



ADKINS ARBORETUM

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

WINTER 2012



ART EXHIBITS

The Arboretum sponsors art exhibitions throughout the year, including an annual competition and outdoor environmental art. Call 410-634-2847, ext. 0 or e-mail info@adkinsarboretum.org for gallery hours.

Takoma Park artist **Marilyn Banner**'s luminous and highly tactile encaustic paintings will be on view at the Visitor's Center through January 27. Banner focuses on the myriad colors and textures found in marshes and farmlands. Using the wide range of drawing and painting techniques possible in this hot wax process, she creates bold, richly layered scenes with a surprisingly broad range of character and atmosphere.



Marsh Memory, Marilyn Banner, encaustic on wood, 12" x 12"



2011 Leon Andrus Award Second Place Winner—*Maryland Veldt*, Elena Maza, oil painting on panel, 20" x 16"

The Arboretum's annual juried art show, *2012 Art Competition, Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore*, will be on view February 14 through March 30. Now in its thirteenth year, this show draws entries in many different media by artists from the Mid-Atlantic area and beyond. The juror for this year's show is Erik Neil, Director of the Academy Art Museum in Easton. There will be a reception Saturday, February 25 from 3 to 5 p.m.

George Holzer of Easton is well known for his spare, elegant photographs of natural materials. This exhibit, on view April 2 through June 1, includes works from two series. In *Leaves and Seeds*, he focuses on the unique beauty of leaves and seedpods



Dashing Stick, George Holzer, photograph

as they decay. *Stick Figures* explores the anthropomorphic, often whimsical qualities of broken twigs and sections of branches. There will be a reception Saturday, April 28 from 3 to 5 p.m.



Registration is required for all programs. Register online at adkinsarboretum.org, call 410-634-2847, extension 0, or e-mail info@adkinsarboretum.org.



Arbor Day Run

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

REGISTRATION 8–8:45 A.M., START TIME 9 A.M.

5K FEE: \$15; \$20 DAY OF EVENT

FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK FEE: \$10/FAMILY

Join fellow runners and nature enthusiasts for the sixth annual Arbor Day Run. The event, which also features a 5K Run and a one-mile Family Fun Run/Walk, will kick off with a Kids' 100 Yard Dash at 8:45 a.m. Participants will catch glimpses of spring as they traverse the cross-country course plotted along the Arboretum's network of scenic forest and meadow paths. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments provided. Register online, call 410-634-2847, ext. 0, or e-mail info@adkinsarboretum.org.



2012 Native Plant Nursery Spring Opening

The Arboretum offers the region's largest selection of native plants. The Native Plant Nursery Opening Weekend marks the opening of the plant nursery for the growing season. Following the Opening Weekend, the Nursery will be open to the public weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends by appointment. **Members, including those who join on any sale day, receive a 10% discount on plants, gift shop items, and new books. Members who join at the Contributor (\$100) level and above receive a 20% discount on plants.** Sale days are crowded, so please leave dogs at home. For additional information, call 410-634-2847 ext. 0, e-mail info@adkinsarboretum.org, or visit adkinsarboretum.org.

Members-Only Sale

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.

Shop the Members-Only Sale for the best selection. New members are welcome! Members may place presale orders at adkinsplants.com March 1 to March 31.

Public Sale Days

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.

Prepare for spring in the garden! The region's largest selection of ornamental native plants will be for sale, including a broad selection of flowering trees and shrubs, perennials, ferns, and grasses for spring planting. Ornamental native flowers and trees make colorful additions to home landscapes and provide food and habitat for wildlife. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions, and Arboretum docents will be on hand to lead guided walks. The sale benefits the Arboretum's education programs and introduces the public to the beauty and benefit of gardening with native plants.



Used Book Sale

The Arboretum is accepting donations of gardening and nature-themed books and magazines for a book sale during the plant sale. Donations may be dropped off at the Arboretum any day of the week between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Shop for books and magazines at great prices on the sale days!





Backyard Hobby Farming Series

FEE: MEMBERS: \$15 EACH PROGRAM OR \$35 FOR ALL THREE
GENERAL PUBLIC: \$20 EACH PROGRAM OR \$45 FOR ALL THREE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Robyn Affron and her arborist husband have transformed their half-acre property in Chestertown into a sustainable, productive, and lively oasis. In this series, she will share her journey and joy of backyard farming and gardening. Affron is a Certified Professional Horticulturist and Master Naturalist Intern with 16 years of experience in horticulture.

Introduction to Backyard Hobby Farming

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1-2:30 P.M.

Create sustainable landscape practices in your own backyard, no matter the size of your property. Learn how to raise free range chickens for fresh eggs and establish gardens that create habitat for wildlife and produce food for you and your family. This session will also cover raising rabbits and dwarf goats and starting a beehive.

Maintaining the Backyard Hobby Farm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1-2:30 P.M.

In this second session, learn how to maintain the hobby farm with sustainable land practices such as bio-security measures to keep chickens and goats healthy, vermi-composting, and composting with all of that good organic matter left behind from chickens, goats, and rabbits. Create habitat with native plants for the bees and other pollinators, and learn how to implement less lawn and more garden.

Backyard Hobby Farm Field Trip

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 10-11:30 A.M.

Visit Robyn's backyard hobby farm and lush chicken garden. See sustainable land practices in action, and meet the farm animals. Taste the difference of fresh free range chicken eggs by taking home a few fresh eggs to share with family and friends. *Participants will meet at Robyn's home in Chestertown.*

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Plants for Difficult Soils

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

The soils of the Delmarva Peninsula vary considerably, from salty to hydric to sandy to clay to every mix in between. This lively and interactive program will answer questions about soil types, mineral content, amending soil, pH levels, and helping native plants thrive in your landscape. Discover what various plants need and how to keep them happy.

Winter is an excellent time to plan your landscape and be ready for the spring plant sales. Join sustainable landscape designer **Christina Pax** and chemist **Julianna Pax** as they share their research and interesting, helpful ideas for designing, planting, and maintaining a sustainable landscape.



Planting for Native Bees

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1-3 P.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

More than 75 percent of flowering plants rely on pollinators, but pollinator populations are in decline in North America. Without them, the ability of agricultural crops and wild plants to produce food products and seeds is jeopardized. Join Patuxent Wildlife Research Center Wildlife Biologist **Sam Droege** to learn why "bees are not optional." Learn to identify native bees, manage your landscape and lawn for them, and choose a variety of plants to attract native bee species.

Coaxing Blooms

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10-11:30 A.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Forcing branches is a wonderfully easy way to beat the winter doldrums by bringing the cheer of spring flowers inside. Join **Samantha McCall** to learn what tree branches and shrubs are ideal for forcing indoors for a bright pop of color, and discover how to "trick" these plants to bloom indoors while their outdoor counterparts remain dormant.

An avid gardener and a dedicated plantswoman, McCall is a floral designer, a Master Gardener, and a perennial student at Longwood Gardens. A member of several Eastern Shore garden clubs, she also is the owner of Fleurish, an environmentally friendly floral design studio committed to using local plant material whenever possible.

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Becoming Bay Smart: Living Within Maryland's Critical Area

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

FREE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

This half-day workshop is designed for citizens, new Critical Area property owners, realtors, and contractors who want to learn the basics of the Critical Area Program and how it applies to where they live, work, and play. Training will be presented by **Critical Area Commission staff** and will include a brief history of the program and how it is implemented as a partnership between state and local governments. Development within the Critical Area and the various requirements in each land classification, Resource Conservation Area, RCA (essentially intact buffer), Limited Development Area, LDA and Intensely Developed Area, and IDA (essentially no buffer at all) will be covered in some detail. Topics to be discussed include:

- Regulations for building in the RCA, LDA, and IDA
- The importance and functions of the Critical Area Buffer
- The types of Buffer Management Plans and how they are used
- Shoreline projects and how the permit process is handled jointly by Maryland Department of the Environment, Corps of Engineers, and local governments.

Landscape Design Workshop

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

FEE: \$85 MEMBERS, \$110 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 16

This workshop will address the typical challenges of homeowners in the Chesapeake Bay region. Three experienced landscape designers and avid gardeners will lead you through an all-day intensive design session. Come with your challenges and dreams, and leave with a landscape plan, ideas, and confidence to transform your home landscape for your enjoyment and pride.

Topics include analyzing the challenges and opportunities of your property; developing a plan for circulation and unique features; designing “rooms” for outdoor living; choosing materials for patios and walks; incorporating sustainable practices; and selecting ornamental plants. The day will be organized around presentations followed by breakout sessions for you to work one-on-one with designers. The designers will offer practical advice on getting started, what to do with wet areas, how to lay out a path, how to screen an undesirable view, and plants recommended for specific conditions. Step by step, you will develop your own landscape design.

Workshop leaders are Arboretum Executive Director **Ellie Altman**; landscape architect **Barbara McClinton**, formerly of the Baltimore landscape architecture and land planning firm Daft, McCune, Walker; and landscape designer and native plant enthusiast **Chris Pax**, a graduate of the George Washington University sustainable landscape design master's program.

Bring your own lunch. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and a light breakfast. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. Break refreshments will be provided. Also bring a property plat, photos, and other documentation of your property.

Favorite Perennials

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1–2:30 P.M.

OR SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 10–11:30 A.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Adkins Arboretum Nursery Manager **Joanne Healey** will introduce twelve native perennials that have proven themselves worthy of the home garden. Intended for beginners, this program will review characteristics of each perennial—color, foliage, cover and size, and light, moisture, and soil requirements—in addition to garden placement, compliment plantings, and wildlife benefits.



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Season's Bounty

FRIDAYS, MARCH 30, JUNE 8, AND
SEPTEMBER 7, 10 A.M.–NOON
FEE: MEMBERS: \$15 EACH PROGRAM
OR \$35 FOR ALL THREE
GENERAL PUBLIC: \$20 EACH PROGRAM
OR \$45 FOR ALL THREE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Spring Greens—March 30

As the cold of winter makes its reluctant exit and the palette of the landscape goes from dormant-brown to emergent-chartreuse, we often gravitate toward the fresh experience— being outside, renewing the garden, eating green foods. In this first program of a three-part series, **Elizabeth Beggins** will help you explore avenues for revitalizing yourself and your menu as she discusses growing and preparing such spring delicacies as zesty mustard, nutty arugula, and elegant pac-choy, in addition to favorites such as lettuce and spinach. Tasting samples and starter seed kits are sure to put some spring in your step.

Abundant Summer—June 8

Days lengthen, thermometers rise, and kitchens fill to overflowing with Mother Nature's gifts. Now is the time to maximize the bounty of summer. Plan on succession plantings at home, and benefit from the burgeoning variety at farmers' markets. In the second session of this tasty series, Elizabeth will guide you in how to prolong your home harvests and how to savor and store those available from local farmers. Enjoy the flavors of the season as you learn.

Fall Harvest—September 7

Just because we can stop worrying about what to do with *yet another* summer squash doesn't mean the food season is over. Late summer is the time to plant a fall garden and the time you'll find the widest variety of produce all year. Elizabeth will show you how a little preparation now can yield big returns as the weather turns cooler. Greens, garlic, and gorgeous local offerings available at markets and roadside stands are the focus of this final program in the series. As always, savory treats and tools to use at home are an added bonus.



The Elfin World of Mosses and Liverworts

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 10–11:30 A.M.
FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Mosses, liverworts, and hornworts, collectively known as bryophytes, are a fascinating group of nonvascular plants that are an important component of the many habitats of the Delmarva Peninsula. Join **Bill McAvoy** to learn the basics of bryophyte morphology, their life-cycles and ecology, and their place in the ecosystem.



McAvoy is the botanist for the Delaware Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and has studied and published on both the vascular and nonvascular flora of the Delmarva Peninsula for over 20 years.

Foraging

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1–3 P.M.
FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Bill Schindler, Ph.D. returns to the Arboretum to lead this hands-on workshop that will immerse participants in the exciting, sustainable, and nutritious world of foraging for wild plants. Participants will be taken into the field to learn how to identify, harvest, and prepare many of spring's wild edibles. It doesn't get more local or organic than this!

Schindler is a professor of anthropology and archaeology at Washington College. His research focuses on prehistoric foodways and technologies. Dr. Schindler incorporates wild foods into his and his family's diet on a regular basis. Please note that foraging by individuals is not permitted on the Arboretum grounds.



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Henry Callister: Colonial Merchant and Amateur Naturalist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1–2:30 P.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Henry Callister, a native of the Isle of Man, arrived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1742, working as a factor for a Liverpool-based trading company. Although most of his days were spent overseeing shipments of tobacco to England and managing the company’s stores on the Shore, his unpublished papers show that one of his many interests was a passion for local natural history. Salisbury University professor **Ellen Lawler** will discuss Callister’s nature writings that include brief descriptions of local birds, mammals, plants, and insects. He also wrote an extended essay on swallows, comparing the species found in Maryland to those of Europe and discussing an ongoing debate of the day—whether swallows migrate or hibernate. Callister’s writings on nature may be among the earliest in Maryland. They demonstrate that he was a keen observer of nature and had ideas well ahead of his time on topics such as the homing abilities of animals and the adaptability of species to different habitats and situations.

Among the Ancients: Adventures in the Eastern Old-Growth Forests

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1–2:30 P.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

What is happening to our forests, and what can we do to save them? Biologist and nature writer **Dr. Joan Maloof**, author of *Among the Ancients: Adventures in the Eastern Old-Growth Forests*, will discuss her love affair with ancient trees and the myriad flora and fauna that live in their midst. A scientist with a poet’s heart, she will transport you to some of the 26 forests she explored for this book and invite you to care about these imperiled lands as much as she does.



Maloof has worked with trees from all angles: as a horticulturalist, as an ecologist, and now as a writer and activist. She will read from *Among the Ancients* and from her first book, *Teaching the Trees: Lessons from the Forest*, and will discuss her latest venture—the Old-Growth Forest Network, an organization that aims to identify and protect at least one forest in every county in the nation that is capable of supporting a forest ecosystem.

This will be a celebration of the arboreal. Join your fellow tree huggers for an engaging and inspiring afternoon.

Made For Each Other: The Biology of the Human-Animal Bond

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1–3 P.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

In 1992, while developing a series on the human-animal bond, **Meg Daley Olmert** was asked to join a research team studying the neurobiology of social bonding headed by Dr. Kerstin Uvnas-Moberg of the Karolinska Institute and Dr. Carol Sue Carter of the University of Maryland. Her partnership in this scientific endeavor inspired her groundbreaking book, *Made for Each Other: The Biology of the Human-Animal Bond*.



This is the first book to explain the brain chemistry that flows through—and between—all mammals forging powerful social bonds between the species. It traces the evolution of this shared neurobiological heritage as it calmed wild animals and turned our hunter-gather ancestors into full-time animal caregivers. And it also shows how the ability of humans and animals to activate this brain system in each other continues to quiet our hearts and minds, filling us with a very real, very essential sense of wellbeing.

Olmert lectures widely and is a media consultant. She has produced and written cultural and historical documentaries for Emmy Award series such as *Smithsonian World*, *National Geographic Explorer*, *The Discovery Channel Specials*, and *PBS’s The Living Edens*. She is also the Director of Research and Development for Warrior Canine Connection, a canine therapy program for the treatment of soldiers with PTSD, at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, in Bethesda, MD.

The Swamp Monster at Home

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 5–7 P.M.

FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Catherine Carter returns to the Arboretum to read from her new book of poems, *The Swamp Monster at Home* (forthcoming from LSU Press, February 2012). Born on the Eastern Shore and raised here by wolves and vultures, Carter now lives in Cullowhee, NC, with her husband near Western Carolina University, where she teaches in and coordinates the English education program. Her first full-length collection, *The Memory of Gills* (LSU, 2006), received the 2007 Roanoke-Chowan Award from the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association; her poem “Toast” won the 2009 North Carolina Writer’s Network Randall Jarrell award. Her work has also appeared in *Poetry*, *Ploughshares*, *Orion*, and *Best American Poetry 2009*, among others.



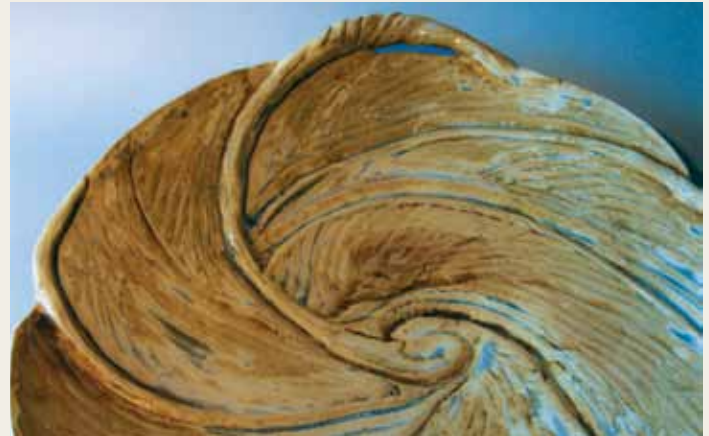


Hypertufa Planter

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 10 A.M.–1 P.M.
FEE: \$45 MEMBERS, \$65 GENERAL PUBLIC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 12

Discover how to enhance your garden landscape by making a hypertufa planter with Queen Anne’s County Master Gardeners **Rachel Melvin** and **Carol Jelich**. Hypertufa is an artificial stone material that is made from several different aggregates to imitate natural tufa rock. It can easily be molded into different forms, is much lighter than concrete, and looks like weathered crumbly stone.

This workshop will take place in the Nursery Greenhouse. Wear work clothes and shoes, and bring a sack lunch, long rubber gloves, and an adventurous spirit.



Nature-Inspired Clayworks

FRIDAYS, MARCH 2, 10 A.M.–1 P.M., MARCH 16, 10 A.M.–NOON AT PAUL’S STUDIO, AND MARCH 23, 10–11 A.M.
FEE: \$55 MEMBERS, \$75 GENERAL PUBLIC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 8

Join **Paul Aspell** to create nature-inspired ceramics using hand building techniques demonstrated in the first session of this series. The second session will meet at Paul’s studio to stain, glaze, and finish the pieces. In the third session, participants will meet to critique and pick up their finished fired works.

Paul is known for his combination of hand-built forms with thrown elements. He incorporates elements of the Eastern Shore into his pottery, as demonstrated by his washes and glazes and his use of shells and old bricks to leave imprints in the clay. He holds a master’s degree in ceramics and has taught art in public and private high schools in New Jersey. His work is featured in the Arboretum gift shop. All materials will be provided. Bring a sack lunch to the first session.

Illuminated Letters

FRIDAYS, APRIL 20 AND 27, MAY 4 AND 11, 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
FEE: \$100 MEMBERS, \$135 GENERAL PUBLIC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 12

In this four-session class, artist **Lee D’Zmura** will introduce the basic skills necessary to create illuminated letters as well as focus on the design of a botanical illumination using the Arboretum’s spring ephemerals as inspiration. Each student will produce several illuminated letters using gold paints and watercolors.

A materials list will be provided. Bring supplies and a sack lunch to each session.

Save the date

Andrea Wulf, author of *The Founding Gardeners* and *The Brother Gardeners*, returns to the Arboretum to discuss her new book, *Chasing Venus*.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, NOON–2 P.M.
FEE: \$15 MEMBERS, \$20 GENERAL PUBLIC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

Chasing Venus is told as a race across the world. Rich with tales of obsession, and featuring pirates, plagues, astronomers, scientists, Catherine the Great, and Benjamin Franklin, *Chasing Venus* bursts with action, wonderful detail, and scientific excitement, revealing the spirit of the Enlightenment and man’s quest to understand the world. andrewulf.com

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Sunset Walk with Nick Carter

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 6-8 P.M.

FREE WITH ADMISSION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 35

The Chesapeake Bay region is sustained by native plants that provide food and shelter to wildlife and enhance the rich biodiversity of the Bay watershed. Join **Nick Carter** for a walk along the paths that bisect the rich and unique native plant habitat of Adkins Arboretum, all outstanding specimens of plants native to the Delmarva Peninsula. The plant habitats you'll see include mature and young native forests, meadows, and wetland.

A longtime environmental educator, Carter retired as fisheries biologist and ecologist with Maryland Department of Natural Resources after 35 years. He has received the Izaak Walton League's award for habitat conservation in the Chesapeake Bay region and a Governor's citation for excellence.

Winter Soup 'n Walks

Nature, Nurture, and Nutrition

SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 17, AND APRIL 21,

11 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

FEE: \$20 MEMBERS, \$25 GENERAL PUBLIC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 25

Track the changing landscape from winter to spring. Following a guided walk with a docent naturalist, enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch along with a brief lesson about the meal's nutritional value. Copies of recipes are provided.

March 17

Buds and Early Blooms

Many trees and shrubs are sporting new spring buds, fiddleheads are emerging on Christmas fern, and early pink and purple blooms are beginning to appear. Register for a one-hour or two-hour walk to check out skunk cabbage, spring beauty, and bloodroot blooms and the soft buds of paw paw, dogwood, hickory, and tulip tree.

Menu

Carrot and cauliflower soup with herbs

Avocado and pink grapefruit salad

Dill rye bread with strawberry jam

Chocolate walnut cookies

Guided Walks

Explore the Arboretum's changing landscape with a variety of guided walks. Walks led by Arboretum docent naturalists are offered **the first Saturday of the month** at 10 a.m. Tours begin at the Visitor's Center and last approximately one hour. **Nature as Muse**, a guided walk and writing program, is offered **the first Wednesday of the month** from 10 a.m. to noon. Join horticulturalist Eric Wittman for **Second Saturday Guided Walks** on April 14 and May 12 at 1 p.m. All walks are free with admission. Visit adkinsarboretum.org for more information.

To arrange a guided walk for more than 10 participants, contact Adult Program Coordinator Ginna Tiernan at gtiernan@adkinsarboretum.org or 410-634-2847, ext. 27.

February 18

Seeking Snow and Winter Warmth

Search out green plants that cherish the warm winter sun, and possibly snow-covered plants, on this wintry walk. Plants of interest include mosses, cranefly orchid, magnolia and holly leaves, pine and red cedar needles, Christmas fern, and the stems of strawberry bush and greenbrier.

Menu

Chicken soup with greens and sweet potatoes

Broccoli bud salad

Pumpernickel bread with mint jelly

Gingerbread with lemon sauce

April 21

Fleeting Ephemerals

Appearing in early spring, ephemerals flower, fruit, and die back in a short period of time. Join a one-hour or two-hour walk to catch glimpses of pink spring beauty, Mayapple, dogwood blossoms, yellow trout lily, golden groundsel, sassafras and spicebush blooms, and white beech tree blossoms.

Menu

Kale, corn, and black bean soup

Golden carrot salad

Whole wheat cinnamon raisin walnut bread

Pumpkin spice bars



Winter Preschool Programs

Classes are open to children ages 3 to 5. The fee for a session of six classes is \$45 for members and \$55 for the general public. Each class includes a snack and a craft. Registration required. Limit: 15

Session 1: Tuesdays, 10–11:15 a.m.

Session 2: Thursdays, 10–11:15 a.m.

Groundhogs Galore

FEBRUARY 14 AND 16

Learn about Mr. Groundhog and his predictions for the arrival of spring. Children will look for Arboretum groundhog homes, make groundhog puppets, and sing a special groundhog song.



Journey of a Snowflake

FEBRUARY 21 AND 23

In this lesson, children will pretend that they are snowflakes journeying through the winter sky. They will make a glittery snowflake craft, look for Jack Frost in the forest, and warm up with hot chocolate and the beloved children’s book “A Snowy Day.”

Mitten Magic

FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1

Get to know the animals in Jan Brett’s classic children’s story “The Mitten.” Children will create magical mittens to take home, look for signs of animals in the forest, and find out how animals keep warm when mittens aren’t an option.



Antlers Away

MARCH 6 AND 8

While many animals are hibernating through the winter, deer are out and about! Children will learn about the white-tailed deer and look for deer tracks on the Arboretum paths to fill with Plaster of Paris for some scientific fun. Back in the classroom, they’ll make antler headbands and enjoy animal stories.

Fox Trot

MARCH 13 AND 15

Where do foxes go when the cold wind blows? In their cozy dens, of course! Children will follow a winding trail to an Arboretum fox den, sing and dance to the “Fox Trot,” and make pop-up fox finger puppets.

Seed Starters

MARCH 20 AND 22

It’s time to start thinking about the summer garden! Children will learn how seeds germinate and start their own seeds in a nifty egg carton tray. They will also visit the Arboretum greenhouse and enjoy a picnic snack.

Looking Ahead...

Spring Preschool Programs

Celebrate spring at the Arboretum with your preschooler! Discover the wonders of nests, spring blooms, pollywogs, and more in a six-week program brimming with hands-on fun. Program descriptions and registration information will be listed on the Arboretum’s website by March 1. Classes are open to children ages 3 to 5. The fee for a session of six classes is \$45 for members and \$55 for general public. Each class includes a snack and a craft. Registration required. Limit: 15.

Tuesday classes: April 10–May 15, 10 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Thursday classes: April 12–May 17, 10 a.m.–11:15 a.m.



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The Forest in Winter: Nature Classes for Home School Students

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 19–FEBRUARY 23, 1–2:30 P.M.
FEE: \$55 MEMBERS, \$70 GENERAL PUBLIC
PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS 7 TO 14 YEARS OF AGE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 15

Home school students will explore the wonders of winter in this six-week program led by Children’s Program Coordinator Jenny Houghton. Lessons will focus on animal adaptations to cold, winter tree identification, plant life cycles, snowflakes, states of matter, and cloud formation. Students are asked to bring a three-ringed binder, paper, and a writing utensil to class, along with warm clothes and good walking shoes.

Chesapeake Bay Eco-Discovery for Home School Students

THURSDAYS, APRIL 12–MAY 17, 1–2:30 P.M.
FEE: \$55 MEMBERS, \$70 GENERAL PUBLIC
PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS 7 TO 14 YEARS OF AGE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 15

Home school students will discover the wonders of the Chesapeake Bay through exciting, hands-on activities. Students will explore interrelationships among Bay organisms, identify unique physical characteristics of the Chesapeake Bay, and investigate factors affecting the Bay’s health. This six-week program will include field work in the Arboretum’s wetland and stream habitats.



*There is a garden in every childhood,
an enchanted place where colors are
brighter, the air softer, and the morning
more fragrant than ever again.*

—ELIZABETH LAWRENCE

An Arboretum Campout

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 6 P.M. THROUGH THE MORNING OF
SUNDAY, APRIL 29
FEE: MEMBERS: \$15/PERSON OR \$60/FAMILY,
GENERAL PUBLIC: \$18/PERSON OR \$75/FAMILY
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT: 15 TENTS

Enjoy a spring campout under the stars. Relax to the strains of a wetland serenade, take a flashlight hike, and roast s’mores over a bonfire. Stargazers will be on hand to uncover the mysteries of the night sky, and an ornithologist will join campers for a morning bird walk.

Campers are asked to bring a main course for themselves and a side dish to share. The Arboretum will provide paper goods, beverages, s’mores, and a light breakfast.

Summer Nature Camps

For the past seven years, Adkins Arboretum’s Summer Nature Camps have given children the opportunity to enjoy their precious summer the old-fashioned way—outdoors! This summer, campers will experience the Arboretum in a variety of ways. In Camp Bumblebee “Mommy and Me,” two- to three-year-olds will explore the wild world of plants—from the Funshine Garden’s sunflowers to the forest’s towering tulip poplars. Preschoolers can join Camp Pollywog to learn about the amazing creatures that call the Arboretum home.

Ever snack on sorrel, brush your teeth with a sassafras twig, or dine on dandelions? Campers ages 7–9 will explore traditional uses of native plants in Camp Paw Paw. They’ll also get to know the creatures that depend on native plants for food and shelter. In Camp Egret, 10- to 12-year-olds will hone wilderness survival skills. Egret campers will navigate with compasses, create forest shelters, and bake in solar ovens, all while building valuable teamwork and leadership skills.

The Arboretum’s Creative Kids Camps provide children access to a truly enchanted place. Camp brochures and registration information will be available online by March 15. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Sign up your young adventurer to grow with the Arboretum. Adults are requested to stay with their little Bumblebees; all other camps are drop-off.

- CAMP BUMBLEBEE (AGES 2–3): JUNE 11–15
- CAMP PAW PAW (AGES 7–9): JUNE 18–22
- CAMP POLLYWOG (AGES 4–6): JUNE 25–29
- CAMP EGRET (AGES 10–12): JULY 9–13



FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Nature as Muse 10-a.m.	2 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	3	4 Guided Walk 10 a.m.
5	6	7	8 Introduction to Backyard Hobby Farming 1-2:30 p.m.	9 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	10 Henry Callister: Colonial Merchant and Amateur Naturalist 1-2:30 p.m.	11 Plants for Difficult Soils 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
12	13	14 Art Competition show opens Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	15	16 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m. Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	17	18 Soup 'n Walk 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
19 Planting for Native Bees 1-3 p.m.	20	21 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	22 Coaxing Blooms 10-11:30 a.m.	23 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m. Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	24	25 Becoming Bay Smart 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Art reception 3-5 p.m.
26	27	28 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	29 Hypertufa Planter 10 a.m.-1 p.m.			

MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Art Competition show on view through March 30 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	2 Nature-Inspired Clayworks 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 Landscape Design Workshop 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Guided Walk 10 a.m.
4	5	6 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	7 Nature as Muse 10-a.m.	8 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m. Favorite Perennials 1-2:30 p.m.	9	10 Favorite Perennials 10-11:30 a.m.
11	12	13 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	14 Among the Ancients 1-2:30 p.m.	15 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	16 Nature-Inspired Clayworks 10 a.m. -noon	17 Soup 'n Walk 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
18	19	20 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	21	22 Preschool program 10-11:15 a.m.	23 Nature-Inspired Clayworks 10-11 a.m.	24 Mosses and Liverworts 10-11:30 a.m.
25 Made for Each Other: The Biology of the Human-Animal Bond 1-3 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30 Nature's Bounty 10 a.m.-noon	31

APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Foraging 1-3 p.m.	2 George Holzer exhibit on view through June 1	3	4 Nature as Muse 10 a.m. The Swamp Monster at Home 5-7 p.m.	5 Sunset Walk with Nick Carter 6-8 p.m.	6	7 Arbor Day Run Guided Walk 10 a.m.
8	9	10	11	12 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	13 Members-Only Native Plant Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	14 Native Plant Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Second Saturday Guided Walk 1 p.m.
15 Native Plant Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	20 Illuminated Letters 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21 Soup 'n Walk 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	27 Illuminated Letters 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	28 Art reception 3-5 p.m. An Arboretum Campout
29 An Arboretum Campout	30					

MAY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	4 Illuminated Letters 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5 Guided Walk 10 a.m.
6	7	8	9	10 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	11 Illuminated Letters 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	12 Second Saturday Guided Walk 1 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17 Home School program 1-2:30 p.m.	18	19
20 Chasing Venus noon-2 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		