



## Finding a New Path...Discover the Scenic Loop

By Stephanie Corrigan, Public Programs Assistant

This spring brings a new way to enjoy Tyler Arboretum. The first section of a new Scenic Loop pathway will open to provide easier access to some of the Arboretum's most beautiful treasures. Beginning at the pond, it will lead visitors on a gentle loop through the Wister Rhododendron Collection, then to the Pinetum, the Giant Sequoia and the Stopford Family Meadow Maze before returning to the pond. Wayfaring signs along the path will direct hikers to trails that are easily accessible from this one convenient loop.

The 2008 Master Plan recommended the construction of an ADA-compliant

paved path to provide better access to all Arboretum features within the deer fence. Construction began on the eastern half of the pathway last fall and the stone base was completed before the fall rains. Paving will commence in April, with completion expected in spring or early summer.

In the future, the second half of the project will take visitors through the magnolia and lilac collections, the North Woods and

the Native Woodland Walk and to the Vegetable Garden.

The paved path will create a more pleasant experience, inviting visitors to explore parts of the Arboretum they may not have seen before. After the installation of the paths through the Wister Rhododendron Garden, Tyler's Director of Horticulture, Mike

Karkowski, noted a significant increase in foot traffic in the area. As subsequent construction of the Scenic Loop pathway progressed, he noticed "several visitors and members walking the new route" even when it was "just a new rough-mowed trail."

The Loop will allow people with mobility challenges to experience Tyler, but it will also enhance access for everyone. Families with children

in strollers will enjoy exploring the meadows. Fitness walkers and runners will find the pathway an accessible and beautiful place to exercise. All visitors will benefit from steadier footing and a lack of mud and deer ticks. The paved loop and clear

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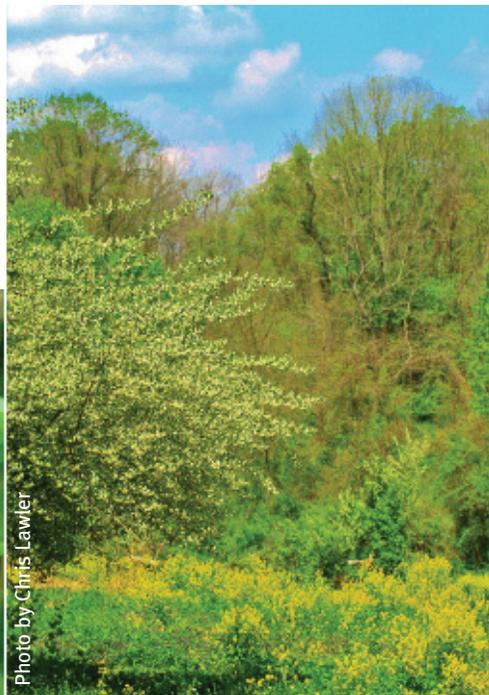


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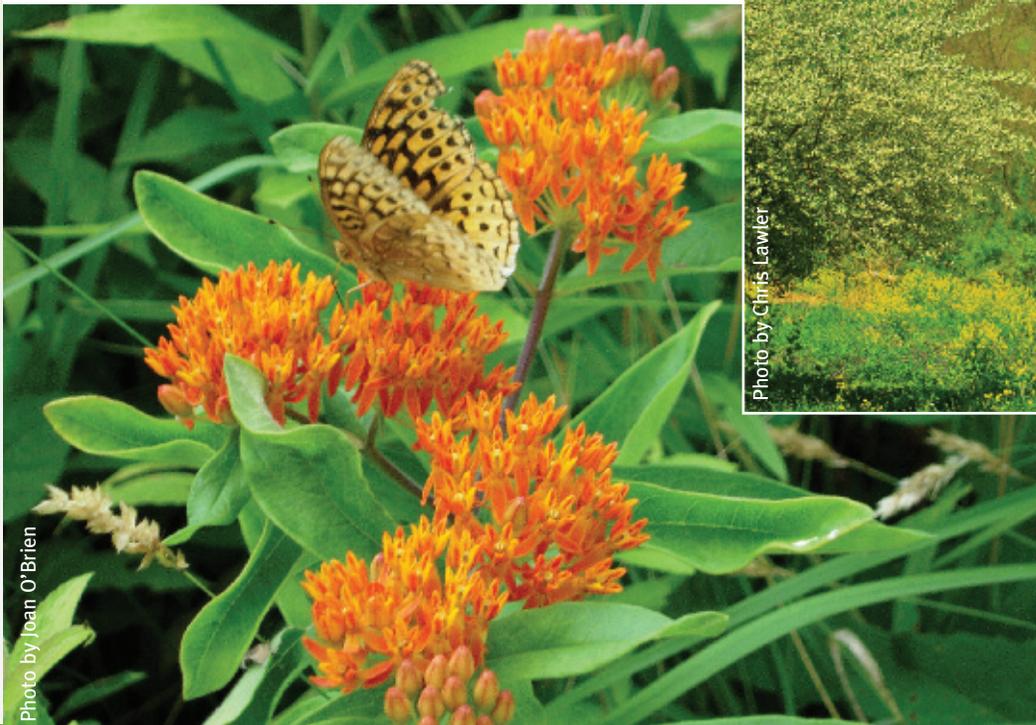


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# Executive Director's Message

For almost a year, we have been sharing our progress on the Scenic Loop Path. We are extremely pleased that the final phase of the project will be completed this spring with the installation of asphalt and new directional signs. This project would not have been possible without the generosity of Bill and Judy Strine. Their support of this initiative will truly transform the Arboretum.



We have long recognized the importance of creating a more comprehensive circulation system in the core area within the deer fence. Members and visitors alike have expressed confusion when trying to navigate amongst our gardens, plant collections and exhibits. The completion of this first phase of the Scenic Loop, on the east side of Rocky Run, will allow greatly improved access to Pinetum, Wister Rhododendron Garden and the Stopford Family Meadow Maze. The new paved, ADA compliant pathway, featuring gentle curves and varying viewpoints, will allow all Tyler visitors to take this beautiful journey. Navigational signs, made possible through the generous support of Jerry and Lucille Francesco, will direct visitors to features such as the Giant Sequoia, Basking Circle,

and Meadow Overlook, as well as access points for the six hiking trails.

In addition, the creation of the Scenic Loop allows staff and volunteers to realign access to the trail system. With assistance from the Natural Areas Committee, each of the six trails will now be accessed via a separate pedestrian

gate in the deer fence. A new, improved trail map will provide hikers with better navigational information for more enjoyable hiking experiences.

Our Strategic Master Plan (2008) called for Tyler to become a regional destination, and access to the areas and features in the eastern half of the core area, rich in educational values as well as beauty, is an important part of that effort. We are grateful for the continued community support from our generous donors and our many volunteers in helping to make the Arboretum a better place to visit. As we remain committed to continuous growth and improvement, this new Scenic Loop, over a mile in length, is a significant milestone in our journey to provide high quality visitor experiences. I invite you to come experience it!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Tyler at Twilight Auction

Thursday, June 13, 2013

6 – 10 pm

To receive an invitation, please email [srogers@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:srogers@tylerarboretum.org) or call 610-566-9134 x210.

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directional signage will help instill confidence in those who worry about losing their way. Finally, the paved surface will provide easier access for horticulture department staff members, who will be grateful for improved year round access – without getting stuck in the mud.

Most importantly, the path will enhance visitors' experiences of Tyler's natural beauty. In the spring and summer, watch bluebirds gather food for their young living in the meadow nest boxes. In late summer and fall, butterflies inhabit the maze



along with many other insects. Throughout the year, discover native wildflowers like milkweed, mountain mint, and black-eyed Susans growing along the path. Look up to see raptors soaring in the open sky.

Families with children will love finding signs of wildlife while peering down from the Overlook (formerly the Raptor Roost). Kids can also play in the Meadow Maze, crawl through the Brush Pile, and make believe in the Basking Circle.

Tyler's commitment to stewardship will also be on display. Storm water infiltration basins, found along the path, help offset the increased runoff caused by paving. These basins collect and hold water, enabling it to slowly percolate back into the soil. In the future, they will provide a



Photo by Chris Lawler

wonderful opportunity to view wetland plants and visiting animals.

The construction of the Scenic Loop was made possible through the support and dedication of Bill and Judy Strine, longtime supporters of the Arboretum. In addition, G.D Houtman & Son contributed engineering services and Jerry and Lucille Francesco provided generous funding for new navigational signs. Tyler is grateful to all supporters of this project, and we are excited that the Scenic Loop Pathway will provide new ways to explore the Arboretum.

## AN AROMATIC EXPERIENCE: TYLER'S PLANT SALE

This year our popular Plant Sale features plants full of fragrance. From sweet to spicy, discover flowers and foliage to perfume to air. Perfect for Mother's Day gifts, we have a broad selection old favorites as well as hard to find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. As always, there will be plenty of deer resistant options. Tyler's *Plant Experts* will help you select the perfect plants to make your garden beautiful. *All proceeds benefit Tyler Arboretum.*



### SAVE THE DATES

#### Members' Preview

Friday, May 3 • 11 am – 7 pm

#### General Public Sale

Saturday, May 4 • 9 am – 3 pm

Admission to the Arboretum is  
free for Saturday's event

# Past Footsteps Lead to Popular Hiking Trails

Tyler's hiking trails have long been one of the Arboretum's most popular attractions. Twenty miles of trails through woodlands, meadows and stream valleys allow visitors to experience nature at its finest whatever the season. The genesis of the trail system may stretch back centuries. Today, thoughtful stewardship and hard work from generous hiking enthusiasts keep our trails in excellent condition while protecting surrounding sensitive natural areas.

Some of the current trails may have originated as footpaths used by the Lenape Indians who lived in the area prior to the arrival of Thomas Minshall, who purchased the property from William Penn in 1681. As you walk along these trails today, you will notice evidence of farms that once existed. As the Minshall and Painter families grew and prospered, they established the Round Top, Middle, South and Home Farms on their 650 acres of land. The farm holdings were all connected via path and cart ways used routinely for moving people, animals, food and other wares between farms. It is possible that some of these paths took advantage of original Indian trails.

By the time the Arboretum was established and Tyler's first director Dr. John C. Wister came to the property in 1946, the old farm fields and roads were extensively overgrown. Wister cleared the farm land to provide space for new plant collections. He also recognized the value of providing visitor access to Tyler's extensive natural areas and created roads and firebreaks along the old cart ways. These became the basis of today's hiking trails.

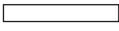
In 2005, the Tyler Board recognized the need for a group to provide expertise and leadership for trail development and maintenance. The Natural Areas Committee was formed, and under the direction of Jim Flandreau, this core group of volunteers (Jon Bauer, Dick Cloud, Beth Fast, Wayne Keller, Roger Latham and Paul Pitts) dedicated countless hours of planning, designing and executing both trail restoration and landscape erosion control and maintenance.

The installation of the new Scenic Loop brings a few trail changes. The most noticeable is the elimination of the trail head. Rather than relying on a single starting point, the new trail system will flow easily from the Scenic Loop beginning near the pond. Each trail will have its own start at one of the pedestrian gates in the deer enclosure fence. Individual trails

have also been re-routed so that each one will loop back to its beginning at the fence gate, making losing one's way nearly impossible. The colored blazes used to provide directional guidance will be consistently spaced, neat, predictable and easy to read. "We really researched and made decisions based on the safety, comfort and pleasure of each visitor's experience", says Flandreau. "As visitors enter the Scenic Loop Path and arc around, they are very thoughtfully directed to each trail's gate. Once on

a trail, visitors will circuit around to the beginning again. These trails act as intelligent connectors through the Tyler property."

At the same time, the Committee made the decision to change the trail names from colors to titles that better indicate prominent features for each trail. The name changes pay homage to Tyler's heritage either in the stream that it crosses (Rocky and Dismal Runs), Tyler's founding families (Minshall and Painter), or the trail location (Middle Farm and Pink Hill). Trails will retain their color directional blazes. The trails will now be known as:

-  **Rocky Run Trail (Blue)** 
-  **Minshall Trail (White)** 
-  **Middle Farm Trail (Yellow)** 
-  **Painter Trail (Red)** 
-  **Dismal Run Trail (Orange)** 
-  **Pink Hill Trail (Pink)** 
-  **Scenic Loop Path (Green)** 

A new and improved trail guide/map will lead visitors clearly along each leg of a chosen path. Visitors hiking the trails will find a streamlined and fluid experience allowing one to envision the path of those that went before. From Lenni Lenape natives and early Quaker settlers to modern trail adventurers, the hiking trails at Tyler have something old and new for everyone.



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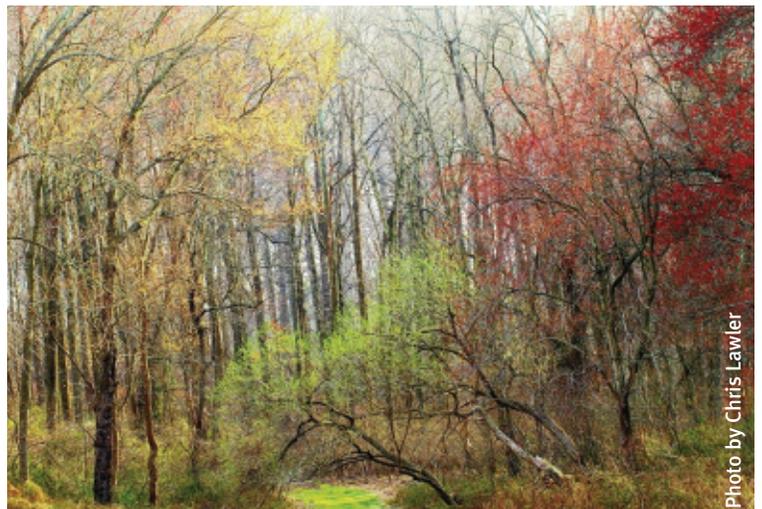


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# Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Spring Programs and Events 2013

## Special Events

### Volunteer Trail Day

*Saturday, March 30, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(Inclement weather date Sunday, March 31)*

Come help keep Tyler's trails safe and in good shape! Help clean up a portion of Tyler's extensive trail system and have some fun in the process. No experience necessary. *Wear boots, long pants and long sleeves. Bring eye protection and work gloves if you have them. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.*

*Pre-registration encouraged; contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 610-566-9134, x205 or mhamblin@tylerarboretum.org.*

### Tyler Arboretum 10K Trail Run

*Saturday, April 6, Registration 8:00 am,  
Race begins 9:00 am*

Runners of all speeds and abilities are welcome to test themselves against a course that runs through the heart of the beautiful and historic Tyler Arboretum. The course is fast and challenging, with many elevation changes and four shallow creek crossings. This race was named one of the Philadelphia area's best races by Philadelphia Magazine's BE WELL PHILLY. Presented by Delco RRC, the race is a USATF Mid-Atlantic Off

Road GP event. *There is a limit of 400 runners. It has sold out the last three years, so don't delay!*

*For more information and to register, visit [www.TylerTrailRun.com](http://www.TylerTrailRun.com) or [Delcorrc.com](http://Delcorrc.com).*

### Plant Sale

*Members' Preview: Friday, May 3,  
11:00 am – 7:00 pm*

*General Public Sale: Saturday, May 4,  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm*

Tyler's annual Plant Sale offers gardeners a myriad of options and hard to find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. This year's sale features a special selection of plants grown for their fragrance. Perfect for Mother's Day gifts, shoppers can choose from plants with aromatic flowers or foliage ranging from delectably sweet to exotically spicy. As always, there will be a strong assortment of deer resistant plants. Our *Plant Experts* will be on hand to help select the best plants for individual landscapes and gardens and our volunteers will help pack and load your new treasures for the ride home.

*Admission to the Arboretum is free to everyone for Saturday's event.*

### Wine, Blooms and Tunes

*Thursday, May 9, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

Treat your senses to a fabulous combination. Enjoy a sampling of wines from nearby Sweetwater Farm's Grace Winery, the soothing music of acoustic guitarist and singer Joe Croce, and Tyler's beautiful blooming lilacs.

*Limited capacity; pre-registration required by Friday, May 3 by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134 x215. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Suitable for adults 21 and older only. Rain or shine.*

### National Public Gardens Day

*Friday, May 10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm*

National Public Gardens Day is a day set aside to celebrate the historic and beautiful public gardens throughout America. This day recognizes the important role our public gardens play in promoting gardening, environmental stewardship and education in communities nationwide. Come enjoy Tyler's beautiful spring blooming plants and walk through our meadows and woodlands.

*Special discovery and activity stations for kids and adults from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. No pre-registration required.*

## Members Only Events

### Eggstravaganza Springtime Celebration

*Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm*

Eggs are everywhere in the Arboretum in the springtime. Discover why birds are sitting on their eggs, frog and toad eggs float in the Pond, and special cases hide insect eggs in the meadow. Learn about bunnies and other Arboretum animals born in spring. Wear your Silliest Easter Hat (best one wins a prize!) and enjoy children's Easter Egg Hunts (scheduled by age group), natural egg dying,

egg-cellent crafts and more.

*Pre-registration required by Saturday, March 16 by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134 x215; \$3 per person, free for children under 2. Rain or shine.*

### Plant Sale Preview

*Friday, May 3, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm*

Come a day early and shop prior to the public sale for the best selection and fewer crowds. In addition, members receive a 5% discount on all purchases this day only. See the Plant Sale listing under Special Events for detailed information on this year's sale. For faster check-in,

please remember to bring your membership card.

### Tree House Preview

*Friday, May 24, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm*

Be among the first to see the new additions to our collection of Totally Terrific Treehouses, and explore the old favorites as they are unveiled for the coming season. Bring a picnic dinner and follow our Tree-mendous Scavenger Hunt to a surprise dessert buffet.

*Free Event; pre-registration required by Friday, May 17 by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134 x215. Rain or shine.*

# Gardening and Horticulture

## Seed Sowing

*Saturday, March 2, 1:30 – 2:30 pm*

Growing plants from seed provides you with a much wider selection of plants for your garden, and at the same time saves money. Join Tyler Gardener **Emily Mox**, for this hands-on workshop to learn the tricks of the trade for raising healthy annuals, perennials and vegetables from seed. Participants will have a variety of seeds to choose from and will take home planted containers.

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

## Vegetable Gardening 101

*Saturday, April 6, 1:30 – 3:30 pm*

Home-grown veggies taste delicious and are also more economical and nutritious than those bought from the store. Growing your own food is also a way to live more sustainably. Whether you want to grow a few tomatoes or really go into production, this workshop will give you all the information you need to get a great start on your 2013 garden. Master Gardener and avid vegetable gardener **Leslie Trimble** will discuss location, soil preparation, seed starting, and plant selection and culture.

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

## How to Plant Trees and Shrubs

*Sunday, May 5, 1:30 – 3:00 pm*

Planting woody plants correctly goes a long way to ensuring healthy, long-lived plants. But it is not as simple as digging a hole and plopping in the plant. Join Tyler Gardener **Jerry O'Dell** for a hands-on workshop that will include an overview of the current scientific recommendations as well as specific techniques to promote healthy root growth. *Bring gardening gloves if you have them.*

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

## Botanical Arts

### Build a Wave Hill Chair

*Saturday, March 2, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm*

Visitors to the Arboretum often comment on the striking set of

modernistic chairs that have lived near Tyler's picnic area for the past few years. The minimalist design blends beautifully in the landscape and they are also wonderfully comfortable. The design has been used exclusively at New York's Wave Hill garden for many years. Our chairs were built and donated to us by **Dan Benarcik** and they have aged beautifully. Take advantage of this special opportunity to build your own Wave Hill chair under Dan's guidance. No carpentry skills are needed. *Please bring a cordless drill/screwdriver that is fully charged.*

*Pre-registration required; \$115 members, \$125 non-members*

### Easter Flower Arrangement

*Thursday, March 28, 6:00 – 7:30 pm*

Celebrate the beauty of spring with a colorful floral arrangement for the holiday. **Karen McDonald** will take you step-by-step through the process of creating an arrangement using favorite spring flowers as well as cut materials from the Arboretum. You will leave with an arrangement perfect for your own table or to bring as a hostess gift. Learn the essential (yet easy) techniques that will make any arrangement look great. Bring a friend for a fun, creative evening, and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while you work. *All materials for the arrangement are provided; bring pruners or shears.*

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

### Photo Walk:

#### Focus on Nature

*Sunday, April 28, 1:00 – 3:00 pm*

In the spring, just as the trees are beginning to leaf out, Tyler's woodlands and stream valleys offer endless opportunities for striking landscape or close-up photographic studies. Join **Chris Lawler** for a moderately-paced walk to scenic natural areas including the Rocky Run stream and the Indian Rock area. Chris has been hiking and photographing Tyler for decades and will offer guidance on selecting subjects as well as photographic tips and techniques. *Shoes suitable for uneven terrain are advised. Please bring a camera you are familiar with and a tripod, if you have one.*

*Pre-registration required; \$10 non-members*

### Photo Walk: Focus on Flowers

*Thursday, May 9, 9:30 – 11:00 am*

Early May features an abundance of bloom with lilacs, rhododendrons, bulbs and wildflowers painting the landscape in color. **Chris Lawler** will lead a leisurely walk through the Arboretum's plant collections and gardens for photographic opportunities for both landscape and close-up plant portraits. *Shoes suitable for uneven terrain are advised. Please bring a camera you are familiar with and a tripod, if you have one.*

*Pre-registration required; \$10 non-members*

## Natural Studies

### Spring Bird Walks

*Every Wednesday,  
8:15 – 10:15 am*

Join Tyler's experienced birders in search of the numerous spring migrants throughout the Arboretum. Beginners and experts both welcome. *Bring bird guides and binoculars.*

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

### Weekday Wildflower Walks

*Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm*

Spring explodes with wildflowers as woodland plants emerge from their winter slumber. Discover them with experts **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** and experience spring unfolding at Tyler.

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

### Invasive Plant Removal Corps

*Sundays, March 10, April 14, May 12,  
9:30 am – 12:00 pm*

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

*No admission fee or pre-registration required*

### Naturalist Walks

*Thursdays, 1:30 – 2:30 pm*

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

 **March 7, Focus on Frogs**

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

- 🌿 **April 18, Floral Beauty**
- 🌿 **May 9, Trees and Shrubs**

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

## Sunday Wildflower Walks

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

*Sundays, March 10, April 14, May 12, 1:30 – 3:30 pm*

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

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

## Spring Warbler Walks

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

*Saturday, March 30, Sundays April 7 and May 5, 8:00 – 10:00 am*

Come one, come all, to the Tyler Arboretum to look for beautiful birds you can only see in spring. Spring is a great time to see rare migrant birds like warblers, kinglets and more. Our experienced birders will guide you through Tyler's best bird habitats in search of spring songsters. All experience levels welcome. *Please bring your own binoculars. This program is suitable for participants ages 15 and older.*

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

## Birding Trip: Middle Creek

*Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm*

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

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

## Historic Building Tours

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

*Sundays, April 7 and May 5, 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 pm*

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

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

## Birding Trip: Bombay Hook

*Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm*

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

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

## Wildflower Trip: Bowman's Hill

*Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm*

Join **Richard Brenner** and celebrate spring with a visit to Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, one of the most spectacular displays of spring wildflowers in the area. We will have a guided tour of their extensive native plant displays, which should be at peak bloom. There will also be time to explore the Twinleaf Gift Shop and the Sinkler Bird Observatory in the Resource Center before enjoying a brown bag picnic lunch in their covered pavilion. *Wear shoes for uneven terrain. Please bring a lunch, binoculars and insect repellent; beverages, snacks and transportation will be provided.*

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

## Birding Trip: Cape May

*Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14 and 15, departing at 7:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm*

Birders **Jado Foot** and **Sue Lucas** will lead this favorite trip to Cape May. You'll observe the many birds that

stop along the shoreline of Reed's Beach to rest and to feed on the eggs of the spawning horseshoe crabs. *This two-day trip includes transportation, lodging, breakfast, lunch on Wednesday and a boat ride. Tuesday dinner is Dutch-treat. Bring field guides, binoculars and a brown bag lunch for Tuesday.*

*Pre-registration required; \$210 double or \$235 single for members, \$250 double or \$265 single for non-members*

## Health and Wellness

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

### Fitness Walk About

*Every Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Get outdoors, get some exercise and celebrate the warmer temperatures, blooming flowers and singing birds as we celebrate one of the most joyful seasons of the year. Enjoy a comfortably paced walk on the paved paths of the Rhododendron Garden and the new Scenic Loop through the Pinetum Meadow. These guided walks are perfect for seniors and other walkers looking for moderate exercise in a safe, vehicle free setting surrounded by nature. Each walk covers about one and a half miles with an option for more.

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

### Trail Rambles

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

*Sundays, 9:15 – 11:00 am*

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

🌿 **March 17** – The **Painter Trail** is 3.1 miles and features two ascents.

🌿 **April 7** – Walk portions of the **Pink Hill and Minshall Trails** to visit the Arboretum's rare serpentine barren and look for native moss pinks, then follow **Dismal Run**.

🌿 **May 5** – Ramble through the **Native Woodland Walk** before heading along the 2.5-mile **Rocky Run Trail**, a shady delight as it passes along Rocky Run stream.

*No pre-registration required; non-members pay Arboretum admission fee*

## Night Hikes

*Saturdays, March 23, April 20, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
and May 25, 7:30 – 9:30 pm*

Experiencing Tyler's natural areas after dark has a magic all its own, especially if lit by moonlight. Enjoy night sounds and watch for nocturnal creatures; there are lots of interesting things going on at night that you can't experience in the daytime. Guides **Dick Cloud** and **Rachel Ndeto** lead a brisk hike that will include moderate to steep trails. *This walk is suitable for adults and teens. Please bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.*

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

## Little Stepper Hikes

*Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30 am*

Check out these hikes designed specifically for the under-5 set and their grown-ups. *See full description on page 10.*

## Youth Programs

### Toddlers in Nature Ages 12–36 mths

*Toddlers in Nature programs are for toddlers and their parent/guardian. All activities are developmentally appropriate for toddlers. Toddlers are all about exploring their sense of wonder and each class will include a story, theme exploration and time in nature. Fee is for the child only.*

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

### Spring is Here!

*Wednesday, March 13, 9:45 – 10:45 am or  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Come celebrate spring at the Tyler Arboretum. Toddlers will love searching for signs of spring. Join us for our first picnic of the season.

### Mud

*Wednesday, March 27, 9:45 – 10:45 am or  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Simply stated, we will explore our fascination with mud. The earth is warming and calling us to play. Wear your play clothes...it could get dirty!

### Hands can...

*Wednesday, April 10, 9:45 – 10:45 am or  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

We will be exploring the amazing things our hands can do in this

exciting, "hands-on" class. Safe, sensory activities are in store.

### Care for Our World

*Wednesday, April 24, 9:45 – 10:45 am or  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Celebrating our Earth is something all of us can do. Learn simple ways toddlers and their families can care for our planet. Earth Day is everyday!

### Hello, Baby!

*Wednesday, May 8, 9:45 – 10:45 am or  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Springtime is the time for new baby animals – one of nature's cutest characters. Come learn the names of baby animals and how they are similar to us.

### Butterflies: Waiting for Wings

*Wednesday, May 22, 9:45 – 10:45 am or  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

You are never too young to appreciate the beauty of a butterfly. Today we will explore the life cycle of these amazing animals—toddler style. Get ready for metamorphosis!

### Teeny Tiny Trackers Age 3

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

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

### Wake Up!

*Monday, March 11, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

The trees are about to leaf out, the frogs and turtles are waking up and flowers are blooming. Celebrate the beginning of spring at Tyler!

### Our Feathery Friends

*Monday, March 25, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

What makes a bird a bird? Feathers of course! Get up close to a real bird and learn why feathers are important; they don't just help the bird fly!

### Mighty Trees

*Monday, April 8, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

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

### Terrific Turtles

*Monday, April 22, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

The wetlands are warming up and the

turtles have returned. Learn about turtles, meet aquatic creatures of all kinds and explore the Arboretum wetland with nets and buckets.

### Painting with Flowers

*Monday, May 6, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

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

### Bees and Butterflies

*Monday, May 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Pollinators abound in spring, buzzing or fluttering all around. Learn why they are important, and make your own buggy buddy to take home.

### Tyler Tales Ages 3–5

*Tyler Tales is a nature-based story time for preschoolers (ages 3-5 years). Each 90 minute class provides a story, activity or craft, and outside time to explore the Tyler Arboretum. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.*

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

### Two Blue Jays

*Wednesday, March 6, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Birds of a feather...flock together. Come listen and learn about birds and bird nests. Build a nest of your own and play games in Tyler's big bird nests.

### And Then It's Spring

*Wednesday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Young explorers will learn to recognize the signs of spring and enjoy an unusual egg hunt as we celebrate the spring equinox.

### Sun Bread

*Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

The sun gives our earth energy and warmth, but when it is gray and cloudy we can bake sun bread until the sun shows again. Come learn about the amazing sun.

### The Earth Book

*Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Everyday is Earth Day at the Tyler Arboretum! Today's colorful story shows how we are all connected and why we should care for our planet. We will plant the seeds of caring for our earth.

## The Flower

*Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Bring your botanist brain, and we will share a beautiful book about flowers. The colors, smells and different parts of flowers help us learn about their amazing cycle of life.

## We're Going on a Picnic

*Wednesday, May 15, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

We have the blanket, basket and book packed! Join the characters of our silly adventure book for a spring picnic of sweet, fresh, seasonal snacks.

## Tiny Trackers Ages 4-5

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

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

## Maple Sugaring

*Thursday, March 7, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

From tap to tasting, learn how the syrup for your pancakes is made.

## Catching the Wind

*Thursday, March 21, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Wind helps birds fly, carries seeds to a new home and cools us down on warm days. Learn why the wind blows, while playing with your home-made kite.

## Welcome Back

*Thursday, April 4, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

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

## Busy Birds

*Thursday, April 18, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Birds are flying back north to call Tyler home until next winter. Learn about their calls, the nests you may find here and make your own mud nest to take home.

## Hoorah for May!

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

It's spring! Explore the great outdoors and discover the many textures and colors of nature. Celebrate spring by dancing around a May Pole.

## Slithering Snakes & Terrific Turtles

*Thursday, May 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Look under logs, roll over rocks and go to the pond in search of reptiles. Learn what makes a snake a reptile and not a bird.

## Getting Wet!

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

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

## Garden Sprouts Ages 4-5

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

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

## Super Seeds

*Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Help us start seed for our sprouts garden, and discover how super seeds are. Join us to taste, touch and explore seeds of all shapes and colors, and plant your very own seeds.

## Wind

*Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Come see what the strong spring winds have blown in at the garden. Perform simple experiments to learn where wind comes from, read a windy story and make a wind sock to take home.

## Raindrops and Rainbows

*Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Rain, rain come today...we are ready to learn and play! Rainy days are perfect for rainbow hunts. Learn about rainbows, spring rain and how plants use water to grow. We will have lots of fun rain or shine!

## Silly Salad

*Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Leaves, fruits, stems and roots. Learn about the plants we eat every day. Plant lettuce seeds in our garden and in pots to grow your own salad garden at home!

## Spring is Here!

*Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

As temperatures warm, the garden springs into action! Garden Sprouts will sing like birds, stretch toward the sun like baby plants, sow seeds in the garden and make a special spring mobile to take home.

## Green Scene

*Tuesday, April 23, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Celebrate Earth Day and learn to appreciate nature and to protect our environment. In this "green" program, Sprouts will make recycled art, perform an Earth Day rap, learn about natural compost and much more. It's cool to be green!

## Garden Safari

*Tuesday, April 30, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Grab your safari hat as we hunt for Pigsqueak, Lamb's Ear and even Unicorn Plant! Sprouts, equipped with their own decorated hiking sticks, will track down evidence of "WILD" flowers invading the meadow. Keep your eyes on the trail- it's a jungle out there!

## Fairies in the Garden

*Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

There are fairies in the garden! We will find them as we tiptoe through the flowers, create a fairy house and read a fairy story - all to help us understand how to bring fairies to our own gardens.

## Gear up your Green Thumb

*Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Get ready to "dig in" and learn what it takes to make your garden grow. Sprouts will learn basic garden terminology, practice the correct use of garden tools and plant summer vegetables in the Sprouts Garden.

## Plants on Our Plates

*Tuesday, May 21, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Ever wonder where those delicious plants on our plates come from? Sprouts will explore the garden and discover roots, stems and leaves that taste as yummy as their favorite snack!

## Plant Parade

*Tuesday, May 28, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Now is the time to celebrate our plants! We have dug, planted, watered, fed and even weeded. Now, learn all about our

special plants while we read a plant story, look at our plants in the garden and go on a special plant parade.

## Little Stepper Hikes

*Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30 am*

Hiking is a wonderful way to spend time outdoors with young children. These excursions are specially designed for kids and their grown-ups to introduce them to fun of hiking. Pack up your baby, toddler and/or preschooler and join Tyler Educator **Molly Scott** for some great exercise in the form of a nature adventure. This is an outdoor program; please dress for the weather (severe weather cancels). *Bring water and light snacks. Fee is for the children only.*

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

- 🌿 **March 8, Spring Thaw Hike** – We will search for signs of spring in the amazing North Woods as we walk along woodland paths, climb over fallen logs and look for wildflowers. Please dress for weather.
- 🌿 **March 29, Birding Hike** – Bring your binoculars and bird books. We will be observing our feathered friends as we hike through the best birding areas at the Tyler Arboretum.
- 🌿 **April 12, Ponds Hike** – Explore Tyler's pond as well as meadow and woodland temporary vernal ponds. We will look at life in our pond and venture into the woods to explore vernal ponds.
- 🌿 **May 3, Scenic Loop Hike** – We can hardly wait to get out and walk the stroller-friendly paved 1.5 mile loop through the beautiful rhododendrons and meadow. We will be using our senses to see and smell the spring blooms.
- 🌿 **May 17, Meadow Maze Hike** – Explore the Meadow Maze and the four compass stones, crawl through the brush pile, cross the bridge and enjoy your snack inside the stone basking circle.

## Family Programs

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

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

### Family Birding

*Saturday, March 9,  
Sundays April 7 and  
May 5, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Discovering and identifying birds is a terrific way to enjoy a morning outdoors. Expert birders Sue and Chelsea Lucas will guide kids and their grown-ups in finding the smallest of songbirds or magnificent hawks soaring overhead. Learn to sing bird songs and to talk to birds. *No experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them. Suitable for ages 7 and older.*

**FREE FOR MEMBERS!**

### St. Patrick's Day

*Sunday, March 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Explore Irish culture and how it relates to nature. Visit the Green Men faces on our trees and other magical woodland inhabitants. Hunt for four leaf clovers and make a fairy home to take and enjoy in your garden. *Suitable for ages 3 and older.*

### Family Twilight Walk

*Friday, March 22, 6:30 – 8:00 pm*

See Tyler in a whole new way in this twilight walk. Look and listen for animals that come out at night. In this easy-paced walk we will call for owls and search for bats just coming out of hibernation. Finish the evening with cookies and a warm cup of cocoa in our barn. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Suitable for ages 3 and older.*

**FREE FOR MEMBERS!**

### Natural Egg Dying

*Sunday, March 24, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

In this hands-on class, kids and adults will color eggs with dyes made from onions, beets, blueberries and other natural products. The eggs will be further adorned with silhouettes of leaves and flowers. Participants will each color four eggs. *Suitable for ages 5 and older.*

## Flower Celebration!

*Sunday, April 7, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Spring is the best time to see flowers. On this flower scavenger hunt we will see flowers tinier than a freckle and bigger than your hand, flowers that smell sweet and some that really stink! We will use fallen flower petals and other natural materials to make whimsical designs, fairy rings and gnome homes. Bring a camera to record your flower art and a blanket to take a break - we will provide the snacks. *Suitable for ages 4 and older.*

### Family Night Hike

*Saturday, April 27, 7:30 – 9:00 pm*

Hiking on a moon-lit night is a magical experience. We will discover which animals and birds may be out at night and look to see if we can spot them. The night concludes with drinks and cookies. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Suitable for ages 5 and older.*

**FREE FOR MEMBERS!**

### Family Aquatic Bug Hunt

*Saturday, May 11 or May 18,  
1:00 – 3:00 pm*

Did you know dragonflies live underwater before they grow their wings? Get your feet wet in Tyler's Rocky Run stream while looking for dragonfly larvae and many other aquatic critters. Discover the hidden world of bugs that live in our streams and rivers and learn to tell if a stream is sick or healthy by the bugs that live in it. Nets are provided. *Bring stream shoes or old sneakers and be prepared to get wet. Suitable for ages 3 and older.*

**FREE FOR MEMBERS!**

### Tracks and Traces Safari

*Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Become a nature detective as you look for clues about the wild animals living at the Tyler Arboretum. Search for fox footprints, mole holes, owl pellets and the best evidence of all: animal scat! Learn the different types of animal scat as you make real-looking scat that you can eat! *Suitable for ages 5 and older.*

# Tyler

## Spring 2013

# Calendar of Programs & Events

### Tyler Arboretum Spring Programs and Events

**Fitness Walk About:** Every Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:00 am \*

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

**Weekday Wildflower Walks:** Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm \*

These walks are  
**ALWAYS FREE**  
FOR MEMBERS!

## March

- Sat. Mar. 2** Seed Sowing
- Sat. Mar. 2** Build a Wave Hill Chair
- Tues. Mar. 5** *Garden Sprouts:* Super Seeds
- Wed. Mar. 6** *Tyler Tales:* Two Blue Jays
- Thurs. Mar. 7** *Tiny Trackers:* Maple Sugaring
- Thurs. Mar. 7** *Naturalist Walk:* Focus on Frogs \*
- Fri. March 8** *Little Stepper Hike:* Spring Thaw
- Sat. Mar. 9** *Family Program:* Family Birding \*
- Sun. Mar. 10** Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. Mar. 10** Sunday Wildflower Walk \*
- Mon. Mar. 11** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Wake Up!
- Tues. Mar. 12** Birding Trip: Middle Creek
- Wed. Mar. 13** *Toddlers in Nature:* Spring is Here!
- Sun. Mar. 15** **Volunteer Open House**
- Sun. Mar. 17** *Family Program:* St. Patrick's Day
- Sun. Mar. 17** *Trail Ramble:* Painter Trail \*
- Tues. Mar. 19** *Garden Sprouts:* Wind
- Wed. Mar. 20** *Tyler Tales:* And Then It's Spring
- Thurs. Mar. 21** *Tiny Trackers:* Catching the Wind
- Fri. Mar. 22** *Family Program:* Family Twilight Walk \*
- Sat. Mar. 23** **Members Only: Eggstravaganza Springtime Celebration**
- Sat. Mar. 23** Night Hike
- Sun. Mar. 24** *Family Program:* Natural Egg Dying
- Mon. Mar. 25** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Our Feathery Friends
- Wed. Mar. 27** *Toddlers in Nature:* Mud
- Thurs. Mar. 28** Easter Flower Arrangement
- Fri. March 29** *Little Stepper Hike:* Birding
- Sat. Mar. 30** Volunteer Trail Day
- Sat. Mar. 30** Spring Warbler Walk \*

## April

- Tues. Apr. 2** *Garden Sprouts:* Raindrops and Rainbows
- Wed. Apr. 3** *Tyler Tales:* Sun Bread
- Thurs. Apr. 4** *Tiny Trackers:* Welcome Back
- Sat. Apr. 6** **10K Trail Run**

- Sat. Apr. 6** Vegetable Gardening 101
- Sun. Apr. 7** Spring Warbler Walk
- Sun. Apr. 7** *Family Program:* Family Birding \*
- Sun. Apr. 7** *Trail Ramble:* Pink Hill and Minshall Trails \*
- Sun. Apr. 7** *Family Program:* Flower Celebration!
- Sun. Apr. 7** Historic Building Tour \*
- Mon. Apr. 8** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Mighty Trees
- Tues. Apr. 9** *Garden Sprouts:* Silly Salad
- Wed. Apr. 10** *Toddlers in Nature:* Hands Can...
- Fri. April 12** *Little Stepper Hike:* Ponds
- Sun. Apr. 14** Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. Apr. 14** Sunday Wildflower Walk \*
- Tues. Apr. 16** Birding Trip: Bombay Hook
- Tues. Apr. 16** *Garden Sprouts:* Spring is Here!
- Wed. Apr. 17** *Tyler Tales:* The Earth Book
- Thurs. Apr. 18** *Naturalist Walk:* Floral Beauty \*
- Thurs. Apr. 18** *Tiny Trackers:* Busy Birds
- Sat. Apr. 20** Night Hike
- Mon. Apr. 22** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Terrific Turtles
- Tues. Apr. 23** *Garden Sprouts:* Green Scene
- Wed. Apr. 24** Wildflower Trip: Bowman's Hill
- Wed. Apr. 24** *Toddlers in Nature:* Care for Our World
- Sat. Apr. 27** *Family Program:* Family Night Hike \*
- Sun. Apr. 28** Photo Walk: Focus on Nature \*
- Tues. Apr. 30** *Garden Sprouts:* Garden Safari

## May

- Wed. May 1** *Tyler Tales:* The Flower
- Thurs. May 2** *Tiny Trackers:* Hoorah for May!
- Fri. May 3** *Little Stepper Hike:* Scenic Loop
- Fri. May 3** **Members Only: Plant Sale Preview**
- Sat. May 4** **Plant Sale**
- Sun. May 5** Spring Warbler Walk
- Sun. May 5** *Family Program:* Family Birding \*
- Sun. May 5** How to Plant Trees and Shrubs
- Sun. May 5** *Trail Ramble:* Native Woodland Walk and Rocky Run Trail \*
- Sun. May 5** Historic Building Tour \*

- Sun. May 5** Night Hike
- Mon. May 6** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Painting with Flowers
- Tues. May 7** *Garden Sprouts:* Fairies in the Garden
- Wed. May 8** *Toddlers in Nature:* Hello, Baby!
- Thurs. May 9** Photo Walk: Focus on Flowers \*
- Thurs. May 9** *Naturalist Walk:* Trees and Shrubs \*
- Thurs. May 9** **Wine, Blooms and Tunes**
- Fri. May 10** **National Public Gardens Day**
- Sat. May 11** *Family Program:* Family Bug Hunt \*
- Sun. May 12** Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. May 12** Sunday Wildflower Walk \*
- Tues. & Wed. May 14 & 15** Birding Trip: Cape May
- Tues. May 14** *Garden Sprouts:* Gear up your Green Thumb
- Wed. May 15** *Tyler Tales:* We're going on a Picnic
- Thurs. May 16** *Tiny Trackers:* Slithering Snakes and Terrific Turtles
- Fri. May 17** *Little Stepper Hike:* Meadow Maze
- Sat. May 18** *Family Program:* Family Aquatic Bug Hunt \*
- Sat. May 18** *Family Program:* Tracks and Traces Safari
- Mon. May 20** *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Bees and Butterflies
- Tues. May 21** *Garden Sprouts:* Plants on our Plates
- Wed. May 22** *Toddlers in Nature:* Butterflies: Waiting for Wings
- Fri. May 24** **Members Only: Tree House Preview**
- Sat. May 25** Night Hike
- Tues. May 28** *Garden Sprouts:* Plant Parade
- Thurs. May 30** *Tiny Trackers:* Getting Wet!
- \* Programs that are Free for Members*

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tyler at Twilight Auction**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2013**  
**6 – 10 pm**

To receive an invitation, please email  
[srogers@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:srogers@tylerarboretum.org) or  
call 610-566-9134 x210.

## Don't Miss

### Nature Explorers Summer Camps

Registration for Tyler's summer camps is underway. Campers will have loads of fun exploring our woodlands, meadows and streams while experiencing nature first-hand. Weeklong camps for ages 4-13 run June 24 – August 12. Details at [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org) or 610-566-9134 x215.

### Scout and Youth Group Programs

Tyler Arboretum has year-round programming for Girl and Boy Scouts that fulfill badge requirements. Details at [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org) or 610-566-9134 x202.

### 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. Visit [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org) or contact 610-566-9134 x202 for more information and reservations.



# MEET LEARN ENJOY HELP LEND-A-HAND

Meet new friends, learn new things and help a great organization.

Contact Melissa Hamblin, Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-566-9134 x205 or [mhamblin@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:mhamblin@tylerarboretum.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and meet key Tyler staff members and volunteers to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator to register.

*When: Friday, March 15, 11 am – 12 pm*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Annual Plant Sale** – Volunteers are needed to help prepare plants prior to the sale and on sale days with customer service and check-out.

*When: Prep Days—Monday, April 29 through Saturday, May 4*

*Event Days – Friday, May 3 (Members' Day) & Saturday, May 4 (Public Day)*

**Members-Only Eggstravaganza** – Volunteer for our Eggstravaganza! This new event will host an egg hunt with a nature theme and educational information.

**Fairy Festival** – Help us host this multi-generational family event celebrating nature awareness and the wonders of imagination.

*When: Sunday, June 30*

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Photographers** – Help us expand our image library. We need high quality photos of landscapes, plant specimens, special events, educational and other programs.

*When: Times determined by event dates and/or by mutual arrangement*

**Graphic Designer** – Are you comfortable working with Photoshop, Pagemaker, Publisher or other graphic design and/or layout programs? Contact Melissa Hamblin to volunteer as a graphic designer.

*When: Mutually agreeable time*

**Comfortable using Word Press?** – We are looking for a computer savvy volunteer to help us with updating

our website. Word Press experience required. An understanding of image file sizes for web is helpful.

*When: Mutually agreeable schedule. Option to work remotely. Commitment of 1-2 hours per month required*

**Looking to keep your Raiser's Edge skills polished?** – If you have worked with Raiser's Edge in the past and want to keep your skills fresh, come and help our membership department.

*When: Mutually agreeable schedule*

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

**Exhibit Maintenance** – Help us maintain our exhibits by re-stocking and general tidying up. Schedule is flexible. This is perfect for our volunteers that are available on the weekends.

*When: Mutually agreeable time*

**Tyler Arboretum Ambassadors** – Do you love Tyler Arboretum? Are you a people person? Then become a Tyler Arboretum Ambassador! We are looking for a couple of people with knowledge of Tyler Arboretum to represent and promote us at public events.

*When: Mutually agreeable time*

**Art and Crafts Crew** – If you have craft, sewing, art or wood-working skills, we need you! Enjoy working with others while indulging your artistic or creative talents.

*When: Mutually agreeable time*

## EDUCATION

**School Program Guides** – Help bring science and nature to life for regional school children by leading field trip programs. Training provided.

*When: Weekdays; mostly mornings.*

**Historic Building Tour Guide** – Give public tours of historic Lachford Hall and Painter Library.

*When: As needed*

## HORTICULTURE AND GROUNDS

**Invasive Plant Removal Corps** – Join Dick Cloud's crew to help remove invasive plants from our meadows and woodlands so that our wildflowers and native plants can survive.

*When: Second Sunday of the month, March 10, April 14 & May 12, 9:30 am – 12 pm*

**Trails Day** – Help keep Tyler's trails safe and in good shape. No experience is necessary. Wear boots, long pants and long sleeves. Bring gloves and eye protection if you have them. Pre-registration encouraged. *Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.*

*When: Saturday, March 30, 8 am – 12 pm; Rain date: Sunday, March 31*

**Horticulture Group** – Be part of our dedicated and fun-loving volunteers and assist with plant and grounds maintenance as well as event preparations.

*When: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8 am – 12 pm*

**Handyperson** – Assistance is needed with various building maintenance projects and one-time special projects. Ability to operate power tools safely is a necessity.

*When: Mutually agreeable scheduling.*

**American Chestnut Nursery Tenders** – Assist with pollination, fruit harvest and maintaining the tree nursery, part of the breeding program for the American Chestnut Foundation.

*When: Starting in April on Thursdays, 8 am – 12 pm, weekend potential*

**Vegetable Demonstration Garden Assistants** – Help tend our ¼ acre educational garden and assist with bed preparation, planting, mulching, weeding, thinning, watering, composting, harvesting and delivering produce to Media Food Bank.

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

## Grants & Special Gifts

September 25, 2012 – December 31, 2012

### \$10,000 - The Boeing Company

This grant will provide funds in support of our environmental education programs for children and site stewardship.

### \$25,000 - Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Ewing

Special gift to help Tyler Arboretum's Annual Fund which supports general operations of the arboretum.

### \$10,000 – Exelon Generation

Presenting Sponsor of the 2013 Tyler at Twilight Auction

### \$5,000 - Lawrence Saunders Fund

This grant will provide funds to restore the North Woods through invasive plant removal and native habitat restoration. This project will reestablish a diverse native plant environment in that area of the arboretum.

## Fostering A Love of Nature: Tyler's Summer Camps

### ~ 2013 Tiny Trackers, Young Explorers & Young Naturalists ~

*Play in the dirt, think like a bug, splash in the stream, climb in a treehouse!*

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



### DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

Visit [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org) for complete details.  
Register early. Space is limited.

### CAMP PROGRAMS AND DATES

#### PROGRAMS FOR TINY TRACKERS & YOUNG EXPLORERS: AGES 4-11

Dirt Made My Lunch	June 24 - 28
Totally Terrific Tree Houses	July 1 - 3
Plant-Tastic	July 8 - 12
Splish Splash	July 15 - 19
What's That Bug?	July 22 - 26
Living Like The Lenape	July 29 - August 2
Eat, Or Be Eaten	August 5 - 9
Splish Splash II	August 12 - 16

#### PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG NATURALISTS: AGES 11-13

What's Eating You?	July 8-12
Water, Water, Everywhere	July 15 - 19
Home Is Where The Habitat Is	July 22 - 26
Nature's Adaptations	July 29 - August 2

## Access Tyler Topics Online

Receive your copy of Tyler Topics online and help us reduce printing and mailing costs.

Simply email [info@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:info@tylerarboretum.org) to sign up. Please use "Communication Preference" in the subject line and submit your name, address and email so we'll know which street address to remove and what email address to add to our list.

We'll send you an email notice when the next newsletter is available.

Thank you for keeping it green!

# ADVANCEMENT

## Many Thanks to our Generous Friends, Sponsors, Donors

September 25, 2012 – December 31, 2012

### \$5,000 and above

Dr. Ralph C. Eagle, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Schramm

### \$2,500-\$4,999

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew R. Doyle  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Ingle  
Mr. & Mrs. Ian James  
Ms. Jane G. Pepper

### \$1,000-\$2,499

Mr. Jeffrey Cadorette  
CubeSmart  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Colbert  
Mr. & Mrs. John M. Ewing  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Ferraro  
Alan & Nancy Hirsig  
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Valley Forge Chapter  
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## Tyler Tech Corner

As an arboretum (or tree museum), Tyler is a wonderful place to discover trees both native and exotic. And—like any good museum—our collections are documented, mapped and labeled. So finding the name of a tree at this or other public gardens is usually not too difficult.

But what if there's no label in your backyard or in the woods and you want to identify a tree? In the old days, you would need to go through a tedious process of flipping through illustrated books or using an identification key. Today with technology, much has changed. If you want know more about the trees in your world, try one of these handy smartphone\* apps for simple tree identification.

**What Tree is That? Tree Identification Guide** by the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation is the mobile version of their award-winning field guide. This full color guide lists 250 of North America's most common trees along with photos and accurate botanical illustrations. There's a



simple step-by-step identification method that is easy to use. Each detailed description includes unique identifying traits (leaves, flowers and bark), potential height and width, and hardiness zones. Integrated iPhone GPS mapping functionality helps keep track of the trees you've identified, and you can even share your ID'd locations via Twitter. The cost of *What Tree is That?* is \$4.99.

**TreeBook** by Sarofax is an authoritative guide to the 100 most common trees of North America. This app is great for beginners. The intuitive interface provides a simple way to identify the tree in front of you and you can find links to thousands of online photos. Not only can you search images and synonyms by common tree names, but there is also detailed terminology for the more scientifically minded. Hand-drawn images, photos and range maps are included for each item. Best of all, *TreeBook* is free.



**Leafsnap**, another free app, is a collaborative project of Columbia University, the University of Maryland and the Smithsonian Institute. It uses facial recognition software to identify tree species from photographs of their leaves. All you need is a leaf and a white background (for photo purposes). The software will search datasets of high-resolution images to match the photo you snap with your iPhone. Currently *Leafsnap* is only available for trees of the Northeast and Washington, D.C.



Any of these mobile apps can help you become a citizen scientist with an electronic field guide always at the ready. Why not play a tree game while hiking one of Tyler's trails? Use one of these apps and see how many different types of trees you can find on your walk. Take your kids along, and you may even give a budding young horticulturalist a head start in nature.

*\*All of the above apps are available for iPhone and iPad. Compatibility with other platforms is not yet available.*