

# SEE. LEARN. EXPERIENCE.



Check our website and Facebook for potential cancellations due to the COVID-19 virus.

## Summer Solstice ARTS FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 20th • 10 AM - 4 PM

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND DEMONSTRATORS!

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS!



## Arboretum Trails are OPEN SUNUP to SUNDOWN every day of the year.

TRAIL USE FEE: \$5 per adult \$1 per child 12 & under

The Northland Arboretum encompasses over 500 acres in the heart of Brainerd/Baxter, Minnesota. This member-supported, non-profit organization was founded with the closure of the Brainerd Landfill in 1972. Left untouched, the 40-acre landfill site now supports a prairie restoration project that is full of native grasses and plants. The Arboretum owns a beautiful Norway Pine Plantation on the north end of the expansive property and leases land from Crow Wing County behind the Westgate Mall. The Nature Conservancy owns nearly 200 acres within the Arboretum's boundaries – one of Minnesota's primary examples of Jack Pine Savanna!

Sit in the gazebo, linger on the bridge, stroll along a path or wind through the winter woods on skis—whether you have an hour or a day, tranquility will surely enhance your visit.

The Northland Arboretum is a beautiful setting for your client's celebrations and photos.

**SPECIAL USE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED** for all professional photographers.



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Dual +2	\$50
Individual	\$30
Student	\$15
Dogs Welcome (must be leashed)	\$5



### MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR 12 MONTHS AND INCLUDE:

- Support of the Northland Arboretum's education, recreation, and conservation efforts and maintains facilities and grounds.
- Use of our Arboretum grounds 365 days a year
- Quarterly magazine and monthly e-newsletter

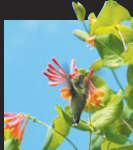
- Discounts on classes, rentals and programs
- Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP) which allows you to visit over 300 arboreta and gardens at no admissions with membership card.

<http://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/find/statebystate>

## Birding at the NORTHLAND ARBORETUM

By Judd Brink Owner/Guide MN Backyard Birds

With spring almost here it's time to think about how to make our homes and yards more bird friendly and attractive for our feathered friends. Many of our colorful songbirds will be arriving after a very long migration and they will be looking for areas to rest, recover and refuel. By providing the right foods and feeders and native plantings you can increase the number and variety of birds that will visit during the spring migration and even longer into the nesting season. Here is a short list of things to consider when "birdscaping" your home this spring and ways you can get involved at the Northland Arboretum to learn more about the birds in our area. The Northland Arboretum is the area's only Important Bird Area. MN Backyard Birds offers a complimentary consultation to help you attract and enjoy more colorful songbirds to your home or cabin.



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### Native Plantings:

Birdscaping is the combination of bird feeders and native plantings to attract more birds. There are many native fruiting trees and shrubs to choose from, I would highly recommend using native stock purchased locally. Why choose native plantings? Native plantings are more tolerable of the conditions such as the local climate and soil types. Very important to check for the hardiness zones on the tag or ask someone before purchasing. Over the years some of favorites that I now have planted in my own yard include: Mountain Ash, Crabapple, Elderberry, Arrowwood Viburnum, Dogwoods, Nanking Cherry, and Serviceberry.

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### Bird Safe Windows:

Each year millions of songbirds are killed each year by colliding into windows at homes or businesses in the United States. Many of the bird kills occur during the peak of the spring and fall bird migrations. Two main reasons why birds fly into glass, they see a reflection or by see through glass. Glass windows in a courtyard often give the perception of "see through" glass. What you can do at home, try streamers, hawk silhouettes, Close curtains/drapes, window decals and move feeders closer to the windows. New home construction can get screens that fit on the outside of the window or special glass. MN Backyard Birds worked with Audubon Minnesota to produce a handout for home owners called "Bird Safe Homes" offering suggestions to protect birds from window collisions. Here is the link for the brochure from Audubon Minnesota. <http://mn.audubon.org/conservation/birdsafe-homes>

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### Bird Seed/Bird Feeder:

What and where you purchase your bird seed and or mixes will make a big difference in the variety and number of birds you will attract. A big box store might offer a nice selection of seeds but what is most important is the quality and freshness of that seed. Bird seed can go stale just like a loaf of bread and the birds will simply ignore and move elsewhere for fresh food.

For spring feeding a menu of oranges, jelly, mealworms, suet and sugar water is great for our insect and fruit eating birds. MN Backyard Birds offers a very unique service that cleans and fills your bird feeders each week only using high quality fresh seed making your feeders the most active and attractive!

Bird Feeders: First decide what birds you want to attract to your home. Next remember you want to buy feeders that can be easily cleaned and maintained for the birds' health. A spring bird feeding station that includes an Oriole, Hummingbird, Meadowlark and Suet feeder will certainly attract a nice variety of birds. A few products are now made from recycled milk containers and are very durable. Having multiple feeding stations offering different foods will attract a wide variety of birds.

The BIRD HIKES are supported by the Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon. The hikes last about an hour and are held in May on Thursdays at 7 am and Saturdays at 8 am. Consider joining the local Audubon chapter of the area's bird club Bee-Nay-She Bird Council. Find us on Facebook for more info and how to join and follow the group pages. **Happy Birding! SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS!**

Judd Brink, is the owner of MN Backyard Birds in the Brainerd Lakes area. MN Backyard Birds provides birdscaping for homeowners and businesses to attract and enjoy more colorful songbirds. The business was recently featured on Kare 11 news with Belinda Jensen and MN Bound with Ron Schara. For more information about birdscaping or a free backyard consultation contact me at (218) 838-4784 or email me at [info@birdminnesota.com](mailto:info@birdminnesota.com).



# 2020 UPCOMING ARB EVENTS: Something for EVERYONE!

During this challenging and rapidly evolving pandemic we are doing everything we can to ensure all of our members, visitors and staff remain safe and healthy. As of the time of this publication the events listed throughout are still ongoing as planned. Please be sure to check our website [northlandarb.org](http://northlandarb.org) or call 218-829-8770 to verify any events, as they may be canceled or postponed at any time. — Northland Arboretum

## Arbor DAY

### Saturday, April 25 Family Education Day

Pine Grove Zoo • 11:00 AM

Come SEE a North American Porcupine, Dyeing Poison Frog and TOUCH a Panther Chameleon, Kenyon Sand Boa Snake, Rabbit, Golden Knee Tarantula and a Sulcata Tortoise

- Animals on-site from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Activities for the entire family 11:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- Bird Hikes - Scavenger hunt by Happy Dancing Turtle
- Orienteering - Nature crafts for the kids - Food for sale

All Day pass Members \$10/family  
Non-members \$20/family



## Spring BIRD HIKES

Thursdays - May 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00 AM  
Saturdays - May 9, 23 & 30 at 8:00 AM

Want to get out in the spring, learn more about birds and have a morning hike on the trails at the Arboretum? Join an experienced birding guide on Thursday and Saturday mornings in May, and learn more about the many birds that inhabit or migrate through our area.

**FREE** and open to the public at the Northland Arboretum

Sponsored by Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society & Northland Arboretum



## PLANT SALE

May 23  
9 AM - 12 PM



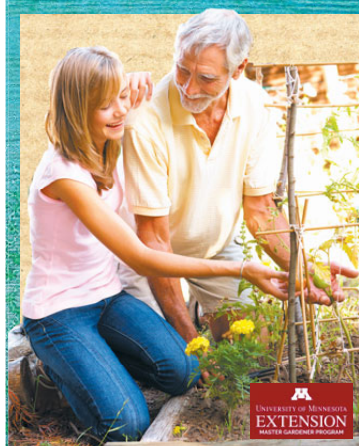
## ADVENTURES IN GEOCACHING



**ALL  
SUMMER!**

Enjoy spending creative time in nature with family & friends. Northland Arboretum has 12 hides.

Members are welcome to come out and enjoy the trails for free. Non-members must pay a daily gate fee.



### G101 -

## Gardening for Adults & Veterans

Do you want to learn how to **GROW YOUR OWN FOOD AND FLOWERS?** Everything from giant tomatoes to baby peas!

Class instructors are U of M Extension Master Gardeners sharing research-based knowledge on where, when, what, and how to plant a garden that produces food and flowers you can take home to your family. This class series includes "hands-on" cooking classes using produce from your very own garden plot.

Open to any experience level. Pre-Register for class • Ages Sixteen +

**Wednesdays - May 27-August 29 • 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Plus - Saturdays in September for harvest and clean up • \$35.00 per 3' x 16' plot

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Questions? or to Pre-Register for Classes.... Call the