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There has never been a more important time to GO OUTSIDE and celebrate the vibrancy of Tyler's beautiful landscapes. It is thanks to our thousands of

members, volunteers and donors that we are able to preserve and protect this valuable open space. Growing research supports what many of us already know: nature increases our mental and physical well-being. The Japanese have coined the concept of *Forest Bathing*, which is proven to lower heart rate and blood pressure, reduce stress, and improve feelings of well-being. Trees produce various essential oils that not only protect them from disease and insects, but can actually boost the human immune system. So put on your walking shoes, go out to the woods, and breathe deeply.

2017 is the 200th birthday of Henry David Thoreau, who not only advocated the health benefits of nature, but considered it the cure for society's ills. In this time of political uncertainty, it is up to each of us to be more proactive than ever, in advocating for Tyler, and our precious natural resources, to share our message of stewardship and celebrate our successes with our public representatives and each other.

We have much to celebrate. Tyler offers something new to see and do every day, with great education programs, gardens bursting with luscious bloom, and a truly exciting summer of new ways to experience Tyler. In May our goats arrive to continue their work in the meadows, thanks to a successful GoFundMe campaign, and a generous gift from an anonymous donor. **Starting the third week of June, we will be open until 8pm EVERY Tuesday evening through Labor Day, with fun activities planned for you and your family.**

The much awaited Big Bugs exhibit opens in June for a three month engagement through August 29. Please join us for the Members' Preview Friday, June 2 from 5 – 8pm. You will be able to meet artist David Rogers, the creative force behind the Bugs, and be the first to experience this parade of giant insects located on our Scenic Loop. We have a summer of buggy fun planned, that will entertain, delight, inform and awe. Big Bugs opens to the public on June 3.

So GO OUTSIDE and let Tyler reveal the marvel of nature to you, in new ways, every day. Have fun!

Welcome Heather Saunders New President, Board of Trustees



Please join us in thanking outgoing Board President, Shipley Allinson, for the amazing work he has done for Tyler over the

last nine years, having served as interim director, managed our Barn renovation, designed our beautiful new Painter Barn and Bird Garden, and so much more. Shipley will stay on the Board and pursue his passion

for plants and gardens as Chair of the Horticulture Committee.

And welcome Heather Saunders, our new Board President. Since Heather joined the Board in 2015, she has been an absolute dynamo, immersing herself in all things Tyler. Heather is a lifelong nature lover who shares our passion for growing. She is helping us think strategically about our goals for improving the Tyler experience, leveraging her years of experience as a market and financial analyst. Heather has sought out every

avenue to experience Tyler fully, as a runner, a hiker, an active member of our new Docent program, Twilight auction committee member, and ambassador for Tyler on all fronts. It is impossible to measure all the ways in which Heather has already made an impact on Tyler.

Heather and her husband (and fellow Board member) Eric Chapman live in Swarthmore with their four teenage children. We look forward to the fresh ideas, and great enthusiasm Heather will bring to Tyler over the next two years in her role as Board President.

Dismal Run – Tyler Arboretum’s Ideal Stream

By Stanley Kemp, Ph.D., University of Baltimore

Tyler Arboretum is primarily known for beautiful gardens and plantings, historic trees, and rare ecological areas such as Pink Hill. One other natural gem is Dismal Run, a small stream that runs through the southern part of the Arboretum. It is in outstanding ecological health, mainly due to the quality of the lands that drain into the stream. The Dismal Run watershed is almost entirely forested, with a large part of that protected by the Arboretum. Its condition is probably close to that of streams prior to disturbances, including deforestation, settlement and agriculture. Dismal Run is an invaluable stream to compare to the many streams that are degraded in the area and need restoration.

Since last year, my colleagues at Villanova University and I have been working with Tyler staff to learn about Dismal Run as part of a study, funded through the Delaware River Watershed Initiative (William Penn Foundation). The purpose of this study is to measure the benefits modern stormwater control methods have on the ecology of small streams like Dismal Run. This means monitoring physical and chemical conditions, and determining what species (mostly fish and invertebrates) use Dismal Run as habitat. Information like this is very important when we are designing effective watershed protection and restoration strategies.

We are comparing Dismal Run with another stream called Chrome Run, less than a mile away. Most of the Chrome Run watershed above Route 1 was formerly the Granite Run Mall. About 60 acres of parking lots and roofs, drained into Chrome Run whenever it rained. This area is



American eels are abundant in streams with high-quality water such as Dismal Run.

being redeveloped, and any new construction has to conform with modern standards for stormwater management. Where in the past stormwater runoff was delivered to streams like Chrome Run as quickly as possible, now most runoff is to be held in areas such as stormwater detention basins, to soak into the soil or evaporate.

It is always exciting to sample organisms from streams that are in good health. There are many possibilities of finding organisms that have been otherwise wiped off the urban landscape. We found six species of fish in Dismal Run, including American eel, cutlips minnow, and brown trout.

The trout were clearly born in Dismal Run, as indicated by their coloration, fins, and size. This is significant. This means the stream remains below a particular temperature even in summer, which brown trout need to survive. In Delaware County this only happens where watersheds are forested, have good water quality, and receive minimal amounts of runoff from roads. It is a real rarity to

have all of these factors in play so close to an urban area! The American eel reaches surprisingly large sizes in streams like Dismal Run and is migratory. Eels live in freshwater streams for 5-7 years or longer and eventually make a run out to the ocean, spawning somewhere near Bermuda. The tiny larvae make their way back into freshwater streams like Dismal Run. To me, it is an astonishing fact that fish living in our tiny streams were born 1,000 miles away and will eventually make the return journey there! I did not expect to find cutlips minnow in a stream as small as Dismal Run.

This rather large minnow has an oddly shaped lower jaw which it uses to dislodge prey from rocks. The other name for this species is eyepicker, as it has been known to remove the eyes of other fish with this apparatus when placed in an aquarium or bait bucket.

Invertebrates were diverse in Dismal Run and there were many species sensitive to disturbance, such as several species of stonefly and caddis fly. While there is some overlap between invertebrate communities between Dismal Run and Chrome Run, many of the sensitive species are missing from Chrome Run. We will know that watershed restoration efforts in streams like Chrome Run are working when and if these sensitive species begin to return. Biological communities that are diverse better reflect the deep evolutionary time which have shaped relationships between species. Having so many species in Dismal Run is a sure indicator of the health and value of this stream in the urbanized Delaware River watershed.

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Tyler Arboretum: Big Bugs

David Rogers' Big Bugs June 3 – August 29

They're BIG, they're BUGGY, and they're HERE at Tyler Arboretum for the summer!

Be awed and inspired by artist David Rogers' Big Bugs, 10 gigantic insect sculptures on parade through the Arboretum. Made from natural materials, they remind us in a big way, of the vital role insects play in the environment. So bring your friends and family, and explore the Arboretum as you track down these oversized inhabitants of the natural world.

Opening Weekend

Members' Preview

Friday, June 2, 5 – 8pm

Pack a picnic, hop in the car, and come to Tyler for a special evening reserved exclusively for members! Get up close and personal with Big Bugs before it opens to the public. Meet David Rogers, the artist who created the giants. And enjoy a few members-only surprises too! *FREE, for members only. Pre-registration required; register online or call 610-566-9134, ext 209.*



Public Opening

Saturday, June 3, 9am – 6pm

Delight with our Big Bugs docent led tours, hourly, 11am – 2pm, check out the Education Stations at every bug, grab a kids "Passport to the Bugs," and enjoy a range of children's crafts.

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Guided Tours

Learn about the unique adaptations that have made insects so successful.

Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, Big Bugs

Fridays and Saturdays, June 3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30; July 1, 7/8, and 14/15, 11am and 1pm

Discover which insect species are the garden engineers and learn which species roamed the Earth 400 million years ago. Did you know that in the world of bugs, attracting a mate depends on being heard? And that spitting is a form of protection!

Plants, Pollinators, Predator and Prey

Fridays and Saturdays, July 21/22, 28/29; August 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26, 11am and 1pm

Relationships occur in nature whether as predator and prey, survival partners, or seed dispersers. On this tour you will identify the signs of co-evolution. Which plant needs only the wind to help its seeds miles away? Which plant attracts ants to carry its seeds? And much more.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

ALL gates will lock at closing every day during Big Bugs. If you are visiting the Arboretum outside the fence, please be back inside the fence before closing. Please make sure your car is out of the parking lot by closing.

CLOSING TIMES:

Weekdays: 5pm • Weekends: 6pm • Tuesdays, June 20 – August 29: 8pm

Tyler Arboretum: Big Bugs

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Big Bugs Picnic with the Ants

Tuesday, July 11, (Rain date July 25) 5 – 8pm

Bring your picnic basket, a blanket, and the family! Enjoy an evening with David Rogers' Big Ants by the Arboretum's Giant Sequoia. Take advantage of our extended hours and enjoy strolling entertainment from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

FREE with regular admission, no pre-registration required.

Big Bugs Movie Night

Tuesday, August 1, 6 – 8pm, Barn Loft

Bring a blanket and pillow for the kids and enjoy Disney's **James and the Giant Peach** based on Roald Dahl's novel. Tyler will provide popcorn and lemonade for the kids. Parents BYOB and enjoy a social evening in our Barn Loft Mezzanine.

\$3 admission. Pre-registration recommended.

Big Bugs Bugs and Butterflies

Sunday, August 27, 10am – 2pm

Don't miss the final weekend to enjoy our Big Bugs exhibit. Watch our monarch tagging demonstrations and stop by the Academy of Natural Sciences' Amazing Arthropods Touch Table to see or hold your favorite crawly friends. Get the buzz about honey at **Pieter's Apiary** with his demonstration beehive.

FREE with regular admission, no pre-registration required; rain or shine.



Decorating with Asian Green Jewel Beetles

Sunday, August 20, 11am – 2pm, Lachford Porch

Come and see members of the **Union Patriotic League** as they demonstrate the ancient decorative craft of

using the Asian green jewel beetle (*Sternocera sp.*) and making



small decorative insects from wire and beads. These activities reflect the intense interest the Victorians had in the natural world around them.

FREE with regular admission. Rain or shine.



Meet Entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy

Making Insects: A guide to restoring the little things that run the world

Sunday, July 23, 3 – 5pm

How do we build landscapes that support the pollinators, herbivores, detritivores, predators and parasitoids that run the ecosystems we depend on?



Insect populations have declined 45% globally since 1974. Did you know that a world without insects is a world without humans! Professor and Chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of "Bringing Nature Home," **Dr. Doug Tallamy** will remind us of the many essential roles insects play, and describe the simple changes we must make in our landscapes and our attitudes to keep insects on the ground, in the air and yes, on our plants! Meet Dr. Tallamy for light refreshments after the talk.

\$45 members, \$60 non-members

Big Bugs Programs for Adults, Youth, and Families

Here is a list of bug-related programs. Full program description, date, time, and cost are on the page listed.

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Adult Programs

Tyler Travels

NEW!

Summer Birding Hike in the Poconos

Tuesday, June 13, 7am – 5pm

Join birders and guides, **Sue Lucas** and **John Mercer**, for this exciting day trip to bird in the Poconos. Penn Forest in Carbon County and surrounding areas provide excellent habitat for birds, and varied terrain (woods, fields, hills, streams and lakes) are sure to please birders and hikers alike. *Transportation, snacks, and water provided. Bring binoculars, good hiking boots, a small backpack, a bag lunch and extra water on this active trip. Dress for the weather.*

\$60 members, \$75 non-members

Sculpture Tour: Seward Johnson Atelier and Grounds for Sculpture

Wednesday, August 16, 8am – 5pm

Join Executive Director, **Cricket Brien**, for a day trip to visit two renowned institutions for large scale outdoor sculpture – The Seward Johnson Atelier and Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey. We will start the morning with a tour of the Atelier, where Seward Johnson's large scale sculptures are made. Get an up-close look at the process of making large scale molds and casts of these life-like artworks. Then move across the street to Grounds for Sculpture, for lunch in the café, and a docent led Sculpture and Horticulture tour that will take us through the extensive exhibit of large scale outdoor sculpture by the world's most prominent artists. At the end of the tour, enjoy an additional hour and a half to wander the beautiful grounds. *This trip includes transportation, lunch, tour fees, and refreshments on the ride home.*

\$125 members, \$150 non-members



Gardening and Horticulture

National Trails Day – All American Hike

Saturday, June 3, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Celebrate National Trails Day with an All American Hike on our red, white and blue blazed trails! Join **Jim Flandreau**, Board of Trustees member and avid hiker, for an exciting day of hiking on the Painter (red), Minshall (white) and Rocky Run Trails (blue) trails along watersheds, wildflower meadows and woods. *Hiking shoes/boots are a must. Bring a bag lunch, snacks and water. Sunscreen, hats and bug repellent are highly encouraged.* \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Create a Sustainable Garden in Your Own Backyard

Saturday, June 17, 10 – 11:30am

Learn how to grow a beautiful garden where people, plants, and wildlife thrive together with local garden coach and designer, **Marcia Tate**. A sustainable garden maximizes

environmental and health benefits for you, your family, and the planet. You will learn about the importance of clean air, water management, soil health, composting, providing habitat using native plants, and much more. Discover simple, take-home tips that will save you money and create a healthy haven.

\$30 members, \$40 non-members

Mornings in the Fragrant Garden

Wednesday, July 12 and August 16, 10 – 11:30am

Throughout the summer, members of The Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America tend Tyler's luscious Fragrant Garden. Drop in on these dates for a sensory experience and demonstration as they share their gardening knowledge and answer questions about growing and using herbs. Take home samples from the garden.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Woody Plant Conference

Friday, July 21, 8:30am – 4:30pm

This one-day conference is a must for anyone who loves trees and shrubs.

This year's speakers include **Konstantin Dimopoulos**, **Nate Erwin**, **Tim Boland**, **Shari Edelson**, **Mike Strengari**, **Tom Smarr**, and **Peter Del Tredici**. Tyler Arboretum is co-sponsor with Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. The conference is held at Swarthmore College and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

For more information, visit woodyplantconference.org.

Wine Exploration

Thursday, July 27, 6 – 8pm

Spend an evening al fresco while enjoying seasonal hors d'oeuvres and sampling wines selected by **Joseph Buchter** from LVDH Vignobles. An avid wine collector and educator, Buchter will guide participants through each wine and food pairing. *Suitable for adults 21 and older.*

\$30 members, \$40 non-members.

Pre-registration required; online registration is available or call 610-566-9134 ext. 303. Limited capacity, first come, first served; rain or shine.

Adult Programs

Botanical Arts

Photo Walk: Round Top Ruins

Saturday, June 24, 3 – 6pm

Venture back in time to the Round Top Manor House history on this photo walk with **Chris Lawler**. Built in the early 1700s, this was the first house constructed on what would become Tyler Arboretum. Today, as a ruin, it offers stunning photographic opportunities. We'll learn about the history of Round Top and stop at other significant locations along the way, including the site of the Middle Farm complex, and Indian Rock. *This is a 2-mile walk. Please wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain. Open to all levels of photographers and all types of cameras.*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members



The Cut Flower Garden Workshop with Chicory Florals

Thursdays, August 17 & 24, 6 – 8pm

Learn the aesthetics and creative process of floral arrangement from **Andrew Olson** and **Erica Maust** of Chicory Florals.

Workshop One: Andrew and Erica introduce small scale flower farming and discuss everything they've learned about growing and harvesting flowers.

Workshop Two: Get hands-on with the best of the season, all grown in **Chicory Florals** garden in Philadelphia. Learn the secrets of creating loose, organic floral designs, how to select colors, and how to create a floral arrangement to take home.

\$80 members, \$105 non-members

For part one only, \$50 members, \$65 non-members

For part two only, \$65 members, \$80 non-members

Workshop cost includes all materials and tools, light snacks, and drinks.

Nature Walks

FREE for members; FREE with admission; No pre-registration required

Summer Bird Walks

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15am

With acres of unbroken forest interior and extensive meadows, Tyler is recognized by the Pennsylvania Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area. Join Tyler's experienced birders in a search for summer residents. Beginners and experts are welcome. *Bring bird guides and binoculars.*

Weekday Wildflower Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:15am – 1:15pm

Tyler's diverse ecosystems support a wide variety of plant life year-round. Discover the progression of beautiful summer wildflowers at Tyler with **Dick Cloud** on these weekly walks.

Saturday Wildflower Walks

Saturdays, June 17, July 15 and August 19, 1:30 – 3:30pm

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

Chestnut Flower Pollination

Saturday, June 24, 10 – 11:30am

Join **John Wenderoth** of the American Chestnut Foundation in a visit to Tyler's American chestnut tree orchard. John will describe the process of pollination, identify the flower parts, and describe and demonstrate how to manually pollinate flowers to breed for resistance to the chestnut blight disease. This is a unique and special opportunity to experience the important work being done to revive this beautiful native tree species. *Meet at the Visitor Center. Wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain or wet trails; insect repellent is advised.*

Summer Tree Identification Walk

Saturday, July 8, 10 – 12pm

During this summer walk, **John Wenderoth** will focus on the part of the tree that provides us with wonderful shade – the leaves! Learn to identify trees by leaf shape and composition. Observe crown colors (noting the different shades of green) and textures due to leaf shapes. Bark patterns will also be examined along the way.

Adult Programs

Art in Nature

Introduction to Plein Air: Making Art Outdoors

Tuesday, July 18, 6 – 8pm

The summer evenings are a perfect time to head outside to make art. Join teaching artist **Lisa Burger-Lentz** to learn to paint *en plein air* (French for “in the open air”). Learn how and where to set-up, what equipment you will need, and what paints, brushes, and surfaces work best. This is a great beginner workshop for painting outdoors. *All materials provided. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.*

\$25 members, \$40 non-members

Plein Air Painting Workshop

Tuesday – Thursday, July 18 – 20, 10am – 2pm

Join artist **Susan O'Reilly**, for a 3-day workshop in the art of Plein Air painting on our majestic grounds. Susan will teach techniques for painting with oils in the outdoors with a focus on composition, light control, and paint quality. A group critique will follow each painting session. This workshop is for intermediate to advanced painters who are interested in learning about Plein Air or refining their skills. Susan is an instructor at the Community Arts Center in Wallingford and is represented by F.A.N. Gallery in Philadelphia. For examples of instructor's work, please visit susanoreillyart.com. *Please bring all painting materials, including a portable easel, pack a lunch, and dress for the weather.*

\$125 members, \$150 non-members



www.ArtsforCulturalAlliance.org/Anton-Pavlenko

Drawing Insects

Saturday, July 29, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Join Arcadia University professor and entomological illustrator **Scott Rawlins** in this hands-on workshop to learn observational drawing techniques specific to insects. Students will learn about insects and the history of entomological illustration before choosing an insects to draw from Scott's fascinating specimens. *All materials included. Teens are welcome.*

\$35 members, \$50 non-members



Botanical Illustration: Mushrooms

Tuesdays, August 1, 8 and 15, 6 – 8pm

Discover the world of mushrooms in this three-class workshop that will inform and enrich your art. In class 1, **Steve Tessler** showcases Tyler's abundant natural mushrooms on an informative hike. In classes 2 and 3, renowned Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators member **Margaret Saylor** helps participants sketch, compose, and build unique and accurate drawings

or paintings of fungi through demonstrations and individual instruction. *All levels and abilities are welcome. Plant material included; a basic supply list will be sent upon registration. Feel free to bring dinner.*

Series of three classes: \$125 members, \$150 non-members

Carnivorous Plant Terrariums

Saturday, August 12, 10 – 11:30am

Learn how to combine your love of terrariums with the wonderful world of carnivorous – BUG EATING – plants. In this workshop, **Sam Hoadley** will focus on what makes these bizarre and wonderful organisms grow and thrive. Learn general terrarium culture along with creative ways to combine carnivorous plants. Class participants will construct their own terrarium, complete with a tropical carnivorous plant to take home! *All materials included.*

\$55 members, \$75 non-members

Photo Walk: Focus on Insects

Saturday, August 19, 4 – 6pm

Butterflies, mantids, and beetles, oh my! Tyler's meadows and trails are teeming with fascinating insects. Calling all shutterbugs who like bugs – join photographer **Chris Lawler** and naturalist **Steve Tessler** on this moderately-paced educational walk with an emphasis on macro photography. *All levels of photographers welcome; tripods and macro lenses suggested. Please wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Make Your Own Hypertufa Garden Trough

Saturday, August 26, 10am – 12noon

Join **Mary Tilger** in making a beautiful, rustic hypertufa planter to take home and plant. Hypertufa is made from sand or perlite combined with cement and peat moss. The finished trough is easy to make, light weight, and is ideal for planting succulents, sedums, or miniature plants. *All materials provided. The instructor will provide step-by-step instruction. Dress to get dirty. Please bring a pair of sturdy rubber gloves for kitchen use.*

\$30 members, \$45 non-members

Adult Programs

Nature Studies

Summer Twilight Hikes

Saturdays, June 3, July 8 and August 5,
7:30 – 9:30pm

Experience the magic of Tyler's natural areas at twilight. Guide **Dick Cloud** and **Tyler staff** will share points of special interest and seasonal highlights while leading a brisk hike. *This walk is for adults and teens. Bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain that may include moderate to steep trails.*

• **June 3:** National Trails Day

• **July 8:** Full Moon at Tyler

• **August 5:** Firefly Discovery with naturalist Steve Tessler

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Beekeeping Basics

Saturday, June 10, 11am – 1pm

Bees provide great local honey while also providing an ecological service as pollinators. Learn the ins and outs of beekeeping from Tyler apriarist **Paul Strommer**. Participants will explore the most important aspects of bee and hive maintenance in the spring and summer months, learn about equipment, management techniques and bee biology. Veils will be provided for all participants, allowing for a hands-on,

interactive experience. *Though bee stings happen rarely, they are always a possibility. Please take any necessary precautions before attending the workshop.* \$30 members, \$45 non-members

Insect Megafauna – real or fake?

Saturday, July 15, 9:30 – 11am

How big were insects back in geologic time? Were they small like today's insects, or as large as the one's in the Big Bugs exhibit? Join **Dr. Laura Guertin**, Professor of Earth Sciences at Penn State Brandywine, for a moderate hike around Tyler's Big Bugs exhibit as she shares stories about prehistoric bugs across the Earth. *Please wear appropriate footwear.* \$15 members, \$20 non-members



inspiration from the beauty of Tyler's summer blooms and majestic trees. Intended for beginner and intermediate level students, this class emphasizes smooth, flowing postures and the benefits of focused breathing to achieve harmony. *Classes take place outdoors. Please dress appropriately and bring a mat.*

Series of six classes: \$78 members, \$96 non-members; Individual class: \$15 members, \$18 non-members

Health and Wellness

Evening Yoga in the Garden

Tuesdays, July 11 – August 15, 6 – 7pm

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in a magnificent setting. During this evening, six-week session, classical yoga instructor **Beth Mulholland** will provide students an opportunity to seek inner serenity while gaining



Medicinal Meanderings

Saturday, July 22, 10 – 11:30am

Join **Katelyn Melvin** of 'Tooth of the Lion Apothecary' for a medicinal and edible plant walk through Tyler's gardens and discover a range of edible plant species, from the lowly dandelion to the towering black cherry. Focusing on each plant's medicinal qualities, the class covers the historical importance, ethnobotanical perspectives, phytochemical properties and contemporary use. Learn identification, practical wildcrafting techniques and ethics, as well as uses applicable to your home kitchen. We'll end our walk with a Q&A under the shade, while enjoying a freshly wildcrafted tea made from a plant that we discussed! *Walks will be easy but please wear appropriate footwear.* \$15 members, \$25 non-members

Youth & Family Programs

Toddlers in Nature Ages 18 mths-3 years

Wednesdays, 10 – 11am

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. Pre-registration required.

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

Itty-Bitty, Busy, Buzzing Bugs

June 21

Summer is here and bugs are busy buzzing around again. We'll go on a hunt and find out what these insects and spiders are up to, and why it's so important.



Colors in Bloom

July 12

How many different colors can we find in Tyler's flowers? We'll go on a hunt for blooming flowers to find a rainbow in their petals.

Nature's Music

August 9

Nature can provide a symphony for the ears. Come take a listening walk to see what we can hear today. Frogs, birds, and bugs—oh my!

Garden Sprouts

Ages 4 – 6

Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30pm

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

Pre-registration required.

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

Sweet or Spicy

June 13

So many wonderful scents come from plants. Follow your nose around the Arboretum and see what scents you can discover. Select the best ones to create a special mix of potpourri to take home.

Bugs Galore

July 18

Every garden is filled with insects such as bees, beetles, ants, flies, and butterflies. Certain insects do important jobs, while others are seen as garden pests. We'll discover which ones are helpful and which are harmful. Bring a camera to catch our busy bugs at work.

Flutter and Fly

August 15

Did you know that butterflies begin their lives as slinky caterpillars? Come flutter with us through the Arboretum and explore the journey of a butterfly. Learn why they are important to your garden, then craft your own butterflies.



Little Chefs

All Ages

Thursdays, 10 – 11:30am

Kids are more likely to try new foods when they help prepare them. The Arboretum will serve as both outdoor kitchen and culinary inspiration for our youngest gourmands. We'll work together to prepare delicious snacks made with healthy, natural ingredients. Thematic content and cooking tasks will be best suited to kids ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome. Please inquire when registering if you have allergy concerns.

\$15 members, \$20 non-members (Price is for the child only and includes a materials fee).

Camp Grub

June 29

Forget s'mores and hot dogs, we've got something better! Try out new recipes for your next camping adventure.

Summer Garden Refreshments

July 6

Lemonade is so last year. We'll whip up a variety of refreshing beverages straight from the garden and perfect for summer fun.

Hankering for Honey

July 13

Bees aren't the only critters that love honey. Learn how bees make it, taste-test some different varieties, and prepare some delicious honey-sweetened treats.

Sunny Snacks

July 20

Learn why summer is so warm and sunny and make some bright yellow and orange, sunshine-inspired snacks.

Ants & Eats

July 27

Find out why ants are always eager to share our snacks. We'll pack a picnic fit for an ant queen and enjoy it in the shadow of Tyler's gigantic ant sculptures.

Fairies' Delight

August 3

What do fairies and gnomes eat? We'll conjure a feast to see if we can lure them out on the Magical Path.

Youth & Family Programs

Tiny Trackers

Ages 4 – 6

Thursdays, 1 – 2:30pm

Tiny Trackers programs are for children and their favorite adult. Each program includes a lesson and nature exploration. Pre-registration required.

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

Digging in the Dirt

June 8

There's a whole world under our feet. Discover where dirt or soil comes from, the different kinds around Tyler, and what lives in it.

Summer Fun

July 6

The best part about summer is playing outside almost every day. We'll go for a hike, build a fort and cool off in the stream.

Bugs Abound

August 10

By August, the bugs are busting out all over. Let's see what we can find in the air, earth, and water. What are they and what are they so busy doing?

Family Programs

Big Bugs Treasure Hunt

Saturday, June 24, 10am – noon

In this letterboxing adventure create your own personalized stamp and then solve riddles and crack clues to make your way to the supersized Bugs lurking around the Arboretum. Find the hidden logbooks and leave your mark in them. Collect stamps in your own letterbox book to redeem a treasure at the end. *Suitable for ages 5 and up.*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Dads & Daughters Hike to Indian Rock

Saturday, July 15, 11am – 1:30pm

Young ladies, grab your favorite dad, uncle or friend and join us for a hike on the Rocky Run Trail out to Indian Rock. This 2-mile hike (each way) is an easy-going excursion along a shady path. Explore this enchanting spot where the stream tumbles and cascades over boulders. Relax, get wet, climb some rocks, or search

for crayfish—the choice is yours. Be sure to bring extra shoes for water play and a picnic lunch. Suitable for ages 5 and up.

\$6 members, \$15 non-members

The Past, Present, and Future of Insects

Saturday, July 22, 10 – 11:30am

Did you know that prehistoric insects were gigantic? Join **Dr. Laura Guertin** on a stroll around Tyler's own gigantic bugs and hear stories about insect history and what the future holds for bugs. *Suitable for ages 7 and up.*

FREE for members, \$15 non-members

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Firefly Frenzy!

Saturday, August 12, 7 – 8:30pm

Come explore the night and go on a "catch and release" hunt for fireflies, moths and other insects that like to lurk in the dark. Learn about what makes them glow and then create your own glowing firefly craft to take home. *Suitable for ages 5 and up. Please bring a flashlight.*

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Featured Program: Bug Bonanza

All Ages

Mondays, 10 – 11:30am

Come see what's buggy at Tyler this summer. Learn about the life, eating habits, and lifecycles of some of the Big Bugs that have taken up residence at Tyler this summer. Thematic content will be best suited to kids ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome.

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

Mantis Madness

June 19

Experience the wonder of David Rogers' 20 ft. long praying mantis. Discover the life of these interesting insects, how they lay their eggs, and where you can find them at Tyler, and in your own backyard.



The Extraordinary Life of a Damselfly

July 24

These beautiful, blue, winged insects don't start out that way. Take a walk to see the 10 ft. long damselfly hanging out in our creek and learn what a baby damselfly looks like, how they hunt, and where they live.

Awesome Arachnid

August 7

Daddy Long Legs are not actually spiders! Come take a walk under our 17-foot arthropod and learn the difference between these "harvestmen" and their distant cousin, the spider. Get a sneak peek into the life of these clever creatures.

**Summer
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Tyler Calendar

These walks are
ALWAYS FREE
FOR MEMBERS!

Summer Bird Walks Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15am

Weekday Wildflower Walks Every Wednesday, 11:15am – 1:15pm

Saturday Wildflower Walks June 17, July 15, and August 19, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Big Bugs Guided Tours

Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, Big Bugs Every Friday and Saturday from June 3 – July 15, 11am and 1pm

Plants, Pollinators, Predator and Prey Every Friday and Saturday from July 21 – Aug. 26, 11am and 1pm

Programs marked with asterisk* are FREE for Tyler Members

June

- Fri. June 2 **Big Bugs Members' Preview***
Sat. June 3 **Big Bugs Public Opening***
Sat. June 3 National Trails Day - All American Hike
Sat. June 3 Summer Twilight Hike: National Trails Day
Thur. June 8 Tiny Trackers: Digging in the Dirt
Sat. June 10 Beekeeping Basics
Tues. June 13 Summer Birding Hike in the Poconos
Tues. June 13 Garden Sprouts: Sweet or Spicy
Sat. June 17 Native Plants for Pollinators
Sat. June 17 Wildflower Walk*
Mon. June 19 Featured Program: Bug Bonanza
Mantis Madness
Wed. June 21 Toddlers in Nature: Itty-Bitty, Busy,
Buzzing Bugs
Sat. June 24 Family Programs: Big Bugs Treasure Hunt
Sat. June 24 Photo Walk: Round Top Ruins
Sat. June 24 Chestnut Flower Pollination*
Mon. June 26 Summer Camp Session 1 begins
Thur. June 29 Little Chefs: Camp Grub

July

- Wed. July 5 Summer Camp Session 2 begins
Wed. July 5 **Members' Only Ride, Roll, & Stroll***
Thur. July 6 Little Chefs: Summer Garden Refreshments
Thur. July 6 Tiny Trackers: Summer Fun
Sat. July 8 Summer Tree Identification Walk*
Sat. July 8 Summer Twilight Hike: Full Moon
Mon. July 10 Summer Camp Session 3 begins
Tues. July 11 Picnic with Ants*
Tues. July 11 Evening Yoga in the Garden

- Wed. July 12 Mornings in the Fragrant Garden*
Wed. July 12 Toddlers in Nature: Colors in Bloom
Thur. July 13 Little Chefs: Hankering for Honey
Sat. July 15 Wildflower Walk*
Sat. July 15 Insect Megafauna - real or fake?
Sat. July 15 Family Programs: Dads & Daughters Hike
to Indian Rock
Mon. July 17 Summer Camp Session 4 begins
Tues. July 18 Garden Sprouts: Bugs Galore
Tues. July 18 Evening Yoga in the Garden
Tues. July 18 Introduction to Plein Air: Making Art
Outdoors
Tues. July 18 Plein Air Painting Workshop: Part 1
Wed. July 19 Plein Air Painting Workshop: Part 2
Thur. July 20 Little Chefs: Sunny Snacks
Thur. July 20 Plein Air Painting Workshop: Part 3
Fri. July 21 Woody Plant Conference
Sat. July 22 Medicinal Meanderings
Sat. July 22 Family Programs: The Past, Present,
and Future of Insects*
Sun. July 23 Meet Entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy
Making Insects: A guide to restoring the
little things that run the world
Mon. July 24 Summer Camp Session 5 begins
Mon. July 24 Featured Program: Bug Bonanza,
the Extraordinary Life of a Damselfly
Tues. July 25 Evening Yoga in the Garden
Thur. July 27 Little Chefs: Ants & Eats
Thurs. July 27 Wine Exploration
Sat. July 29 Drawing Insects
Mon. July 31 Summer Camp Session 6 begins

August

- Tues. Aug. 1 Botanical Illustration: Mushrooms: Part 1
Tues. Aug. 1 Evening Yoga in the Garden
Tues. Aug. 1 **Big Bugs Movie Night**
Thur. Aug. 3 Little Chefs: Fairies' Delight
Sat. Aug. 5 Summer Twilight Hike: Firefly Discovery
Mon. Aug. 6 Summer Camp Session 7 begins
Mon. Aug. 7 Featured Program: Bug Bonanza,
Awesome Arachnids!
Tues. Aug. 8 Botanical Illustration: Mushrooms: Part 2
Tues. Aug. 8 Evening Yoga in the Garden
Wed. Aug. 9 Toddlers in Nature: Nature's Music
Thur. Aug. 10 Tiny Trackers: Bugs Abound!
Sat. Aug. 12 Carnivorous Plant Terrariums
Sat. Aug. 12 Family Programs: Firefly Frenzy!
Mon. Aug. 14 Summer Camp Session 8 begins
Tues. Aug. 15 Garden Sprouts: Flutter and Fly
Tues. Aug. 15 Botanical Illustration: Mushrooms: Part 3
Tues. Aug. 15 Evening Yoga in the Garden
Wed. Aug. 16 Sculpture Tour: Seward Johnson Atelier
and Grounds for Sculpture
Wed. Aug. 16 Mornings in the Fragrant Garden*
Thur. Aug. 17 The Cut Flower Garden Workshop: Part 1
Sat. Aug. 19 Wildflower Walk*
Sat. Aug. 19 Photo Walk: Focus on Insects
Sun. Aug. 20 Decorating with Asian Green Jewel Beetle
Thur. Aug. 24 The Cut Flower Garden Workshop: Part 2
Sat. Aug. 26 Make Your Own Hypertufa Garden Trough
Sun. Aug. 27 **Big Bugs Closing Weekend: Bugs
and Butterflies***

We're open until 8pm every Tuesday between June 20 and August 29!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

ALL gates will lock at closing every day during Big Bugs. If you are visiting the Arboretum outside the fence,
please be back inside the fence before closing. Please make sure your car is out of the parking lot by closing.

CLOSING TIMES:

Weekdays: 5pm • Weekends: 6pm • Tuesdays, June 20 – August 29: 8pm

Register online via our Calendar page: www.tylerarboretum.org/calendar
or call Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134, ext. 303 or e-mail: jlandau@tylerarboretum.org.

MEET LEARN ENJOY HELP

Lend-A-Hand

At Tyler, volunteers take part in fun opportunities, hone existing skills, and teach others while making a lasting, memorable impact on our day-to-day operations. Get involved as part of the Tyler community today.

To learn more, contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt, Community Outreach Manager, at jlo@tylerarboretum.org or 610-566-9134, ext. 305. Fill out our online application form at www.tylerarboretum.org/volunteer.

It Takes a Village of Volunteers to Support Pollinators

For every three bites of food we eat, one required a pollinator. Pollinators fertilize flowers so that seeds develop and with them the delicious foods we love: blueberries, apples, tomatoes, green beans, chocolate, and so much more. Pollinators also fertilize the native plants that provide important food for wildlife.

Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, moths, flies, bats, beetles, ants, birds, and even small animals, are endangered because of habitat destruction. This summer, Tyler Arboretum volunteers are creating a garden just for pollinators below the Fragrant Garden. Planted to attract our useful garden friends, the garden will feature colorful plants with differing flower shapes, heights, and colors that bloom throughout the

season, to attract diverse pollinators, providing hosts for eggs, food for the larval stage, and nectar for the adults.

Our PECO and Vanguard corporate volunteer groups lent a hand in April to prepare this new garden. These friends return every year to assist in projects across Tyler. Mark Dugan, the leader of the Vanguard IT team, and his wife Carla, have been Tyler members since 1991. He said that bringing his family to Tyler and seeing his children build a relationship with the outdoors has been meaningful and rewarding for him and Carla. Now that his children are grown, he brings his team to Tyler with the hope that they, too, will connect. Thank you, Mark!

Although PECO and Vanguard corporate groups prepped the garden, follow through is a Tyler volunteer effort. Our Butterfly House gardeners are rallying to plant and maintain the garden. No small feat, as it is a major increase in area from our Butterfly House garden. Butterfly House docents, who have extensive knowledge of butterflies and caterpillars, will be moving here to help visitors connect with plants and pollinators.

If you are interested in joining the Butterfly House gardening team, or the Butterfly House docent team, contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt at 610-566-9134, ext. 305, or email jlo@tylerarboretum.org. Training provided.



Membership Matters

Growing the Tyler Family

Our members are the backbone of Tyler. Your membership dues supply a critical portion of our operating budget, and give you unparalleled access to Tyler all year round. We rely on our growing base of membership support for day-to-day operations, so we thank you!

But membership means so much more than financial support. Being a member means being part of our Tyler family. Have you been to one of our members-only events? Make it a point this year to join us and meet fellow stewards of nature! You will find many kindred spirits. Introduce yourself to someone and get to know them and why they're part of our Tyler family. We value each of you, and hope you get a chance to connect with each other. It's this community of support that makes being a member of Tyler so special.

Just like our trees, Tyler is always growing and adapting. One way we grow is through our members' connections. Have you shared your Tyler with friends, family, and neighbors? Have you introduced the children in your life to the vast outdoors? With each year of membership, you receive new guest passes to share with others who could be inspired by Tyler's gardens and natural lands. Use them well and help spark someone's love for nature.

Thank you for being a member, for supporting Tyler, and for sharing this special place with others. Together we can achieve our mission—to preserve, enhance, and share Tyler's heritage, collections, and landscapes, to create and inspire stewards of the natural world.



Use your membership benefits to share Tyler with the children in your life.



Just a few of the members who joined us for last year's Ride, Roll, & Stroll.

Join Us for These Upcoming Members-Only Events

Big Bugs Members' Preview

Friday, June 2, see p. 4 for details

Ride, Roll, & Stroll

Wednesday, July 5, 6 – 8pm

This beloved members' event marks the only time bikes and skates are allowed on the Scenic Loop! Grab your wheels and join us for some leisurely laps and free Bassett's Ice Cream.

FREE for members, no pre-registration required. Rain Date: Wednesday, July 12

Making Change

Creating Champions of the Natural World

Every day, your gifts to Tyler make a positive impact on our community. We are grateful for your gifts to Annual Fund, to our endowment, and for contributions to special programs and projects that shape the Tyler experience. Your gift helps teach today's generation how to understand their environment, and care for our 650 acres of gardens, expansive landscapes, unique ecosystems, and hiking trails. Your gifts help protect historic trees and rare plant specimens, and support our staff and volunteers to make this happen.

Annual Fund: In 2016, your gifts totaled \$183,365 for Annual Fund. Your generosity:

- enhanced our visitor experience with late night summer hours
- funded an updated Visitor Guide
- enabled our online registration system
- expanded our Summer Camp program by 12%
- helped 9,044 children discover Tyler's animals, natural habitats, and diverse ecosystems
- increased the reach of our school and scouting programs
- renovated the Stone House for Public Programs staff to take our already excellent youth environmental education to the next level.

Capital Projects: At last year's Tyler at Twilight Auction, you gave \$23,340 to expand and plant the exuberant Painter Barn and Bird garden. The garden offers beauty and intimate experiences that expand the impact of the beautifully renovated Barn, with inviting ways for visitors to travel to Tyler's historic Painter landscape, and beyond. We also received a \$200,000 anonymous pledge toward a future capital project.

Endowment: A \$50,000 anonymous gift dedicated to the Native Woodland Walk, builds on the endowment created to honor former Executive Director Rick Colbert, and assures this garden's care for generations to come.

Programs: Generous individual gifts and sponsorships totaling \$70,000 will give visitors a memorable way to spark their love of insects this summer with our Big Bugs exhibit.

Bequests: In 2016 we received an \$88,125 bequest from an individual who loved Tyler and remembered us in their will. This gift leaves a lasting legacy for many to enjoy.

We operate with a diverse set of revenue streams including endowment income, outright gifts, and earned income from admissions, events, and programs. This diversity ensures Tyler's sustainability as a significant community resource. We protect the value of your gifts through thoughtful use that combines them with earned and endowment income. Your donations inspire and create stewards of the natural world, and will ultimately shape a healthier world for all of us to enjoy. Thank you for joining in this effort at [www.tylerarboretum.org/giving!](http://www.tylerarboretum.org/giving)

Many Thanks to our Generous Friends, Sponsors & Donors

December 9, 2016 – March 8, 2017

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If you note any errors, please let us know so that we may correct them promptly. Thank you.

The Wister Rhododendron Garden: A New England Connection

According to Tyler's first Director, Dr. John C. Wister, the Wister Rhododendron Garden began "as a semi-wild naturalistic garden in which the plants were grouped and classified by size, season of bloom and color and, equally important, by botanical relationship and by horticultural history" (July, 1971 Journal ARS Vol. 25, No.3).

The Garden has recently undergone significant changes and upgrades. As we transition this renowned Collection to a Rhododendron Garden with major focal points, our main goal will be to maintain the integrity of these magnificent specimens. The major hybridizers of the 20th century are represented, as well as Dr. Wister's own named and unnamed hybrids. One particular group, the Dexter Rhododendrons, closely connects Tyler to what is now the Heritage Museums and Gardens in Sandwich, Massachusetts, which was the former home of Charles Dexter, a prosperous textile manufacturer. When Dexter bought the estate in 1921 it was known as Shawme Farm.

Dexter hired Paul Frost—a local landscape architect and Harvard classmate of John Wister's—to draw a master



The pride of Tyler: The medium-sized, yellow-throated pink flowers of the broadleaf evergreen, Rhododendron 'Scintillation' are possibly one of the finest Dexter hybrids.

plan for the property. Frost had an interest in Rhododendrons and persuaded Dexter to try plants that were imported from England.

Maybe the beautiful colors fascinated Dexter, no one knows for sure, but he soon found a new hobby in hybridizing Rhododendrons.

He spent the rest of his life working on developing hardy varieties, producing thousands of seedlings. Although certain varieties were excellent, by the time he died in 1943, Dexter's reputation as a hybridizer was waning.

In 1945, Dr. Clement Bowers of New York Botanic Gardens formed an informal committee to seek out and evaluate the Dexter plants; John Wister was a member of this Committee. From 1945 to 1953, Bowers and Wister visited Dexter's estate and many private and public gardens. The Committee was extraordinarily successful in saving and further propagating important Dexter plants. When we walk through the Wister Rhododendron Garden during the bloom season, we have the Dexter Study Committee to thank for many of the beautiful Rhododendrons on display.

Reference: P.A. Livingston, F.H. West (Eds.) (1978). *Hybrids and Hybridizers: Rhododendrons and Azaleas for Eastern North America*. Newtown Square, PA, Harrowood Books.

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Hours

March – October
 Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
 Sat & Sun 9am – 6pm

November – February*
 Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm
 Sat & Sun 9am – 5pm

*Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Day

This summer, we're open every Tuesday until 8pm (June 20 – August 29).

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