



# Tyler Topics

Summer  
2013

News, Programs and Events of Tyler Arboretum

## Two New Tree Houses Arrive for Summer

Opening on May 25, just in time for the unofficial start of summer on Memorial Day weekend, two new tree houses will join Tyler's ever popular **Totally Terrific Treehouses**. Tyler members are invited for an exclusive sneak preview event in the evening of Friday, May 24 (see page 3 for details). The new houses were made possible through great partnerships and support from the community, including generous financial support from Jason Ingle.

The *Tulip Tree House*, designed by Parris Bradley, is based on the unique leaf shape of the tulip poplar, one of our iconic native trees. When Tyler's Executive Director, Rick

Colbert, asked him to design a new tree house, Bradley walked the Arboretum grounds and found a small grove of tulip poplars. "I love tulip trees," he said. "They have dead straight trunks and this great, thick variegated bark. When I found the grove I thought, 'Oh, I have to do something here.' People will be able

to walk to the tree house over a bridge from the embankment instead of using a rope ladder or a ladder going up the trunk—this will be more accessible than the average tree house. It will be for girls and boys as well as for adults and includes a wooden kitchen, a little dining room table, and chairs."



The Tulip Tree House is based on the distinctive leaf of our native woodland tree.

Previously, Bradley participated in the Nature's Enchantment exhibit, creating the very popular *Troll Bridge*. "The Bridge has become a permanent feature, and I understand that it's one of the main locations for wedding photos," he noted. Last year he created the *Nature's Wave* bench for the *Sit a Spell* exhibition and won first place in the adult seating category. He brings the same

fun and creativity to his *Tulip Tree House*. In addition, he arranged for a significant in-kind donation of lumber for the House from Beatty Lumber and Millwork Co.

Tyler's second new tree house came into being through a unique collaboration among three different community members. The first member of the team is Bob Linn (of Linn Architects in Media). When approached by Colbert, Bob readily agreed to contribute a design. Firmly believing that "we are all kids at heart" and that "tree houses appeal

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Both the leaves and flowers are somewhat tulip shaped.

THESE STORIES AND MORE...INSIDE!



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# **Executive Director's Message**

Summer and school vacations have always been a time for fun. For everyone who appreciates the value of nature in our lives, the season beckons us to come outdoors and get up close and personal with the natural world.

This year I am very pleased that we have two new tree houses joining one of our most popular attractions. The allure of these arboreal structures never dims – what could be more perfect than spending time with family and friends among the green shade of tree branches, not to mention the great view from a new perspective. On behalf of Tyler's staff and Board of Trustees, I extend my appreciation to our Tree House partners: Parris Bradley, Jason Ingle, Linn Architects, Beatty Lumber and Millwork Co., Toll Brothers, and Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades for their generous donations of time, talent, and financial support to make these new exhibits possible.

Our hiking trails offer another great nature excursion. Venture through one of the gates in our deer fence and



experience Tyler's 20 miles of trails that traverse some of the most beautiful natural areas in our 650 acres (see article on page 3). Offering a range of natural experiences, they provide a perfect chance to get away from the roads, cars, and buildings and to discover beautiful stream valleys, flower-filled

meadows, and shady woodland retreats. Much better than a gym workout, hiking is an adventure that a family can share together or a chance for some peaceful and rejuvenating personal time.

Family festivals, summer camp, evening hikes, a wine and beer tasting, the Butterfly House, special members only events, and our fabulous Tyler at Twilight Auction offer numerous opportunities for summer fun. I invite you to come out and enjoy all that Tyler has to offer!

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**Thank you for keeping it green!**

## Two New Tree Houses... *continued from page 1*

to kids of all ages from 6 to 60," Bob set to work to create a fun space capitalizing on the iconic childhood tree fort. Situated amidst a grove of trees, with a 12' x 12' platform rising 13' high, this arboreal fort is readily accessible via a catwalk-like level bridge to transport visitors from the top of a hill across the drop in grade to the new structure.

With a great plan in place, the next step was to find talented builders. Tyler did not have to look far and reached out to The Williamson

Free School of Mechanical Trades. Williamson students have contributed their time and talents to many Tyler projects involving students in the Paint, Carpentry, Machine Tool, and Horticulture programs. Their most notable achievement at Tyler was the construction of the Williamson Serves tree house in 2008. The three-house structure they designed and built (just down the path from our Visitor Center) was so well constructed that it is still in active use five years later.



The third contributor is Toll Brothers. In alignment with their Toll Green program, they provided the lumber needed for construction. This green initiative program includes building homes in ways that reduce environmental impact and feature energy efficient design elements.

## MEMBERS-ONLY EVENT!

### 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.*



## Take a Hike!

Recent modifications to the Arboretum's hiking trails make it easier than ever to enjoy a hike at Tyler. Whether it is a leisurely stroll, an intense aerobic workout, or a family nature walk, there's something for everyone.

**Middle Farm Trail** (Yellow, 1.4 miles, approximately 45 minutes)

*Shortest trail • Family-friendly • Expansive Meadows • Spring and Summer Flowers*

This simple loop, with only one gentle hill, is an excellent trail for families with young children. Involve kids by turning the search for yellow blazes into a treasure hunt. Welcome spring with the beautiful white blossoms of the May-blooming dogwoods and hunt butterflies among the summer wildflowers. Benches along the trail

provide spots to stop and relax. Middle Farm, the trail's namesake, was one of the four farms owned by the Minshall/Painter family.

**Rocky Run Trail** (Blue, 1.9 miles, approximately 1 hour)

*Gentle • Family-friendly • Mini-Waterfalls • Butterflies and Birds*

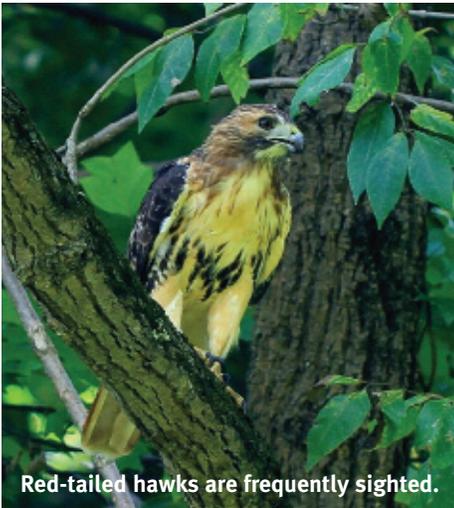
This trail runs along both sides of Rocky Run stream. On the eastern side of the loop, a wide gentle path provides an excellent option for an easy nature walk with children. It



can even accommodate all-terrain strollers. At the far point of the loop, hikers reach the Indian Rock area, a beautiful spot where the stream drops several feet, creating mini-waterfalls among the boulder strewn pools. Two easy crossings traverse Rocky Run to the western side. On this side

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## Take a Hike! *continued from page 3*



Red-tailed hawks are frequently sighted.

of the stream the trail becomes more challenging as it ascends halfway up the bordering hill and begins its return journey via a narrow path midway across the hillside. In summer and fall hikers can see native ferns, ginger, and coral bells. Winter and early spring afford wonderful views of the stream. The figure-eight configuration of this trail also allows for a shorter loop. Cross the stream in the middle and loop back to shorten your hike by half.

***Pink Hill Trail***   
(Pink, 1.6 miles, approximately 1 hour)  
*Moderate Hills • Rare Ecosystem • Chestnut Orchard • Bridge Stream Crossings • Quiet Meadow*

Named for the April-blooming pink phlox wildflower, this trail explores a serpentine barren ecosystem. High concentrations of greenish serpentine rock acidify soil, limiting tree and crop growth in the barren. Both pink phlox and the rare Philadelphia lily, which blooms in summer, love these conditions. After exiting the fence and crossing Barren Road, hikers explore this unique ecosystem, cross Dismal Run stream (via bridges built for Tyler by local Eagle Scouts), view our Chestnut Orchard, and enjoy hilltop views of the Arboretum and Pink Hill.

***Dismal Run Trail***   
(Orange, 2 miles, approximately 1 hour, 10 minutes)

*Challenging Hills • Shady Stream Valley • Historic Ruins • Wildlife*

Despite its name, Dismal Run is a beautiful stream running through secluded woodlands. This trail includes some steep hills which provide a good workout and superb vistas across the stream valley. Broad swathes of spring mayapples bloom among the towering trees and hikers may glimpse deer or fox in the open woods. The trail passes the ruins of a small 18th century stone cottage before reaching the Indian Rock area of Rocky Run stream at its midpoint. Beautiful in summer, the trail also provides opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter.



***Painter Trail***   
(Red, 2.2 miles, approximately 1 hour, 20 minutes)

*Most Challenging • Stream Crossings • Great Views*

This trail is named for the Painter Brothers, who farmed this land. A favorite of serious hikers and trail runners, this is also a good challenge for intermediate hikers. This trail affords hilltop views of the Arboretum and Rocky Run, two stream crossings, plentiful wildflowers, and a chance to discover mushroom patches in the woodlands.

***Minshall Trail***   
(White, 7.4 miles, approximately 4 hours)

*Longest Trail • Most Secluded • Beautiful Historic Ruins*



This trail runs through most of the Arboretum's 650 acres and is called the Minshall Trail after the first Europeans to settle here in the late 1600s. The Minshall Trail crosses Painter Road before traveling through South Farm where remains of a beautiful 19th-century stone barn, constructed for the family's dairy livestock, still stand. Originally called the Wilderness Trail, this trail explores some remote areas of the property. A new spur has been created this year to provide access to a wetland area. Beginning up a steep cleft, it emerges into a meadow and up to an overlook at the top of the hill providing exceptional views of the Indian Rock cascades before descending to a flood plain with views of an active frog pond. From there the trail reaches the far end of the meadow before returning to the main trail. For those looking for a shorter journey, there is a purple-blazed connector route that eliminates about 2.1 miles and an hour's hiking time.

***Tyler's trails offer a range of challenges and experiences for all seasons. The trails often intersect, providing endless opportunities to connect and combine trails for your best hiking experience. Gather family or friends and take a hike!***



# Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Summer Programs and Events 2013

## Special Events

### Brews and Bluegrass Chiller

*Friday, June 21, 7:00 – 9:00 pm*

Start your weekend in style with the perfect combination of live bluegrass music, a sampling of specialty beers from Pinocchio's Beer Garden To Go (which features an extensive collection of 800 craft beers), and a selection of gourmet pizza.

*Suitable for adults 21 and older only; limited capacity; pre-registration required; register by Monday, June 17, by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134 x215; \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members*

### Fairy and Wizard Festival

*Sunday, June 30, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

Join us to celebrate all that is magical in nature. Learn about owls, flowers, toads, and mushrooms. Your family can create a miniature Fairy House or Gnome Home with natural materials to shelter Tyler's magical inhabitants. Kids can enjoy crafting fairy wands, halos, wizard hats, and magical potpourri to take home. Entertainment includes two Magic Shows featuring Happy the Clown (in her fairy wings) and a Fairy and Wizard Parade led by members of the Penncrest High School Drum Line. *Event proudly presented by the Tooth Fairy in partnership with Dental Health Care Associates... the First Green Dental Office on the East Coast!*

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required; rain or shine*

### Tree House Festival

*Sunday, July 21, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

Celebrate trees and the wildlife that makes them their home! Enjoy an awesome raptor show featuring a variety of hawks and falcons, and see them up close with their trainer before and after the show. Members of the William Rush Woodcarvers Club will present interactive carving demonstrations as well as their finished works of art. Not to be missed is the opportunity for kids to climb a tree like the professional arborists, using ropes and harness under the supervision of Oakwood Tree Care Professionals.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required; rain or shine*

### Butterfly Festival

*Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

Say a fond farewell to the monarch butterflies as they are tagged and released for their southern migration to Mexico! Experts will be on hand with tips on creating a butterfly friendly habitat in home gardens with all their favorite plants. Discover bugs like never before with amazing live specimens brought by the Insectarium and learn about using worms to create great compost! Games and make-and-take crafts round out the day.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required; rain or shine*

### Tyler at Twilight Auction

*Thursday, June 13,  
6:00 – 10:00 pm*

*Presenting sponsor:*



The annual Tyler at Twilight Auction affords guests an exceptional garden party atmosphere complete with music, cocktails, and silent and live auctions. Enjoy a selection of auction items from some of the best local entertainment and shopping establishments in our area, complemented by sumptuous menu selections from local restaurants. As our largest fundraising event, the Tyler at Twilight Auction has grown tremendously since its inception and is now in its eleventh consecutive year.

*Tickets are \$85 (\$35 of which is tax-deductible). To request an invitation, please contact Sally Rogers, Special Events Manager, at srogers@tylerarboretum.org or 610-566-9134 x210. Tyler at Twilight sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Jill Liebling, Development Manager, at jliebling@tylerarboretum.org or 610-566-9134 x267 for information.*

## SAVE THE DATE

**A Toast to Harvest Time**  
**Thurs., Sept. 26, 2013 • 6:00 – 8:00 pm**  
*Wine Bar by Moore Brothers, live bluegrass music, and harvest time treats!*  
*Suitable for adults 21 and older only.*

## Members Only Events

### Ice Cream Social

*Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 – 8:00 pm*

July is National Ice Cream Month! Mingle with fellow Tyler members as you enjoy a refreshing summer treat during our special summer open house event. Enjoy a cone or make your own sundae with delicious Bassett's Ice Cream. The evening features an ice cream eating contest and traditional backyard games and activities for kids.

*Free event; pre-registration required by July 5; space is limited. To register, please call Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134 x215. Rain or shine.*

### Ride, Roll, or Stroll the Scenic Loop

*Thursday, July 18, 6:00 – 8:00 pm*

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore Tyler's new Scenic Loop... on wheels! Or, come out for a leisurely evening stroll with your family and friends. On this special occasion, bikes, scooters, and rollerblades (and strollers) are welcome on this paved pathway that begins at the pond and gently loops through the Wister Rhododendron Collection, then to the Pinetum, the Giant Sequoia, and the Stopford Family Meadow Maze before returning to the pond.

*Free event; no pre-registration required. Rain date: Thursday, July 25*

# Gardening and Horticulture

## Pruning Rhododendrons

*Sunday, June 9, 1:30 – 3:00 pm*

Pruning rhododendrons is a great way to improve their appearance and create beautiful spaces in your garden. Join **Jerry O'Dell**, gardener for Tyler's Wister Rhododendron Garden, for a practical workshop on how to prune your rhododendrons to best effect. The program will include both theory and hands-on practice with proper pruning techniques. Part of the class will be held outdoors. *Bring gloves and hand pruners.*

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

## National Mall Garden Tour

*Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm*

Join us for a day of garden exploration in our nation's capital. We will begin with a guided tour of the United States Botanic Garden. The Garden houses an incredible variety of plant life both inside its conservatory and in its outdoor collection, including a gallery of rare and endangered plants. Following the tour, you will have the chance to explore the garden on your own before lunch at the National Museum of the American Indian. After lunch, we will have a guided tour of the NMAI gardens. The afternoon will conclude with a special opportunity to visit your favorite Smithsonian gardens, including the new garden at the Air and Space Museum, the Butterfly and Bird Habitats at the Natural History Museum, and the Kathrine Dulin Folger Rose Garden. Horticulturists will be available in each garden to answer questions.

*Pre-registration required; \$40 members, \$50 non-members; Price includes voucher for lunch.*

## Scarborough Faire — Are you going?

*Saturday, June 15, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

This old, old tune fills our hearts and draws on ancient memories. Sung long before Simon and Garfunkel made it famous; what does it mean? Get some background on the song and the medieval festival. Learn everything you need to know about growing the useful culinary herbs parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme. Presented by **Holly Cusumano** from the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America.

*Pre-registration required; \$10 members, \$12 non-members*

## Creative Vegetable Gardening: Structures and Spaces

*Saturday, June 22, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Wouldn't it be nice if we had more space around our houses to grow fresh produce? Unfortunately for many of us, digging up a swath of land for a traditional garden is not an option. In this hands-on workshop, Tyler's vegetable gardener will show you how to use vertical structures and containers to maximize space, as well as other ways to integrate fruit, vegetable, and herb plants into your existing landscape. We will be discussing general techniques that will work in many types of spaces, but please bring pictures of your property so we can discuss ideas specific to participant needs. *Bring gardening gloves.*

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

## Mornings in the Fragrant Garden

*Wednesdays, July 10 and August 14, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Throughout the summer, volunteer **Aldys Davis** and other members of the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America tend Tyler's Fragrant Garden. Drop by on these special Wednesday mornings to see what goes on in the garden in summer and to learn more about the cultivation and use of herbs from long-time experts.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

## Woody Plant Conference

*Friday, July 19, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm*

This annual, one-day conference is a great opportunity for anyone interested in trees and shrubs. Speakers this year include **Tony Aiello, Dan Herms, Maurice Horn, Julie Messervy, and Andrea Wulf**. Tyler Arboretum co-sponsors the event along with Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, The Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, and The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. The conference is held at Swarthmore College.

*For more information see [www.woodyplant-conference.org](http://www.woodyplant-conference.org) or call 610-388-1000 x516*

## Weeds and Pests in the Vegetable Garden

*Saturday July 20, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Anyone who has spent time trying to grow plants knows all too well how frustrating bugs, animals, and unwelcomed flora can

be. Join Tyler's vegetable gardener for an exploration of ways to limit weeds and pests in your garden. Topics for discussion include the use of row covers, mulch, predator bugs, crop rotation, companion planting, beneficial insect-attracting plants, natural insecticides, fences, and repellents. The workshop's focus will depend on participant interests and needs. *Bring gardening gloves.*

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

## Nurturing Friendly Soil

*Saturday, August 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Traditional folk wisdom has it that a poor gardener grows weeds, a good gardener grows vegetables, and a very good gardener grows soil. In this workshop, Tyler's vegetable gardener will show you how to become a very good gardener by creating "black gold" for your home garden. You will get hands-on experience with composting, cover crops, and organic fertilizers and a host of practical tips for how to use these techniques in your garden. Other topics for discussion include soil testing and recommended soil amendments that can alter your soil in a variety of beneficial ways. *Bring gardening gloves.*

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

## Botanical Arts

### Polymer Clay Tile Workshop

*Saturday, June 29, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm*

Engage your artistic side in this fun, hands-on workshop. Artist **Denise Pettit** will show students how to mold and color polymer clay to make decorative tiles imprinted with natural materials from the Arboretum. Polymer clay is an exciting and versatile medium which is easy to work with at home and can be baked in your own oven. *Materials provided.*

*Pre-Registration required; \$25 members, \$30 non-members*

### Through Our Own Eyes – Nature Study & Photography

*Saturday, June 29, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm*

Seeing, photographing, collecting, making, and sharing fill this morning of observations of the world around us. Explore nature with **Patti Kelly** of the Wallingford Community Arts Center during this intergenerational workshop. We will use our senses to create artworks using leaves, sticks, stones, and other found materials. Then we'll capture these moments of beauty through the

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lens of a digital camera. We will also photograph trees, plants, insects, and the natural environment of the beautiful grounds of the Tyler Arboretum.

*This class is a partnership between Tyler and the Community Arts Center. \$65 members, \$70 non-members. Tyler members call the Center at 610-566-1713 to register. Others may call or visit [www.communityartscenter.org](http://www.communityartscenter.org).*

## Everyday Landscapes

*Tuesdays, July 16 – August 6 (4 weeks), 6:00 – 8:00 pm*

What do you notice when you take a walk outdoors? Maybe you will focus on stones, or trees, or perhaps the tiniest plant along the edge of the sidewalk. With guided experiences in plein air (a.k.a. outside) drawing under the expert eye of **Gail Herring** from the Wallingford Community Arts Center, students will explore the landscape of Tyler Arboretum and create a series of field studies. One field study (or more) will be used as a reference to develop a larger composition in mixed media using materials such as ink, watercolor, and collage.

*This class is a partnership between Tyler and the Community Arts Center. \$160 members, \$180 non-members. Tyler members call the Center at 610-566-1713 to register. Others may call or visit [www.communityartscenter.org](http://www.communityartscenter.org).*

## Natural Studies

### Summer Bird Walks

*Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am*

With acres of unbroken forest interior, Tyler is recognized by the Pennsylvania Audubon Society as an “Important Bird Area” site. Join **Sue Lucas** and other enthusiasts in a search for summer residents. *Both beginners and experts are welcome. Bring bird guides and binoculars. Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

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### Wildflower Walks

*Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm*

As summer heats up and the trees spread their leaves, sun-loving wildflowers bloom in the open meadows. Tyler’s expansive space and diverse ecosystems support a wide variety of plant life all year round. Discover the beautiful and fascinating summer wildflowers at Tyler with experts **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** every Wednesday morning. *Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

## Historic Building Tours

*Sundays, June 2, July 7, and August 4, 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00 pm*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Tyler’s historic Lachford Hall and Painter Library are open to the public for tours. Learn about the daily lives of the eight generations of the Quaker family who owned what is now Tyler Arboretum. Begun in 1738, Lachford represents over two centuries of residence by the Minshall-Painter-Tyler family. See the fascinating collection of 19th century scientific equipment and books assembled by the Painter brothers, and tour the beautiful library they built in 1863.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

## Introductory Bird Walks

*Saturdays, June 8 and 15, 9:30 – 11:30 am*

Have you been wondering about the birds in your backyard? This is the perfect opportunity to learn how to identify our local summer residents by sight and sound. Join **Sue Lucas** for an introductory exploration of Tyler’s birds. *This program is particularly geared toward beginners. Families welcome. Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them, or borrow them from us!*

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

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## Beekeeping Basics – Part I

*Saturday, June 8, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (Rain Date June 15)*

Keeping bees provides the opportunity for great local honey while also providing a service to the environment. Learn the ins and outs of beekeeping from apiarist **Paul Strommer** at the first of a two part introduction to beekeeping. Participants will explore the most important aspects of bee and hive maintenance in the spring and summer months, learn about equipment, management techniques, and bee biology. Veils will be provided for all participants, allowing for a hands-on, interactive experience. The second part of this workshop will occur in September and will focus on preparing hives for the winter. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone interested in exploring beekeeping. *All equipment will be provided. Though bee stings happen rarely, they are always a possibility. Please take any necessary precautions before attending the workshop.*

*Pre-registration required; Single Class – \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members; Two-Part Series – \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members*

## Invasive Plant Removal Corps

*Sundays, June 9, July 14, August 11, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm*

Help keep Tyler natural and beautiful by removing alien thugs from the Arboretum’s woodlands and meadows. **Dick Cloud** leads this invasive plant removal effort. *Wear work clothes and sturdy shoes or boots, and bring work gloves.*

*No admission fee or pre-registration required*

## Sunday Wildflower Walks

*Sundays, June 9, July 14, and August 11, 1:00 – 3:00 pm*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Can’t attend our weekly wildflower walks? Join **Dick Cloud** for these special Sunday walks and spend the afternoon searching Tyler’s meadows for beautiful summer blooms.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

## Pine Barrens Wildflower and Birding Trip: Webb's Bog and Pygmy Forest

*Tuesday, June 18, 7:45 am – 6:30 pm*

Join **Richard Brenner** and **Jado Foot** for an exploration of some “jewels” of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Webb’s Bog features many wildflowers including rare and endemic orchids, bog asphodel, the carnivorous pitcher plants, sundews, and other beautiful flowering plants. The pygmy forest is a fascinating and unique pitch pine based ecosystem. Plan to view the wildflowers and birds of both areas with a lunch stop at rustic and delicious Lucille’s (dutch treat), but you may bring a brown bag lunch if desired. *Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. Wear shoes that can get wet; insect repellent is suggested. Fee includes transportation, beverages and snacks.*

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

## Naturalist Walks

*Thursdays, June 20, July 18, and August 15, 1:30 – 2:30 pm*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Join Tyler educators for seasonal walks exploring the excitement of summer at Tyler.

 **June 20 – Summer Exploration**

 **July 18 – Stream Investigation**

 **August 15 – Butterflies**

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

## Firefly Night Hike

Saturday July 13, 8:00 – 9:30 pm

July is the perfect time to see fireflies at the Arboretum! Join **Dick Cloud** and **Steve Tessler** on a Tyler night hike dedicated specifically to these magical insects. You will learn more about the different types of fireflies that call Tyler home, what makes them glow, and experience the majesty of a field full of fireflies. After the hike, continue the firefly conversation over a glass of wine and some light refreshments.

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

## Stargazing at the Arboretum

Friday, July 26, 8:00 – 10:00 pm  
(Cloud Date August 2)

Bring a date or a group of friends for an evening of star gazing at the Tyler Arboretum. **Members of the Chester County Astronomical Society** will guide your observations and provide an introduction on how to read a star map. Enjoy this opportunity to observe the sun before it sets and to explore the evening sky. A CCAS led constellation tour will also teach you to recognize the constellations in the summer sky.

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

## Health and Wellness

### 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 Meadows. 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.

Free with admission; no pre-registration required

### National Trail Day

Saturday, June 1,  
9:15 – 11:00 am

What better way to celebrate National Trail Day than by hiking the trails at Tyler Arboretum? Join **Lois Brooks** for

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a comfortably paced exploration of Tyler's Middle Farm Trail and beyond. The Middle Farm Trail (previously the Yellow Trail) features a two mile exploration of expansive meadows full of flowers and beautiful dogwoods. *Wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.*

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

## Night Hikes

Saturdays, June 15, July 20, and August 17,  
8:00 – 9:30 pm

Experience the magic of Tyler's natural areas after dark. Listen for night sounds, watch for nocturnal creatures, and enjoy the treasures the Arboretum shares only at night. Guide **Dick Cloud** will share points of special interest and seasonal highlights while leading a brisk hike. *This walk is for adults and teens. Bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain that may include moderate to steep trails.*

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

## Cooking with Summer Vegetables

Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

What can we make with those vegetable plants in our gardens that are over-producing? What does one do with ten pounds of squash when everyone you know is "squashed out?" Most of us have our old standards that we love, but chances are you have wondered what you can do differently as you harvest the same produce week-after-week or receive repeats in your CSA. In this evening workshop, Tyler educator **Karen McDonald** will share some delicious and creative ideas for what to do with those extra vegetables. We will begin with a casual stroll through Tyler's Vegetable Garden, a cooking demonstration, and of course, some time to taste what we prepare. *Participants will also be taking home some new recipes to try out on their loved ones, and are encouraged to bring their own successful ideas to share!*

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

## Youth Programs

### Toddlers' Tales

Ages 2-3

*These special story time programs are for toddlers and their grown-ups. Each class will include a story, activity and/or craft, and an outdoor walk or activity. Parents and children please dress for the weather and walking*

*outside. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.*

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

## What Will I Be?

Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Find out what baby animals become when they grow up in this bright, fun story. Then we will explore metamorphosis at the simplest, hands-on level and search for signs of our animal friends at Tyler.

## The Itsy Bitsy Spider

Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Join our Bitsy Band, complete with instruments, as we sing the classic song and hear the full story of this amazing arachnid! We will make spiders and take them exploring as we search for music at the Tyler Arboretum.

## Marshmallow Kisses

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Young and old will relish this warm celebration of the simple pleasures of summer. Kick off your shoes to taste this sweet, satisfying story and a few other treats as we picnic under the trees at the Tyler Arboretum.

## Ugh! A Bug!

Wednesday, July 24, 10:00-11:00 am

What do you do when a bug is bugging you? Ugh! Come learn about these spineless and wonderful creatures, and discover why bugs are so crazy and so much fun. How many bugs can you find?

## Miss Emma's Wild Garden

Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 – 11:00 am

What is the very best thing in Miss Emma's wild and crazy garden? Make your own decision after listening to this story about the wonderful things that grow in our gardens and the people who connect us with nature. We are going to celebrate the best thing in her garden today—join us!

## Growing Vegetable Soup

Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Join us to hear the boldest, brassiest garden book. Toddlers will love this colorful tale of growing, picking, and cooking summer veggies. We will talk, touch, and taste all things vegetable today. Yum!

## Teeny Tiny Trackers

Age 3

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

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

## Colors of the Season

*Monday, June 10, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

June is awash in color, from pretty flowers to glowing leaves. Join us on a color search as we try to find all the colors in the rainbow.

## Animal Daddies

*Monday, June 17, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

When animals are raised by parents, it's most often the mother who rules the roost. Today we'll learn about fathers who help feed, teach, and protect their young.

## Holes

*Monday, June 24, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Did you ever wonder what was in that hole? Well come out and explore who may be living underground or in a hole in a tree!

## Mud

*Monday, July 8, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Salamanders, frogs, and little kids all have something in common – they all love mud! Be prepared to get dirty and wet in this hands-on class.

## Insect Safari

*Monday, July 15, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Buzzing, chirping, and whizzing – oh my! Come on an insect safari to find out what is making all that noise.

## Pond

*Monday, July 22, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Tyler's pond is a favorite for turtles, frogs, and dragonflies. We will look for these unique creatures as we talk about why they are so special.

## Bird Abodes

*Monday, August 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Bird nests are homes for baby birds in the spring, but birds don't stay there all year. Learn which birds call Tyler home and where they live during the summer.

## Wonderful Water

*Monday, August 19, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Who lives in the stream? Turn over rocks and muck in the mud to find out. Be prepared to get wet!

## Fluttering Butterflies

*Monday, August 26, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

Butterflies live to flutter and dance in the sun. Come visit the Butterfly House to learn more about these carefree insects.

## Tiny Trackers

Ages 4-5

*Tiny Tracker programs include a lesson, an outdoor walk, and a craft to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.*

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

## Digging in the Dirt

*Thursday, June 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

What is growing, crawling, or burrowing under your feet? Let's dig in the dirt to find out! We will compare garden soil to forest soil to see what is going on in both. Make a planter to watch roots and plants grow at home.

## Flowers Are More than Just Decoration

*Thursday, June 27, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Flowers are not just for pretty bouquets. They also make the seeds that we all need! Learn about flowers from the inside out and which animals need flowers to grow.

## Sunny Summers

*Thursday, July 11, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

All living things need the sun; everything from turtles, to butterflies, to big giant tulip trees. Learn about the importance of sun, and make your very own sun print to hang on your refrigerator.

## Exploring Tyler

*Thursday, July 25, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

It is pretty hot in July, but it will not stop us from exploring! Come see what nature has to offer in the heat of the summer. We will be making our own binoculars to take exploring with us.

## Stream Investigation

*Thursday, August 8, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

Be prepared to get WET! Many cool things live in our stream. Get an up-close look at them as we turn rocks and look under leaves for critters that call our stream home.

## Beautiful Butterflies

*Thursday, August 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

How does a caterpillar turn into a butterfly? What do caterpillars and

butterflies eat? Where do they live? Our walk to Tyler's Butterfly House will answer these and other questions as we search for as many different butterflies as possible.

## Nature Tales

Ages 4-5

*Preschoolers ages 4 and 5 and their favorite adult are invited to learn together through some wonderful children's books. Each class will provide a story, activity and/or craft, and a walk through the Tyler Arboretum. Adults and children please come prepared to be outdoors, unless conditions are severe.*

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

## The Little Hummingbird

*Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

The smallest animals can often be the most amazing. Join us for an inspiring South American tale about what one small creature can do to save its home, and learn all about hummingbirds.

## If You Find a Rock

*Wednesday, June 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

There is a world of possibilities right under your feet, and sometimes the rocks you find are full of unexpected possibilities. Join us for a delightful story about rocks and a chance to explore the rocks at the Tyler Arboretum.

## The Salamander Room

*Wednesday, July 3, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

A boy finds a salamander in the woods and imagines the many ways to turn his room into a perfect salamander home. We will learn all about our incredible amphibian friends and their habitat. Salamanders may be your favorite animal after this story!

## The Turtle and the Moon

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

Join us for this story of a turtle that finds an unusual friend. Turtles are one of the oldest and most loved animals on the planet, but why do we love these reptiles so much? Learn more about turtles by making a rock turtle.

## Are You a Dragonfly?

*Wednesday, July 31, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Welcome to the world of the dragonfly. You will be fascinated with this amazing creature and its life cycle. We will explore Tyler Arboretum's pond and watch dragonflies do what they do best...hunt!

## Around One Log

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Years after a great oak has tumbled to the ground, a whole community of animals makes it their home. Is the old tree dead or alive? Explore this wonderful story about the cycle of life and decomposition. Join the Rotting Log Club at the Tyler Arboretum!

## 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

## Busy Bees

Tuesday, June 11, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Why are bees such good friends of the garden? Buzz into class and learn the answer to this question through a bee story and garden exploration. We will finish class by making a “bee-utiful” bee to take home.

## Taste Buds

Tuesday, June 25, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Guess what? We use herbs to flavor our favorite foods - like pizza! Sprouts will use all their senses to discover the herb garden. After the garden tour, you will make herb treats to share with your family. Bring your appetite for this deliciously fun program!

## Garden ABC's

Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Come learn your ABC's at the Arboretum! Join us for a garden walk and discover plants beginning with each letter of the alphabet.

## Splish Splash

Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Sprouts will learn why water is an essential part of a garden in this fun class. Wear shoes that can get wet and clothes that dry quickly. It will be a wet and wonderful experience!

## Harvest Celebration

Tuesday, August 6, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

“Turnip” the fun as we celebrate the world of vegetables! Take a close-up look at the vegetable plants growing in the Children's Garden and enjoy the best part of gardening: picking and eating!

## Sunflower Fun

Tuesday, August 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Which is taller - you or a sunflower? Learn the answer to this question and more as we study sunflowers. We will read a sunflower story, make a sunflower craft, and have a sunflower snack. Get ready to stand tall!

## Little Stepper Hikes

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30 am

*These excursions are specially designed to introduce kids and their grown-ups to the fun of hiking. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.*

Hiking is a wonderful way to spend time outdoors with young children. 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.*

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

-  **June 7, Pollinator Hike** – Buzz like a bee or float like a butterfly to find the best pollination plants in the Tyler Arboretum.
-  **June 21, New Tree House Hike** – Come explore the newest tree houses on a hike through the meadow.
-  **July 5, Giving Tree Hike** – Let's hike to the best shade trees in the Arboretum and cool off!
-  **July 19, Pond Exploration Hike** – Come learn about the man-made and vernal ponds at Tyler Arboretum.
-  **August 2, Garden Hike** – Explore the variety of gardens at the Arboretum on this colorful hike.
-  **August 16, Deer Hike** – The natural forest awaits through the deer gate at Tyler - let's explore.

## 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. All programs suitable for children ages 4 and older.*

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

## Magical Friends Tea Parties

Sundays, June 9, July 14, and August 11, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

You are invited to join the fairies and all their magical friends for a party! Enjoy a magical scavenger hunt among the trees and flowers of the Arboretum, and create an enchanted halo to take home. Conclude with an elegant and whimsical tea with cookies. After the party, you may want to visit the Fairy House and Gnome Home building area to create your own special dwelling for the magical beings at the Arboretum. Fairy, elf, gnome, goblin, or wizard attire encouraged, but not required.

## Garden Fun

Saturday, June 22, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Learn about our vegetable garden from the ground up! Dig for worms and look for good bugs that help plants grow. Pick your own snack as we explore the vegetable garden, and take home your own little garden.

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

## Evening Insect Safari

Saturday, June 22, 8:00 – 9:30 pm

Many nocturnal insects will surprise and delight you with their beauty. Go on a search for moths, lightning bugs, and other insects that like to lurk in the dark.

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

## Fruit and Veggie Salad

Saturday, July 27, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

What makes a fruit a fruit or a vegetable a vegetable? Stroll around the vegetable garden and dissect some plants to find out. We will eat and dip our way through the garden, and make our own veggie creatures to take home and grow in a window!

## Twilight Critter Prowl

Saturday, August 10, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Twilight is the best opportunity to see and hear wildlife at the Arboretum. We will begin with a hike to see what we can discover, listening and looking for animals and insects that come out when night falls.

## Make your Own Salsa

Saturday, August 17, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Kids and adults love making their own salsa from the garden. Pick your own ingredients and prepare your very own salsa to take home for dinner.



# Tyler

## Calendar of Programs & Events

Summer  
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### Tyler Arboretum Summer Programs and Events

**Fitness Walk About:** Every Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:00 am \*  
**Summer Bird Walks:** Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am \*  
**Wildflower Walks:** Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm \*

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

#### June

- Sat. June 1 National Trail Day\*
- Sun. June 2 Historic Building Tours\*
- Wed. June 5 *Nature Tales:* The Little Hummingbird
- Fri. June 7 *Little Steppers:* Pollinator Hike
- Sat. June 8 Introductory Bird Walk\*
- Sat. June 8 Beekeeping Basics – Part I
- Sun. June 9 Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. June 9 *Family Program:* Magical Friends Tea Party
- Sun. June 9 Pruning Rhododendrons
- Sun. June 9 Wildflower Walk\*
- Mon. June 10 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Colors of the Season
- Tues. June 11 National Mall Garden Tour
- Tues. June 11 *Garden Sprouts:* Busy Bees
- Wed. July 12 *Toddlers' Tales:* What will I Be?
- Thurs. June 13 **Tyler at Twilight Auction**
- Sat. June 15 Introductory Bird Walk\*
- Sat. June 15 Scarborough Faire – Are You Going?
- Sat. June 15 Night Hike
- Mon. June 17 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Animal Daddies
- Tues. June 18 Pine Barrens Wildflower and Birding Trip
- Wed. June 19 *Nature Tales:* If You Find a Rock
- Thurs. June 20 *Tiny Trackers:* Digging in the Dirt
- Thurs. June 20 Naturalist Walk: Summer Exploration\*
- Fri. June 21 *Little Steppers:* New Tree House Hike
- Fri. June 21 **Brews and Bluegrass Chiller**
- Sat. June 22 Creative Gardening: Structures and Spaces
- Sat. June 22 *Family Program:* Garden Fun\*
- Sat. June 22 *Family Program:* Evening Insect Safari\*
- Mon. June 24 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Holes
- Tues. June 25 *Garden Sprouts:* Taste Buds
- Wed. June 26 *Toddlers' Tales:* The Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Thurs. June 27 *Tiny Trackers:* Flowers are More than Just Decoration

- Sat. June 29 Polymer Clay Tile Workshop
- Sat. June 29 Through Our Own Eyes – Nature Study and Photography
- Sun. June 30 **Fairy and Wizard Festival**

#### July

- Wed. July 3 *Nature Tales:* The Salamander Room
- Fri. July 5 *Little Steppers:* Giving Tree Hike
- Sun. July 7 Historic Building Tours\*
- Mon. July 8 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Mud
- Tues. July 9 *Garden Sprouts:* Garden ABCs
- Wed. July 10 Mornings in the Fragrant Garden\*
- Wed. July 10 *Toddlers' Tales:* Marshmallow Kisses
- Wed. July 10 **Members Only Event – Ice Cream Social**
- Thurs. July 11 *Tiny Trackers:* Sunny Summers
- Sat. July 13 Firefly Night Hike
- Sun. July 14 Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. July 14 *Family Program:* Magical Friends Tea Party
- Sun. July 14 Wildflower Walk\*
- Mon. July 15 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Insect Safari
- Tues. July 16 Everyday Landscapes
- Wed. July 17 *Nature Tales:* The Turtle and the Moon
- Thurs. July 18 Naturalist Walk: Stream Investigation\*
- Thurs. July 18 **Members Only Event – Ride, Roll, or Stroll the Scenic Loop**
- Fri. July 19 Woody Plant Conference
- Fri. July 19 *Little Steppers:* Pond Exploration Hike
- Sat. July 20 Weeds and Pests in the Vegetable Garden
- Sat. July 20 Night Hike
- Sun. July 21 **Tree House Festival**
- Mon. July 22 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Pond
- Tues. July 23 *Garden Sprouts:* Splish Splash
- Tues. July 23 Everyday Landscapes
- Wed. July 24 *Toddlers' Tales:* Ugh! A Bug!

- Thurs. July 25 *Tiny Trackers:* Exploring Tyler
- Fri. July 26 Stargazing at the Arboretum
- Sat. July 27 *Family Program:* Fruit and Veggie Salad
- Tues. July 30 Everyday Landscapes
- Wed. July 31 *Nature Tales:* Are You a Dragonfly?

#### August

- Fri. Aug. 2 *Little Steppers:* Garden Hike
- Sun. Aug. 4 Historic Building Tours\*
- Tues. Aug. 6 *Garden Sprouts:* Harvest Celebration
- Tues. Aug. 6 Everyday Landscapes
- Wed. Aug. 7 *Toddlers' Tales:* Miss Emma's Wild Garden
- Thurs. Aug. 8 *Tiny Trackers:* Stream Investigation
- Sat. Aug. 10 *Family Program:* Twilight Critter Prowl
- Sun. Aug. 11 Invasive Plant Removal Corps
- Sun. Aug. 11 *Family Program:* Magical Friends Tea Party
- Sun. Aug. 11 Wildflower Walk\*
- Mon. Aug. 12 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Bird Abodes
- Wed. Aug. 14 Mornings in the Fragrant Garden\*
- Wed. Aug. 14 *Nature Tales:* Around One Log
- Thurs. Aug. 15 Naturalist Walk: Butterflies\*
- Fri. Aug. 16 *Little Steppers:* Deer Hike
- Sat. Aug. 17 Nurturing Friendly Soil
- Sat. Aug. 17 *Family Program:* Make Your Own Salsa
- Sat. Aug. 17 Night Hike
- Mon. Aug. 19 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Wonderful Water
- Tues. Aug. 20 *Garden Sprouts:* Sunflower Fun
- Wed. Aug. 21 *Toddlers' Tales:* Growing Vegetable Soup
- Wed. Aug. 21 Cooking with Summer Vegetables
- Thurs. Aug. 22 *Tiny Trackers:* Beautiful Butterflies
- Sat. Aug. 24 **Butterfly Festival**
- Mon. Aug. 26 *Teeny Tiny Trackers:* Fluttering Butterflies

\* Programs that are Free for Members

## Don't Miss

### Scout and Youth Group Programs

Tyler Arboretum has year-round programming for Girl and Boy Scouts that fulfills badge and Try-it requirements. Visit [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org), or contact 610-566-9134, ext 202 for information and registration.

### 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, ext 202 for more information and reservations.



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### Program Registration

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

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

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

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

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

Address City State Zip + 4

Day Telephone Evening Telephone Cell Phone

Email Address

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

Card Number Expiration Date V-code (3 digit code on reverse of card)

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# MEET LEARN ENJOY HELP LEND-A-HAND

Love the Arboretum? Volunteer! Meet new friends, learn new things, and have fun while helping a great organization.

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

**Current Volunteers:** Remember to check the monthly Volunteer Email Newsletter for the Volunteer Enrichment Program schedule, news, and up-to-date upcoming opportunities.

## BUTTERFLY HOUSE

**Flexible 2 hour shifts in July & August**  
Share your love of nature as a House Docent or a Butterfly Netter. No experience necessary but training required.

*Training dates: Wednesday, June 5, 1:30 – 4 pm or Saturday, June 8, 10 am – 12:30 pm*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Tyler at Twilight Auction** – Help us host this fun and chic fundraiser!

*When: Thursday, June 13, evening*

**Fairy and Wizard Festival** – Create magic for kids with enchanting games, fairy crafts, and more.

*When: Sunday, June 30, daytime*

**Ice Cream Social** – Serve ice cream, judge the ice cream eating contest, or monitor kids games.

*When: Wednesday, July 10, evening*

**Tree House Festival** – Volunteer to create a fun event for kids and their families as they attend our Tree House Festival. Positions available to help with crafts, games, and more!

*When: Sunday, July 21, daytime*

**Butterfly Festival** – Help visitors learn about butterflies and other insects with a variety of games, stories, and crafts.

*When: Saturday, August 24, daytime*

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Graphic Designer** – Volunteer to develop flyers, brochures or other items.

*When: Mutually agreeable scheduling*

## EDUCATION

**Summer Camp Assistants** – Work with our education team helping campers with games, hikes, crafts and projects. Perfect for teens 15 years or older who love the outdoors and enjoy working with kids. A fun way to fulfill school or other service requirements. Interviews required.

*When: Positions available in one-week increments from June 24 – August 16*

## HORTICULTURE AND GROUNDS

**Invasive Plant Removal Corps** – Learn about and protect our wildflowers and other native plants while removing invasive thugs.

*When: Sundays June 9, July 14, August 11, 9:30 am – 12 pm*

**Horticulture Group** – Join this fun-loving crew and assist with plant and grounds maintenance as well as event preparations.

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

## Save the Date! Volunteer Open House

Friday, September 13th,  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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.



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

*When: Mutually agreeable scheduling.*

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

*When: Thursdays, 8 am – noon, weekend potential*

**North Woods Ecological Restoration** – Work with Emily Mox to protect and revive Tyler Arboretum's North Woods while learning to identify and manage invasive plants.

*When: Wednesdays 8 am – noon*

**Vegetable Garden Assistants** – Assist with bed preparation, planting, mulching, weeding, watering, harvesting, and delivering produce to Media Food Bank.

*When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8 – 10 am*

## Volunteer Benefits

- 🍃 A 15% discount in the Arboretum Shop
- 🍃 2 free admission passes for every 25 hours of volunteer service
- 🍃 A free subscription to our quarterly newsletter, Tyler Topics
- 🍃 An invitation to our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event and Volunteer Enrichment Programs
- 🍃 Specialized training and instruction

# DEVELOPMENT &

## *Fiscal Year 2012 Contributors – Thank You!*

February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013

Tyler thanks everyone who contributed to support the Arboretum in 2012. Donations benefit every visitor and member by supporting the Tyler nature experience. Each gift addresses priorities such as advancing environmental and plant education and preserving trees, green space, and historic buildings while stimulating action on behalf of our living world. Special recognition goes to all the President's Guild members listed below. Tyler is very grateful for your leadership support!

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Victoria Will & Michael Kowalski  
Willis North America Inc.

## **NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Benjamin Carr** brings skills in accounting and financial management to Tyler's Board. He has held the position of Vice President, Investments at CubeSmart since 2011 and previously served as their Controller. Ben has also worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Ben began his association with Tyler last year when he joined the Asset Management Committee. His efforts in that area have been already been significant. Ben and his family live in Chester Heights.

**Tom Kaiden** brings an overarching understanding of non-profit cultural organizations. He joined the Philadelphia Cultural Alliance in 2001, becoming its President in 2010. The Alliance's mission is to lead, strengthen and give voice to a diverse cultural sector that is making Greater Philadelphia a world-class region to live, work, and play. Tom lives with his family in Media and he noted that they often visit Tyler to hike or participate in other events and activities.

# ADVANCEMENT

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

January 1, 2013 – March 10, 2013

### **\$5,000 and above**

Dr. & Mrs. Jerry M. Francesco  
Mr. Russell S. Gergely  
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Strine

### **\$2,500–\$4,999**

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Ingle

### **\$1,000–\$2,499**

Mr. & Mrs. Shipley A. Allinson  
Aqua America, Inc.  
Ms. Michelle Cooke  
The Country Gardeners of Lima  
Mr. James R. Flandreau  
Herb Society of America,  
Philadelphia Unit  
H&L Fund

Wayne & Marilyn Keller  
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Schmidt, Jr.  
Mr. Alan P. Slack  
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy F. Sullivan  
TD Bank

### **\$500–\$999**

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Lehigh Valley Chapter  
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Elwyn Pharmacy  
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Erickson III  
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Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union  
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Madeline Baio  
Mr. & Mrs. Single  
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Stangis

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy F. Sullivan  
John & Gail Turner  
Mr. & Mrs. Lou Winegrad  
Wawa, Inc.  
Whole Foods Market

### **\$250–\$499**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Baer  
Ms. Dutton  
Elko & Associates  
Ms. M. K. Gordon &  
Mr. Donald Overton  
Dr. Laura Guertin  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew W. Harobin  
Mr. Steve Hutton  
Dr. Evelyn Kritchevsky  
Mr. David A. Whinfrey

## *Grants & Special Gifts*

January 1, 2013 – March 10, 2013

### **\$100,000 – The William B. Strine and Judith Strine Foundation**

Part of a multi-year commitment, this donation completes Tyler's Phase 1 of construction of approximately 1.6 miles of the Scenic Loop Path.

### **\$5,000 – Mr. Russell S. Gergely and Family**

Memorial bench in loving memory of Eileen E. Gergely. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who loved all of nature's creations fully.

## *Welcome to These New & Renewing Members*

January 1, 2013 – March 10, 2013

*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.

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

### **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Mr. & Mrs. Shipley A. Allinson  
Aida & Edgar Berzins  
Mr. & Mrs. Ciavarelli  
The Country Gardeners of Lima  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence D. Davis

Mr. & Mrs. Mark K. Dresden Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Ferraro  
Mr. James R. Flandreau  
Dr. Laura Guertin  
Alan & Nancy Hirsig

### **STEWARDS**

Wendy & Leonard Cotton-Orlando  
Mr. & Mrs. James Fields  
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Hamilton  
Richard & Holly Hoffmann  
Mr. & Mrs. Kellett  
Ms. Nancy Long & Mr. Peter Segal  
Mr. George March

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

# Membership Changes

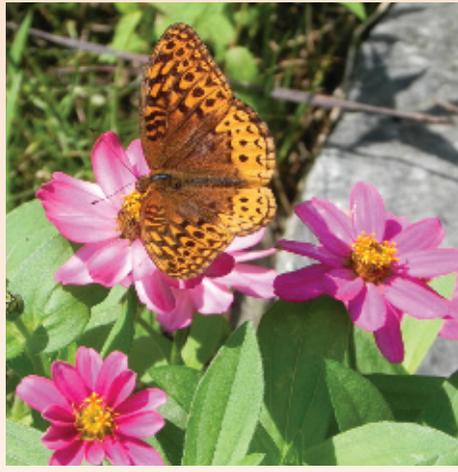
This year is an exciting year for members at Tyler Arboretum. With two new tree houses, new member-only events such as the successful spring Eggstravaganza and family owl prowls, free for members educational programs, and the new Scenic Loop path, we continue to create great Arboretum experiences and enhance member privileges and benefits. We are proud that we have been able to continue to grow as a community resource despite rising costs and the recent economic challenges.

For the first time in six years, Tyler is increasing selected membership fees. As recognized by organizations such as the Pew Charitable Trusts, Tyler has always been diligent in managing our financial resources and diversifying our income sources. Currently, membership fees account for only about 13% of Arboretum revenue. In order to continue to provide members with a robust set of benefits and experiences, we need to increase this amount. We will also be offering a new membership category for two individuals in a household (Dual). The increase will become effective July 1, 2013.

- Individual: \$60
- Dual: \$65 **NEW!**
- Household: \$75
- Steward: \$150 (no change but with additional benefit of being able to bring 2 guests with you each time you visit)

We continually strive to improve member services and believe that membership at the Arboretum remains a great value. Benefits include:

- 🌿 **FREE year-round admission to Tyler Arboretum**
- 🌿 **FREE one-time guest passes (number varies with category)**
- 🌿 **FREE admission for grandchildren accompanying their Tyler member grandparent**
- 🌿 **Discounts on adult and youth programs, summer camp, and special events**
- 🌿 **Exclusive access to Members' Preview Annual Plant Sale and many other Member-Only events.**
- 🌿 **Quarterly Tyler Topics newsletter and Programs & Events mailed to your home**
- 🌿 **Reciprocal admission privileges with Winterthur Museum, Morris Arboretum, and hundreds of other local and national gardens**



- 🌿 **Explore and Save Program: Save \$2 on general adult admission at Brandywine Valley attractions. Visit the Tyler website for details and a complete listing of participants.**

We value your loyal membership support of our mission *to preserve, develop, and share our diverse horticultural, historic, and natural site resources in order to stimulate stewardship and an understanding of our living world.*

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**Hours**  
March 4 – October 27  
Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Sat & Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

October 28 – March 2, 2014  
Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Sat & Sun 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

**Information:** 610-566-9134 • [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org)