New Educational Opportunities “Flow” to Tyler with New Grant

3Mgives Eco Grant funds new Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project

By Laura McPhail

When most visitors come to Tyler Arboretum, they marvel at the majesty of our champion trees, delight in the whimsy of the tree houses and Magical Path, or relish glimpses of wildlife along the hiking trails and Native Woodland Walk. They can also enjoy a stroll around the Scenic Loop and take in the beauty of flowers and plants that create wonderful scenery and diverse ecosystems on our land. However, more often than not, the water features at Tyler take a back seat to all of the other stimulating parts of the Arboretum. This will change soon as the Education Department prepares to implement its new Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project in late Spring of 2014 with funds awarded to Tyler from the 3M Corporation as part of the 3Mgives Eco Grant initiative.

3Mgives awarded over $43,000 to Tyler with its 2013 Eco Grant, which is aimed at connecting kids to nature and improving environmental and conservation education for youth. Since 2001, 3M’s environmental giving program has invested more than $20 million in sustainability initiatives as part of the company’s vision of improving everyday life.

“3Mgives is committed to improving every life through innovative giving in education, community and the environment. Organizations like Tyler Arboretum are helping to connect the future workforce to nature and science as well,” said Kim Price, vice president, 3Mgives. “We are delighted to support continued on page 3
As I view the beautiful changes in the Tyler landscape during this spring warm-up, I am reminded of the many assets that make the Arboretum a truly special place. Of course 650 acres of high quality open space in Delaware County cannot be overlooked. We are blessed to have fields, forests, unique horticultural collections as well as a rare serpentine barren. The organization is committed to preserving and enhancing these fabulous features so that future generations can experience and enjoy these very special gifts from nature.

The Arboretum is extremely fortunate to have a very talented and dedicated staff. I often hear from professionals across the country how impressed they are with the quality and quantity of work that the staff performs. In fact, when conducting a recent review of the Arboretum an outside grant reviewer shared that Tyler is the “little Arboretum that can.” I am truly grateful for the support and commitment that the staff provides and the success stories that you read in this and previous newsletters would not have been possible without the hard work of the staff.

The Arboretum’s volunteers are another important asset. Last year, over 13,000 hours of documented service was provided by the volunteers. As you can imagine, volunteers touch every aspect of the Arboretum. From leading educational programs, to caring for the grounds, trails and collections, assisting with special events to helping with administrative duties, we could not offer the high quality programs without our volunteers. As the Arboretum expands its services, new volunteer opportunities like the Watershed Monitoring Program are continually being added and generous individuals always fulfill our needs. A special note of gratitude goes to over 400 volunteers that donate their time and talent each year!

I would also like to extend a special word of appreciation to the Tyler Board of Trustees. This dedicated group of volunteers is committed to ensuring that the long-term plans and vision are implemented while playing an integral role in the organization’s fundraising efforts. They not only generously donate their time and personal resources, they also help raise the funds required to operate a non-profit arboretum. Thank you for all of your support and commitment!

We are blessed to have many very valuable assets at Tyler Arboretum. On behalf of the entire organization, please allow me to express my gratitude for your support as well. Our members and donors provide invaluable support and your vote of confidence is greatly appreciated.
Tyler Arboretum in its efforts to enhance environmental education.”

Part of Tyler’s mission is “to stimulate stewardship and an understanding of our living world,” and this project is the perfect enhancement to an already flourishing selection of educational opportunities at Tyler. The Arboretum provides a rich diversity of natural environments and habitats. In addition to extensive woodland and meadow communities, the property contains two stream valleys, a pond and six new bio-retention ponds built along our scenic loop in 2013, which provide exciting opportunities for outdoor watershed programs. The previous Watershed Investigations school program was limited to moving stream water ecology studies, but with the new bio-retention ponds, Tyler is now be able to compare and contrast moving and still water environments.

The Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project will enable Tyler to implement a new Aquatic Systems field trip to help schools meet the PA Educational Standards as well as encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning. To prepare students for their visit, funding for this project includes an outreach visit to participating schools. Tyler Education staff will visit the students in the classrooms for a one hour visit to teach the students the importance of watersheds and citizen science. This outreach prepares students with basic watershed knowledge and animal identification tips for their visit to Tyler.

Following this outreach, the students will come to Tyler for two field trips in the same season to see how things change throughout the season (early spring/late spring or early fall/late fall). The Aquatic Systems field trip will allow students to monitor our waterways through chemical, biological and physical comparisons on different habitats and link this education to citizen science programs through Stroud Water Research Center. Students will also identify plants and animals of these systems, discover organism adaptation, and compare and contrast reptile and amphibian habitats.

Teacher professional development is integral to the learning process, thus another feature of the overall project includes teacher professional development. Tyler will partner with Stroud Water Research Center to train teachers on the importance of our watershed along with monitoring the water quality of local streams in the Delaware Bay watershed. The curriculum for the four-day summer series of workshops will be developed with the consulting expertise of Stroud Water Research Center. Teachers will be offered continuing education credits for Act 48, stipends and classroom materials to aid in their teaching.

“We are honored to be chosen by 3Mgives to receive this grant and we are grateful for their generosity which will help Tyler enhance its educational opportunities,” said Rick Colbert, executive director at Tyler. “In addition to our historic trees, gardens, fields and forests, this grant will help educate area children and their adult educators about the diverse aquatic ecosystems native to southeast Pennsylvania.”

The Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project will also enhance existing programs at the Arboretum. New stations with signage will be placed throughout the Arboretum. Starting at the new Aquatic Interpretive Station, you will be led to a Stream Station, Amphibian Habitat and Vernal Pond Station, Reptile Habitat Station and Pond Station. In addition to the school programs, our intensive eight week summer nature camp program (two weeks dedicated to watersheds) will incorporate the new learning stations. Furthermore, new Boy/Girl Scout programs and a new Watershed Eco-Birthday party will be developed to reach more children. Finally, Tyler will dedicate a series of public programs around the new Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project for both youth and adults to learn more about watersheds. The learning stations will also be interpreted and accessible for all of Tyler’s visitors, facilitating opportunities for individual life-long learning throughout the year.

Watershed Monitoring Open House

Saturday, March 22, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Join us for an opportunity to learn about Tyler’s new initiative to study and monitor the environmental health of our ponds and streams. Project leader Vail Ryan will explain the program and the details about volunteer involvement. Testing tools and equipment will be on display and there will be plenty of time for questions.

Pre-registration encouraged; contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 610-566-9134, x205 or XXX@tylerarboretum.org.
Since the first call to artists and designers went out in 2008, the Totally Terrific Treehouses exhibit has flourished and bloomed into a key feature at Tyler Arboretum. Families from across the mid-Atlantic region and beyond travel to the Arboretum to experience these unique structures, all designed with the idea of connecting children with nature. Late Spring 2014 will be an exciting time for Tyler as a brand new tree house is unveiled.

This tree house (unnamed when this article was printed), like most of the existing tree houses, was made possible only through generous sponsorship. SAP is one of the world’s leaders in enterprise application software, cloud, mobile, analytics and database technologies, and its U.S. headquarters is in Newtown Square, Pa. SAP generously donated the in-kind services to make this new tree house possible.

Despite its close geographical proximity to the Arboretum, Tyler discovered it had a closer personal connection to the global software developer. Tyler Educator Marjorie Fields’ husband, Jim, is an employee at SAP and a long-time supporter of Tyler. During the summer of 2013, Jim Fields introduced SAP to Tyler and the idea of sponsoring a tree house project at the Arboretum. According to the SAP website, SAP’s vision is “to help the world run better and improve people’s lives,” and it was quickly decided that sponsoring a tree house at Tyler would be a perfect way to support that vision.

SAP contacted Meyer Design of Ardmore, Pa. to aid in the design of the new tree house. Kevin Jasey, Senior Project Designer, was assigned the task of drawing inspiration from the Arboretum and creating a one-of-a-kind tree house nature experience. According to Jasey, “The treehouse was inspired by how a cluster of trees overlap one another to create a canopy and how the canopy creates its own environment and how that, in turn, affects the surrounding environment.”

This interconnectedness of resources and ecosystems was the perfect theme for the new tree house, which will have several exciting features. “The overlook balcony peeks through the trees to view a sundrenched field on the other side of the dried creek. The crow’s nest allows visitors an opportunity to have a higher vantage point, approximately fifteen feet above ground. And finally, the vegetation tunnel allows visitors to explore the vegetation and insects that take up residence on the exterior of the tunnel,” said Jasey.

The new tree house will be located on the Scenic Loop. As one walks from the pond and takes a left turn at the top of the hill to travel clockwise around the Scenic Loop, the tree house will be located on a rise just to the left of the entrance to the Wister Rhododendron Garden. A major portion of the tree house will be ADA accessible, perfect for everyone to access directly from the ADA accessible Scenic Loop and enjoy the Totally Terrific Treehouse experience.
Special Events

Delco Road Runners 10k Trail Run
Saturday, April 5, 9 am
Runners of all speeds and abilities are welcome to test themselves against a course that runs through the heart of the beautiful and historic Tyler Arboretum. The course is fast and challenging, with many elevation changes and four shallow creek crossings. This race was named one of the Philadelphia area’s best races by Philadelphia Magazine’s BE WELL PHILLY. Presented by Delco RRC, the race is a USATF Mid-Atlantic Off Road GP event. Limited to 400 runners. This race has sold out the last four years, so don’t delay!
For more information and to register, visit www.TylerTrailRun.com or Delcorrc.com.

Annual Plant Sale
Members’ Preview: Friday, May 2, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
General Public Sale: Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tyler’s annual Plant Sale offers gardeners a myriad of options and hard to find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. This year’s sale features a special selection of plants that are low maintenance for a sustainable landscape. Perfect for Mother’s Day gifts, shoppers can choose from a variety of plants that will reward Mom with beautiful blooms or foliage without adding to her workload. As always, there will be a strong assortment of deer-resistant plants. Our plant experts will be on hand to help select the best plants for individual landscapes and gardens and our volunteers will help pack and load your new treasures for the ride home.
Admission to the Arboretum is free to everyone for Saturday’s event.

National Public Gardens Day
Friday, May 9, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
National Public Gardens Day is a day set aside to celebrate the historic and beautiful public gardens throughout America. This day recognizes the important role our public gardens play in promoting gardening, environmental stewardship and education in communities nationwide. Come enjoy Tyler’s beautiful spring blooming plants and walk through our meadows and woodlands.
Special craft stations for kids from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. No pre-registration required.

Wine, Blooms and Tunes
Thursday, May 15, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Treat your senses to a fabulous combination...a sampling of wines from Moore Brothers, the soothing music of acoustic guitarist and singer Joe Croce and Tyler’s own beautiful blooming lilacs! Tours will be offered to those interested in taking a stroll as they sip their wine.
Suitable for adults 21 and older only; pre-registration required by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134, ext. 215; limited capacity; first come, first served; $20 for members, $25 for non-members

SAVE THE DATE
Tyler at Twilight Auction
Thursday, June 12, 2014
6 – 10 pm
To receive an invitation, please email srogers@tylerarboretum.org or call 610-566-9134 x 210
Members Only Events

Eggstravaganza
Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Eggs are everywhere in the Arboretum in the springtime. Discover why birds are sitting on their eggs, frog and toad eggs float in the Pond and special cases hide insect eggs in the meadow. Learn about bunnies and other Arboretum animals born in spring. Wear your silliest Easter Hat (best one wins a prize!) and enjoy children’s Easter Egg Hunts (scheduled by age group), natural egg dyeing, egg-cellent crafts and more.
Pre-registration required by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134, ext. 215; limited capacity; first come, first served; $3 per person, children under 3 free

Plant Sale Preview
Friday, May 2, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Come a day early and shop prior to the public sale for the best selection and fewer crowds. Additionally, members receive a 5% discount on all purchases this day only. See the Plant Sale listing under Special Events for detailed information on this year’s sale.

Volunteer Events

Open House
Friday, March 7, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and meet key Tyler staff members to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available at the Arboretum throughout the year.
Pre-registration encouraged; contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 610-566-9134, x205 or at XXX@tylerarboretum.org

Trails Day
Saturday, March 15, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Inclement weather date Sunday, March 16)
Come help keep Tyler’s trails safe and in good shape! Help clean up a portion of Tyler’s extensive trail system and have some fun in the process. No experience necessary. Wear boots, long pants and long sleeves.
Bring eye protection and work gloves if you have them. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.
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Gardening and Horticulture

Vegetable Gardening 101
Saturday, March 15, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Not only do home-grown veggies taste delicious but they are more economical and nutritious than those bought from the store. Growing your own food is also a way to live more sustainably. Whether you want to grow a few tomatoes or really go into production, this workshop will give you all the information you need to get a great start on your garden.
Master Gardener and avid vegetable gardener Leslie Trimble will discuss location, soil preparation, seed starting plant selection and culture.
Pre-registration required: $15 members, $18 non-members

Introduction to Herb Gardening
Saturday, April 5, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Herbs add flavor and fragrance to our world and are easy to grow once you understand a few basic techniques. Join Amy Borer, past president of the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America, as she shares pointers on the best site for an herb garden, soil considerations, which herbs can be grown from seed each year and those that come back each season. Along the way you will learn a bit about how herbs are used. Each participant will leave with an herb plant to begin their garden.
Pre-registration required: $12 members, $15 nonmembers

Rhododendron Stroll
Fridays, April 11, 18, 25, May 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Revel in the beauty of 13 acres of azaleas and rhododendrons on an informative tour led by Jerry O’Dell, Tyler’s Gardener responsible for the care and rejuvenation of the Wister Rhododendron Garden. This amazing heritage collection contains hundreds of varieties and species with a bloom season that stretches from spring to early summer. Each week is different
Healthy Habitats Contained!
Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Interested in attracting birds, butterflies and beneficial insects to your garden but short on space or time? In this creative and ecologically-minded workshop, you will learn techniques for designing a native plant container garden suited to your specific micro-climate. Marcia Tate, garden designer and private garden coach, will use her beautiful photographs and a container planting demonstration to inspire you to express your own personal garden style. You’ll get lots of easy, take-home tips and helpful tools to assemble a healthy habitat using low maintenance native plants for sun or shade. 
Pre-registration required; $15 members, $18 non-members

Pruning Rhododendrons and Azaleas
Sunday, May 18, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
There are many reasons to prune rhododendrons and azaleas and just after they bloom is the perfect time to do it. Join Jerry O’Dell, gardener for Tyler’s Wister Rhododendron Garden, for this practical workshop that will include both the theory and hands-on practice of pruning to create beautiful specimens in your landscape. Topics that will be covered are proper pruning technique, pruning for shape and rejuvenative pruning to reduce size and bring back your plants into scale for the garden. Part of the class will be held outdoors. Bring gloves and hand pruners.
Pre-registration required; $12 members, $15 non-members

Spring Ephemerals
Saturday, April 12, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Spring is a magical time of year when the forest floor comes to life with colorful and complex wildflowers. Amy Mawby, Director of Public Programs, will take you on a photographic journey of our region’s most fleeting flowers, highlighting cultural information and fun facts. After the presentation, join us on an outdoor walk to see spring ephemerals up-close on Tyler’s woodland trails (weather dependent). Pre-registration required; $15 members, $18 non-members

Moss Gardening
Sunday, April 13, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Moss makes a beautiful and extremely versatile addition to any garden space. Moss can be grown in shady areas, as part of a rock garden, in conjunction with water gardens and ponds or in areas where grass struggles to grow. Learn about the wonders of moss from moss gardener and owner of Moss Acres, Al Benner. During this two-hour workshop, Benner will explain the basics of moss, how it grows and how to use and maintain it. Participants will also have a chance to get hands-on experience with moss gardening.
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Pre-registration required; $12 members, $15 non-members

Spray Bulb Container
Sunday, March 30, 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Bring the spirit of spring indoors with a beautiful composition of colorful flowering bulbs and other seasonal plants. Join one of the décor specialists from Terrain Garden Center to learn how to create your own sophisticated table top garden in the unique terrain style. Fee includes a container, soil, plants and embellishments. Please bring gloves if desired.
Pre-registration required; $40 members, $45 non-members

Easter Egg Floral Arrangement
Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Celebrate the beauty of spring with an arrangement featuring naturally dyed eggs nestled in unique nest-like setting formed with fresh flowers and natural materials. We will begin by using natural dyes to produce elegant holiday eggs with botanical and other motifs. While the eggs are absorbing their colors, floral designer Leona Swiacki will teach you how to craft a magical arrangement to display them.

Hand-crafted Clay Flower Pot
TBD...
Create a one-of-a-kind container for your favorite specimen plant. Bob Deane and Drew Arata will lead you through the process of using a slab of clay to form a round pot that can be personalized with a variety of fun tools to add texture and interest. At the same time, one of Tyler’s gardening experts will share advice and tips on growing specimen plants in containers. After the workshop is over, your creations will be glazed and fired at the Community Arts Center and brought back for you to pick up in a couple of weeks’ time. All materials will be provided and no prior experience is necessary.
Pre-registration required; $45 members, $50 non-members

Photo Walk: Focus on Nature
Sunday, April 6, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
In the spring, just as the trees are beginning to leaf out, Tyler’s woodlands and stream valleys offer endless opportunities for striking landscape or close-up photographic studies. Join naturalist Chris Lawler for a moderately-paced walk to scenic meadow, woodland and streamside areas. Chris has been hiking and photographing at Tyler for decades and will offer guidance on selecting subjects as well as photographic tips and techniques. Shoes suitable for uneven terrain are advised. Please bring a camera you are familiar with and a tripod, if you have one.
Pre-registration required; $4 members, $10 non-members
in – a whimsical creation perfect for your own table or to bring as a hostess gift. Come on your own or bring a friend for a fun, creative evening and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while you work. All materials are provided; bring pruners or shears.
Pre-registration required; $40 members, $45 non-members

**Polymer Clay Jewelry Workshop**

*Thursday, May 8, 6:00 – 9:00 pm*

Polymer clay is an exciting and versatile medium which is easy to work with and can be baked and finished during this workshop. Jewelry artisan Denise Pettit will guide students through the process of using a variety of rubber stamps to create a pin, pendant, or earrings that can then be painted for a perfect custom addition to your jewelry collection or for a gift just in time for Mother’s Day. Sip a glass of wine and enjoy a fun and creative night out maybe with Mom! All materials provided; participants leave with a finished piece.
Pre-registration required; $20 members, $25 non-members

**Photo Walk: Focus on Flowers**

*Saturday, May 10, 1:30 – 3:30 pm*

Early May features an abundance of bloom with lilacs, rhododendrons, bulbs and wildflowers painting the landscape in color. Naturalist Chris Lawler will lead a leisurely walk through the Arboretum’s plant collections and gardens for photographic opportunities for both landscape and close-up plant portraits. Shoes suitable for uneven terrain are advised. Please bring a camera you are familiar with and a tripod, if you have one.
Pre-registration required; $8 members, $12 non-members

**Natural Studies**

**Spring Bird Walks**

*Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am*

Join Tyler’s experienced birders in search of the numerous spring migrants throughout the Arboretum. Beginners and experts both welcome. Bring bird guides and binoculars.
No pre-registration required; free with admission

**Weekday Wildflower Walks**

*Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm*

Spring explodes with wildflowers as woodland plants emerge from their winter slumber. Discover them with experts Richard Brenner and Dick Cloud and experience spring unfolding at Tyler.
No pre-registration required; free with admission

**Invasive Plant 101**

*Saturday, March 22, 10:00 – 11:30 am*

Join Amy Mawby, Director of Public Programs, to explore Tyler Arboretum’s most unwanted! This program will introduce you to the most common invasive plants in our area and the ecological issues that they cause. Learn ID tips and management strategies for invasive removal in your own backyard. Increase your awareness of invasive plants through a presentation and outdoor walk (weather dependent).
Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members

**The Children’s Eternal Rainforest of Costa Rica**

*Thursday, March 27, 7:00 – 8:30 pm*

Originating in part from the vision of several Quaker families, the Children’s Eternal Rainforest (CER) serves a mission almost identical to that of Tyler Arboretum, with the exception that the CER encompasses over 55,000 acres of pristine rainforest habitat in the mountains of Costa Rica. Neumann University Professor of Biology Mac Given will share his family’s adventure volunteering (including visits to two remote field stations), natural history of the region and details on how you too can visit one of the most exquisite, yet little known, ecotourism destinations in Central America. Join us for a fascinating journey while enjoying dessert and a complimentary libation.
Pre-registration required; $12 members, $17 non-members

**Surviving the Wild**

*Saturday, March 29, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

Come join us in the “wilds” of Tyler Arboretum for a four-hour, hands-on workshop designed to introduce you to the basics of wilderness survival. Any of us can end up in a situation where knowledge of a few basic skills
can make the difference between life and death. In this workshop Mark Steele, a former Army officer with experience in woods, mountains, deserts and jungles, will help you prepare to meet that challenge. Perfect for hikers, campers, white water enthusiasts, hunters, anglers, mountain bikers, trail runners, Scouts and anyone who likes to be outdoors. Even if you like to “camp” from your couch and watch survival shows on TV – come out and join us for this hands-on learning experience.

Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members – fee not yet confirmed

**Historic Building Tours**

Sundays, April 6 and May 4, 1:00, 2:00 or 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 the 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

**Spring Tree Identification Walk**

Saturday, April 12, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

This walk, led by John Wenderoth and Ted Cavey, will examine changes that occur with the coming of warmer weather and the end of winter dormancy. The specific changes to which we’ll call attention include flowering and the emergence of new leaves, both of which can influence the character and appearance of deciduous trees during this transition to another year of growth.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

**Wildflower Trip: Bowman’s Hill**

Tuesday, April 29, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join Tyler’s Director of Public Programs Amy Mawby and celebrate spring with a visit to Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve, one of the most spectacular displays of spring wildflowers in the area. Prior to joining Tyler, Amy served as Education Coordinator for the Preserve and will be able to give trip participants an exclusive insider’s perspective of their extensive native plant displays during peak bloom time. After enjoying a brown bag picnic lunch in their covered pavilion, there will be time to shop in the Twinleaf gift shop as well as tour on your own. Wear shoes for uneven terrain. Please bring a lunch, binoculars and insect repellent; beverages, snacks and transportation will be provided.

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

**Birding Trip: Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and Brigantine Island Dunes Community**

Thursday, May 8, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Hoping to see lots of different birds? Historically, the greatest diversity of migrating and resident bird species at Forsythe may be seen at just about this time. Join co-leader Tom Reeves to explore this important area of tidal wetlands and shallow bay habitats at the South Jersey Shore which makes up part of the Atlantic Flyway. Following some rewarding birding, co-leader Richard Brenner will take participants to visit the dunes at Brigantine Island to observe a mature sand dunes community in search of wildflowers and other shore life. Fee includes transportation, beverages and a snack; bring lunch and binoculars.

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

**Birding Trip: Cape May**

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14, 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 observe the many birds that stop along the shoreline all around Cape May. 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

**Saturday Spring Migration Bird Walk**

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 – 10:30 am

Spring is a great time to see returning migrant birds like warblers, kinglets and more. Experienced birder Sue Lucas will guide you through Tyler’s best bird habitats in search of spring songsters. All experience levels welcome. Please bring your own binoculars. This program is suitable for participants ages 7 and older.

No pre-registration required; free with admission

**Solar Observation**

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Though vitally important to our survival, the sun is still very mysterious. Learn more about this amazing, life-giving star at this special daytime stargazing program. Members of the Delaware Valley Astronomical Association will present on a series of sun topics including sunspots, prominences and solar flares. Sky-willing, they will also set up three to five telescopes that will allow safe viewing of the sun in several different lights.

Pre-registration required; $8 members, $12 non-members

**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 spring season in our woodlands and fields. Wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.

- **March 23** – Enjoy the Painter Trail: the two ascents provide sweeping views through the woodlands.
- **April 27** – Walk portions of the Rocky Run and Dismal Run Trails to visit the Arboretum’s two beautiful stream valleys.
- **May 18** – Cross Painter Road to ramble along the Pink Hill and Minshall trails.

No pre-registration required; free with admission
Yoga in the Garden

Session 1: Tuesdays, March 11 – April 15, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Session 2: Tuesdays, April 22 – May 27, 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 spring bloom. 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 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, $17 non-members

Pre-registration required; $11 per scout; free for adults

Kids and Families

Girl Scout Badge Days

Tyler Arboretum provides fun, outdoor, educational opportunities for scouts all year long. On these special days, scouts will participate in a wide range of nature activities designed to help them fulfill their badge requirements. If your troop cannot attend a badge day, contact the Youth Education Coordinator to arrange your own program at 610-566-9134 ext. 202.

Pre-registration required; $6 members, $9 non-members

Tree Badge for Cadettes

Saturday, March 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Enjoy some tree fun and learn about maple syrup and other tree wonders. Scouts will follow the process of maple syrup production from tapping the tree, to boiling the sap, to tasting the delicious final product. Through games, role playing, and crafts, they learn about area trees and how they benefit both people and wildlife.

Pre-registration required; $11 per scout; free for adults

Flower Fun Badge for Juniors

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Enjoy the morning at Tyler Arboretum. Make your own botanist notebook and search for early blooming garden flowers such as daffodils, along with wildflowers in the native woodland walk. Go on a sniffing hunt, make a flower craft, and discover the mystery fruit that all flowers contain.

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

Flower Frenzy Badge for Brownies

Sunday, May 4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Learn about native wildflowers and how they connect to birds and insects that use them for food and shelter. Make a newspaper flower pot and plant a seed, make a flower craft, set out on a scavenger hunt hike and take a close up look at where worms live and find out how they benefit plants. Stay after, bring a lunch and enjoy our picnic grove.

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

Amphibians, Reptiles and Wetlands – Oh My!

Monday, April 14, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Explore Tyler’s watershed and have fun doing it! Turn rocks in the stream searching for salamanders and crayfish, dip nets into our ponds for frogs and tadpoles and snack on a yummy wetland plant.

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

Stream Safari

Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Learn all about the life of water with games, songs and hands-on exploration. Campers will venture to aquatic habitats for some muddy, squishy fun and get wet along the way.

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

Toddlers’ Tales

Toddlers’ Tales are special story time programs for ages 2 – 3 and their grown-ups. Each class will include a story, activity and/or craft and an outdoor walk or activity. Please dress for the weather and for walking outside. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.

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

Mud

Wednesday March 12, 9:45 – 10:45 am & 11:00 am – 12:00 pm; Thursday, March 13, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Winter’s end is near. Let’s celebrate with all that is natural...starting with historic barn. This walk is suitable for fit adults and teens. Please bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.
mud! We will learn about the seasons, the sun and how our earth is preparing for spring.

**If I Were a Tree**

**Wednesday, March 26, 9:45 – 10:45 am & 11:00 am – 12:00 pm; Thursday, March 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Calling all mini treehuggers! Come explore the tree’s three B’s—bark, branches and buds. Find out why trees are so amazing and how we can care for them.

**Feathers for Lunch**

**Wednesday, April 9, 9:45 – 10:45 am & 11:00 am – 12:00 pm; Thursday, April 10, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Join our curious kitten friend as she observes the birds in her backyard. Listen for the jingle of bells as we search for birds.

**In the Small, Small Pond**

**Wednesday, May 14, 9:45 – 10:45 am & 11:00 am – 12:00 pm; Thursday, May 15, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Let’s celebrate our pond. What will we see? Hear? Touch? Smell? Taste? Bring your senses and let’s find out!

**What’s it Like to be ...a Bee?**

**Wednesday, May 28, 9:45 – 10:45 am & 11:00 am – 12:00 pm; Thursday, May 29, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to be a bee? Come find out today as we spend our class as honey bees. We have a lot of work to do! Bzzzzzzzzzz.

**Inchworms**

Inchworm programs are for toddlers ages 18 – 36 months with 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, $9 non-members**

**Life in the Slow Lane**

**Monday, March 17, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Learn about fast bugs and slow bugs and meet nature’s slowest invertebrate, the slug. Make slug slime art and go looking for slug trails outside.

**Water Walkers**

**Monday, March 31, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Come learn what sinks or floats and meet a bug that floats its whole life! Make your own floating bug and see some water walkers at our pond.

**Shapes in the Silk**

**Monday, April 7, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

The best thing about spiders is their beautiful webs! Make your own spider web, meet a spider or two and go find their webs outside!

**Munching Marching Caterpillars**

**Monday, April 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Did you know that many caterpillars can only eat one kind of leaf? Come snack like a hungry caterpillar and meet some caterpillars that we will raise together!

**Holy Moly, Roly Polies!**

**Monday, May 5, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

It is all about pillbugs! Act out the life of the shy little pillbug, find some pillbugs outside and adopt a pillbug pet to take home.

**Stream Safari**

**Monday, May 19, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

This lesson is all about splishing and splashing. Come prepared to get your hands and feet wet in Tyler’s Rocky Run stream, while searching for bugs!

**Let’s Go Play!**

**Let’s Go Play is for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Each class includes a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.**

**Let’s Be Builders**

**Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Create buildings and towns from things we find in nature! Bring your imagination and let’s see what we can build using sticks and leaves.

**Let’s Be Inventors**

**Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Construct a kite to fly outside! What does it take to make our kites take flight?

**Let’s Be Artists**

**Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Find a special spot at Tyler to draw a picture of nature. Let’s see what inspires us to be creative.

**Let’s Be Gardeners**

**Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Plant some seeds! Join us as we hike around to discover what is sprouting. Afterwards, we will plant our own seeds!

**Let’s Be Scientists**

**Tuesday, May 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Investigate the pond! What can we find when we look very carefully?

**Teeny Tiny Trackers**

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

**When the Wind Blows**

**Monday, March 10, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Wind helps birds fly, carries seeds to a new home and cools us down on warm days. Learn why the wind blows while playing with your home-made wind sock.

**Wake Up! It’s Spring**

**Monday, March 24, 10:00 – 11:00 am**

The trees are about to leaf out, the frogs and turtles are waking up and the flowers are blooming! Celebrate the beginning of spring at Tyler.
April Showers
Monday, April 14, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Rain, rain come today... we are ready to learn and play! Rainy days are the perfect time to go on a rainbow hunt. Have fun learning about rainbows, spring rain and how plants use water to grow. We will have lots of fun rain or shine!

Hippity Hoppity
Monday, April 28, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Bunnies abound this time of year. Hop like a rabbit, eat like a rabbit and hear a rabbit story.

Things with Wings
Monday, May 12, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Birds are not the only things with wings. Explore Tyler and see how many things you can find with wings!

Painting with Flowers
Monday, May 26, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Yellow, purple, red and green paint Tyler with bright colors this time of year. Search for all the colors of the rainbow and paint your own picture with flower petals.

Tyler Tales
Tyler Tales is a nature-based story time for preschoolers (ages 3-5 years). Each 90 minute class provides a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.

Pre-registration required; $7 members, $9 non-members

Vulture View
Friday, March 7, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Turkey vultures are part of nature’s clean-up crew. Come learn about one of nature’s unattractive, yet very important birds. Celebrate the majesty of these unappreciated scavengers.

And Then it’s Spring
Friday, March 21, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Come take a wonderful nature hike as we say goodbye to winter and hello to spring. The earth awakens as the sun warms us. Explore how the earth thaws and heals.

Smell this!
Wednesday, April 30, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Our picnic will be held in the middle of the meadow maze. We will be exploring all things that smell...good, bad and in between. Nature makes the best smells. What smells do you like? Of course, we will eat some really amazing smelly things!

If I were a Snake Picnic
Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Our picnic will be held out at the basking stones on the meadow loop. We will learn about these mysterious animals and find where snakes may be at Tyler Arboretum. We will not eat snakes, but may eat things shaped like snakes.

Art in the Arb***New
Art in the Arb programs are for children ages 4 and 5. Enjoy nature through art while learning to use your imagination and basic art principles. Adults must accompany children; fee is for the child only.

Pre-registration required; $7 members, $9 non-members

Marshmallow Masterpieces
Monday, March 31, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Brr! It’s still cold outside! Warm up by reading a campfire story and learn all about lines and shapes while making stick-and-marshmallow sculptures.

Brown is the new Black!
Monday, April 7, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Where does the color brown come from? Practice mixing colors, learn about the color wheel and color opposites, go hunting for different colors of dirt outside and make a muddy painting!

Nature ROCKS
Monday, April 21, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Can a stone be a face? Can you turn it into an owl? Come look for hidden shapes in nature; choose a rock or two and use paint (and your imagination) to bring your rock friend to life!
**Petal Picassos**  
*Monday, May 5, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Leave the paintbrush at home! Today we will learn to swish, dab, and blot using flowers as our brushes. Learn about the different flowers of spring while gathering them to make flower paintings.

**Play with Clay**  
*Monday, May 19, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Come prepared to splash, splash and squelch. Play and create at our stream as we gather creek clay and make dams, mud pies, castles and clay people! Water shoes and old clothes recommended for this program.

**Tiny Trackers**  
Tiny Trackers programs are for children ages 4 and 5. Each program includes a lesson, an outdoor walk and a craft to take home. Adults must accompany children; fee is for the child only.

**Spring Has Sprung**  
*Thursday, March 13, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
What’s happening to the trees? What’s popping out of the ground? Let’s hunt for signs of spring!

**Ready for Rabbits**  
*Thursday, March 27, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Baby bunnies are a sure sign of spring! Where do rabbits live? What do rabbits eat? How do rabbits move? Let’s explore the world of rabbits and make our very own to take home.

**Nifty Nests**  
*Thursday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
What are the birds up to in the spring-time? Learn how they find each other and build nurseries for their babies. See if you can build a nest like the birds do!

**Let’s Peek at the Pond**  
*Thursday, April 24, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
The pond has been quiet all winter. Now it is springing back to life. Take a walk to our pond and we’ll see who we can find.

**May Flowers**  
*Thursday, May 8, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Did April showers bring us May flowers? We’ll go on a color walk and find them. We’ll even pick some to paint our very own bouquet.

**Bugs Abound**  
*Thursday, May 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Bugs are back and soon they will be everywhere! Not everyone likes bugs, but they all have important jobs on our planet. Let’s see how many different bugs we can find and learn what they do.

**Garden Sprouts**  
The Garden Sprouts program is designed to introduce kids ages 4 and 5 to the world of plants and gardens. Programs include a story, a craft and an outdoor walk to complement hands-on fun with plants. Children must be accompanied by an adult; fee is for the child only.

**What Seeds Need**  
*Tuesday, March 11, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Learn how seeds sprout, see (and taste!) some bean sprouts and plant your own seeds to take home and watch grow.

**MUD!**  
*Tuesday, March 18, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
What happens when the ice and snow melts? It makes mud! Come read a muddy story, make a mud painting and plant some spring veggies in the mud.

**Spring is Near**  
*Tuesday, March 25, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Wake up, flowers! Come see who’s sprouting in the garden as the days get warmer when we go on a hunt for signs of spring.

**Beyond BeLEAF**  
*Tuesday, April 1, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Shout if you like green! Draw with spinach leaves, learn why leaves are green and snack on some yummy green vegetables.

**Flower Frenzy**  
*Tuesday, April 29, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Learn about flower jobs while making flower paintings, going on a flower color hunt, snacking on flowers and planting a flower to take home.

**Twisty Turny Vines**  
*Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Some of the tastiest vegetables come from a vine! Learn how vines grow, read the classic Jack and the Beanstalk story and help plant our own giant beanstalk.

**Earthwormy Earth Day**  
*Tuesday, April 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Learn why slimy worms are nature’s best recyclers and meet a few in person! Come sing some wormy songs and go digging for worms in the garden.

**Flower Frenzy**  
*Tuesday, April 29, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Learn about flower jobs while making flower paintings, going on a flower color hunt, snacking on flowers and planting a flower to take home.

**Sun Salsa**  
*Tuesday, May 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm*  
Here comes summer! Learn about veggies that like the hot hot sun and make your own sun veggie salsa.
Little Stepper Hikes
Pack up your baby, toddler and/or pre-schooler and join us for some great exercise in the form of a nature adventure. Hiking is a wonderful way to spend time outdoors with young children. These excursions are specially designed for kids and their grown-ups to introduce them to fun of hiking. This is an outdoor program; please dress for the weather (severe weather cancels). Bring water and light snacks. Fee is for the children only.

Pre-registration required; $7 members, $9 non-members

Fairy Flower Hike
Friday, March 7, 9:30 – 10:30 am
As winter ends the fairies in the forest will show us all the magical tiny flowers that disappear quickly. Magic wands will be given to help you on your hike.

Sunshine Hike
Friday, March 21, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Spring is here! Time to celebrate the vernal equinox with a hike in the sunshine! (Unless it is cloudy or raining, but we will celebrate anyway!)

What’s in the Egg Hike
Friday, April 4, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Join us for a most unusual egg hunt. As we hike, we will search for eggs and learn about animals that come from eggs.

Meadow Maze Hike
Friday, May 16, 9:30 – 10:30 am
April showers bring May flowers--what will we see blooming in the meadow?

Worms: The good, the bad, the slimy! Hike
Friday, May 30, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Grab a can, a shovel and let’s go find worms. Why are worms so slimy? You will find out today!

Family Programs

Project Budburst
Sunday, March 23, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Children are natural explorers. If you are looking for ways to channel your child’s endless curiosity into simple investigations about their environment, Project BudBurst can help. Project BudBurst is a citizen science program all about plants that you and your child can participate in together. Suitable for ages 5 and up.
Pre-registration required; $7 members, $9 non-members

Family Aquatic
Bug Hunt
Sundays, April 13, 10:00 – 11:30 am & May 11, 10:00 – 11:30 am
If you like rolling logs with your children, your family will love looking for the creepy crawlies with gills that live in Tyler’s Rocky Run creek. Crayfish, water beetles, dragonfly nymphs and caddisfly larvae await! Your family will learn to catch and identify aquatic invertebrates and learn what these bugs can tell you about the health and cleanliness of your stream. Suitable for ages 5 and up.
No pre-registration required; free with admission

Family Birding
Saturday April 19, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Discovering and identifying birds is a terrific way to enjoy a morning outdoors. Expert birder Sue Lucas will guide kids and their grown-ups in finding the smallest of songbirds or magnificent hawks soaring overhead. Learn to sing bird songs and to talk to birds. No experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them. Suitable for all ages.
No pre-registration required; free with admission

Natural Egg Dyeing
Saturday, April 19, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
In this hands-on class, kids and adults will color eggs with dyes made from onions, beets, blueberries and other natural products and decorate them with silhouettes of leaves and flowers. Participants will each color 5 eggs. Suitable for ages 5 and up.
Pre-registration required; $7 members, $9 non-members

Family Twilight Hike
Saturday, May 24, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Hiking as darkness falls is a magical experience. We will learn about what animals and birds may be out at night and look to see if we can spot them. The night concludes with drinks and cookies. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. Suitable for ages 5 and up.
Pre-registration required; $7 members, $9 non-members

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.

Nature Explorers Summer Camps
Registration for Tyler’s summer camps is underway. Campers will have loads of fun exploring our woodlands, meadows and streams while experiencing nature first-hand.
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* Programs that are free for Members

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For the most up-to-date information about programs and events at Tyler, subscribe to our online calendar at www.TylerArboretum.org/calendar.
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
2. Phone: (610) 566-9134, x215
3. Fax: (610) 891-1490, Attn: Registrar
4. Email: jlandau@tylerarboretum.org

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Like it here? Volunteer! Meet new friends, learn new things and have fun while helping a great organization. Sign up for more information by contacting Volunteer Coordinator, XXXXX at 610-566-9134, ext. 205 or xxxxxxxxxxxx@tylerarboretum.org.

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**COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT**

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

When: Mutually agreeable time – option to work remotely

**Graphic Designer** – Perfect for folks who are comfortable working with Photoshop, Publisher or other graphic design and/or layout programs.

When: Mutually agreeable time

**Photographers** – Help us expand our image library. We need high quality photos of landscapes, plant specimens, special events, educational classes and other programs.

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

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**Historic Building Tour Guides** – Enjoy history? Share that passion with our visitors by leading public tours of Historic Lachford Hall and the Painter Library.

When: As needed

**School Program Guides** – Help bring science and nature to life for regional school children by leading field trip programs. Training provided: March 11, 12, 18 and 19 (must attend at least two sessions).

When: Weekdays; mostly mornings

**PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

**Tyler Arboretum Ambassadors** – Do you love Tyler? Are you a people person? We are looking for enthusiastic people with knowledge of the Arboretum to represent and promote us at public events.

When: Mutually agreeable time

**HORTICULTURE AND GROUNDS**

**American Chestnut Nursery Tenders** – Assist with pollination and fruit harvest as well as maintaining the tree nursery as part of the breeding program for the American Chestnut Foundation.

When: Starting in April on Thursdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, weekend potential

**Handyperson** – Assistance is needed with the performance of various building maintenance projects and one-time special projects. 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

**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: Starting in April; days and times to be determined

**Special Event Help**

**Members-Only Eggstravaganza**

Volunteer for our Eggstravaganza Springtime Celebration! This event will host an egg hunt with a nature theme, egg dyeing and crafts.

When: Saturday, April 12

**Annual Plant Sale** – Volunteers are needed to help prepare plants prior to the sale and on sale days with customer service and check-out.

When: Prep Days – Monday, April 28 through Saturday, May 3; Event Days – Friday, May 2 (Members’ Preview) & Saturday, May 3 (Public Sale)

**Fairy Festival** – Help us host this multi-generational family event celebrating nature awareness and the wonders of imagination.

When: Sunday, June 29
With Executive Director Rick Colbert’s leadership over the last 22 years, Tyler has been transformed into a family destination that offers an informal and inviting nature experience. To honor him, we offer you the opportunity to join us in sustaining Rick’s dream to preserve and share our unique natural resources with Tyler’s friends and growing family.

Our goal is to raise $250,000 to endow a part-time horticulture staff position to care for Tyler’s core garden areas. More effective care of these gardens will enhance our opportunities to teach and inspire all to steward natural resources at Tyler and beyond.

According to Rick, “For Tyler to grow and thrive, we must continue building endowment for new and current staff positions.”

**Campaign Committee**

**Co-Chairs:** Judy Strine and Drew Schmit  
**Committee:** Vince Anderson, Jim Flandreau and Guy Messick

**JOIN US!**

Give your gift today to realize Rick’s dream while honoring his leadership, commitment and life-long passion.  
Call Mary Beth Jackson, Major Gifts Officer, at 610-566-9134 x206 or email mjackson@tylerarboretum.org.
Many Thanks to our Generous Friends, Sponsors & Donors
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### Grants & Special Gifts (9/11/13 – 12/11/13)

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<td><strong>The McLean Contributionship</strong> – This gift supports Tyler’s new Edible Garden Center, an exhibit designed to change lives by changing our relationship with food. With an organic vegetable demonstration garden, a home landscape garden, and children’s garden, we will teach visitors how to grow organic fruits and vegetables sustainably and to make healthier food choices. These funds will specifically fund part of Phase 1 focusing on site preparation and grading, storm water management and utilities.</td>
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<td>$43,310</td>
<td><strong>3M Foundation</strong> – This grant will create a new Comprehensive Aquatic Learning Project with a teacher training program, new school outreach and field trip program. Tyler will also develop five new learning stations to enhance existing programs and visitation at Tyler Arboretum.</td>
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<td>$30,000</td>
<td><strong>The Boeing Company</strong> – This funding will be used for the restoration of the county’s last remaining serpentine barren, known as “Pink Hill”. Delaware County once had ten serpentine barrens but all have been lost to development except Tyler’s site. Through the efforts of a noted conservation biologist, Dr. Roger Latham, Tyler will remove accumulated top soil, remove trees that have become established on the barren and conduct a burn.</td>
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<td><strong>Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust</strong> – This grant will be used to install plant material along the Scenic Loop path that will meet the guidelines of our collection policy as well to increase the diversity of the collection. The trees and shrubs would be planted in large masses in order to increase the visual impact.</td>
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**Circle of Friends**
Linda and A.G. Ciavarelli, Dr. Laura Guertin, Ms. Hinkle

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.
Maintaining 650 acres requires not only the time and dedication of our horticulture staff and volunteers, but quite a lot of specialized equipment. Hay wagons, tractors, chippers, gators, and the other power equipment also happen to take quite a lot of space. With increasing competition for space from rentals, events and educational programming, the staff and Trustees identified a new pole barn as a priority project in the 2008 Strategic Master Plan.

Pole Buildings are a highly versatile and energy efficient way to cope with ever-changing storage and equipment needs. Engineered for strength and able to withstand high winds and snow, pole barns are constructed with less concrete, less lumber and less labor than other types of storage buildings. Thus, a pole barn is an eco-friendly structure with enough flexibility for long-term utility.

Over the last few years, Tyler has transitioned several spaces that previously housed equipment into other usage areas. For example, the Carriage House now houses all of the rental tables and chairs for weddings and special events. The upper level of the Barn has been used for quite some time as a storage area, but is now slated for major renovation and will soon be unavailable for storage. “With the future plans for the Barn and recent changes to the Carriage house usage, our storage capacity for items was diminishing. The longer that certain items stayed outside in the elements, the shorter their life spans became,” said Director of Horticulture Mike Karkowski. “This pole barn is the first step in a better organized storage plan for the Arboretum. This starts the process of cleaning up the ‘back 40’ and with plan for the Edible Garden in full swing, the appearance of this portion of the Arboretum comes to the foreground.”

The planning and fund-raising needed for this project has truly been a collaborative effort, with Board members, individuals and dedicated volunteers responding to the cash appeal challenge from our annual Tyler at Twilight event. Additionally, a grant from the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund has pushed this storage facility into reality. The structure itself has been completed and the remaining site preparation work will be completed in the spring.

With this important structure now in place, Tyler can turn its attention to the next important projects: The Edible Garden Center and the renovation of the upper level of the Barn.