



A legacy of leadership:

Rick Colbert steps down as Executive Director

Laura McPhail, Communications Coordinator

It isn't often that a leader comes along and truly makes a lasting and visible mark on the world, but we are proud to say that Tyler Arboretum has flourished with that kind of leader for over 23 years. Rick Colbert recently announced that he is stepping down in November from his long tenure as executive director, and many are praising the improvements and positive changes he has nurtured over the years.

What kind of mark can one man make in over two decades of service to an arboretum? Where does that kind of passion come from? To answer those questions, one can start

with his beginnings as a student in the University of Delaware's (UD) Plant Science Department.

"I met Rick when I was an undergraduate at the University of

Delaware in the late 1970s," said Betsey Ney, former director of public programs at Tyler. "Rick was the teaching assistant (TA) in the lab for my Woody Plants class. He was an early leader and as president of the Horticulture Club, he arranged for trips to other public gardens and workshops and brought in outside speakers. He really helped us know the practical side of the field and also the scope of professional opportunities."

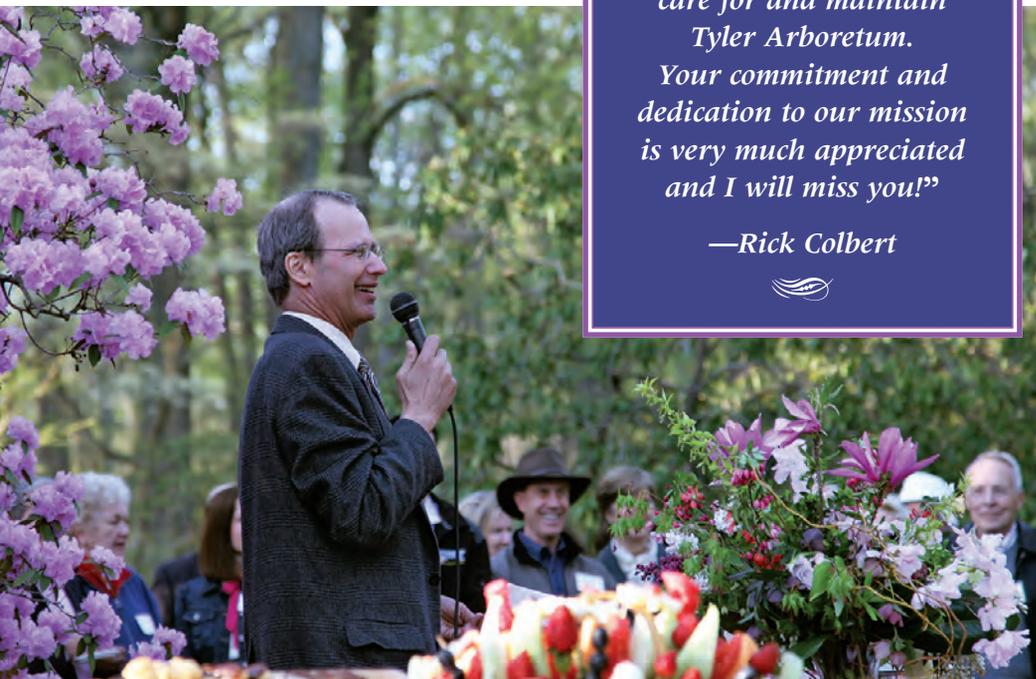
After graduating from UD, Colbert recognized that the college town of Newark, Delaware needed a beautification upgrade. Colbert convinced city officials to create a new city horticulturist position, and then embarked on an urban beautification project that led to planting large beds filled with bulbs, annuals, perennials and ornamental grasses in traffic islands. At the time, urban beautification was a new concept and there was no data about what plants would survive and thrive under those conditions. Colbert published articles about what he learned and he was a speaker at professional symposiums and conferences across the country, providing important benchmark information.

While working as the head of Parks and Horticultural Services for the city of Newark, Colbert returned to UD for an MBA. Recognizing that directors of

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—Rick Colbert





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Executive Director's Message

Another wonderful year at Tyler is coming to a close, and with it comes an end to one of the most important chapters in my life. It is with a heavy heart that after 23 years I have decided to step down as executive director due to health reasons. I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April 2012.



I would like to thank the past and present members of the board of trustees who have helped guide Tyler through difficult yet rewarding challenges, while adhering to our mission and strategic master plan, and the donors who have pledged money and resources again and again to make improvements and keep Tyler fiscally sustainable.

As I look back on my time at Tyler, I continue to be amazed at the level of dedication that has been shown to our institution. I have had the privilege to work beside some of the most talented and devoted people in the non-profit world and I am truly thankful for all of the hard work we have accomplished together.

I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart the staff who work so tirelessly to take Tyler to new levels. Tyler has become a regional public garden destination and an educational center that houses an extensive collection of botanical assets and extensive resources through your hard work.

I cannot praise enough the volunteers who commit their time, energy and talents to make Tyler the very best it can be. Your efforts will never be forgotten.

Thank you to the members who support Tyler through their dues and their presence, and to my colleagues in the public horticulture industry who have provided advice and insight through the years.

Finally, thank you to my family and friends who have supported Tyler through supporting me—your unwavering love, patience and encouragement have helped me in my day-to-day experiences at Tyler.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and I greatly appreciate your efforts to care for and maintain Tyler Arboretum. Your commitment and dedication to our mission is very much appreciated and I will miss you all.

Sincerely,



Holidays are About Making Memories!

Instead of the typical “things” that no one ever needs, give your family and friends a year of fun and experiences in the natural world by presenting them a gift membership for Tyler Arboretum. Share the gift of Tyler with your friends!

Purchase a gift membership before December 23, 2014 and enjoy a \$10 discount. Membership benefits include members-only events, special pricing on programs and summer camps, and much more!

Buy today online at www.TylerArboretum.org or call the Membership Office at 610-566-9134 ext. 209.

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public gardens needed a broader skill set to effectively manage operations at a public institution, he simultaneously participated in the Museum Studies program at UD, which gave him an added understanding of cultural non-profit administration. This broad skill set made him the perfect choice for executive director of Tyler Arboretum.

In the Spring 1991 *Tyler Topics*, it was announced that Colbert was hired as the new executive director. In the article, Colbert said, “I would like to tell the Tyler community that I look forward to working with all groups, from the members and volunteers, to the community-at-large.”

When Colbert came to Tyler, the Arboretum was largely unknown and in need of direction. Several challenges were present: the Arboretum needed stronger visibility in the local community as annual visitation was only around 20,000; finances were strained as the total annual operating budget was under half a million dollars; aging facilities and extensive deer damage to the collections challenged sustainability; and most importantly, there was no strategic master plan for a cohesive vision for the future of Tyler.

However, organizational change can be hard. “In my opinion, Rick showed tremendous personal courage in the face of an onslaught of criticism,” said Jim Flandreau, long-time board of trustees member and former president. “Back then, there was no short-term plan, no long-term plan, and no real fundraising being done. Change was the word, and sometimes people don’t like change. He held firm and gave the place a deep renovation of all operations. Through his leadership, Tyler came through this period of transition stronger than ever.”

“The process of establishing leadership was challenging and painful, but Rick never wavered,” agreed Drew Schmidt,

Colbert helps cut the ribbon on the improved Butterfly House in July 2014 with representatives from new sponsor Axalta Coating Systems. (right)

Peggy Sweeney from Boeing gets a tour from Colbert in 2007. (below)



another long-time board of trustees member, former president and current corporate development associate. “He continued to steer the course and successfully brought alignment and professional executive leadership to the Arboretum.”

The development of a strategic master plan in 1996 changed the course for Tyler in a radical way. Colbert championed the idea and spearheaded the effort to work with the experts at Andropogon consulting firm to create a comprehensive document that defined Tyler’s mission and goals, and established key guiding principles. The master plan was then used to guide decisions made by leadership. “He constantly reminded the board about the importance of sticking to the master plan and always maintained the mantra of ‘What is best for the institution?’” said Flandreau.

Once many of the projects laid out in the 1996 plan were accomplished, Colbert pushed for a second master plan to help take Tyler to the next level; that plan was approved in 2008. He also realized the importance of expanding Tyler’s audience to a larger base of support if the Arboretum was



going to survive and thrive. He turned to his robust network in horticulture and other institutions, seeking advice from outside experts to help guide Tyler to a new era.

The education programs at Tyler were already experiencing tremendous growth and change, so he created the director of public programs position to help expand public offerings, and added a youth education coordinator position. Fundraising began for infrastructure improvements to accommodate larger audiences. Extremely effective capital campaigns for the deer enclosure fence, the Visitor Center and interpretive signage paved the way for bigger and better programming and many, *many* more visitors.

As a result of Colbert’s attention to increasing Tyler’s audience, special events and exhibitions were soon in demand at the Arboretum. Membership numbers were on the rise, and Tyler became more fiscally sustainable.

“I met Rick about 17 years ago through a friend who encouraged me to work at the Plant Sale. I liked what I saw and I heard how Tyler had come along at an unbelievable pace due to Rick’s leadership. He encouraged me in that quiet, unassuming way he has to join the board,” said long-time friend and former board member Judy Strine. “Right after I joined the board, we received word about a Pew imperative for a new fundraiser. That’s when we started the

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Tyler at Twilight auction. Rick's just the kind of person you want to do things for—he's very easy to work with."

Colbert has always been known for his dedication, and his peers describe him warmly. "When he was giving a tour, he would say, 'I walk fast...you better keep up!' I think that is how he approaches his job—'let's get moving, we have a lot of ground to cover,'" said Ney.

"His demeanor, his passion for Tyler, his concern for the need to bring Tyler to where it is now...that kind of devotion is not something you find every day," said Strine.

"His passion for nature, specifically at Tyler, defines everything he does," said Office Manager Darcy Gibb. "He is a great speaker and can communicate his passion and the needs of Tyler to others. The beauty of Tyler today would not have been possible without his forethought."

"Rick was the first person to lead the Arboretum into a culture shift of being more family-oriented. His initiative and oversight created momentum for growth," said Flandreau. "He changed the place."

"I have the utmost respect for his demonstrated skill, knowledge and experience in the areas of horticulture, finances and site management. He appropriately communicated what he

needed from his management team and he developed valuable relationships with his board members and major donors," said Schmidt. "He is one of the most successful executive directors that Tyler has ever had."

Colbert has brought Tyler Arboretum to the precipice of a new era of growth and development. His passion, fiscal responsibility, persistence and methodical patience have set the groundwork for several new endeavors that will keep Tyler at the forefront of public horticulture and a premiere destination and community resource.

Ney sums it up: "Rick is an eternal optimist. Where others were ready to give up, he did not. He always believes we can make it happen."



Uniting Nature and Technology *Tyler Arboretum Releases Mobile App*



By Quina Ahmad, Communications Intern



What better way is there to weave the gap between the digital age and old school nature than to combine an arboretum and an app? Tyler Arboretum is stepping its foot out into the digital world with a free app designed to enrich the nature lover's experience and provide interactive activities, navigation, historical and botanical information, seasonal

highlights and easy ways to stay connected with the Arboretum.

Tyler unites nature and technology in a way that seems strangely and uniquely natural. "There is a misconception out there that says you can either be digitally connected or you can be a nature lover, but you can't be both. We reject that perception wholeheartedly," said Laura

McPhail, communications coordinator at Tyler. "We have created an app that we believe will reinforce connections to nature with educational tidbits about Tyler and activities that you can do alone or together during your visit. Initial user feedback has been very positive."

In order to bring the combination of the elements of Tyler and digital interactivity, the staff at Tyler collaborated with app developer and SAP Senior Technical Consultant Binu Nair, who generously took this on as a volunteer project. Nair took the information, photos, GPS coordinates and games they provided and created the string of code that turned a concept into a user-friendly application.

Nair and staff made the Tyler Arb app a one-stop shop to access general information and FAQs—all of which are listed in an easy-to-find manner. A calendar is also available with events and activities. The "Features" tab places all of the special and entertaining highlights of Tyler Arboretum into one section. If you

are looking for a challenge or would like an activity to entertain the children, become a nature detective with the scavenger hunts and geocaching information. Hiking aficionados will love the GPS navigation of Tyler's 17 miles of trails and the map makes navigating our awesome features easy and fun.

Currently, the Tyler Arboretum app is only available for Apple products, requiring iOS 7.0 or later. This includes the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. To download Tyler's free mobile app, proceed to the Apple App store and search for "Tyler Arboretum" or scan the QR code above. An Android version is currently in the works.

Let us know what you think about the Tyler Arb app by taking the survey on www.TylerArboretum.org/mobile-app. Rate and review the app in the App Store to ensure that the app will be the best, rewarding experience while on your expeditions.

Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Winter Programs and Events 2014-15

Special Events

Woodland Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 6, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join us in celebrating nature and the winter season with some simple old-fashioned fun that will get your family in the true spirit of the holiday season. Take a family photo in our beautiful antique sleigh (perfect for your holiday card!). Enjoy creating unique crafts,



including natural ornaments using materials gathered at Tyler. The kids will love our Reindeer Scavenger Hunt and visiting our discovery stations to learn what the animals, birds and plants are doing to survive the cold. Take a festive hayride through the Arboretum meadows and warm up afterwards with hot beverages and holiday cookies. A

cheerful mini bonfire will keep you warm throughout the event. While you are here, be sure to take advantage of The Country Gardeners' Annual Greens Sale to get some shopping done. *Rain or shine.*

No pre-registration required. Free with admission. Limited capacity for hayrides; first come, first served.

The Country Gardeners Annual Greens Sale

Saturday, December 6, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Enjoy a huge selection of beautiful holiday arrangements and trimmings: fresh greens, hand-made wreaths, swags, ornaments and other natural holiday decorations. The Country Gardeners Annual Greens Sale is held at Tyler's maintenance building and run by The Country Gardeners of Lima.



No charge to attend this sale.

Pancake Breakfast & Maple Sugaring Celebration

Saturday, February 28, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Snow date: Saturday, March 7

Bundle up and enjoy this annual celebration of the maple tree's sweet offerings. Walk through our discovery stations to learn how sap is turned into syrup. Then, satisfy your appetite in the historic Barn with our famous all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Hot coffee and cocoa accompany this delicious wintertime feast.



No pre-registration required; Adults: \$12, Children (ages 3-12) \$8, Under 3 FREE.

Members Only Event

Winter Weed Paper Workshop

Saturday, January 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The winter landscape features lots of dried leaves, stalks and seed heads. They aren't weeds, but some people think they are! Go on an outdoor exploration to learn about winter plants and collect materials. Then gather indoors and use your specimens to decorate your own hand-made paper.

This program is suitable for ages 3 and up.

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



Gardening and Horticulture

Gardening with Deer

Saturday, January 24, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Have deer eaten your garden down to green stubs? Many gardeners are ready to throw in the trowel. Join Horticulture Educator **Kathleen Salisbury** to learn how to work with deer by understanding their habits and biology in order to give your plants a fighting chance. Explore repellants and learn ways to incorporate deer-resistant plants into your landscape. Participants will receive a plant list and ideas you can use as soon as you get home.

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

Introduction to Seed Starting

Sunday, February 8, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

February might seem early to start thinking about your garden, but it is the right time to start seeds indoors. Starting seeds can be tricky, but this class will demystify the process. Instructor **Karl Malessa** will teach basic seed starting techniques and introduce essential equipment for the process, including heat mats, humidity domes and fluorescent

lamps. Karl will also explain which seeds are easiest for beginners to grow and display flats of his own started seeds. This class is perfect for beginners interested in starting their own seeds. Each participant will receive seeds to take home.

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

Witchhazels: Harbingers of Spring

Sunday, March 1, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

The vibrant flowers of Tyler's witchhazel collection attract a lot of attention when winter seems as though it will never end. Curious winter visitors who wander over for a closer look are rewarded with the sight of slim grey branches covered with clusters of yellow, gold, orange or red flowers. Join **Randy Kobetich** for an exploration of these fascinating early-blooming shrubs. The program will begin indoors with an overview of the genus and then we'll head out for a walk to see the plants up-close. Randy has been studying, growing and propagating witchhazels for many years. *Dress for the weather, especially taller waterproof boots. Note: If the weather or bloom time does not cooperate, we will reschedule the class for March 8.*

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

Botanical Arts

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Add some creative natural beauty to your holidays this year by making your own holiday wreath. Instructor **Leona Swiacki** will guide you through the process of creating a wreath using evergreens accented with natural elements, such as pine cones and berries. Enjoy your festive creation during the holidays and into the winter months that follow. *Please wear work clothes and bring garden shears and light work gloves. All other materials provided.*

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

Polymer Clay Nature Ornament

Saturday, December 13, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Join jewelry artisan **Denise Pettit** to create a beautiful nature ornament for the holidays. This unique ornament can be hung, displayed or even used as a gift decoration. Polymer clay is an exciting and versatile medium that is easy to work with and can be baked and finished during this workshop. Oil paints will be used to color your piece of art. No prior experience necessary! This is a great workshop for family members or friends to enjoy together. All materials provided; participants leave with a finished piece. *Please wear old clothes. Supplies to bring only if you have them: clean old toothbrushes, stiff, small, inexpensive paint brushes and several small cotton rags.*

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

The Botanical Sampler Scarf

Saturdays, January 10, 17 and 24, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Join Tyler's Volunteer Coordinator **Julia Lo Ehrhardt** as she guides you in making your own sampler scarf decorated with bobbles, traveling stitches and knitted leaves. Learn the basics: casting on, casting off, knit, purl, yarn-overs, increases, decreases and mattress stitch seaming. In each



session, we will create a square and a duplicate will be made at home. At the last class, we will sew the squares together to create our sampler scarf. A perfect class for beginner knitters! *Materials list will be provided; each student is responsible for bringing all materials to the first class. Limited space so register today!*

Pre-registration required; Series of 3 Classes: \$55 members, \$60 non-members

Photo Walk – Winter Wonder

Sunday, January 18, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

(Inclement weather date: Sunday, January 25)

Winter photography can be both challenging and rewarding. Spend a crisp afternoon with naturalist photographer **Chris Lawler** searching for inspiration and winter interest among Tyler's specimen collections and bare trees. Splashes of color, unique bark patterns and seasonal textures are waiting to be discovered on this moderately-paced walk. Then, gather indoors for some warm refreshments and review the day's work. *Please dress for the weather. Perfect for all levels of photographers and cameras (even camera phones).*

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

Roses with a Twist

Saturday, February 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Ever wondered what to do with roses that come wrapped as a bouquet or in a box? In this fun, hands-on workshop, **Leona Swiacki** will teach you techniques for arranging roses with flair that you can keep or give to your Valentine. *Please bring floral shears and an apron. All other materials provided.*

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

Natural Studies

Winter Bird Walks

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am

Tyler is a wonderful winter haven for birds that remain in the area year-round. Explore the haunts of Tyler's winter residents with experienced birders who know all the best places to look. Birders of all experience levels welcome. *Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them.*

No pre-registration required; free with admission

Winter Botany Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tyler is the perfect place to beat the winter blues. There's always something to see here and **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** are the perfect guides to winter's natural wonders. Learn to recognize plants in their seasonal guise using seed stalks, leaf rosettes and other clues, and explore Tyler's ever changing beauty – even in the winter.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

Sunday Botany Walks

Sundays, December 14,

January 11 and February 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

There's plenty to see at Tyler, even in the winter. Join **Dick Cloud** for an afternoon walk and search Tyler's meadows and woodlands for winter beauty.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

Surviving the Wild: Storm Safety

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

What happens when the "wild" intrudes on you in your home? It can take the form of a blizzard that isolates you, a thunderstorm that knocks out power for days, a hurricane coming up the Atlantic coast or any number of other possible man-made or natural disasters. Are you ready? During this indoor class, instructor **Mark Steele** will teach you how to take the basic priorities and skills from wilderness survival and apply them to the basic emergency preparations needed to successfully survive at home or survive an evacuation. Mark Steele is a former Army officer with experience in woods, mountains, deserts and jungles.

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

Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 20, 5:30 am – 12:00 pm

Every year, thousands of volunteers collect data about bird sightings over a three-week period throughout North and South America. Tyler Arboretum invites you to be part of this exciting and important tradition. Data gathered during the count is used to assess the health of bird populations and guide conservation

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action. Rise early and join Tyler's experienced birders at 5:30 a.m. to search for owls and other nocturnal and dawn birds. After breakfast at a nearby restaurant (on your own), venture out again to look for both common and unusual birds.

Pre-registration required; free with admission

Birding Trip: Barnegat Light

Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Located on the northern tip of Long Beach Island, New Jersey, Barnegat Lighthouse State Park is a great location for wintering waterfowl, such as red-breasted mergansers, common elders and harlequin ducks, as well as shorebirds and other winter inhabitants. Join **Sue Lucas** as we search along the shore and jetty on this interesting birding adventure. *Transportation, beverages and snacks provided; bring a bag lunch, binoculars and field guides. Dress for the weather. Hiking shoes are also strongly recommended, as there are rocky areas.*

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



Honey 101: Talk and Tasting

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

Honey bees are social insects that help pollinate plants and produce valuable products like wax and honey. Join local beekeeper **Ed Pieters** to discover more about honey – a natural sweet treat! Explore basic honey bee biology and the ins and outs of how honey is made and its culinary uses. Get up-close with honey comb and learn tips and recipes for cooking with honey. An informative presentation will be followed by tasting different varieties of honey, each with its own color and flavor.

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

Surviving the Wild: Water

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

We all know that water is essential to our survival. In this hands-on indoor workshop, **Mark Steele** will help you understand the basics of finding, evaluating, treating and storing water in a survival or emergency situation. He will debunk common myths that continue to pervade survival literature, as well as provide practical steps and information on how to make your water safer for consumption. Participants will also have the opportunity to make an improvised water filter, as well as water treatment items for your survival or emergency preparedness kits. Mark Steele is a former Army officer with experience in woods, mountains, deserts and jungles.

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

What Tree is That? – Winter Tree Identification

Saturday, January 31, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

(Inclement weather date: Saturday, February 7)

In our winter tree identification program, **John Wenderoth** and **Ted Cavey** will teach you to identify trees using a hand lens to examine the details of leafless twigs. You will also practice using two decision-making keys that allow you to identify a tree through a series of questions. These keys are ideal for winter identification after the leaves have fallen, but they also reveal characteristics that aid in identification year-round. This class will take place primarily indoors. Weather permitting, we will move outside to study other features of trees in winter.

Pre-registration required; free with admission. Space is limited – register soon!

Winter Beekeeping Workshop

Saturday, February 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Winter is the time to make final preparations for beekeeping in the spring. Tyler's experienced beekeeper **Paul Strommer** will provide an interactive, hands-on learning experience that will be fun and informative. This workshop will cover relevant beekeeping topics, including basic bee biology, equipment, colony set-up and location, hive management,

common pests and diseases and more. A perfect class for beginner beekeepers looking to get started!

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

Birding Trip: Cape Henlopen

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Cape Henlopen and the Indian River Inlet offer wonderful winter birding opportunities. Join **Sue Lucas** in search of short-eared owls, long-tailed ducks, horned larks, snow buntings, purple sandpipers and harlequin ducks. *Transportation, beverages, snacks and dinner provided; bring a bag lunch, binoculars and field guides. Dress for the weather.*

Pre-registration required; \$85 members, \$95 non-members

Snowshoe through Nature

Sunday, February 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Dust off those snowshoes and hope for a snow day! Join Naturalist Educator **Kathleen Salisbury** and spend a winter afternoon snowshoeing Tyler's trails while examining signs of nature along the way. We'll look for insect casings, seed pods, buds and bark, animal tracks and whatever else we may come across. If there's no snow, we'll go on a winter hike.

Don't own snowshoes? We can provide information about local rental options.

Pre-registration required; \$12 members, \$16 non-members

Health and Wellness

Yoga in the Arboretum

Tuesdays, January 13 – February 17, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in a magnificent natural setting. During this six-week series, classical yoga instructor **Beth Mulholland** will provide students an opportunity to seek inner serenity while surrounded by natural beauty. Intended for beginner and intermediate students, this class emphasizes smooth, flowing postures and the benefits of focused breathing to achieve harmony. *Classes will be held indoors, but will be positioned to enjoy Tyler's winter beauty. Please dress*

appropriately and bring water and a mat.

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

Off the Yoga Mat and Into the World Workshops

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

This program series is designed to help bring the blissful feeling that you find on your yoga mat into your everyday life. Join Tyler's yoga instructor and Reiki master teacher **Beth Mulholland** to discuss various topics that encourage a yoga lifestyle. *Please bring your yoga mat as some yoga/meditation practices may be incorporated into various topics/discussions. Appropriate for beginner and intermediate students.*

January 7: Introduction to Energy Medicine

– Did you ever feel a sense of unity among trees or the stars when you look up into the sky at night? This innate feeling of 'we are all one' may come from a deep level of awareness that we are all made up of energy that comes from the same source. Universal energy has been used in healing bodywork practices for centuries in many cultures around the world. Join us for an introduction to the ancient form of Japanese bodywork, called Reiki. *No previous experience required. While this program will include information about how to become a certified Reiki practitioner, this one hour workshop does not include certification.*

February 4: Prayer Flags – This workshop features a simple way to spread peace and harmony throughout the world utilizing the wind. Learn information about this ancient tradition which can date back to ancient Tibet, China, Persia and India. Materials to create your own prayer flag during this workshop will be supplied. Then hang the flag that holds your prayers to benefit other living beings outside of your home.

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

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Youth Programs

Toddlers in Nature

Ages 18 – 36 months

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Toddlers in Nature programs are for toddlers and their favorite adult. All activities are developmentally appropriate. Toddlers are all about exploring their sense of wonder and each class will include a story, themed exploration and time in nature.

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

December 10 – O Christmas Tree

What makes a Christmas tree special? Find out why evergreens are so unchanging and take a hike to see different kinds of evergreens up-close.

January 7 – In the Snow

How can you be a good neighbor to our backyard critters during the winter? Discover who might come to enjoy treats we leave outside. Let's see if we can entice some of Tyler's feathered friends!

January 21 – Winter Lullaby

Where do animals go when the weather turns cold? Many different types of creatures seek shelter or hibernate to survive the winter. We'll take a walk to look for signs of the season and guess whether the groundhog will come out of hibernation early or sleep through six more weeks of winter.



February 4 – No Two Alike

Snowflakes are a great example of how everything in nature, including us, is unique. We'll explore and observe the subtle differences in snowflakes, leaves, nests, bird feathers and other natural objects.

February 18 – Tracks in the Snow

Signs of wildlife can sometimes be easier to see in winter. Become a nature detective and try to figure out different footprints. Then head outside to look for other signs of animal activity around Tyler.

Teeny Tiny Trackers

Age 3

Mondays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Teeny Tiny Trackers programs are for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Each class includes a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore.

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

December 8 – Get Ready for Winter

Cold weather is coming. Let's learn what people, plants and insects do to survive the winter months.

December 22 – Leaves or No Leaves

Some trees lose their leaves and some keep them on! Discover beautiful trees and plants in their winter glory.

January 12 – Oh, Deer!

Deer can survive our cold winters. Learn about this amazing animal by investigating artifacts of the deer, such as fur, bones and skulls.

January 26 – Tracks and Traces

Despite the cold, there are still plenty of activities outdoors. We might not see the animals, but we are sure to spot some signs that they are still around.

February 9 – Snow and Ice

Even if it isn't snowing outdoors, we will see snowflakes! Learn all the secrets of snow and ice and how they are different.

February 23 – Maple Sugar Time!

Sugar maple trees have been giving us sweet treats for hundreds of years. Come and see how maple syrup is made and enjoy a sweet treat.

Tyler Tales

Ages 3 – 6

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Tyler Tales is a nature-based story time program for ages 3-6 and their favorite adult. Each class provides a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore.

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

December 17 – Christmas Tree Farm

How does a tiny evergreen seedling grow into a beautiful Christmas tree? We'll read *Christmas Tree Farm* and find out how one family works all year, planting, pruning, measuring and tagging trees to get ready for Christmas. Then let's take a hike to see different kinds of evergreens up-close.

January 14 – Wild Birds

Many birds do not fly south for the winter, but stay right here, just like we do. We'll learn about some of them in the book *Wild Birds*, before heading out to see if we can spot any around Tyler.

January 28 – Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit

Where do animals go when the weather turns cold? The book *Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit* explains how many different types of creatures seek shelter or hibernate to survive the winter. We'll take a walk to look for signs of the season.

February 11 – Winter is for Snow!

What is snow and what makes it so wonderful? Whether we have some on the ground or not, we'll celebrate the white stuff with the book *Winter is for Snow!*

February 25 – In the Snow

Winter is a great time to look for signs of wildlife. We'll play a guessing game with the book *In the Snow: Who's Been Here?* Then head outside to look for signs of animal activity.

Garden Sprouts

Ages 4 – 6

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Garden Sprouts programs are designed to introduce kids (Pre-K & K) and their favorite adult to the world of plants and gardens. Programs include a story or a craft and an outdoor walk to complement hands-on fun with plants.

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

December 16 – Awesome Evergreens

What makes evergreens special? Cones and needles! Come learn about different conifer leaves, make a tasty evergreen tea and learn to paint with pine needles.

January 13 – Garden Hot Chocolate

Did you know that chocolate comes from a tree? Come celebrate chocolate and other snacks that come from plants. We will read a delicious story, explore the winter garden and make a chocolate treat to take home! Grab your taste buds, this class is sure to fill your tummy!

February 17 – Kitchen Gardening

Don't throw that pit away! We will learn about growing house plants from carrot tops, avocado pits, orange and apple seeds and even potato eyes. We will also make a plant buddy to take home.

Tiny Trackers

Ages 4 – 6

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tiny Trackers programs are for kids (Pre-K & K) and their favorite adult. Each program includes a lesson, an outdoor walk and a craft to take home.

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

December 18 – Deck the Halls

A lot of people might use boughs of holly. Instead, we're going to be nice to nature and decorate with reusable and recyclable items. From trash to treasure!

January 8 – Winter Wonderland

Winter may be quiet and seem like not much is happening outside. We're going to explore the outdoors for the hidden wonders of wintertime.

February 12 – For the Love of Birds

We'll make special valentines for our bird friends and learn what makes them so special.

Family Programs

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

Family Night Hike

Saturday, January 10, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Hiking under a winter moon is a magical experience. We will learn about what animals and birds may be out at night and look to see if we can spot them. The night concludes with hot drinks and cookies. *Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. This program is suitable for ages 5 and up.*

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

Maple Sugaring Exploration

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 – 11:00 am or Sunday, February 1, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Put on mittens and hats and come see how maple syrup is made. Begin indoors with some background about trees and how sap rises in the spring, and then head out to learn about tapping trees and collecting sap. Watch how sap is boiled down over a fire and enjoy a taste of the yummy

finished product. *This program is suitable for ages 5 and up.*

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

Great Backyard Bird Count

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Saturday, February 14, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Every year the National Audubon Society and Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology sponsor the Great Backyard Bird Count, providing a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages and birding skills to contribute to the nationwide effort to collect important population data. Learn how to identify birds that live here by participating in this very important citizen science program. Families will help Tyler collect and contribute bird sighting data. *This program is suitable for ages 7 and up.*

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

Winter Nature Hike

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Monday, February 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Enjoy the day off from school with a day out of the house on a winter discovery walk. Search for tracks and traces of animals, insects and birds. Discover how they survive the winter. Play a game and come in and warm up with hot chocolate and snacks. *This program is suitable for all ages.*

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

Winter Break Camp

Ages 6 – 9

Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

A day of nature exploration and fun is the perfect solution when your child has a day off and you have to work! These easy-going days are filled with discovery, games, crafts, hikes and projects so engaging the kids won't even know they're learning. Extended care is available for \$10 extra per day starting at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m. Winter Break Camp is for ages 6 – 9 years old.

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

December 29 – Winter Wonderland

Beat the winter doldrums and come play with us! Explore our Pinetum, collect your own paint brushes and make pine needle tea. You will create sun catchers to brighten your day and lanterns to brighten your night. Warm yourself around our campfire and heat up with some hot cocoa.

December 30 – Animals in Winter

In the winter, you get to put on a coat, gloves and hat to stay warm, but what do animals do? Learn about animal adaptations and how they survive the cold. Explore Tyler and search for animal hideaways. Make homemade bird feeders and take home your very own animal track.

Tyler

Winter 2014-15

Calendar of Programs & Events

Tyler Arboretum Winter Programs and Events

Winter Bird Walks: Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am
Winter Botany Walks: Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday Botany Walks: Dec. 14, Jan. 11 and Feb. 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

These walks are ALWAYS FREE FOR MEMBERS!

December

Sat. Dec. 6 Woodland Winter Wonderland*
Sat. Dec. 6 Country Gardeners Annual Greens Sale
Sun. Dec. 7 Holiday Wreath Workshop
Mon. Dec. 8 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Get Ready for Winter
Wed. Dec. 10 Toddlers in Nature: O Christmas Tree
Sat. Dec. 13 Surviving the Wild: Storm Safety
Sat. Dec. 13 Polymer Clay Nature Ornament
Sun. Dec. 14 Sunday Botany Walk*
Tues. Dec. 16 Garden Sprouts: Awesome Evergreens
Wed. Dec. 17 Tyler Tales: Christmas Tree Farm
Thurs. Dec. 18 Tiny Trackers: Deck the Halls
Sat. Dec. 20 Christmas Bird Count*
Mon. Dec. 22 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Leaves or No Leaves
Mon. Dec. 29 Winter Break Camp: Winter Wonderland
Tues. Dec. 30 Winter Break Camp: Animals in Winter

January

Tues. Jan. 6 Birding Trip: Barnegat Light
Wed. Jan. 7 Toddlers in Nature: In the Snow
Wed. Jan. 7 Off the Yoga Mat and Into the World Workshop: Introduction to Energy Medicine
Thurs. Jan. 8 Tiny Trackers: Winter Wonderland
Sat. Jan. 10 Honey 101: Talk and Tasting
Sat. Jan. 10 The Botanical Sampler Scarf Series
Sat. Jan. 10 Family Program: Family Night Hike

Sun. Jan. 11 Sunday Botany Walk*
Mon. Jan. 12 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Oh, Deer!
Tues. Jan. 13 Garden Sprouts: Garden Hot Chocolate
Tues. Jan. 13 Yoga in the Arboretum
Wed. Jan. 13 Tyler Tales: Wild Birds
Sat. Jan. 17 The Botanical Sampler Scarf Series
Sun. Jan. 18 Photo Walk – Winter Wonder
Tues. Jan. 20 Yoga in the Arboretum
Wed. Jan. 21 Toddlers in Nature: Winter Lullaby
Sat. Jan. 24 **Members Only Event - Winter Weed Paper Workshop**
Sat. Jan. 24 Gardening with Deer
Sat. Jan. 24 The Botanical Sampler Scarf Series
Mon. Jan. 26 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Tracks and Traces
Tues. Jan. 27 Yoga in the Arboretum
Wed. Jan. 28 Tyler Tales: Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit
Sat. Jan. 31 Family Program: Maple Sugaring Exploration
Sat. Jan. 31 Surviving the Wild: Water
Sat. Jan. 31 What Tree is That? – Winter Tree Identification*

February

Sun. Feb. 1 Family Program: Maple Sugaring Exploration
Tues. Feb. 3 Yoga in the Arboretum
Wed. Feb. 4 Toddlers in Nature: No Two Alike

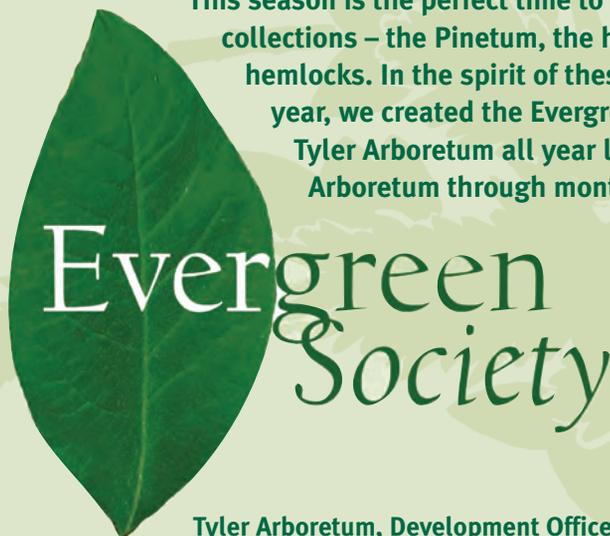
Wed. Feb. 4 Off the Yoga Mat and Into the World Workshop: Prayer Flags
Sat. Feb. 7 Winter Beekeeping Workshop
Sat. Feb. 7 Roses with a Twist
Sun. Feb. 8 Introduction to Seed Starting
Sun. Feb. 8 Sunday Botany Walk*
Mon. Feb. 9 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Snow and Ice
Tues. Feb. 10 Yoga in the Arboretum
Wed. Feb. 11 Tyler Tales: Winter is for Snow!
Thurs. Feb. 12 Tiny Trackers: For the Love of Birds
Sat. Feb. 14 Family Program: Great Backyard Bird Count*
Mon. Feb. 16 Family Program: Winter Nature Hike*
Tues. Feb. 17 Birding Trip: Cape Henlopen
Tues. Feb. 17 Garden Sprouts: Kitchen Gardening
Tues. Feb. 17 Yoga in the Arboretum
Wed. Feb. 18 Toddlers in Nature: Tracks in the Snow
Sun. Feb. 22 Snowshoe through Nature
Mon. Feb. 23 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Maple Sugar Time!
Wed. Feb. 25 Tyler Tales: In the Snow
Sat. Feb. 28 **Pancake Breakfast & Maple Sugaring Celebration**

March

Sun. Mar. 1 Witchhazels: Harbingers of Spring

* Programs that are Free for Members

This season is the perfect time to contemplate the splendor and beauty of our evergreen collections – the Pinetum, the hollies, the majestic Cedar of Lebanon and the cave-like hemlocks. In the spirit of these species that provide beauty and support throughout the year, we created the Evergreen Society, a monthly giving program that helps support Tyler Arboretum all year long! The Evergreen Society efficiently provides funds to the Arboretum through monthly deductions to your credit or debit card.



Even a gift of \$15 or \$20 a month goes a long way in supporting Tyler's efforts to preserve open spaces, educate our community on being good environmental stewards and preserving our unique historical, horticulture and ecological landscape. Join today and receive a Tyler car window decal. Please visit: www.TylerArboretum.org/evergreensociety

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



Program Registration

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

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

There are four ways to register: (1) Mail: Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Road, Media, PA 19063-4424 (3) Fax: (610) 891-1490, Attn: Registrar
 (2) Phone: (610) 566-9134, ext. 215 (4) Email: jlandau@tylerarboretum.org

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

Name of Child (for children's programs)

Child's Date of Birth

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

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MEET LEARN ENJOY HELP

LEND-A-HAND

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Historic Buildings Guide Training

Sundays, January 18, 25, and February 1, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Do you love history? Do you find meaning in objects and would love to share this with people? Would you like to be on the team that helps visitors experience Tyler Arboretum's robust history? Come to our three-day training session to learn how. We will review interpretive techniques, highlight basic historic facts and finish with brief presentations given by each participant. Full attendance is required in order to guide.

Please contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt at jlo@tylerarboretum.org to let her know that you will be attending, or visit the Volunteer page on our website.

Volunteer Information Session

Thursday, March 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Just retired or concentrating on interests rather than career? Have lots of time or maybe a little time? Whether you have four hours per week or a few hours per month, you can be part of an exciting team at Tyler Arboretum. Join us at this Spring Volunteer Information Session to discover ways that we can make a connection. Meet supervisors and other volunteers. Dress for the weather because you will have an opportunity to tour areas where volunteers work. Please be on time as presentations will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. You must be 16 and older to sign up. If you are younger than 16, please come with an adult.

Please contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt at jlo@tylerarboretum.org to let her know that you will be attending, or visit the Volunteer page on our website.

Handypersons – Assistance is needed with the performance of various building maintenance projects and one-time special projects. From painting benches, building birdhouses, crafting trellises to refinishing surfaces. Ability to operate power tools safely is a necessity.

When: year-round; mutually agreeable time

Horticulture Group – Help with the care and upkeep of our landscape. You must be able to walk and stand for extended amounts of time outdoors (rain or shine). Lifting of 20 to 30 lbs is common. Some knowledge of gardening is helpful. Regular access to email is required.

When: year-round; Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm



Photographer – 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.

Videographer – Capture live action for social media, website and other promotional needs. We need quality results through videoing and editing.

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

Special Events Opportunities

Please contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt, jlo@tylerarboretum.org, for event volunteer jobs.

Pancake Breakfast

*Saturday, February 28, multiple shifts
Snow date: March 7*

All hands on deck as we invite the community to enjoy our Pancake Breakfast and Maple Sugaring Celebration! Sausage and pancakes are freshly made on-site by volunteers. Positions such as servers, pancake cooks, hosts and mixers are needed.

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28, shifts from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Help children find their treasures and inspire others to create a work of egg art.

Spring Trails Day

Saturday, March 28, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Your work makes a difference. Come help the Tyler Horticulture Team in the care and maintenance of 17 miles of hiking trails. Tasks include invasive plant removal and path reconstruction. Dress for the outdoors and bring gardening gloves and a water bottle. Tools provided. Park in overflow parking area and meet at the Maintenance Building.

Pre-registration encouraged.

Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older with responsible adult.

GROWING WITH TYLER *SOWING SEEDS*

Tyler Tribute Campaign Exceeds \$250,000 Goal

Last year, we embarked on a special Tribute Campaign to celebrate Tyler's transformation over the last 23 years under the direction of Executive Director Rick Colbert. In that time, Tyler has moved from a small locally known arboretum to a regional destination that offers an informal and inviting nature experience.

To honor Rick and his strong desire to assure Tyler's sustainability for future generations, we've now exceeded our \$250,000 goal to endow a part-time horticulture staff position to care for Tyler's core historic gardens. As we endow this position, we are taking yet another important step to sustain Tyler Arboretum for future generations to experience and enjoy.



With the funds raised earlier this year, we were able to hire recent Temple University graduate, Mallory Smyth, to work in these gardens this spring and into the fall. According to Smyth, "Having the opportunity to work at a botanic institution whose history is so rich with education and learning is invigorating. The Painter brothers had a desire to learn more about plants, and their achievements and vision are kept alive by the current staff at Tyler Arboretum. It is extremely rewarding to be a part of Tyler's staff and I am excited for us to continue to grow as one of our region's horticultural gems."

We applaud the leadership, enthusiasm and hard work of our Tribute Campaign Committee led by co-chairs Judy Strine and Drew Schmidt. Assisted by committee members Vince Anderson, Jim Flandreau and Guy Messick, they've reached out to many Tyler friends and family over the last year to offer the opportunity to participate in this vital campaign.

*We thank each and every one of you who contributed so generously to this campaign to make it a success.
We celebrate you and Tyler's future!*

Grants & Special Gifts

June 11, 2014 – September 15, 2014

\$150,000 Delaware County Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Fund

Tyler will work to restore Pink Hill serpentine barren with funding to burn, remove soil and organic matter, remove trees and build a fence to help sustain the barren well into the future.

\$146,609 The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) – Museums for America program

Tyler Arboretum will embark on the development of a new Edible Garden. Tyler's primary goal for the Edible Garden is to provide hands-on interactive opportunities to understand the benefits of growing and eating healthy fruits and vegetables. Cooking demonstrations, healthy eating programs and dedicated gardening and nature play spaces for children will provide hands-on immersive experiences.



\$50,000 – Anonymous

This grant will fund new technology at the Arboretum, including a new database that integrates our members, donors, programs participants and volunteers. By more effectively utilizing and protecting our technology, we will be better able to serve and engage our visitors and members, thus furthering our mission.



Many Thanks to our Generous Friends, Sponsors & Donors

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Welcome to Our New & Renewing Members

June 11, 2014 – September 15, 2014

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.

The *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 both the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) program, and the Reciprocal Organization of Associated Museums (ROAM) program, gaining access to hundreds of museums around the country.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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If you would like information about upgrading your membership and becoming a Circle of Friends or Steward Member, please contact Jill Liebling, Development Manager, at 610-566-9134 ext. 267.



Opportunities Grow and Ripen at Tyler with IMLS Grant

By Josh Domsohn, Communications Intern

Tyler Arboretum was recently awarded \$146,600 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) that will go toward funding the creation of the Edible Garden. This IMLS grant is a big step in funding Phase I of this project.

“Our grants are highly competitive. The Institute of Museum and Library Services enlists hundreds of library and museum professionals throughout the United States to review grant applications and make recommendations on projects most worthy of funding,” said IMLS Director Susan H. Hildreth. “Receiving a grant from IMLS is a significant achievement, and we congratulate Tyler Arboretum for being among the 2014 IMLS museum grantees.”

Construction of this wonderful new feature is projected to begin in late 2015, and it will add a new dynamic to Tyler’s thriving mission. The meadow area between the Arboretum’s Service Facility and the crabapple collection will undergo a dramatic transformation in the next few years as plans for the Edible Garden come to fruition.

“We are extremely excited and proud that



IMLS chose Tyler for this competitive grant,” said Executive Director Rick Colbert. “Tyler’s Edible Garden will be a great addition to our Arboretum and an asset to our community.”

With a focus on teaching through hands-on experiences, the Edible Garden will provide a living classroom for children and adults. The new two-acre, environmentally sustainable site will feature demonstration gardens for growing vegetables, small fruits, berries and other edible plants as well as a small greenhouse for seed sowing and propagation; a children’s interactive activity area with space for digging, planting,

watering and harvesting; an education and events pavilion for cooking demonstrations and educational programs; a home landscape idea garden to show gardeners how to make their home landscapes more beautiful, productive and fun; and an expanded and environmentally friendly visitor parking area.

“The mission of the Edible Garden is to change lives by changing our relationships with food and nature,” said Colbert.

In addition to creating a more informed community who makes healthier nutritional decisions, Tyler hopes to create better stewards of the environment. IMLS museum grants support a wide variety of projects that create learning experiences, strengthen communities, care for collections and provide broad public access. The Edible Garden will be an important community resource as we seek to cultivate new dynamic educational opportunities for children and adults, while providing surplus harvests to the Media Food Bank.

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

Hours

March – October
Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat & Sun 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

November – February*
Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat & Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

*Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Day

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Admission

Adults \$11
Seniors (65 and up) \$9
Youths (Ages 3-15) \$7
Children under Age 3 Free