

SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Exhibitions

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens displays several exhibitions of artwork each year in the John J. Willaman Education Center. Our goal is to complement the natural beauty of the gardens and offer a platform to celebrate the work of regional artists.

GALLERY OPEN DAILY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

JUNE 24 – SEPTEMBER 24

Expressions of Light

by Ardyth Sobyak

OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, JUNE 25

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Free of charge | All are welcome | Registration not required

SEPTEMBER 30 – JANUARY 7, 2024

Environmental Poster Show

by Students from the Department of Graphic and Interactive Design, Tyler School of Art and Architecture, Temple University

OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Free of charge | All are welcome | Registration not required

Community Partner Events

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Delaware Valley Iris Society: Iris Rhizome Sale

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Pre-ordering (July 1–10) is encouraged but there will be plenty of opportunities for walk-in customers.

Visit dvis-ais.org for more information and to pre-order.

Free of charge

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Woodland Waltz with Ballet 180

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of dancing at dusk! Ballet 180's Student Company will perform dance vignettes with an inspiring woodland backdrop.

Free of charge

2023 Arbo-READ-um Events

Join Tredyffrin Public Library and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens for our 3rd annual Arbo-READ-um Community Read Events. During Arbo-READ-um, we provide opportunities to promote literacy and community conversations in Tredyffrin Township.

July 1 through August 18, join us in reading *Love, Nature, Magic: Shamanic Journeys into the Heart of My Garden* by Maria Rodale.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Arbo-READ-um Kick-Off

Begin logging your reading journey of *Love, Nature, Magic*. Register on Tredyffrin Public Library's Beanstack to enter to win a prize pack featuring reusable and garden-related goodies, as well as a signed copy of the book. A winner will be selected on Friday, August 18.

Free of charge | Location: Virtual via Beanstack

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Summer Storytime with Mrs. Peanuckle

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Did you know that Maria Rodale also secretly writes children's books? Secret, no more! Enjoy a nature-themed read aloud with Maria Rodale (aka Mrs. Peanuckle) and a librarian from Tredyffrin Public Library. A book signing will be held at the end of the event. Books will be available for purchase.

All ages welcome; most suitable for ages 2–5. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free of charge | Location: Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Love, Nature, Magic Author Event

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Join us for a reading of *Love, Nature, Magic* and Q&A conversation with bestselling author, activist, and garden expert Maria Rodale. Light refreshments and a book signing will be held at the end of the event. Books will be available for purchase.

Free of charge | Location: Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Cultivating Soil Health with Mark Highland

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Discover another often-misunderstood part of nature—soil! See page 18 for program description.

Free of charge | Location: Virtual via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Wings Over Water: A Film Screening and Panel Discussion

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Wings Over Water shares the epic journey of three migratory birds and their reliance on the wetland ecosystems of middle America. Extraordinary footage of the sandhill crane, yellow warbler, and mallard duck will capture your heart as you discover their fascinating behaviors and gain a deeper understanding of the conservation challenges they must navigate to survive.

A panel discussion on the topic of clean water and the importance of native plants in maintaining watershed health will follow the film, as we turn to the health of our own Delaware River Watershed.

Presented by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, Audubon Mid-Atlantic / John James Audubon Center, and The Colonial Theatre.

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

Location: The Colonial Theatre

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Hamilton Educational Fellowship Symposium

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Current and former Jenkins Hamilton Educational Fellows

The Hamilton Educational Fellowship provides an immersive learning experience in the unparalleled setting of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. Join us to explore this well-respected program and discover more about the specialized projects of the current Fellows. Hear from a former Fellow about their journey and how the skills and knowledge acquired during the program benefited them on their career path. There will be time at the end for a panel Q&A.

Free of charge | Virtual event

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Views of the Forest Through the Lens of Music

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Musicians: Alexey Alexandrov and Ekaterina Skliar

This unusual duo of mandolin and domra will perform an eclectic program of their transcriptions and arrangements. Explore folk, classical, and contemporary repertoire with the visual delight of the forest. This concert is a collaboration between Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens and Allegro Music Consultants.

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$30



Special Event

Winter Luminary Nights

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
5:00 – 6:30 PM & 6:30 – 8:00 PM

As the days grow shorter, we invite you to join us at Jenkins for an evening celebration of winter light. The Arboretum will be aglow with luminary-lined paths and the warmth of friends and neighbors. A family-friendly event, not to be missed! More event information to come.

GARDENING & NATURE

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 5 – NOVEMBER 15

Wednesday Walkabouts

7/5 – 8/30 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

9/6 – 11/15 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Join us on Wednesdays this summer and fall for walking tours through our glorious gardens. Each week will have a different focus depending on the staff leader and the seasonal landscape. Topics could include Jenkins' history, summer wildflowers, pollinators, native trees, fall foliage, and much more. Get outside and discover Jenkins with us!

Large groups are requested to schedule private guided tours at other times (contact tours@jenkinsarboretum.org).

Free of charge

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 5 – NOVEMBER 15

Golf Cart Garden Tours

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Explore Jenkins in a new way! Golf cart tours are a great option for those who are not able to enjoy the beauty of the gardens due to the sloping terrain. This guided tour will feature seasonal garden highlights, a behind-the-scenes visit to the apiary and research nursery, and history of the property, including a drive-by view of the Jenkins and Browning Houses.

Tour topics and route will be the same each week. Limited spots available—only 5 people per tour.

Free of charge

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Bird Walk

8:00 – 9:00 AM

*Bonnie Witmer, Birder and Visitor Services Associate,
Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

Go birding with Bonnie! Enjoy early access to Jenkins during fall migration. Explore various habitats including woodland, pond edge, and stream-side paths. Discover the GISS method to identify our feathered friends by recognizing the general impression, size, and shape of birds. Participants will learn to use their eyes, ears, and binoculars to find birds and other wildlife.

Bring binoculars if you have them. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes with good traction. Rain or shine.

Free of charge

THIRD THURSDAY LECTURES

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Strangers in the Night: Moth Ecology and Conservation

7:00 – 8:30 PM

*Elena Tartaglia, Ph.D., Professor of Biology,
Bergen Community College*

Explore the essential roles moths play in ecosystems as pollinators, links in food webs, and decomposers, as well as their importance to humans. Learn about conservation threats to moths and other insects in urban environments and how to attract them for close observation. Elena Tartaglia is also a co-founder of National Moth Week and will introduce you to this global-scale community science project celebrating the importance and beauty of moths and other nocturnal biodiversity.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Cultivating Soil Health

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Mark Highland, President, The Organic Mechanics Soil Company

Soils are the foundation of every garden, but knowing how to care for optimum soil health can be misunderstood. Join The Organic Mechanic, Mark Highland, for a discussion on how to cultivate soil health, restore soil vitality, and encourage microbial populations that provide ecosystem services. Participants will learn easy-to-implement soil care that maximizes ecosystem benefits and plant health for gardens of all sizes.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Flowers, Flies, and Fermentation: The Pollination Ecology of Pawpaw

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Kate Goodrich, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Widener University

The pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) is a fascinating local tree that produces the largest native fruits in North America. Pawpaw was widely known and consumed by indigenous people and early colonists, but it is less well-known today. Biologist Kate Goodrich will share her recent research on the pollination strategy of this tree, and the fly species responsible for pollination—and fruit set—of pawpaw. She'll also share some of the historical and current-day cultural significance of this charismatic tree.

Free of charge | Virtual event

Gardening & Nature

Seed Saving Workshop

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
10:00 – 11:30 AM

*Helen Standen, Nursery & Greenhouse Manager,
Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

Have you always wanted to save seeds from your own garden, but you're not sure where to start? Join us to learn how to tell when seed is viable, mature, and ready to be collected. With an indoor presentation followed by hands-on practice, put your new knowledge to the test by cleaning a variety of seeds and preparing them for storage. Techniques taught will focus mainly on native perennials, but the skills are transferable to many other plant species. Participants will take home the seeds that they clean.

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



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Cider: Pennsylvania's Once (& Future?) Favorite

7:00 – 8:30 PM

*Mark A. Turdo, Cidermaker, Cider Historian,
and Author of the Pommel Cyder blog*

Cider was once the most important beverage in America, but our relationship to it has been interrupted. Touching on everything from William Penn to Prohibition, this overview by Mark A. Turdo looks at how cider was historically made, its presence and importance in Pennsylvania, and where it's heading today. Explore early horticulture, economics, foodways, and politics through the lens of cider.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Thinking Like a Naturalist: Reclaiming the Art of Natural History

7:00 – 8:30 PM

*John Muir Laws, Author, Naturalist,
and Founder of the Wild Wonder Foundation*

Did you know that your power of observation is not a static trait but a skill you can develop? How can you get more out of every nature ramble? Developments in neuropsychology have increased our understanding of the brain and how you can train yourself to see more and be more curious. John Muir Laws will share how to dramatically increase your memory, heighten your curiosity, and give you a framework for exploring mysteries in nature.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

How Animals Overwinter

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Leah Brooks, Public Programs Assistant, Mt. Cuba Center

Unlock the secrets of frogs that freeze, mammals that hunker in hollows, butterflies that bunk under bark, and much more! Join Leah Brooks as she explores the strategies and adaptations that native animals use to survive the winter. Discover how you can easily create overwintering habitat in your landscape to provide a lifeline for local wildlife.

Free of charge | Virtual event

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 19 – AUGUST 9

Sunset Sketching Series

7:00 – 8:30 PM

4-week series

Nicola Loughlin, Owner and Artist, Entwined-Action

There's something special about being in nature and capturing its beauty on paper. As the sun begins to set at Jenkins, join artist Nicola Loughlin to learn how to sketch freely, capture light, improve your observation skills, and enhance your creativity! This sunset series offers a fun and supportive environment to develop your skills and connect with fellow art enthusiasts.

All materials included. Suitable for beginning and experienced artists. No experience necessary.

Members: \$125/series | Non-Members: \$140/series

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 21,
NOVEMBER 18

Photo Walks

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Laura Ducceschi, Fine Art Photographer

Capture the season! An award-winning photographer 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.

Rain dates: Third Sundays, 9/17, 10/22, and 11/19.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

From Drawing to Painting: Botanical Art as a Process

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Margaret Saylor, Botanical Artist and Illustrator

Create botanical art in guided steps with Margaret Saylor. Capture a botanical subject in a simple line drawing; then transfer it to watercolor paper and create a painting. Learn how to correct a drawing and select watercolors to build a palette, and explore painting techniques that suit your style and subject.

All levels welcome; some drawing experience helpful but not necessary. A recommended materials list is available for review prior to registration. Bring your lunch.

Members: \$100 | Non-Members: \$115

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Gemstone Bracelets for Release & Relaxation

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Jessica O'Connell, Owner, Beads of a Feather

With the changing of seasons, we are reminded of the importance of transition and the restoration that can be found in all phases. Together we will take time to soak into the present, aiding to release what is no longer needed in order to grow and move forward. After brief education and guided meditation, connect with a cosmic collection of all-natural gemstones that encourage release, relaxation, and so much more!

All materials included. Participants will create one bracelet. Suitable for adults and teens.

Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 2 – 30

Botanical Observations: Designing a Sketchbook of Autumn Subjects

6:30 – 8:30 PM

5-week virtual series

Margaret Saylor, Botanical Artist and Illustrator

Let's take a closer look at some of the wonderful natural elements that make up our autumn outdoor world! Join Margaret Saylor virtually to draw (or paint) a new family of specimens each week as you create your sketchbook pages. Not only will you learn about that week's botanical theme, but you'll see how these subjects fit into the broader realm of contemporary botanical art. Work in graphite, Micron pen, and/or watercolor.

All levels welcome; some drawing experience helpful but not necessary. A recommended materials list is available for review prior to registration.

Members: \$150/series | Non-Members: \$165/series

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Focus on Photo Composition

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Laura Ducceschi, Fine Art Photographer

The tools of composition are powerful ways to create more interesting, dynamic photographs. Beyond technical settings, the decisions of subject placement, light, line, and point of view will lead the viewer's eye to what is important to you, the artist. Join us to learn how to turn your next click into a powerful photograph! After brief indoor instruction, head outside to create photographs along the garden paths at Jenkins, reconvening for supportive sharing.

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: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Autumn Harvest Centerpiece

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Add some autumnal flair to your table just in time for Thanksgiving! Join us for a hands-on workshop to create your own seasonal masterpiece. Play with the colors and textures of autumn as you arrange your centerpiece with flowers, foliage, and dried elements.

All materials included. You will go home with one beautiful arrangement for your Thanksgiving table.

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$55

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Holiday Greens Wreath Workshop

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM OR 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Add some creative natural beauty to your holidays by making your own festive wreath. Jenkins staff will guide you through the process of creating a wreath using fresh greens from our gardens. Gain inspiration from our massive holiday wreath, which will be on display.

All materials included including a wreath frame, greens, natural accents, and ribbon.

Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

Art & Photography

Paint with Wine Pigments



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Nicola Loughlin, Owner and Artist, Entwined-Action

Explore the wonderful things you can do with wine! Learn to paint using carefully crafted wine pigments instead of paint. Discover how to blend, create washes, and build techniques in this unique art workshop. Working on cold pressed watercolor paper, create a selection of contemporary art pieces using wine pigments with the guidance of a professional artist.

All art materials and a complimentary glass of wine (for ages 21+) are included. Suitable for beginning and experienced artists. No experience necessary.

Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

WELLNESS

MONDAY & THURSDAY SERIES

Mindful Yoga

MONDAYS | 6:00 – 7:15 PM

6-week series: 7/10 – 8/14, 10/9 – 11/13

4-week series: 9/11 – 10/2, 11/27 – 12/18

THURSDAYS | 9:30 – 10:45 AM

6-week series: 7/13 – 8/17, 10/12 – 11/16

4-week series: 9/14 – 10/5, 11/30 – 12/21

Janet Muti, Yoga Instructor

In our busy and stressful lives, it is important to prioritize mental and physical wellbeing. Our Mindful Yoga practice will consist of gentle stretching and strengthening exercises done slowly with awareness of breath and sensations that arise as we move from pose to pose.

All levels welcome; modifications and variations will be offered. Participants must have yoga blocks and straps available to take advantage of the variety of modifications. The location of Mindful Yoga classes will be determined before the start of each series—virtual and/or indoor in-person options.

Members: \$72/6-week series, \$48/4-week series

Non-Members: \$102/6-week series, \$68/4-week series

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 12, AUGUST 9, SEPTEMBER 13

Meditation in Motion

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Aimée Alegría Barry, Centaur Tai Chi

Meditation in Motion workshops incorporate elements of Qi Gong and Tai Chi walking to help us balance the active and passive, the yielding and wielding parts of ourselves. Slow down and move with your body, mind, and breath to develop a sense of calmness and well-being.

All levels welcome. Classes will be held outdoors with an indoor option available for inclement weather.

Members: \$12/class | Non-Members: \$18/class

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 19 & AUGUST 16

Discover Tai Chi

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Aimée Alegría Barry, Centaur Tai Chi

Join us for an introduction to the ancient practice of Tai Chi. Tai Chi is a soft-style martial art and is composed of slow, deliberate movements, meditation, and deep breathing to enhance physical health and emotional well-being. The beauty of Jenkins will create an inspirational backdrop to practice and work on the form.

All levels welcome. Classes will be held outdoors with an indoor option available for inclement weather.

Members: \$12/class | Non-Members: \$18/class

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 20 – OCTOBER 25

Tai Chi Series

9:30 – 10:30 AM

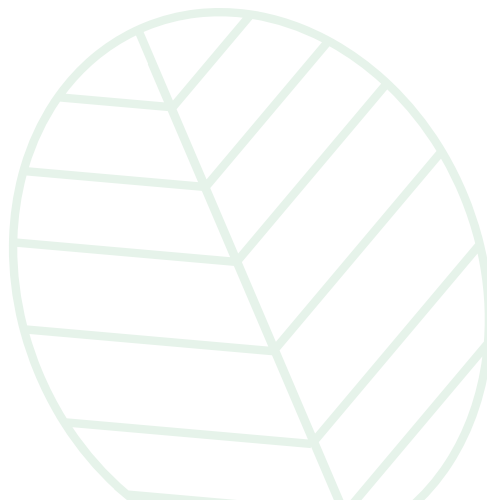
6-week series

Aimée Alegría Barry, Centaur Tai Chi

Tai Chi, a series of postures done slowly, promotes balance, flexibility, and strength. Learn the Tai Chi form, as well as 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 inclement weather.

Members: \$72/series | Non-Members: \$102/series





Youth Programs

Learn Your Plants! (Ages 5+)

SATURDAYS, JULY 29 & SEPTEMBER 30
10:00 – 11:00 AM

*Olivia Kirkpatrick, Landscape Designer,
GreenWeaver Landscapes*

Have you ever wondered what types of plants grow in your backyard or at Jenkins? Come be a nature detective and notice similarities, differences, shapes, and colors in the natural world around us. Learn tips and tricks to identify common native plants. Bring your curiosity and observation skills!

Suitable for ages 5 and up. Classes will take place outdoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS, JULY 11, 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 15

Sidewalk Chalk Walks (All Ages)

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Draw your way through Jenkins! Use sidewalk chalk to create beautiful nature-related art from the John J. Willaman Education Center down the main path through the garden. Don't miss these special mornings of family fun and endless doodling.

All ages welcome. Chalk will be provided—just bring your creativity! Please check in before starting. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Shine only.

Free of charge

TUESDAYS, JULY 11, 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 15

Summer Storytime (All Ages)

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Join us for a nature-themed read aloud in Jenkins' very own secret garden—the Explorer Garden! Enjoy a morning out and learn something new while listening to engaging stories.

Special Storytime on 7/18 with Maria Rodale, author of the Mrs. Peanuckle series. See page 16 for more info.

All ages welcome; most suitable for ages 3–6. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine, indoor space for inclement weather.

Free of charge

THURSDAYS, JULY 27, AUGUST 3, AUGUST 10

Critters in the Garden: Birds, Bees, and Butterflies (Ages 2+)

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Get to know some of the critters that live in our garden! Birds, bees, and butterflies are not only beautiful, but they are also important to the overall health of the Arboretum. Enjoy our glorious gardens with a guided nature walk and outdoor activities as we discover the winged wildlife in our world.

Suitable for ages 2 and up. Children must be walking (no strollers) and must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only. Shine only.

Members: \$5/class | Non-Members: \$10/class

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Bat Walk (Ages 4+)

6:15 – 7:15 PM

Bernard Brown, Naturalist and Author of Exploring Philly Nature

Join us to discover the winged wonders, insect-eating machines, and ecosystem stars—bats! Explore Jenkins after sunset to look for the bats who live here. We'll use a bat detector to listen to echolocation calls and try to identify the bats from sound. This will be a "wait and watch" walk so bring your curiosity and patience in nature. Bring a flashlight. Wear sturdy footwear.

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

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

MONDAYS, 4-WEEK SERIES

Children's Yoga at the Garden (Ages 2–5)

9/11 – 10/9 | 9:30 – 10:15 AM (NO CLASS 9/25)

Lisa Schwarcz, Yoga Instructor and Pediatric Physical Therapist

Introduce your little one to yoga and its many benefits. We will use stories, imagination, props, and music to engage the children in moving their bodies, exploring their breath, and calming their minds.

Suitable for ages 2–5. Child-sized yoga mats will be provided. Adults must accompany their children and are encouraged to bring a yoga mat and participate during the classes. Registration required for children only. Rain or shine, indoor space for inclement weather.

Members: \$48/series | Non-Members: \$56/series

TUESDAYS, 5-WEEK SERIES

Jenkins Juniors (Ages 2–4)

9/12 – 10/10 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

10/17 – 11/14 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Amy Mawby, Education Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Let's go exploring—get your little ones outside this fall! 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/series | Non-Members: \$70/series

Program Registration

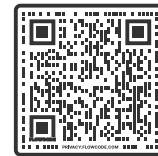
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Please visit JAGardens.eventbrite.com to register.

CAREGIVER REGISTRATION POLICY

Registration is free for a caregiver accompanying a program participant with a disability.

If you have program-related questions or to register for a caregiver, please contact us by emailing programs@jenkinsarboretum.org.



REGISTER ONLINE!

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

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 right to cancel any program if necessary. In the case of cancellation by Jenkins, registration fees will be refunded.

