



Annual Gnome and Rock Crafting Sessions are coming!!



It's time to gather, create, laugh, and carry on one of our favorite neighborhood traditions!

Come needle-felt adorable little gnomes and paint festive winter-themed rocks for the Ken Lake Urban Forest Trail. **No experience needed—we'll teach you!** And yes... we need LOTS of gnomes again this year!

✨ **Come for the crafting. Stay for the camaraderie!**

👋 Reconnect with old friends & meet new neighbors

🛠️ All supplies and instruction provided

🏠 Several crafting parties will be hosted by:

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Please note: Needle felting uses very sharp needles, so this activity is not suitable for small children.

❤️ **A Little Ken Lake Gnome History**

For more than five years, Ken Lake volunteers have created these small, handmade natural-fiber gnomes using a process called **needle felting**. Along with hand-painted rocks, these little treasures bring holiday cheer to families walking the forest trail. What began during the early days of COVID has grown into a beloved neighborhood tradition—especially for the kids!

2026 Crafting Dates & Locations:

Karen & Becki's - 1534 Colonial Ct

Sunday, October 18th, 4:00-6:00p

Sunday, October 25th, 3:00-5:00p

Wednesday, November 4th, 3:00-5:00p

Marian's - 2111 Lakemoor Dr.

Thursday, November 12th, 6:30-8:30p

Friday, November 20th, 6:30-8:30p

Tuesday, December 1st, 6:30-8:30p

Gnome Deployment: UF Kiosk

Saturday, Dec. 12th

Gather at 11:00a for pictures and socializing.

Deployment of the gnomes at 11:30a.

Ken Lake Community:

Once deployed, the gnomes and rocks are ready to be discovered! Hikers of all ages can see how many they can spot—**please leave them for everyone to enjoy!**

🎁 **Starting December 25, Ken Lake children may choose ONE gnome OR ONE rock to take home.** Remaining treasures will be collected after New Year's, refurbished, and may return next season.

