



Tyler Topics

Spring
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News, Programs and Events of Tyler Arboretum

Frogs of Tyler

A Visitor's Guide

By Mac Given, Tyler Board of Trustees

Each spring, the wetlands of the Delaware Valley come alive with the sounds of frogs. While one may project that this noise represents the joy of animals, happy to be witnessing the end of winter, the reality is that you are hearing males who are announcing their desire to mate. If you frequently visit the pond and wetlands of Tyler in March through June, you are likely to observe six species. Their choruses occur in a specific order and in a variety of locations. This short article will give you some hints on when to go, where to look and what to listen for.

Woodfrogs

If you are on the Blue Trail downstream from the pond on a warm day in March, you are likely to hear what sounds like a congregation of ducks. Male woodfrogs have emerged from their winter hibernation and are calling from Tyler's only vernal pool, a natural

wetland that will dry completely during the summer months. If you approach the pond, the males will quickly dive underwater. But they are anxious to continue their calling; if you sit patiently, they will rise to the surface and put on a show that is worth the wait. The males will swim and attempt to grasp anything in the hopes of finding a female. Most of the time, they grasp other males, who then emit a second type of vocalization that means "let me go!".



Two male woodfrogs fighting over a female.

Spring Peepers

These are tiny frogs that emit a high-pitched "peep"; their choruses usually begin at the same time as the woodfrogs, but unlike the

woodfrogs that only chorus for up to one week, the peepers will continue to go strong for two months. Their numbers can be so large that their noise can be deafening. They will call almost anywhere – from trees, shrubs, blades of grass, or vegetation floating on the water of the pond. They are also tiny and difficult to observe. Here is a trick that might help. If you are close to a peeper, attempt to whistle back, imitating his call. If the peeper perceives you as a legitimate threat, he may trill at you. This is an aggressive call; the male has perceived you as a competing male who is getting too close to his calling site. At this point, you may be able to see him.

Female green frog.



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Spring in the Delaware Valley is wonderful anywhere there are plants. Thanks to Tyler's first director, it is particularly spectacular at the Arboretum. Dr. Wister loved spring blooms and he developed several plant collections that visitors still enjoy. Starting with magnolias in April and moving through cherries, crabapples and lilacs, color and fragrance abound. Of course a favorite on everyone's list is the rhododendron collection: nearly 13 acres of azaleas and rhododendrons that start blooming in March and reach their peak in early May. These are the big attractions, but there are some other displays that I make a point to visit while I am strolling in the Arboretum.

One of these is the Native Woodland Walk. If you have not walked through this display in the spring, you truly have missed viewing a great selection of native plants. In this three acre garden you will find over 15 different wildflowers as well as several great native flowering shrubs. Some of my favorite wildflowers include foamflowers, shooting star and native ginger – be sure to look under the leaves to see the unusual blooms sometime called *Little Brown Jugs*. We have been slowly building our trillium display and now feature five different species. In recent years, we have planted several new cultivars of the native redbud, some of which contradict their name by bearing white flowers. Beginning in mid April and running through late May, you will always find something in bloom, so be sure to visit the garden this spring.

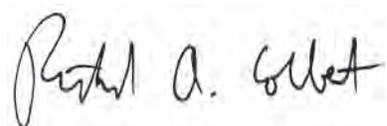
To see trilliums in their natural environment, take a bit of time and venture outside the deer fence. Head up to the



Rhododendron Garden and go through Gate # 2 of the Deer Fence and walk about 150 feet on the White Trail. On the right hand side of the path you will find a large stand of native great white trilliums. These showstoppers often bloom in late May and the large white flowers are quite spectacular. The deer do favor this plant, but so far we have been fortunate that they have not been decimated.

One of my favorite spring trees is located at the upper end of the Native Woodland Walk. Located at the western end of the Lilac Allee, you cannot miss our native carolina silverbell tree. This particular specimen, planted by Dr. Wister, is multi-trunked and is now almost 40 feet tall. The white pendulous flowers appear in early May and will often last for two weeks. As the plant ages, the bark assumes a very handsome mottled appearance and our specimen is quite attractive. More home gardeners should consider including this medium size tree in their landscape.

Amongst all the beautiful spring blooms, staff will be very busy preparing for our newest exhibit: **SIT•A•SPELL, SEATS THAT TELL A TALE**. This collaborative community exhibit will feature chairs, rockers, benches, gliders and other outdoor furniture ranging from sophisticated to whimsical for kids and adults. The exhibit will open on Saturday, May 26 in time for Memorial Day weekend. Please be sure to visit Tyler to enjoy beautiful spring blooms and take advantage of the many opportunities to relax and sit a spell!



The Frogs of Tyler

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American Toads

The American Toads are the species that are easiest to observe, and on a warm day in April are likely to be active in full daylight, both in and around the pond. Their relative tameness is due, in part, to their poison glands. Fortunately, they are only apt to release their poison if you attempt to bite one's head off. Males produce a beautiful, melodic trill that can last many seconds. As with the woodfrogs, males will often grasp



other males by mistake. You can hear a second type of trilled call, called a release call, that is emitted by a male that has been grasped by mistake by another highly motivated Romeo.

Pickerel Frogs

Pickerel frogs may begin calling in late March, but are more likely to be heard in the evening throughout April and into May. They are not as loud as the previous three species, and emit a call that sounds like a snore. Males defend territories within the pond and are difficult to observe because they frequently do their singing underwater – you can only hear them if you have a hydrophone. But if you make a snoring sound at the pond, no matter whether it is night or day, you might be surprised by a response by a male who wants you to know where he is and that he will attack you if you dare get any closer.



Green Frogs

When you hear the banjo-like call of the green frog, you know that summer is close at hand. Male green frogs are also territorial like the pickerel frogs, but they do all of their calling into the air. Sometimes, instead of a one-note bonk, a male will string a number of bonks together into a single call. If you imitate the call, you might be rewarded with a second conspicuous call type. You might even get one to growl at you. While at home in the pond, green frogs are the species that take up residence in the Butterfly House, occasionally eating a butterfly, much to the annoyance of the volunteers who exert so much time and effort at stocking the house!

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Family Fun: Spring Flower Hunt

Spring Blooms Abound at Tyler

Spring is a grand time at the Arboretum with colorful flowers popping up everywhere. Each flower has its season to bloom and each week there is something new to discover. If you come back several times from early March to late May, it is amazing to see how much changes as the early flowers finish and the later flowers come into bloom. Below are some hints for a fun flower hunt. Since you can't collect anything to take home, be sure to bring a camera to document your discoveries.

Young children ages three to five, learn about their world through their senses. Keep things simple and focus your hunt on what they can experience first hand. Try to find flowers to match all the colors of the rainbow. Children are very tactile, so encourage them to gently touch the flower petals to discover that magnolias feel different from cherry blooms. Get up close and sniff for fragrance. Some flowers smell amazing and others not at all. Make it a game and try to guess ahead of time whether a plant will smell good or not.

Kids ages six and seven have the ability to make broader connections and note similarities and differences. Refine your hunting criteria by looking at flowers in more detail. Focus on size by looking for flowers as small as a

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pinkie finger nail or as big as a hand. Look at flower shapes and see how many different ones you can find. Examine the flowers closely and count how many petals each one has. Look for connections – do all the flowers on one plant have the same number of petals? What about flowers on two different plants that are related – such as two different magnolia trees? Go back to the color hunt, but this time try to see how many different shades of pink or yellow you can find.

🌿 Capture the interest of kids eight and older by making the hunt more challenging. There are many flowers that people never notice. Many of these are wind pollinated so they don't need

showy petals to attract attention from a passing bee. Buy a tree guide or do a bit of pre-visit internet research. Look at trees like maples, oaks, birch or pines and try to find their flowers. Bring a pair of binoculars so that you can search high in the trees. Other flowers are pollinated by beetles, flies or other insects. Their blooms are often drab colored and sometimes carry a pungently unpleasant fragrance. Skunk cabbage, ginger and pawpaw flowers are good examples. Finally, look at flowers that have finished blooming and are busy making seeds. Try to guess how those seeds may be dispersed: carried by the wind, eaten by birds or animals, hitchhiking a ride or floating in a stream.



Taking time to notice the amazing complexity in nature is fun – and often awesome! So enjoy this beautiful time of the year and come back often to see what is happening in the plant world.

Fostering A Love of Nature: Tyler's Summer Camps

Search for bugs, complete an obstacle course, dig in the dirt, wade in the stream!

Exciting and fun, Tyler's summer camps are the perfect opportunity for kids to discover nature as they explore our unique and diverse ecosystems. Enthusiastic, highly qualified staff and low student teacher ratios encourage interactive learning through environmental and stewardship projects, games, crafts and hikes. *Campers are grouped according to age.*

CAMP PROGRAMS AND DATES

PROGRAMS FOR AGES 4 – 11

Crazy Critters	June 25 – 29
Survivor: Tyler	July 2 – 3 or July 5 – 6
Green Thumbers	July 9 – 13
Storybook Gardens	July 16 – 20
Bugology	July 23 – 27
Habitat Hunters	July 30 – August 3
Amphibi-kids	August 6 – 10
Art at the Arb	August 13 – 17 (7+ years only)

PROGRAMS FOR AGES 11 – 14

Outdoor Adventure	July 9 – 13
Creature Feature	July 16 – 20
Water Week	July 23 – 27
Woodland Walk-About	July 30 – August 3



CAMP HOURS

Ages 4 and 5: 9:00 – 11:30 am.
Ages 5 to 14: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

Visit www.tylerarboretum.org for complete details. Register early. Space is limited.

Summer Camp Open House • Sunday, March 11, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

If you would like to learn more about Tyler's Summer Camps, you are invited to attend our Open House. This is a great opportunity to meet Martha Moore, our camp director, tour our facilities, and learn about the various camp sessions. Parents and kids alike will have a chance to ask questions and feel comfortable about attending camp at the Arboretum. Attendees may also register for camp while they are here.

Pre-registration encouraged; contact Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134, ext. 215



Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Spring Programs and Events 2012

Special Events

Tyler Members-Only Event

Blue Bird Walk

Saturday, April 28, 10 am and 10:30 am

— Each walk is one hour in length —

Once as common as robins, by the 1960s blue birds were experiencing a near disastrous drop in population due in part to loss of habitat for raising their young. Providing nest boxes proved to be a successful solution and some of the first in



the area were installed at Tyler Arboretum in 1974. Each year more were added and we now

have over 40 boxes that are maintained and monitored by a group of dedicated volunteers. Over successive decades, generations of bluebirds have returned to Tyler to raise their young. Join **Suzanne Clauser** and other volunteers for a fascinating look at Tyler's bluebird program. You'll have the opportunity to learn all about these beautiful creatures and see the adults in their natural habitat. Attendees will receive instructions on how to make their own bluebird nesting box. *Please wear footwear suitable for walking; light refreshments will be served. Adults only. Pre-registration is required by Monday, April 23; space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 610-566-9134 x212. Rain or shine*

Spring Trails Day

Saturday, March 24; Rain date Sunday, March 25, 8:00 am- 12:00 pm

Help keep Tyler's trails safe and have fun in the process! No experience is necessary, just the willingness to help. Wear boots, long pants, long sleeves and bring eye protection and work gloves if you have them. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.

Pre-registration encouraged; contact **Melissa Hamblin, Volunteer Coordinator**, at 610-566-9134, ext 205

Delco Road Runners 10K Trail Race

Saturday, March 31, Registration 7:30 am, Race start: 9:00 am

The 19th annual Delco Road Runners 10K is presented by the Delaware County Road Runners Club, one of the oldest and best known running clubs in the Philadelphia region. Delco RRC is affiliated with the Road Runners Club of America and USATF. Runners of all speeds and abilities are welcome to test themselves against a fast and challenging course that runs through the heart of Tyler Arboretum in suburban Philadelphia. The course features many elevation changes and four shallow creek crossings.

NOTE: *Pets are not permitted on Arboretum property.*

For information and to register visit www.TylerTrailRun.com

Annual Plant Sale

Members' Preview: Friday, May 4, 11:00 am-7:00 pm

General Public Sale: Saturday, May 5, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Tyler's Annual Plant Sale offers gardeners a myriad of options and hard to find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals

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and herbs. This year's sale features butterfly attracting (host and nectar) plants and, as always, deer-resistant plants that deter deer from munching. *Admission to the Arboretum is free for the Saturday sale*

National Public Gardens Day

Friday, May 11, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

National Public Gardens Day is a national day of celebration to raise awareness of America's public gardens and their important role in promoting plants, environmental stewardship and awareness, and education in communities nationwide. Join Tyler in celebrating the importance of Public Gardens. Special programs include:

🌿 **Children's Activity Station**

🌿 **Tree House Scavenger Hunt**

🌿 **Bird and Pond Discovery Stations**

Admission free with Better Homes and Gardens coupon. Download at www.BHG.com; no pre-registration required

Wine & Gourmet Cupcake Pairing

Friday, May 18, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Discover complementary and contrasting flavor profiles of wines in this sampling from the local Brandywine Valley Wine Trail Vineyards (Black Walnut, Chaddsford, Paradocx, and Penns Wood) when paired with extraordinary gourmet mini-cupcakes from Cupcakes Gourmet of Malvern. Souvenir glass included.

Suitable for adults 21 and older only; pre-registration required; limited capacity; register by Monday, May 14; call the Visitor Center at 610-566-9134 x212; \$23 for members, \$28 for non-members

Gardening and Horticulture

Fundamentals of Garden Design

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Whether you are starting with a clean slate or need to bring coherence to an existing landscape, this workshop will give you the tools needed to create gardens that both function for your individual lifestyle and that you, your family and guests will enjoy spending time in. Tyler Gardener **Sam Keitch** holds a degree from Temple in Landscape Architecture. He will lead you through the processes of inventory and property analysis, determine your landscape needs and set the stage so that you can develop an overall plan.

Pre-registration is required; \$15 members, \$18 non-members

Lasagna Gardening

Sunday, March 18, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Forget digging and tilling! Master Gardener **Leslie Trimble** describes how to prepare a new garden or enlarge an existing one by layering organic materials, then allowing Mother Nature to do the rest. This earth-friendly, back-saving technique produces rich, hospitable garden soil, saves time and money, plus yields terrific crops.

Pre-registration is required; \$12 members, \$15 non-members

Vegetable Garden Planning

Saturday, April 28, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Home-grown veggies taste delicious and are also more economical and nutritious than those bought from the



store. Growing your own food is also a way to live more sustainably.

Whether you want to grow a few tomatoes or really go into production, this workshop will give you all the information you need to get a great start on your 2012 garden. Master Gardener and avid vegetable gardener **Leslie Trimble** will discuss location, soil preparation, seed starting, and plant selection and culture.

Pre-registration is required; \$12 members, \$15 non-members

Creating a Butterfly Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Butterflies add enchantment to our gardens and are also an indicator of an ecologically healthy landscape. Butterfly habitat is in decline but gardeners can make a difference by creating a landscape that provides the conditions that butterflies need to survive. Drawing from lessons gained from Tyler's popular Butterfly House, **Betsey Ney** will discuss how to choose and grow the best butterfly plants and other factors that will ensure success.

Pre-registration is required; \$12 members, \$15 non-members

Container Planting Workshop

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Lush container gardens bring color and flexibility to your outdoor spaces. On patios, decks, along paths or in the garden itself, containers create sophisticated wow-power with imaginative combinations of plants. **Barbara Stremple**, whose experience includes serving as a horticultural educator, writer and editor, will discuss different styles of container plantings, the best plants for containers, as well as tips to create and care for a variety of container gardens. Then the fun begins: you provide the container (5-gallon maximum size; make sure there are drainage holes) and we provide a selection of top-rated plants and guidance on planting.

Please indicate whether you wish to create a container for sun or shade when registering.

Pre-registration required; \$28 members, \$35 non-members

Planting Design Principles

Saturday, May 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Once the structure of a garden is established, it is time to start thinking plants. Too often our planting decisions are based on where we can squeeze in the latest beauty that we just bought at the garden center. Creating a plan first will help unify your gardens so that they function as a whole rather than a horticultural zoo. Gardener **Sam Keitch** will discuss texture, color and seasonal sequencing, as well as provide tips on where to purchase plants and how to keep them thriving.

Pre-registration is required; \$15 members, \$18 non-members

Botanical Arts

Hand-Painted Easter Eggs

Thursday, March 22, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Create one-of-a-kind treasures to give or keep. Participants can choose from several designs to paint on two ceramic eggs. Artist **Carol Gangemi** will provide guidance in using acrylic paint to create beautiful keepsakes.

All materials provided.

Pre-registration required; \$20 members, \$25 non-members

Garden Mosaic Workshop

Saturdays, April 14 and 21, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mosaic artist **Barbie Henig** returns to help you create beautiful mosaic art for your garden using pottery, pebbles and stained glass. Options include decorative rocks, a birdbath, stepping stone or flower pot. In the first class, she will show you how to break and attach the mosaic pieces to the base. In the second class, you will learn how to grout and complete your project. *A \$15 materials fee will be due to the instructor the first day of class. Bring latex gloves for gluing and grouting, and leather or heavy cotton gloves and goggles for use when breaking mosaic pieces.*

Pre-registration required; \$40 members, \$50 non-members

May Basket Flower Arranging Workshop

Sunday, April 29, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Celebrate May Day by creating a table-top May Day Basket to give to a friend or keep for yourself! **Barbara Stremple** will take you step-by-step through the process of creating a colorful arrangement using herbs and spring flowering plants, as well as cut materials. *All materials for the arrangement are provided; please bring pruners or shears.*

Pre-registration required; \$30 members, \$35 non-members

Hypertufa Planters

Sunday, May 6, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Create a faux stone garden planter from hypertufa – an artificial stone material that is made from Portland cement mixed with other materials. Once the mixture hardens, it looks like rough old stone, but is much lighter than solid cement and withstands harsh weather conditions. Over time moss and lichens will grow on your creation,

giving it an aged organic look. **Rebecca Boylan** and **Mary Tilger** have crafted many hypertufa creations and will guide you through the process of creating your own handcrafted planter. *All materials provided; wear old clothes and bring a pair of rubber kitchen gloves. Pre-registration required; \$35 members, \$40 non-members*

Mother's Day Flower Arrangement

Thursday, May 10, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Create the perfect Mother's day gift – either for your mom, or yourself! Educator **Emily Smith** will guide you in creating an arrangement that contains the essence of spring using cut material from the arboretum and readily available flowers. *Please bring pruners or shears. All materials included in fee.*

Pre-registration required; \$30 members, \$35 non-members

Spring Photo Foray

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ecologist and macro-photographer **Steve Tessler** will lead participants on a moderately-paced hike to several seasonally scenic locations at Tyler. After a brief introduction to each site and its natural charms, participants will have 30 to 40 minutes to take pictures, share tips or quietly commune with nature before moving on. *This program is suitable for adults only. Shoes suitable for uneven terrain and insect repellent are advised. Please bring a camera you are familiar with and a tripod, if you have one. Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

Natural Studies

Spring Bird Walks

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am

Join experienced birder **Tom Reeves** in search of the numerous spring migrants throughout the Arboretum. *Beginners and experts both welcome. Bring bird guides and binoculars. Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

Weekday Wildflower Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Spring explodes with wildflowers as woodland plants emerge from their winter slumber. Discover them with experts **Richard Brenner** and **Dick**

Cloud every Wednesday, and experience spring unfolding at Tyler.

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

Invasive Plant Removal Corps

Sundays, March 11, April 15, May 13, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Become a weed warrior and give Mother Nature a hand by helping to remove alien thugs from Tyler's woodlands and meadows. Meet **Dick Cloud** in the Visitor Center. *Wear appropriate work clothes, sturdy shoes or boots, and bring work gloves.*

No admission fee or pre-registration required

Sunday Wildflower Walks

Sundays, March 11, April 15, May 13 and 27, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Can't attend our Weekday Wildflower Walks? Join **Dick Cloud** for a Sunday afternoon walk in search of the numerous spring blooms in Tyler's woods and meadows.

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

Naturalist Walks

Thursdays, March 22, April 19, and May 17, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join Educator **Martha Moore** for seasonal walks focusing on the birds, animals and insects of spring.

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

Birding Trip: Middle Creek

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Join **Tom Reeves** for a trip to the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area: a mecca for wildlife and wildlife enthusiasts alike. The 400-acre shallow lake and 70 acres of potholes, ponds and dikes provide a rich marshy habitat for waterfowl. Thousands upon thousands of ducks, geese and swans drop-in during their spring migration, including tundra swans and snow geese. *Please bring a lunch, field guides and binoculars. Beverages, snacks and transportation will be provided.*

Pre-registration required; \$55 members, \$65 non-members

Critter Hunts for Grown-ups

Saturdays, March 10, April 14, and May 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join ecologist and naturalist **Steve Tessler** for a fun and informative nature walk for grown-ups. When you know where to look, there are lots of different creatures to be found

camouflaged, flying or skittering about, as well as beautiful fungi, lichens and moss. *Dress for cool morning weather and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.*

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

Historic Building Tours

Sundays, April 1 and May 6, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm

Come tour historic Lachford Hall and learn about the daily lives of the eight generations of family members who lived on Tyler's property for 150 years. The Painter Library contains the fascinating collection of 19th century scientific equipment and books assembled by the Painter Brothers, whose love of nature inspired the present-day Arboretum.

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

Wildflower Trip: Monocacy Hill

Tuesday, April 24, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join **Richard Brenner** and **Marlise Wise** for a visit to Monocacy Hill, part of a 428 acre natural area just outside of Douglasville, Pennsylvania. It features over five miles of maintained woodland trails that will allow you to view a very diverse flora with a great many wildflowers and ferns. Due to the committed work of supporters and volunteers, the area is relatively free of invasive plants, creating a great setting to enjoy our native blooms. *Bring lunch and comfortable walking shoes. Beverages, snacks and transportation will be provided.*

Pre-registration required; \$55 members, \$65 non-members

Birding Trip: Bombay Hook

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge lies on the Atlantic Coastal Plain along the western shore of Delaware Bay. Covering nearly 16,000 acres, it contains extensive tidal salt marsh and cordgrass meadows interrupted by winding rivers and creeks, as well as freshwater ponds and upland woods, fields and croplands. Enjoy a great day with tour leader **Tom Reeves**. *Please bring a lunch, field guides and binoculars; beverages, snacks and transportation will be provided.*

Pre-registration required; \$55 members, \$65 non-members

Wildflower Trip: Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve

Tuesday, May 1, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Join **Richard Brenner** and **Jado Foot** for a visit to one of the best natural wildflower preserves in the country during its peak bloom. We expect to see spectacular masses of white trillium and view large numbers of both the white and yellow forms of trout lily. Many other spring ephemerals including Dutchman's breeches, squirrel corn, bleeding heart, hepatica, rue anemone and bloodroot should abound. Jado will help us spot the avian inhabitants. On the way back we will stop for an ice cream splurge. *Bring a bag lunch. Beverages, snacks and transportation will be provided.*
Pre-registration required; \$55 members, \$65 non-members

Birding Trip: Cape May

Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17, departing at 7:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm

Expert birder **Tom Reeves** will lead this favorite trip to Cape May. You'll observe the many birds that stop along the shoreline of Reed's Beach to rest and to feed on the eggs of the spawning horseshoe crabs. This two-day trip includes transportation, lodging, breakfast, lunch on Thursday and a boat ride. *Wednesday dinner is Dutch-treat. Bring field guides, binoculars and a brown bag lunch for Wednesday.*
Pre-registration required; \$210 double or \$235 single for members, \$250 double or \$265 single for non-members

Health and Wellness

Full Moon Night Hike

Saturdays, March 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, and May 5, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Experiencing Tyler's natural areas after dark has a magic all its own, especially if lit by a full moon. Enjoy night sounds and watch for nocturnal creatures. There are lots of interesting things going on at night that you can't experience in the daytime. Guides **Dick Cloud** and **Rachel Ndeto** will share points of special interest and seasonal highlights while leading a pleasant hike that will

include moderate to steep trails. *This walk is for adults and teens. Please bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.*

Pre-registration is required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Trail Rambles

Sundays 1:15 – 3:00 pm

Join **Lois** and **Michael Brooks** for comfortably-paced walks on Tyler's trails that will get you out and moving, while enjoying the dynamic spring season in our woodlands and fields. *Wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.*

🦋 **Sunday, March 11** – The **Red Trail** is 3.1 miles and features two ascents.

🦋 **Sunday, April 15** – The **Orange and White Trails** feature moderate-to-steep hiking through meadows, woodlands and along Dismal Run.

🦋 **Sunday, May 13** – Ramble through the **Native Woodland Walk** before heading along the 2.5-mile Blue Trail, a shady delight as it passes along Rocky Run stream.

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

Youth Programs

Age 3

Teeny Tiny Trackers

Teeny Tiny Tracker programs include an outdoor walk and an indoor activity. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Happy Birthday

Monday, March 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Babies are everywhere this time of year! Celebrate spring and say Happy Birthday to pups, cubs and chicks!

Lenape Kids

Monday, March 26, 10:00 – 11:00 am



Experience the daily life of young Lenape who lived in our region over 1,000 years ago.

Discover what they wore and ate, the games they played, how they trained for hunting and where they lived.

Hippity Hoppity

Monday, April 2, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Bunnies abound this time of year. Hop like a rabbit, eat like a rabbit and hear a rabbit story.

Spring Colors

Monday, April 9, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Search for early spring flowers in the Arboretum, including crocuses, glory-of-the-snow and daffodils.

Move Like A Fox

Monday, April 16, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Some animals leap, some fly and some even slither. Learn how different animals move at Tyler.

Terrific Turtles

Monday, April 23, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The wetlands are warming up, and the turtles have returned. Learn about the turtles in your neighborhood, and meet aquatic creatures of all kinds as we explore the Arboretum wetland with nets and buckets.

Listening to Nature

Monday, April 30, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Children will explore Tyler Arboretum with their ears. Listen for wind blowing, leaves rustling or boots crunching.

Mighty Trees

Monday, May 7, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Even our biggest trees start from little seeds. Discover the life of a tree as we read *In a Nutshell* by Joseph Anthony and then visit some of Tyler's giant friends.

Painting with Flowers

Monday, May 14, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Yellow, purple, reds and greens paint Tyler a rainbow this time of year. Search for all the colors of the rainbow and paint your own picture with petals.

Ants!

Monday, May 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Don't squish that ant! All life is important – even the tiniest of creatures. Search the Arboretum for these tiny insects.

Ages 4 – 5

Tiny Trackers

Tiny Tracker programs include a lesson, an outdoor walk and a craft to take home. Adults are welcome to accompany children; fee is for the child only.

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Welcome Back

Thursday, March 15, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Join us as we go outside to welcome back the plants, animals and birds.

Frogs and Toads

Thursday, March 29, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Let's see what is hatching in our pond! Which are the frogs and which are the toads? What will happen next? Hop on by and find out.

Nature Investigator

Thursday, April 5, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

It's spring! Let's explore the great outdoors and find the many textures and colors of nature.

Early Bloomers

Thursday, April 12, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

We'll search for the first signs of spring as much of the garden starts to wake up.

Owl Puke

Thursday, April 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Owls puke – a lot! Search the Arboretum for some owl homes and keep an eye out for some puke. When you return, dissect your own owl pellet and learn what an owl had for lunch.

Earth Day Everyday

Thursday, April 26, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Take a ramble, as we say thank you to Mother Earth and learn to take care of her. Make a natural product to take home.

Lenape Kids

Thursday, May 3, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Throw darts through hoops, dress in deer skin and visit the wigwam. Learn to be a Lenape kid.

Wonderful Worms

Thursday, May 10, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Get your hands dirty while digging for worms. Explore the garden, the compost bin and a worm box to look for big worms, small worms or even a worm baby.

Buzzing Around the Arboretum

Thursday, May 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Did you know honeybees have five eyes? Where does a bee have its pockets? Join us for fascinating facts about bees and their friends, the flowers.

Getting Wet

Thursday, May 24, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Explore Rocky Run Stream and search for all the critters that call it home. Be prepared to get wet! Bring stream shoes or old sneakers and a change of clothes.

Dandy Dandelions

Thursday, May 31, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Dandelions, dandelions, everywhere! Search for dandelions in all stages of life, blow seeds and even taste some dandelion leaves.

Garden Sprouts

Designed to introduce kids to the world of plants and gardens, these programs include stories, crafts and hands-on fun with plants. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Raindrops and Rainbows

Tuesday, March 6, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Rain, rain come today...we are ready to learn and play! Rainy days are the perfect time to go on a rainbow hunt! Have fun learning about rainbows, spring rain and how plants use water to grow. We will have lots of fun – rain or shine!

Ready, Set, Grow!

Tuesday, March 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Do you know what seeds need to grow? We will learn how seeds grow, and look at seeds of all shapes, sizes and colors. Join us as we plant seeds in the garden and then plant our own seeds to take home.

Wiggly Worms

Tuesday, April 3, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Worms may squirm in your hand, but they have a very important job in the garden. We will read a worm story, explore where worms live, eat and sleep all while looking for worms in the garden.

Daffodil Fun

Tuesday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Spring has sprung and the garden is filled with chirping birds, green grass and tons of daffodils. We will learn what a daffodil needs to grow, explore the garden looking for signs of spring and make our own bouquet of daffodils to take home.

Explore Your Senses

Tuesday, April 17, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Have you ever noticed how plants can have a special smell? Or how flowers are colorful? We will go on a garden walk using all of our senses and then return to the classroom to make a scented surprise to take home.

Roots and Shoots

Tuesday, April 24, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

How do plants drink water? Do they always stand up straight? Come explore the role of roots and shoots on a fun garden walk and learn a new silly song.

Silly Salad

Tuesday, May 1, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Leaves, fruits, stems and roots. We eat plants every day. We will explore the garden and discover what food is growing and ready to eat. We will cook up a few yummy garden snacks and all the sprouts will plant their own salad to grow at home.

Twist and Grow

Tuesday, May 8, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Can plants twist? Learn how vines scramble on the ground and reach for the sky as we plant vegetable and flower climbers.

Plant Parade

Tuesday, May 15, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Now is the time to celebrate our plants! We have dug in the dirt, planted the seeds, watered, fed and even pulled some weeds. Flowers, vegetables and plants are such fun surprises in the garden. Learn all about our special plants while we read a plant story, take a close-up

look at our plants in the garden and go on a special plant parade.

Busy Bees

Tuesday, May 22, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Why are bees such good friends of the garden? Buzz into Tyler Arboretum and learn all about bees. We will read a bee story, dance like a bee and make a “bee-utiful” bee to take home.



Fruits and Vegetables

Tuesday, May 29, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Do you like to eat vegetables? Did you know that some vegetables are fruit? Explore the many types of fruits and vegetables and enjoy a taste-test.

Family Programs

Grab the kids and come have fun at Tyler. Interactive programs let kids and their grown-ups learn, create or explore nature and plants together. Fee is for both adults and children.

Natural Egg Dying

Sunday, April 1, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

In this hands-on class, kids and adults will color eggs with dyes

made from onions, beets, blueberries and other natural products and decorate them with silhouettes of leaves and flowers.

Participants will each color 5 eggs. Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Pre-registration required; \$8 members, \$10 non-members

Easter Flower Arrangement

Friday, April 6, 10:00 - 11:30 am

On this day off, kids and grown-ups will work together to create a special flower arrangement for the holiday table. Spring flowers and materials from the Arboretum will be used to create a perfect hostess gift or centerpiece for your table. *Suitable for ages 6 and up.*

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Going Green

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Celebrate Earth Day with Tyler and participate in planting in our vegetable garden. You will also be taking home

your own homemade herbal remedy. *Suitable for ages 6 and up.*

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Dynamic Dirt

Sunday, May 13, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Dig some dirt, mix up mud and decorate mud pies in our mud kitchen. Become a dirt detective and use a microscope to see up close what soil is made of. Meet the decomposers that help create great garden soil and experiment to discover what kind of soil grows garden plants best. *Suitable for ages 6 and up.*

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Family Twilight Hike

Saturday, May 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Hiking as darkness falls is a magical experience. We will learn about which animals and birds may be out at night and look to see if we can spot them. The night concludes with drinks and cookies. *Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. This program is suitable for children age 5 and older.*

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Mini-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 easy-going days are filled with discovery, games, crafts, hikes and projects so engaging the kids won't even know they're learning. Mini-camp hours are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Extended care is available for \$10 extra per day starting at 8:00 am and concluding at 5:00 pm. Camp is for children 6 - 9 years old. Pre-registration required; \$50 members, \$55 non-members

Eco-Explorers

Wednesday April 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

There's a lot going on out there in the spring - join our naturalist-led team of sleuths to discover nests and burrows, bugs and worms, and tracks and scat.

Birds, Foxes and Deer - Oh My!

Thursday April 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lots of animals are active this time of year. Use your imagination and jump like a deer, chip like a bird and hide like a fox.

Super Seedlings

Monday, May 28, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Campers will dig, plant, water, weed and play in the garden. Working together, they'll create a garden, practice seed dissection and become true gardeners!

Don't Miss

Nature Explorers Summer Camps

Registration for Tyler's summer camps is underway. Campers will have loads of fun exploring our woodlands, meadows and streams while experiencing nature first-hand. Weeklong camps run June 25 - August 17. Details at www.tylerarboretum.org or 610-566-9134, ext 215.

Never attended Tyler's summer camps? Come to our **Camp Open House** on Sunday, March 11 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Scout and Youth Group Programs

Tyler Arboretum has year-round programming for Girl and Boy Scouts that fulfill badge requirements. Details at www.tylerarboretum.org or 610-566-9134, ext 202.



Tyler

Spring 2012

Calendar of Programs & Events

Tyler Arboretum Spring Programs and Events

Spring Bird Walks: Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am
Weekday Wildflower Walks: Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

March

- Thurs. Mar. 1** Volunteer Open House
- Tues. Mar. 6** Birding Trip: Middle Creek
- Tues. Mar. 6** *Garden Sprouts:* Raindrops & Rainbows
- Sat. Mar. 10** Fundamentals of Garden Design
- Sat. Mar. 10** Critter Hunt for Grown-ups
- Sat. Mar. 10** Full Moon Night Hike
- Sun. Mar. 11** **Summer Camp Open House**
- Sun. Mar. 11** Trail Ramble: Red Trail
- Sun. Mar. 11** Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. Mar. 11** Sunday Wildflower Walks
- Mon. Mar. 12** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Happy Birthday
- Tues. Mar. 13** Volunteer School Program Guide Training
- Thurs. Mar. 15** *Tiny Trackers:* Welcome Back
- Sun. Mar. 18** Lasagna Gardening
- Tues. Mar. 20** Volunteer School Program Guide Training
- Tues. Mar. 20** *Garden Sprouts:* Ready, Set, Grow!
- Thurs. Mar. 22** Hand-Painted Easter Eggs
- Thurs. Mar. 22** Naturalist Walks
- Sat. Mar. 24** **Spring Trails Day**
- Sun. Mar. 25** Rain Date – Spring Trails Day
- Mon. Mar. 26** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Lenape Kids
- Tues. Mar. 27** Volunteer School Program Guide Training
- Thurs. Mar. 29** *Tiny Trackers:* Frogs & Toads
- Sat. Mar. 31** Delco Road Runners 10K Trail Race

April

- Sun. Apr. 1** Historic Building Tours
- Sun. Apr. 1** *Family Programs:* Natural Egg Dying
- Mon. Apr. 2** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Hippity Hoppity
- Tues. Apr. 3** *Garden Sprouts:* Wiggly Worms
- Wed. Apr. 4** *Mini-Camp:* Eco-Explorers
- Thurs. Apr. 5** *Mini-Camp:* Birds, Foxes and Deer – Oh My!
- Thurs. Apr. 5** *Tiny Trackers:* Nature Investigator
- Fri. Apr. 6** *Family Programs:* Easter Flower Arrangement
- Mon. Apr. 9** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Spring Colors
- Tues. Apr. 10** *Garden Sprouts:* Daffodil Fun

- Thurs. Apr. 12** *Tiny Trackers:* Early Bloomers
- Sat. Apr. 14** **Totally Terrific Treehouses Opening Day**
- Sat. Apr. 14** Garden Mosaic Workshop
- Sat. Apr. 14** Critter Hunts for Grown-ups
- Sun. Apr. 15** Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. Apr. 15** Trail Ramble – Orange & White Trails
- Sun. Apr. 15** Sunday Wildflower Walk
- Mon. Apr. 16** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Move Like A Fox
- Tues. Apr. 17** *Garden Sprouts:* Explore Your Senses
- Thurs. Apr. 19** *Tiny Trackers:* Owl Puke
- Thurs. Apr. 19** Naturalist Walks
- Sat. Apr. 21** Garden Mosaic Workshop
- Sat. Apr. 21** *Family Programs:* Going Green
- Mon. Apr. 23** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Terrific Turtles
- Tues. Apr. 24** *Garden Sprouts:* Roots and Shoots
- Tues. Apr. 24** *Wildflower Trip:* Monacacy Hill
- Thurs. Apr. 26** *Tiny Trackers:* Earth Day Everyday
- Thurs. Apr. 26** *Birding Trip:* Bombay Hook
- Sat. Apr. 28** **Blue Bird Walk: Members Only**
- Sat. Apr. 28** Vegetable Garden Planning
- Sun. Apr. 29** May Basket Flower Arranging Workshop
- Mon. Apr. 30** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Listening to Nature

May

- Tues. May 1** *Garden Sprouts:* Silly Salad
- Tues. May 1** Wildflower Trip: Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve
- Wed. May 2** Creating a Butterfly Sanctuary
- Thurs. May 3** *Tiny Trackers:* Lenape Kids
- Fri. May 4** **Annual Plant Sale – Members Only**
- Sat. May 5** **Annual Plant Sale – General Public**
- Sat. May 5** Full Moon Night Hike
- Sun. May 6** Historic Building Tours
- Sun. May 6** Hypertufa Planters
- Mon. May 7** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Mighty Trees
- Tues. May 8** *Garden Sprouts:* Twist and Grow
- Thurs. May 10** *Tiny Trackers:* Wonderful Worms

- Thurs. May 10** Mother's Day Flower Arrangement
- Fri. May 11** **National Public Gardens Day – Free Day with BHG.com coupon**
- Sat. May 12** Critter Hunts for Grown-ups
- Sun. May 13** *Family Programs:* Dynamic Dirt
- Sun. May 13** Trail Ramble – Native Woodland Walk & Blue Trail
- Sun. May 13** Sunday Wildflower Walks
- Sun. May 13** Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Mon. May 14** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Painting with Flowers
- Tues. May 15** *Garden Sprouts:* Plant Parade
- Wed. May 16** Container Planting Workshop
- Wed. May 16** Birding Trip: Cape May
- Thurs. May 17** *Tiny Trackers:* Buzzing Around the Arboretum
- Thurs. May 17** *Birding Trip:* Cape May
- Thurs. May 17** Naturalist Walks
- Fri. May 18** **Wine & Cupcake Tasting Event**
- Sat. May 19** Spring Photo Foray
- Sat. May 19** Planting Design Principles
- Sat. May 19** *Family Programs:* Family Twilight Hike
- Mon. May 21** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Ants!
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SAVE THE DATE

Tyler at Twilight Auction
Thursday, June 14 • 6 pm-10 pm

To receive an invitation, please email
 rbarrella@tylerarboretum.org
 or call 6140-566-9134 x 210

Join our Email List

If you haven't been receiving our monthly e-newsletter and other timely email updates, sign up by visiting www.tylerarboretum.org/member-email.htm

Go green with Tyler! You can also use the online sign-up form to choose email delivery for the Tyler Topics newsletter. This new service will likely begin with the Summer 2012 issue.

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Program Registration

Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated. A full refund will be given if the Arboretum must cancel or reschedule a program due to inadequate enrollment, instructor illness or inclement weather. We will make every reasonable attempt to notify you by telephone if a program is cancelled.

A \$3.00 administrative fee will be charged for any cancellation you initiate. A full refund, less the administrative fee, will be given with a minimum notice of two weeks. A 50% refund will be given with a minimum notice of one week. NO REFUNDS will be given with less than one week's notice.

There are four ways to register: (1) Mail: Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Road, Media, PA 19063-4424 (3) Fax: (610) 891-1490, Attn: Registrar
(2) Phone: (610)566-9134, x215 (4) Email: jlandau@tylerarboretum.org

Name (adult/caregiver for children under 18) Member: Individual Household/Steward Non-member

Name of Child (for children's programs) Child's Date of Birth

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Method of payment: VISA MasterCard Check (Please make checks payable to Tyler Arboretum)

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Totally Terrific
TREEHOUSES
at Tyler Arboretum

~ Totally Terrific Treehouses ~ They're back!

Don't miss their return on Saturday, April 14th!

Thousands of children and their grown-ups have had a blast climbing, exploring and imagining in these totally terrific creations. Thanks to our fabulous exhibitors who designed and constructed such well-built structures, we are able to bring them back again for your enjoyment. Come visit your favorites and join us in celebration of the wonder of trees.

MEET LEARN ENJOY HELP LEND-A-HAND

Come and meet new friends, learn new things, have fun and help a great organization. To sign up or for more information, contact Melissa Hamblin, Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-566-9134, ext. 205.

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE – Come enjoy a cup of coffee and meet key Tyler staff members to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. *When: Thursday, March 1, 10:00 – 11:30 am.*

SCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDES – Help bring science and nature to life for regional school children by leading field trip programs. Training provided. *When: Weekdays, mostly mornings. Training provided on Tuesdays, March 13, 20 and 27.*

SPRING TRAILS DAY – Spend a great morning with fun people and help maintain Tyler's trails and natural areas. Work with other volunteers to clear brush, invasive plants, and control erosion. *When: Saturday, March 24, 8:00 am – noon (inclement weather date: Sunday, March 25)*

ANNUAL PLANT SALE – Volunteers are needed to help prepare plants prior to the sale and on sale days with customer service and check-out. *When: Prepping help is tentatively needed April 26, and May 1-4; Sale dates are Friday, May 4 (Members' Only Day) and Saturday, May 5 (Public Day)*

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL CORPS – Join Dick Cloud's crew to help remove invasive plants from our meadows

and woodlands so that our wildflowers and native plants can survive. *When: Sundays, March 11, April 15, May 13, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm*

HORTICULTURE GROUP – Be part of our dedicated and fun-loving volunteers and assist with plant and grounds maintenance as well as event preparations. *When: Tuesday and Wednesdays, 8 am - noon*

AMERICAN CHESTNUT NURSERY TENDERS – Assist with pollination and fruit harvest, as well as maintaining the tree nursery, part of the breeding program for the American Chestnut Foundation. *When: Thursdays, 8 am – noon*

RHODODENDRON GARDEN ASSISTANTS – Assist with the continuing renovation and renewal of the Wister Rhododendron Garden. Work with the Gardener to prune, plant, mulch and care for our 1,300 rhododendrons and azaleas. *When: Starting in April; days and times to be determined.*

VEGETABLE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN ASSISTANTS – Help tend our ¼ acre educational garden and assist with bed preparation, planting, mulching,



weeding, thinning, watering, composting, harvesting and delivering produce to Media Food Bank.

When: Starting in April; days and times to be determined

EXHIBITION ASSISTANTS – Volunteers are needed to help create and/or maintain our summer exhibitions.

If you have craft, sewing, art or wood-working skills, we need you! Enjoy working with others while indulging your artistic or creative talents. *When: Mutually agreeable scheduling*

SUMMER CAMP ASSISTANT – Work with our education team helping campers with games, hikes, crafts and projects. Must be 15 years or older. *When: Weekdays in one-week increments June 25 – August 17*

DEVELOPMENT &

Grants & Special Gifts

Gifts Received September 1- November 30, 2011

\$25,000--Alexander & Nancy Ewing

Members since 1993 and President's Guild leadership donors since 2001, Alex and Nancy Ewing generously contributed \$25,000 to Tyler Arboretum as a matching grant to challenge others to join them with their own special gift. This gift honors the generations of a Quaker family who surrounded their home with rare plants and trees, leaving it for future generations to enjoy.

\$16,800 – Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust Wister Rhododendron Garden Restoration Project

Tyler Arboretum is grateful for the recent grant award of \$16,800 from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust to support the Rhododendron Collection Restoration Project. These funds will allow for a comprehensive, detailed planting plan/design, as well as support to begin restoring a 1-acre section of the Wister Rhododendron Garden. The Wister Rhododendron Collection has undergone significant restoration in the past several years – in part through past support from the Trust – and the proposed plantings and site enhancements represent one of the final stages in the restoration of Tyler's most significant living assets.



\$10,000--Boeing Company

Tyler Arboretum received a \$10,000 grant from Boeing for general operating support of the environmental education programs for youth.

\$10,000--ConocoPhillips Company

Tyler Arboretum received a \$10,000 grant from ConocoPhillips Company for general operating support of the environmental education programs for youth.



While our plant collections may be dormant, the Board of Trustees is anything but. Our meetings and planning happen year round. We take our responsibility as the current stewards of this historic property very seriously. We are aware that the torch has been passed to us, and that we are only temporary caretakers of this valuable community asset.

It's the Cycle of Life

A message from Jeffrey Cadorette, President, Tyler Arboretum Board of Trustees

When you receive this newsletter many of the living and growing plants, shrubs and trees at Tyler Arboretum will be in a relatively dormant state waiting again for the warm sun of spring and longer days that will cause them to reawaken from a winter's rest. While Tyler has much to offer in any season, the annual renewal and rebirth of spring brings to our 650 acres a unique beauty and a kaleidoscope of color. It is the cycle of life.

Much of our responsibility revolves around insuring that this property will be here 50, 100 and even 150 years from now so that our children and their children can enjoy it as we do today.

The Board has a cycle also and this March, I will complete a three-year term as the President of the Board of Trustees. Even as President, I am only a single member serving with a group of very dedicated men and women.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with each of them and I thank them for the time and energy they devote to Tyler. They take their commitment very seriously.

There is a collective effort that is necessary to maintain Tyler Arboretum and to be sure it is positioned well for the future. The Board is a part of that. The staff is a part of that. And you....you are a vital part of that....our many members, volunteers and donors. **You.**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for all that you do. We couldn't exist without you. Know that you are appreciated. We stand on the shoulders of generations of folks who have come before us who have valued the ground that is Tyler Arboretum. Generations from now, folks will look back at this time and be grateful to YOU. We're grateful to you right now.

ADVANCEMENT

Many Thanks to our Generous Friends, Sponsors and Donors

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\$25,000 and above

Alexander & Nancy Ewing

\$10,000-19,999

Boeing Company

ConocoPhillips Company

Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust

\$5,000-\$9,999

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Betsy Schumacker

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Circle of Friends

New and renewing Circle of Friends Members, September 1 – November 30, 2011

Circle of Friends are members who contribute at a higher level, providing essential support to the sustainability and conservation of Tyler's 650 acres of open space, diverse ecosystems and historic collections.

Kathleen S. Adamson

Mac. F. Given

Aralisha & Rob Newbold

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mitchell

Stewards

New and renewing Steward Members (\$150), September 1 – November 30, 2011

Our newest membership level, **Steward**, offers a chance for nature and art lovers to show their support for the Arboretum and contribute to the preservation of its legacy. Contributors at the Steward level (\$150) and above receive privileges through the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) program, gaining access to hundreds of museums around the country.

Ms. Carrie Barcomb

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Jonathan & Melissa Graf-Evans

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Richard & Mary Murray

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Christopher D. Unsworth

If you would like information about upgrading your membership and becoming a Circle of Friends or Steward Member, please contact Jill Liebling, Development Manager, at 610-566-9134 x267.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

— *New Date* —



Please note that the dates of our annual Plant Sale have been moved back a week. This allows us to offer a wider array of plants and the extra time ensures that they are in prime condition for planting. See Programs section for details.

SAVE THE DATES

Members' Preview

Friday, May 4, 11:00 am-7:00 pm

General Public Sale

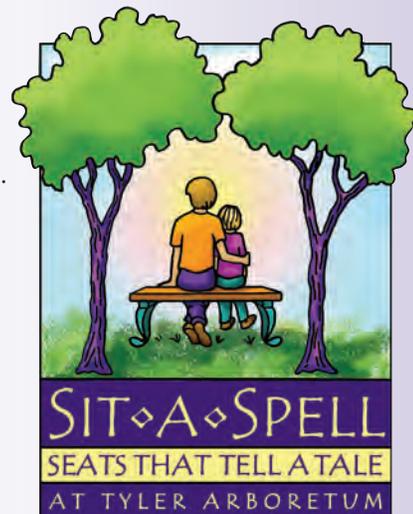
Saturday May 5, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

COMING THIS SUMMER!

SIT♦A♦SPELL: SEATS THAT TELL A TALE

This summer Tyler will be hosting a delightful new collaborative community exhibit that will encourage you to experience the Arboretum in a whole new way. **SIT♦A♦SPELL, SEATS THAT TELL A TALE** will feature one-of-a-kind chairs, rockers, benches, gliders and other furniture created by local artisans, community groups, schools and companies especially for Tyler.

Designed for visitors of all ages, the exhibit will delight in both expected and unexpected ways to celebrate nature and enjoy the outdoors. Kids and their families will have great fun finding and trying out seats in the Storybook category. Nursery rhymes, fairy tales and classic or modern children's books provide an endless source of inspiration for exhibitors. Adults will also enjoy discovering creative versions of outdoor seating. Exhibits ranging from rustic to modern to whimsical will offer a unique take on the simple idea of having a place to sit and enjoy the garden.



Of course seats are meant for sitting. So whether you are in the mood to find a spot for quiet reflection or a bench to spend time with friends and family, we invite you to stop by this summer and **SIT♦A♦SPELL**. The exhibition will open May 26.

TYLER ARBORETUM MISSION: To preserve, develop and share our diverse horticultural, historic and natural site resources in order to stimulate stewardship and understanding of our living world.

Hours

Oct. 31 – Mar. 4, 2012
Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm
Sat & Sun 9am – 5pm

Mar. 5 – May 13
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
Sat & Sun 9am – 6pm

May 14 – July 29
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
Sat & Sun 9am – 7pm

Information: 610-566-9134 • www.tylerarboretum.org

Admission

Adults \$9
Seniors (65 and up) \$8
Youths (Ages 3-15) \$5
Children under Age 3 Free