

## Upcoming Community Events in SLC: APRIL 2024

*NHH-UT has compiled a list of events happening in the SLC community this month that are related to nature and human health. If you are aware of any events that haven't been added here, please feel free to contribute to the list.*

### **Robin Wall Kimmerer & Kyle Whyte in Conversation**

**Description:** Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants,” which has earned Kimmerer wide acclaim. Her first book, “Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses,” was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for outstanding nature writing, and her other work has appeared in Orion, Whole Terrain, and numerous scientific journals. In 2022, “Braiding Sweetgrass” was adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith. This new edition reinforces how wider ecological understanding stems from listening to the earth’s oldest teachers: the plants around us.

**Date:** April 17, 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law

**More info:** [Here!](#)

### **2024 Earth Day Celebration - Ogden Nature Center**

**Description:** Come celebrate Earth Day at the Ogden Nature Center! Enjoy earth friendly exhibitors, demonstrations, entertainment, food, nature crafts, and fun activities. Explore the trails and learn what you can do to improve the health of the planet.

\$5 non-members. \$4 members. \$3 children under 12. Donations gratefully accepted.

All proceeds benefit the mission of the Ogden Nature Center: to unite people with nature and nurture appreciation and stewardship of the environment.

**Date:** April 22, 2024

**Time:** 11:00am-4:00pm

**Location:** Ogden Nature Center

**Register:** [Here!](#)

### **Jorge Rojas & Dr. Sasha Reed: The Biocrust Project**

**Description:** Humans use both art and science to explore, understand, and communicate about our world. Despite this inherent connection, artists and scientists typically work in isolation. Canyonlands Research Center’s (CRC’s) Artist in Residence (AiR) program seeks to educate and engage diverse audiences in ecology and climate solutions through explicit collaborations between artists and scientists. The CRC’s 2023 inaugural AiR project is a partnership between multidisciplinary artist Jorge Rojas and U.S. Geological Survey scientist Dr. Sasha Reed. Drylands cover roughly 40% of the planet’s land surface, and within drylands, biocrusts are a photosynthetic soil surface and a dominant cover type. Biocrust—the desert’s living skin—is a complex community of lichens, mosses, and cyanobacteria living on about 12% of the Earth’s land surface. Just centimeters tall, biocrust is the bumpy, often dark or burnt looking carpet atop desert soils, stretching between shrubs, plants, and rocks. Biocrust plays critical roles in

sustaining the world's ecosystems and in protecting human health, and are under threat due to climate change and human impacts. Art and science can help us experience these small but important communities, allowing us to know, respect, and support them.

This year's CRC AiR project is an educational and immersive encounter with biocrust, where museum visitors of all ages are invited to experience an audiovisual environment narrated by a multitude of voices including indigenous, scientific, and environmental perspectives on biocrust. Very special thanks to Nikki Cooley, Diné, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' Climate Change Program, and Kristen Redd, Canyonlands Research Center, for their voices and expertise, and to Blank Space for video production.

**Date:** April 3,4th, 2024

**Time:** 11:00am

**Location:** Utah Museum of Contemporary Art

**Register:** [Suggested Donation \\$10](#)

### **Geology Ski Tour - Solitude Mountain Resort**

**Description:** A Guided Ski and Snowboard Tour Studying Rock Formations Around Solitude.

Enjoy an informative guided ski and snowboard tour around the resort studying rock formations and learning the history of how Solitude was formed.

Weather permitting, must be able to ski or ride intermediate terrain. Lift access is required.

**Date:** April 6, 2024

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Solitude Mountain Resort

**Register:** [Here!](#)

### **2024 Spring Bonsai Show - Red Butte Garden**

**Description:** Discover Bonsai, the Japanese art of growing miniature trees in containers.

Members of The Bonsai Club of Utah will exhibit different bonsai styles and arrangements.

In addition to the display of bonsai trees, there will be a wide selection of trees, pottery, supplies, and merchandise available for sale.

**Date:** March 20th & 21st, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am-7:30pm

**Location:** Red Butte Garden

**Register:** [Here!](#)

### **2024 Arbor Day Celebration**

**Description:** Trees Are Terrific!

As part of Utah's official arboretum, there's no place better than Red Butte Garden to celebrate Arbor Day! Join us for a day filled with self-guided "tree-rific" activities and discover the vital role trees play not only in our lives but also in the natural world.

**Date:** April 26th, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am

**Location:** Red Butte Garden

**Register:** Free!

### **Nature in the City: Biodiversity Blitz**

**Description:** Celebrate nature all around us! We will be learning how to use tools such as bug nets, iNaturalist, and more! Aviary staff will provide all materials for the workshop and will be on hand to help you and your family explore the garden! Taught by Tracy Aviary staff. This class will meet in the Education Center at Conservation Garden Park.

**Date:** April 6th, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm-2:00pm

**Location:** Conservation Garden Park

**Register:** [Here!](#)

### **Budding Botanists**

**Description:** Our Budding Botanists classes will include a story and an age-appropriate craft. Join us in April to learn about the importance of the rain and marvel at the beauty of rainbows while learning about the water cycle. Parental supervision is required. Registration Required | \$15 for non-members | Free for USU Garden Members. Use your garden membership number as a promo code for your discounted ticket.

**Date:** April 2, 2024

**Time:** 10:00am

**Location:** USU Botanical Center

**Register:** [Here!](#)