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LENDONWOOD GARDENS

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TROLLEY SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR LENDONWOOD'S ART IN THE GARDEN SATURDAY, MAY 5

People planning to attend the 2018 Art in the Garden on Saturday, May 5, at Lendonwood Gardens have a new – and free – way of getting there this year. Every 30 minutes, a trolley will shuttle visitors back and forth from downtown Grove to the botanical garden at 1308 Har-Ber Road.

The trolley, sponsored by the Grove Springs Cultural District Council, will leave the parking lot of Grove Public Schools Administration Building at Broadway and Third Street every half-hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Suzanne Boles, member of the Cultural District Council.

“Grove Springs Cultural District is delighted to support Art in the Garden, an event that helps celebrate and promote the role of the arts in our community,” Boles said.

A wide variety of arts and crafts will be on display and for sale during Art in the Garden, which is open to the public. Admission is free for this special event, although donations are always welcome.

Art in the Garden coincides with a peak bloom time at the botanical garden, said Cindy Reynolds, Lendonwood board member and event coordinator. Blooming azaleas, rhododendrons and peonies offer a colorful backdrop for the arts and crafts on display.

“We have many talented artists and artisans in our area, and their artworks make wonderful gifts,” said Reynolds. “Besides shopping, it’s a great opportunity to enjoy the arts and a beautiful garden at the same time.”

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., booths throughout Lendonwood will display arts and crafts ranging from pottery to quilts to jewelry to paintings and more. Participating artists will include professionals as well as young students and accomplished crafters.

Refreshments also will be available for purchase at a booth staffed by local Boy Scouts. Proceeds from the refreshments booth will be used to help send Scouts to summer camp.

Boles said that several downtown businesses active in the Cultural District also are supporting and promoting Art in the Garden. Examples include Brothers’ Jewelry, Centsible Spending, Dar-Lynn Embroidery, Heart and Soul Art Gallery, Redemption Implements, The Rusty Willow, Sugar’d Spoon Bakery, Gabby’s, Weathered Charm, The Playmakers and Brush & Palette Club. Boles noted that some will be offering a 10 percent discount that day for Lendonwood visitors.

Lendonwood is open year-round during daylight hours. The eight-acre botanical garden is operated by a local board of directors with the help of volunteers.