

Tyler Arboretum, Topic Descriptions

Blooms and Butterflies

Amy Mawby

Learn how to create beautiful habitats that support our butterflies! Discover native plants that serve as food sources for our regional butterflies in all of their life cycle stages. Take a photographic journey of our region's butterfly species, highlighting their amazing metamorphosis and fun facts.

Container Savvy

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

Containers are often the focal point on patios or front porches. Well designed and planted containers draw attention to any area but how do you create one? Discover techniques for designing successful containers utilizing color, texture and height.

Flowering Trees and Shrubs for your City Garden

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

Urban living presents challenges for home gardeners whether the space is small or really small. Explore a diversity of trees and shrubs that will thrive in an urban landscape and add interest in your city garden.

Gardening for Birds and Butterflies

Amy Mawby

Transform your home garden into attractive habitats that support our winged friends! Explore top native plants that provide food for birds and butterflies and also give your garden a pop of color and texture with foliage, berries and seeds. Learn about great native perennials, vines, shrubs and trees that will attract wildlife into your life.

Great Gardens of the Delaware Valley

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

Philadelphia is America's Garden Capital: home to 31 gardens in 30 miles. For plant and garden lovers, this is heaven! Julia will show you some of her favorite gardens in the Delaware Valley region and highlight what makes them special.

Introduction to Bulbs

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

Looking for more than just tulips and daffodils? Have you ever seen the vertical impact of ornamental onions and foxtail lilies? Learn bulb basics: selection, planting and design. Discover what combinations will extend blooms throughout different seasons in your garden. A great lecture to get ideas for fall or spring planting.

Introduction to Vegetable Growing

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

The climate in the Delaware Valley is great for growing phenomenal tomatoes, basil and even okra. Explore vegetable gardening from the very beginning! Get advice on how to kick-off the season, what supplies you will need and which plants should you try for a successful gardening experience.

Native Plants for the Home Landscape

Amy Mawby or Julia Lo Ehrhardt

More than just a pretty face, native plants can provide food, shelter and other important "services" to insects and wildlife. Dig deep into some very garden worthy native plants.

Perennials for Shade

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

Discover the world of shade gardening beyond planting hosta and pachysandra. Let us help you select plants for the shade and create layers of interest in your garden.

Perennials for Sun

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

Interested in doing more with your full sun yard than just growing (and mowing) a lawn? Be inspired by easy perennials and choice plants to add to your collection. Discuss great performers such as Sedum, Amsonia, Nepeta and Phlox to name a few.

Spring Flowering Tyler Trees

Julia Lo Ehrhardt

An arboretum is all about trees (and shrubs) and Tyler is a wonderful example. In spring, our collections burst with color and fragrance throughout the landscape. Discover spring show stoppers like magnolias, cherries, yellowwood and much more.

Woodland Wildflowers

Amy Mawby or Julia Lo Ehrhardt

From trout lilies to spring beauties, these fleeting spring plants add interest to any woodland garden. This lecture will highlight some of these lovelies native to the region while providing fun facts and cultural care information.