

Tyler Programs & Events

Winter
2019-20

Wild Bird Seed Truckload Sale

Saturday, January 25, 9:30am – 12:30pm

This winter, give the birds something to chirp about! You can help feed your feathered friends through the tough winter months while also supporting Tyler Arboretum. We have partnered with Moyer & Son located in Montgomery County, PA. This family-owned business manufactures Scarlett Wild Bird Blends at their mill in Souderton, PA. Each bag is guaranteed fresh – and thoroughly cleaned.

Pre-sale runs from Dec. 16 – Jan. 16. Prices vary on type and size of product. Simply pre-order from a wide variety of bird seed options and we'll have it ready for you to pick up at Tyler on January 25. Additional seed will be for sale day-of. Member discount(s) not valid on purchases.



Pancake Breakfast & Maple Sugaring Celebration

Saturday, February 29, 8am – 1pm

Join us for our ever-popular annual celebration of all things maple syrup-related, and, of course, pancakes! Take a stroll through our maple sugaring stations and discover how the tasty topping we all know and love gets turned from sap into syrup. Satisfy your appetite with our famous all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Fun and food for the whole family. Bring a group!

Rain or shine event, snow date March 7.

Adults \$16, Children (ages 3-12) \$10, 2 and under FREE.

Save time and buy your Pancake Breakfast tickets ahead of time: online sales open February 1. Pre-registration not required; tickets will be available through the Visitor Center at the event.

Summer Camp 2020

Fostering a Love of Nature in Your Kids!

Check the website for our brochure in early December.

Registration opens online:

January 6 for members

January 20 for non-members

www.TylerArboretum.org/camp



Adult Programs

Culinary Creations

Chef's Tasting Series

Saturdays, January 11, 25 and Sunday, February 16, 1 – 4pm

Join **Chef Ryan Sulikowski** for a fun afternoon of eating, sipping and learning at Tyler's Edible Garden. Chat and ask questions as Chef Ryan prepares the ingredients and creates the dishes right in front of you. Enjoy a 3-course meal filled with delicious locally-sourced ingredients and exclusive recipes never before tasted! Discover tips and tricks for making your home meals seem like they came straight out of a restaurant kitchen. *Each class will feature different food so join us for one or all of the dates.* Classes include adult beverages – participants must be 21.

\$60 members, \$75 non-members



Gardening and Horticulture

Succulent Planter Workshop

Saturday, January 18, 1 – 2:30pm

Aloe there! Join **Wedgewood Gardens' staff** to learn how to care for succulents properly, when to trim and propagate them and much more. Create a succulent planter that is unique to you by choosing three plants and decorative touches. Bring them home to a bright spot on a windowsill and they will be looking sharp in no time!



\$25 members, \$30 non-members



Sharpen Your Skills: Pruning & Tool Care

Saturday, January 25, 1 – 4pm

Join Delaware County Master Gardeners to learn how to take the guesswork out of pruning and sharpening your tools! Follow the steps and methods taught by **Ray Murphy** to help your trees and shrubs thrive using the right tools and the correct timing and techniques to make your property look the best it can. **Liana Bauerle** will lead you through simple sharpening techniques suitable for a variety of gardening tools, using a sharpening stone. *Each participant will receive a sharpening stone and illustrated instructions.* Bring gloves, 2 dull gardening tools, safety goggles and a pencil or pen.

\$35 members, \$40 non-members

Demystifying Plant ID Keys

Saturday, February 1, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Join **John Wenderoth** for a deep dive into the world of plant identification keys. Keys can be helpful tools but can also be frustrating to use when getting started. Learn tips and tricks to figure out which type of key works best for your style and goals. Test your skills (and patience!) as you attempt to identify tree samples with an assortment of keys provided by the instructor.

\$15 members, \$20 non-members

Botanical Arts

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Sunday, December 8, 1 – 3pm

Add some creative natural beauty to your holidays by making your own wreath. Instructor **Leona Swiacki** will guide you through the process of creating a wreath using evergreens accented with natural elements such as pinecones and berries. Enjoy your festive creation during the holidays and into the winter months that follow. *Bring hand pruners and light work gloves. All other materials provided.*

\$45 members, \$55 non-members



The Science of Watercolor

Friday, February 7, 10am – 3pm

Join artist **Deena S. Ball** for an introduction to using watercolor paints and some of the science behind getting the results you want. Students will experiment with both traditional and experimental watercolor techniques. Come ready to be inspired by nature! *All materials supplied. Bring a bag lunch.*

\$85 members, \$95 non-members

Adult Programs

Tropical Escape Floral Workshop

Saturday, February 8, 10am – noon

Have “cabin fever” and dream of escaping

winter, even just for two

hours? A

tropical floral arrangement is the perfect fix!

Join **Leona**

Swiacki

to design your own delightful arrangement incorporating bold floral

elements. Explore the use of exotic plant material and accents. Just in time for Valentine’s Day too.

\$45 members, \$55 non-members



Health and Wellness

Managing the Winter Blues Workshops

Sundays, January 12, February 9 and March 8, 1 – 3pm

Join **Peg Schofield** (horticultural therapist) and **Jill Maier** (professional counselor) to explore the winter blues. By combining supportive counseling and plant-based activities, participants will gain tools to manage the long winter months. Each workshop will have a unique focus including increasing support and coping, managing emotions and stress reduction. Each workshop will also feature a different horticultural activity with a take-home project. Weather-permitting, we will also

spend time outdoors. Register for one workshop or all three – price is per workshop.

\$40 members, \$45 non-members

Caregiver Retreat

Saturday, January 18, 12:30 – 3:30pm

Enjoy a day in the garden with **Peg Schofield** (horticultural therapist) and **Jill Maier** (professional counselor) and feel your stress start to melt away! This workshop is designed for those who are providing care for others – open to spouses, adults caring for aging parents and health care providers. Learn ways to manage stress, share your struggles with others, and connect to nature with mindful meditation using plants and outdoor spaces. Together we will each create a calm personal space by building a dish garden to take home.

\$50 members, \$55 non-members

Nature Walks and Hikes

FREE for members; FREE with admission; No pre-registration required

Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 14, 5:30am – noon

Each year between mid-December and early January, thousands of volunteers in North and South America collect data on bird sightings. Tyler invites you to be a part of the tradition. Data gathered during the count is used to assess the health of bird populations and guide conservation action. Join Tyler’s experienced birders to search for owls and other nocturnal and dawn birds. After breakfast at a nearby restaurant (on your own), venture out again to look for both common and unusual birds.

Weekday Bird Walks

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15am

Tyler is a wonderful winter haven for non-migratory birds. Explore Tyler’s winter landscapes with experienced birders who know all the best places to look. Birders of all experience levels welcome. Bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them.

Saturday Bird Walks

Saturdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8, 9 – 11am

Join **Chris Weaver** from **Wild Birds Unlimited-Concordville** to discover year-round residents and seasonal migrants, while learning the basics of bird identification. Families and beginners are welcome! *Limited supply of loaner binoculars for use.*

Weekday Botany Walks

Every Wednesday, 11:15am – 1:15pm

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

Saturday Botany Walks

Saturdays, December 21, January 18 and February 15, 1:30 – 3:30pm

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

Beyond the Fence Hikes

Dates and times set by Mother Nature

Join ecologist and naturalist **Steve Tessler** for fun and informative seasonal nature hikes out on Tyler’s trails. Feeling spontaneous? If you’d like to receive notice of Beyond the Fence hikes, please contact **Amy Mawby** at (610) 566-9134, ext. 301 or amawby@tylerarboretum.org. Suitable for teens and adults. *Dress for the weather and wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain or wet trails.*

Adult Programs

Nature Studies

Night Hikes

Saturdays, January 11 and February 8, 6 – 7:30pm

With the leaves off many of the trees, winter can offer some of the best views of the Arboretum. Join **Dick Cloud** for a fast-paced hike that will include moderate to steep trails. Perfect for hikers who hate being trapped inside during the winter! *Suitable for teens and adults. Please bring a flashlight and wear appropriate footwear.* \$10 members, \$20 non-members



Beekeeping at Tyler Arboretum

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Saturday, February 1, 10 – 11:30am

Join Tyler's beekeeper **Paul Strommer** to discover the Arboretum's growing apiary and opportunities to get involved. This program will cover beekeeping basics including necessary equipment and hive management. Learn all about the Arboretum's Hive Sponsorship Program, exclusive for Tyler members and perfect for beginner beekeepers. Turn your interest in honeybees into reality on Tyler's property with seasonal instruction!

FREE for members, \$15 for non-members

2020 Hive Sponsorship Program

Join Tyler Arboretum's program to learn how to actively manage honeybee colonies throughout the entire 2020 beekeeping season (April - November). Gain hands-on experience managing a set number of colonies with other Hive Sponsors under the guidance of Tyler's volunteer

beekeeper, **Paul Strommer**. Colonies are not assigned but instead are managed by the group, enabling the entire group to share in the success of the colonies. The ratio of Hive Sponsors to bee colonies is approximately 2:1.

A monthly schedule of "open" hive dates will be arranged to manage the hive and instruction will be provided. Meeting dates are weather and activity dependent. There are approximately 12-14 two-hour sessions during the season. Most of the beekeeping activity takes place mid-April to mid-June & mid-Aug. to mid-Oct.

Space is limited. Open to Tyler Arboretum members only – ages 18 and up. Deadline is March 15.

Fee: \$300. Veil, gloves and hive tool included. Enjoy a share of the honey yield (yield amount TBD). Fee goes towards beekeeping supplies and equipment, program registrations and supporting the education and conservation activities of Tyler Arboretum. Note: the hive boxes and bees (including queens) used in the program are property of Tyler Arboretum.



Youth & Family Programs

Winter Special: Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Join us for an interactive storytime in our cozy and historic Barn. Storytime programs are for toddlers and their favorite adult. Programs include storytime and an activity. This program is indoors.

Ages 18 mths – 3 yrs

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

- ☛ December 3 ***Walking in a Winter Wonderland*** by Richard B Smith
- ☛ December 10 ***The Twelve Days of Christmas*** by Laurel Long
- ☛ December 17 ***The Nutcracker*** by E. T. A. Hoffman
- ☛ January 14 ***Owl Moon*** by Jane Yolen
- ☛ January 28 ***The Mitten*** by Jan Brett
- ☛ February 11 ***Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate?: How Animals Keep Warm*** by Etta Kaner
- ☛ February 25 ***Sugarbush Spring*** by Marsha Wilson Chall



Toddlers in Nature

Ages 18 mths – 3 yrs

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Expand your sense of wonder by exploring nature in winter using your five senses! Toddlers in Nature programs are for toddlers and their favorite adult. Each program includes a story and an outdoor nature exploration.

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



Sense of Touch

January 8

Hot, cold, soft, hard, smooth and spiky! There is so much to feel in nature and it can teach us a lot about the world. Take off our mittens—briefly—to touch both new and familiar parts of nature at the Arboretum.

Sense of Sound

January 22

Walk quietly through the woods and listen closely for bird calls. Cardinals, jays and woodpeckers will delight our ears as they go about their day.

Sense of Sight

February 5

Use your eyes to see things near and far, big and small and explore different sizes, shapes and colors together. Nature has many fun details to show us. Spot them using magnifying glasses and binoculars!

Sense of Taste and Smell

February 19

Our noses and taste buds are closely connected. Start our adventure by smelling herbs and trees that freshen the winter air. Then warm up inside with hot cocoa to celebrate the taste of the season.

Youth & Family Programs

Tiny Trackers

Thursdays, 1 – 2pm

Ages 4–6

Tiny Trackers programs introduce children and their favorite adult to the marvels of nature. Each program includes a lesson and nature exploration.

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

Nature Ornaments

December 19

Using items that we find on our nature hike, participants will use inspiration from the festive season to adorn trees around the Arboretum. But don't worry, you won't go home empty-handed – everyone will make an ornament to decorate our trees and an ornament to take home!

Little Chefs: Fun with Flavors

Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30am

This winter we will excite our senses by trying different flavors. See the variety of tastes that food can provide to help us liven up the darkest season of the year! We'll prepare delicious meals and snacks made with healthy, natural ingredients. Please inquire when registering if you have allergy concerns. Price includes materials for food preparation.

\$15 members, \$20 non-members
(Fee is for the child only)

Sweet

December 4

Start off the winter season with sweet treats made out of some unexpected foods! Make fun, beet-dyed shortbread cookies to celebrate this festive time of year. Follow it up with a warm, carrot and cinnamon pie that will replace pumpkin as your new favorite orange dessert.



Winter Science Experiments

January 9

Fizz, bang, pop! Try awesome science experiments that are sure to bring excitement to your winter season.

Snow Forts

January 23

It might be cold but that's no reason to stay inside. Venture into the woods to build forts and structures out of sticks, leaves, and if we are lucky, maybe even snow!

Maple Sugaring

February 6

Discover how we turn sap from sugar maple trees into the sweet delicacy that we enjoy all year long. We will see a tapped tree, an evaporator and even get to taste the final product.

Winter Scavenger Hunt

February 20

Be a super detective this winter by discovering the secret wonders hidden in nature. Look for outdoor treasures such as nests, seeds, animal signs and pops of color that will brighten up this season!



Savory

December 18

Savory is a flavor that is rich and deep in taste and used to describe broths, pizza and pasta. Stir up a satisfying mushroom soup that even the pickiest eaters will find heartwarming. Alongside the soup, enjoy a crunchy puttanesca flatbread that is red and green like the holiday season.

Salty

January 15

Start off the New Year by making fluffy, salted soft pretzels from scratch and then baked to golden perfection! While the pretzels are baking, mix up a kale salad with briny feta cheese, rich walnuts and an orange dressing.

Sour

January 29

Get your vitamin C while discovering how delicious sour foods can be! Our lesson will start with a hearty and flavorful lemon and rice chicken soup. The meal will finish with a lemon cake with sour cream frosting.



Spicy

February 12

Introduce your palate to new tastes with the warming flavors of ginger, clove and cinnamon in a delicious chai tea. Take your basic sandwich up a notch with a savory ham scone dipped in a homemade mustard.

Bitter

February 26

Bitter is an exciting flavor that is often confused with sour, but this fun taste is actually sharper and less acidic. Make a cheesy pasta with rich sausage and broccoli rabe, then finish everything off with dark chocolate torts topped with candied grapefruit rinds.

Youth & Family Programs

School Day-Off Camps

Ages 6 – 9

Camps run from 9am – 3:30pm

A day of nature exploration and fun is the perfect solution when your child has a day off and you have to work! These easy-going days are filled with discovery, games, crafts, hikes and projects so engaging the kids won't even know they're learning. Please pack a lunch and snacks.

\$50 members, \$60 non-members

Building Creations!

December 27

Let your imagination run wild and build all kinds of creations, including a fort in the woods and a gingerbread house!

Scavenger Hunt Bonanza

December 30

Go on cool scavenger hunts throughout the day. See what's lurking in the wilds of Tyler while you collect items to make a name banner.

Valentine's Potions

February 14

Spend this Valentine's Day making cool potions, Valentine's slime and festive edible creations!

Maple Sugaring

February 17

Learn about the trees that bring us maple syrup and how sap is turned into this delicious breakfast treat. Even have a taste!



Children's Eco-Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child's birthday at Tyler!

Themes include:

- Nature Builders
 - Glow-In-The-Dark Night Hike
 - Spa Escape
- ...And more!

Add a campfire, a craft or goodie bags.

It's sure to be a blast!

Winter Discounts! Book a party in December–February and get:

\$35 member discount, PLUS \$50 off a Standard Party, \$75 off a Specialty Party

To schedule your child's eco-birthday party, email [Rebecca at RSilvey@TylerArboretum.org](mailto:RSilvey@TylerArboretum.org)

Family Programs

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

Deck The Halls

Sunday, December 8, 1 – 3pm

Create a festive centerpiece using natural elements. Use fresh greenery, natural accents, ribbon and more to make a creation that you can enjoy for weeks to come. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Price is per centerpiece, not per person. \$20 members, \$27 non-members

Natural Ornaments

Saturday, December 14, 10 – 11:30am

Use natural materials such as cones, greenery and seed pods to create decorative ornaments for your home or yard. Go on a walk to collect natural materials, then come back inside to create your masterpieces. We supply the materials; you supply the imagination! Suitable for ages 4 and up. \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Night Hike & Campfire

Saturdays, January 11 and February 1, 6:30 – 8pm

How is nature different after dark? Do humans have the ability to adapt without light? Explore your senses and the Arboretum by the light of the moon during this nighttime sensory hike. End the night warming up around a campfire with a delicious treat! Suitable for ages 5 and up.

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Maple Sugaring

Saturday, January 25, 10 – 11:30am

Did you know there's a special treat hiding in our trees? It's sugar! Learn how to make maple syrup—from tapping to tasting—in this hands-on program. Suitable for ages 4 and up.

\$10 members, \$15 non-members

Winter Nature Hike

Saturday, February 15, 10 – 11:30am

Breathe in the crisp air and explore the beauty of the winter landscape. Go on a guided discovery walk with

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MEMBERS!

one of Tyler's educators. Hike over beginner-level terrain searching for tracks and traces of animals, insects and birds. Suitable for all ages but not for strollers.

FREE for members, \$15 non-members

Multilingual Storytime

Saturday, February 22, 10am – noon



PennState
Brandywine

FREE FOR
MEMBERS!

Penn State Brandywine's Sustainovation Team invites families to join us in celebrating International Mother Language Day, an annual celebration established by the United Nations to acknowledge the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity for sustainable societies. Penn State's international students and faculty will be on hand to read nature-themed stories in their native language at multiple stations throughout the Barn. Kids can color and take home their own bookmark! Suitable for all ages.

FREE with admission

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Programs marked with asterisk* are FREE for Tyler Members

Adult Programs

- Sun. Dec. 8 Holiday Wreath Workshop
Sat. Dec. 14 Christmas Bird Count*
Sat. Dec. 14 Saturday Bird Walk*
Sat. Dec. 21 Saturday Botany Walk*
Sat. Jan. 11 Saturday Bird Walk*
Sat. Jan. 11 Chef's Tasting
Sat. Jan. 11 Night Hike
Sun. Jan. 12 Managing the Winter Blues Workshop
Sat. Jan. 18 Caregiver Retreat
Sat. Jan. 18 Succulent Planter Workshop
Sat. Jan. 18 Saturday Botany Walk*
Sat. Jan. 25 Wild Bird Seed Truckload Sale
Sat. Jan. 25 Sharpen Your Skills: Pruning & Tool Care
Sat. Jan. 25 Chef's Tasting
Sat. Feb. 1 Beekeeping at Tyler Arboretum*
Sat. Feb. 1 Demystifying Plant ID Keys
Fri. Feb. 7 The Science of Watercolor
Sat. Feb. 8 Tropical Escape Floral Workshop
Sat. Feb. 8 Saturday Bird Walk*
Sat. Feb. 8 Night Hike
Sun. Feb. 9 Managing the Winter Blues Workshop
Sat. Feb. 15 Saturday Botany Walk*
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Wed. Jan. 15 Little Chefs: Salty
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Opens to Non-members
Wed. Jan. 22 Toddlers in Nature: Sense of Sound
Thurs. Jan. 23 Tiny Trackers: Snow Forts
Sat. Jan. 25 Wild Bird Seed Truckload Sale
Sat. Jan. 25 Family: Maple Sugaring
Tues. Jan. 28 Storytime: *The Mitten*
Wed. Jan. 29 Little Chefs: Sour

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