



### Fall 2016 Free Events

Some programs may have nominal fees for non-members. Please see Educational Programs starting on page 6 for full information.

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Sun., Sept. 18, 2 pm

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Opening reception:

Sept. 25, 4-6 pm

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Sat., Oct. 8, 1 pm

#### Tai Chi Workshop

Sun., Oct. 9, 2 pm

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### Preserving a Collection

You may know that Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is a member of the Plant Collections Network of the American Public Garden Association (formerly North American Plant Collections Consortium) whose goal is to ensure the preservation of plant germplasm. You may also know that Jenkins displays one of the most comprehensive collections of azaleas and rhododendrons in the country. What you may not know is what we are doing to expand and maintain this remarkable collection. As we focus on the best new hybrids from local, East Coast hybridizers, there are occasionally opportunities to add entire collections of special plants. Last summer, we were presented with a rare and very generous offer to do just that.

John Doppel, a prolific and well-known rhododendron hybridizer and his wife, Holly, decided it was time to begin planning for their move from their 10-acre Berks County property to something a bit more manageable. This is the property where John had been growing his hybrids for many years and his gardens were bursting at the seams. Many of these hybrids had been registered through the Royal Horticultural Society (the organization through which all rhododendrons are registered) and the Doppels wanted to ensure that these plants would be preserved for all to enjoy. Instead of leaving this collection to chance in the hands of the future owner, John and Holly offered them to the Arboretum.

Last October 2015, the Arboretum's horticulture staff visited the Doppel garden with shovels and burlap in hand to dig, and dig, and dig some more. They filled a trailer to the brim and the back of the Arboretum's pickup truck

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*'Dalmation' Rhododendron*

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## From the Executive Director



Dear Members and Jenkins Friends,

2016 continues to be a very important milestone as we journey through our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens celebrates the future yet takes time to reflect back on its modest beginnings from a time when there were no gardens but only undisturbed woodlands.

How quickly the seasons and years pass. It is already time for our fall Newsletter and Educational Programs. Cover to cover, it is filled with lots of news, photos of activities, information about new Board members, new Hamilton Fellows and staff, plus highlights of our many events.

As a botanical garden and arboretum, plants will always be the primary focus at Jenkins. However, it is the involvement of people that make a public garden vibrant and relevant every day:

- New Board members bring talents and experience needed for institutional governance
- New Hamilton Fellows begin careers as they learn about the fields of horticulture and environmental stewardship
- Dedicated volunteers tirelessly toil through every season
- Partnerships bring a diversity of plant societies, garden clubs, artists as well as collaborations with civic organizations such as Boy Scouts, libraries and other nonprofits
- And yes, even more people include the thousands of visitors each season who come to enjoy and learn when they walk the gardens

With the sudden popularity of PokemonGO Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens has become a very active location due to public accessibility with free admission and a large window of visitation from 8am to sunset daily. Games and technology have significantly increased visitation, especially among younger people. Gaming visitors must search for prizes that appear at a variety of locations. They also must randomly explore by walking the paths to gain scores and there are also rewards for repeat visitations. Brilliant! Whatever it takes to bring younger people into botanical gardens.

Horticulture relates to plants yet Jenkins is also actively involved in the cultural community by hosting photography and art exhibitions on a regular basis. Everyone is very excited about the upcoming photography and art exhibitions.

In spite of all the people that are attracted to Jenkins for many reasons, people have asked, “Why is it so quiet here?” Jenkins is always pleased to share the tranquility, a true joy in our harried world.

The Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and I wish to express a sincere thank you for your dedicated past support of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens and look forward to your continued partnership in the future.

Very truly yours,



Harold E. Sweetman, Ph.D.  
*Executive Director*





### Our Mission Statement

Jenkins' mission is to preserve natural tranquil woodlands for community enjoyment, to showcase native plants and a world class collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, and to promote environmental horticulture through learning, research and conservation.

### The Vision of H. Lawrence Jenkins

As defined by the will of H. Lawrence Jenkins, Jenkins Arboretum is to be developed as a public park, arboretum and wildlife sanctuary for the use of the public and responsible organizations engaged in the study of arboriculture, horticulture and wildlife, for educational and scientific purposes.

### Got E-mail?

We do, and we're hoping to stay in touch better by using it. If you are a member and would like to receive e-mail regarding events and announcements, send an e-mail to

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[webinfo@jenkinsarboretum.org](mailto:webinfo@jenkinsarboretum.org)  
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## Activities & Events Registration Guidelines

**Pre-registration is required unless otherwise noted in program descriptions.** Please see individual program descriptions for specific guidelines. To register, fill out the registration form below and mail to: **Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, 631 Berwyn Baptist Road, Devon, PA 19333.** You may also register by fax (610-647-6664) or phone (610-647-8870 x154) with a VISA or MasterCard. Phone registration may be done Monday-Friday from 9 am-4 pm. Please inform us of cancellations at least five days before the event. No refund will be issued if cancellation is made less than five days prior to the program start date. The Arboretum reserves the right to cancel any program if necessary. In the case of cancellation by the Arboretum, all fees will be refundable.

### Activities & Events Registration Form

Program	Date	Time	# of Attendees	Cost

☐ Member    ☐ Non-member

TOTAL: \$

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration confirmation will be by e-mail. If you want confirmation, you must give an email address. Otherwise, please call us at 610-647-8870 to confirm your reservation.

Please make checks payable to "Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens"

OR pay by VISA or MasterCard (circle one):

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Fall 2016 Free Events

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### Hometown Habitat Video

Sun., Oct. 16, 2 pm

### VFARS Lecture Series: Our Grandfathers' Garden

Thurs., Oct. 20, 7:30 pm

### Family Bird Walk

Sat., Oct. 22, 9 am

### Lecture: David Rothenberg – Birds, Bugs, Whales, and Jazz

Sun., Oct. 30, 2 pm

### Painting Exhibition: Valerie Craig – Land and Sky

Sat., Nov. 5 – Sun., Dec. 11

Opening reception:

Nov. 12, 3-6 pm

Artist Talk: Nov. 20, 2 pm

### Prospects for Restoring American Chestnut

Sun., Nov. 6, 2 pm

### Gifts from the Garden – A Family Workshop

Sat., Nov. 12, 2 pm

### Charles Cresson: Hardy Bulbs in Deer Country

Tues., Nov. 15, 1-2:45 pm

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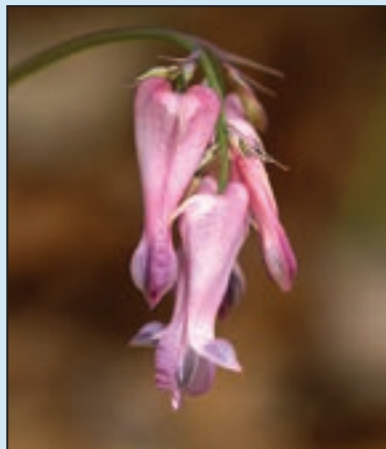
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## Save the Date! Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Legacy Society Brunch

**Sunday, November 13 at noon**  
**In the John J. Willaman Education Center**

All members of the Legacy Society are invited to this annual brunch. Everyone is invited to join the Legacy Society, not just Jenkins members.

Call 610-647-8870 X152 for information about membership in this special group.



## Case for Support: Take a Stake

### Preserving a Garden Sanctuary and Living Museum



Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens of Devon is one of eastern Pennsylvania's major horticultural and environmental assets.

It preserves and nurtures 48 acres of

Chester County's rapidly disappearing natural terrain, sited on a ridge above the historic and once-agriculturally rich "Great Valley," with Valley Forge National Historic Park to the northern horizon.

With a tall tree layer and multi-layered shrub understory, the Arboretum provides the community with a tranquil oasis for the enjoyment of all.

Further, the Arboretum ensures the integrity and conservation of over 10,000 plants in our living collections—with rigorous museum and scientific standards in labeling, mapping, and database record-keeping.

### Showcasing Unique Botanical Collections

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens showcases the area's native landscape and plantings, primarily of the heath family (Ericaceae) including rhododendrons, azaleas, mountain laurels, pieris, blueberries, and many others.

In addition to native wildflowers, ferns, trees, and shrubs, thousands of rhododendron varieties from all over the world have been planted throughout the gardens.

With a collection enrolled in the North American Plant Collections Consortium, the arboretum plantings include over 2,300 accessions and 1800 taxa, representing all five major divisions of the genus *Rhododendron*, and 235 *Kalmia* (Mountain Laurel) plants, representing 48 taxa.

### Promoting Environmental Stewardship

The Arboretum and gardens serve as a model for the community in sustainable environmental practices. Through its habitat management practices and Trout Creek watershed preservation efforts, Jenkins Arboretum provides working examples of environmental concern.

The Arboretum also offers opportunities to the public for life-long learning through lectures, workshops, and tours. In the gardens, plant diversity leads to biological diversity. As an example, 110 species of birds have been observed in the gardens.

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens provides practical examples of resource conservation in the design and

engineering of its Gold LEED-Certified John J. Willaman Education Center building—meeting rigorous standards in water efficiency, energy conservation, use of renewable materials and low-impact construction.

### Fulfilling a Vision

Since opening in 1976, the Arboretum has been built on Mr. Jenkins' intention to honor his wife, Elisabeth and celebrate her life, to make their woodlands into an outdoor showcase and fresh air classroom for public enjoyment and education.

Jenkins is open 365 days a year and unlike many other public gardens, it is free of charge. This policy makes Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens unique.

### Educating the Public

In the Arboretum's goal to educate the public on the advantages of using native plants in the landscape that thrive in southeastern Pennsylvania, Jenkins Arboretum has created its Green Ribbon Native Plant® Awards. Every spring, the Arboretum Horticulture Committee and staff select three worthy native plants (a tree, shrub, and fern or wildflower) that have been grown for many years in the Arboretum and deserve to be planted in home landscapes.

### Growing Deeper Roots

The Arboretum's fundamental challenge is to expand its endowment in order to sustainably secure the future of the gardens.

The Arboretum has successfully grown a modest initial endowment of \$250,000 to approximately \$10.5 million today. However, the endowment is currently funding only about 56% of the Arboretum's operating budget. Since the Arboretum does not charge admission, it must rely on private donations for most of the balance of its operating budget.

Because these all-important sizable gifts from Arboretum supporters are uncertain from year to year, increasing the endowment is critical to building a more secure future and to enabling the Arboretum to expand its mission.

Forty years of growing the gardens and serving the community as a valuable environmental and educational resource has only been made possible by the generous support from foundations, individuals, and a growing membership of nearly 1,000 members.

The Board of Directors has set a campaign goal for an endowment of \$20 million by the year 2020. We hope you will participate in this opportunity to help the Arboretum set deeper roots.





## Forever Jenkins Endowment Campaign: Deeper Roots Assure Perennial Growth Endow an Acre – Take a Stake!

Thank you to our generous donors.

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## Support Jenkins and Leave a Legacy

The Jenkins Arboretum Legacy Society membership offers each committed donor the opportunity to be recognized and appreciated for philanthropy during his/her lifetime. It is a gift that keeps on giving and generations to come will be the beneficiaries of the vision and generosity of Legacy Society members.

We urge you as members of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, who have enjoyed its serenity and beauty over the years, to think about the value of a long term gift to assure the future of the Arboretum. The Jenkins Arboretum Legacy Society offers you the vehicle to make this happen. Please consider joining.



*What will your legacy be?*

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The Board of Directors has approved named funds in endowment with a minimum gift of \$25,000. Named funds will be documented in the Annual Report each year. Anyone can contribute any amount to an already established named fund.



## Preserving a Collection

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was overflowing. In total, nearly 50 of John's hybrids had been rescued, 35 of which were named and registered. This exceptional collection is the culmination of nearly three decades of hybridizing and field trials. Within three days, all of these plants found new homes at the Arboretum. The majority reside on Elisabeth's Walk. You won't be able to miss them as their original, full-sun growing conditions made for short, compact, very full plants that, for now, look a bit out of place in our woodland garden. This growing condition, however, also created a heavy bud set and the promise of a spectacular flower display in the spring. To thank the Doppels, and to celebrate this new collection in bloom, the Arboretum arranged for a special viewing party this past June and the plants did not disappoint. Though their initial bloom was undoubtedly their best, we're sure these plants will keep people coming back year after year.



'Dawn Star' Rhododendron



Top: Staff loading up rhodies with John and Holly Doppel  
Center: John Doppel and Karel Bernady discussing rhodies  
Bottom: Maddison Paule, Summer Sugg, and John Cassels mapping new rhodies



## Fall 2016 Educational Programs & Events

The fall line-up features a selection of classes, workshops, and lectures that will help you learn about horticulture, sustainable gardening and more. There are lots of practical ideas you can take home and implement in your own garden. **Please call, visit our website, or return the registration form on page 4 to to register.**

### Yoga At Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

**Two six-week courses:**

**Monday, September 12-October 17, 6-7:30 pm**

**Monday, October 24-November 28, 6-7:30 pm**

*Presented by the YogaLife Institute, Wayne, PA*

*Janet Muti, YogaLife Instructor*

Learn yoga poses in tandem with breathing and stress management techniques. A variety of healthy living topics will be discussed to further benefit mind-body health. All levels may join this program.

Cost for each six-week course:

**\$60 members, \$90 non-members**

**Drop-ins: \$15 session**

**Pre-registration encouraged.**

**Class size is limited.**



### Fall Planting Demonstration

**Saturday, September 10, 10-11:30 am**

*Led by Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture/Curator of Plant Collections at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

Fall is a great time for planting as the heat of summer has passed but there is still time for newly-planted roots to take hold before the winter freeze. You can think of it as getting a head start for the next year. Steve will lead this "how-to" demonstration in the Green Ribbon Native Plant® Garden where a new colony of fragrant azaleas will be installed. He will show and tell you the things you need to know to ensure the long-term survival of your plantings.

**Free of charge. No pre-registration required.**

**All are welcome.**



### Family Workshop: Basic Tree ID

**Sunday, September 18, 2 pm**

*Presented by Helen Standen-Teacher, Gardener and Nature Enthusiast*

This short presentation will introduce some common Pennsylvania trees and the vocabulary needed to use a simplified tree ID guide. Following the presentation, participants will move to The McLean Contributionship Educational Workshop where they will create a Leaf ID Book. And finally, Tree ID guide in hand, everyone will head out into the Arboretum to apply their new identification skills.

**Free for Members, \$10 per family for non-members.**

**Pre-registration required. Limited to 20 children age 8 and up, each accompanied by a caregiver.**



### Weekly Wednesday Walkabouts

**8 Weeks: September 21-November 16, 12 noon-1pm**

*Led by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff*

We invite you to meander along with the Arboretum's horticulture staff as we fix your eyes and ears on the highlights and curious happenings of the changing seasons. As the cooler temperatures approach, the demeanor of the Arboretum transitions into its own preparation for fall and then winter. Be prepared for some light exercise and exploration in the gardens; walking shoes and cameras are recommended. This is a rain or shine event.

**Tours are free of charge for members, \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Please note: Large groups (10+ people) are requested to schedule private guided tours at other times.**



## **Celebrating Light and Color: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photography Exhibition**

**September 24-October 30, 9 am-4 pm**

**In the gallery in the John J. Willaman Education Center**

**Reception on Sunday, September 25 from 4-6 pm**

Join us for this special exhibition of nature photography presented by four very talented photographers: Laura Ducceschi, Bob Lyons, Andy Smith and Jane Ruffin. These four acclaimed artists have juried our annual Visitor's Photography Exhibition and now have an opportunity to display their own master work. Celebrating Jenkins Arboretum's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the artwork will reflect the theme of light and color. It is certain to be a spectacular display not to be missed.

**Exhibition and Reception are both free of charge.**

**All are welcome.**

*Clockwise from top left: © Laura Ducceschi,  
© Jane Ruffin, © Bob Lyons, © Andy Smith*



## Plant Shop Super Sale Weekend

**September 30 – Sunday October 2, 9am-4pm**  
**Plant Clinic/Tool maintenance Friday, September 30**  
**ONLY, 9 am-4 pm**

Join us for a special weekend as we wind down the season and prepare for the long dormant period. All of the plants



in our Plant Shop will be available with significant discounts. Members of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens receive double discounts! In addition, on Friday only, we are

offering an informal Plant Clinic and Tool Maintenance service. If you need help identifying a plant, weed, insect, disease, flower or fruit, bring your samples and test our trained horticulture staff. Don't forget to bring your garden tools for a lesson on sharpening, cleaning and oiling. **Free of charge. All are welcome.**

## The History and Making of Salves and Teas

**Saturday, October 8, 1 pm**

*Led by Summer Sugg, Hamilton Educational Fellow*

Seldom do people know about the healing power of plants, and the new research on their effectiveness. This



lecture will give the fascinating history of herbalism, and explain how to make certain herbal salves and teas for a variety of purposes. Whether it be stings, rashes,

burns, bug bites, or muscle pain, salves have a place in everyone's medicine cabinet. Both teas and salves can be concocted from an array of plants, some of which one could incorporate into one's own garden.

Instructions on harvesting and procedures on processing specific parts of these plants will be provided. Additionally, information on finding the best resources will be provided for those who are not growing plants in their own gardens.

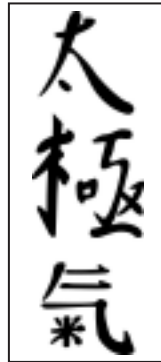
**Free of charge. No pre-registration required.**  
**All are welcome.**

## Tai Chi Workshop

**Sunday, October 9, 2 pm**

*Led by Rich McKenzie, Tai Chi Instructor*

Tai Chi is a fluid type of exercise designed to enhance balance, relaxation and energy flow. Included in this

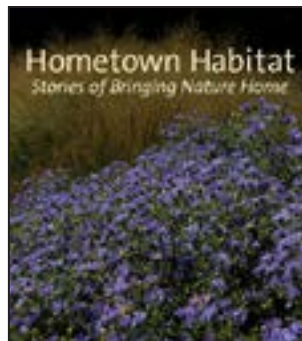


sampler workshop will be various exercises in Tai Chi, Tai Chi Chuan, Chi Kung and Meditation. Everyone is welcome to participate in this workshop. Tai Chi is harmony with nature as is this beautiful setting here at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.

Rich McKenzie has been teaching Tai Chi Classes and Workshops since 1980. Some venues include Temple University,

Rosemont College, Club LaMaison, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and Main Line Night School. Some of his teachers include Master Dee Chao, Dr. Tze Chao, Professor Charles Sweeney, Tim Rumsey, and William Stone.

Rich resides in Downingtown and also teaches music. **Free of charge. No pre-registration required.**  
**All are welcome.**



## Hometown Habitat Video — Applying Doug Tallamy's Principles

**Sunday, October 16, 2 pm**

*Led by Barb Elliot, Co-director of Backyards for Nature*

Barb was a development donor for the documentary Hometown Habitat. This newly

released video production by Catherine Zimmerman (<http://themeadowproject.com>) takes the ecological themes of Doug Tallamy and shows examples of how they are applied in projects representing different regions and conservation goals, all built around providing, in Tallamy's term, "ecosystem services." Barb will show excerpts from the documentary and offer local examples and resources for gardening that also creates habitat and food for wildlife.

**Free of charge. No pre-registration required.**  
**All are welcome.**



## Our Grandfathers' Garden

**Thursday, October 20, 7:30 pm**

*Presented by Gregory Kent Thompson, Certified Arborist and Tree Surgeon, and Owner of Pennsylvania Tree Service, Inc., as part of the monthly chapter meeting of the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society*

In a conversation about the beauty and importance of gardens Gregory will highlight the crisis of destructive insects and diseases that are putting the Rhododendron family of plants at risk.

Years ago, when the world seemed so much simpler, winters were cold and summers warm. Lately, the winters have trended warmer and the summers hotter. And for warm weather fans that's great, but alas! Warmer temps are an open invitation to insects and plant, tree, and shrub diseases. Yuk! These insects have become more pervasive and resistant to current controls, and the diseases more destructive, and harder to cure.

Sadly, it's not our Grandfathers' Garden anymore, yet there are things we can do to thwart those dastardly insects, and steps we can take to safeguard our beloved plants, flowers, and trees from those dreaded diseases—especially our beloved Rhododendrons. In some ways we can adapt and change our gardening to stay ahead of the changes we see in our growing green spaces.

Our gardens may not be as glorious as our grandfathers', but we can surely be our gardens' heroes.

Gregory Kent Thompson is the owner of Pennsylvania Tree Service, Inc. He is also a long-time certified arborist and tree surgeon. He has lived and worked in the trees for some 40 years. Mr. Thompson is an expert tree climber and a life-long outdoorsman and naturalist.

**Free of charge. No pre-registration required.**

**All are welcome.**

## Family Bird Walk

**Saturday, October 22, 9 am**

*Presented by Mary Ellen & Tom Heisey and Bonnie Witmer, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Volunteers and Avid Local Birders*

Join us for a kid-friendly presentation and walk that will teach you to recognize several common Pennsylvania backyard birds using both their physical features and their songs. We will start indoors with a brief slide presentation and then move outside. If you have binoculars, please bring them, but not required. Feeding and attracting birds to your yard will also be covered in this program which is designed for new birders, young and old. Bird watching is a great family activity that can be both cooperative and competitive! This program is designed for children aged 5 and up accompanied by a caregiver, parent or grandparent. Adults who are new to birding are welcome as well, but please note, the program will move at a family pace.

**Free of charge. Pre-registration is required.**

**Limited to 30 people. Children must be age 5 and up accompanied by an adult.**





## David Rothenberg: Bird, Whale, Bug: Making Music With Nature

**Sunday, October 30, 2 pm (at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens)**

*Chanticleer Lecture co-sponsored by the Radnor Memorial Library and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

*Presented by David Rothenberg, professor of philosophy and music at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, with a special interest in animal sounds as music.*



Musician, composer, author and philosopher-naturalist David Rothenberg plays clarinet with a band of birds and crickets and writes thoughtfully on the deep

connections between humans and the natural world. His highly regarded albums and work as founding editor of the MIT Press Terra Nova book series, have earned him a unique place in the landscape of thoughtful creative humans wrestling with (and honoring) the kinship ties which bind us to the earth and its creatures.

Inspired by the melodies and beats of birds, insects, humpback whales and orcas, this author and jazz musician has published several popular books, including an animal-music trilogy to show how animals use musical sounds to communicate with us. The Harvard educated and NJIT professor, will be traveling, with his clarinet, to Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens on Sunday, October 30, at 2 pm for an enthusiastic afternoon talk on his many books and a performance on his clarinet, ending with a book signing. Radnor Memorial Library is the partner for this special lecture, generously supported, in part, by Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden.

“Like the iconic nature show host David Attenborough, the late astronomy giant Carl Sagan, and the noted neurologist Oliver Sacks, Rothenberg’s charm stems from his curiosity for realms we wouldn’t otherwise discover or even imagine on our own. His writing crackles with palpable, infectious enthusiasm for the subject at hand.” - *Paste Magazine*.

**Free of charge. No pre-registration required. All are welcome.**



*Hudson Thaw by Valerie Craig*

## Land and Sky: An Exhibition Of The Paintings Of Valerie Craig

**November 5 – December 11, 9 am-4 pm**

**John J. Willaman Education Center Gallery**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, November 12, 3-6 pm**

**Gallery Talk: Sunday, November 20, 2 pm**

Valerie Craig has drawn and painted nearly all of her life. Known for her impressionist approach to color and light, Craig’s subject matter includes urban and rural landscapes as well as intimate still life paintings, and figures within a landscape.

Craig has had more than twenty years in the field to date, painting in both watercolor and oils. Like most artists, Craig continues to be a student of art, always reaching for a higher level of excellence, while discovering and expressing her own voice.

In 1998, Craig left her career in nursing administration to pursue her passion for painting on a full-time basis. She feels that her best expressions happen when she is on location and can directly sense the mood and atmosphere of a particular scene. Whether painting vast open areas or intimate spaces, she finds that capturing light and color is best accomplished through close observation and careful study. “I feel I am most successful when my paintings evoke an emotional response in the viewer.”

Craig teaches workshops in many locations nationally as well as in Ireland. She has been invited to be the juror for professional art exhibitions and her work is represented in corporate, private and museum collections across the country.

In 2016, Valerie’s painting ‘Whitewashed’ was awarded Second Prize in *Plein Air Magazine’s* Annual Plein Air Salon. She was awarded the Gold Award in Ireland’s 2013 International Art in the Open Festival.



Recent Honors include: Juror's Award, 2016 Wayne Plein Air Festival, Award of Distinction, American Impressionists' Society 2014 National Show; Silver Prize, 2014 Ireland's Art in the Open; Grand Prize in the 2013 American Women Online Juried Competition, Best in Show in the 2011 and 2008 Wayne Plein Air Competition, Second Place in 2013 Wayne Plein Air, Second Place in 2011 Plein Air Easton, Artists' Choice Award in 2010 Plein Air Easton, First Place 2009 Wayne Plein Air Festival, and Second Place, 2009 American Women Artists' Show.

Artist's Statement: "When I was young, my teachers frequently sent home notes admonishing me for doodling too much...I always knew what I wanted to be when I grew up, just not how many avenues there were. I enjoyed my first career in nursing administration almost as much as painting. As an emerging older artist, I have just had to work harder and paint faster to catch up!

I am seldom happier than when I am in a field, capturing the sunlight on canvas, listening to the sounds of nature and letting my thoughts run free. My aim is to carefully observe my subject, whether a still-life or landscape, appreciate the response I feel and somehow capture both on canvas. If I can evoke an emotional response in the viewer, I have been successful."

**Exhibition, Opening and Gallery Talk are all free of charge and open to all.**

## **Prospects for Restoring American Chestnut**

**Sunday, November 6, 2 pm**

*Led by John Wenderoth, Board President of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation*

Among tree species, the American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) ranks as much of an iconic species as the



American elm and the white oak. The loss of the American chestnut as a functional component of Eastern forests is considered by many to be the greatest

ecological disaster in recent history. Can we restore surviving but crippled chestnuts to a level of ecological and economic significance by the next century? What progress is being made to make this a reality? Come to this informative lecture and learn from an expert about all the good works of the American Chestnut Foundation and

get updates on the extensive breeding programs that have been underway for over thirty years.

John continues to maintain Tyler Arboretum's American chestnut orchard with a growing group of volunteers. John studied forestry at Penn State, graduating in 1963. His work experience during his student years took him to Ohio, Idaho, and Washington, to several states in the South, and eventually to Nepal, where he served in the Peace Corps. Although he did not return to work as a forester, he has continued to study our relationship with the natural environment and extend his knowledge of plant species wherever he travels. As a member of Scott Arboretum's book group, he has improved his understanding of both, and in particular, he has become involved in efforts to restore the American chestnut to its native habitat.

**Free for members, non-members \$10.**

**No pre-registration required.**



## **Gifts from the Garden – A Family Workshop**

**Saturday, November 12, 2 pm**

*Presented by Helen Standen – Teacher, Gardener and Nature Enthusiast*

The season of gift giving is upon us. Bring your children to Jenkins to create nature inspired gifts they can give to favorite teachers, grandparents or friends. Projects will include pressed flower notecards, potted paper white bulbs and decorative mini-bird houses. Intended for children ages 5 and up. Dress for mess!

**\$5 per child for Members; \$10 per child for Non-Members. Pre-registration required. Limited to 15 children. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.**



## Hardy Bulbs In Deer Country: Winter, Spring And Beyond

**Tuesday, November 15, 1 pm**

*Presented by Charles Cresson, Garden Designer, Consultant, Photographer, Author, and Avid Gardener. Sponsored jointly by the Woodlea Garden Club and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.*

No need to forsake spectacular bulb displays because of deer. Many bulbs are surprisingly unpalatable to deer. With careful selection you can stretch the bloom season from late winter through spring and even into autumn. Most of these varieties are suitable for intimate garden spaces while many can also be naturalized for grand landscape impact.

Charles Cresson has taught courses in bulbs at Longwood Gardens for over 30 years and has served as Merchandise Manager of Bulbs at W. Atlee Burpee Company. Mr. Cresson studied at the University of Vermont and the University of Bath in England and has worked for the Royal Horticultural Society. He is the award-winning author of three books: *Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden*, *Ornamental Trees*, and *Rock Gardening*. In 2001, Cresson was awarded the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Certificate of Merit.

Mr. Cresson gardens at Hedgleigh Spring, in Swarthmore, on land that has been in his family for 133 years. Hedgleigh Spring is an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century flower garden and landscape with a collection of unusual plants in a variety of settings including many kinds of bulbs.

**Free for members, non-members \$10.**

**No pre-registration required.**

## Ode to Our Wonderful Wednesday Women

Our Wonderful Wednesday Women have been with us now as front desk receptionists for seven years! Do we have the seven-year itch? Not at all. This delightful trio has been welcoming our visitors with great enthusiasm and big smiles as



great ambassadors for Jenkins. They have also become very close friends over the years, overlapping their shifts to catch up on one another's lives and cement their friendships. One of the wonderful side benefits of volunteering at Jenkins is the close friendships that are built over time with other volunteers. Wednesdays would never be the same without Mindy Taylor, Charlene Millheim, and Carol Klauss. Hats off to three exceptional women! Thank you, ladies.

## Calling All for a New Administrative Volunteer Corps!

We need your help! Would you like to help support the Arboretum by being part of our administrative volunteers? We want to create a special corps of about a dozen administrative volunteers who would be interested in helping us with periodic mass mailings and might be available on an on-call basis occasionally throughout the year to help and to support the beautiful gardens that we all love! It would be a tremendous help to all of us. You would enjoy lovely camaraderie, new friendships with wonderful people and, of course, we will provide snacks! (Like they say, "Feed them and they will come!")

If you are interested in being part of this great group, please contact Janet Bauman by email ([janet@jenkinsarboretum.org](mailto:janet@jenkinsarboretum.org)) or by calling 610-647-8870 x152.

We thank you for your support.

## Welcome New Members!

Dr. Terry Allen	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Goldstein	Mrs. Margaret Laganelli	Mrs. Barbara Rogers	Chris Tidmore
Mrs. Richard Armstrong	Ms. Allison Goodwin	Ms. Carol Landi	Ms. Molly B. Ruzicka	The Toates Family
Ms. Sylva Baker	Ms. Dalya Guris	Ms. Susan Lea	Ms. Kathleen Salisbury	Mrs. Francey Trenham
Mr. Richard Bauman	Elaine Halberstadt	Ginny Levy	Bruce & Karen Schock	Mrs. Linda VanHorn
David Poll, MD & Rebecca Bien	Ms. Elizabeth Haney	Ms. Judith Lewis	Ms. Mary Presley Schwinn	Ms. Helen Wagner
Ms. Kathy Bright	Mr. Wick Hannan	Lori Lighton	Mr. William L. Serrill	Mr. Bill West
Mr. Robert Bruner	Mrs. Pamela Harrison	Mr. Frank Luca	Ms. Edith A. Shooster	Ms. Jun Ye
Ms. Roberta Burzynski	Ms. Charlotte Hedlund	Ms. Sondra J. Malove	Dr. Bambi & Jay Siegfried	Mr. Brooke Yeager
Ms. Marybeth Bynon	Dan & Pam Heering	Mr. Mark D. Marotta	Dr. Susmita Sil	Mrs. Angela Zager
Ms. Christine Casey	Ms. Nancy Hemberger	Ms. Beverly C. Miller	Denise Sjoreen	Mr. Len Zangwill
John & Diana Cassels	Heidi & James Hole	Ms. Judy Moneta	Heidi Blair Smith	David & Nora Zullo
Ms. Nicola Clarke	Ms. Tracy Horter	Ms. Deborah Morley	Marilyn & William Sprague	<i>as of July 18, 2016</i>
Conscious Creations	Kathy Howell	Northeast Native Perennials	Mrs. Sandra Stefanic	
Ms. Gladys Corrodi	Mr. Jason Hufner	Mr. Russel Oister	Patty Stormer	
Mrs. Donna Daly	Ms. Marsha Irvin	Ms. Ceilia Paolantonio	Mrs. Paula Struble	
Ms. Diana DePaul	Dr. Ronald A. Javitch	Connie Partridge	Mr. Chris Swisher	
Bonnie Dettore	Lucy Karlsson	Anne Peniazzer	Ms. Cheryl Taylor	
Mr. Wayne Dixon	Ms. Barbara Kelly	Ms. Joann Polise	Barbara Thomas	
Barbara & David Erskine	Ms. Suzanne Keraten	Mr. Greg Reif		
Mrs. Jane Gardner	Mr. Greg Kleiber			

## New Membership Levels And Benefits!

We have restructured our membership benefits. Our members are very important to us and vital to the growth and future of Jenkins. Please take a moment to look over the new benefits for the various levels of membership, and, if you are able, please consider taking your membership up to a higher level and enjoy the many benefits this will allow you. It is our way of thanking you for your support!

### \$50 Regular

- Free and/or discounted admission to workshops and tours, and discounts on purchases at both the Plant Shop and Gift Shops.
- Informative newsletters, highlighting the seasonal activities at the Arboretum and describing the accomplishments made possible by your generous giving.
- A “thank you” plant, propagated from our botanical collections, distributed in spring.
- Notification of special events, educational programs, and art exhibitions.

### \$100 Donor

Everything above plus...

- Invitation to behind-the-scenes events and impromptu celebrations of nature's occurrences.

### \$250 Patron

Everything above plus...

- Invitation to private annual walking tour of the Conservation Woodlands.
- Invitation to intimate, small group special events.
- 1 gift membership to offer to friends or family.

### \$500 Sustaining

Everything above plus...

- You and two friends get a personal review of garden highlights, via private golf cart tour. (Appointment required.)
- 1-hour personal garden consultation at Jenkins, with a horticulture staff member.
- 2 gift memberships to offer to friends and/or family.

### \$1,000 Circle of Friends

Everything above plus...

- Behind the scenes tour in Horticulture with Executive Director or Director of Horticulture for a total of 10 people
- Invitation to Terrace Tea at the historic Jenkins House, with the Director, Harold Sweetman.
- 3 gift memberships to offer to friends and/or family.

**Please be sure we have your email address!**

**We will rely on email for invitations to spontaneous celebrations and events.**



## Welcome to Our New Board Members



### Katherine Bennett

Katherine Bennett has always had a love of gardening. She grew up with a garden in Strafford. Her mother, Doris Mohn, had a mini Jenkins Arboretum in their backyard with rhododendrons, azaleas, and wildflowers that she created herself from scratch. To this day, Katherine and her two

sisters all enjoy gardening. For her part, Katherine enjoys beautifying properties and is also appreciative of the natural world as we find it, untouched. She loves to visit public gardens.

As an adult, living in Devon, Katherine passed by the Arboretum so many times without really knowing what was here. She finally took the time to come for a walk and saw our very beautiful gardens. One day, her garden club, Four Counties Garden Club, had a meeting at Jenkins in the old building and she attended. She met the staff and saw what an impressive operation we had. Her club learned all about the plans for the new John J. Willaman Education Center. After the building renovation, Harold did a presentation for her garden club offsite on antique tools, which he brought from his own collection. Harold asked if any garden club members would like to consider volunteering. This opportunity piqued Katherine's interest and she has been volunteering now for seven years, first as a receptionist on Thursdays and now as a greenhouse volunteer and new Board member. One thing she particularly enjoys about Jenkins Arboretum is the friendly, welcoming atmosphere and all the people involved. She is a past president of Four Counties Garden Club and as an active member, she also became part of The Garden Club of America and has a leadership role in that organization. She is honored to serve on the Board at Jenkins.

With a degree in retail merchandising from Harcum College, her career was predominantly in the fashion business. She still has a great interest in fashion and clothing design while at the same time, she has always had an interest in designing gardens. For a few years, she ran her own business – Katherine's Gardens - designing and maintaining private home gardens. Over the years, she

developed a great fondness for container gardening.

Katherine and her husband, Pete, live presently in Malvern. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren, who are near and dear to them, and with whom they spend a great amount of their time.

As a Board member on the Development Committee, she hopes to contribute to our development efforts, increasing the visibility of Jenkins in the community and attracting new members. She also serves on the Horticulture Committee and hopes to contribute in that area as well. Katherine is excited about exploring all the new opportunities opening up to her and she hopes to gain the satisfaction of gaining new friendships and making a positive difference at Jenkins for the future.



### Peter Cordray

As a Board member, Peter Cordray hopes to have the satisfaction of leaving Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens a healthier, more vibrant place when his tenure ends. This is a practice he embraces in every aspect of his life – to leave things better than

he found them. During his tenure, Peter hopes to work hard to ensure that he does the best for the Arboretum that he possibly can. Working to help increase the endowment and to secure the future of the Arboretum for the community will be one of his objectives. As a secondary objective, he personally hopes to gain increased knowledge about plants and how they can be used in his own home landscape.

Peter grew up in Berwyn and moved to the Wayne area in 2006 with his wife, Kelly, and their two children. Shortly thereafter, when his sister and her family were visiting from DC in late fall, they were looking for something to do and decided to come for a walk at Jenkins Arboretum. They were very impressed. They got to know Jenkins better and realized that there are really only two public gardens in this area, Jenkins and Chanticleer. Peter feels that these gardens complement one another while being quite different and not at all in competition. Jenkins is in a special spot with a unique position as a natural mid-Atlantic arboretum. Peter finds Jenkins to be a real gem and a true asset for the neighboring community as a four season native plant resource with lovely terrain and pathways and no

admission charge. These things make Jenkins distinctive. He believes that Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens raises the real estate values in the surrounding community and improves the quality of the immediate area.

Peter has always been an interested environmentalist. Majoring in Biology with a Chemistry minor at Gettysburg College, he became keenly aware of the interactions of plants and animals in the natural world and he gained an appreciation of their dependence on each other. He especially likes the outdoor world when it is treed and flowered.

In their home gardens, Peter and his wife try to plant natives. They have had good success with some and failures with others. When the Cordrays first moved into their house, they redid all their gardens. Their neighbor, former Jenkins board member, Alice Doering, helped them a lot. The Cordrays find that in their gardens there is definitely a place for non-natives and hybrids along with the natives. The Cordrays also keep a flock of chickens and frequently let them roam freely when they are home. Their flock of nine chickens often has its way with the gardens in their pursuit of bugs and grubs but they are a welcome compliment to the flora.

Married for sixteen years, Peter and Kelly have two children, a thirteen year old daughter and a twelve year old son. He and his wife run a manufacturing business in King of Prussia. While he is not in a scientific career, he mentioned that with his educational background in the sciences, he uses the scientific method of solving problems in all aspects of his life, even in his own manufacturing business. He looks at most things from a scientific perspective.

Peter enjoys his work as well as his leisure time. When not working, he is an avid squash player, enjoys working on projects around his house, spending time with his family at their vacation home in the Pocono Mountains, fishing or going on fun family excursions. He is also licensed pilot and enjoys flying for work and pleasure.



### Jack Linvill

Jack Linvill began his relationship with Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens several years back when he called Janet Bauman to ask if he could arrange a garden tour for his elderly parents. Sally and Bart came with Jack and thoroughly

enjoyed their outing. It was springtime. The weather was great and the rhododendrons and azaleas were in the peak of their glory. Sally and Bart, now deceased, were living at Beaumont at that time and the visit to Jenkins in spring was a perfect field trip and a welcome respite after a long winter indoors. Jack became an Arboretum member.

Sometime after that, Janet asked Jack if he would consider donating a vacation rental of his Vermont home to Jenkins for the Spring Blooms Party auction. After talking it over with his wife, the Linvills generously offered their home. They offered their home again to a subsequent auction the next year.

This year Jack accepted a position at Jenkins as a Board member. We are delighted to have him on the Board. He is brimming with fresh new ideas that he believes will help us to grow and flourish and that will resonate with our constituents. He is interested in promoting four seasons in the gardens, learning lots about garden ecology and horticulture and being involved in the growth of Jenkins as an organization with a focus on the future generations.

Jack and his wife have been married for forty-four years and have three grown children and now three grandchildren. His professional background is in banking and insurance. He is looking forward to serving on the Development Committee and the Finance Committee and making new friends.

Asked if he is a gardener, Jack responded, "I'm working on it!" He enjoys the outdoors, nature, the beauty of gardens, hiking, biking, working in his yard, and he marvels at the beauty of the changing seasons. He loves going to Vermont, spending time with his grandchildren, helping people with their long term health care planning, playing the guitar, and just being with people and having fun!

Asked what he especially likes about Jenkins, Jack replied, "The beauty and the people. Jenkins is a vibrant organization."

## Welcome to Our New Hamilton Educational Fellows



### John Cassels

John began his Hamilton Educational Fellowship in May. He is a firm believer in native plant gardening. He believes that native plants are the backbone of a stable ecosystem and he is passionate about conservation and ecology.

John attended school in the Great Valley School District and then went to West Chester University where he majored in Ecology & Conservation Biology. Knowing that he wanted to continue his formal education with real world experience, John began researching job opportunities. He worked part time for the school district while researching and after a solid year he found out about the Hamilton Educational Fellowship at Jenkins.

Growing up, John's mom did a lot of home gardening. His father is an environmental scientist. Coupling these two influences, Jenkins is a perfect fit. The mating of environmental issues and horticulture brings him back to his childhood. He is excited about planting new plants at Jenkins and watching them grow. Those he has planted so far are happy and healthy, just like John.

John hopes to influence people he meets with great enthusiasm and a new interest in gardening. He loves to greet visitors cheerfully. So far, he is very successful in spreading his joy.

He is very interested in the restoration of the forest edge across Devon State Road. Additionally, he has an interest in bonsai and is planning a bonsai workshop as an educational program, possibly in the spring.

While at Jenkins, John wants to learn as much as he can about native plants and how they interact in the ecosystem. He also wants to understand what their value is to everything around them. As a career goal, he is leaning towards naturalistic garden design and/or ecosystem restoration. In a few years, he may go back to school to further pursue these interests.

John is fond of the creative process and all forms of art, a sports fan and athlete, and he loves following the Philadelphia Flyers and watching the Olympics. Number one on his Top Ten favorites is his family. We welcome him warmly into the Jenkins family too.



### Summer Sugg

Summer Sugg comes to us from Colorado where she grew up in the mountains and spent most of her childhood in the outdoors. She worked mainly in the University of Colorado at Boulder's greenhouses and with various professors in plant ecology.

She is excited to dive into horticulture at Jenkins, and get to know all the local native flora in the Arboretum setting.

While in high school, Summer was a Junior Ranger and worked on a trail crew team with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks. Learning about the trail system, research, and conservation solidified her interest in plants.

During college, Summer held internships every summer. When studying bumblebees, she kept asking questions about the plants and decided to declare a major in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. Taking plant and plant ecology courses within the major, she learned about their interconnectedness with the landscape and people. She is now interested in botany, horticulture, ecology, conservation and ethnobotany.

Summer was deeply inspired by a college professor at Boulder, a native of the Philadelphia area who had worked at Morris Arboretum and encouraged Summer to come to Philadelphia, America's Garden Capital. She and her boyfriend moved here last fall and she worked at Pour Richard's Coffee Shop in Devon through the winter months. Our previous Fellow, Maddison Paule, frequented the coffee shop. They began to talk, and Maddison told her about the Hamilton Fellowship. The rest is history!

During her tenure at Jenkins, Summer hopes to make an impact in the gardens, especially at the pond area, expanding the bog garden and bringing more native plants to the pond's edge. She is interested in educating people about bogs and next spring she hopes to present a program on preserving wetlands.

When she completes her hands-on Hamilton Educational Fellowship, she hopes to go back to school to earn a doctorate in botany. It is her hope that the experience she gains from her Hamilton Fellowship will steer her in the right direction. For now, we feel lucky to have her on our team!



## Our Wistful Farewells

### Farewell to Maddison

It was with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Maddison Paule at the end of June as she completed her two-year Hamilton Fellowship. Maddison accepted a full time position at Tyler Arboretum and will be working there as development coordinator on a development team of three.

Knowing how much she loved being outdoors and working directly with plants in the gardens, we asked her how she felt about taking a 9 – 5 office job. She said this position would round out her understanding of how a public garden really works from the inside out and she is excited about learning new skills. She feels it is important for a person intending to build a career in a public garden to understand all aspects of the work involved in maintaining the gardens. During Maddison's time at Jenkins, she chose to use part of her stipend funding to take the Fundamentals of Fundraising Course at Villanova University. This is a one semester course sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals that gives people insight into the inner workings of non-profits from a development standpoint.

Upon arriving at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, one of Maddison's goals was to gain hands-on experience, learning about horticulture and glean knowledge from the people here who are so willing to teach. She considered that the Fellowship would offer practical experience and be a welcome change from academia. She was certainly fulfilled by her Jenkins experience. Beyond that, Maddison's contributions to Jenkins were many.

One area that piqued her interest was beekeeping. Maddison became our resident beekeeper and became so knowledgeable that she conducted several educational workshops on the subject. Her presentations were so



*The Browning hillside project*

interesting and well delivered that we are all betting that one day Maddie will be a professor at a university!

One of Maddison's favorite experiences was rescuing John Doppel's rhododendron collection (see cover story). Maddison loved being involved in the process from dig to bloom at Jenkins. Another of her favorite projects was working on the hillside planting at the Browning property. There she hoped to create "A Bee Heaven". The first year, she concentrated on planting woody plants, natives and ornamentals. The second year she developed a maintenance plan and did much under planting of pollinator plants that would spread.

We are all really going to miss Maddison, her smiling face, her indomitable spirit, and her work ethic. We send her off with love and all good wishes for success and happiness. Tyler Arboretum is so lucky to get her. Actually, we are green with envy! We hope she comes back to visit soon and often.



### Farewell to Paige

Paige Dunlap was a summer intern at Jenkins this year. She found out about Jenkins by looking at the Greater Philadelphia Gardens (GPG) website. Even though she lives in the neighborhood, she had never visited here before this summer!

Before beginning her internship, Paige had just finished her sophomore year at the University of Richmond, where she is majoring in Environmental Science. Last year she took a course in Plant Biology and fell in love with plants. She then knew she would love to learn more about native plants. Landing the internship position at Jenkins was a wonderful opportunity to help her to figure out the next course in her life path. She was particularly fond of greenhouse work, propagation and production, but enjoyed all aspects of working at the Arboretum. She likes smaller organizations and she felt that she was learning a lot from the Hamilton Fellows.

When not at work, Paige enjoys kayaking. She loves water. She also loves musical theater. Her favorite musical is *Seussical*. We liked her upbeat personality and sense of fun as well as her diligent horticultural work as a summer intern.

## What's In Bloom

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is abloom this fall with wonderful native plants, and many of them are also be available for purchase for your home gardens in our plant gift shop. Our plant shop is open daily from 9am – 4pm, 7 days a week. Check the Home Page of our website [www.jenkinsarboretum.org](http://www.jenkinsarboretum.org) for Plant Shop Inventory (selections vary). Click on the 'Gardens' link on our Home Page for additional links to "What's in Bloom" with photos, Educational Programs & Events, and other important and exciting Arboretum information.

### September Blooming Interest:



**Sourwood** *Oxydendrum arboreum* (left) can be found in our F. Livingston Fletcher Green Ribbon Native Plant® Garden with color starting in September.

**Pokeweed** *Phytolacca americana* (below) can be found at our Stream Walk. Pokeweed fruits appear in late August through September.



**Deciduous azalea hybrid** *Rhododendron* X 'Bright Forecast' can be found in the upper wildflower bed. It blooms through September.

**Rough leaf goldenrod** *Solidago rugosa* or 'Fireworks' can be seen in the lower wildflower bed where it blooms through September.

**Narrow leaf ironweed** *Vernonia lettermannii* or 'Iron Butterfly' can be found in the upper wildflower bed. It blooms August through September.



**New England aster** *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* (above) grows profusely in the wildflower beds and blooms September through October.



**Strawberry bush** *Euonymus americanus* (above) can be found in several locations around the Arboretum gardens. Strawberry bush fruits September through October.

**Blue wood aster** *Symphyotrichum cordifolium*. This native wildflower can be found on Jenkins Road. It blooms September through October.



## October Blooming Interest

**Ladies' tresses orchid** *Spiranthes cernua*. (below) This delicate orchid grows down in the bog garden by the pond. It flowers through October.



**Winterberry holly** *Ilex verticillata* (left) can be found in the Green Ribbon Native Plant® Garden. This holly fruits in late August through winter.

**White heath aster** *Aster ericoides* grows in our wild flower beds and flowers through October.

**Eastern wahoo** *Euonymus atropurpureus* can be found in the upper wildflower bed. The leaves color and the plant fruits through October.

**New England aster 'Purple Dome'** *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* can be seen in the wildflower beds and this aster blooms in October.

**Smooth aster 'Blue Bird'** *Symphyotrichum laeve* grows in the upper wildflower bed and blooms through October.

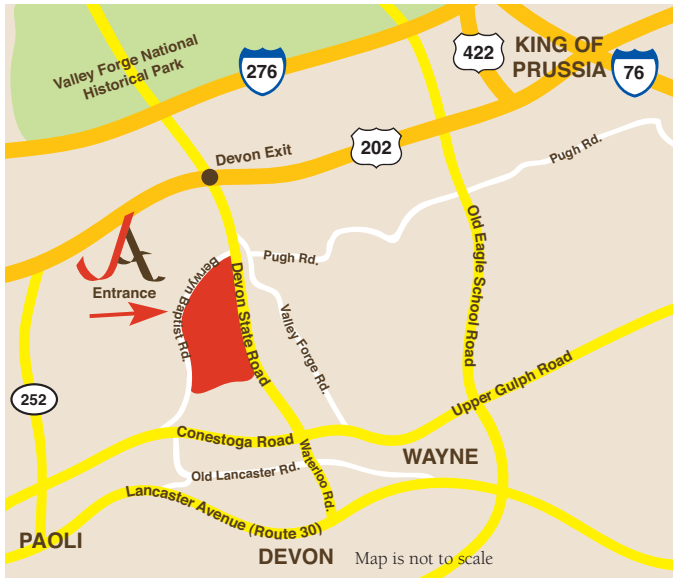


**Maple-leaf viburnum** *Viburnum acerifolium* (above) does well and can be found in woodland locations in the gardens. Its color is vibrant through October.

**Small cranberry** *Vaccinium oxycoccos* grows happily in the bog garden. The fruits appear in September through October.

Come for a visit! You will be pleasantly surprised! We are the garden in your backyard and one of the best kept secrets on the Main Line – 48 acres of native Pennsylvania forest and wildflowers. Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is a gem, a garden for all seasons. Renowned for our springtime rhododendron and azalea collections, Jenkins is beautiful and offers much to behold in summer, autumn and winter as well. The gardens are open 365 days a year from 8am to sunset, free of charge for all visitors. The John J. Willaman Education Center is open daily from 9 am – 4pm, also free of charge. Jenkins is supported through membership, the generosity of individual donors and foundations and by growing our endowment. The Forever Jenkins Endowment Campaign – Endow an Acre – is ongoing. Learn more about the campaign and how you can become involved and 'Take a Stake' in the preservation of this treasured community asset by going to our website at [www.jenkinsarboretum.org](http://www.jenkinsarboretum.org) or by calling our Development Office at 610-647-8870 X152. Share the beauty and help us grow!





*Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Admission is free.  
John J. Willaman Education Center: 9 am-4 pm*



*Photo (left) © Bob Lyons*

*Autumn Afternoon (right)  
by Valerie Craig*

## Save the Dates!

Join us for two wonderful exhibitions this fall  
in celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

### Photography Exhibition

#### Celebrating Light and Color: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**September 24 – October 30; Reception: September 25, 4-6 pm**

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### Painting Exhibition

#### Valerie Craig: Land and Sky

**November 5 – December 11**

**Reception: November 12, 3-6 pm**

**Artist Talk: November 20, 2 pm**

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