

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Regional Gardeners Are Invited To “Take Tyler Home” With Tyler Arboretum Plant Sale

MEDIA, Pa – *April, 13, 2016* – Local gardeners, mark your calendars for Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7, for the **2016 Tyler Arboretum Plant Sale**.

Gardeners Offered a Two Day Sale and Invited to ‘Take Tyler Home’

This year, Tyler offers gardeners the chance to “Take Tyler Home”, with a themed range of plants from its meadows, trails, collections, and gardens that gardeners can buy and enjoy in their own backyards.

First Day of Sale Reserved for Tyler Arboretum Members

On Friday, May 6, the sale is reserved for Arboretum Members (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.), although non-members may visit, join, and save on the day on a variety of plants. Tyler members receive a 5% discount on all plant purchases on both days. **The sale opens to the general public on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Inspiring Solutions for Gardeners of All Abilities, Says Tyler’s Director

“Whether you have full sun, wet soils, or dry shade under trees, Tyler’s landscapes offer inspiration and solutions for gardeners of all abilities. This year, we’re offering plant combinations that replicate our stunning landscapes at a scale that works in the typical backyard. We’re also inviting visitors to find that specimen from our collections they have been longing to own.” says Tyler’s Executive Director, Cricket Brien.

Experts on Hand to Offer Free Gardening Advice

Throughout the sale, finding that much sought after specimen is easier than ever, with an extensive team of Plant Experts on hand to offer timely, professional, and practical gardening advice.

Varied Selection Appeals to All Gardeners and Gardens

This year’s sale includes: woody shrubs; climbing vines; perennials; flowering plants; ornamentals; shade, sun, and moisture-loving plants; deer resistant plants; shrubs; evergreens; grasses and ferns; vegetables; annuals, and herbs. For easy reference, prospective buyers can find lists of plants available Tyler’s website. For time-challenged gardeners who want the charm or drama of a garden in miniature, a range of container garden ideas will provide summer-long interest to satisfy every gardening taste.

Aromatic Lilac Selection Celebrates Honored Expert’s Legacy

To bring the aroma of Tyler Arboretum’s fragrant Lilac Collection into their own gardens, ‘Take Tyler Home’ offers visitors a fabulous selection of lilac cultivars—from old favorites to newer varieties. Tyler’s Lilac Collection was originally designed and planted by Gertrude Wister, the award-winning horticulturist, former Tyler Arboretum trustee, and director of Tyler Arboretum. Tyler’s lilacs offer heady aromas, intriguing leaf shapes, and stunning fall colors; lilacs available at this year’s sale can be used as hedges, specimens in perennial beds, foundation plantings, or patio trees.

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Visitors Offered Free Garden Design Consultations With Award-Winning Experts

Gardeners looking for design advice are invited to sign-up for a free, 30-minute consultations with one of five award-winning, local landscape architects and garden designers. Attendees are invited to bring pictures, sketches, or site plans of their gardens. Tyler’s expert designers will then help with recommendations for the appropriate plants to get people started. These free, ‘first-come-first served’ 30-minute sessions are available from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. Contact Julia Lo Ehrhardt at jlo@tylerarboretum.org or 610-566-9134, ext. 205 to reserve your consultation.

Gardeners Encouraged to Enhance Tired Soils

For gardeners looking to give tired soil a boost, Biochar may be the answer. At this year’s sale, buyers can get their hands on Soil Reef™ Biochar ALL PURPOSE BLEND—an all-in-one soil enhancement made with 50% biochar, top grade organic compost, organic worm castings, and kelp meal. Excellent for clay and sandy soils alike, Biochar is a charcoal produced under controlled conditions to create particles rich in pore space. The pores provide a safe haven that attracts beneficial microorganisms, bacteria, and mycorrhizal fungi: tiny creatures that bring the soil to life. Soil Reef™ Biochar absorbs and retains water while attracting nutrients, giving plants a much needed boost throughout the growing season.

RECAP: Tyler Arboretum Annual Plant Sale

Tyler Members Preview: Friday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tyler Arboretum members receive a 5% discount on all plant purchases on Friday and Saturday.

General Public admission, Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission free.

Visitors wishing to explore the Arboretum separate from the Plant Sale are asked to enter via the Visitor Center.

About Tyler Arboretum

Visit Tyler and discover the garden in nature. With over 650 acres, 17 miles of hiking trails, spectacular plant collections, expansive vistas, and beautiful gardens, Tyler provides an escape from the ordinary in one of the area’s few and precious open spaces. This year, Tyler Arboretum celebrates the 335th anniversary of William Penn’s deed to the Quaker family that transformed this land from wilderness, to working farm, to public garden over eight generations. 2016 also sees the renovation of Tyler’s historic, Pennsylvania bank barn, and the creation of a new garden, with completion in July, 2016.

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