

Tyler Events

Winter
2016-17

The Country Gardeners Annual Greens Sale

Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a huge selection of beautiful holiday arrangements and trimmings: fresh greens, hand-made wreaths, swags, ornaments, and other natural holiday decorations. The Country Gardeners Annual Greens Sale is held at Tyler's Maintenance Building and run by The Country Gardeners of Lima.

No admission charge to attend the sale.



Pancake Breakfast and Maple Sugaring Celebration

Saturday, February 25, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Snow date: Saturday, March 4

The spirit of winter is alive and well at Tyler as we invite you to bundle up and join us in celebrating with some outdoor fun. Walk through our maple sugaring stations to explore how the tasty topping is turned from sap into syrup. The festivities don't stop there! Satisfy your appetite with our famous all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Rain or shine event, snow date March 4.

Adults \$12, Children (ages 3-12) \$8, Under 3 FREE

New! Purchase your Pancake Breakfast tickets ahead of time – online sales open February 1. Save yourself time the day of the event! Pre-registration not required; tickets will be available for purchase through the Visitor Center at the event.



Tyler Travels

Birding Trip: Barnegat Light

Tuesday, January 10, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Located on the northern tip of Long Beach Island, New Jersey, this state park is a great location for wintering waterfowl such as red-breasted mergansers, common eiders and harlequin ducks, as well as shorebirds and other winter inhabitants.

Join **Sue Lucas** to search along the shore and jetty on this interesting birding adventure. *Transportation, drinks, and snacks provided; bring a bag lunch, binoculars and field guides. Dress for the weather. Hiking shoes are strongly recommended for rocky areas.*

\$60 members, \$75 non-members



Birding Trip: Cape Henlopen

Tuesday, February 21, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Cape Henlopen and the Indian River Inlet offer wonderful winter birding opportunities. Join **Sue Lucas** in search of short-eared owls, long-tailed ducks, horned larks, snow buntings, purple sandpipers, and harlequin ducks.

Transportation, drinks, snacks, and dinner provided; bring a bag lunch, binoculars and field guides. Dress for the weather.

\$85 members, \$95 non-members



Tyler Programs

Gardening and Horticulture

Winter Tree Identification Workshop

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Saturday, January 21, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

(Inclement weather date: Sunday, January 22)

Join **John Wenderoth** and learn how to identify trees in the winter season using a hand lens to examine the details of leafless twigs. You will also practice using decision-making keys that allow you to identify a tree through a series of questions. These keys are ideal for winter identification after the leaves have fallen, but they also reveal characteristics that aid in identification year-round. This class takes place primarily indoors. Weather permitting, we will move outside to study other features of trees in winter.

FREE with admission. Space is limited!

Developmental Pruning for Young and Small Trees

Saturday, January 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

An ideal time to prune young and newly planted trees is during the dormant winter season. Join **Jerry O'Dell**, Tyler's Wister Rhododendron gardener and an ISA Certified Arborist, for this practical workshop that includes theory and hands-on practice to create a specimen tree that will give you years of beauty and shade. Topics include an overview of basic growth habits of trees, assessing the tree structure, and making proper pruning cuts. The primary focus is on deciduous trees but includes brief tips on caring for conifers. *Part of this class is held outdoors – please dress for the weather and bring hand pruners.*

\$20 members, \$25 non-members

Native Plants for Pollinators

Saturday, February 4, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Join garden coach **Marcia Tate** and discover the buzz about pollinators, why they are beneficial to our gardens, and what you can do to support them in your garden. Learn which low-maintenance native plants are best suited for pollinators in your garden. Explore design ideas with a case study highlighting the transformation from weeds and grass to a beautiful, sustainable garden for pollinators. Come “bee” inspired for spring.

\$30 members, \$35 non-members



Seed Starting for Beginners

Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. – noon

February might seem early to start thinking about your garden, but it's the perfect time to start seeds indoors. Instructor **Karl Malessa** teaches basic seed starting techniques and introduces you to essential equipment for the process, including heat mats, humidity domes, and fluorescent lamps. Karl also explains which seeds are easiest for beginners to grow and will show flats of his own started seeds.

\$20 members, \$25 non-members

Botanical Arts

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Sunday, December 4, 1 – 3 p.m.

Add creative natural beauty to your holidays this year by making your own holiday wreath. Instructor **Leona Swiacki** guides you through

the process of creating a wreath using evergreens accented with pinecones, berries, and other natural elements. Enjoy your festive creation during the holidays and into the new year. *Please wear work clothes and bring garden shears and light work gloves. All materials provided.*

\$45 members, \$50 non-members



Fresh to Dry Christmas Trees

Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m. – noon

Looking for something unique to make for your holiday decorations? Join instructor **Leona Swiacki** to create your own set of Christmas trees using Styrofoam forms, fresh leaves, pins, and other accents. After the holidays, each tree can be stored and enjoyed for years to come.

\$35 members, \$40 non-members

The Art of Quilling: Snowflakes

Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m. – noon

Discover the lost art of quilling with instructor **Leona Swiacki**. Using paper strips, a quilling tool, and simple directions, learn to roll and shape paper with basic quilling techniques. Add your own creativity and design beautiful snowflakes and stars to accent your winter decor. *Please bring scissors.*

\$25 members, \$30 non-members

Drawing for Botanical Art

Thursdays, February 2, 9 and 16,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join botanical illustrator **Linda Kneeland** for a 3-week series learning the basics of drawing for botanical art.

Learn how perspective, atmosphere, and toning give life and dimension to your artwork.

All levels are welcome and no previous experience is needed. *Plant material included; a basic supply list will be sent to everyone registered for the class. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.*

Series of three classes: \$145 members, \$160 non-members



Photo Walk: Finding Beauty in the Winter Garden

Saturday, February 18, 1 – 3:30 p.m.
(Inclement weather date: Saturday, March 4)

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. But even if it doesn't, we'll still find intriguing subject matter to capture on this leisurely winter photo walk. Join **Chris Lawler** and explore Tyler's meadows and woodlands on a quest for beauty - bark textures, unexpected pops of color, and the gentle nuances of winter light and shadows. Afterwards, gather indoors for warm refreshments and review the day's work. *Please dress for the weather. Perfect for all levels of photographers and camera users (including cell phones).*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Nature Studies

Winter Night Hikes

Saturdays, January 14 and February 11,
6 – 7:30 p.m.

With the leaves off many of the trees, winter offers the best views of the Arboretum. Join **Dick Cloud** for a fast-paced hike that includes moderate to steep trails. This is a perfect opportunity for hikers who hate being trapped inside during the winter. *Suitable for teens and adults. Please bring a flashlight and wear appropriate footwear.*



\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Nature Walks and Workshops

FREE for Members; FREE with admission

Winter Bird Walks

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Tyler is a wonderful winter haven for non-migratory birds. Explore Tyler's winter landscapes with experienced birders who know all the best places to look. Birders of all experience levels welcome. *Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them.*

No pre-registration required



Winter Botany Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Tyler is the perfect place to beat the winter blues. There's always something to see here and **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** are the perfect guides to winter's natural wonders. Learn to recognize plants in their seasonal guise using seed stalks, leaf rosettes, and other clues, and explore Tyler's ever-changing seasonal beauty.

No pre-registration required

Sunday Botany Walks

Sundays, December 11, January 8 and February 12, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

There's plenty to see at Tyler, even in the winter. Join **Dick Cloud** for an afternoon walk, and search Tyler's meadows and woodlands for winter beauty.

No pre-registration required

Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 17, 5:30 a.m. – noon

Each year between mid-December and early January, thousands of volunteers in North and South America collect data on bird sightings. Tyler invites you to be a part of the tradition. Data gathered during the count is used to assess the health of bird populations and guide conservation action. Join Tyler's experienced birders to search for owls and other nocturnal and dawn birds. After breakfast at a nearby restaurant (on your own), venture out again to look for both common and unusual birds.

Pre-registration required

Beekeeping at Tyler Arboretum

Saturday, February 4, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
(Inclement weather date: Saturday, February 11)

Join Tyler's beekeeper **Paul Strommer** to discover the Arboretum's growing apiary and opportunities to get involved. This program covers beekeeping basics, including necessary equipment and hive management. Learn all about the Arboretum's Hive Sponsorship Program, exclusive for Tyler members and perfect for beginner beekeepers. Turn your interest in honeybees into reality with expert seasonal instruction.



Pre-registration required

Health and Wellness

Winter Medicinal Meanderings Series

Saturdays, January 14, February 11 and March 11, 1 – 3 p.m.

Join **Katelyn Melvin** of *Tooth of the Lion Farm and Apothecary* to investigate winter botany and herbal medicine. The class is in two parts: part one is a medicinal plant walk highlighting aspects of winter plant identification, as well as herbal medicine connections. Part two focuses on medicine-making demonstrations indoors including teas, salves, or tinctures. Each demonstration uses at least one of the plants discussed during the walk. You'll go home with a product sample and the know-how

to make your own kitchen medicine. *Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.*

January 14: Herbs and Medicinal Teas

Discover how to identify herbaceous plants in dormancy, as well as their medicinal qualities. Warm up with hot tea and learn about making medicinal teas, herbal tea blending, infusions, and decoctions.



February 11: Deciduous Trees and Medicinal Salves

Focus on the winter identification of medicinal woody plants. Explore using bark, resin, and other plant parts in topical preparations. You will create a medicinal salve from herbs, oil, and beeswax.

March 11: Conifers and Herbal Tincture Making

Investigate the identification of various conifers, as well as their medicinal uses. Learn how to make herbal tinctures, syrups, elixirs, scrubs, vinegars, and more.

Series of three classes: \$65 members, \$80 non-members; Individual class: \$25 members, \$30 non-members

Youth Programs

Toddlers in Nature

Ages 18 mths - 3 years

Wednesdays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Toddlers in Nature programs are for toddlers and their favorite adult. Toddlers are all about exploring their sense of wonder and each program includes a story, exploration, and time in nature.

*\$10 members, \$15 non-members
(Fee is for the child only)*

Ellie the Evergreen

December 7

Ellie the evergreen tree is sad in the fall when all of the other trees change color, but in winter, she becomes the most beautiful tree in the park. Find out what makes Christmas trees so special and take a hike to see different kinds of evergreens.

First Snow in the Woods

December 14

The animals of the forest are getting ready for the year's first winter storm. Enjoy the wildlife and a walk around outside to search for signs of winter.

Wild Birds

January 4

Many birds do not fly south for the winter, but stay right here, just like we

do. Learn about them in this beautifully illustrated book before heading out to see which ones we can spot.

Tracks in the Snow

January 18

Signs of wildlife can sometimes be easier to see in winter. Follow the adventure of one little girl, then head outside to look for tracks and other signs of animal activity.



NEW! Featured Series: Nature Celebrations Around the World

All ages

Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

In this series, every class is a party celebrating nature. We'll learn a bit about how the natural world has inspired each holiday, including the food, crafts, games, and customs that make them fun.

*Series of four classes: \$50 members, \$70 non-members;
Individual Class: \$15 members, \$20 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

Winter Solstice

December 21

Today is the darkest day of the year, so we'll celebrate the return of the light.

Lohri

January 11

In India, this celebration marks the peak of winter and the annual sugarcane harvest.

Lunar New Year

January 25

Find out why the Chinese celebrate New Year at a different time than we do in the west, and learn why 2017 is the year of the rooster.

Tu B'Shevat

February 8

Jews around the world celebrate this "New Year of the Trees." Come and learn why, what, and how.

Winter Lullaby

February 1

Where do animals go when the weather turns cold? This story explains how different types of creatures seek shelter to survive the winter. Visit Mr. Groundhog's home and guess if he will come out of hibernation early.

I Am a Little Deer

February 15

A young deer describes his life with his mother, from his first wobbly steps, through joining the herd, to beginning to grow antlers. Look at deer fur, bones, and antlers to learn more about these lovely creatures.

Teeny Tiny Trackers

Age 3

Mondays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Teeny Tiny Trackers programs are for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Each program includes an indoor lesson with outside time to explore.

*\$10 members, \$15 non-members
(Fee is for the child only)*

Our Winter Birds

December 12

Learn why certain birds stay here, while others migrate or arrive only for the winter. Use binoculars to look for our feathered friends and learn how we can help them during the cold weather.



Winter Seeds

January 9

Many trees and plants still hold their seeds in winter. Let's search and collect some and learn which animals might need them to survive.

Footprints in the Snow

February 13

Even if we don't have snow, we can still look for tracks and traces that our resident critters leave for us, and find out which animals live in Tyler Arboretum.

Garden Sprouts

Ages 4 – 6

Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Garden Sprouts programs introduce children and their favorite adult to the world of plants and gardening. Each program includes an indoor lesson and an outdoor walk to complement hands-on fun with plants.

*\$10 members, \$15 non-members
(Fee is for the child only)*

Fun with Evergreens

December 13

Romp around the Arboretum and search for pinecones, nuts, and berries. Talk about the trees that make these plant parts and study them with a magnifying glass. Make a glittery snow globe with your treasures to take home.

Fun with Cauliflower

January 17

The middle of winter can seem like a sad time for vegetables, but did you know that cauliflower is one of the most nutritious vegetables you can eat? Learn about this "flower" and make some tasty cauliflower "fried rice."

Fun with Maples

February 21

Bundle up and explore the beautiful winter landscape at Tyler. Learn how to identify a maple tree and play "I Spy a Maple Tree." Tap a tree and talk about how real maple syrup and maple candy are made, and sample some.



Tiny Trackers

Ages 4 – 6

Thursdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Tiny Trackers programs are for children and their favorite adult. Each program includes a lesson and an outdoor activity.

*\$10 members, \$15 non-members
(Fee is for the child only)*

Skeleton Skills

December 15

How many of our skulls and skins can you identify? Compare examples from our collection and learn why these animals look the way they do.

Oh, Deer!

January 26

Did you know the white-tailed deer is the Pennsylvania state animal? White-tailed deer live outside all year long, even in the cold of winter. Discover what makes these animals such great survivors.

For the Love of Birds

February 9

We'll make fun, edible Valentines for our feathered friends and learn what makes birds so special.

Teen Programs

NEW!

Teens Only Camp In

Saturday, February 18, 4:30 p.m. – Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.

Stay overnight at the Arboretum without your parents! Pitch your tent in the newly renovated Barn Loft and camp "in." Explore Tyler at night with an evening hike. Bring your own camping gear. *Please consider the limited indoor Barn space and bring self-supporting tents appropriate for your number of guests. Cabin tents cannot be accommodated. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Suitable for ages 14-17.*

\$65 members, \$75 non-members

Teen Winter Adventure

Wednesday, December 28, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Reconnect with friends during your day off of school. Take a hike in the natural lands and explore the quiet woods of Tyler in the winter season. Learn important winter woodsmanship skills. *Please pack a lunch. Suitable for ages 14-17.*

\$50 members, \$60 non-members



Family Programs

Grab the kids and come have fun all together at Tyler! Interactive programs let you learn, create, or explore nature and plants. Fee is for each child and each adult.

Gulliver's Giant Games

Saturday, December 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Supersize family game night with our selection of giant games. Play our large-scale, lawn games inside the newly renovated Barn Loft. Get ready for Giant Jenga, Giant Checkers, and Giant Kerplunk! Refreshments will be served. *Suitable for ages 4 and up.*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Winter Night Hike

Friday, January 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Hiking under a winter full moon is a magical experience. Learn which animals and birds may be out at night

and look to see if we can spot them. The evening concludes with hot drinks and a snack. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. *Suitable for ages 5 and up.*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Indoor Camp Out

Saturday, January 21, 4:30 p.m. – Sunday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.

Stay overnight at the Arboretum! Pitch your tent in the newly renovated Barn Loft and camp "in." Cook hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire and explore Tyler at night with an evening hike. Bring your own camping gear. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. *Please consider the limited indoor Barn space and bring self-supporting tents appropriate for your number of guests. Cabin tents cannot be accommodated. Suitable for ages 5 and up.*

\$40 members, \$50 non-members

Dads & Daughters Hot Chocolate & Hike

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Saturday, February 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Young ladies bring your favorite dad, uncle, or friend to this wintry Arboretum adventure. Investigate the different ways animals survive the winter. Learn which clues tell us which animals are still around and what they are doing. Head outside to look for animals at Tyler. Afterwards, warm up with hot chocolate and a special treat. *Suitable for ages 5 and up.*

FREE for members, \$15 non-members



School Day-off Camps

A day of nature exploration and fun is the perfect solution when your child has a day off and you have to work. These easygoing days are filled with discovery, games, crafts, hikes, and projects so engaging the kids won't even know they're learning. Please pack a lunch.

Camps run from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$50 members, \$60 non-members.

Ages 6 – 9

Winter Wonderland

December 28

Explore Tyler's winter wonderland. Learn how plants and animals have adapted to survive long periods of cold temperatures. Examine our evergreen collections and find natural objects to create your own masterpiece.

Art in the Arb

December 29

Use nature as your inspiration for you artistic creations. Spend the day painting, sculpting, and creating works of art to take home.

Skins & Skulls

January 16

See skins, skulls, and specimens. Explore and feel real specimens from the wildlife that live at Tyler and in your own backyard, and learn how they survive in the wild.

Animals in Winter

February 20

Learn about animal adaptations and how they survive the cold. Search for animal hideaways and tracks and spend time participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count!



Ages 14 – 17

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