



Tyler Topics

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News, Programs and Events of Tyler Arboretum

Give, Nurture, Believe

The Volunteer Community at Tyler

Laura McPhail, Communications Coordinator

Tyler Arboretum is, at its roots, a collection of living, breathing organisms. From champion trees providing oxygen and shade, to lovely blooming flowers providing color and beauty, to native wildlife scampering, loping, slithering or crawling through their habitats, Tyler is a living being. Sometimes we forget that the humans that manage and protect Tyler are part of this system, but one look at the volunteer program, and it is obvious that Tyler Arboretum as we know it would not exist without the generous efforts of dedicated volunteers.

The volunteer program at Tyler has been in a state of evolution over the

decades. The very first edition of *The John J. Tyler (Painter) Arboretum Bulletin* (predecessor to *Tyler Topics*) in April 1958 mentions several volunteer projects including sorting and cataloging materials in the Painter Library, care and upkeep of the Black Hawk spring by a local resident, members of the

Delaware County Chapter of the DAR making curtains and bedspreads for Lachford Hall, and a significant amount of Boy Scout activity. Most of these projects were spearheaded by Arboretum members. Some of these same activities are still done today, yet as the Arboretum has grown and evolved, so have the needs for volunteers.



According to former Director of Public Programs Betsey Ney, the volunteer program really started to flourish in the 1970s when a small group of people stepped up to help in all departments of the Arboretum.



“Back then, the staff was much smaller. The volunteers were the first people to run fundraising efforts here. In fact, Pumpkin Day (it used to be a one-day event) was fully run by volunteers. They also helped with grounds maintenance, plant records and other events,” said Ney.

“The education department has always had a great deal of help from volunteers,” said Executive Director Rick Colbert. “In fact, during the late 1970s and early 1980s, a great

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Executive Director's Message

Many unique and special ecosystems can be found at Tyler. I hope you have had the opportunity to walk on the Scenic Loop path where you can experience the Pinetum and the vast meadows that surround the numerous conifers and other specimens. I am sure that most of our members have walked on at least one of our seven trails outside the deer enclosure fence. Although a bit off the beaten path, perhaps you have made it to the serpentine barren otherwise known as Pink Hill.



can lose their pollinator, which affects the ability of the plant to produce seed for future generations.

At Tyler, we are committed to preserving our ecosystems so that future generations can learn and discover plants, insects and wildlife. For our meadows, the fields

are mowed once a year and we are beginning to take steps to control the spread of invasive plant species. The serpentine barren requires very specialized management and, with several recent grants, we are making significant progress towards restoring this very rare ecosystem.

On your next visit to Tyler; I hope you will think about the importance of preserving our ecosystems.

These ecosystems truly play an important role in providing diverse and extremely valuable habitats for insects and wildlife. As development continues to take place in our region as well as our nation, the loss of high quality habitat causes a reduction of native species of both insects and wildlife, and in some cases a total elimination of a species. With a loss of any wildlife or insect, plants

The Passing of Pamela Harper

It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Pamela Harper, a beloved Tyler Arboretum volunteer. Her passion for Tyler is evident in the legacy that she has left behind, in particular her work with the historic collections.

Pam Harper's involvement with Tyler goes back at least 30 years when she co-chaired the first Pumpkin Day – then an all-volunteer fundraiser for Tyler. She also became involved with the volunteer group leading tours of the historic buildings and grounds. To be sure that the information given by the tour guides was accurate, Pam went to the original Minshall/Painter/Tyler family documents, gleaning wonderful detail about life on the farm and homestead from both Tyler papers and records at the Delaware County Historical Society. Due to her research and documentation, we have a much richer sense of the heritage of the Arboretum. In addition to her work with Tyler's history, she was always generous with her time and knowledge.

Please contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt at jlo@tylerarboretum.org if you would like to share a memory or photo of Pam Harper. If you would like to make a memorial donation, please contact Jill Liebling at jliebling@tylerarboretum.org.

The Volunteer Community at Tyler

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majority of the education field trips were run by volunteers.”

Eventually, it became clear that a Volunteer Coordinator was needed and the position was added in the 1980s to handle the various projects and matching volunteers with tasks. Over the years, the responsibilities of this position have also morphed and evolved with the needs of the Arboretum.

“The volunteer landscape has changed pretty significantly in the last 20 to 30 years,” said Ney. “There were more women back then who stayed at home and had more time to devote to regular volunteerism.”

Volunteer Coordinator Julia Lo Ehrhardt agrees. According to Lo Ehrhardt, Tyler’s female to male ratio of volunteers is three to one and most of Tyler’s volunteers are Caucasian females in their 60s who enjoy the outdoors and gardening. However, she is working hard to recruit new audiences.

“One of my goals for the Tyler volunteer program is to devise a program that thrives on mentorship from existing volunteers while creating successors to eventually take over projects when long-time volunteers are no longer able to continue in a leadership role,” said Lo Ehrhardt. “We need to start targeting high schoolers who need service projects, families who want to volunteer together, young professionals who are service-oriented. These people will benefit from the experience and wisdom of the volunteers who have been doing this for a long time, and it grows our volunteer program in a sustainable way. The very heart of volunteering is relationships, and we want our program to be one that is rooted in relationship-building.”

Lo Ehrhardt, whose work in horticulture and public garden management has taken her from the West Coast to the Mid-Atlantic, has been working hard since she was hired at Tyler in



Individual and corporate volunteers work and enjoy Tyler in many different ways, including an autumn reception to honor their contributions.

January 2014 to identify ways to make the volunteer program better, with as little disruption as possible to what is already working well. Some of her long-term goals are to strategize the needs of each department, create a succinct recruiting process, provide continuity for volunteers and their projects, and to celebrate their successes in a meaningful way. Improvements to the volunteer website have already happened and a new volunteer brochure is on the way.

Ney and Lo Ehrhardt agree that there are jobs for pairs of hands, and then there are jobs that require ownership of a project. “In three to five years, I hope to have in place the concept of ‘Garden Champions.’ These are people who can take a needed project, make it their own, and manage a small cadre of volunteers to make project objectives come to fruition—and keep going,” said Lo Ehrhardt. “A great example of the ‘Garden Champion’ concept is John Wenderoth and his work in Tyler’s American Chestnut Nursery, or Pam Harper’s past work with documenting the history of Tyler.”

Lo Ehrhardt is just one of the countless staff, members and donors who truly appreciate the volunteers and all they do to improve Tyler, enhance the visitor experience and keep the Arboretum running.

“Volunteers are a big part of the Tyler community,” said Ney. “Staff can come and go, but the volunteers are the real community of Tyler.”

“Horticulture is about giving, nurturing and believing in the future. Otherwise, why would you stick a seed in the ground and imagine a big tree there in 50 years? Giving, nurturing and believing in the future—this is also why we volunteer,” sums up Lo Ehrhardt.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Tyler Arboretum, please visit www.TylerArboretum.org/ volunteer or contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt, Volunteer Coordinator, at jlo@tylerarboretum.org or (610) 566-9134 ext. 205. Join us at our Volunteer Open House on September 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fluttering Through Fall

Amy Mawby, Director of Public Programs

Fall brings to mind pumpkins and colorful foliage, but it's also a great time for pollinators. Meadows take on alluring



hues of purple and gold and are just waiting to be explored. Taking an up-close look, the

purple colors are the many species of asters native to this region including New England aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*) and New York aster (*Symphotrichum novi-belgii*). Asters are an important pollen and nectar source for our late season pollinators, including bees and butterflies.

The glow of goldenrod is alarming to some, those who mistakenly blame this native plant for causing allergies. The true allergy-aggravating culprit is



ragweed which blooms at the same time as goldenrod and has light-weight pollen that is easily blown in the wind. The pollen of goldenrod is too sticky and heavy to be carried in the wind and is primarily pollinated by insects. Not only does goldenrod support hundreds of species of bees and wasps but birds also feed on the seeds, as well as the insects and spiders that visit the flowers. Even the beautiful butterflies play a role in carrying goldenrod pollen.

Each fall, monarch butterflies embark on an incredible migration journey. These vibrant butterflies overwinter in a forested region of Sierra Madre in Mexico. Happen to have a paper clip



nearby? Place it in your hand. Monarchs weigh as much as a paper clip but they fly thousands of miles to spend five months in the high altitudes of Mexican forests. And what a sight it is! Monarchs cling to the branches of oyamel fir trees in great numbers and go into a type of hibernation, known as torpor.

How many monarchs end up in Mexico each year? According to the World Wildlife Fund Mexico and Monarch Watch, overwintering populations in 1997 reached a height of almost 21 hectares of monarchs. In 2013, reports hit an all-time low of only 1.19 hectares. Unfortunately the news was even worse for 2014. The total area occupied by monarch colonies was 0.67 hectares.

The good news is that homeowners can help! Our gardens can become monarch habitat by adding a few vital plants to the landscape. Butterflies need three main categories of plants: host plants for their caterpillars to eat, flowering nectar plants for energy and shelter plants for safe havens. The host plant for monarchs is our native milkweed. Females lay their eggs only on the leaves of milkweed, so this plant is an integral piece of the monarch life cycle. Caterpillars hatch from the eggs and begin to eat the leaves, munching and munching until they are ready to continue the process of metamorphosis.

There are many different types of milkweed to plant in your home landscape. Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) has orange flowers and prefers a sunny spot in well-drained soil. Common milkweed

(*Asclepias syriaca*) grows in similar conditions but is taller and produces globes of fragrant pink flowers. Both species can tolerate



drought. Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) enjoys moist soil and is often found growing in wet meadows and floodplains. Its pinkish purple flowers are a welcome addition to any garden.



Milkweed is also a great nectar plant for monarchs. Adult butterflies need flowers as nectar sources throughout spring, summer and fall. Migrating

monarch butterflies rely on plants that will bloom in late summer and fall like asters and goldenrods. Adding more flowers to your garden should be a welcome task!

Fall is a great time to plant in your garden so consider adding some perennial plants like asters, goldenrods and milkweed before the first frost. For more information and help designing your butterfly habitat, join in on our **Gardening for Butterflies** class on Saturday, September 20 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Landscape Designer **Hannah LaCasse** will teach you which plants are best to attract and keep beautiful butterflies in your yard. Check out more information in our Fall Programs insert.



Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Autumn Programs and Events 2014

Special Events

Oktoberfest Tyler Style

Thursday, September 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Get in the spirit of Oktoberfest with the perfect combination of specialty beers from **Pinocchio's Beer Garden To Go**, which features an extensive collection of craft beers, a selection of gourmet pizza and the live bluegrass music of **Ridley Creek**.

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



Pumpkin Days Celebration

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

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



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

No pre-registration required. Member admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3 to 15; non-member admission is \$11 for adults, \$7 for children ages 3 to 15; kids under 3 are free.

Members Only Events

Tyler After Dark Adventures

Fridays, September 19, 26 and October 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

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

*Pre-registration required;
\$3 per person.*

Space is limited – register soon!



Family Owl Prowl

Friday, November 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Just for Tyler members, this is a rare opportunity to hear, and hopefully see, some of the owls that call the Arboretum home. The evening begins with a short indoor program to learn about these nocturnal birds of prey followed by a short hike while trying to call in some owls. When we get back inside, young scientists will have the opportunity to dissect owl pellets to learn what owls eat. Hot drinks and snacks offer a delicious end to the evening. *Wear footwear appropriate for uneven trails and bring a flashlight. This program is suitable for children ages 6 and older.*

Pre-registration required; \$3 per person.

Space is limited – register soon!

Gardening and Horticulture

Gardening for Butterflies

Saturday, September 20, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Butterflies are important pollinators in our local ecosystems but populations are feeling pressure as their habitats become small and scattered. Private home landscapes can provide critical habitats for butterflies and their hungry caterpillars. Join landscape designer **Hannah LaCasse** to learn which plants are best to attract and keep beautiful butterflies in your yard. An informational presentation highlighting threats to butterflies and keys to their survival will be followed by the development of a planting design catered to butterflies that is sure to enhance color and flutterers around your home.

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

Late Season Vegetable Gardening

Saturday, September 27, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Vegetable gardening doesn't have to be over just because the weather gets colder! In this workshop, Tyler Vegetable Gardener **Gabrielle LeBlanc** will show you tricks for

extending the growing season while also preparing your vegetable garden for a great spring. Learn about cold weather crops that can grow into winter and how low tunnels can help extend your season. The workshop will also cover ways to care for perennials in the off season, cover crop planting and other best practices for end-of-season garden care.

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

Small Trees for Residential Landscapes

Saturday, September 27, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Today's home landscapes are often smaller, and busy lifestyles mean less time for property maintenance. Join Morris Arboretum horticulturist **Louise Clarke** as she discusses small trees suited for residential properties—those that typically grow less than forty feet tall. Learn about placement, light and moisture requirements, soil conditions, planting techniques and other pertinent tips to help you make the best choice for your property. Trees discussed will be a mix of native and non-native varieties. An outside walk will highlight some of the recommended trees grown at Tyler (*weather permitting*).

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

Botanical Arts

Fall Photo Walk – Tiny Worlds

Sunday, September 21, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Let's focus on the small things, from the tiniest of insects to the minute details on leaves and seed heads. Naturalist photographer **Chris Lawler** will lead a moderately-paced walk for an extremely close-up look at the myriad of tiny worlds existing within the Arboretum. With emphasis on composition and subject matter, you'll be certain to capture plenty of images that will 'wow' your friends and family. *Perfect for all levels of photographers and cameras; macro lenses and settings encouraged.*

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

Leaf Casting Workshop

Sunday, September 28, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Join **Mary Tilger** to capture the organic beauty of nature in a durable piece of art. You will create a cement casting of a moderate sized leaf using real foliage as a concrete mold. When filled with water, the cast leaf attracts birds and other wildlife to your garden! You can attach a hook on the back and use it as a wall hanging or just place on a table as art. *All materials provided; wear old clothes and bring a pair of sturdy rubber kitchen gloves. Class is limited to 6 participants.*

Pre-registration required; \$50 members, \$55 non-members

Fall Photo Walk – Colors & Landscapes

Saturday, October 25, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Colors abound at Tyler in the autumn, as the woodlands and meadows trade their verdancy for the rich and vibrant pallets of fall. Join naturalist photographer **Chris Lawler** for a leisurely stroll in the late afternoon sunshine, when the natural light brings out the best in our scenic landscapes. Learn and share tips and techniques for capturing stunning images you can share and display with pride. *This photo walk is open to all levels of photographers...camera phones welcome!*

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



Cornucopia with a Twist

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Grace your Thanksgiving table with a cornucopia you construct yourself using branches, decorative wire and other natural materials. Floral designer **Leona Swiacki** will provide guidance and instruction to also help you fill your creation with a seasonal arrangement of flowers, fruits and berries. This table arrangement will add beauty to enjoy as you celebrate nature's bounty with your family and friends. *All materials are provided. Please bring floral shears, wire cutters and a box to carry your design home in.*

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

Natural Studies

Fall Bird Walks

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am

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

No pre-registration required; free with admission

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Weekday Wildflower Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

No pre-registration required; free with admission

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Historic Buildings Tours

Sundays, September 7, October 5, November 2, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm

Get a behind-the-scenes tour and learn about the daily lives of the eight generations of family members who lived on Tyler's property for 150 years. Since 1738, Lachford Hall represents over two centuries of residence by the Minshall-Painter-Tyler family. The Painter Library, built by the Painter brothers in 1863, houses their fascinating collection of 19th century scientific equipment, books and specimens.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Night Hikes

Saturday, September 13, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturdays, October 11 and November 8, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Experience the magic of Tyler's natural areas after dark. Guides **Dick Cloud** and **Rachel Ndeto** will share points of special interest and seasonal highlights while leading a brisk hike. *This walk is for adults and teens. Bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain that may include moderate to steep trails.*

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

Natural Lands Restoration

Sundays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Invasive plants can behave like the thugs of the natural world, forcing out natives and dominating the landscape. Help protect Tyler's native ecosystem and remove these alien thugs from our meadows and woodlands. Meet **Dick Cloud** at the Visitor Center. *Wear appropriate work clothes, sturdy shoes or boots and bring work gloves if you have them.*

No pre-registration required; FREE for everyone

FREE FOR EVERYONE!

Sunday Wildflower Walks

Sundays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

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

No pre-registration required; free with admission

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Birding Trip: Cape May

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 and 17, departing at 7:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm

Sue Lucas and other birders will lead this favorite trip to Cape May. You'll explore the shorelines, marshes and other habitats to observe the many birds that stop by this wonderful spot on the way to their winter destinations. *This two-day trip includes transportation, lodging, breakfast, lunch on Wednesday and a boat ride. Tuesday dinner is Dutch-treat. Bring field guides, binoculars and a brown bag lunch for Tuesday.*

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

Beekeeping Basics - Part II

Saturday, September 20, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

(Rain Date: Saturday, October 4)

Beekeeping for the new year begins in the fall. In the second part to this introduction to beekeeping, apiarist **Paul Strommer** will help interested beginners determine what they need to know, order and prepare in the fall and winter to be ready when the weather breaks in April. He will also provide hands-on instruction about fall hive maintenance, how to track the colony's progress through the season and prepare the hive for the winter. This program is a valuable introduction for anyone interested in beginning their own hive in 2015 and is open to all participants. *All equipment provided. Participants will interact directly with the bees, so please take any necessary precautions.*

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

Birding 101

Sunday, September 28, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join experienced birder **Sue Lucas** for an introductory exploration of Tyler's birds and best birding habitats. This program will be a fun chance to learn how to identify our local birds by sight and sound and a great start to countless birding trips to come. *This program is particularly geared toward beginners. Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them, or borrow them from us. Appropriate for adults and children ages 7 and up.*

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

Nature Trip: Peat Bogs, Sand Dunes & Wildflowers

Thursday, October 9, 7:45 am – 6:00 pm

Join **Richard Brenner** on a delightful day's venture to see many ecological treasures of Southern New Jersey. The first stop is Atsion State Park where we'll likely see the endangered Pine Barrens gentian, nodding ladies tresses and interesting carnivorous plants. We'll pass through the Pine Barrens on the way to our next stop at a natural coastal sand dunes ecosystem on Brigantine Island. Finally, we'll tour the largest remaining peat bog ocean shoreline in New Jersey, located between Peck's Beach and Absecon Island. There we will observe the

animal/plant communities during the early fall bird migration period. *Transportation, snacks and beverages are provided; bring a bag lunch. Wear comfortable walking shoes, ideally ones that can get wet on the bogs. Insect spray and tick repellent are advised. Feel free to bring binoculars for birding.*

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

What Tree Is This? Tree Identification Walk

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

*Saturday, October 25, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, October 26)*

Join **John Wenderoth** and **Ted Cavey** to learn how to recognize trees based on fall characteristics. This pleasant and educational stroll through Tyler will focus on why and when different trees change colors, how to use color as an identification tool and other less-utilized forms of identification such as leaf texture and canopy shape.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

Health and Wellness

Trail Rambles

Sundays, 1:15 – 3:00 pm

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

🍂 **September 21** – Visit Tyler's rare serpentine barren and walk along Dismal Run on this exploration of the Pink Hill and Minshall Trails.

🍂 **October 26** – Hike the moderate hills of the Dismal Run and Minshall Trails through meadows, woodlands, along Dismal Run and past ruins of the Minshall-Painter farms.

🍂 **November 16** – The Painter Trail provides a quality hike with two stream crossings and lovely hilltop views of the Arboretum.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

Garden Fresh Food Energetics

Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Ever curious why we crave root vegetables, like carrots and potatoes, in the winter and fresh fruits, like watermelon and berries, in the summer? It's not just calories, fat or protein that makes up the foods we eat. Connect with the rhythms of nature and explore the energetics, or the "living wisdom" of food, including those directly from Tyler's Vegetable Garden. Health coach and functional medicine practitioner **Liz Abel** will use the garden as a guide to illustrate the energetic and healing properties of seasonal produce. *This session will be hosted outside in the Vegetable Garden, weather permitting.*

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

Yoga in the Arboretum

Session 1: Tuesdays, September 30 – November 4, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Session 2: Tuesdays, November 11 – December 16, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in a magnificent setting. During these two six-week sessions, classical yoga instructor **Beth Mulholland** will provide students an opportunity to seek inner serenity while surrounded by natural beauty. Intended for beginner and intermediate level students, this class emphasizes smooth, flowing postures and the benefits of focused breathing to achieve harmony. *For Session 1, classes will take place outdoors and move inside if weather necessitates. For Session 2, classes will be held indoors but will be positioned to enjoy Tyler's scenery. 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 **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.

🍂 **October 1: Setting Intentions** – Join a discussion about how to create the life you wish to live through setting clear intentions and implementing practices that will bring an increased awareness and serenity into your life.

🍂 **November 5: Yoga and Meditation at Home** – The benefits of a regular yoga practice are discussed and tips on starting and maintaining a home practice shared.

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

Stroller Barre® in the Arboretum

Fridays, September 26 – October 31, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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





Youth Programs

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)

September 17 – Are You a Spider?

Don't be afraid...join us to learn about this incredible creepy crawler. If you are a spider, find out what makes you so amazing!

October 1 – Baby Bat's Lullaby

Let's learn about this mysterious and marvelous flying mammal. Spend a day (and a night) with baby bat.

October 15 – Seeds, Sprouts, Pumpkin Pie

It is pumpkin season! Come learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin plant. Use all your senses to explore this super squash.

October 29 – Leaf Jumpers

How many shapes and colors can you see in autumn leaves? Jump in and find out! Be ready to jump, dance and throw leaves as we celebrate the best of fall.

November 12 – Little Owl's Night

The sun sets, the moon rises, Little Owl and his friends wake up. Join us to learn about animals that love the night. Who, whooo loves the night?

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

September 8 – Butterflies and Moths

Let's visit the Butterfly House and the fields to learn all about these beautiful insects and where they go in winter.

September 15 – Bye, Bye Birdie

Many of our summer bird friends are leaving us now. Find out why and where they are headed. We'll have binoculars to search the Arboretum and find some of them.

October 13 – Falling for Leaves

We'll go on a leaf-collecting spree and paint designs of some of our favorites.

October 27 – Spooky Critters

It's nearly time for Halloween! We'll search the Arboretum for creepy things and make a trick-or-treat craft.

November 3 – Listen! Listen!

In this class, we will use our ears to hear all the sounds of nature and play a "noisy" game.

November 17 – Owls and Turkeys

Where do these birds live, how are they different and why it is so hard to find them? Learn all about these feathered friends and make a fun craft.

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/lesson and an outdoor play activity. 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)

September 23 – Let's Be Athletes

Play some exciting outdoor games! We will use things we find in nature as part of our play.

October 7 – Let's Be Birdwatchers

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

October 21 – Let's Be Explorers

Go on a scavenger hunt! What signs of fall can we see at Tyler Arboretum?

November 4 – Let's Be Hikers

Come and enjoy discovering Tyler's trails. Together we will take a hike and see what we can find.

November 18 – Let's Be Historians

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

Picnics in Nature

Ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Picnics in Nature programs are designed for ages 3-5 years and their favorite adult. Our thematic picnics will be filled with food, fun and facts about our natural world! Tasting foods is optional, but a fun sensory experience; if allergies are concerns, please make a note when registering.

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

September 18 – Autumn Is Here

Autumn is a celebration with amazing smells and tasty treats. Join us at Ms. Molly's favorite tree house for some favorite fall foods and a story about the signs that say autumn is here!



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.

October 2 – Pumpkin Circle

It is almost pumpkin picking time. Let's have a picnic near our Vegetable Garden and see what our fall harvest will bring at Tyler.

October 30 – There is a Fly in My Soup!

Join us at the Crooked Goblin Shack (*weather permitting*) with all the ghouls and goblins. Fear not! While we taste some delicious treats, we will learn about the fly in my soup.

Garden Sprouts

Ages 4 – 5

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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)

September 9 – Pick Your Snack

Eat like a bunny in our Children's Garden and have a snack on us. Make your own salsa and watercolor veggie prints to take home.

September 23 – Corn Crazy

Come and have a "popping" good time learning all about corn! We will take a close-up look at the many types of corn available, make a "corny" project and share a corn snack.

October 7 – Veggie Creatures

Discover the many shapes and colors of vegetables and use them to create some fun and creepy creatures. Enjoy a fall veggie snack.

October 21 – Pumpkin Party

Learn about big and little pumpkins, play a seed guessing game, decorate a Jack-o-Lantern and eat a pumpkin seed snack.

November 11 – Apple Celebration

Fall is the best time for apples and guess what? They come from trees! Do an apple taste test, make apple prints and no-cook apple sauce.

Tiny Trackers

Ages 4 – 5

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tiny Trackers programs are 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)

September 11 – Mighty Monarchs

These graceful butterflies are actually really tough. They do something none of the other butterflies do!

September 25 – Hop, Skip and a Jump

How do animals get around? All kinds of ways! Come hop like a rabbit, skip like a fox and jump like a deer.

October 9 – Lots of Leaves

Fall is full of beautiful shapes and colors. How many different kinds can you find?

October 23 – Nocturnal Neighbors

Who is having fun while you are sleeping? Let's meet some creatures of the night.

November 6 – Native Nature

Hundreds of years ago, the Lenape lived on this land. Everything they needed came from nature. Could you live that way?

November 20 – Treasures from Trash

Watch old bottle caps turn into ornaments and learn how to keep our Earth healthy.

Bug Safari

Sunday, September 21, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Kids and adults become apprentice entomologists as we hunt for insects and other creepy crawlies. Learn how to sweep with nets to find praying mantises and other field insects in the meadow maze. Turn over fallen leaves and logs to look for soil dwellers like beetles and pillbugs. Examine flowers to find pollinators looking for nectar and pollen. This is a fun, interactive catch and release adventure to find, examine and learn about the many bugs at the Arboretum. *Nets and bug boxes will be provided. Suitable for children ages 3 and older.*

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

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Saturday, October 4, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Fall is a wonderful time for birding. As the weather cools, many summer residents fly south for the winter and many migrating birds stop by Tyler for a rest on their travels. Join experienced birder **Sue Lucas** on a quest for these fall travelers during a special migration focused bird walk. *This program is particularly geared toward beginners. Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them, or borrow them from us. Appropriate for children ages 7 and up.*

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

Spook-tacular Adventure

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Catch some of nature's Halloween spirit as we explore Tyler in search of spiders and creepy crawly insects. Learn about a tree that has ghost-shaped leaves. Get creative with a festive fall art project. The adventure concludes with a spooky snack. *Suitable for children ages 3 and older.*

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

Tyler

Autumn 2014

Calendar of Programs & Events

Tyler Arboretum Autumn Programs and Events

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

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

Sunday Wildflower Walks: Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

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

September

- Sun. Sept. 7** Historic Buildings Tours*
- Mon. Sept. 8** Teeny Tiny Trackers: Butterflies and Moths
- Tues. Sept. 9** Garden Sprouts: Pick Your Snack
- Wed. Sept. 10** **Volunteer Open House**
- Thurs. Sept. 11** Tiny Trackers: Mighty Monarchs
- Sat. Sept. 13** Night Hike
- Sun. Sept. 14** Natural Lands Restoration
- Mon. Sept. 15** Teeny Tiny Trackers: Bye, Bye Birdie
- Tues. and Wed. Sept. 16 & 17** Birding Trip: Cape May
- Wed. Sept. 17** Toddlers in Nature: Are You a Spider?
- Thurs. Sept. 18** Picnics in Nature: Autumn Is Here
- Fri. Sept. 19** **Members Only Event – Tyler After Dark Adventures**
- Sat. Sept. 20** Gardening for Butterflies
- Sat. Sept. 20** Beekeeping Basics – Part II
- Sun. Sept. 21** Fall Photo Walk – Tiny Worlds
- Sun. Sept. 21** Family Program: Bug Safari
- Sun. Sept. 21** Trail Ramble: Pink Hill and Minshall Trails
- Tues. Sept. 23** Let's Go Play: Let's Be Athletes
- Tues. Sept. 23** Garden Sprouts: Corn Crazy
- Wed. Sept. 24** Garden Fresh Food Energetics
- Thurs. Sept. 25** Tiny Trackers: Hop, Skip and a Jump
- Thurs. Sept. 25** **Oktoberfest Tyler Style**
- Fri. Sept. 26** Stroller Barre®
- Fri. Sept. 26** **Members Only Event – Tyler After Dark Adventures**
- Sat. Sept. 27** Late Season Vegetable Gardening
- Sat. Sept. 27** Small Trees for Residential Landscapes
- Sun. Sept. 28** Birding 101
- Sun. Sept. 28** Leaf Casting Workshop
- Tues. Sept. 30** Yoga in the Arboretum

October

- Wed. Oct. 1** Toddlers in Nature: Baby Bat's Lullaby
- Wed. Oct. 1** Off the Yoga Mat and Into the World Workshop: Setting Intentions
- Thurs. Oct. 2** Picnics in Nature: Pumpkin Circle
- Fri. Oct. 3** Stroller Barre®
- Fri. Oct. 3** **Members Only Event – Tyler After Dark Adventures**
- Sat. Oct. 4** Family Program: Fall Migration Bird Walk
- Sun. Oct. 5** Historic Buildings Tours*
- Tues. Oct. 7** Garden Sprouts: Veggie Creatures
- Tues. Oct. 7** Let's Go Play: Let's Be Birdwatchers
- Tues. Oct. 7** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Thurs. Oct. 9** Nature Trip: Peat Bogs, Sand Dunes & Wildflowers
- Thurs. Oct. 9** Tiny Trackers: Lots of Leaves
- Fri. Oct. 10** Stroller Barre®
- Sat. Oct. 11** Night Hike
- Sun. Oct. 12** Natural Lands Restoration
- Mon. Oct. 13** Teeny Tiny Trackers: Falling For Leaves
- Tues. Oct. 14** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Oct. 15** Toddlers in Nature: Seeds, Sprouts, Pumpkin Pie
- Fri. Oct. 17** Stroller Barre®
- Sat. Oct. 18** **Pumpkin Days**
- Sun. Oct. 19** **Pumpkin Days**
- Tues. Oct. 21** Let's Go Play: Let's Be Explorers
- Tues. Oct. 21** Garden Sprouts: Pumpkin Party
- Tues. Oct. 21** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Thurs. Oct. 23** Tiny Trackers: Nocturnal Neighbors
- Fri. Oct. 24** Stroller Barre®
- Sat. Oct. 25** Family Program: Spook-tacular Adventure
- Sat. Oct. 25** What Tree Is This? – Tree Identification Walk*

- Sat. Oct. 25** Fall Photo Walk – Colors & Landscapes
- Sun. Oct. 26** Trail Ramble: Dismal Run and Minshall Trails
- Mon. Oct. 27** Teeny Tiny Trackers: Spooky Critters
- Tues. Oct. 28** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Oct. 29** Toddlers in Nature: Leaf Jumpers
- Thurs. Oct. 30** Picnics in Nature: There is a Fly in My Soup!
- Fri. Oct. 31** Stroller Barre®

November

- Sun. Nov. 2** Historic Buildings Tours*
- Mon. Nov. 3** Teeny Tiny Trackers: Listen! Listen!
- Tues. Nov. 4** Let's Go Play: Let's Be Hikers
- Tues. Nov. 4** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Nov. 5** Off the Yoga Mat and Into the World Workshop: Yoga & Meditation at Home
- Thurs. Nov. 6** Tiny Trackers: Native Nature
- Sat. Nov. 8** **Volunteer Fall Trails Day**
- Sat. Nov. 8** Night Hike
- Sun. Nov. 9** Natural Lands Restoration
- Tues. Nov. 11** Garden Sprouts: Apple Celebration
- Tues. Nov. 11** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Wed. Nov. 12** Toddlers in Nature: Little Owl's Night
- Fri. Nov. 14** **Members Only Event – Family Owl Prowl**
- Sun. Nov. 16** Trail Ramble: Painter Trail
- Mon. Nov. 17** Teeny Tiny Trackers: Owls and Turkeys
- Tues. Nov. 18** Let's Go Play: Let's Be Historians
- Tues. Nov. 18** Yoga in the Arboretum
- Thurs. Nov. 20** Tiny Trackers: Treasures From Trash
- Sat. Nov. 22** Cornucopia with a Twist
- Tues. Nov. 25** Yoga in the Arboretum

* Programs that are Free for Members

Don't Miss

Home School Programs

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

Visit www.TylerArboretum.org, or contact 610-566-9134, ext 202 for information and registration.

Eco Birthday Parties

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

Visit www.TylerArboretum.org, or contact 610-566-9134, ext 202 for information and registration.



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

Name of Child (for children's programs)

Child's Date of Birth

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State

Zip + 4

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Email Address

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

Special Events Opportunities

Pumpkin Days

Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

All types of volunteers are needed for this two-day event. From face painters, bakers, scarecrow makers, game attendants and even a gate watcher, we need you. Visit www.TylerArboretum.org/volunteer for sign-up information. If you are a civic group or a school group and would like to make a group effort, contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt at jlo@tylerarboretum.org.

Fall Trails Day

Saturday, November 8, 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 the overflow parking area and meet at the Maintenance building. Visit www.TylerArboretum.org/volunteer for sign-up information.

American Chestnut Nursery

Tenders – The loss of healthy and productive native chestnuts in eastern forests may have been the greatest ecological disaster in recent human history. Tyler's volunteers support the Arboretum's cooperation with The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), whose goal is to breed blight resistance from the Chinese chestnut tree into the American chestnut tree, while maintaining the American chestnut's characteristics.

A chestnut orchard was planted on site in 1997 with seedlings from Pennsylvania. The TACF program is now providing advanced hybrids that are seven generations into the process of capturing resistance to the chestnut blight.

By weeding, mulching, and pruning 150 trees, Tyler's volunteers assure the viability of a reservoir of the American chestnut. Nuts harvested each fall from these trees support breeding at other locations around the state. Tyler's volunteers also learn about the disease that devastated our native chestnut as well as participate in controlled pollination activities to create first-generation hybrids.

A brief walk-through of the work area and review of tasks are encouraged prior to deciding to join the group.

When: Thursdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, weekend potential

Handyperson – Assistance is needed with performing various building maintenance projects and one-time special projects. From painting benches, building birdhouses, crafting trellises to refinishing surfaces, this group is constantly called upon. This is also a great opportunity to work in a shop environment. Ability to operate power tools safely is a necessity. Open to craftsmen who would like to complete projects as their schedules allow.

When: Year-round; Mutually agreeable time

Horticulture Group – Join our dedicated and fun-loving horticulture volunteer group in the care and upkeep of our landscape. You must be able to walk and stand for an extended amount of time outdoors (rain or shine). Lifting 20 to 30 lbs. is common. Some knowledge of

gardening is helpful. Regular access to email is required.

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Natural Lands Restoration –

According to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, garlic mustard, mile-a-minute, burning bush and Canada thistle are some of the worst invasives in Pennsylvania. Without vigilant removal and care of natural areas, we stand to lose natural habitats and therefore diversity. Join our crew to help remove invasive plants from our meadows and woodlands so that our wildflowers and native plants can survive. You will learn how to remove invasives and identify native plants.

When: Sundays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Plant Collection Inventory – Help the Plant Records department with the ongoing inventory of Tyler plant collections. Tasks involve label maintenance on trees and shrubs and confirming plant locations on printed maps. Job requires walking throughout the Tyler grounds within the deer fence. Walking will be both on paved paths and uneven ground in plant beds, as well as bending to access plant labels. Some knowledge of tree and shrub ID is helpful, but an interest to learn plant names is more important.

When: Thursdays, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
New training will commence this fall.
Check our website for more information.

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

GROWING WITH TYLER *SOWING SEEDS*

12th Annual Tyler at Twilight Auction

Presented by Exelon Generation

A big thank you goes to the entire Tyler community for making our 12th annual Tyler at Twilight auction such a tremendous success. The majestic tent on the Arboretum's Painter Lawn transformed the grounds to make for a wonderful party with good food, music and socializing.

More than 250 guests enjoyed browsing and bidding at tables filled with a variety of silent auction items in addition to a fun, live auction in the middle of the events. Preliminary fundraising results indicate a gross of \$117,690 to help the general operating budget at Tyler Arboretum. The generosity of everyone at the auction, in addition to all the sponsors and donors who could not be with us for the evening, helped make this possible.

Through a special cash appeal during the live auction, Tyler raised \$7,300 to help care for and preserve the historic Painter trees. Thank you to all who supported this important project.

We are grateful to auction Co-Chairs Aralisha Newbold and Craig Single for their work in overseeing the entire event as well as all the committee members.

Special thanks to Restaurant Showcase participants who donated their time and delicious fare:

Big Fish Grill – Glen Mills

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Garden To Go

Spice Indian Thai Bistro

Viso's Authentic Italian Desserts

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

Auction Committee:

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A special thank you to all our sponsors who helped raise much needed funds for Tyler's general operating budget.

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Guests enjoyed various cuisines from local restaurants in the Restaurant Showcase.

The Silent Auction featured items from home and garden, health, beauty and fitness, sports and leisure, food and wine, kids stuff, outings, choice plants and jewelry.



Grants & Special Gifts

December 12, 2013- March 13, 2014

\$15,000 – Axalta Coating Systems

– This contribution connects the company's vision and mission to get people to see color and promote sustainability by supporting Tyler Arboretum's Butterfly House and Tyler at Twilight Auction.

\$5,000 – Aqua America, Inc. and \$5,000 – The Huston Foundation

These two grants combined will allow Tyler to make necessary maintenance and repairs to the Pond and create a new educational learning space called the Pond Plaza. This revitalization of the Pond will complement the new aquatic learning stations being created to investigate specific environmental and ecological watershed concepts.



Many Thanks to our Generous Friends, Sponsors & Donors

March 14, 2014 – June 10, 2014

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Welcome to These New & Renewing Members

March 14, 2014 – June 10, 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.

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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 x267.



The Tulip Tree House: A Naturally Fun Space

By Matt Tobias, Communications Intern

After unexpected construction delays due to weather last year, the **Tulip Tree House** officially joined the ranks of Tyler Arboretum’s Totally Terrific Treehouses this summer! Shaped like a Tulip Poplar leaf, this tree house truly lives up to its name. The access bridge of this tree house is a far deviation from the classic rope ladder entry system; in fact, the **Tulip Tree House** is wheelchair accessible! This wonderful new addition is made possible through invaluable partnerships within our community, including materials donated by Beatty Lumber.



“The layering process used on the bridge ensures that it will be thin but very strong, and it eliminates the need for excessive substructure,” commented Rhile. “This layering process is something that we’ve never done before, making this treehouse one-of-a-kind.”

“The rendering of the **Tulip Tree House** design only took about a month, but the hardest part—constructing the house—was aptly handled by Michael. It is his specialty to make dreams come alive,” said Bradley.

Villanova University’s Theatre Production Manager Parris Bradley had a very clear vision in mind when designing the **Tulip Tree House**. “I knew I wanted it to have a kinetic movement about it, a sense that this tree house has a feeling of motion,” said Bradley. The curved walls and the swishing roof of this house

certainly lend themselves to this goal. Bradley previously designed other projects for Tyler, including the Troll Bridge and the Nature’s Wave bench.

The construction of the **Tulip Tree House** would not have been possible without contractor Michael Rhile, owner of Rhile Construction (located in Media, Pa). In an effort to keep it looking as natural as possible, the bridge was constructed using layers of wood.

The **Tulip Tree House** has a kitchen and a little fireplace, making it a fun hideaway for kids and a nostalgic memento for adults. “I find that a treehouse is the classic thing to build with your kids, but often the parents are too busy,” stated Bradley. “The construction of this project offered me the opportunity not only to build my children a tree house, but to build a great tree house the whole community can enjoy as well.”

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

Information: 610-566-9134 • www.TylerArboretum.org • info@tylerarboretum.org

Admission

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