Help Honor the Retirement of the Executive Director
Please Give to the Fund in Honor of Harold and Christine Sweetman

The permanent endowment has many named funds that are recognized in all Newsletter/Annual Report publications. Past president of the Jenkins board, Karla Herr, and her late husband Phil, have been generous supporters for many years and it was their desire to establish the Fund in Honor of Harold and Christine Sweetman. Funds in the endowment will ensure Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens will be a public garden for many generations to come.

Forever Jenkins - Endow an Acre Campaign is currently 67% ($13.3 million) toward the goal of $20 million by the year 2020.

Harold Sweetman Receives National Award

At this year’s Annual Conference of the American Public Gardens Association, Harold Sweetman was awarded one of the Association’s most prestigious honors. The Award of Merit recognizes an American Public Gardens Association member who has performed with distinction in the field of public horticulture and has excelled as a public garden professional at one or more institutions. The recipient’s accomplishments encompass some combination of botany, horticulture, conservation, gardening, research, extension, education, development, or administration. It could be considered a lifetime achievement award, as it is intended to be given to an individual during the mid-to-latter part of an illustrious career.

This is an incredible achievement and recognizes more than 30 years of hard work, perseverance and dedication to the field of horticulture. For Harold to have done it all at one place makes it even more impressive.

An Era Comes to a Close
Harold Sweetman Announces Plan to Retire as Executive Director - Spring 2019

There has always been a Director with the Sweetman name at Jenkins Arboretum from 1974 until 2019. Leonard Sweetman was hired by the trustee at that time to begin the initial plantings even before opening to the public in 1976. As the only full-time gardening director, Leonard worked tirelessly for the last 12 years of his life in growing a public garden for the future yet one he would never have the opportunity to enjoy in his retirement. Leonard dedicated the last months of his life to helping his son, Harold Sweetman, transition as the next garden director. Leonard died suddenly from a stroke the week following his full retirement in 1986. Harold, like his father, was the only full-time staff/gardener until 1999.

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Dear Members and Friends of Jenkins,

The field of horticulture is so rewarding, engaging, and purposeful – the past 32 years as Executive Director seem to have passed in a flash. Watching this garden grow has been a wonderful experience thanks to the support and hard work of so many. Taking the time to reflect on the past I feel so thankful to have had the opportunity to help develop a new public garden in the Philadelphia area – truly America’s Garden Capital.

This newsletter announces my retirement and there will soon be new leadership. With talented and dedicated staff and a committed Board of Directors, the continued success and growth of Jenkins is assured.

Congratulations to Steve Wright on receiving the Chanticleer Scholarship for professional development and I would like to extend a warm welcome to the four new Board members.

In addition to the professional accomplishments associated with my long tenure, there is the great personal joy and satisfaction of having my wife, Christine, share in the experience. Residing in the Jenkins house all these years and raising our daughter, Brenna, here in the gardens could not have been more ideal. In a sense, every day was like Earth Day. Every seasonal change had its challenges (weeds, grass, leaves, snow, and ice) but there was always a natural beauty which filled the soul.

Gratitude and thankfulness must be extended to so many individuals, organizations, and foundations that have supported my career and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens all these many years. Thank you all. Today Jenkins continues to grow the careers of the next generation who will be able to experience the many rewards of this exceptional field. I know that the future of Jenkins and even our environment is in good hands.

The Forever Jenkins – Endow an Acre Endowment Campaign is a vital part of sustaining the future of Jenkins. Please help Jenkins by contributing and if supporting the campaign at this time is not possible, please consider a planned gift by putting Jenkins in your will. Christine and I made the decision to do just this many years ago. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Harold E. Sweetman, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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An Era Comes to a Close

Harold Sweetman, over the past 32 years, continued planting with each growing season. In addition to growing the gardens, he grew a staff of dedicated horticulturists. Maggie Knapp was the very first full-time gardener in 1999, followed by remarkable Hamilton Educational Fellows, including Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture and Maddison Paule, current Head Horticulturist. With the gardens flourishing and the resulting increased visitation, the John J. Willaman Education Center opened in 2009. Behind the scenes, Janice Legg, Administrator, and Janet Bauman, Development Director, also became full-time staff in 2009. Also behind the scenes for 25 years has been a governing Board of Directors composed of talented community leaders, professionals, and horticultural enthusiasts.

With the Forever Jenkins - Endow an Acre Endowment Campaign well underway and approaching the $20 million goal, hopefully by 2020, it seemed time to make way for a new director. Undoubtedly the new Executive Director, along with passionate gardeners, staff, and community members all dedicated to the special mission of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, will ensure that Jenkins will continue to flourish and be a vibrant public garden “Forever.”

Help Honor the Retirement of the Executive Director

Please Give to the Fund in Honor of Harold and Christine Sweetman

Help us honor Harold by contributing to the fund. Reaching the endowment goal of $20 million by 2020 will fulfill his vision.

Many people are unaware that Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins left in trust a modest $600,000 and there were no gardens - only undisturbed woodlands. The gardens and the endowment have grown dramatically over the years thanks to the wonderful generosity of individuals and foundations that truly recognize the importance of preserving Jenkins will into the future.

Please help Jenkins reach our goal by contributing to the Fund in Honor of Harold and Christine Sweetman or by creating another named fund in someone else’s honor. If financially supporting this campaign at this time is not possible, please consider making a pledge or planned gift in the future by including Jenkins in your will.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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Biographical Background Leading to the Award of Merit

Born in Las Animas, Colorado, Harold Sweetman moved to Pennsylvania at the age of 8. The boyhood experience of growing up on a small farm where his family grew cash crops, ran a nursery and greenhouse as well as florist business may have influenced his future career path. He attended the University of Massachusetts as an undergraduate, ultimately earning a Ph.D. in Biology from Boston University. He then returned to PA in 1986 to assume responsibility for the development of the newly established Jenkins Arboretum from his father, Leonard Sweetman, its first director. Hired as an independent contractor by the trustee, he remained the sole full-time employee until 1999, assuming all responsibility of maintaining and promoting a small public garden on the Main Line of the Philadelphia suburbs.

The Philadelphia area is now recognized as “Americas Garden Capital”. Jenkins was the only public garden in the area conceived and developed where no built landscape previously existed. Concentrating on ericaceous plants, which were uniquely suited to the highly acidic, well-drained soils of the site, Harold worked to increase the plant collections and expanded them to include other native plant species with the concept that Jenkins Arboretum should showcase the diversity of Eastern North American native flora. The existing undisturbed native woodlands were ideal for creating a naturalistic landscape design.

Because of the limitations of a modest $600,000 trust established at the Arboretum's inception, Harold created a Friends group to help with funding, maintaining, and growing the garden, all the while insuring free admission to the garden, which is open 365 days a year. Over time, this Friends group ultimately assumed governance of the Arboretum, opening the possibility of membership and today there are close to 1,000 loyal member households. Harold's goal was to provide a place of peace, beauty, and tranquility in a busy Main Line corridor as well as to educate the public about native flora, especially ericaceous plants, with the hopes that many of these plants could be incorporated into area gardens.

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens has been recognized by the Plant Collections Network of the APGA for both Rhododendron and Mountain Laurel Collections. To that end he has made several trips to the Himalayas of China and India on plant expeditions as well as attending many horticultural conferences around the country. In addition, he has given countless lectures and informational workshops to local garden clubs and community groups, all with the aim of promoting the garden and its collections.

Dr. Sweetman has managed to expand the gardens now working with a dedicated staff of seven, three full time in administration, four full time horticulturists including two endowed Hamilton Fellowships, several part-time staff, and a core group of dedicated volunteers. Successful capital campaigns led to building a new LEED Gold certified John J. Willaman Education Center in 2009 extending the scope of the gardens to highlight local artists through gallery exhibitions and garden clubs, as well as four plant society flower shows and public plant sales. Harold has worked tirelessly to promote the Arboretum & Gardens as a “jewel” in the community and to compliment rather than compete with the larger public gardens. This newsletter seemed the perfect time to announce Harold's retirement. The garden has been his life's work and once the Forever Jenkins Endowment Campaign is complete, the garden will be secure and his work done.
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Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens
New Members to the Board of Directors

Nancy H. Holmes

Nancy’s 15-year background as an operating room nurse specializing in orthopedic trauma at the University of Arkansas Medical Center led her to Paoli, PA in 1990 to work for Synthes, USA, an orthopedic implant company. Her work in product development took her down the path of education for surgeons and in 2006 she became Regional Director of AO Spine North America, one of 4 Clinical Divisions of AO North America. She directed all activities and initiatives of the AO Spine Board and its committees (Education, Research, Fellowships & Community Development).

In 2011, she was appointed Executive Director of AO North America (AONA), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit medical education organization specializing in Continuing Medical Education for Orthopedic Trauma, Spine, Cranio-maxillofacial and Veterinary surgeons. This expanded her role to include not only AO Spine but also AO Trauma, AO CMF and AO VET, ensuring that each of the 4 Clinical Divisions’ boards and committees operated according to charter under the AONA Board oversight. Her role as Executive Director included international relations representing AO North America as one of 5 international regions of the AO Foundation based in Davos, Switzerland.

Upon retiring in 2016, Nancy became a volunteer at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, where she works in the greenhouse & plant shop and helps during plant sales. Nancy is an active member of the Weeders Garden Club, the Hardy Plant Society, and the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society. This year we invited her to join the Board at Jenkins and happily she accepted. Welcome!

Walter H. Lenhard IV

Walter grew up on the Main Line and attended Episcopal Academy. He then went on to get his BA from Bucknell University, majoring in International Relations. He spent his entire career working at Vanguard where he specialized in running their equity index mutual funds. He retired in August 2017 and has been spending his time working with various organizations on a philanthropic level. As a Board member, Walter hopes to take his knowledge and experience from his years at Vanguard to assist in strengthening the financial success of Jenkins for the long term. In his free time, Walter enjoys playing squash and looks forward to the warmer weather when he can get back on his sailboat. Walter currently lives in Villanova with his two daughters. Welcome!
New Members to the Board of Directors

Susan L. Mintun

Susan L. Mintun is an artist, horticulturist and educator. She is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis with Bachelor's degrees in Fine Art and Business, and a Master's degree in Plant Science. From 2001 to 2010 she was on the faculty of Meramec College in St. Louis where she taught horticulture and curated the campus plant collections. After moving back to the Philadelphia area, where she grew up, she retired from horticulture to pursue her interest in botanical illustration. She is a member of the Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators, serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Botanical Artists and is an active volunteer at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. She has authored articles and given many lectures on topics in plant science, horticulture and botanical illustration, and exhibits her botanical art widely. Susan and her husband, Mark, have two grown sons, and live in Villanova with one spoiled cat and the world's best dog, Luther. She will be a tremendous asset to Jenkins. Welcome to our newest Board member!

William (Bill) Schwarze

Bill and his wife Sharon have resided for over forty-five years on Pugh Road in Wayne, just a few blocks from Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. They are frequent visitors to the gardens and they enjoy attending the educational programs. Bill has a chemical engineering degree from Yale University and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has practiced intellectual property law for several firms in Philadelphia over the last fifty years and just retired in 2018. Bill looks forward to using much of his retirement time serving as a Jenkins Board member and volunteer and hopes that his analytical skills in engineering and law will be of value to the Finance and Buildings & Grounds Committees. From the wooded landscapes of his home in Wayne and vacation property in New Hampshire, Bill has developed an interest in the control of invasive species and the conservation of native plants and wildlife, which he hopes to put to use at Jenkins. Welcome!
Steve Wright Awarded Chanticleer Scholarship

In December 2017, Steve Wright, Jenkins Arboretum's Director of Horticulture and Curator of Plant Collections, became one of two recipients of the esteemed Chanticleer Scholarship.

Since 2008, The Chanticleer Scholarship in Professional Development has promoted creativity and leadership by providing public garden professionals across the country with financial support for academic training to improve their leadership skills. Specifically, the scholarship supports an educational experience and travel expenses to meet with other leaders in the field of public horticulture. With this support, Steve's primary goal was to meet with the curators and garden managers at other gardens who are managing nationally accredited collections of Rhododendrons. In addition to simply seeing their gardens, Steve was interested in sharing plant lists, learning how those organizations curate and manage their collections, and generally "talking shop". He also used the opportunity to visit nurseries and individuals who have made significant contributions in the world of native azalea conservation and propagation. The experience took him all over the east coast with stops in Auburn, AL, Marietta, GA, Sevierville, TN, Asheville, NC, Aiken, SC, Richmond, VA, and New London, CT.

The Scholarship is aimed at public garden employees who are in, or hope to move into, leadership positions and feel they need more training and exposure. With such a small staff at Jenkins, these travel opportunities are rare, and taking significant time away from the Arboretum during the busiest time of the year makes things a bit complicated. Regardless, the experience proved to be very valuable for Steve, and the connections made will be valuable well into the future at Jenkins.

Many thanks go to the Chanticleer Foundation for providing this wonderful opportunity.
Our New Hamilton Educational Fellow
Tara Vent

Tara arrived at Jenkins in May as our new Hamilton Educational Fellow. Asked what brought her to Jenkins, Tara told us that she was working for a family on their farm and she knew there must be something more, yet she was not sure what that something was. She started exploring the local gardens in the area and came across the Fellowship position, a week after the applications were due! Crossing her fingers, she sent in her application and here she is! We are delighted to welcome Tara to the Jenkins community.

Tara spent the first six years of her life on a farm in Tennessee. After moving to New Jersey, she did not have much further exposure to gardening. However, she spent her days riding her bike, exploring the woods, lake, and wildlife behind her house, and building “log cabins” with scraps of wood.

Tara loves horticulture. In December 2015 she received her certificate in horticultural therapy from the Horticultural Therapy Institute. The following May, she graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Horticulture with an emphasis on design.

She feels that Jenkins provides opportunities for Fellows to grow and explore in their own unique ways. She feels grateful to those who have made it possible for her to learn by providing educational experiences and a wealth of resources. Tara is interested in learning more about the ecosystem of the mid-Atlantic while at Jenkins. She is curious about how things are intertwined and dependent on each other. She feels already that Jenkins has given her so much opportunity and she hopes to give back in any way she can. A few small ways she plans to give back include using her design skills to beautify the front entrance, to share her wonderful smile, and to bring something delicious to eat and share on volunteer days.

Coming into the Fellowship at Jenkins, Tara’s career goal was to pursue horticultural therapy. She has experience in this field and has enjoyed it. However, since starting the Fellowship her career goals have changed nearly every week. Jenkins has opened her eyes to seemingly countless opportunities, and she is excited to continue to learn and narrow in on a career goal.

Some of Tara’s favorite things are “the obvious”: sunshine, hammocking, reading, her handsome husband, family, faith, and foot massages. Some of the “not-so-obvious” things are the feeling she gets when she sees a cairn after straying from the path, living and working in an arboretum, dusk at the pond when the wildflowers are blooming and the bats, toads, and insects are alive with activity.

Tara is such a good fit for Jenkins. We are so happy she found us and we are looking forward to getting to know her even better in the next two years.
You might be wondering about the “Buck Slips” tucked into your mail from Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. This small slip will help us determine which of our constituents use donor advised funds. These are becoming a popular vehicle for giving, especially among the younger generation. As private foundations become more and more costly to run, donor advised funds managed by a larger entity are one solution. Buck slips can be used for other important messages, much the same purpose as our quarterly post cards served. They are more cost effective than post cards and do not increase postage on a letter. Buck slips can be inserted in every letter that goes out. The “buck slip” concept is being used all around the country as a way to deliver poignant messages in an economical way.

Jenkins is really on the cutting edge! Please take the time to get in touch with us and let Jenkins know if you have a Donor Advised Fund and, if you do, we would be so grateful if you would name Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens as a designated recipient of your generosity in giving.

The Children’s Garden

For more than a decade, the idea of developing an area designated for children and families has been proposed, discussed, and mulled over at length. The Arboretum’s difficult terrain was always a concern, but one small, wooded area near the Education Center proved to be a perfect little niche. This was the year the Children’s Garden would come to be a reality. We thank the Connelly Foundation for funding this educational endeavor, as well as the many individuals who have added funding to the project. The wooded area has it all—flat ground, interesting plants, convenient location, and even a rhododendron “room”. A planting of old small-leaved rhododendrons that grew together provides an inviting arched entryway. Of course though, no new garden spaces are created without a significant amount of planning and work. Luckily, we had lots of help.

Ethan Tweedie, middle, and members of Boy Scout team.
We cannot adequately thank the volunteers who helped to bring the Children’s Garden project to fruition. The Arboretum’s weekly horticulture volunteers spent several days clearing shrubs, raking out debris, and filling in dips and holes. Then, we had the great opportunity to partner with a local Boy Scout, Ethan Tweedie, who was in need of an Eagle Scout project. What perfect timing! For two days at the end of March, Ethan led a group of other scouts to finish clearing plants, filling holes, raking, planting, mulching, and adding wood chips. He is also responsible for the “tree cookie” pathway into the garden area. Ethan took the oak slabs home with him and sanded, sealed, and coated them with a non-slip additive – all on his own time. It’s worth noting that this is the first time in recent years that an Eagle Scout project has been completed in the publically accessible part of the Arboretum. Ethan and his team did a fantastic job.

The Arboretum’s staff and volunteers went back to add some finishing touches and additions, namely the natural materials scattered around the children’s garden to be used as building material for fairy houses, gnome homes, forest forts, and other fanciful woodland dwellings. Local embellisher (as he calls himself), Barry Marron, created a whimsical tree house using natural materials that sits atop a tall stump as you enter the garden as well as an ornate bird house attached to another nearby tree.

Appreciation for her well thought out and carefully drafted gardens design goes to our Board member, Sally Wood. We thank Ted Patterson and Jack Linvill, Board members, for the idea of having Aldo Leopold benches in the Children’s Garden. They found someone to build the benches, and Ted and Jack spent an entire day staining them.

Education volunteers have been working to create programs, such as a weekly story hour, and some educational interpretation, such as informative tree plaques. We will continue to develop programs and determine if there is a need for expansion in future years, and so far, the area has been very well received. Whether you are a child or an adult, it is certainly a fun, relaxing, and enchanting space. We hope you will come and enjoy it as much as we do.
We Are Always Growing

Here at Jenkins, we grow plants – LOTS of plants. They are grown for many different reasons – some are grown for research purposes, some will be planted in the gardens, some will be sold in the Plant Shop, and some will be given away for membership, Mother’s Day gifts, and volunteer appreciation. Many will be donated to other organizations for special projects, sales, or silent auctions. Keeping track of all of these plants is no small feat. With that in mind, we have been working to increase our capacity and improve the growing conditions for these plants.

About a year ago, the Arboretum’s horticulture staff began the task of converting a 2500 square foot “field nursery” to a container nursery. Some will argue that growing plants in the ground is a much better way, yet it was a constant battle against Canada thistle, mile-a-minute weed stilt grass, stinging nettle, and a whole host of other unwanted weeds. Maintaining this area was challenging and often, the weeds were outcompeting the plants we were trying to grow.

The first step of the conversion was to dig out the existing plants. Then, we filled the holes with topsoil, leveled the ground, rolled out nursery groundcover, and, by the end of this past spring, we had built four 45’ X 10’ holding boxes with overhead irrigation. This project has nearly tripled the Arboretum’s growing capacity from just over 1,000 square feet to just under 3,000 square feet.

We thank local scout, Drew Landaiche, for choosing to help us with this as his Eagle Scout project this past June. It was a hot, exhausting day, yet with the help of a team of other scouts, friends, and family, Drew led the transformation of one half of this space, from start to finish. Thanks, Drew!
Who knew that planting cranberries in a display bog was a bad idea? Not us. After years of editing cranberries and marsh ferns from around other important plants in our bog, we realized we were simply spinning our wheels. The cranberries were too rampant for us to manage and they displaced nearly everything else that had once enjoyed its place in the sun (or should we say muck?).

So, in the fall of 2017, the Arboretum’s staff began the renovation process by removing all of the cranberries and marsh ferns. It was a fairly easy task, which is not something we can say very often here at Jenkins. Staff was able to lift large sheets of plants and move them to a new location where they can now be left to grow unchecked. This left us with a large, empty space, but lots of ideas.

The replanting of the bog took several months of thinking, planning, and researching our plant options. After acquiring several new and exciting species, the staff raked out, replanted, and mulched the entire bog, including one floating structure, in just one day. Many of the new plants are real show-stoppers. There are three species of native orchids (grass pink, ladies’ tresses, and rose pogonia), three species of pitcher plants (the big ones), bog Labrador tea (a rhododendron), and even a marsh milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*). Even with all these beautiful additions, the star of the show might just be a plant new to us called Plymouth Rose Gentian (*Sabatia kennedyana*). This plant features 2" wide, fragrant, pink, daisy-like flowers that bloom all summer long. We hope you will stop by and enjoy this new and improved garden area and watch through the years as these plants mix and mingle to fill in all the gaps.
## Activities & Events Registration Guidelines

Pre-registration is required unless otherwise noted in program descriptions. Please see individual program descriptions for specific guidelines. To register, go to [http://JAGardens.eventbrite.com](http://JAGardens.eventbrite.com) or 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 credit card.

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 refunded.

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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. Take a look at the offerings and sign up today! Please call or visit our website to register.

Thursday Nature Stories

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Thursdays, Sept. 6 – Oct. 25, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Led by staff and volunteers
Come and visit our Children's Garden and enjoy a nature-themed read aloud. After the story, you and your child or grandchild are welcome to borrow a Jenkins Explorer Vest and binder of materials to enjoy as you walk along the garden paths.
Appropriate for children 3 to 8 accompanied by an adult.
Rain or shine event.
Free of charge.
Pre-registration required.

Yoga At Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

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Two six-week Courses:
Monday, September 10 - Monday October 15,
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
Monday, October 22 - Monday, November 26
6:00 pm - 7:15pm

Presented by the YogaLife Institute,
yogaDevon, 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 15, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

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

Fall is a great time for planting. The heat of summer has passed but there is still time for newly-planted roots to establish before heaving frosts begin. You can think of late-season planting as a head start on the next year. Steve will begin this program in the John J. Willaman Education Center with a brief slide presentation to show some of the “how-tos” and will then lead the group to an area just outside the Education Center to demonstrate proper planting techniques. You’ll learn everything you need to know to ensure the survival of your fall plantings.

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

All are welcome.

**Sidewalk Chalk Walk**

Wednesday, September 19, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Get your creative juices flowing and join us as we draw our way through Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens! In this morning of “graffiti with permission” we will use sidewalk chalk to illustrate a mural stretching from the Green Ribbon Native Plant® Gardens near the John J. Willaman Education Center through the forest, and all the way down to the pond. Do not miss this special morning of family fun and endless doodling! Be sure to check out the Children’s Garden while you are here.

Please check in at the garden entrance before beginning your drawings. Chalk will be provided.

**Free of charge. All are welcome. No pre-registration required.**
Bonsai Bonanza!
Saturday, September 22, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Led by John Cassels, Hamilton Educational Fellow and Bonsai Enthusiast
Bonsai is an ancient art form that has existed for centuries. It inspires creativity and connects people to the natural world. However, not everyone knows how to train a tree to grow into a miniature living masterpiece. If you have been considering picking up Bonsai as a hobby but never knew where to start, have no fear. Come join us for a crash course on Bonsai. During the lecture, you will learn everything from the science to the styles of Bonsai. After the lecture stick around for a workshop where we will get you started on your very own Bonsai. This lecture and workshop will provide you everything you need to know about the ancient art of Bonsai so you can go home confident and excited to begin your creative journey to a deeper connection with nature.
Free of Charge. Pre-registration required for the workshop as space is limited.

Plant Shop Super Sale Weekend
Friday October 12 through Sunday October 14, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Plant Clinic/Tool maintenance
Friday, ONLY, Oct. 12, 9:00 am – 4:00 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 for items such as pruners and loppers. 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. Members receive SUPER discounts. All are welcome.
**Hawk Mountain Bus Trip**  
*Thursday, October 11, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm*

According to the data and research at Hawk Mountain, Autumn is the best time of year to spot hawks as they migrate through Pennsylvania. Join Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff on an outing to Hawk Mountain for a raptor and fall color hike. We will meet at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens at 8 am and head via bus to Hawk Mountain. Once we arrive, you may choose the best trail for you – one that is ADA accessible to the South Lookout or a more rigorous hike up to the North Lookout. Both trails offer outstanding views, hopefully full of fall color and raptors! Pack your own lunch to enjoy at the lookout.  
**Pre-registration required. Group size is limited.**  
$65 members, $75 non-members

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**Fall Festival and Picnic**  
*Sunday, October 14, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm*

Join us for a fun-filled fall afternoon at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. You provide your own picnic, we’ll provide a wide variety of programing including themed, nature crafts, a tree ID program led by Gene McMillen of Shreiner Tree Care, a honey trail, and a sing along in the Children’s Garden with Jack Linville! For this special afternoon only we are opening up our garden for your picnicking pleasure! Bring a basket and blanket to stretch out on the lawn.  
**All are welcome. Free of charge. No pre-registration required.**

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**Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Lecture:**  
*Tyler Arboretum: Goats, Groundhogs & Gorgeous Grounds*  
*Thursday, October 18, 7:30 pm*

Presented by Cricket Brien, Executive Director of Tyler Arboretum

Tyler Arboretum is perfect for all children, parents, fuddy-duddies, artists, wanderers, and seekers of beauty and solitude. With 650 acres, diverse and rare landscapes, and 337 years of history, Cricket Brien, executive director of Tyler Arboretum, will share Tyler’s evolution from working farm to public garden. Part of Tyler’s strategy for success has involved going back to its farming roots! Learn how goats can be partners in landscape management, how fire is an important tool for landscape restoration, and vegetables connect gardeners to the natural world we all share.  
**Free of Charge. All are welcome.**
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**Cranberry Harvest and Whitesbog Bus Tour**

*Thursday, October 25, 2018, 7:15 am – 4:30 pm*

Join us at 7:15 am for a leisurely drive through the rich farmlands of southern New Jersey to our destination at Brown's Mill, New Jersey to learn the history of cranberry growing and witness the actual harvesting of cranberries. Included in our visit will be a demonstration of the cooking uses of cranberries. After our cranberry tour, we will have a picnic lunch and then be off to Whitesbog for a visit to the historic village where Highbush blueberries were first selected and grown. We will also tour a classic Pine Barrens bog—no rubber boots required. The bus will return about 4:30 pm.

**Bus departs Jenkins at 7:15 am & returns at 4:30 pm.**

*Box lunch is included. Pre-registration required. Class size limited.*

*$90 members, $100 non-members*

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**Colored Pencil & Pastel Dust on Coquille Board**

*Saturday, October 27, 1 – 4 pm*

*Led by Scott Rawlins, Artist, Scientific Illustrator and Designer*

*Co-sponsored by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens and the Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators*

Coquille board is a textured paper that reduces drawn lines to a stipple-like pattern resembling a mezzotint. Black and white drawings on coquille board are executed as if they were tonal but can be reproduced as line—which is a real time saver for those who work slowly! It is also possible to use colored media on coquille board. “Thin” media such as pastel and colored pencil will adhere to the surface adequately without destroying its distinguishing texture. This combination of media produces results that resemble tinted stipple drawings.

Scott Rawlins graduated from Earlham College with a degree in biology, and holds graduate degrees in museum education and medical & biological illustration from the George Washington University and the University of Michigan respectively. Scott is a Professor at Arcadia University where he teaches scientific illustration and design. He regularly exhibits his artwork nationally and has served on the boards of the Guild as well as the American Association of Botanical Artists and the Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators. His illustrations have appeared in the Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Invertebrate Biology, Acta Zoologica and Zootaxa as well as many other publications. Scott currently works as a research associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

*Pre-registration required.*

*Free for Jenkins and PSBI members.*

*Class size limited.*

*$10 for non-members.*

*Drawings by Scott Rawlins*

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5 Year Old Teresa Lamelli, and Her Family from Philadelphia, are Picking Cranberries at Whitesbog, in Browns Mills, New Jersey. (1910)
Conservation Woodlands Walkabout
Saturday, November 3, 10:00 am
Rain date is Saturday, November 10

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

As the Arboretum looks to its future, we evaluate opportunities to allow access into areas of the property that are currently private, but have enormous potential. We would like to extend an invitation to our membership to join our Board of Directors on an annual tour of the "Conservation Woodlands" on the Browning Hillside. You may have admired from afar our efforts to restore parts of this area and now is your chance to see it all up close. We will be offering simple refreshments and even a secret (edible) treat. It’s sure to be another inspiring autumn walk through the woods.

Program offered to Patron, Sustaining, and Circle of Friends members only
Pre-registration is required.

Botanical Dye Workshop
Saturday, November 3, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Led by Tara Vent, Hamilton Educational Fellow
Learn how to repurpose your kitchen and garden scraps to use as botanical dyes! In this workshop, participant will learn which fabrics, materials, and techniques work best. Students will make a pillowcase using the dyes provided and are welcome to bring a pre-washed white cotton garment of their own to dye.

$10 for members, $15 for non-members.
Pre-registration required. Class size is limited.
Educational Programs & Events

Gift Bags For All Seasons
A Recycling Workshop
Sunday, November 4, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Led by Hope Marshall, Milena Trosini, and Jean Thorpe, Arboretum volunteers
Would you like to create your own unique gift bags for that special person? Join Jenkins volunteers, Hope Marshall, Milena Trosini, and Jean Thorpe, to learn how to turn recycled materials including newsprint, circulars, and brochures into a variety of gift bags and tags just in time for the hostess gifts you will be bringing to holiday parties or for your friends and family birthdays. You will leave this workshop with at least 3 bags of varying sizes and the know-how to continue making them at home. All recycled materials will be provided. Please bring a few sharpened pencils, a ruler, and a single hole punch (if you have one). Also, you are welcome to bring your own recycled materials including greeting cards, circulars, or catalogues and ribbon or cord to use as handles.
Free for members, $5 for non-members
Pre-registration required. Class size is limited.

Spray and Pray:
Misguided faith in pesticides isn’t the answer to our mosquito and tick problems.
Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 pm

Presented by Dan Duran, PhD, associate professor, Department of Biodiversity, Earth and Environmental Science, Drexel University
In this lecture, Dr. Dan Duran will discuss the efficacy of common methods used to control these backyard pests. He will also address the environmental implications of the various methods. Dr. Duran in an engaging speaker whose energetic lecture style is appreciated by his students as well as the general public.

Dr. Duran is an Associate Teaching Professor at Drexel and an adjunct member at the Barnes Foundation Arboretum School. He is also president and co-founder of a the non-profit, Mid-Atlantic Native & Threatened Insect Zoo (MANTIZ). He received a BS in Environmental Science and a Ph.D. in Evolution and Ecology in 2010. He has also worked at the Natural History museum in London and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. Currently, he teaches courses about topics pertaining to ecology, evolution, insects, and plants. Dr. Duran is also the co-author of the book, "A Field Guide to the Tiger Beetles of the United States and Canada, 2nd Edition."
Free of charge. No pre-registration required. All are welcome.
Arboretum’s staff and volunteers are once again offering this workshop to help give new life to some of your neglected old houseplants. We can prune, clean, and repot with fresh soil mix (yes, we can do orchids). We can even give them a shot of fertilizer to get them going. The Arboretum will supply the soil, fertilizer, and expertise, but we ask that participants bring their own containers. So bring your houseplants to the Arboretum for a plant pick-me-up.

Note: In most cases, the containers the plants are currently in will work fine, but if they need to be bumped into a larger container, you will need to supply that container.

$10 per repot (members receive one free repot).
No pre-registration required.

**Impromptu Wednesday Walkabouts**

The staff at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens invites you join us for three Wednesday Walkabouts this fall. The first will focus on fall wildflowers, the second will focus on fall color (foliage), and the last will focus on fall/winter fruits. Instead of trying to anticipate the best dates to do these walks though, we have decided that, in order to ensure that these walks can occur at their peak, we will contact you and let you know when they will be happening.

Watch for e-mail notification of these Walkabouts through the season. If you are not receiving e-mails from Jenkins and would like to be placed on our e-mail list, subscribe on our homepage www.jenkinsarboretum.org

Free of Charge, all are welcome.

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**Houseplant Revival and Repotting Workshop**

Friday, November 9th, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

*Hands-on workshop led by Arboretum horticulture staff and greenhouse volunteers*

Back by popular demand, the

**Preserving the Harvest Through Fermentation**

Saturday, November 10, 10:00 am – 12 noon

*Led by Jeanne Calabrese*

The process of fermenting foods is as old as humanity. The practice, by nature, is a partnership with microscopic life. When we ferment foods, we preserve them, make them more digestible and hopefully more delicious.

In this hands on workshop you will learn the basics of lacto-fermentation. Participants will make two ferments; a cabbage based sauerkraut and a liquid brined seasonal vegetable and leave with a pint size jar of each.

$20 for members, $25 for non-members.
Pre-registration required.
Educational Programs & Event

Fermented Beverages: Kombucha, Kefir, Kvass
Saturday, November 10, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Led by Jeanne Calabrese
Join us for a tasting of these non-alcoholic beverages and learn the difference between each fermented drink. Find out what suits your palette and how you can brew these beverages and incorporate them into your diet.

$20 for members, $25 for non-members. Pre-registration required.

Jeanne Calabrese is a sustainable agriculture advocate from the Chicago area and owner of FedUp Ferments, a live vegan culture micro batch producer of Tibicos, a raw, gluten free, vegan culture beverage which promotes a healthy gut. Jeanne also manages her own micro-orchard where she grows paw paws, Asian pears, apples and other small fruits, vegetables and herbs. She is Co-Founder of City Orchards, a not-for-profit entity that works to establish micro-orchards in urban environments, preserving green spaces to engage, to learn and to build community.

Dried Floral Wreath Workshop
Sunday, November 11, 1:00 pm

Led by Maddison Paule, Head Horticulturist
Our native perennials take on a new form and remain beautiful even after they have finished flowering. Join Head Horticulturist, Maddison Paule, for a workshop that will showcase the beauty of naturally dried flowers from our garden. Each participant will go home with their own wreath, and all of the materials will be provided. Please feel free to bring and share any dried flowers/seeds/pine cones from your own garden!

$20 for members, $25 for non-members. Pre-registration required.

Autumn Harvest Arrangement
Monday, November 19, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Led by Heather Moss Potter,
Floral Designer & Proprietor of Cottage Flowers in Malvern
Have fun preparing for Thanksgiving by creating a harvest arrangement in a fun season container! With fellow nature enthusiasts, share the joy of preparing for the holidays, the “natural way”. Containers and floral supplies will be provided. If you have favorite pruners, bring them along with your creative energy. You will go home with a beautiful arrangement for your Thanksgiving tables.

$45 for members, $55 for non-members. Pre-registration required. Class size is limited.
Macramé Workshop
Saturday December 1, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Led by Tara Vent, Hamilton Educational Fellow
Join us for a morning of knot tying! In this macramé workshop, participants will learn a few basic knots to make a plant hanger to take home just in time for the holidays. Students are welcomed to bring along any plant, special pot, small terrarium, or vase that you have in mind. Light refreshments will be served. All materials are provided and all skill levels are welcomed.

$30 for members per participant,
$40 for non-members per participant.
Pre-registration required. Class size is limited.

Gifts from the Garden – A Children’s Workshop — For children aged 5 - 10 years
Saturday, December 1, 2:00 pm -3:30 pm

Led by Helen Standen, Jenkins Greenhouse & Nursery Manager
The season of gift giving is upon us. In this workshop children aged 5 - 10 will have the opportunity to make nature based gifts for their favorite teachers, grandparents and friends. Projects will include a scented dried flower sachet, succulent tea cup, bead and twig wind chime, and butterfly garden seed bombs. Dress for mess!

$10 for members per participant,
$15 for non-members per participant.
Pre-registration required. Class size limited.
An adult must accompany each participant.

Special Paw Paw Day to be Announced
Do we have your email address? Be sure to sign up for our emails to hear about impromptu events and activities like knowing when the pawpaw fruit is perfectly ripe. You will be invited to come see and taste!

Email is the quickest way for us to stay in communication with our members!
Holiday Greens Wreath Workshop
Friday, December 7, 2018, 10 am

Led by Arboretum Staff
Join our horticulture staff for a workshop to create your own holiday wreath with fresh greens from our garden. All of the materials will be provided, and you will learn how to reuse a simple home-made frame for years to come!
While you’re here, stop by to see the Largest Wreath on the Main Line, which will be on display starting December 6th.

All ages are welcome!
Pre-registration required. $15 per wreath
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The mission of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 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.

Our Vision

The Vision of H. Lawrence Jenkins as defined by his will — Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 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.

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.

Building on the past - your contributions made these dramatic changes possible. Thank you!
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- Educational workshops to promote practical horticulture and environmental stewardship at a free or reduced cost to members.
- Newsletters with articles of note about plants, art events, classes, and activities offered at the Arboretum.

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