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Natural Beauty at Ijams Nature Center Will Be Discussed



The next “Lunch with the League” program will be held on Tuesday, December 4. The speaker will be Stephen Lyn Bales, Senior Naturalist, noted author and lecturer at the Ijams Nature Center. His humorist talk, titled “Ephemerality,” will explore the many layers of natural beauty and interaction of flora and fauna at the Center.

The meeting will be held from 11:45 a.m.”. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Bales is a native of Gatlinburg. In addition to three books: *Natural Histories*, *Ghost Birds*, and *Ephemeral by Nature*, he writes for the Smithsonian magazine and Tennessee Conservationist magazine. He will discuss some of the stories included in his books that illustrate short-livedness including hummingbirds, 17-year cicadas, monarch butterflies, and freshwater jellyfish.

Lunch with the League is a public service program open to the community. Membership in the *League of Women Voters* is not required and there is no cost to attend.

The presentation will begin at 12:00 noon. Lunches are provided by the Soup Kitchen and are available at 11:30 a.m. on a first-come basis for \$8, or you may bring your own. Coffee and tea are provided.

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