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## **The Dawes Arboretum Sets Out for a Spring Full of Fun Programming**

***Programming includes a free festival, a celebration of Ohio Native Plant Month and more***

(Newark, OH) – This spring The Dawes Arboretum will host a plethora of family-friendly nature events spanning through both April and May. The programming will include native plant giveaways, an Arbor Day Festival, tree plantings and a historical exhibit.

To kick off Ohio Native Plant Month, Dawes Arboretum will host a **Native Plant Giveaway** on April 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Native Iris seedlings will be distributed to guests from the Visitor's Center while supplies last and are included with admission.

Throughout April there will also be **Wildflower Walks** every Sunday at 1pm and hundreds of tree plantings throughout the property. Additionally, The Arboretum will be hosting a week of community engagement from April 22 through April 29 where participants can plant a tree. The Arboretum hopes to plant more than 1,500 trees this spring.

Presented by Park National Bank, the **Arbor Day Festival** will round out the month with a **free** celebration of all things trees. The festival will feature hands-on activities for kids, mini talks from plant experts, tree climbing, seedling giveaways, live music, food trucks and more. The festival will take place on April 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beginning in May, the brand-new **History Center exhibit** will be open Wednesday to Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit will feature eight pieces of clothing and accessories from the original founders in the Dawes family, which will be on display for the first time since The Arboretum's opening in 1929.

The **Daweswood House Museum** will also open back up in May for the first time since the pandemic began. The museum will be open through October with guided tours Wednesday to Sunday at noon and 2 p.m.

The Arboretum will also welcome six monumental sculptures from artists **The Myth Makers** on May 27. The bamboo birds—some standing more than 20 feet tall—will be the tallest art pieces ever shown at The Dawes Arboretum and will be on display throughout the property.

For more information about spring programming at The Dawes Arboretum, visit [www.dawesarb.org](http://www.dawesarb.org).

## **About Dawes Arboretum**

Founded in 1929 by Beman and Bertie Dawes, The Dawes Arboretum is a living museum celebrating the history and beauty of trees and nature. Located in Newark, Ohio (30 miles east of Columbus), The Dawes Arboretum offers paths, trails and boardwalks to explore along with historical and art exhibitions and educational programming. The Dawes Arboretum is recognized by the National Registry of Historic Places and is open daily. Admission is free to members and \$10/adults, \$5/children ages 5-15 and free/children under 5 years of age. Additional information on visiting, programming, history and membership is available at [www.dawesarb.org](http://www.dawesarb.org).

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