business and would like to sponsor this year's garden party there is still time. Click [here](#) for more information about how to become a sponsor and the benefits of our contribution.
Please join us for a fundraiser to Spruce Up The Arboretum at Flagstaff

4001 S. Woody Mountain Road, Flagstaff AZ 86005

**SUMMER GARDEN Party**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2023**
**4:00-7:00PM**

**FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MELISSA SEVIGNY; AUTHOR OF BRAVE THE WILD RIVER**

Tickets on sale now at thearb.org

$125 includes

- Live Music from Two Hand Union
- Open Bar
- Catering from Square Root Foods
- Raffle/Silent Auction

*More Events at the Arb this Month! Come See Us!*
2023 First Friday Wildflower Walks @ The A

Join our knowledgeable Arboretum staff on a morning walk through the gardens and explore the colorful varieties of Northern Arizona's native wildflowers. Please bring water, a camera, and comfortable walking shoes!

Member: $10 | Non-Member: $15 includes admission for the day

June 2 | July 7 | August 4 | September 1
2023 Raptors @ The Arb

Free with your admission to The Arb

First Saturdays @ 10:30 AM
June through October

Free with price of admission.
Get up close and personal with the raptors from the International Raptor and Falconry Center, a nonprofit right here in Flagstaff! Meet up in the living room to learn more about these personable feathery fellows. No dogs at this event please.

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MOUNTAIN MELODIES CONCERT SERIES
San Francisco Peaks
by Sheila Murray- Conservation Botanist

Hiking to the top of the San Francisco Peaks is a strenuous trek cresting at 12,633 feet in elevation, some hikers call it a “bucket list” hike that they hope to accomplish in their lifetimes. But for most people the challenge is too daunting. Wish you could see what life is like above the treeline? Here’s your chance to experience a little piece of alpine flora at an easier to manage 7,120 feet elevation.

We’ve just installed a display of the San Francisco Peaks Ragwort (Packera franciscana) along with some alpine floral friends in our Horticulture Center greenhouse. The Ragwort is one of The Arboretum’s Center for Plant Conservation species, and our Conservation Department has been working over the years to secure seeds for long-term seed bank storage as well as for greenhouse experiments and garden display. We are excited to bring a small glimpse of alpine life to our visitors.
Monsoon Planting
by Sarah Armanov- Gardens Manager

It is monsoon season! And with the storms, comes cooler temps and rain! This is the perfect time for planting new plants in the garden. There are a few things to keep in mind for a successful transplant. Plants are like people- they need just the right conditions to thrive.

Step 1: Planning! Make sure you have a suitable spot for the plant. If you have a sunny dry spot in the garden, make sure a drought-tolerant sun-loving plant goes there.

Step 2: Keep the potted plant cool and watered. If you’re bringing a plant home from the nursery, make sure the car isn’t super hot and don’t leave the plants in the car.

Step 3: The fun part! Planting. Now, everybody has their own technique for planting. But here’s how I do it: Dig a hole a little bigger than the pot size. Add some “good stuff” to the hole in a 50:50 ratio (50% “good stuff”: 50% dirt). “Good stuff” can be a compost and potting soil combo. The idea is that the potted plant is growing in potting soil, then can grow into amended soil, until finally it grows out into the dirt, which is usually hard-packed Flagstaff dirt.

Step 4: Keep the plant watered so it doesn’t dry out. You can stick your finger into the soil, if it’s moist down, it is watered. The plant will also tell you if it needs water by droopy leaves. For the first year, maybe two, you’ll have to water the plant more until it gets established.

And there you have it! And don’t forget, The Arboretum’s retail nursery is always stocked with native plants that are well-suited to our climate.

Thank you to our Bristlecone Benefactors!
Come Volunteer with Us for the Summer Garden Party!

We need volunteers for a variety of tasks at our Annual Summer Garden Party on Saturday, August 26th 4pm- 7pm! Some of these tasks include ticket checkers, beverage servers, and money takers.

If interested in volunteering, please email events@thearb.org.

Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors!
Want to become a sponsor of the Arb this season?

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