

Nature Notes

For the
week of
April 28
-May 4

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Take a break to explore natural art
in the Arboretum!



Photo courtesy of Erica Manternach.

Jokes...so bad
they're funny!

Knock knock!
Who's there?
Nobel!
Nobel who?
No bell so I'll
knock!

Knock knock!
Who's there?
Ben!
Ben who?
Ben knocking on
this door all
afternoon!

Explore art in nature!

Who is Andy Goldsworthy?

- An innovative artist who uses and works with nature to formulate intense artwork.
- Mediums include snow, ice, leaves, bark, rock, clay, stones, feathers, petals, twigs
- "Nature is in a state of change and that change is the key to understanding. I want my art to be sensitive and alert to changes in material, season and weather."
- See works and learn much more at http://www.rwc.uc.edu/artcomm/web/w2005_2006/aria_Goldsworthy/works.html

Upcoming Arboretum Events

Spring Plant Sale- Saturday May 8, 8:30am-12pm

Need a Mother's Day or 'Thanks for paying for my college degree' gift? Come stock up on plants and garden tools at the Spring Plant Sale. The sale takes place at the New Science Pendulum from 8:30 a.m.-noon, or whenever we are sold out!

Spring Birding Day- Saturday May 8, 5:30am-1pm, 8am-1pm, and/or 1:30-4:30pm

\$12—Arboretum members

\$16—Nonmembers

Price includes continental breakfast at 8:00 and buffet lunch at noon.

Saint John's Arboretum and the Minnesota Ornithologists Union (MOU) have partnered to bring you a day of hiking through an "Important Bird Area" in Minnesota during peak migration! We have seen 100+ species in past years at Saint John's! In addition to birding, participants will have a chance to hear from local birding experts.

[Learn more](#) and [pre-register](#) online!

Minnesota Natural History Lecture Series

Third Tuesday of the Month

April—May , 6:30—8 p.m.

Free—Arboretum members and students of all ages

\$5—Non-members/non-students

Purple Martins- May 18

Kelly Applegate, Wildlife Biologist, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe DNR

Director, MN Purple Martin Working Group

What is a purple martin and why is this bird important? Take an in depth look at the biology of purple martins; learn the latest science on attracting these beneficial birds; get the latest housing designs available for sale; and understand the latest management techniques to keep purple martins coming back every year. Follow this lecture with an optional tour of purple martin colony sites at Saint John's.

Apply to be the Women's Expeditions Coordinator!

The Institute for Women's Leadership needs someone to create a yearly schedule of trips, design outdoor expeditions, and manage expedition logistics. [Learn more](#) and [apply now!](#)

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

***Nature Notes is a weekly publication designed to keep you informed about exciting events offered by the Arboretum!

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