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Entrepreneur puts Kentucky into her candles



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Brownstone Candle Co., which has retail space at 346 North Ashland Avenue, has a line of monogrammed candles.

Company's scents include mint julep and Derby-Pie

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Step into Jenna Arvin's Brownstone Candle store, and the scents come at you thick and fast.

First it's creme brûlée, that heady blend of vanilla and cream that is the most popular scent, in a warmer device holding a scented wax melt by the door.

Then you smell the other scents — mint julep, cigar store and honeysuckle vine — in which the Lexington-based

AT A GLANCE

Brownstone Candle Co.: 316 N. Ashland Ave. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. (859) 246-3540. Brownstonecandle.com.

soy wax candle maker specializes. There's even one that smells like the heady chocolate-and-pecan mix of Derby-Pie. Winner's Circle is a rose scent with a touch of leather.

Arvin has positioned Brownstone Candle Co. — named for the brownstone in New York where her husband, Timothy, once lived — in a niche that she hopes candle industry giants such as Yankee Candle can't touch.

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Owner Jenna Arvin said her Kentucky-centric scents have created a niche for her business.

DIGGING IN

Events and gatherings that are cropping up

The Arboretum, 500 Alumni Dr., Lexington. (859) 257-6955. www.ca.uky.edu/arboretum.

■ Growing the Giants. 10 a.m. Feb. 11. \$5, \$4 for members of Friends of the Arboretum. Call to pre-register.

■ Love the Earth! (Ages 2-6). 10 a.m. Feb. 14. \$1. Call to preregister.

■ Junior Naturalist: Flying Adventures. 4 p.m. Feb. 16. For ages 7-11. \$1. Call to pre-register.

■ All About Roses. 10 a.m. Feb. 21. \$5, \$4 Friends.

■ Junior Naturalist: Nature Nurturer. 4 p.m. Feb. 23. For ages 7-11. \$1.

Ethan Allen Style Workshop. 10:30 a.m. Feb. 11. Ethan Allen Design Center, 1873 Plaudit Pl., Lexington. Free. (859) 543-8521. www.ethanallen.com/lexington.



Blue Grass Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society. 7 p.m. Feb. 13. Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service, 1140 Red Mile Pl., Lexington. \$10 annual dues. (502) 857-8600. www.daylilyfans.com/bghs.

Midway Community Garden Planning Meeting. 10 a.m. Feb. 18. Midway Presbyterian Church, 107 N. Turner St., Midway. (859) 846-4751. www.midwaypresbyterian.org.

McConnell Springs, 416 Rebmann Ln., Lexington. (859) 225-4073. www.lexingtonky.gov/parks.

■ Junior Naturalist: Rock Detectives. 11 a.m. Feb. 18. Free.

■ Weekend Workout. 10 a.m. Feb. 25.



Salamander Search.

1 p.m. Feb. 18. Raven Run Nature Sanctuary, 5888 Jack's Creek Pk., Lexington. Free. (859) 272-6105. www.lexingtonky.gov/parks.

Twil Market Basket. 5 p.m. Feb. 27. Eastern Kentucky University Community Education, 521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond. \$40. www.ceo.eku.edu/communityeducation.

GFWC/KFWC Lexington Woman's Club Garden Department. 10 a.m. Feb. 28. Hostess: Renea Dixon, 4908 Stillwater Ct., Lexington. (859) 223-5031.

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This dawn viburnum put on its spring show just in time to get covered by snow.

It's just too bloomin' warm

Lexington's mild winter has confused some plants, which are flowering a month early

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Jesse Dahl, a horticulturist at The Arboretum, Kentucky's state botanical garden, said this Japanese Cornel is one of many plants and trees that have blossomed much earlier than normal. Dahl said temperatures haven't stayed low consistently enough to put many plants into dormancy.



This flowering quince also jumped the gun on spring. Dahl said even if a long cold snap hits, most plants will be fine.

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The unusually mild winter we've had might have an odd side effect: Spring flowers and spring blooming shrubs are making their appearance earlier than they normally would.

Many daffodils and tulips have pushed through the soil, thinking the spring thaw has begun and it's almost time to bloom. Likewise, forsythia, roses, hydrangea and ornamental trees are blooming or preparing to.

But what happens to them if the temperature suddenly plummets, or at least gets much colder, as is expected this weekend? Will we have a spring without the glory of spring flowers?

Jesse Dahl, horticulturist at The Arboretum on Alumni Drive, Kentucky's state botanical garden, said early blooming plants at the arboretum, such as hellebore,

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Dahl said this hellebore at The Arboretum blossomed about a month early — just in time for Wednesday's snow.