



# Tyler Topics

Summer  
2014

News, Programs and Events of Tyler Arboretum

## ~ Celebrating ~ 70 Years of Tyler Arboretum

By Laura McPhail

*Did you know that this year marks Tyler's 70th anniversary as a public arboretum? The last descendant of the Minshall/Painter/Tyler family, Laura Tyler, bequeathed the land now known as Tyler Arboretum in 1944 to the public for use as an arboretum. For 70 years, Tyler has been a place of sanctuary, learning and connections to the natural world for thousands and thousands of dedicated members and visitors.*

### Memory Lane

Walking through Tyler can be like walking back through time. Many members are familiar with the story of how Thomas Minshall purchased the land from William Penn in 1681 and brought his family here to settle

in 1682. Eight generations of this same family owned the land throughout the centuries, and used it as a working farm.

In 1825, two bachelor brothers named Jacob and Minshall Painter (the 6th generation of the Minshall lineage) became interested in the

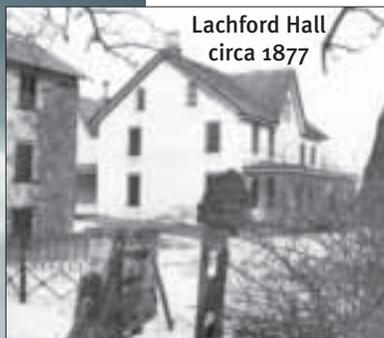
popular naturalist movement of the time. They dedicated great time and resources to planting over 1,000 trees and plants in systematic rows like spokes of a giant wheel that emanated from Lachford Hall at the center—just to see what would grow! Today, over 20 of the trees and shrubs planted by the Painter brothers still exist and

thrive in the area behind the Barn, known to some as the "Old Arb."

The brothers continued their pursuits well into old age, and eventually their youngest sister

Ann and her husband, William Tyler, inherited the property after the brothers' deaths. Ann and William's son, John Tyler managed the farm for his parents, and in 1914 he made Victorian alterations to the interior and exterior of Lachford Hall and made an addition in the rear, where administrative offices are housed today. John and his wife Laura had no children, so when Laura Tyler died, a family legacy of eight generations came to an end.

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Lachford Hall  
circa 1877

Painter Library  
2003

Photo by George Widman

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Summer is here and the sun is shining on Tyler Arboretum. I am excited to announce that this year marks Tyler Arboretum's 70th anniversary of becoming a non-profit public garden. At the bequest of the last family descendent, John J. Tyler's wife, Laura Hoopes Tyler, the Arboretum has been proudly serving the community since 1944.



volunteers, members, staff, board of trustees, corporate sponsors and donors, both past and present, who have made it possible to preserve and develop Tyler from a family farm to a modern Arboretum that has kept growing over the years.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Deer Management Professionals



of Southeastern Pennsylvania for their friendship and continued generous donations of time, support and talent. They have provided Tyler with professional whitetail deer management for over a decade. The Deer Professionals collectively volunteered 350 hours this past year and contributed 90 hours of volunteer work to help this year's Pancake Breakfast be a success. The assistance the Deer Professionals have provided is



integral to ensure Pumpkin Days, Pancake Breakfast and other special events each year are the best they can possibly be. In addition to their support of special events, the Deer Professionals have also provided



invaluable assistance with numerous special projects throughout the years.

Overall, summer at Tyler Arboretum is a time of fun, pure beauty and natural wonder and I invite you to come out and enjoy all that Tyler has to offer! Be sure to come out for our fun family festivals, starting with the Fairy and Wizard Festival on June 29. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at Tyler for many years to come.

**Tyler has grown immensely in the last 70 years, from a simple arboretum to Delaware County's premiere destination.**

It has been my honor to serve Tyler Arboretum the past 23 years as Executive Director. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the

Rick Colbert

## 70 Years of Tyler Arboretum

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### What happened next?

For most people, the history lesson stops there. But what happened in the following 70 years?

In 1946, preeminent horticulturist Dr. John C. Wister was appointed as Tyler Arboretum's first director. It is said that even at an early age, the young John would follow the gardener around his family's home in Germantown, trying to learn anything and everything he could about plants. Eventually graduating from Harvard University, Dr. Wister was also named the first director of Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College in 1930.

When Dr. Wister took over Tyler Arboretum in 1946, the property was overgrown and in much need of attention. Dr. Wister, and later his wife, Gertrude, worked diligently to cultivate collections and maintain the natural areas at Tyler, further enhancing the Arboretum. He is especially remembered for creating Tyler's renowned Wister Collections that include the magnolias, lilacs, cherries, rhododendrons and crabapples you see today.

Dr. Wister served as director of Tyler until 1968 and he died in 1982. Gertrude Wister, who was widely recognized in the horticultural field for her many contributions, served Tyler for more than 50 years as a dedicated volunteer, Assistant Director, Acting Director, Trustee and thoughtful donor until her death in 1999. The Horticulture Department building, the Gertrude S. Wister Arboretum Service Facility, is named after her. The Wister Education Center in the Barn is named after Dr. Wister.

### A period of immense growth and change

The time between 1946 (when Dr. Wister took charge) and today has been filled with immense growth and change for Tyler Arboretum. Under Dr. Wister's care and attention, the

overgrowth was systematically cleared away and new plant collections were cultivated. In the 1950's, a Garden for the Blind was created and was filled with fragrant herbs and flowers. The organization known as the Friends of the Arboretum was created in 1958, and it was the first dues-paying



Visitors have enjoyed the grounds at Tyler from the Victorian Era through the present.

membership at Tyler. In its first three months, there were 90 members; now Tyler has over 3,000 members.

In the late 1960's, Boy Scout troop leaders decided Tyler would be a great place to conduct hikes and nature programs for Scouts. In July 1966, the first step in developing the education potential at the Arboretum was taken when area teachers from first grade through senior high school joined together to create curriculum-based learning opportunities, and by January 1967, over 1,650 students had come to the "classroom out-of-doors" at Tyler. Since then, tens of thousands of children and adults have participated in educational programs here.

So much has happened in just the last 50 years. Tyler became recognized as an Important Bird Area (IBA) and a Holly Arboretum. Pink Hill was identified as a rare serpentine barren ecosystem. The bluebird trail was created. Hiking trails were cleared and blazed. The deer wreaked havoc on the

Wister collections, and thus the deer fence went up in 2001 and enclosed 100 acres of heritage collections. The Stopford Meadow Maze was created. Nature's Magical Path was populated with tiny hand-crafted magical creatures and their homes, to the delight of countless children and their families. The Native Woodland Walk path was developed.

Big Bugs invaded (a temporary exhibit in 2001), people took a seat during Sit-A-Spell and who can forget the tree houses among the various special exhibits at Tyler? Family-oriented special events like Pumpkin Days and the Pancake Breakfast brought the community together. In more recent



years, summer festivals like the Fairy and Wizard Festival, the Tree House Festival and the Butterfly Festival entertained thousands. Weddings, retirements, birthdays and other celebrations

have all been held at Tyler. Paved enhancements like the Scenic Loop and the paths through the Wister Rhododendrons have brought those who were formerly unable to manage the terrain to areas of the Arboretum they had never before experienced.

Tyler Arboretum turns 70 this year, and it's time to celebrate! It's a time for us to remember all of the staff, members, donors, educators and visitors who faithfully stewarded this land and the opportunities found here over the last seven decades. It's a time to think of how far we have come, and take advantage of opportunities for future growth. It's a time to be happy to be connected to Tyler Arboretum.

***For information about how you can help us celebrate 70 years of Tyler, please refer to the section under the "Don't Miss" box in the Programs insert.***

# Engaging in Science at Tyler

By Amy Mawby



Photo by Steve Tessler



Photo by Jan Trembley



Photo by Steve Tessler

**Do you enjoy watching the activity at bird feeders? Do you notice when the seasons change? Do you like taking photos in nature and sharing them with friends? Sounds like you would make an excellent citizen scientist!**

Citizen science is a way for the public to get involved in scientific research. It can be on a global scale, a national scale or a local scale like Tyler Arboretum. Scientists need our help! They need volunteers to be the eyes and ears of the natural world so we can increase the knowledge base and work towards answering real-world questions. Citizen science projects engage the public in making observations and collecting and recording data. Then what happens? Many citizen science projects have websites and apps that allow participants to upload their data and share their findings with the scientific community.

Tyler is already engaged in a couple of citizen science projects and we are expanding into several new projects. Tyler participates in the Great Backyard Bird Count each year in February. It is a project started by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. Not only is it fun, but it also can be quick and easy. All you need to do is tally the numbers and kinds of birds that you see for at least 15 minutes during the four-day count period.

Project BudBurst encourages people to watch plants and take note of when plants are leafing out, flowering and fruiting. This important ecological data not only monitors seasonal changes but also contributes to a better understanding

of changing climates. At Tyler, we will be creating stations for visitors to observe and track specific plants in our collection. BudBurst Buddies is a special version of Project BudBurst to encourage young learners to get involved in scientific investigation too, creating a great way to cultivate the next generation of scientists.

Picture Post is a part of the Digital Earth Watch network and is a way to measure environmental changes through photography. At Tyler, we will be using Picture Post to illustrate the changes in season, plant composition and ecological health. Not only will the photos be informational, but they will be scenic panoramas too! Each Picture Post will have an 8-sided platform on top for taking repeat photographs of the entire landscape and an “up” picture of the sky. We encourage visitors to share their photos by uploading them to Tyler’s specific webpage on the Picture Post website. Details will be provided on each post throughout the Arboretum.

Project Noah puts another twist on nature photography. Using your mobile phone and an app, you can take photos in nature and share them with different groups. Not only are you building a photo collection of flora and fauna in your region, but you’re helping scientists

keep track of the diversity of species and timing from the things that you spot. Check out Project Noah, search for Tyler Arboretum and upload what you’ve been seeing on our trails.

Our Watershed Monitoring Volunteer Program is a citizen science initiative local to Tyler. We are interested in recording specific information about the health of the streams and ponds at Tyler Arboretum. After going through training sessions, volunteers will be able to conduct chemical and macro-invertebrate testing on-site. What a wonderful way to spend the summer months! This project is a great example of how important volunteers are to citizen science. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Julia Lo Ehrhardt at [jlo@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:jlo@tylerarboretum.org) if you are interested in helping with any of Tyler’s projects.

Tyler Arboretum is excited to offer more opportunities for our members and visitors to get involved in science. Citizen science is a great activity for families to participate in not just during the summer months, but year-round. It’s a wonderful way to hone observation skills and keep your kids engaged in science and language arts in Tyler’s 50-acre outdoor classroom. You’ll be amazed by what you will learn!



## LINKS

**Great Backyard Bird Count**  
<http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>

**Picture Post**  
<http://picturepost.unh.edu/>

**Project BudBurst**  
[www.budburst.org](http://www.budburst.org)

**Project Noah**  
[www.projectnoah.org](http://www.projectnoah.org)



# Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Summer Programs and Events 2014

## Special Events

### National Trails Day

Saturday, June 7, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come enjoy the extensive trail system of Tyler Arboretum during this two-part event.

- From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. volunteer your time to work with our horticulture crew on some much needed trail maintenance and gain free admission for the entire day. This is a great opportunity to enhance the trail system that many of our visitors enjoy throughout the year.

*Pre-registration required by contacting Julia Lo Ehrhardt at 610-566-9134, ext. 205 or [jlo@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:jlo@tylerarboretum.org); must be 13 or older to participate; youth organizations must have adult chaperones.*

- From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. learn about orienteering and geocaching, and choose from a variety of guided hikes focusing on family fun, birding, wildlife and Tyler history. Please see our website for a detailed schedule. Gourmet pizza will be available for purchase from the **Pizza Wagon** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required; rain or shine. Participating members of Big Brothers Big Sisters receive free admission for "Littles" and \$10 admission for "Bigs" on this day, by presenting the voucher provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters.*

### Fairy and Wizard Festival

Sunday, June 29, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join in this celebration of all that is magical in nature and learn about flowers, forests and water! Create your own fairy or prince crown, mix a magic potion and make a mushroom for our fairy ring. Entertainment will include four



interactive performances by Celtic musician **Mary Roth**, a miniature fairy garden terrarium demonstration by **terrain garden center** and a Fairy and Wizard Frolic through the Arboretum. Gourmet pizza will be available for purchase from the **Pizza Wagon**. *Event proudly sponsored by Children's Dental Health Associates and the Tooth Fairy!*

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



### Tree House Festival

Sunday, July 20, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Celebrate trees and the wildlife that call trees home! Enjoy a spectacular show featuring a variety of birds including hawks and falcons, and see them up close with their trainer before and after the show. Visit the **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Woodmobile**, and try climbing with ropes and a harness *under the supervision of Oakwood Tree Care Professionals*. Gourmet pizza will be available for purchase from the **Pizza Wagon**.

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

### Wine and Bluegrass Chiller

Thursday, July 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Cool off with a sampling of wines courtesy of **Sweetwater Farm's Grace Winery** and a selection of seasonal hors d'oeuvres while enjoying the live bluegrass music of **Ridley Creek**. Tours will be offered to those interested in taking a stroll as they sip their wine.

*Suitable for adults 21 and older; pre-registration required by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134, ext. 215; limited capacity; first come, first served; \$20 members, \$25 non-members; rain or shine*

## Butterfly Festival

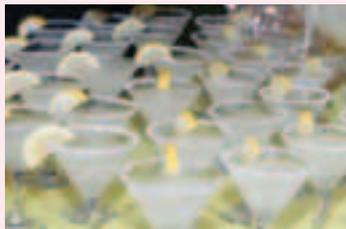
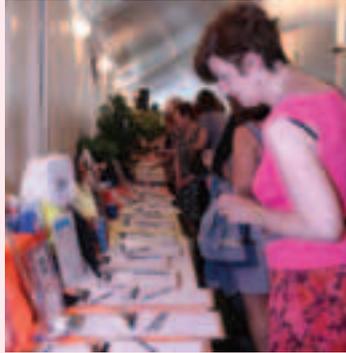
*Saturday, August 23, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm*

Discover the wonderful world of butterflies! Visit Tyler's Butterfly House to see live butterflies in all stages of their life cycle. Get up close with plants that attract our fluttering friends and watch monarch tagging demonstrations. Learn all about garden insects at **Greener Partners' Farm Explorer**—a living, hands-on farm on wheels. Gourmet pizza will be available for purchase from the **Pizza Wagon**. *Event proudly sponsored by Redbud Native Plant Nursery.*

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



## TYLER AT TWILIGHT AUCTION



## Tyler at Twilight Auction

*Thursday, June 12, 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 display 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 12th consecutive year!

*Tickets are \$85; \$35 is tax deductible.*

*To request an invitation, please contact Sally Rogers, Special Events Manager, at [srogers@tylerarboretum.org](mailto: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](mailto:jliebling@tylerarboretum.org) or 610-566-9134 x267 for information.*

## SAVE THE DATE FOR OKTOBERFEST TYLER STYLE

**Thursday, September 25, 2014 • 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

A sampling of specialty beers and gourmet pizza from **Pinocchio's Beer Garden to Go** and live bluegrass music by **Ridley Creek!**

*Suitable for adults 21 and older.*

## Members Only Events

### Scenic Loop Ice Cream Social

*Wednesday, July 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm*

Celebrate National Ice Cream Month with this unique opportunity to explore Tyler's 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 are welcome on this paved pathway that begins at the Pond and gently loops through the Wister Rhododendron Garden, then to the Pinetum, the Giant Sequoia and the Stopford Family Meadow Maze before returning to the Pond. After all that exercise, cool down with a variety of delicious novelty treats courtesy of **Bassett's Ice Cream**.

*Free event; no pre-registration required; rain date: Wednesday, July 16*



# Gardening and Horticulture

## Scented Geraniums

Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

These charming and unusual plants are cherished for their delectably fragrant leaves that invite frequent touches and sniffs. Scents range from rose, mint, lemon, apple, nutmeg and even coconut. Properly called pelargoniums, they are native to South Africa and are used medicinally and in perfumery, aromatherapy, cooking and potpourri. They are easy plants to grow and tolerate many conditions, which makes them a dream for the sunny garden, outdoor containers or house plants. Expert growers **Joyce Brobst** and **Caroline Amidon** have co-authored a detailed handbook and maintain an Herb Society of America registered collection of nearly 100 pelargonium species, hybrids and cultivars. In addition to providing information about plant cultivars, history and uses, they will

bring a collection of plants for you to touch and smell first-hand. They will also bring plants for sale. Our sensory evening will conclude with complimentary wine and dessert.

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

## Garden Tour: Temple Ambler Arboretum & Northview Gardens

Wednesday, June 4, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Ambler Arboretum of Temple University is a 187-acre mix of natural and designed landscapes. Arboretum Director **Jenny Rose Carey** will provide a tour of its diverse range of learning gardens, including a formal perennial garden, and gardens featuring herbs, groundcovers and annual plant trials. Sustainable horticulture concepts are demonstrated in the native plant, woodland, sustainable wetland and green roof gardens. The Ernesta Ballard Healing Garden features a labyrinth, woodland glade and pond. Our next stop is Northview, Jenny's nearby home. After a break for lunch, Jenny will give us a tour of the 5 acre

garden that she and her husband have developed around their 1887 home. The extensive garden rooms provide surprises around every corner: beautifully grown plants, striking designs, fun surprises and innumerable seats from which to relax and soak in the beauty.

*Tours are rain or shine; dress appropriately.*

*Fee includes transportation and lunch.*

*Pre-registration required; \$48 members, \$58 non-members*

## Pruning Spring Flowering Shrubs

Saturday, June 14, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Early summer, shortly after the flowers fade, is a great time to prune spring flowering shrubs. If you have plants that have become overgrown or misshapen, join **Jerry O'Dell**, Tyler's Wister Rhododendrons gardener, for this practical workshop focusing on both the theory and hands-on practice of pruning to create beautiful specimens in your landscape. Topics that will be covered are proper pruning techniques, pruning for shape and rejuvenative pruning to reduce size and bring back into scale for the garden. *Part of the class will be held outdoors. Bring gloves and hand pruners.*

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

## Refreshing the Vegetable Garden

Thursday, June 26, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Mid-summer is a turning point in the vegetable garden, presenting both opportunities and challenges. In this comprehensive class, novice and seasoned gardeners will discover how to evaluate the success of their current crops and receive troubleshooting advice for pests, diseases, weeds and water issues. This is also the time to begin planning to replace early crops with new ones for late summer and fall harvest. Participants will learn about those that do well in our area and techniques for successful summer planting. **Maya Baruch**, an experienced vegetable gardener and educator with a particular emphasis on permaculture theory, will share her expertise for employing ecological practices for long-term garden success and soil health.

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



Photo by Tina Donato

## Mornings in the Fragrant Garden

Wednesdays, July 9 and August 13,  
10:00 – 11:30 am

Throughout the summer, volunteer **Aldys Davis** and fellow members of the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America tend Tyler's Fragrant Garden. Join them on these special dates as they share their gardening knowledge and answer questions about the uses and cultivation of herbs. Cuttings will be available on a limited basis.

*Free with admission; no pre-registration required*

## Woody Plant Conference

Friday, July 18, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm

This one-day conference is a must for anyone who loves trees and shrubs. This year's speakers include **Andrew Bunting, Kris Jarantoski, Gary Koller, Todd Lasseigne** and **Suzanne Wainwright-Evans**. Tyler Arboretum is a co-sponsor along with Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. The conference is held at Swarthmore College.

*For more information see [www.woodyplant-conference.org](http://www.woodyplant-conference.org) or call 610-388-1000, ext. 516*

## Botanical Arts

### Hypertufa Planter Workshop

Sunday, June 8, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Create a faux stone garden planter from hypertufa, an artificial stone material that is made from Portland cement mixed with other materials. Once the mixture hardens, it looks like rough old stone, but is much lighter than solid cement and withstands harsh weather conditions. Over time moss and lichens will grow on your creation, giving it an aged organic look. **Mary Tilger** has crafted many hypertufa creations and will guide you through the process of creating your own handcrafted planter. *All materials provided; wear old clothes and bring a pair of rubber kitchen gloves.*

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

FREE FOR MEMBERS!



## Photo Walks: Focus on Nature

The Arboretum's varied displays and ecosystems provide many opportunities for outdoor photography, and the beautiful light of a summer evening brings out an array of interesting subjects for gorgeous pictures. Join naturalist **Chris Lawler** for moderately-paced unique after hours walks to discover inspiring subjects during the serenity of a summer evening. Chris has been hiking and photographing at Tyler for decades and will offer guidance on selecting subjects as well as photographic tips and techniques. *Please bring a camera you are familiar with and a tripod, if you have one.*

### 🌿 Thursday, June 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm:

Take advantage of the warm light of the evening.

### 🌿 Saturday, July 19, 6:30 – 8:30 am:

Enjoy the cooler temperatures and wonderful light of early morning.

### 🌿 Saturday, August 23, 6:00 – 8:00 pm:

Capture the last images of summer.

*Pre-registration required; \$8 members, \$15 non-members*

## Summer Photography Workshop

Wednesday, June 25, 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Bring a sack meal and join in a conversation about photographing in the Arboretum at the end of a summer's day. While you enjoy your dinner, garden photographer **Richard Greenwood** will start you off with a discussion about composition and the technical elements of good photography; then you'll go out and shoot, receiving instruction as you go. After the shoot and the golden hour has passed, we'll move back to the classroom where you'll participate in a discussion of images collected from the evening's

participants. The class is meant for photographers of all levels. Richard has been photographing for over 40 years and his work has been featured in magazines and galleries. *Bring a camera with which you're very familiar and a tripod (recommended but not required).*

*Pre-registration required; \$45 members, \$55 non-members*

## Natural Studies

### Summer Bird Walks

Every Wednesday in June,  
July and August, 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 Tyler's experienced birders in a search for summer residents. Both beginners and experts are welcome. *Bring bird guides and binoculars.*

*No pre-registration required; free with admission*

### Wildflower Walks

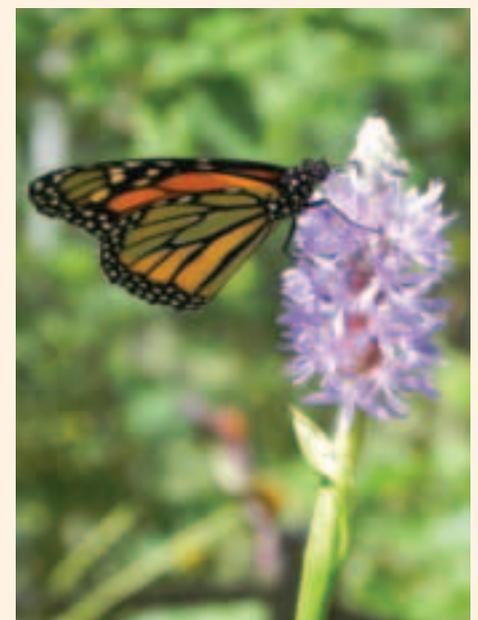
Every Wednesday in June,  
July and August, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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 year-round. Discover the progression of beautiful summer wildflowers at Tyler with experts **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** on these weekly walks.

*No pre-registration required; free with admission*

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## Historic Building Tours

*Sundays, June 1, July 13, August 3, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm*

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

*No pre-registration required; free with admission*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

## Sunday Wildflower Walks

*Sundays, June 1 and August 3, 1:30 – 3:30 pm*

Can't attend our Weekday Wildflower Walks? Join **Dick Cloud** for a Sunday afternoon walk in search of the numerous spring blooms in Tyler's woods and meadows. *No July walk.*

*No pre-registration required; free with admission*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

## Natural Lands Restoration

*Sundays, June 1, July 13, August 3, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm*

Become a weed warrior and give Mother Nature a hand by helping to remove alien thugs from Tyler's woodlands and meadows. At the same time, learn about our native plants and why invasive plants are so environmentally detrimental. Meet **Dick Cloud** in the Visitor Center.

*Wear appropriate work clothes, sturdy shoes or boots and bring work gloves.*

*No pre-registration required; free with admission*

## Beekeeping Basics

*Saturday, June 14, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm*

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 Tyler apiarist **Paul Strommer**.

Participants will explore the most important aspects of bee and hive maintenance in the spring and summer months, learn about equipment, management techniques and bee biology. Veils will be provided for all participants, allowing for a hands-on, interactive experience. *Though bee stings happen rarely, they are always a possibility. Please take any necessary precautions before attending the workshop.*

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



Photo by Walt Graham

## Water Worlds

*Sunday, June 22, 1:30 – 3:00 pm*

There is more to our streams and ponds than tranquil beauty. These aquatic worlds are filled with amazing creatures from fish and frogs to larvae and native shellfish. Join naturalist **Vail Ryan** on a fun afternoon of discovery as we wade in the water to look under leaves and rocks and briefly capture what we find for closer examination. Enjoy being a kid again; *wear shoes that can get wet* and bring your sense of adventure.

*Pre-registration required; \$13 members, \$16 non-members*

## Summer Night Hikes

*Fridays, 8:00 – 9:30 pm*

Experience the magic of Tyler's natural areas after dark. 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.*

🌿 **June 27:** New Moon Hike

🌿 **July 11:** Full Moon Hike

🌿 **August 8:** Full Moon Hike

*Pre-registration required; \$13 members, \$16 non-members*

## Firefly Discovery Hike

*Saturday, July 12, 8:00 – 9:30 pm*

July is the perfect time to see fireflies at the Arboretum. Join **Dick Cloud** and **Steve Tessler** for an evening hike dedicated specifically to these magical insects. You will learn 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. *Wear shoes suitable for uneven surfaces.*

*Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$18 non-members*

## Butterfly and Caterpillar Plant Walk

*Sunday, July 13, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Enjoy an informal walk through our gardens to find the plants that butterflies and caterpillars love. By providing the right plants in our gardens, we add life to our landscapes while helping ensure the survival of these beautiful insects. **Catherine Smith**, owner of Redbud Native Plant Nursery, will share tips on selecting and growing the best butterfly favorites and naturalist **Chelsea Lucas** will provide an inside look into the fascinating lives of these winged wonders.

*Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$18 non-members*

## Evening Meadow Meander

*Wednesday, July 23, 6:30 – 8:00 pm*

Enjoy this fun opportunity for a leisurely evening stroll to discover our exuberant native wildflowers. Grab a cool glass of wine or beer and join guides **Dick Cloud** and **Chelsea Lucas** as they introduce you to these botanical treasures. You will learn to identify some of our favorite species while exploring their history and ecological importance. Perfect for beginners; bring a friend! *Wear shoes suitable for uneven surfaces.*

*Pre-registration required; \$15 members, \$18 non-members*

## Health and Wellness

### Yoga in the Garden

*Session 1: Tuesdays, June 3 – July 8, 6:00 – 7:00 pm*

*Session 2: Tuesdays, July 15 – August 19, 6:00 – 7:00 pm*

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in a magnificent outdoor setting. During these two six-week sessions, classical yoga instructor **Beth Mulholland** will provide students an opportunity to seek inner serenity while surrounded by the beauty of Tyler's summer blooms. Intended for beginner and intermediate level students, this class emphasizes smooth, flowing postures and the benefits of focused breathing to achieve harmony. *Classes take place*



Photo by Chris Lawler

*outdoors and move inside if weather necessitates. 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*

### Trail Rambles

*Sundays, 9:15 – 11:15 am*

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

 **June 1** – The 3.1 mile Painter Trail features two ascents.

 **July 27** – The Dismal Run and Minshall Trails feature moderate-to-steep hiking through meadows, woodlands and along Dismal Run.

 **August 10** – Walk the Pink Hill and Minshall Trails to visit the Arboretum's rare serpentine barren, then follow Dismal Run.

*No pre-registration required; free with admission*

### Stroller Barre® in the Arboretum

*Session 1: Tuesdays, June 10 – July 15, 9:15 – 10:15 am*

*Session 2: Tuesdays, July 22 – August 26, 9:15 – 10:15 am*

Enjoy a workout with your baby in a beautiful environment. Stroller Barre® is a unique blend of ballet, Pilates, barre, yoga and stroller-based exercises designed to help moms build strength and muscle tone and improve posture. Stroller Barre® focuses on strengthening and creating an ideal length/tension relationship in all the

postural muscles, creating a taller, leaner-looking mommy! These six-week sessions can be modified for any fitness level. Moms must be at least six weeks postpartum to participate. During class, we'll keep the stroller age children engaged and entertained through songs and fun activities! *Classes are held outdoors; please dress accordingly and bring a yoga mat or towel.*

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

### Ergonomic Gardening

*Saturday, June 28, 9:15 – 10:45 am*

Don't let physical challenges stop you from gardening. Whether you are looking for ways to get back out in the garden, or want to learn proper techniques to ensure that you avoid injuries, you will find answers and inspiration in this workshop. This class will discuss adaptive gardening techniques and evaluate garden tools, from the right pruner to use, to the specialty adaptive tools that are available to help you garden the way you used to. Other topics include proper body mechanics while gardening and helpful strengthening and stretching exercises. Instructor **Marsha Gayl** is a Registered Horticultural Therapist and has practiced at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital. Those who wish can stay after the program for a hands-on opportunity to test the tools that Marsha brings. *Dress comfortably for physical activity.*

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

FREE FOR MEMBERS!



## Youth Programs

### Inchworms

**Ages 18 -36 months**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

*Inchworm programs are for toddlers and their favorite adult. Toddlers love bugs and this program will get them learning all about our creepy crawlies. Each class will include a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore.*

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

### June 11 – Bees Are Our Friends

Are you afraid of bees? Learn about the wonder of bees from pollination to making honey and why they won't bother you if you don't bother them. Then explore the garden and observe bees from a safe distance.

### July 16 – Magical Butterflies

It's like magic when a caterpillar turns into a butterfly! Discover the amazing changes and dance around the garden with puppets. Explore our famous Butterfly House and see lots of real butterflies in all stages of transformation.

### August 27 – The Praying Mantis

Praying mantises sit silently in the garden with their front feet together as if in prayer, and then all of a sudden—snap—they gobble up a nearby bug. We'll look at this very interesting insect and we'll hunt for one of their egg clusters (it looks like a toasted marshmallow!).

### Toddlers in Nature

**Ages 18 -36 months**

*Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:15 am & 10:30 – 11:30 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, theme exploration and time in nature.*

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

### June 18 – If You Were My Baby

All babies are adorable in nature. Join us to explore and celebrate all types of babies.

### July 23 – From Head to Toe

Join us to learn about our bodies and how they move in nature. Be ready for an active day of exploring!

### August 20 – Little Composters

You are never too young to learn about composting. From banana peels to slimy worms, join us for this sensory adventure.

### Teeny Tiny Trackers

**Age 3**

*Mondays, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

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

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

### June 9 – All About Birds

Birds are everywhere but we don't often have a chance to see them up close. Come and meet a live bird who will help teach us all about feathers, beaks and feet.

### July 14 – Stream Safari

Put on your water shoes and let's explore Rocky Run to discover what lives in the stream and have fun getting wet!

### August 11 – Foxes and Rabbits and Skunks – Oh, My!

Tyler is home to many animals. Let's take a walk to discover how each one is different and what it's like to live in their homes.





## Let's Go Play!

Age 3

*Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

*Let's Go Play programs are designed for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Using Tyler as a natural playground, we will explore different ways to play in the outdoor world. Each class will include a story, an outdoor activity and some traditional children's games. In addition, we will talk about ways that our outdoor play can be continued at home.*

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

## June 10 – Let's Be Farmers

Take a walk to Tyler's vegetable garden. Let's see what's growing and have fun planting our own seeds.

## July 29 – Let's Be Detectives

Go out in search of butterflies. We will end with a visit to Tyler's Butterfly House.

## August 19 – Let's Be Adventurers

Explore the Stopford Meadow Maze. Join us as we investigate and search for interesting discoveries.

## Garden Sprouts

Ages 4 – 5

*Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am*

*The Garden Sprouts programs are designed to introduce preschoolers and their favorite adult to the world of plants and gardens. Programs include a story, a craft and an outdoor walk to complement hands-on fun with plants.*

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

## June 17 – Smelly Plants

Can plants really smell like pizza, lemonade, mint, pineapple and popsicles? Our noses will lead the way as we explore Tyler's Fragrant Garden looking for these special smelly plants.

## July 15 – Veggie Venture

"Turnip" the fun as we celebrate the world of vegetables! We will take a close-up look at the vegetable plants growing in our Vegetable Garden and enjoy the best part of gardening – picking and eating. "Squash" those summer blues in this fun class celebrating vegetables.

## August 19 – Hide and Seek

Come out, come out, wherever you are! Did you know that some vegetables grow on top of the ground and some grow underground? Join in

the search for plants that live underground as we dig for carrots, potatoes and beets. They can grow, but they cannot hide.

## Art in the Arb

Ages 4 – 5

*Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm*

*Art in the Arb programs are designed for preschoolers and their favorite adult. Enjoy nature through art while learning to use your imagination and basic art principles.*

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

## June 11 – Inspired by Monet

Where do artists get their inspiration? One of the places is the garden. Monet was inspired by water lilies. Your child will be inspired to think about and create a lovely, but simple, water-color painting as we explore Tyler.

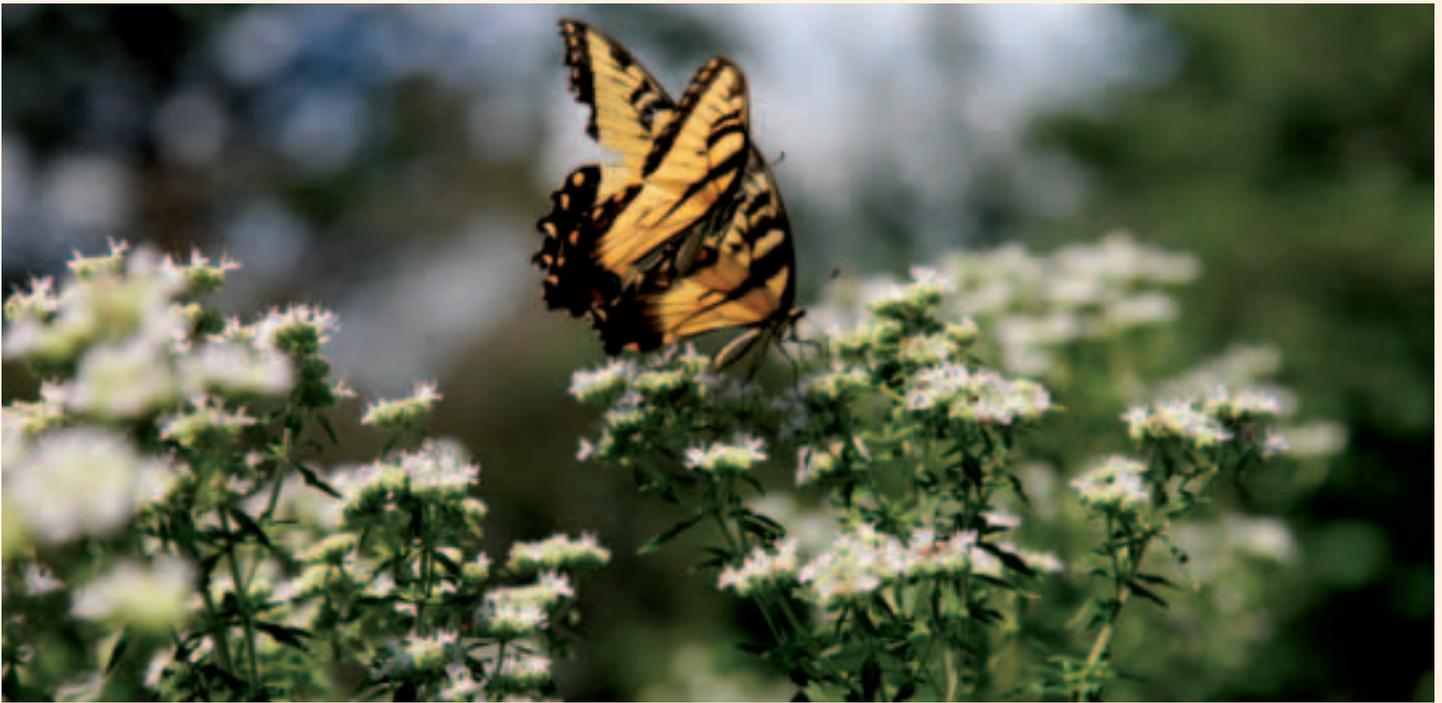
## July 16 – Dyeing for Paint

Plants have been used as natural dyes since recorded history. Did you know that walnuts, blueberries and wood poppies can color fabric? Your child can crush plants and berries and test these natural dyes. We will also explore batik and color mixing.

## August 27 – Animals as Architects

Many beautiful gardens are accented by sculpture. Your budding artist will learn to make a simple bowl and magically transform it into a bird. Then we'll stroll around in search of homes constructed by animals and insects.





## Tiny Trackers

Ages 4 – 5

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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

*Pre-registration required; \$7 members, \$11 non-members (Fee is for the child only)*

### June 19 – Flower Power

Summer is here and flowers are popping up everywhere. We'll go on a color walk and plant some flower seeds to take home and watch grow.

### July 17 – Water Bugs

Did you know some bugs live under water for part of their lives? We'll hike out to our stream, climb in and see what we can find! Water shoes and swimsuits are encouraged!

### August 21 – Butterflies, Beetles and Bees

It's summer and insects are everywhere. We'll talk about why we need them, even if we don't always like them. We'll explore the different places insects live, visit our Butterfly House and see how many different kinds we can find.

## 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.*

### Magical Tea Party

Sunday, June 8, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Did you ever wonder where our magical friends live? They love to make their homes in cozy hidden spots around Tyler. Each child will create a magical terrarium habitat to take home and invite your magical friend to stay. After, delight in a tea party and see if any of our friends join you in the fun! *Suitable for ages 3 and over.*

*Pre-registration required; \$9 members, \$13 non-members*

### Firefly Watch

Saturday, July 19, 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Fireflies light up our meadows and woodlands. Search for fireflies and discover how they talk to each other, what all that blinking is about and what they eat. Information about the citizen science Firefly Watch initiative will be provided. *Please bring a blanket or portable chairs. Suitable for ages 5 and over.*

*Pre-registration required; free for members, \$13 non-members*

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

## Fun Outdoor Food

Sunday, August 10, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Can you make s'mores by the heat of the sun or ice cream in a bag? You sure can! Learn about different ways you can cook and create yummy food. *Suitable for ages 3 and over.*

*Pre-registration required; \$9 members, \$13 non-members*

### Indian Rock Exploration

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Sunday, August 17, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Hike for about a mile on the shady Rocky Run Trail which runs along the stream. At the end we will see Indian Rock, an enchanting spot where the stream tumbles and cascades over boulders and rocks. Enjoy some time getting wet and cooling off, climbing rocks and searching for crayfish. *Be prepared to get wet and pack water shoes so that you have dry shoes for the return hike and bring a picnic lunch. Suitable for ages 5 and over.*

*Pre-registration required; free for members, \$13 non-members*

## Don't Miss



### 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.

*Details at [www.TylerArboretum.org](http://www.TylerArboretum.org) or 610-566-9134, ext 202.*

### Scout and Youth Group Programs

Tyler Arboretum has year-round programming for Girl and Boy Scouts that fulfill badge requirements.

*Details at [www.TylerArboretum.org](http://www.TylerArboretum.org) or 610-566-9134, ext 202.*

# ~ Tyler Arboretum ~ 70th Anniversary

**Did you know that this year marks Tyler's 70th anniversary as a public arboretum? Help us celebrate!**

*From June 1 – July 31, 2014, we will be accepting entries for contests perfect for adults, teens, kids and families who want to show their love for Tyler. All winners will be announced at the Butterfly Festival on August 23.*

- 🍃 **ADULTS:** Using the theme "Celebrating 70 Years of Tyler," submit your best photos (no more than 2 per entrant) taken at Tyler in 2014. Entries will be narrowed down to the top 20 by Tyler staff, and then will be judged by the public via Facebook. The top 20 entries will be displayed at the Butterfly Festival. The top 5 winning entries will then go on permanent display at Tyler.
- 🍃 **KIDS:** Show Tyler some love by making a birthday card for the Arboretum! Drop off your entries at the Visitor Center and we'll take a picture of your card to share on Facebook where people can see your creative artwork and vote on their favorites. All entries will be displayed at the Butterfly Festival on August 23. The top winners from each age category will receive a ribbon and a \$10 gift certificate to the Visitor Center.
- 🍃 **VIDEO:** Tell the world how much you love Tyler while stretching your creativity! Create a video (1-3 minutes) using the theme "Why I love Tyler." Do it solo or invite family and friends who love Tyler as much as you do. Entries will be judged by the public via Facebook. The top 3 entries will receive 2 guest passes and their video will be added to the website and Tyler's YouTube channel. This category has no age restrictions.



*For details on how to enter and complete contest rules, please go to [www.TylerArboretum.org/Tyler-Turns-70](http://www.TylerArboretum.org/Tyler-Turns-70).*



# Tyler

## Summer 2014

# Calendar of Programs & Events

### Tyler Arboretum Summer Programs and Events

**Summer Bird Walks: Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am**  
**Weekday Wildflower Walks: Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Sunday Wildflower Walks: June 1 and Aug. 3, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

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

#### June

- Sun. June 1 Natural Lands Restoration
- Sun. June 1 Trail Ramble: Painter Trail\*
- Sun. June 1 Historic Building Tours\*
- Sun. June 1 Wildflower Walk\*
- Tues. June 3 Scented Geraniums
- Tues. June 3 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. June 4 Garden Tour: Temple Ambler Arboretum & Northview Gardens
- Sat. June 7 **National Trails Day\***
- Sun. June 8 Hypertufa Planter Workshop
- Sun. June 8 Family Program: Magical Tea Party
- Mon. June 9 Teeny Tiny Trackers: All About Birds
- Tues. June 10 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. June 10 Let's Go Play: Let's Be Farmers
- Tues. June 10 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. June 11 Inchworms: Bees Are Our Friends
- Wed. June 11 Art in the Arb: Inspired by Monet
- Thurs. June 12 **Tyler at Twilight Auction**
- Sat. June 14 Pruning Spring Flowering Shrubs
- Sat. June 14 Beekeeping Basics
- Tues. June 17 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. June 17 Garden Sprouts: Smelly Plants
- Tues. June 17 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. June 18 Toddlers in Nature: If You Were My Baby
- Thurs. June 19 Tiny Trackers: Flower Power
- Thurs. June 19 Photo Walk: Focus on Nature
- Sun. June 22 Water Worlds
- Tues. June 24 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. June 24 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. June 25 Summer Photography Workshop
- Thurs. June 26 Refreshing the Vegetable Garden
- Fri. June 27 Summer Night Hike
- Sat. June 28 Ergonomic Gardening
- Sun. June 29 **Fairy and Wizard Festival\***

#### July

- Tues. July 1 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. July 1 Yoga in the Garden
- Tues. July 8 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. July 8 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. July 9 Mornings in the Fragrant Garden\*
- Wed. July 9 **Members Only Event – Scenic Loop Ice Cream Social\***
- Fri. July 11 Summer Night Hike
- Sat. July 12 Firefly Discovery Hike
- Sun. July 13 Natural Lands Restoration
- Sun. July 13 Historic Building Tours\*
- Sun. July 13 Butterfly and Caterpillar Plant Walk
- Mon. July 14 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Stream Safari
- Tues. July 15 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. July 15 Garden Sprouts: Veggie Venture
- Tues. July 15 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. July 16 Inchworms: Magical Butterflies
- Wed. July 16 Art in the Arb: Dyeing for Paint
- Thurs. July 17 Tiny Trackers: Water Bugs
- Fri. July 18 Woody Plant Conference
- Sat. July 19 Photo Walk: Focus on Nature
- Sat. July 19 Family Program: Firefly Watch\*
- Sun. July 20 **Tree House Festival\***
- Tues. July 22 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. July 22 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. July 23 Toddlers in Nature: From Head to Toe
- Wed. July 23 Evening Meadow Meander
- Sun. July 27 Trail Ramble: Dismal Run & Minshall Trails\*
- Tues. July 29 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. July 29 Let's Go Play: Let's Be Detectives
- Tues. July 29 Yoga in the Garden
- Thurs. July 31 **Wine and Bluegrass Chiller**

#### August

- Sun. Aug. 3 Natural Lands Restoration
- Sun. Aug. 3 Wildflower Walk\*
- Sun. Aug. 3 Historic Building Tours\*
- Tues. Aug. 5 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. Aug. 5 Yoga in the Garden
- Fri. Aug. 8 Summer Night Hike
- Sun. Aug. 10 Trail Ramble: Pink Hill & Minshall Trails\*
- Sun. Aug. 10 Family Program: Fun Outdoor Food
- Mon. Aug. 11 Teeny Tiny Trackers: Foxes and Rabbits and Skunks – Oh, My!
- Tues. Aug. 12 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. Aug. 12 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. Aug. 13 Mornings in the Fragrant Garden\*
- Sun. Aug. 17 Family Program: Indian Rock Exploration\*
- Tues. Aug. 19 Garden Sprouts: Hide and Seek
- Tues. Aug. 19 Let's Go Play: Let's Be Adventurers
- Tues. Aug. 19 Stroller Barre®
- Tues. Aug. 19 Yoga in the Garden
- Wed. Aug. 20 Toddlers in Nature: Little Composters
- Thurs. Aug. 21 Tiny Trackers: Butterflies, Beetles and Bees
- Sat. Aug. 23 **Butterfly Festival\***
- Sat. Aug. 23 Photo Walk: Focus on Nature
- Tues. Aug. 26 Stroller Barre®
- Wed. Aug. 27 Inchworms: The Praying Mantis
- Wed. Aug. 27 Art in the Arb: Animals as Architects

\* Programs that are Free for Members





## Program Registration

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

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

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

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

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

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Address City State Zip + 4

Day Telephone Evening Telephone Cell Phone

Email Address

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

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

Cardholder's Signature

Registrant's Name	Program Title/Time or Session	Fee
<b>Total</b>		

# 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](mailto:jlo@tylerarboretum.org) or (610) 566-9134 ext. 205. Fill out an application form found at [www.TylerArboretum.org/support-2/volunteer/](http://www.TylerArboretum.org/support-2/volunteer/)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT Communications Assistant –

Help Tyler spread the word about our events and programs! Post information online calendars and track through Excel. Assist in building our digital archive by scanning press clippings.

*When: Mutually agreeable time – option to work remotely*

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

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

#### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

##### Butterfly House Volunteers –

Greeters and netters wanted during the Butterfly House exhibition, June 28 through September 1. Greet visitors and share information about butterflies and what is happening in the House that day. Net butterflies in the Arboretum and release them in the House. *No experience is necessary, but attendance at training is required.*

*One Training Session Required:*

*Adults only: Wednesday, June 11 from 1:30 – 4 pm*

*Families with kids and Adults: Saturday, June 21 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm*

##### Historic Building Tour Guides –

Enjoy history? Share that passion with our visitors by leading public tours of historic Lachford Hall and the Painter Library. *Training provided.*

*When: One weekend every other month. Contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt for more information*

**Summer Camp Assistants – Youth Volunteers ages 14 to 25** – Work with our education team helping

campers with games, hikes, crafts and projects.

*When: Weekdays in one-week increments from June 23 – August 15*

##### HORTICULTURE AND GROUNDS

**Handyperson** – Assistance is needed with performing various building maintenance projects and one-time special projects. This is a great opportunity to work in a shop environment. Ability to operate power tools safely is a necessity.

*When: Mutually agreeable time*

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

*When: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm*

##### Natural Lands Restoration –

Join Dick Cloud's crew to help remove invasive plants from our meadows and woodlands so that our wildflowers and native plants can survive.

*When: First Sunday of every month from 9:30 am – 12 pm*

##### Vegetable Garden Assistants –

Help tend our quarter-acre educational garden and assist with bed preparation, planting, mulching, weeding, thinning, watering, composting, harvesting and delivering produce to the Media Food Bank.

*When: Tuesdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm*  
*Weekend schedule is available.*

*Please contact Julia to RSVP for training.*



### — VOLUNTEER NEWS —

The Pancake Breakfast crew did a great job with contributing close to 300 hours. Their efforts helped us meet the needs of a record-breaking hungry crowd. We would also like to say a special thank you to the Deer Professionals of Southeastern PA, who put in close to 1/3 of those hours helping us in the parking lot, kitchen and anywhere else that there was a need.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Pumpkin Days**  
**Saturday, October 18 and**  
**Sunday October 19**

### Special Event Opportunities

To sign up for Special Events, check our monthly volunteer electronic newsletter. If you are not receiving the newsletter or want to join the volunteer team, please contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt. Review the Summer Tyler Festivals descriptions found on pages 5 and 6. Volunteer jobs will be posted in the electronic newsletters a month prior to each event.

**Fairy and Wizard Festival** Sunday June 29

**Tree House Festival** Sunday, July 20

**Butterfly Festival** Saturday, August 23

# GROWING WITH TYLER *SOWING SEEDS*

## Donor Impact

### You Give, Children Grow

Your 2013 gifts helped over 9,200 children connect and learn about nature. Each week, children explored Tyler to learn how animals, insects, trees and plants live together in our world. Their exploration and discovery often flows to the adults in their lives as they share their excitement and knowledge with enthusiasm.

### You Give, Opportunities for Visitors and Members Grow

Your support, in partnership with Toll Brothers, Bob Linn Architects and Williamson Trade School, helped Tyler build the Fort Tyler Tree House, which captures memories of backyard childhood tree forts from a 13-foot-high tower overlooking the Scenic Loop pathway. Your gifts helped us host three new members-only events last year: Eggstravaganza, Fort Tyler Tree House Preview and the Scenic Loop Ride, Roll and Stroll. A new Visitor Guide and a Hiking Trails brochure were developed to assist visitors during their exploration of Tyler.

Thank You! Your membership and Annual Fund gifts support new events and opportunities for members and visitors. Your donations helped visitors of all ages grow in their understanding of our natural world and how to save it.

## Welcome to These New & Renewing Members

December 12, 2013- March 13, 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

Shipley & Mary Allinson  
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Steve & Deborah Korzeniowski  
Jay & Andrea Lee  
Patrick & Janietta Lusk  
Rick & Bonnie Mainwaring  
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### STEWARDS

Jennifer Altamuro & Rachel Weldon  
Deborah Bambino & Clay Newlin  
J. Robert and Judith Banks  
Carolyn Barcomb  
Bruce C. Belzak  
Peter Bernstein & Ala Hamilton-Day  
Rebecca Bien & David Poll  
John & Meredith Cashwell  
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Charles Green & Anna Kamstra

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John & Anne Laye  
Chuck & Sharon Loving  
George & Genevieve March  
Kenneth Rose & Lynne Griffiths  
Rick & Linda Schultz  
Judd & Linda Serotta  
Kathryn Smith & Daniel O'Donnell  
Anand & Kate Srinivasan  
Christopher D. Unsworth

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 x267.



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

December 12, 2013- March 13, 2014

### \$15,000+

Jane G. Pepper  
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## Grants & Special Gifts

December 12, 2013- March 13, 2014

**\$10,000 – Jane G. Pepper** – This is a special Tribute Campaign gift to honor Executive Director Rick Colbert. This contribution will be used to endow a part-time horticulture staff person to care for Tyler's core areas.

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## Winter Storm Damage

By Jelsy Kravatz

It was an exceptionally hard winter for Tyler Arboretum due to multiple ice and snow storms. According to Tyler gardener Austin Deputy, “The February ice storms caused more damage here at Tyler than any other storm in at least a decade.”

There was excessive damage to many trees surrounding hiking trails, exhibits and the parking lot. The weight of the snow and ice caused some trees to be uprooted, lose pieces or become stripped. This damage not only shortens the life of the trees, but also changes their form and shape. As a result of the winter storms the Arboretum lost power for four days, had to close for five days, and needed to reschedule programs for a total of 10 days. “Super Storm Sandy was a cake walk compared to this,” said Mike Karkowski, Director of Horticulture.

Out of a total of 8,000 trees enclosed inside the fence, hundreds of trees needed tender loving care. Four large



trees (40+ feet) were uprooted inside the deer fence. Two of the four large trees that were uprooted went through the deer fence, and one of those completely blocked Painter Road. Overall, the Painter Trees fared well. The Cedar of Lebanon was the only one that lost large branches. Some beech, magnolia, hemlock and dogwood trees will need special attention, along with the white pines and other conifers in the Pinetum. Two of the cherry trees that dated back to the 1950’s that were part of the Wister collection lost limbs. “Old trees like this are slow to heal, if at all, from this kind of damage,” said Karkowski.

While the horticultural staff continues the process of restoring the Arboretum, the good news is that the main attractions have been fully restored. Despite Fort Tyler taking some hits from branches, no treehouses were significantly damaged. We lost an ash tree that fell into the Vegetable Garden, but the Garden itself has been since been repaired. Even though some of the trees have changed, the Arboretum remains a wonderful place to visit. After such a long winter, Tyler offers a welcome respite to enjoy nature in full bloom.

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who volunteered to help clear out debris, remove fallen branches and trees and spruce up the trails for all to enjoy. We are grateful for the patience and continued support of volunteers, staff and members. Despite a challenging start to the year, we are positive that we can have one of our best summers to date.

**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  
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