



10TH ANNUAL UT ARBORETUM SOCIETY

Butterfly Festival

Saturday, September 6, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EDT

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.-10:40 a.m. MEET OUR BABY BUTTERFLIES

Stephen Lyn Bales, Author and East Tennessee Natural Historian

11:00 a.m.-11:40 p.m. FALL BIRD MIGRATION IN EAST TENNESSEE

Lucas Coe-Starr, Ornithologist

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*).

NOON-1:00 p.m. LUNCH

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

SPEAKER NOTES

STEPHEN LYN BALES is a retired senior naturalist from Jams Nature Center

and author of four books about nature including his newest, *We Live in a Wonderland: Appalachia*. His books and artwork are for sale inside the Auditorium. He is also co-host for the UT Arboretum's First Thursday Nature Supper Club.

LUCAS COE-STARR is also known as the "Oak Ridge Bird Man." An ornithologist for over 20 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.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

Note: Each children's activity requires a \$1 ticket. Follow the signs for craft ticket sales. For cash sales only, look for roaming vendors in tan UTAS aprons with TICKETS badges.

DULCIMER MUSIC

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

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)

Bud's Farmhouse Coffee

(coffee, tea, lemonade, and pastries)

LOCAL NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

TENNESSEE NATURESCAPES, LLC

2131 Oliver Springs Highway, Clinton, TN 37716

Featuring native plants for pollinators.

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One free native pollinator plant per family while supplies last!

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.

KRIS LIGHT: Beautiful nature-themed jewelry and notecards.

SMOKIES LIFE: Nature-themed toys, games, posters, and books.

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.

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!

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

TENNESSEE NATURALIST PROGRAM: Quality environmental education for adults.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ENERGY: Citizen science programs.

TENNESSEE BLUEBIRD SOCIETY: Learn how you can help.

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