

SPRING BLOOMS

Auction Items

At Spring Blooms this year, we invite you to bid on exclusive experiences during our live auction. Here's a sneak preview of the items that will be available. Auction services generously donated by:

FREEMAN'S

HOME HORTICULTURE CREW



Transform your home garden with help from Jenkins' horticulture team! Put our expertise in ecological horticulture to good use as you create your very own native plant oasis. This experience begins with a two-hour private consultation with a Jenkins team member to discuss design ideas, ways to enhance the ecological benefits of your landscape, and a plant palette that would be suitable for your site. Are you looking to pump up your pollinator plantings? Spruce up your shade gardens? Curate your own azalea collection? We can help!

After consultation, our Curator will select plants from The Garden Shop at Jenkins to add to your home garden (limited to five trees or shrubs and 16 perennials). Our crew of three professional horticulturists will then spend three hours working in your garden on a mutually agreed upon date. Let us help you grow the native garden of your dreams!



CURATOR'S COLLECTION



Win the rare privilege of naming and registering an azalea with the North American Registrar of Plant Names. Registering a plant name provides for its future reference and recognition and is a great opportunity to honor a loved one. The azalea to be named is a very rare, nearly red form of the typically orange-flowered Florida flame azalea (*Rhododendron austrinum*). This azalea was grown from seed collected along Black Creek in the Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area in Mississippi - the westernmost population of this species in the wild.

The winner of the Curator's Collection will also receive a few small starts grown from cuttings of this azalea, along with six unusual plants selected by our Curator, Steve Wright.

Finally, enjoy a private tour with Steve for up to six people through the gardens and nurseries, ending with a light breakfast or cocktails on the Jenkins House terrace on a mutually agreed upon date.

After Hours Adventure



Experience the gardens like you've never seen them before...at night! Visit Jenkins after hours for an exciting, nature-filled excursion, perfect for kids and grownups with a sense of adventure. Gather your new Explorer Toolkit, complete with all the supplies you need for your hike, and head out onto the trails for a guided tour of nature at night. If you are quiet and watchful, you might observe owls, bump into bats, or even spot flying squirrels! If the weather cooperates, gaze up at the night sky with help from our friends at the Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomers.

After your adventures in the gardens, return to the campfire to tell tales of your explorations while enjoying s'mores, hot cocoa for kids, and beer or wine for adults. Cozy up to the fire in your new packable camp chairs, donated by REI (4 provided).

This experience is good for up to 10 people with a 2:1 child-adult ratio, scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date.

Value: \$750

Great Gardens Tour







Delight in a day of dazzling horticulture during this three-stop tour of gardens for up to 12 people. Rise with the sun to enjoy freshly squeezed juice and pastries from Aneu Kitchen & Catering, followed by a tour of Whitehall, the private home garden of Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera. Whitehall features whimsical garden rooms, playful sculpture, and the extensive kitchen garden of expert home chefs.

As the midday sun rises, head over to a private residence in Wayne for a stroll through newly developed gardens inspired by Chanticleer. Soak up the sights and sounds of this young garden, including a front-yard gravel planting, iconic folly, and a hillside garden with an ever-changing seasonal palette of rare and unusual plants. After your tour, enjoy a catered box lunch from A Taste of Britain complete with tea sandwiches, scones, and sweet treats.

In the glow of the afternoon sun, savor wine and cheese and enjoy a 90-minute tour of Chanticleer with an experienced staff member learning about one of the most romantic and imaginative public gardens in America. Chanticleer is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers, the gardeners lead the design, and even the drinking fountains are sculptural. It is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home.

Garden tour to be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date (excluding Fridays). Guests must provide their own transportation.

Think Trees with Shreiner Tree Care





Show the trees on your home property a little love with this canopy care package! Begin with a property walkthrough from one of Shreiner's ISA Certified Arborists to review a days' worth of tree care to be scheduled and performed around your home.

Following your walkthrough, a crew from Shreiner will perform one full day of tree work, providing an arborist team and all necessary equipment. Shreiner Tree Care has been caring for Jenkins' canopy for more than three decades and will use their extensive experience, knowledge, and passion to care for your canopy, too!

Value: \$3,450



Jenkins House Soiree





Gather a group of 12 friends to enjoy exclusive use of the Jenkins House for an evening of horticultural and musical enjoyment. Begin your evening with a cocktail in-hand while taking a sunset stroll through the gardens led by Executive Director, Tom Smarr. After your walk, enjoy a seasonal selection of hors d'oeuvres prepared by Perfect Setting Catering out on the terrace or indoors by the fireplace, depending on the weather and guest preferences.

The crescendo of the evening will be a private recital performed by musicians from Allegro Music Consultants. Allegro Music Consultants presents extraordinary, award-winning classical musicians including laureates of the most prestigious emerging artists programs and graduates of the world's most outstanding conservatories.

Soirée to be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date.