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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE AT FREE HABITAT GARDENING CLASS

Glendale, Ariz. — If you build it, they will come! Find out how to create a yard that attracts and sustains beneficial wildlife species, like birds and butterflies, by attending the free Habitat Gardening class on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Paul Holdeman, licensed landscape contractor and owner of The Pond Gnome, will explain how to build and sustain small ponds and water features using native plants and good xeriscape design principles. Maricopa County Master Gardener volunteers will also provide habitat gardening information that is applicable to the Sonoran desert environment.

The class is an official event of the state-wide Arizona SciTech Festival, a celebration of science and technology held annually in February and March. More than 350 organizations, including the city of Glendale, have partnered to showcase Arizona's leadership through hundreds of events statewide. To highlight events in Glendale and the West Valley, families can make a fun experience with Glendale's Passport to Science, a new concept developed to encourage the public to take part in many of these free educational, hands-on events. Passports can be downloaded from the city's website at www.glendaleaz.com/science. At each Glendale Passport to Science event, look for the AZ SciTech booth or representative and you will be invited to join a challenge activity in which you can get your passport stamped; four stamps at different events will earn a prize bag.

For a complete listing of the Glendale's "Green Living" class series, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green. The classes are free, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or e-mailing bpatrick@glendaleaz.com. You do not have to be a Glendale resident to attend.

For additional information on Glendale's Passport to Science, visit www.glendaleaz.com/science. For a complete listing of all Arizona SciTech Festival events across the Valley, visit <http://azscitechfest.asu.edu/events>.

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