



Tyler Topics

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News, Programs, and Events of Tyler Arboretum

Maintaining Tyler's Open Spaces

It Comes "Naturally" for Natural Areas Committee

Keeping Tyler's 17+ miles of hiking trails accessible takes the dedication of a handful of volunteer members of our Natural Areas Committee (NAC). Led by Jim Flandreau (our neighbor, a Tyler Trustee, and NAC chairman), this diverse group has a love of the natural spaces that make up the Tyler landscape outside the deer fence.

Explaining the NAC's tasks of trail upkeep and management, Tyler's Volunteer Coordinator, Julia Lo Ehrhardt says "The work involves identifying sensitive areas where endangered plants are currently growing, identifying invasive species,

and working out a plan where the crew can be the most effective."

Most of the NAC's members have over a decade of service with the committee, with each person drawn to Tyler for different reasons.

Jim Flandreau first visited at the age of 16 while creating a herbarium for

a school project. He describes Tyler as "a woodland 'cathedral' where we can take safe haven from the rush and squeeze of the 21st century." Every day working on the trails Jim says he's inspired by the idea that he's creating a sanctuary for refreshment and recreation.

Ecologist, conservationist, and Pink Hill scholar Dr. Roger Latham first came to the area 35 years ago to attend Swarthmore College. He has clear memories of biking to Tyler, bringing his textbooks, and sitting on a bench in gorgeous surroundings. He says Tyler's peace and natural beauty made his studies easier to absorb.



Tyler's Director of Horticulture, Mike Karkowski joined as a way to gain a new perspective on the visitor and volunteer experience. "I enjoy working with creative minds to see how they view the trails and their experiences interacting with our visitors. The group is as passionate about nature as it is about Tyler."

Mike Karkowski prefers the tranquility of the Painter and Minshall Trails in early spring, overlooking the Dismal Run stream valley. It's easy to forget you're only 15 miles from Philadelphia.

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Executive Director's Message

As I write this message, I celebrate my second month at Tyler. Every day brings new discoveries: the creativity of a talented staff, the wisdom of passionate Trustees, and the commitment and loyalty of our community of volunteers, members, and donors.

I am seeing with new eyes this garden created by my predecessors. Oscar Wilde said, "Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter." The same is true for our beautiful 650-acre Arboretum, which has been "planted" with feeling and represents a portrait in gardens of three groups of plantsmen and artists.

From Lachford Hall, I view the trees in the Old Arboretum planted by Jacob and Minshall Painter – brothers who joined in the spirit of global exploration by bringing plants from around the world to their home farm. I can easily imagine their pleasure in contemplating the future generations who would admire these majestic trees.

Dr. John Caspar Wister, Tyler's first director, and his wife, Gertrude, Tyler's first woman director, painted the landscape with the colors of spring, building magnificent collections of crabapples, cherries, magnolias, lilacs,



rhododendrons, and more. Gertrude especially loved bulbs and noted, "The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size." The Wisters' vision showcases the diversity and beauty of the plant world.

Rick Colbert made nature accessible to new audiences of families by shaping

immersive garden experiences that don't require extensive plant knowledge to enjoy. Rick put children in the treetops with Totally Terrific Tree Houses. He gave us the buzz and whirr of summer in the Stopford Family Meadow Maze. He also created intimacy and peace – with an occasional gnome – in the Native Woodland Walk. Rick brought us the Big Bugs exhibition, a children's vegetable garden, and so much more. Tyler is a thriving garden today because of his stewardship, vision and passion.

With deep respect and gratitude to my predecessors, I undertake my new position as Executive Director of Tyler Arboretum. I invite you to join me in building on this legacy to shape Tyler's future.

Cricket Brien

Farewell to Office Manager Darcy Gibb!

Darcy Gibb, longtime office manager and the glue within the Lachford offices, retired in June.

After moving back to her childhood home in Devon from a 17-year stint in San Francisco, Darcy came to Tyler as a temporary office manager in early 2010. Not long after, her husband, Jeff, came onboard and you can still frequently see him happily mowing the grass around the Arboretum.

Darcy's favorite aspects of Tyler are its beauty, and working with Rick Colbert while absorbing his passion for the Arboretum. Though she will miss the staff and the scenery, she and Jeff are looking forward to visiting their three children and five grandchildren in California and in Jeff's native New Zealand. Darcy is looking forward to having some time to herself spending the summer at the beach in Cape May, gardening, and tending to her three cats.

Maintaining Tyler's Open Spaces

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Dick Cloud has led the wildflower walks at Tyler for years while more recently taking a leadership role with invasive species removal.

Beth Fast devotes 100s of hours annually to trail maintenance and as a curatorial assistant. Fast is a trailblazer—literally. Every time you pass by a well-marked tree, chances are Fast painted that blaze.

Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award winner Paul Pitts has dedicated over a decade to the NAC. "Paul's engineering work and dedication have contributed

enormous value to the trail system," says Flandreau.

Maintaining the trails is a year-round process requiring a group effort. Volunteers clear, re-route, and blaze trails; they stabilize and repair



pathways; they manage storm water solutions and remove invasive species; they evaluate and protect rare plant communities, and they record wildflower populations.

No matter what landscape you're looking for, why not come to Tyler and experience the trails for yourself? Even better, why not get involved by joining Tyler's Natural Areas Committee? To learn more, contact Volunteer Coordinator Julia Lo Ehrhardt at jlo@tylerarboretum.org, 610-566-9134, ext. 205

◀ Roger Latham's favorite spot is Pink Hill, (traversed by the Pink Hill and Minshall Trails), and its history of thousands of years of Native Americans managing the landscape using fire.

Jim Flandreau appreciates the winter vistas of the Dismal Run Trail and how they may have looked to the Lenape tribes and the Quaker farmers of long ago.



Fun Facts About Tyler's New Director, Cricket Brien

My Family

Husband, Rex, daughter Kate, sons Wren and Ethan, dog, Charlotte, Wanda our chicken, a guinea pig, and two goldfish.

Formative Experiences

I inherited my love of gardening from my grandmother, having spent summers on my grandparents Connecticut farm when I was young, eating raspberries fresh from the garden, and the tiny eggs of my grandfather's Bantam hens. At 16, I worked on a small family farm in Belgium, milking, making butter, and cheese, going out for the hay harvest. I thought I was headed for a career in agriculture until I took Organic Chemistry, and redirected to landscape architecture, where I have spent most of my professional career. I love design and building projects, but my soils and geology courses taught me how to read and understand the landscape.

Favorite Pastimes

Rex and I love opera and dance, and to visit gardens. We like to discover new beers, eat truck food, and work in our garden. If it's cold or raining, reading *New Yorker* magazine by a fire is very peaceful.

My hero

My mother, Betsy McKinney, was an extraordinary woman. She supported, directed, and stewarded a number of causes over many years – most of them education focused. She was awarded the *Jefferson Medal for Distinguished Public Service*, which was a proud moment for my entire family. She died ten years ago, but her example inspires me every day.

Tyler Favorites

We are a family of hikers, and love the trails. You can lose yourself to nature, the birds, the wind in the leaves and the woods smell wonderful. I also love the Meadow Maze and the Pinetum, and the

expansive views they afford. I could envision this area as an extraordinary winter garden.

Exciting Goals

We have set our sights, as a team, on building a new Education Center. This has been part of Tyler's vision since the 1996 Masterplan. How exciting to create a sustainable building that takes Tyler off the grid, and demonstrates our commitment to environmental stewardship while offering education, conference, and gathering space to our community. I look forward to engaging our Tyler community as we think about our future, and believe the Education Center will create the kind of synergy critical to Tyler's future growth and success.

What I hope to bring to Tyler...

I want to be Tyler's best saleswoman, to help those who haven't yet discovered this treasure, find their way to our gardens.

Family Fun Gets Redone

Amy Mawby, Director of Public Programs

Exhibits are one of the ways that we connect our visitors to nature and provide them with a fun way to integrate outdoor play into their experience at Tyler. These popular exhibits see a lot of foot traffic each year, so our Tyler staff and volunteers spend time making sure they look their best and are safe for our visitors. This year, we made many upgrades to our exhibits, and we thought we'd share a few noteworthy changes.

Tyler is so fortunate to have an amazing volunteer program led by Volunteer Coordinator, Julia Lo Ehrhardt. Our volunteers help with many different aspects of the Arboretum including horticulture, special events, and education. I have the great pleasure of leading the Arts and Crafts volunteers, a group of creative and talented folks: Dee Montgomery, Terry Hopkins, Anne Dempsey, and Kathy DesForges. Crates filled with paints in every color of the rainbow, paint brushes, glue guns, glitter and more sit outside my office waiting for our weekly exhibit-related project to tackle.

The Magical Path is a special place at Tyler, not only for the fairies and gnomes that live there, but for the imaginations that are unlocked in the minds of the children who visit. The Magical Path is set amongst a lush backdrop of woodland plants, and even though our exhibit pieces are out of reach from visitors, there is still a lot of wear and tear from Mother Nature. Many of our houses needed freshening up for the 2015 season and were left in the capable hands of our Arts and Crafts volunteers. Each house received its own special treatment including new paint, new jewels, and new doors and windows, all after a good scrubbing and sanding. We also brought new toadstools to the mix with bright red tops and white spots, and cute scenes painted on the sides.



Everyone loves taking photos during their visit to Tyler. We have whimsical wooden photo boards in various locations that provide the perfect photo op. Who wouldn't want to transform their face into a sunflower, a bird or a bumblebee? Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, our photo boards are colorful once again! Now, are you ready for your close-up?

Situated under a tree by the Vegetable Demonstration Garden, the Wizard Shack is a small wooden house that children can go into to conjure up spells using the magic ball (shhh, it's really a swirly bowling ball!). It was clear that the Wizard Shack needed a make-over, so student volunteers from Villanova helped paint the interior and exterior in September 2014. The

students did a great job and Villanova even donated the paint and painting supplies. In order to finish the Wizard Shack in time for visitors in spring 2015, Tyler's horticulture staff moved the shack inside the Maintenance Building for the Arts and Crafts volunteers to work on all winter long. Galaxies were created, metallic stars affixed, and another photo op was painted on the outside. Now when you

visit, you can become a wizard, an owl, or a cat!

Our Totally Terrific Tree Houses came on the scene in 2008 and have transformed our landscape year in and

year out. Strummin' and Drummin' is always a crowd pleaser, but the musical boomwhackers had been boomed and whacked one too many times! Luckily, Kim Fink from Makin' Music Rockin' Rhythms in Media came to our rescue again and gave us new boomwhackers to install. We were also able to rebuild and reinstall a marimba thanks to the hard work of volunteer, Bob Milano. Backyard Memories is going to be rebranded with a bird theme,

including to-scale silhouettes of birds made by volunteer Henry Boerstrling. Visitors will be able to measure their own wing span against a kestrel or red-tailed hawk. The Cape May Birdhouse disappeared for a few months but it is back in its same spot with a new roof, new paint, and most importantly, a new sturdy base pole. Two of the Storybook Houses received new plywood walls and a new paint job featuring a "Once Upon a Time" motif with castles.

Make sure you check out all of our exhibits and family fun the next time you're at Tyler!

Tyler Programs

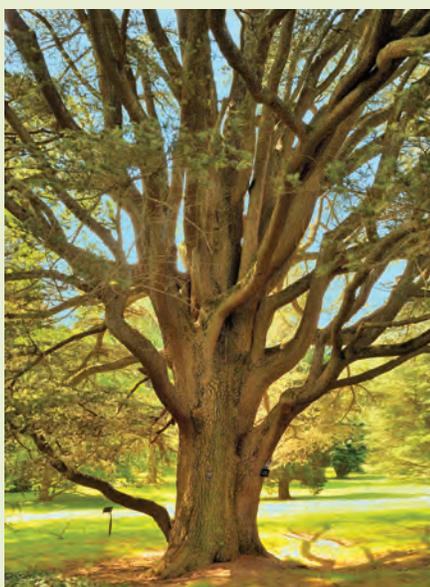
Tyler Arboretum Autumn Programs and Events 2015

Special Events

Back in Time at Tyler

Sunday, September 13, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Travel back in time to the 1800s. Explore Tyler's historic buildings and learn about the earliest generations of



Painter brothers will be featured.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Oktoberfest Tyler Style

Thursday, September 24, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Get in the spirit of Oktoberfest with the perfect combination of specialty beers from **Pinocchio's Beer Garden To Go** (which features an extensive

FREE FOR
MEMBERS!

collection of 800 craft beers), a selection of gourmet pizza and the live bluegrass music of Ridley Creek. *Suitable for adults 21 and older; pre-registration required; first come, first served; \$25 members, \$30 non-members; rain or shine*

family members who lived on this property. Discover our Historic Painter Plants Collection and stand alongside magnificent trees and shrubs. **The Union Patriotic League** will share their love of history through demonstrations, hands-on activities and displays for all ages. The scientific interests of the

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Pumpkin Days Celebration

Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18,
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

NOW
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Celebrate the season with our traditional autumn festival. These fun-filled family days are full of activities, live entertainment, delicious food from a fun selection of food trucks, and of course, pumpkins. Pick out your prized

pumpkin, assemble a scarecrow to take home, jump in the moon bounce, or race through an inflatable obstacle course, make crafts, play games, and see Tyler's glorious fall colors on a hay wagon tour.

No pre-registration required. FREE for members! Non-member admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children ages 3 to 15; kids under 3 are free.



Members Only Events

Tyler After Dark Adventures

Fridays, September 18 and 25, and October 2, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Enjoy a special evening at Tyler Arboretum with your family. Join Tyler educators to explore the woods and meadows to listen for owls and search for bats and other nocturnal creatures! Enjoy roasting marshmallows over a campfire for s'mores and making your own ice cream. *Be sure to wear closed-toed shoes and bring bug spray if desired. Suitable for ages 3 and older.*

Pre-registration required; \$3 per person. Space is limited – register soon!



Gardening and Horticulture

Late Season Vegetable Gardening

Saturday, September 19, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Vegetable gardening doesn't have to be over just because the weather gets colder. In this outdoor, hands-on workshop, Tyler Vegetable Gardener **Ted Cavey** shares tricks for extending the growing season while also preparing your vegetable garden for a great spring. Learn about cold weather crops that can grow into winter and best practices for end-of-season garden care. *Weather-permitting, class will take place outdoors at the Vegetable Garden.*

Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Putting Your Garden “to Bed”

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

A great spring in your garden begins with a smart fall. In this workshop, avid gardener **Julia Lo Ehrhardt** will show you how to get the most out of your garden this fall. Split between demonstration, question and answer, and hands-on experience, this class is perfect for gardeners of all levels. Topics for discussion include dividing and transplanting perennials, pruning, bulb planting, mulching and a review of good plants for fall and winter interest.

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

Landscape for Life: Gardening with Nature

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join us for all things sustainable. Explore the environmental and health benefits of sustainable gardens with garden designer, **Marcia Tate** as she shares design tips and techniques for turning your yard into a *Landscape for Life*. Come and learn about the importance of clean air, water management, soil health, composting, providing habitat using native plants, as well as ways to support your health and well-being.

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



Botanical Arts

Art in Architecture Workshop

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

This workshop focuses on the charming historic buildings and barn at Tyler – 18th and 19th century architecture set in a picturesque landscape. Local artist **Madeleine Kelly** teaches participants how to look at buildings, understand what you see and translate it onto canvas or paper. Open to all levels and any painting or drawing medium. *Bring your art supplies and a lunch.*

Pre-registration required; \$75 members, \$85 non-members

Hypertufa Garden Mushroom

Saturday, October 3, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Create a rustic mushroom garden ornament from hypertufa, an artificial stone material made from Portland cement mixed with other materials. Let instructor **Mary Tilger** guide you through the process of creating your own handcrafted garden sculpture. *All materials provided; wear old clothes and bring a pair of sturdy rubber kitchen gloves.*

Pre-registration required; \$35 members, \$40 non-members

Autumn Still Life Painting

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join local artist **Rick Phillips** and discover the fundamentals of oil painting. During this four-part series, students will learn to mix oil colors, see simple shapes, and paint nature inspired still lifes with an autumnal theme. Lessons and guidance will be given along the way – all levels are welcome. *Instructor will provide supplies; participants will need to purchase four canvases (8"x10").*

Pre-registration required; \$90 members, \$100 non-members



Handmade Gifts for the Holidays

Saturday, November 7, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Get a jump start on holiday gifts with projects that you can knit in one day. Avid knitter **Julia Lo Ehrhardt** gives step-by-step instructions for two fun projects. You'll learn how to knit a headband and round tree ornaments... gifts to wear and gifts to share.

Participants must know how to cast on and off, knit and purl. Yarn, embellishments and patterns will be provided. Bring your cable needles; as well as your size 7 straight and double pointed knitting needles.

Pre-registration required; \$40 members, \$45 non-members

Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Create a one-of-a-kind Thanksgiving centerpiece to grace your dinner feast and delight your guests! Join floral designer **Leona Swiacki** as she provides guidance and instruction to help you create a floral masterpiece using natural materials and edible elements. *Bring floral shears and an apron.*

Pre-registration required; \$35 members, \$40 non-members

Natural Studies

Fall Bird Walks

*Every Wednesday,
8:15 – 10:15 am*

Join Tyler's experienced birders in the search for fall migrants heading south through the Arboretum. Birders of all levels are welcomed.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Weekday Wildflower Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Wildflowers are an essential and beautiful part of woodland and meadow ecologies. Head out to the trails with wildflower experts **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** and experience fall at Tyler.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Historic Lachford Open House

*Sundays, September 13, October 4, and
November 1, 1:00 – 4:00 pm*

(see Special Events section for September 13 event information)

Drop in and get a behind-the-scenes look at Tyler's historic homestead.

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FREE FOR MEMBERS! NEW TIME!

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Originally built in 1738, Lachford Hall represents over two centuries of residence by the Minshall-Painter-Tyler family. Hear stories about the daily lives of the eight generations of family members who lived on Tyler's property for 150 years.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Sunday Wildflower Walks

*Sundays, September 13, October 11,
November 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm*

Fall is a wonderful time for wildflowers. Join **Dick Cloud** for a pleasant afternoon search for late season bloomers in Tyler's meadows and woodlands.

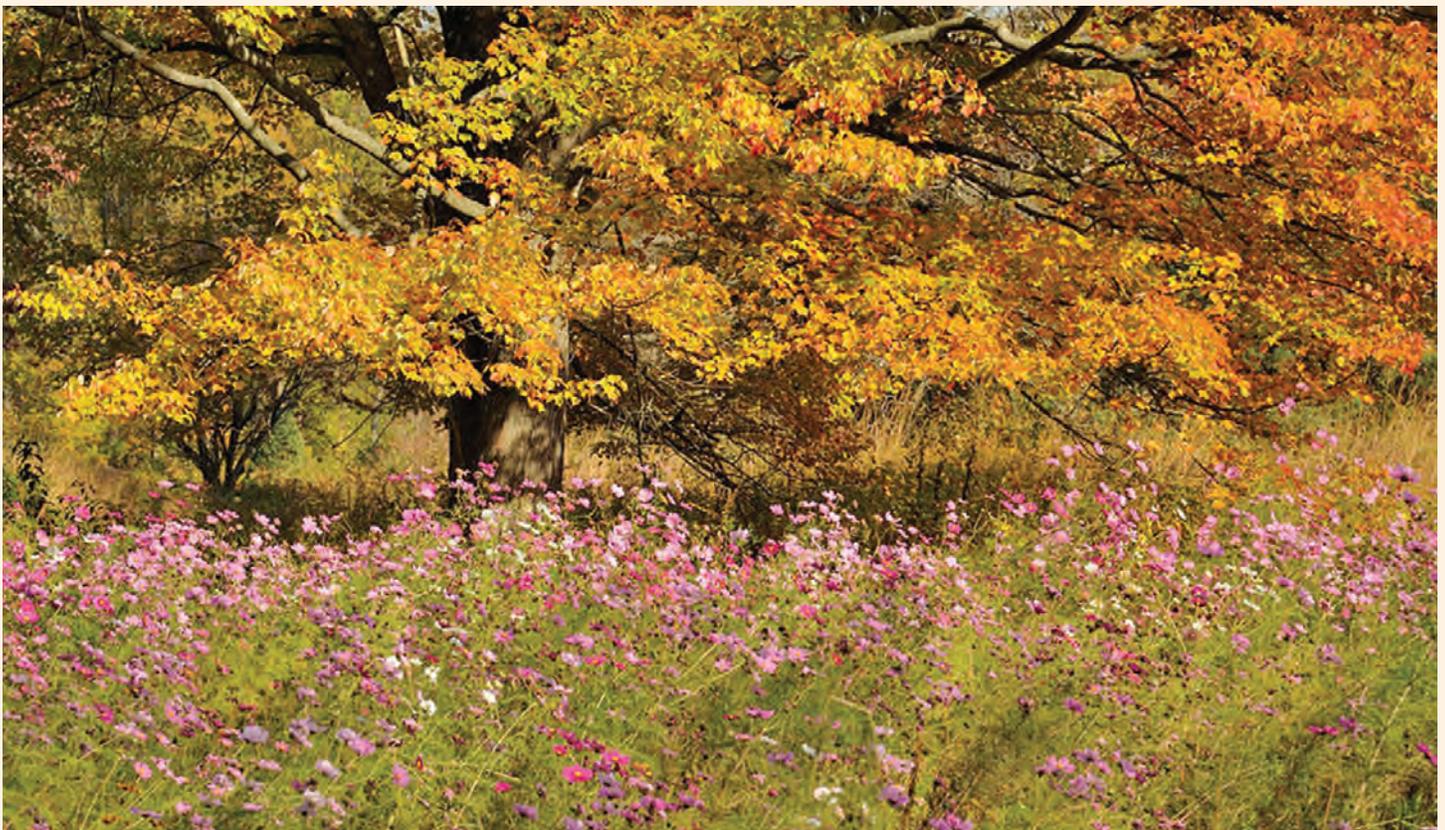
No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Birding Trip: Cape May

*Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15 and
16, departing at 7:00 am and returning by
6:00 pm the next day*

Join birder and educator **Sue Lucas** on an excursion to Cape May, NJ. You'll explore the shorelines, marshes and other habitats to observe the many birds that stop by this wonderful spot on the way to their winter destinations. *This two-day trip includes transportation, lodging, breakfast, lunch on Wednesday and a boat ride. Tuesday dinner is*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!



Dutch-treat. Bring field guides, binoculars and a brown bag lunch for Tuesday.

Pre-registration required; \$215 double or \$240 single for members, \$250 double or \$275 single for non-members

Beekeeping Basics - Part II

*Saturday, September 19, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
(Rain Date: Saturday, October 3)*

Beekeeping for the new year begins in the fall. Apiarist **Paul Strommer** helps interested beginners decide what they need to know, order, and prepare for in the fall and winter to be ready when the weather breaks in April. Receive hands-on instruction about fall hive maintenance, winter hive preparation, and tracking your bee colony. *All equipment provided. Participants will interact directly with the bees, so please take any necessary precautions.*

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

Chestnut Nursery Tour

Sunday, September 20, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tyler Arboretum has been supporting The American Chestnut Foundation's program to restore a blight-resistant American chestnut to the natural landscape since 1997. Come and learn about our native chestnut tree, the blight that threatened to destroy it, and discover the program to save the American chestnut. *Meet at the Visitor Center. Wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain or wet trails; insect repellent is advised.*

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Night Hikes

*Saturday, September 26,
7:00 – 9:00 pm*

*Saturdays, October 24 and November 21,
6:00 – 8:00 pm*

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

Pre-registration required; \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Birding Trip: Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Located on the South Jersey shore, Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge is an important part of the Atlantic Flyway with its tidal wetlands and shallow bay habitats. Join birder and educator **Sue Lucas** on a trip to Forsythe Refuge, Brigantine Island, and surrounding areas in search of fall migrating waterfowl. *Bring lunch, field guides, and binoculars. Transportation, beverage, and snacks provided.*

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



Photo by Steve Tessler

Spider Hunt

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Embrace the mood of the Halloween season by joining ecologist **Steve Tessler** on a casual hike devoted to

observing, catching, and learning about the spider species found at Tyler Arboretum, including web-spinners and hunting spiders. *Appropriate for teens and adults. Participants should be prepared for short off-trail walking in moderate terrain.*

Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Fall Tree Identification Walk

*Saturday, October 31, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, November 1)*

Join **John Wenderoth** and learn how to recognize trees based on fall characteristics. This pleasant and educational stroll through Tyler focuses on why and when different trees change color, as well as how to use leaf color, leaf texture, and canopy shape to identify varying tree species.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Fall Fungal Foray

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

November is a great time to find mushrooms at Tyler. Join ecologist **Steve Tessler** for a casual hike to search for various kinds of macrofungi, including mushrooms, corals, jellies and puffballs. Discover the importance of fungi in nature, and learn how to spot, identify, and photograph these remarkable organisms. *Appropriate for teens and adults. Participants should be prepared for short off-trail walking in moderate terrain.*

Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$20 non-members



Photo by Steve Tessler

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Health and Wellness

Yoga in the Arboretum

Tuesdays, September 15 – October 20, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in a magnificent outdoor setting. Classical yoga instructor **Beth Mulholland** provides participants with an opportunity to discover inner serenity while emphasizing smooth, flowing postures and the benefits of focused breathing. Intended for beginner and intermediate level students. *Classes take place outdoors and move indoors if weather necessitates. Please dress appropriately and bring a mat.*

Pre-registration required; Series of six classes: \$78 members, \$96 non-members; Individual Class: \$15 members, \$18 non-members

Mindful Meanders Series

Saturdays, September 19, October 24 and November 14, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Spending time in nature can heal, soothe, restore, and connect. Join nature-based coach **Florence Moyer** to learn core routines of nature awareness, practices that can help you create a deeper connection to the natural world and your own inner nature.

September 19: The Art of Sit Spot

Learn the ancient art of sit spot,

a practice of sitting with intention in nature and experiencing the natural world through all your senses with similar benefits as meditation.

October 24: The Medicine Wheel and the Four Directions

Discover the traditions of the medicine wheel and how to use it to create harmony and connections in your work and life. Explore Tyler's Meadow Maze to learn the energy of the four directions.

November 14: Through a New Lens

Explore the concept of vision through a nature walk, a story and photographs taken in Tyler's woodlands. Bring a digital camera/cell phone and your imagination. No photography skills needed.

Pre-registration required. Series of three classes: \$40 members, \$55 non-members; Individual class: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Nature's Ayurvedic Medicine

Sunday, September 27, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Explore the principles of Ayurveda, a 5,000-year-old system of holistic medicine. Join **Hari Zandler**, master instructor and Ayurvedic practitioner to discover your individual body/mind constitution and how to use it as a guide for daily living. Participants will learn herbal and nutritional tips, body alignment techniques, re-invigorating acupressure massage, and vibrational

therapy to promote radiant well-being and optimal health. *Please wear comfortable clothes.*

Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Herbs for the Heart

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join clinical herbalist **Jean Gupta** to demystify the heart and circulatory system and get tips on how to protect and strengthen your heart. Learn the value of supplements in heart health and discover the cardiovascular actions of herbs, as well as herbs for hypertension. Participants will take home a tincture of hawthorne or motherwort.

Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

The Medicine of Mushrooms

Saturday, November 7, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join clinical herbalist **Jean Gupta** to explore the medicinal properties of mushrooms that grow in our local forests. Learn how to identify these mushrooms, what their specific medicinal properties are and how to use them. Get step-by-step instructions on how to make an extract from turkeytail mushrooms. Participants will take home capsules of turkeytail extract.

Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

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Youth Programs

Toddlers in Nature

Ages 18 – 36 months

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am & 10:45 – 11:45 am

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, theme exploration and time in nature.

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

September 9 – Waiting for Wings

Discover how caterpillars turn into butterflies in this book that follows four common butterflies. We'll visit the Butterfly House to see real butterflies in various stages.

September 23 – The Very Busy Squirrel

Winter is coming and the little squirrel in this story has no time to play. We'll find out what he's up to and try to observe some squirrels who are very busy around Tyler.



Featured Series: Animals

Ages 18 – 36 months

Saturdays, September 12, 26, October 10, 24, November 7 and 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Animals come in all shapes and sizes. During this series learn all about mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects.

Pre-registration required; Series of six classes: \$50 members, \$80 non-members; Individual Class: \$10 members, \$15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

October 7 – Apple Farmer Annie

Fall is apple harvest time! In this story, we'll meet Apple Farmer Annie and see all the different things she makes with her apples. We'll learn how apples grow and, of course, sample some ourselves.

October 21 – Fall Leaves Fall

Know why autumn is called fall? We'll find out as we stomp, crunch, kick, jump and dance through the leaves. We'll collect leaves to compare and make some lovely rubbings.

November 4 – Gobble Gobble

In November everyone is thinking about turkeys, but what do they do the rest of the year? Follow Jenny through the seasons as she discovers these wild birds who behave, surprisingly, much like she does.

Teeny Tiny Trackers

Age 3

Mondays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

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

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

September 28 – Falling for Leaves

Autumn is called "fall" for a reason. Try to catch some leaves as they fall to the ground, look for different colors and make a pretty leaf craft to take home.

October 5 – Going Batty!

Furry, small, and helpful...yes, these words describe bats! Come to Tyler to learn all about Pennsylvania's only flying mammal.





October 19 – Spectacular Spiders

Learn about spiders during this Halloween season. Search for spiders, webs and eggs and, discover how spiders survive the winter.

November 9 – Oh, Deer!

Learn some surprising facts about the largest animal in our forests. We will be deer detectives searching for signs from scat to tracks.

November 23 – Listen! Listen!

Let's use our ears to hear the many sounds of nature and make our own sounds.

Let's Go Play!

Age 3

Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Let's Go Play! programs are designed for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Using Tyler as a natural playground, we will explore different ways to play in the outdoor world. Each program includes an indoor lesson and an outdoor play activity.

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

September 10 – On a Hike

Tyler's trails are beautiful in the fall. Together we will take a hike and see what we can find.

September 24 – Make Some Music

Nature provides lots of interesting and beautiful sounds. What can we hear when we listen carefully? We will make our own instruments to play outside.

October 15 – Scavenger Hunt

Join us as we search for signs of fall. What do you think we will find?

October 29 – Birds in the Fall

See what the birds are doing to get ready for the winter. We will create our own birdfeeders to take home.

November 5 – Play in the Leaves

Come and learn what happens to leaves in the fall. What fun games can we play with fall leaves?

November 19 – Lenape Games

Take a step back in time and learn about the Lenape people. Discover how they lived and what games they played for fun.

Garden Sprouts

Ages 4 – 6

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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

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

September 15 – Fun with Fruit

Let's go on a treasure hunt for berries, nuts, and fruit trees. We'll crush fruit to make natural dyes to paint on fabric.

September 29 – Fun with Leaves

Romp about the garden and collect and play with leaves. We'll create a keepsake storybook to take home.

October 13 – Creepy Crawlies in the Garden

Come meet a plant's best friends: wriggly worms, marching millipedes, and shy spiders. Learn about good and bad insects in the garden, and make a garden insect of your own.

October 27 – Super Squash

Autumn is squash season. Learn all about the different kinds of squash and head outside to look for pumpkins and more.

November 10 – Cider Celebration

Some really tasty foods come from trees...like apples. Learn about fruit trees and make apple cider.

November 24 – Fun with Compost

The garden is getting ready for winter. Just as all of us wear more layers, so do plants, compost layers that is. We'll walk through the gardens and woodland and learn about the importance of decomposers.

Tyler Tales

Ages 4 – 6

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Tyler Tales programs are for children and their favorite adult. Each program includes a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore.

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

September 16 – Gotta Go! Gotta Go!

Learn about one little caterpillar who knows she's "gotta go," even if she doesn't quite know where or how. Wish the monarchs a safe journey as they migrate from Pennsylvania to Mexico.

September 30 – Hello, Squirrels!

Scamper through a year in the life of a squirrel and learn all about these lively critters. We'll make a squirrel craft, then head outside to see if we can spot any squirrels getting ready for winter.

October 14 – The Apple Pie Tree

This colorful book follows an apple tree through the seasons until it's time to pick the apples and make a pie. We'll learn how apples grow and make our own delicious treat.

October 28 – Fall Walk

This beautifully illustrated rhyming story teaches children how to identify 24 different leaves. We'll take our own fall walk to see how many we can identify and make some art with our favorites.

November 18 – I'm a Turkey

Meet Tom the Turkey and his large family as they squawk, fly, flock, and flee from danger. We'll play some turkey games and make a craft perfect for the Thanksgiving table.





Tiny Trackers

Ages 4 – 6

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tiny Trackers programs are for children and their favorite adult. Each program includes a lesson, an outdoor walk and a craft to take home.

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

September 10 – Fly Away Butterflies

Butterflies do cool things to survive the cold. Some survive as eggs, some as caterpillars and some fly away. Say hello to autumn in this fun hands-on program.

September 24 – Traveling Seeds

Have you ever had a seed stick to your socks? You were helping it move to a new home! Learn how seeds travel while going on a seed search.

October 8 – Pumpkins

It's pumpkin time! Learn about big and little pumpkins, decorate a jack-o'-lantern and eat a pumpkin seed snack.

October 22 – Spooky Critters

Celebrate Halloween at Tyler with some of our spookiest creatures.

November 5 – Fall Colors and Shapes

We will search for the many colors of autumn and create a colorful craft to take home.

November 19 – Hurry Up! It's Getting Cold!

What are the animals doing in the fall? They are getting ready for winter. Learn why certain animals stick around and where others go.

Little Stepper Hikes

All Ages

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Little Stepper Hikes are specially designed for children of all ages and their favorite adult to introduce them to fun of hiking. Families get great exercise in the form of a nature adventure. Please dress for the weather (severe weather cancels). Feel free to bring water and light snacks.

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

September 25 – Get Squirrelly Hike

Come swish your bushy tail and learn about one our favorite furry friends. Fall is a busy time of year for squirrels; come discover why!

October 9 – Bats in the Belfry Hike

Where would bats hang out at Tyler Arboretum? Join us on this fun hike and learn about all things batty!

October 23 – Very Busy Spider Hike

Who built this beautiful web? Where and why is she building it? Come find out about our eight-legged friends.

November 13 – As the Crow Flies...Hike

Birds of a feather flock together! Follow the scarecrows and learn about this intelligent and fascinating bird.

Family Programs

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

Bug Safari

Saturday, September 26,
10:00 – 11:30 am

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Kids and adults become apprentice entomologists for a day as we hunt for insects and arachnids. Learn how to use nets and turn over fallen leaves and logs to look for soil dwellers. Examine flowers to find the many pollinators looking for nectar and pollen. This is a fun, interactive 'catch and release' adventure! *Nets and bug boxes will be provided. Suitable for children ages 3 and older.*

Pre-registration required; FREE for members, \$12 non-members

The Great Migration

Saturday, October 3,
10:00 – 11:30 am

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Fall is a time for change. The trees' leaves are changing color, the days are getting shorter and birds are migrating south. Learn which birds fly south for the winter, how to tell them apart, and why they are migrating. *Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them, or borrow them from us. Appropriate for children ages 7 and up.*

Pre-registration required; FREE for members, \$12 non-members

Spooky Twilight Hike

Friday, October 30, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Catch some of nature's Halloween spirit as we explore the woods and meadows while the sun sets and the Arboretum atmosphere changes. Search for spiders, watch for bats, and listen for owls. The adventure concludes with light refreshments. *Suitable for children ages 3 and older.*

Pre-registration required; \$6 members, \$12 non-members

Autumn's Bounty Centerpiece

Sunday, November 15, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Celebrate nature's abundance by exploring Tyler and collecting natural cones and nuts to make your own fall centerpiece. We'll add in local seasonal fruits, gourds, and corn to make it a unique one-of-a-kind creation just in time for Thanksgiving. *Suitable for children ages 3 and older.*

Pre-registration required; \$10 members, \$15 non-members



School Day-off Camps

Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, November 3,
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages 5 – 9

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. Camp is for children 5 – 9 years old.

Pre-registration required; \$50 members, \$60 non-members

🍂 September 14 – Dirt Made My Lunch

Learn what makes your lunch by exploring the veggie garden, making a healthy smoothie, canning your own pickles, and trying Tyler's veggies with a homemade dip.

🍂 November 3 – Art in the Arb'

Be inspired by nature – discover how to find art in the strangest places and create your own masterpieces out in nature and also to take home.

Project Learning Tree Teacher Workshop

Fun in Nature: Get Children OUTSIDE!

Sunday, November 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Fall is a wonderful season to get children outdoors. Using Project Learning Tree's program, Tyler's Youth Education Coordinator **Martha Moore** will help you connect young learners with the natural world by building what is familiar to them. We will concentrate on working with children ages 3 – 6. *This workshop is perfect for day care leaders, school teachers, co-op parents, scout leaders or anyone who is interested in getting children out and active in nature.*

Pre-registration required, \$25 members; \$30 non-members



Tyler

Autumn 2015

Calendar of Programs & Events

Tyler Arboretum Autumn Programs and Events

These walks are
ALWAYS FREE
FOR MEMBERS!

Fall Bird Walks: **Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am**

Weekday Wildflower Walks: **Every Wednesday, 11:15 am – 1:15 pm** **NEW TIME!**

Sunday Wildflower Walks: **Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

September

- Wed. Sept. 9 Toddlers in Nature: *Waiting for Wings*
- Thurs. Sept. 10 Let's Go Play!: On a Hike
- Thurs. Sept. 10 Tiny Trackers: Fly Away Butterflies
- Sat. Sept. 12 Animals Series
- Sun. Sept. 13 **Back in Time at Tyler***
- Sun. Sept. 13 Historic Lachford Open House*
- Mon. Sept. 14 School Day-off Camp: Dirt Made My Lunch

- Tues. & Wed. Sept. 15 & 16 Birding Trip: Cape May
- Tues. Sept. 15 Garden Sprouts: Fun with Fruit
- Tues. Sept. 15 Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Sept. 16 Tyler Tales: *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!*
- Fri. Sept. 18 **Members Only Event – Tyler After Dark Adventures**

- Sat. Sept. 19 Mindful Meanders Series: The Art of Sit Spot

- Sat. Sept. 19 Beekeeping Basics – Part II
- Sat. Sept. 19 Late Season Vegetable Gardening
- Sun. Sept. 20 Chestnut Nursery Tour*
- Tues. Sept. 22 Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Sept. 23 Toddlers in Nature: *The Very Busy Squirrel*
- Thurs. Sept. 24 Let's Go Play!: Make Some Music
- Thurs. Sept. 24 Tiny Trackers: Traveling Seeds
- Thurs. Sept. 24 **Oktoberfest Tyler Style**
- Fri. Sept. 25 Little Stepper Hikes: Get Squirrelly Hike
- Fri. Sept. 25 **Members Only Event – Tyler After Dark Adventures**

- Sat. Sept. 26 Animals Series
- Sat. Sept. 26 Family Program: Bug Safari*
- Sat. Sept. 26 Putting Your Garden "to Bed"
- Sat. Sept. 26 Art in Architecture Workshop
- Sat. Sept. 26 Night Hike
- Sun. Sept. 27 Nature's Ayurvedic Medicine
- Mon. Sept. 28 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Falling for Leaves
- Tues. Sept. 29 Garden Sprouts: Fun with Leaves

- Tues. Sept. 29 Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Sept. 30 Tyler Tales: *Hello, Squirrels!*

October

- Fri. Oct. 2 **Members Only Event – Tyler After Dark Adventures**
- Sat. Oct. 3 Family Program: The Great Migration*
- Sat. Oct. 3 Herbs for the Heart
- Sat. Oct. 3 Hypertufa Garden Mushroom
- Sun. Oct. 4 Historic Lachford Open House*
- Mon. Oct. 5 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Going Batty!
- Tues. Oct. 6 Birding Trip: Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge
- Tues. Oct. 6 Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Oct. 7 Toddlers in Nature: *Apple Farmer Annie*
- Wed. Oct. 7 Autumn Still Life Painting Series
- Thurs. Oct. 8 Tiny Trackers: Pumpkins
- Fri. Oct. 9 Little Stepper Hikes: Bats in the Belfry Hike
- Sat. Oct. 10 Animals Series
- Sat. Oct. 10 Landscape for Life: Gardening with Nature
- Sat. Oct. 10 Spider Hunt
- Tues. Oct. 13 Garden Sprouts: Creepy Crawlies in the Garden
- Tues. Oct. 13 Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Oct. 14 Tyler Tales: *The Apple Pie Tree*
- Wed. Oct. 14 Autumn Still Life Painting Series
- Thurs. Oct. 15 Let's Go Play!: Scavenger Hunt
- Sat. Oct. 17 **Pumpkin Days**
- Sun. Oct. 18 **Pumpkin Days**
- Mon. Oct. 19 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Spectacular Spiders
- Tues. Oct. 20 Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Oct. 21 Toddlers in Nature: *Fall Leaves Fall*
- Wed. Oct. 21 Autumn Still Life Painting Series
- Thurs. Oct. 22 Tiny Trackers: Spooky Critters
- Fri. Oct. 23 Little Stepper Hikes: Very Busy Spider Hike
- Sat. Oct. 24 Animals Series
- Sat. Oct. 24 Mindful Meanders Series: The Medicine Wheel and the Four Directions

- Sat. Oct. 24 Night Hike
- Tues. Oct. 27 Garden Sprouts: Super Squash
- Wed. Oct. 28 Tyler Tales: *Fall Walk*
- Wed. Oct. 28 Autumn Still Life Painting Series
- Thurs. Oct. 29 Let's Go Play!: Birds in the Fall
- Fri. Oct. 30 Family Program: Spooky Twilight Hike
- Sat. Oct. 31 Fall Tree Identification Walk*

November

- Sun. Nov. 1 Historic Lachford Open House*
- Tues. Nov. 3 School Day-off Camp: Art in the Arb'
- Wed. Nov. 4 Toddlers in Nature: *Gobble Gobble*
- Thurs. Nov. 5 Let's Go Play!: Play in the Leaves
- Thurs. Nov. 5 Tiny Trackers: Fall Colors and Shapes
- Sat. Nov. 7 Animals Series
- Sat. Nov. 7 The Medicine of Mushrooms
- Sat. Nov. 7 Handmade Gifts for the Holidays
- Sun. Nov. 8 Fun in Nature: Get Children OUTSIDE!
- Mon. Nov. 9 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Oh, Deer!
- Tues. Nov. 10 Garden Sprouts: Cider Celebration
- Fri. Nov. 13 Little Stepper Hikes: As the Crow Flies...Hike
- Sat. Nov. 14 Mindful Meanders Series: Through a New Lens
- Sat. Nov. 14 Fall Fungal Foray
- Sun. Nov. 15 Family Program: Autumn's Bounty Centerpiece
- Wed. Nov. 18 Tyler Tales: *I'm a Turkey*
- Thurs. Nov. 19 Let's Go Play!: Lenape Games
- Thurs. Nov. 19 Tiny Trackers: Hurry Up! It's Getting Cold!
- Sat. Nov. 21 Animals Series
- Sat. Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement
- Sat. Nov. 21 Night Hike
- Mon. Nov. 23 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Listen! Listen!
- Tues. Nov. 24 Garden Sprouts: Fun with Compost

* Programs that are Free for Members

Don't Miss

Home School Programs

Bring your home school group to the Arboretum. Our plants, meadows, and streams offer numerous hands-on learning opportunities. In addition to our programs developed for traditional schools, we can develop customized programs to meet your needs.

Eco-Birthday Parties

Bring your budding naturalist for a memorable celebration at the Arboretum. Surrounded by sights and sounds of nature, your child's special day will be one of exploration, discovery and fun.

For details on Home School Programs and Eco-Birthday Parties, please visit www.TylerArboretum.org, or contact 610-566-9134, ext 202 for information and registration.

For the most up-to-date information about programs and events at Tyler, check out our online calendar at www.TylerArboretum.org/calendar.



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 canceled.

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

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LEND-A-HAND

Make an impact. Volunteer to enjoy fun opportunities, hone skills and show off your talents. Become part of the Tyler community. Contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt, Volunteer Coordinator at jlo@tylerarboretum.org or (610) 566-9134 ext. 205. Fill out an application form found at www.TylerArboretum.org/volunteer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pumpkin Days

Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Our biggest event of the year needs your help! Do you have four hours to give and love working with people? We are looking for assistants in games, hayrides, face painting, scarecrow making and much more. Full descriptions and sign-ups will be available on our website at www.tylerarboretum.org/volunteer on September 1. Sign up early as jobs go quickly; families welcome. Children 12 and older can volunteer with a responsible adult; all others must be 16 and older.

If you have a civic or school group and would like to make a group effort, contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt, Volunteer Coordinator at jlo@tylerarboretum.org to make arrangements.

Fall Trails Day

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Your work makes a difference. Come help the Tyler horticulture team in the care and maintenance of 17 miles of hiking trails. Tasks include invasive plant removal and path reconstruction. Dress for the outdoors and bring gardening gloves and water. Tools provided. Park in the overflow parking area and meet at the Maintenance Building. Visit www.tylerarboretum.org/volunteer for sign-up information. Groups and families welcome. Children 12 and older can volunteer with a responsible adult; all others must be 16 and older.

Exhibit Maintenance

From tree houses to wooden caterpillars and fairy houses, all of our wonderful exhibits need someone to care for

them. Do you like to hike and to organize? We are looking for people (even a family!) who would like to “adopt” a display and help to maintain it. This involves cleaning, sweeping and reporting on any fixes that need to be done. Training is provided. Plan on a twice per month commitment. You set your hours. Contact Amy Mawby, Director of Public Programs at amawby@tylerarboretum.org.

Horticulture Group

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join our dedicated and fun-loving horticulture volunteer group in the care and upkeep of our landscape. You must be able to walk and stand for an extended amount of time outdoors. Lifting 20-30 lb. is common. Some knowledge of gardening is helpful. Regular access to email is required.

Volunteer Spotlight – The Mennigs

When you had a career that you were passionate about, what do you do in retirement? Barbara Mennig was a teacher and she loved her job; her husband, Alan, was an accountant and a very good one. Together they found Tyler Arboretum on June 6, 2006 in retirement, purely by chance. Butterfly friends already, the Mennigs were told about the Butterfly House and that Tyler was looking for volunteers. At that time they signed up to volunteer and also became members.

Today, Alan volunteers with special events, the accounting department, the horticulture crew and at the Butterfly House as a netter and sometimes as a docent.



“I always learn something new,” answers Alan when asked why he continues to volunteer. “I’m a trusted person here, and that means something,” he adds.

Barbara’s main love is helping people to understand nature through interpretation at the Butterfly House. Barbara shared this story:

“There was a man who came in to the Butterfly House by himself.

I asked him whether he wanted a tour. He said no and moved on. A family came in and they were interested. Before I knew it, the man came back and started listening intently. I think he found something interesting when he did not expect to.” This makes Barbara all the more passionate about volunteering at the Butterfly House. During the off-season, Barbara can be found helping out at special events such as the Pancake Breakfast in February.

“This is a beautiful site with beautiful people,” said the couple. At Tyler, the Mennigs have found more of what is meaningful to them in a way that supports an organization they truly care about.

GROWING WITH TYLER *SOWING SEEDS*

13th Annual Tyler at Twilight Auction

Presented by Exelon Generation

Under the stars, over 250 guests shared food, drink, and good cheer as we celebrated the beginning of summer in the gardens of Tyler. We offer our thanks to the entire Tyler family for your support in making this event a success in its 13th year.

With over 100 silent auction items and a lively auction of several special trips and outings, we grossed almost \$110,000 to support the care of our gardens, natural spaces, and hiking trails, and our outreach to teach visitors of all ages about the wonders of nature. We appreciate the generosity of all who attended and those who donated to make this possible.

Our Fund-a-Dream appeal during the auction raised \$14,450 for Tyler to care for our historic buildings, furniture, and artifacts as we work to make them more accessible to our public. We appreciate the support of all those who gave to this vital effort.

Once again, our Auction Committee, led by Chair Craig Single, gave their creative ideas and hard work to solicit donations to offer exciting auction items for our guests.

We're grateful for the Restaurant Showcase participants who gave their delicious fare and time to serve our guests:

Buttercups by Lynda
Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar
Jeffery A. Miller Catering Company
Jimmy's BBQ
Justine's Cuisines

Margaret Kuo's Restaurants
Pinocchio's Pizza and Beer
Garden to Go
Spice Indian Thai Bistro

Tyler appreciates Classic Entertainment who contributed DJ services again this year.

Many thanks to the members of our Tyler at Twilight Auction Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm.

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Top: Auction items awaiting the evening's eager bidders.



Right: Sold! Our master of ceremonies takes another winning bid.

Tyler's new Executive Director, Cricket Brien (right) chats with guests.



Below: Darcy Gibb, Tyler's retiring Office Manager, and her husband Jeff take a bow.



Above: The tent, with the Painter Library off to the left.



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Welcome to These New & Renewing Members

March 13, 2015 – June 11, 2015

Circle of Friends are members who contribute at a higher level (\$300+), providing essential support to the sustainability and conservation of Tyler’s 650 acres of open space, diverse ecosystems and historic collections.

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If you would like information about upgrading your membership and becoming a Circle of Friends or Steward Member, please contact Mary Beth Jackson, Director of Development, at 610-566-9134, ext. 206.

These donor recognition lists are true and accurate to the best of our knowledge for gifts received from March 13, 2015 through June 11, 2015. If you note any errors, please let us know so that we may correct them promptly. Thank you.

Grants & Special Gifts

\$6,000 – The Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc.

This grant supports a scholarship fund for educational programs for students from underserved school districts to give students learning opportunities in Tyler Arboretum’s outdoor classroom.





Painter Heritage Project Takes Root

By Stephanie Santucci, Tyler Gardener

One of the goals of Tyler’s Strategic Master Plan is to emphasize and reflect on the landscape history created first by the original settler, Thomas Minshall, and by the original founders of this lands as an arboretum, Jacob and Minshall Painter. While several parts of the Painter Heritage Project are yet to be fulfilled, the restoration of the original 1850s landscape is near completion. This part of the project (located in the lawn area between the Spring House and the Pond) is the original site of the first four nursery rows planted by the Painter brothers. You can still see some of the surviving trees (now over 150 years old) from these rows including a Bald Cypress, River Birch, Sweetgum, and a Buckeye. From our detailed historical records of planting lists and maps, we’ve identified the precise locations of every species planted in the rows. To highlight the original layout of the landscape, and to give our visitors a window into the past through which to study nature through the eyes of our founders, we



decided to plant a selection of these specimens in the first four rows.

There have been several phases of this project.

First, and in order to decide which plants to feature, the locations of all the plants in the first four rows needed to be mapped in the landscape. This committee based task used the planting lists from 1856 and 1863. Next, and thanks to the generosity of donated services from Monster Tree Services, we removed the non-Painter era and dying trees on the site. The stumps were ground out for planting and the area was graded and grass seeded. After months of preparation, 10 out of

the 23 selected plants have been planted in their original rows. The remaining plants will be installed as the season progresses.

The Painter brothers planted everything from native and non-native trees and shrubs, to herbaceous and woody plants in their rows. Their plant lists outlined over 30 rows with more than 1,800 plants. As Quaker naturalists, their planting and trading of the plant varieties they acquired created an outdoor living laboratory to better explore the natural world. Evidence of this lies in their plant records and correspondence to other local Quaker naturalists and botanists, including the Pierce’s Garden (now Longwood Gardens), John Evans, Victor du Pont, William Darlington, the Bartram family, and others.

The Painter Heritage Project provides a clear window into the past and connects visitors to nature.

While the Painter brothers had a dedicated appreciation and a unique perspective of our living world, we trust the Painter Heritage Project piques your interest about our founders and our origins.

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