

Membership news, events, and updates from Tyler Arboretum | February 2022

Dear ,

If you've been to Tyler recently, you've seen the colorful explosion of Witch Hazels all around. If you haven't visited yet this season, put your unlimited free admission to good use and plan a trip!

Many are taking time this season to plan their own garden, especially with this year's Plant Sale coming up in May. The Witch Hazels at Tyler are so inspiring right now, that you can even learn how to grow your own.

Whether you're [exploring Witch Hazels from the comfort of your own home](#), taking a [winter Wildflower Walk](#), or [learning about beekeeping at Tyler](#), there's so much to discover at Tyler as winter comes to a close. You'll also see on our calendar that senior gardener Mallory Smyth is leading a pop-up presentation on [winter pruning in the Native Woodland Walk](#) on March 3! These programs are all free, or discounted for members. Enjoy!

Thank you for being a Tyler member. You are part of something special!

From one nature lover to another,



Nicole O'Malley
Development Administrator

The week of the Witch Hazel



Witch Hazels are everywhere right now! This week, there are two ways to see and hear even more. And you can choose to get in on the fun virtually and in-person at Tyler.

First up, local witch hazel collector [Randy Kobetich](#) leading a [class over Zoom](#) this Wednesday, February 23. In this session, you'll learn all about how to care for this special group of small trees in your own garden. There's still time to register for this virtual session, and there's a discount for members available!

Then, head to Tyler this Saturday, February 26 for the [Winter Witch Hazel Fireworks Tour](#). Randy Kobetich will be here to guide you through Tyler's collection of over 100 witch hazels. Members, don't miss this! This exciting tour is free with your pre-registration.

Hive Sponsorship: Your questions answered

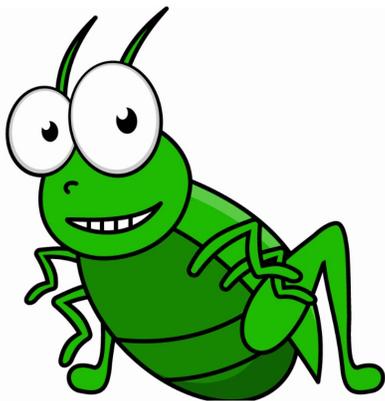


Who let the bees out? Paul Strommer. And this expert beekeeper is preparing to lead the eighth season of the Hive Sponsorship Program.

You can join Paul on Zoom Saturday, March 5 for a free informational program covering Tyler Arboretum's growing apiary and an overview of the Hive Sponsorship Program. [Click here to reserve your spot for the free virtual info session!](#)

If you're interested in participating during the 2022 beekeeping season, members receive a discount on registration for the full program, running April through October! After the info session over Zoom, you will receive an invite to participate in the Hive Sponsorship Program.

New Members' Activity



The Big Friendly Bug is headed to another newly planted tree from the Members' Choice Project. And he wants *you* to meet him at the Incense Cedar next. You can see on the map above where this newly planted tree is located before your trip (look for the blue star in the Rhododendron Garden).

Take a picture with the bug, and then show it to our Visitor Center staff to claim your prize. Don't forget to send your photo to development@tylerarboretum.org too!

Corporate Membership



We have a **new** Corporate Membership Program. Tyler Arboretum's Corporate Members enjoy exciting benefits while demonstrating their commitment to our environment and our community. Help us spread the word about this new opportunity!

We offer four different corporate membership options with a variety of benefits. Visit our [Corporate Membership page for more information.](#)

To join as a Corporate Member, please contact Mary Beth Jackson, Director of Development, at 610-566-9134, ext. 206, or mjackson@tylerarboretum.org.

Get involved as a Garden Ambassador!



Do you find it easy to talk to groups of people? Do you love to learn about plants, history, and conservation? Maybe gardening is your passion and you enjoy talking with people about pollinator or edible gardening. You may enjoy becoming a Tyler Docent or Garden Ambassador!

These volunteers talk with visitors, answer questions, and provide tours and other engaging activities.

[Visit the Get Involved section](#) of our website for descriptions on

various opportunities, the Volunteer FAQ, and volunteer applications. For questions, contact Nancy Heinbaugh at nheinbaugh@tylerarboretum.org.

February Food Drive Progress

Our February Food Drive continues, as we collect canned and dried goods for the Media Food Bank. All items can be dropped off at Tyler's Visitor Center. The most needed items are: rice, cooking oil, boxed milk, powdered milk, mayonnaise, vinegar, honey, spam, chicken/beef broth, ground coffee, kid snacks, tampons/pads, and toiletry items.

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to **donate an incredible 297 pounds of food so far this month.** And there is still one more week to go!

Last week, upon dropping off a few crates, we were informed that these donations were the main donations that the Media Food Bank received that week. Together, we can continue to support our community at a time when food bank donations typically decrease. Thank you!

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If you have a favorite memory at Tyler or a special visit you'd like to share, I would love to hear about it.

Tell me about your special moment by [filling out this form](#) or email me directly at nomalley@tylerarboretum.org. Add a photo or describe the magic you felt in nature. Your response could be featured in the next Members' E-Newsletter!

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