

Nature Notes

For the week of April 7-13

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Enjoy Maple Syrup this Week with Sundaes, Shots, and the Festival!



Photo courtesy of Shannon Cook.

Jokes...so bad they're funny!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Cow-go.

Cow-go who?

No, cow go MOO!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

A little old man who can't reach the doorbell!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Woo.

Woo who?

Don't get so excited! It's just a joke!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Police.

Police who?

Police stop telling these awful jokes.

How is this maple syrup season going?!

- Over 1,000 taps are out in the Sugar Bush!
- We have collected 5,330 gallons of sap this season!
- We have cooked 5 days this season.
- We have made 116 gallons of syrup this season!
- Over 700 people attended the first maple syrup festival!
- About 1,143 students have come to the Sugar Shack this season for field trips!
- There are still plenty of opportunities for you to get involved this maple syrup season!
 - Maple Syrup Sundaes at Gorecki Dining Center (April 8)
 - Maple Syrup Shots at the Pub (April 9)
 - Maple Syrup Festival (April 10)
 - See below for more information about these and many other great Arboretum events!

- Learn more at <http://www1.csbsju.edu/maple/>

Upcoming Arboretum Events

Want to Work for the Arboretum?

The Arboretum is hiring for the 2010-2011 academic year. Learn more about all these [job opportunities here!](#)

Maple Syrup Sundaes at Gorecki, Thursday, April 8

Enjoy Saint John's maple syrup drizzled over vanilla ice cream from 4:45 -7:15pm! It's a priceless, tantalizing sweet treat for you and your friends!

Maple Syrup Shots at Happy Hour, Friday April 9

Enjoy real Saint John's maple syrup shots at the pub from 4-7pm!

Maple Syrup Festival!, Saturday, April 10

Sap collecting, syrup cooking, horse-drawn rides, demonstrations, and hot maple syrup sundaes await the whole family during this fun-filled event! Come to the [Sugar Shack](#) from 1-4pm! It's only \$3 for CSB/SJU students, \$2 if you pre-register by Friday!

April 18-24- EARTH WEEK!

Gear up for lots of Earth-loving events! If your club would like to add your event to the list, please email eefellow@csbsju.edu.

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

Minnesota Woodlands and Climate Change, April 20

Eli Sagor, University of Minnesota woodland advisor

*teacher-friendly

Climate change is happening, but how will it affect central Minnesota woodlands? This presentation will review forces and historical developments that created our current forests including glacier activity, timber harvesting, development, and more. Learn what changes to expect in the future and how woodland owners can prepare for, and mitigate, an adverse effects.

Spring Plant Sale- May 8

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- May 8

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!

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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