

Nature Notes



January - March 2020

Family Programs at George Owens Nature Park

Signs of Spring Hike

March 14, Saturday 1 - 2:30 pm

Hike the Rock Creek Trail from Country Club Park to Rotary Park, a little less than two miles. The trail is easy, level and gravel-paved. The pace is casual so we can explore for emerging wildflowers and nesting hawks.

Meet at the Country Club Park entrance, 2930 S. Norton.



Wildflower Walks at Fairmount Park

April 11, Saturday Noon - 1 pm

Hands down, the best place in Independence to see spring wildflowers is on the north-facing slopes at Fairmount Park. This is not a strenuous walk, mostly on the sidewalk, but the park is hilly and some areas could be muddy.

Fairmount Park, 3000 N. Home Ave. Take Sterling north to Norledge in Sugar Creek. Go west on Norledge, cross Home, and meet at the parking area on Norledge at the bottom of the hill.



Robert E. Tindall

Celebrating an Independence Original + His Art

Original Tindall Exhibit	January 7—March 31	Tue-Sat	8:30 am—5:00 pm
Tindall Talks in January + February	January 8, 18, 22 & February 12, 15, 26		11 am—Noon
Tindall Scholarship Art Show + Sale	March 1—31	Tue-Sat	8:30 am—5:00 pm
Independence Art Association Reception	March 14	Sat	1 pm—3 pm

Independence native Robert E. Tindall still commands respect in the art world and now 20+ original works created by him will be displayed in the DeWitt Center at George Owens Nature Park. At the **Tindall Talks**, we'll have in-depth discussions of the Independence native and his heritage. During the benefit **Scholarship Art Show & Sale**, organized by the Independence Art Association, you can view and buy Tindall prints and works by local artists. You can also meet local artists at the **March 14 Reception**.

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Snake Days

Thursday Afternoons 4 pm—4:30 pm
January—May

Get to know our mild-mannered cornsnake and a large but shy Great Plains ratsnake. You can feed them, hold them, and learn how snakes live. All ages welcome.

Full Moon Hikes



Spirit Moon	Jan 10	Fri	5 pm	George Owens Little Blue Trace Jackson Drive Trail Access*
	Jan 11	Sat	6 pm	
Snow Moon	Feb 7	Fri	6 pm	George Owens Little Blue Trace Jackson Drive Trail Access*
	Feb 8	Sat	6 pm	
Crow Moon	Mar 6	Fri	6 pm	George Owens Little Blue Trace Jackson Drive Trail Access*
	Mar 7	Sat	6 pm	

Reserve your place by 5 pm on the day before the hike at (816) 325-7115.
Each hike is limited to 15 participants.

**Meet at the Jackson Drive trail/playground parking lot. From I-70, go north on Little Blue Pkwy (Exit 17). Go left on E. Jackson Dr. and then take an immediate right into the shopping area. Park by the playground in the back.*



Valentines for Groundhogs

February 8, Saturday 11 am-Noon

We love groundhogs so this may be our best day in February — stories around the fire, warm apple cider, and making a tasty valentine for our backyard groundhog.



George Owens Nature Park

www.georgeowensnaturepark.org (816) 325-7115

Park Hours October—April
Tues—Sat: 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Closed Sunday and Monday



George Owens Nature Park is located at 1601 S. Speck Rd. in Independence. From the intersection of M291 and 23rd St., go east on 23rd. Turn north at the 3rd stoplight/Speck Rd. The park will be on your right.