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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** as defined by the will of H. Lawrence Jenkins states that 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.

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### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **GROWING OPPORTUNITIES**



### Dear Jenkins Family & Friends,

What I love about watching the seasons change, especially winter into spring, is the magic of the "renewal of life". I love the concept that plants can go into a deep dormancy and reemerge in the spring with the vibrance to grow in a new season. As humans, we do not have a chance to go into dormancy, as we are more like an evergreen tree, standing boldly against all the elements that invite us to grow stronger.

As I reflect on my nearly three years at Jenkins, I feel a "toughening" from recent challenges such as severe storms and a global pandemic. I am grateful that Jenkins is a healthy and established organization, with the ability to persist through challenges to continue serving our community. Even

in tough times, Jenkins offers a beautiful botanical collection, engaging programming, and free admission for all of our visitors. Jenkins truly is a public garden for everyone! But there is still so much to be done.

As I look forward, I have been reminded of a popular horticulture adage about the first three years of a plants' growth, "First year they sleep, second year they creep, and third year they leap!"

This has been true for our gardens, now growing for over 45 years. Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture/ Curator of Plant Collections, continues to introduce new plants that enrich the garden with color, texture, and diversity. These new plantings take time to establish and fill in to become part of the unified gardens.

The same is true for a good business, especially a non-profit like Jenkins. We want to keep Jenkins relevant, indispensable, and beautiful for many generations to come. To that goal, we are working on integrating efficient business management tools within our established systems so our staff can better serve our community and operate with our funds more wisely. We are carefully planning for the future and strive to improve the ways in which our visitors and community has access to the resources that Jenkins possesses. I look forward to sharing these plans with you soon.

Everything we have at Jenkins, including the collection plants, pathways, and the John J. Willaman Education Center, is only possible because of the generous gifts of time and support from our community. We are truly community supported. Thank you!

Always growing,

Tom Smarr, Executive Director

### 2022 GREEN RIBBON NATIVE PLANT® SELECTIONS

Nearly twenty years ago, Jenkins introduced its Green Ribbon Native Plant® selection program to elevate the use of native plants in the home landscape. Each year three plants, typically a tree, a shrub, and a wildflower, are selected. To receive this recognition, plants must be native to eastern North America, adaptable to a wide range of environmental conditions, and have horticultural appeal in a variety of landscape situations. Not only are these plants attractive and well-suited for the home garden, but native plants also typically possess great ecological value. These plants can be seen growing in various locations throughout the gardens at Jenkins.

Keep reading to learn more about the 2022 Green Ribbon Native Plant® selections:



### PINK MUHLY GRASS (Muhlenbergia capillaris)

Pink muhly grass is a perennial grass that stands 2–4 feet tall and grows to be 2–3 feet wide. It is a warm-season grass, which means the green foliage will begin growing in the summer, turning a copper color in autumn. Pink muhly grass is a great complement to summer annuals, as it will give some interest later in the season as the blooms of annuals are fading. Around the beginning of fall is also when the vibrant pink flower stalks begin to appear, rising up above the leaves, which will last until the end of the season. This grass is commonly found along roadsides, prairies, and open woodlands. Pink muhly grass grows in clumps, and does not spread through underground stems, making it a relatively easy plant to maintain. It is shade and drought tolerant but performs best with lots of sun and planted in well-draining soil.



### **SWEET AZALEA** (Rhododendron arborescens)

The sweet azalea is a deciduous shrub that can grow up to 10 feet tall with a similar width. It thrives in acidic, well-draining soils and in part shade. There are two main forms of sweet azalea. What could be called the "straight species" blooms in late May to mid-June while the variety called "Georgiana" blooms mid-July to early August. Regardless of form, their flowers have a wonderful, strong fragrance that lives up to its name. The 2-inch-wide flowers can be white, sometimes tinged with pink, and very rarely pink. The leaves turn a lovely crimson/orange in the fall. This species makes an outstanding addition to any garden.



#### **WOODVAMP** (Decumaria barbara)

Woodvamp, also known as climbing hydrangea, is a deciduous, semievergreen vine that has dark, glossy leaves. Its flowers are small, white, and fragrant, and only appear on new growth. It attracts bees and butterflies with its clusters of flowers. Woodvamp is a great candidate to cover the side of a building, grow over a trellis, or even climb up a mature tree. It doesn't do any real harm to the tree, as it tends to cling to the main trunk, instead of competing with the tree by covering its canopy. It also makes a great ground cover and will keep full leaf coverage from the base of the plant to the top of the vine (note that it will only flower when climbing). Woodvamp does exceptionally well in part shade, and is fast growing, reaching up to 5 feet of new growth a year. It can reach a height of about 50 feet.

1991 | The Shreiner Crew (Steve on right)

1994 | Shreiner truck







1989 | Steve Shreiner

in a tree at Jenkins



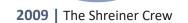




1995 | Steve Shreiner

1996 | The Shreiner

Crew (Steve on Left)





**2012** Grapple hook log truck

**2012** Shreiner truck at Jenkins



**2015** First whole tree chipper

### **UP IN THE TREES:**

### A 35-YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH SHREINER TREE CARE

It has been said that if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life. Clearly, the person who said this was not an arborist! It's hard, hot, and dangerous work, not for the faint of heart. Yet Steve Shreiner approaches each day with the exuberance of a man who has never had a bad day. It was 1986, 35 years ago, that Steve started Shreiner Tree Care. An awful lot happens in 35 years, and this past summer, we sat down with Steve to learn about his story and talk about the wonderful relationship he has built with Jenkins.

Steve's arborist journey started at a young age. His love for the natural world developed as a Boy Scout and grew as he worked as a camp counselor. He found himself drawn to the beauty and grandeur of trees. But it was more than that. He realized that trees had an emotional effect – a grounding effect on him. They evoked a sense of inner peace and he knew early on that trees would become an important part of his life.

In high school, Steve worked with his gym teacher, Sam Virgilio, who operated a tree care business during the summer months. Through this experience, he learned how to climb as well as some of the basics of tree care. Though he started out mowing grass, his growing passion for arboriculture led him to enroll in arborist training programs at Penn State as well as Morris Arboretum and shift his focus entirely to tree work.

While working at a property in Gladwyne in 1986, Steve was introduced to a gardener who happened to be a good friend of Jenkins' recently appointed Executive Director, Harold Sweetman. Harold hired Steve and the rest, as they say, is history. Shreiner Tree Care has been Jenkins' arborist service ever since, and there probably isn't a tree in the garden that Steve hasn't touched! This in itself is impressive; we know that Jenkins is not an easy place to do tree work. The slopes are steep, access is limited, paths are narrow, and there is always a special plant in the way of getting the job done, yet for 35 years, Steve has been here, always with a smile.

It's not just about the trees though; through the years, Steve has been a great supporter of the Arboretum in many ways. He has served on Jenkins' Board of Directors, provided countless consultations, and sponsored numerous events, projects, and programs. He has been a champion for our organization, something that is not lost on us. When asked why, after all this time, after all the challenges, he continues to work with and support Jenkins he had many things to say. Perhaps most importantly, he admires the Arboretum's mission and shares our passion for natural beauty and, yes, trees.

2011 | Shreiner truck

But there is more. Steve was impressed early on by the Arboretum's resourcefulness, perseverance, and leadership. He has great respect for Dr. Sweetman who freely shared his knowledge of plants and who worked tirelessly to develop the organization as the only full-time employee at Jenkins for nearly 15 years. In many ways he saw Harold – and Jenkins – as the "tenacious underdog" working through many challenges to create a beautiful garden and then finding a way to connect the gardens to the community. As someone passionate about trees, he also appreciates that Jenkins exists as an outlet to see his arborists up in the trees, working with them, keeping them alive and healthy. These are things that make the dendrophile in him happy.

Steve also stressed the importance of giving back to the community that supports him. This is his home, the place where it all started, and the community that helped him build the company he has today. You develop many relationships in 35 years and Jenkins is one of many organizations that Shreiner Tree Care has supported over the years. In fact, you may have seen the "Landscaping Donated by Shreiner Tree Care" signs around at places like the Upper Main Line YMCA and the Wayne Post Office. We are all fortunate to have such generous support and hope that other leaders in our community will follow Steve's admirable example.

Shreiner Tree Care has grown significantly over the years. The 3-man crew that arrived at Jenkins in 1986 with an old dump truck and a chipper has grown to a company with over 50 employees, 30 trucks, and 10 arborist crews. In addition to arborist work, Shreiner Tree Care has added Plant Health Care and Landscape divisions to the mix and continues to serve primarily residential clients in the Main Line suburbs.

We are thankful for Steve, for the loyalty, support, and for so many years of exceptional service. Think Trees!

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### WINTER-SPRING GARDEN CHECKLIST

Maintaining Jenkins' gardens is truly a packed schedule all year. Seasonal changes lead to a flurry of activities to carry out to stay ahead of the oncoming growth on our grounds. The following checklist outlines some key activities the Horticulture Team at Jenkins is carrying out in preparation for spring which you may also be able to do in your home landscape.



#### **WINTER ACTIVITIES:**

### **□** RELOCATE STICKS:

Gather fallen branches and sticks from inside plants, garden edges, lawns, and hard surfaces to tidy up spaces. Break them up by hand, with loppers or handsaws and throw them further back into the garden beds. Keeping the branches and sticks in your garden provides for wildlife.

#### ☐ PRUNE DEADWOOD:

End of winter is a key time to monitor branches and trunks of deciduous trees and shrubs while they are without leaves. Look for dead or damaged branches. Dead branches can be identified by a lack of bark, or mushrooms growing on them. This is a good time to prune these out, called deadwood pruning.

#### **■ MULCHING WITH LEAVES:**

Add dried leaves all around your plants. At Jenkins, we gather, shred and bag leaves for future use, especially oak leaves which help increase soil acidity which is preferred by our rhododendrons and azaleas. This is a sustainable way to keep the debris produced in a garden on-site and the leaves will break down adding rich organic matter.



### **EARLY SPRING ACTIVITIES:**

#### TRANSPLANT:

It's best to transplant dormant woody plants when the ground is thawing but the weather is still cool so the plants will not dry out too quickly. This timing also allows the plants to send out roots before putting energy into leaf and flower production. Be sure to keep the root ball intact during the move!

### **CUT BACK STEMS:**

Before perennials push their new growth, be sure to cut back the old stems. Leaving the stems for the winter provides habitat for beneficial insects while the seed heads provide food for birds. At Jenkins, the stems are cut up and left in place so the insects can re-emerge into the garden, as well as become nesting materials for birds.

#### **EDGE BEDS:**

Walking all the garden edges with a spade, edger, or string trimmer, is best to do once the ground has thawed but the plants have not started growing. The edge will help keep a separation between turf and the garden bed making weeding and turf maintenance tasks smoother to carry out.

### HARDY PLANT SOCIETY HELPS US PUT BACK THE PIECES

In our last newsletter, we talked about picking up the pieces after the devastating derecho storm that swept through our area in June of 2020. It has been well documented by now; our losses were significant but so too were our opportunities. We had an opportunity to reimagine the landscape and recreate an even better version than what was there before. With so much open space though, we wanted to incorporate some larger specimens that would serve as the foundation of these new plantings. Larger plants of course, means larger expense, so we were in search of partners to help us with this project.

We would like to thank the Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group (HPS/MAG) for awarding us with a grant to purchase several of these larger specimens. Not only will these plants be beautiful, with their flowers, fragrance, and fall color, but they will also attract birds, bees, and butterflies of all kinds.

Jenkins is just one of dozens of organizations supported by the HPS/MAG. In fact, since 2009, the HPS/MAG has awarded grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 to individuals, community groups, schools, and other organizations in the mid-Atlantic region who are working to promote horticulture and positive ecological impact. It is worth noting that over time, the Arboretum has received three different grants from the HPS/MAG – the first in 2015 to help with ecological restoration along our stream and conservation woodland areas and the second in 2018 to revegetate an area of turfgrass to help control stormwater runoff while improving wildlife habitat.

We are blessed to have the assistance of the Hardy Plant Society and thank them again for their ongoing support of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.





## **WELCOME NEW** STAFF MEMBER LEXI COLANTUNO



We are excited to welcome Lexi Colantuno as our new Curatorial Assistant at Jenkins. Although Lexi is new to the position, she is not new to Jenkins! Lexi worked with our horticulture team as a summer intern while finishing her degree in Ecological Agriculture and Sustainable Landscape Horticulture at The University of Vermont. In addition to the time she spent at Jenkins, Lexi also has experience working on a city tree crew and a livestock farm. With her passion for all things green and growing, it's no surprise to see that Lexi's favorite ways to spend time outside of work are hiking or gardening with her chickens. Welcome back to the team, Lexi!

### TAKING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Before his passing in 1969, Lawrence Jenkins directed that his property, which we now know as Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, was to become a setting "...for the study of arboriculture, horticulture, and wildlife for educational and scientific purposes." We are constantly balancing aspects of this vision as we create a garden that is both horticulturally beautiful and ecologically valuable. We think Mr. Jenkins would be proud of what the garden has become, but just as he directed, Jenkins is much more than just a garden. Jenkins has also become a valuable resource for learning, research, and conservation. Many of these research activities, however, are "behind the scenes" efforts that few ever know about. So, we would like to share with you some of what we have been up to.

Our research and conservation efforts were bolstered in 2019 with the awarding of a grant to establish a Native Rhododendron Germplasm Repository. The goal of this project was to preserve the best selections of eastern United States' native rhododendron and azalea species and to share this germplasm with other institutions. To do this, Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture/Curator of Plant Collections, collaborated with several nurseries, private collectors, and other botanic gardens to purchase plants or collect seeds and cuttings. Last year was an especially ambitious year for Steve as he spent two weeks on the road to continue building this collection.

The first trip took Steve to locations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee to collect cuttings from private collectors. Being unsure if cuttings would last in a cooler, Steve rented a cargo van, packed it with propagation tubs, a cooler, a table, and all the rooting hormones needed to take the show on the road. What a trip it was! Steve spent his mornings visiting and collecting, then would drive to his next destination and set up in the hotel parking lot to prepare and "stick" cuttings until dark. After a total of 35 hours and 2,000 miles of driving, Steve returned with a dozen tubs filled with about 750 cuttings of some of the most interesting and unusual native azaleas with features such as double flowers, strappy petals, or exceptionally shiny leaves.

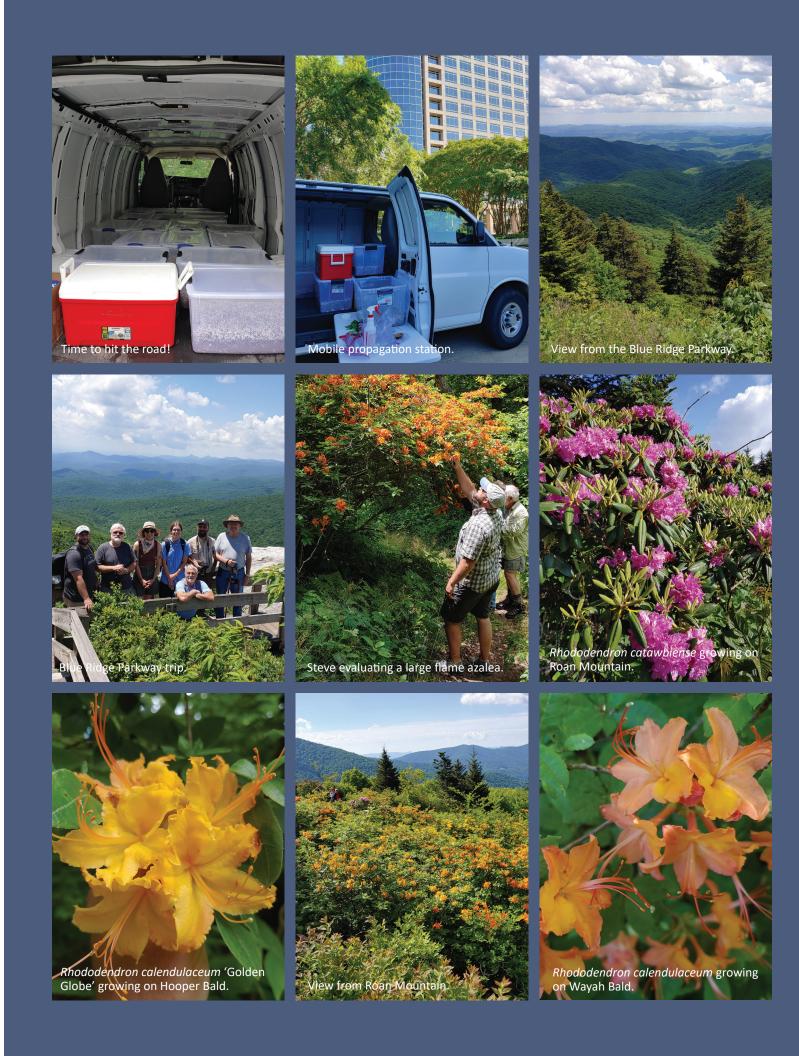
Six weeks later he was back on the road, this time travelling to the Southern Appalachians of western North Carolina. This time, the goal was to evaluate and collect cuttings from some of the very best flame azaleas (Rhododendron calendulaceum) growing wild on the famous mountain "balds". Simply defined, a bald is an area at high elevation that is vegetated with a variety of grasses and shrubs, but not trees. This allows plants like flame azaleas and catawba rhododendrons (R. catawbiense) the space and light to thrive. And thrive they do!

Hiking on a portion of the Appalachian Trail, Roan Mountain was magnificent. Not only were there hundreds of beautiful wild azaleas, but the views overlooking the surrounding mountains and valleys were breathtaking. There were many flame azaleas collected on Roan Mountain including a yellow-flowering specimen with small flowers that was called "Tweety Bird", an intense tangerine orange specimen called "Mr. Tangerine Man" and a golden flowered specimen with ruffled petals that is known as "Frilly Jane".

At Wayah Bald, Steve collected cuttings from two double-flowering flame azaleas as well as some multicolored specimens. For the first time on the trip, he also gathered some sweet azalea (R. arborescens) – this one a red stemmed form called "rhodanthum".

The highlight of the trip though was Hooper Bald. The flowers at this location are unusually large, some being nearly 3" across, and are the showiest, most diverse, and densely concentrated. Many of the plants on Hooper have been assigned names and are now protected by the Forest Service, including a copperorange selection with large flowers called "Hooper Copper", "Best Red" which is as close to red as you will see in the species, and an orange-yellow one with frilled petals called "Golden Globe".

Steve returned home from the June trip with 1,750 miles of driving behind him and another 10 tubs of cuttings. This would be the last collection of the season and the last hurrah of a project that lasted more than a year and a half. Though it will take a few years before they grow large enough, we are all looking forward to seeing many of these plants growing right here in our own garden.















# HAMILTON FELLOW PROJECT UPDATE: UPPER WILDFLOWER BED REDESIGN

Our first year Hamilton Fellow, Nicki Achor, has been hard at work redesigning the Upper Wildflower Bed, a large area tucked between Woodland Walk and Valley View bursting with a variety of herbaceous and woody plants. The bed stands tall and always seems to have something in bloom, adding a bright punctuation of color in summer as you make your way to the pond.

Nicki recalls her first impression of the Upper Wildflower Bed saying, "It was bittersweet. As I looked at the established plants, which seemed to be standing happily together and flowering prolifically, I knew my project would be to replace them and restart the bed from bare ground. When I began to work in the bed, however, I saw that the plants were not as happy as they appeared. They were overcrowded, locked in tough competition with each other. They had grown quite tall, hovering above my head in certain areas and blocking the view down to the pond. The smaller mountain laurels were getting swallowed, and an extremely weedy Monarda was poking up everywhere. With my redesign of this area, I hope to address all these problems and take advantage of the space to create a new and exciting garden at Jenkins."

The new plants Nicki selects for this area must meet a specific list of criteria: they should have a shorter height, be robust yet "play nicely" with others, bloom through the summer and fall, add diversity to the plant collection, and maximize the ecological value of the bed. The redesigned bed will not only improve the aesthetics and sightlines of the area, but also ease a maintenance burden. The design will also add interest, offering continual bloom and an interesting mix of plant textures and forms. Hopefully the bees, butterflies, beetles, and birds will enjoy the new bed and its long bloom season most of all!

Nicki began this project in 2021 by mapping the outline of the bed. The Upper Wildflower Bed did not exist in our digital mapping system, so transferring it to that database was the first hurdle. Converting the outline to a map meant she could track sun patterns, understand water availability, and create zones for the desired height of new plantings.

All of this information combined with her selection criteria helped Nicki create a potential plant list for the bed. With list in hand, she has been scouring nursery catalogs, Jenkins' inventory, and trials from other gardens to log characteristics of each plant and compare options. This is a long process, and she has been working on it whenever she has a spare minute on rainy days or when she just can't resist digging into the next catalog. This process will continue throughout the winter with a final plant list ready in March 2022.

Nicki needs more than a plant list to create a garden! She has been seeking out overall design inspiration, focusing on groupings that catch her eye and brainstorming which plants can go together. This has been an especially fun process for Nicki as she dives into troves of online images and books. Her favorite part has been taking advantage of all the nearby gardens. Seeing plants together in person fills in the gaps that pictures can't provide.

The most common question visitors ask about the project has been, "What happened to the plants that were growing in the bed?" Although the existing plants no longer work for the space, they are still valuable native plants and we have found good homes for them elsewhere. Some will be replanted in the Upper Wildflower Bed, and others have been transplanted to a new area of the garden, especially in our floodplain and roadside areas where slightly aggressive plants are prized for their ability to hold down soil in eroding areas. We've also been able to rehome some plants to several friends of Jenkins. Though not all of the plants from the bed were saved, we love knowing that the ones that did get plucked out are finding good use elsewhere.

This project is far from over but so far Nicki has had a great time jumping in. She is learning about so many new plants and has even started daydreaming about the completed project. With the encouraging support of our Director of Horticulture Steve Wright and all the Horticulture staff, we're sure all of her goals will be met, and a beautiful garden will grow for all to enjoy!

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### YOUTH PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

DATE	CATEGORY	PROGRAM	TIME
1/10	Wellness	Mindful Yoga: Session 1 (1/10 - 2/14)	6 – 7:15 pm
1/12	Adult Programs	Members' Only - Jenkins Year in Review (pg. 26)	7 – 8 pm
1/13	Wellness	Thursday Mindful Yoga: Session 1 (1/13 - 2/17)	9:30 – 10:45 am
1/16	Adult Programs	The Wister Rhododendron Garden: A New Perspective	2 – 3:30 pm
1/18	Adult Programs	Botanical Observations: Winter Objects Of Field And Forest (1/18 - 3/8)	6:30 – 8:30 pm
1/20	Third Thursday Lectures	Putting Plants to Work	7 – 8:30 pm
1/31	Photography	Deadline for 11th Annual Visitors' Photography Exhibition	
2/12	Second Saturday Workshops	Roots, Shoots, Seeds & Leaves: Techniques For Houseplant Propagation	10 – 11:30 am
2/17	Third Thursday Lectures	Edible Landscaping With Native Plants	7 – 8:30 pm
2/19	Photography	Photo Walk	9 – 11 am
2/21	Wellness	Mindful Yoga: Session 2 (2/21 - 3/28)	6 – 7:15 pm
2/23	Wellness	Chair Yoga Workshop	6 – 7:30 pm
2/24	Wellness	Thursday Mindful Yoga: Session 2 (2/24 - 3/31)	9:30 – 10:45 am
2/26	Adult Programs	Learn Your Landscape	10 am – 12 pm
3/12	Second Saturday Workshops Handmade Gemstone Bracelets		10 – 11:30 am; 12:30 – 2 pm
3/17	Third Thursday Lectures	Let it Be an Oak	7 – 8:30 pm
3/19	Photography	Photo Walk	9 – 11 am
4/4	Wellness	Mindful Yoga: Session 3 (4/4 - 5/9)	6 – 7:15 pm
4/6	Adult Programs	Wednesday Walkabouts: Weekly Starting April 6	1 – 2 pm
4/7	Wellness	Thursday Mindful Yoga: Session 3 (4/7 - 5/12)	9:30 – 10:45 am
4/9	Second Saturday Workshops	Felt Succulents	10 – 11:30 am; 11:30 am – 1 pm
4/21	Adult Programs	Spring Ephemerals Walk	10 – 11 am
4/21	Third Thursday Lectures	Becoming a Placemaker	7 – 8:30 pm
4/22 & 4/23	Photography	Macro and Close-Up Photography Workshop	6 – 8:30 pm & 8 am – 1 pm
4/27	Wellness	Tai Chi (4/27 - 6/1)	9:30 – 10:30 am
5/14	Second Saturday Workshops	Learn to Write Your Story (With The Help of the Trees)	10 am – 12 pm
5/16	Wellness	Mindful Yoga: Session 4 (5/16 - 6/27)	6 – 7:15 pm
5/17	Photography	Beginner Portrait Photography in Nature	5 – 7 pm
5/19	Wellness	Thursday Mindful Yoga: Session 4 (5/19 - 6/23)	9:30 – 10:45 am
5/19	Third Thursday Lectures	Connecting Land and Sky	7 – 8:30 pm
5/21	Photography	Photo Walk	8 – 10 am
5/21	Special Event	Spring Blooms Gala	6 – 9 pm
5/25	Wellness	Mindful Meditation Workshop	5:30 – 7 pm
6/11	Second Saturday Workshops	Portable Pollinator Garden	10:45 – 11:45 am; 1 – 2 pm
6/16	Third Thursday Lectures	Butterflies and their Caterpillars	7 – 8:30 pm
6/18	Photography	Photo Walk	8 – 10 am
6/18	Adult Programs	Propagating Your Own Azalea Hill	10 am – 12 pm

DATE	CATEGORY	PROGRAM	TIME
2/12	Youth Programs	Plant a Valentine	1 – 2:30 pm
2/14	Youth Programs	Storytime	10 – 10:30 am
3/2	Youth Programs	Storytime	10 – 10:30 am
3/21	Youth Programs	Storytime	10 – 10:30 am
4/9	Youth Programs	Animals from Eggs	2 – 3 pm
4/19	Youth Programs	Jenkins Juniors: Session 1 (4/19 – 5/17)	10 – 11 am
4/23	Youth Programs	Good Morning, Garden!	8:30 – 9:30 am
5/24	Youth Programs	Jenkins Juniors: Session 2 (5/24 – 6/21)	10 – 11 am
5/24	Youth Programs	Photography Fun for Kids 5:30 – 6:30 pm	
6/11	Youth Programs	Butterfly Buffet Container Garden	9:30 – 10:30 am

### **PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

Online registration is required for all programs. Please visit **JAGardens.eventbrite.com** to register. If you have questions about a program or registration, please contact us by emailing programs@jenkinsarboretum.org.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

Please inform us of cancellations at least five days before the program. No refund will be issued if cancellation is made less than five days prior to the program start date. Jenkins reserves the rights to cancel any program if necessary. In the case of cancellation by Jenkins, registration fees will be refunded.

Register online! Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to visit our registration page.





### ADULT PROGRAMS



THE WISTER RHODODENDRON GARDEN: A NEW PERSPECTIVE Sunday, January 16, 2:00 – 3:30 pm Presented by Olivia Kirkpatrick, Wister Rhododendron Gardener, Tyler Arboretum

Join Olivia Kirkpatrick to explore the Wister Rhododendron Garden at Tyler Arboretum, one of the largest collections of hardy elepidote rhododendron in North America. The presentation will take us from the creation of the garden in 1961 by Tyler's first director, Dr. John Wister, to the present. Olivia will discuss the progress of the garden in her first two years, as well as some of the plans and hopes for the future.

This lecture is sponsored by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society (VFARS). Free of charge; registration is required.



**BOTANICAL OBSERVATIONS: WINTER OBJECTS OF FIELD AND FOREST** 8-Week Virtual Series on Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 and 8 Presented by Margaret Saylor, Botanical Artist and Illustrator

Let's take a closer look at some of the wonderful natural elements that make up our winter outdoor world! Join Margaret Saylor virtually to draw (or paint) a new specimen each week. Not only will we learn about that botanical object, like branches, mosses, lichens, fungi, and leaves, but we'll see how these subjects fit into the broader realm of contemporary botanical art. All levels welcome; some drawing experience helpful but not necessary. A recommended materials list is available for review prior to registration.

Members: \$175 | Non-Members: \$200



#### LEARN YOUR LANDSCAPE Saturday, February 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Presented by Karen Flick, Head Horticulturist, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Are you unsure of which plants to buy and where to plant them? Join Karen Flick to delve into the concept of right plant, right place so you can create a successful landscape and feel confident about where you're spending your time and money. Discover how to read your property and read a plant label including sunlight, soil type, moisture, and space considerations. The more you know, the more you can grow!

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35



WEDNESDAY WALKABOUTS Every Wednesday, April 6 - June 29, 1:00 - 2:00 pm Led by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff

Join us on Wednesday afternoons this spring to rejoice in the re-emergence of our beautiful gardens. Jenkins' staff will lead you on in-person tours through the garden featuring our robust botanical collections. Each week will have a different focus, depending on the seasonal landscape and the staff leader. Topics could include spring ephemeral wildflowers, flowering trees, rare plants, native azaleas, or our nationally accredited collections of rhododendrons, azaleas, and mountain laurels. Get outside and discover Jenkins with us!

Free of charge; registration is required.



**SPRING EPHEMERALS STROLL** Thursday, April 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am Led by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff, in partnership with Radnor Conservancy

Spring is a magical time of year when the forest floor comes to life with colorful and complex wildflowers. Join us for an ecological exploration of the season with a focus on its harbingers, our native spring ephemerals. Get up-close with our most fleeting flowers while discovering cultural information, fun facts, and identification tips.

Free of charge; registration is required.



PROPAGATING YOUR OWN AZALEA HILL Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Presented by Helen Standen, Greenhouse & Nursery Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Every spring, the beauty of Azalea Hill at peak bloom draws flocks of visitors to Jenkins. Have you ever wished you could create a similar spectacle at home? Join Helen Standen for this hands-on program that will teach the techniques required to propagate evergreen azaleas from cuttings. Participants will leave with their own propagation bin with azalea cuttings straight from our collection and the knowledge to care for them until they are large enough to be planted in the garden.

Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$40

# THE GARDEN SHOP AT JENKINS

Outdoor Plant Nursery Reopens April 22

Offering an extensive selection of native plants and azaleas propagated from our nationally accredited collection as well as great gifts for gardeners and naturalists of all ages, The Garden Shop is the perfect last (or first!) stop for your visit. Here you will find houseplants, books, and garden gifts as well as unusual, rare, and even endangered trees, shrubs, and perennials for your home landscape. Informative plant profile cards outline site requirements, deer resistance, wildlife value, growth habit, and seasonal interest so you can confidently find the right plants for your site. The Shop inventory shifts throughout the growing season and a regularly updated availability list is provided on our website.

The Shop is open year-round from 9 am - 4 pm. Our outdoor plant nursery will reopen for the season on April 22. Make your wish list and keep an eye on our website for an inventory of available plants in early April.

Questions? Please contact us at gardenshop@jenkinsarboretum.org.



### THIRD THURSDAY LECTURES



Join us each month for our Third Thursday Lecture Series! **All lectures will be held virtually** and a link will be emailed to registered participants prior to each program date. Free of charge; registration is required.



PUTTING PLANTS TO WORK
Thursday, January 20, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Presented by Jeff Lorenz, Founder, Refugia Design/Build

Managing stormwater runoff is one of the more common issues presented by homeowners seeking a reimagining of their landscape. How can we get creative with design and materials to create a beautiful and multi-tasking outdoor space? Reducing lawn, establishing deep-rooted plantings, and integrating permeable hardscaping is key to reducing neighborhood erosion, filtering pollutants, and absorbing dirty water before it enters our precious waterways. Join ecological landscape designer Jeff Lorenz of Narberth-based Refugia Design/Build for expert tips and insight on creating native habitat that is immersive, functional, and resilient.



EDIBLE LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS
Thursday, February 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Presented by Allyson Levy and Scott Serrano, Co-founders,
Hortus Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Hortus Arboretum & Botanical Gardens is a Level II-accredited arboretum in New York's Hudson Valley. The gardens have grown to include an extensive collection of unusual edible and decorative plantings (Zone 6). Join Allyson Levy and Scott Serrano to discover native edible plants that are low-maintenance, underutilized and garden-worthy. Prepare to get inspired (and hungry!) while you learn practical tips for surrounding your home and gracing your table with native fruits and nuts.



LET IT BE AN OAK
Thursday, March 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Presented by Doug Tallamy, Ph.D., author, entomologist, and University of Delaware professor

Once we have decided to restore the ecological integrity of our suburban neighborhoods, we need to decide what plants to add to our properties. Oaks are superior trees for suburban restoration projects because of their many ecological and aesthetic attributes. Doug Tallamy will compare oak species to other popular shade trees in terms of their ability to support animal diversity, protect watersheds, sequester carbon dioxide, and restore lost plant communities.



BECOMING A PLACEMAKER

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Presented by Christie Purifoy, author of Placemaker and Garden Maker

Discover how your affinity for the natural world can be turned into a lasting legacy. Inspired by the love-story origins of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, Christie Purifoy offers a meaningful and personal lecture on placemaking. While our culture valorizes DIY efforts, placemaking is a humble posture that emphasizes nurturing relationships and building community. Whether you garden on acres or in a few containers, you can learn how to better care for your place so that your place can better care for you and for those you love.



CONNECTING LAND AND SKY
Thursday, May 19, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Presented by Tykee James, birder, podcast host and co-founder of
Amplify the Future

Gardens serve as critical nesting, feeding and resting habitat for various species of birds all over the world. They also serve as the perfect backdrop to engage in quality birding activities. It is more important than ever to provide places and spaces in which people from all paths of life can unobtrusively recreate. Tykee James, an organizer of the first #BlackBirdersWeek, will share his virtual birding program designed to connect people to conservation, joy and building power in communities.



BUTTERFLIES AND THEIR CATERPILLARS
Thursday, June 16, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Presented by Samantha Nestory, Horticulturist, Stoneleigh: a natural garden

The beauty of butterflies has been extolled for centuries – and for good reason! These delicate insects are a hallmark of warm weather and lend grace to the garden with their vibrant colors and gentle demeanor. However, butterflies need more than just flowers and nectar – they also need overwintering sites, host plants, and shelter. Luckily, with some work, our gardens can provide these! Join naturalist and horticulturist Sam Nestory to learn about common and not-so-common butterfly species found in southeastern Pennsylvania and how you can transform your garden to support these beautiful insects.

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### SECOND SATURDAY WORKSHOPS



ROOTS, SHOOTS, SEEDS & LEAVES: TECHNIQUES FOR HOUSEPLANT PROPAGATION Saturday, February 12, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Presented by Helen Standen, Greenhouse & Nursery Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

It might be chilly outside, but it's never too cold to play with plants! Join Helen Standen to explore various techniques for propagating houseplants including root, stem, and leaf cuttings, as well as seed sowing. Participants will go home with a box of baby houseplants. Suitable for adults & teens. Members: \$20 | Non-Members: \$30



HANDMADE GEMSTONE BRACELETS Saturday, March 12, 10:00 – 11:30 am OR 12:30 – 2:00 pm Presented by Jessica O'Connell, owner of Beads of a Feather

Explore some of the natural wonders of the world! Join Jessica O'Connell to learn about various gemstones and how they can be powerful tools in our everyday lives. A relaxing guided meditation will help make space to get the creative juices flowing! Then dive into an exquisite buffet of allnatural gemstones, in varying shapes and styles, to design your own personal adornment as a totem in your life. Participants will make one bracelet. Suitable for adults and teens. Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50



**FELT SUCCULENTS** 

Saturday, April 9, 10:00 – 11:30 am OR 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Presented by Amy Mawby, Education Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Are you a succa for succulents? Join us to get crafty with felt! Felt succulents are not only aesthetically awesome but they are perfect for folks who are looking for faux plants indoors. Get step-by-step instruction on how to create succulents of various shades and sizes from felt die-cut ovals, then arrange your hard work into a petite centerpiece using natural materials.

Participants should bring a low-temp glue gun and extra glue sticks. All other materials provided. Members: \$20 | Non-Members: \$30



LEARN TO WRITE YOUR STORY (WITH THE HELP OF THE TREES) Saturday, May 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Presented by Christie Purifoy, author of Placemaker and Garden Maker

Join literature professor turned gardener and memoirist, Christie Purifoy, in her own garden at Maplehurst, a Victorian farmhouse in southern Chester County, and discover how the natural world can help us tell our own stories. Whether you hope to share your writing with others or prefer the more private art of journaling, this workshop will introduce you to the work of inspiring writers and show you how the meaningful symbols and patterns found in nature can help you connect the dots of your own life experience. Learn about the power of metaphor and spend time simply writing under the shelter of old trees.

Participants will need to bring paper and pen and will meet at Maplehurst in West Grove, PA. Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50



#### PORTABLE POLLINATOR GARDEN Saturday, June 11, 10:45 – 11:45 am OR 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Presented by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff, in partnership with Radnor Conservancy

Looking to support pollinators but don't have the space for a pollinator garden? No problem! Join us to create a container with some of our favorite native pollinator-friendly plants that will provide a pit-stop for bees and butterflies. This container will look great on a front step, balcony, deck, or just about anywhere! All plants and materials will be provided.

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35

### WELLNESS CLASSES



MINDFUL YOGA

FOUR 6-WEEK SERIES ON MONDAYS, 6:00 – 7:15 pm



Jan. 13 – Feb. 17, Feb. 24 – Mar. 31, April 7 – May 12, May 19 – June 23

Presented by Janet Muti, Yoga Instructor

Throughout our busy and often stressful lives, take time to practice Mindful Hatha Yoga. Our practice will consist of gentle stretching and strengthening exercises done slowly with momentto-moment awareness of breath and sensations that arise as we move from pose to pose.

All levels welcome; modifications and variations will be offered. Participants may find yoga blocks and straps beneficial for your practice. Mindful Yoga classes will be virtual until we are able to safely bring our practice in-person indoors.

Members: \$72/6-week series | Non-Members: \$102/6-week series.



**CHAIR YOGA WORKSHOP** Wednesday, February 23, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Presented by Janet Muti, Yoga Instructor



Join us to discover the benefits of a gentle seated practice. Chair yoga can improve your strength and flexibility, while reducing joint strain and stress. Explore how the modified poses transfer from floor to chair and can be taken anywhere! Chair yoga is great for people with limited mobility or if you need a break from seated office work.

This will be a virtual workshop. Participants will need to have a straight back chair available at home to use – a simple folding chair with no arms is ideal.

Members: \$20 | Non-Members: \$30



6-Week Series on Wednesdays, April 27 – June 1, 9:30 – 10:30 am Presented by Aimée Alegría Barry, Centaur Tai Chi

Tai Chi, a series of postures done slowly, promotes balance, flexibility, and strength. While teaching the Tai Chi form, Aimée Alegría Barry introduces the yin and yang principles that underlie this martial art. Tai Chi is known as a soft martial art because it emphasizes a calm mind and relaxed body. The beauty of Jenkins will create a peaceful backdrop for your practice.

All levels welcome. Classes will be held outdoors with an indoor option available for weather. **Members:** \$72/6-week series | **Non-Members:** \$102/6-week series



MINDFULNESS MEDITATION WORKSHOP Wednesday, May 25, 5:30 – 7:00 pm (Rain date: Thursday, May 26) Presented by Janet Muti, Yoga Instructor

Jon Kabat Zinn describes Mindfulness Meditation as paying attention, moment by moment, on purpose, without judgement. Join us to learn this simple, but not always easy, practice. We will learn how to sit, chose an object of meditation, and work with the thoughts that arise. Discover how to take mindfulness off the mat by learning the attitudinal foundations to incorporate into your daily life.

We intend to hold this yoga workshop in-person outdoors. You may want to bring a cushion or camping chair for the seated portions of our meditation.

Members: \$20 | Non-Members: \$30

### PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES & EXHIBITION



**PHOTO WALKS** Third Saturdays, February 19, March 19, 9:00 – 11:00 am and May 21, June 18, 8:00 - 10:00 am (Rain dates: Third Sundays, February 20, March 20, May 22 and June 19)

Presented by Laura Ducceschi, Fine Art Photographer

Join us to shoot the season! Award-winning photographer Laura Ducceschi will be your mentor and guide for these monthly small group sessions. Stroll the gardens and photograph what inspires you, while learning various compositional and technical options on the spot.

Participants will need to bring a camera, a fully charged battery, and a camera card with space to shoot freely. Photographers with any kind of camera can benefit, but DSLRs are recommended.

Members: \$15/walk | Non-Members: \$20/walk



Create close-up photographs of nature's captivating details. Join award-winning photographer Laura Ducceschi to learn about equipment, getting your subject in focus, background bokeh, composition, and lighting challenges. Bring your camera to practice techniques along Jenkins' beautiful trails and gardens. Friday evening begins with indoor instruction, preparing for shooting out in the gardens on Saturday morning. The class will wrap up with time to share images from the morning.

Participants need to bring their own camera with which they have some familiarity. Recommended equipment: ideally, a DSLR (digital single-lens reflex) with a macro lens or strong zoom, or a basic point and shoot with macro setting and/or super zoom, OR a phone with a clip-on macro lens. It is important to bring a fully charged battery and a camera card with space to shoot freely.

Members: \$65 | Non-Members: \$75



Presented by Angelina Minger, owner of Angelina M. Photography

Do you love taking outdoor photos of family and friends but are a bit clueless when it comes to posing people and using your camera? Join photographer, Angelina Minger, to explore the basics of portrait photography and learn tricks for successful portraits in nature. We'll start off with a review of basic camera functions and how to best utilize the settings on your camera. Then head out in the gardens for handson instruction and discussion about lighting, composition, and positioning of your subjects.

Participants should bring their DSLR camera and manual, if possible. We also invite you to "bring a friend" to be your model for photos.

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35

#### 2021 VISITORS' VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Visitors' Virtual Photography Contest: Garden Gratitude. The finalists in each category were chosen by Jenkins' Art Committee and public virtual voting decided the winners:



Youth Landscape: Andrew Hendrickson (Picture of the Pond)



Adult Macro: Marcy Hammond (The Brilliant Red Cardinal)



Adult Landscape: Kathy Woehl (The Dancing Red Oak)



Youth Macro: Will Hendrickson (Peekaboo)



#### 11TH ANNUAL VISITORS' PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Exhibition: Friday, February 4 through Sunday, March 27, 2022, Open daily, 9 am – 4 pm *Opening Reception:* Friday, February 4, 2022, from 4 – 7 pm

Calling all photographers! Enter your photos in this year's Visitors' Photography Exhibition by January 31, 2022. For full entry details, visit www.jenkinsarboretum.org/visitors-photography.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS



PLANT A VALENTINE (AGES 6 – 9)
Saturday, February 12, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Presented by Helen Standen, Greenhouse & Nursery Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Do you love plants? Join us to create some botanical Valentine gifts and learn about making new plants from old. Methods for stem and leaf cuttings, as well as seed sowing, will be explored.

Suitable for ages 6 - 9. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

Members: \$15 | Non-Members: \$20



#### **STORYTIME (ALL AGES)**

Mon., Feb. 14, Wed., Mar. 2, and Mon., Mar. 21, 10:00 – 10:30 am Presented by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff and volunteers

Enjoy a nature-themed read aloud followed by a fun activity or craft. Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), Read Across America Day (Mar. 2), and the start of spring (Mar. 21). Classes will take place indoors.

All ages welcome; most suitable for ages 2-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only. **Members:** \$5 | **Non-Members:** \$10



### ANIMALS FROM EGGS (AGES 4+) Saturday, April 9, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Presented by Amy Mawby, Education Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Spring is here and eggs are everywhere! From birds to insects to amphibians, discover eggs from various animals that live at Jenkins. Join us to explore different habitats in search of springtime clues. Our adventure will end with an egg-cellent craft.

Suitable for ages 4 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15



### JENKINS JUNIORS (AGES 2 – 4)

Two 5-Week Series on Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am April 19 – May 17 and May 24 – June 21

Presented by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff and volunteers

Let's go exploring – get your little ones outside this spring! Each class will include a story, scenic strolls, and a creative craft. Our activities will encourage children to embrace their sense of wonder, and adults to rekindle theirs. Each week will have a different theme so join us for one or both series!

Suitable for ages 2-4. Children must be walking (no strollers) and must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only. Rain or shine, indoor space for inclement weather.

Members: \$60/5-week series | Non-Members: \$70/5-week series



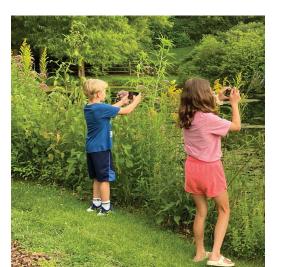
GOOD MORNING, GARDEN! (AGES 4+)
Saturday, April 23, 8:30 – 9:30 am
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Presented by Amy Mawby, Education Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

They say that the early bird catches the worm so let's get up and out to see what's blooming in our garden! Go on a spring scavenger hunt as we discover the flora and fauna of Woodland Walk and Azalea Hill. Our morning exploration will end with an Earth Day-inspired activity.

Suitable for ages 4 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15



PHOTOGRAPHY FUN FOR KIDS (AGES 8+) Tuesday, May 24, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

(Rain date: Wednesday, May 25)

Presented by Angelina Minger, owner of Angelina M. Photography

Grab your camera for an adventure in photography at Jenkins! Photographer, Angelina Minger, will lead a walk-and-talk outdoor class highlighting scenic locations and seasonal interest. The goal of the class is to foster creativity in each budding photographer by learning tips about lighting, composition and different angles to find unique shots. Participants can use any kind of camera (iPhone, DSLR, point-and-shoot, etc.) but they must have a working knowledge of how to use it.

Suitable for ages 8 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15



BUTTERFLY BUFFET CONTAINER GARDEN (AGES 6+) Saturday, June 11, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Presented by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff, in partnership with Radnor Conservancy

Very hungry caterpillars will be sure to love this butterfly buffet! Explore the butterfly life cycle and the species found in our region. Then pot-up a container garden designed to attract and nurture these native butterfly species. All plants and materials will be provided.

Suitable for ages 6 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

Member: \$20 | Non-Member: \$30

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **MEMBERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

Members of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens keep the gardens open and free of an admission fee... plus they receive special Member benefits! Join today to receive:

- Free or discounted program registration
- 10% discount in The Garden Shop at Jenkins
- Special Double Discount days in the Garden Shop at Jenkins
- A free "Thank You" plant in spring, propagated from our botanical collection
- Invitations to Member Exclusive pop-up tours... and more!

#### **NEW - MONTHLY GIVING!**

Ready to set it and forget it? You can now sign up for automatic monthly gifts to Jenkins. By donating each month, you help provide consistent resources for us to fulfill our mission throughout the year.

www.jenkinsarboretum.org/support



Make a gift online! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to visit our website.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:**

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**MEMBER EXCLUSIVE: A YEAR IN REVIEW** Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 – 8:00 pm Presented by Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture/Curator, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Join Steve Wright to look back at another extraordinary year at Jenkins. This virtual presentation celebrates our staff and volunteers, and highlights many of the accomplishments in an ever-growing garden. We hope this year in review helps you gain a new perspective on how we continue to develop and maintain this beautiful garden for all. Members will receive a link to sign up with viewing instructions.





Hello Nature Detectives - are you ready to explore?

Today, let's discover the season. Remember to look closely with your eyes, listen hard with your ears, and be gentle with your hands. Enjoy!

## Sense-sational Seasons:

Begin your detective work by figuring out where your adventure will take you.

Winter and spring are great seasons to use your sense of touch to explore texture!

- Find a tree that is close to the path. Is the bark rough or smooth?
- Find a rock sticking out of the ground. Is it hard or soft?
- Find moss growing by the path or on rocks. Is it fuzzy or sharp?
- Find an evergreen leaf on a shrub or tree. Is it *leathery or pointy*?



### Can you spot any wildlife or signs of wildlife?

In the cooler months, animals do different things. Some animals migrate or move away. Some animals stay put and stay active. Some animals hide away and hibernate at home.

- Look up into the tree canopy for a large leafy nest that may belong to a squirrel.
- Look down in the mud or snow for animal tracks. Which way did they go?



- Listen for birds that sing all year long like Carolina wrens or white-throated sparrows.

L@ K and LISTEN for clues that the seasons are changing from winter to spring:

















What was your favorite part about discovering the seasons at Jenkins today?



Find something cool? Share your detective skills with us: @JAGardens, #JenkinsArboretum

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