



BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

University of Tennessee Arboretum
901 S. Illinois Avenue
Oak Ridge, TN 37830



SPEAKERS & ACTIVITIES

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. UT INSECT ZOO

Jerome Grant, Professor, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. BOOK SALES

Book sales inside the Auditorium include books and artwork by speaker Stephen Lyn Bales, as well as books by local author Shirley Raines (EdD '79) and Memphis photographer Curt Hart (the now-complete four volumes of *Butterflies, Birds, Bees, and Bugs*).

10:00 a.m.–10:40 a.m. FALL BIRD MIGRATION IN EAST TENNESSEE

Lucas Coe-Starr, Ornithologist

10:50 a.m.–11:30 a.m. THE MYSTERY OF MONARCHS

Stephen Lyn Bales, Author and East Tennessee Natural Historian

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. LUNCH

Enjoy your food truck lunch items inside our air-conditioned Auditorium or on the patio outside.

SPEAKER NOTES

LUCAS COE-STARR is also known as the “Oak Ridge Bird Man.” An ornithologist for more than twenty years, he specializes in behavioral ecology and migratory behavior. He also designs and prints 3-D bird feeders and nest boxes, provides waste-free wild bird feeds, and advises people on how to best take care of their wild birds.

STEPHEN LYN BALES is a retired senior naturalist from Ijams Nature Center and author of *Natural Histories*, *Ghost Birds*, and *Ephemeral by Nature*. His books and artwork are for sale inside the Auditorium. He is also our co-host for the UT Arboretum’s First Thursday Nature Supper Club.

ARTISANS

KATHY FAHEY: Unique concrete birdbaths and butterfly drinking fountains using real leaves.

LUCAS COE-STARR: 3-D printed bird feeders and nest boxes, as well as no-waste wild bird feeds.

CARMEN STRATING: Nature-themed fabric bags, banners, purses, and dolls.

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LOCATIONS

The UT Insect Zoo, with Professor Jerome Grant and his UT graduate students, showcases preserved and live insects and their relatives found in Tennessee and throughout the world. You can visit “up close and personal” with live arthropods like the Madagascar hissing cockroach!

Two Butterfly Viewing Tents are located on the lawn outside the Auditorium.

Anderson County Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at a booth near the entrance to the Auditorium.

Photograph your child in a butterfly costume with Ms. Monarch!

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

- Have your face painted
- Create a colorful flower for pollinators
- Get a temporary butterfly tattoo
- String a monarch caterpillar bracelet
- Color a butterfly mask
- Assemble a butterfly necklace
- Frost a shortbread cookie
- Learn about the mystery of metamorphosis
- Make a Magic Color Scratch butterfly ornament
- Craft a butterfly magnet

Note: Each children’s activity requires a \$1 ticket. Craft tickets are available at the tent near the Sharp Program Shelter. For cash sales only, look for roaming vendors in UT Arboretum Society aprons with TICKETS badges.

DULCIMER MUSIC

Sit a spell and enjoy the beautiful music of the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club!

– The University of Tennessee is a smoke-free campus. Smoking and vaping are prohibited in and on all University property. –

FOOD TRUCKS

Big Bad Taco

(authentic Mexican cuisine for both breakfast and lunch)

Rocky Top Hot Dogs

(all-beef hotdogs with a variety of toppings)

Pelican’s SnoBalls

(New Orleans-style shaved ice in a wide variety of flavors)

HONEY FROM OAK RIDGE BEES

Professor Larry Millet, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, is selling Oak Ridge honey to fund “honey bee technology” research at the UT Arboretum. Come help save the honey bees! Check out his research at giving.utk.edu/honeybee.



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