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A Note from the Executive Director

BILL CULLINA, *The F. Otto Haas Executive Director*

Photo: Judy Miller

First, let me say hello. As you read this, I will have been the new *F. Otto Haas Executive Director* of the Morris Arboretum for just ten short weeks, and I am truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead this great institution through its next chapter. The staff and community have been genuinely warm and welcoming to my family and myself, and we are all thrilled to be here in America's Garden Capital!

I would like to take a moment to thank Paul Meyer personally for the incredible legacy he has left all of us. I hope I can make you proud, Paul. My thanks, as well, to Bob Gutowski for shepherding this institution as interim director while also performing the bewildering number of duties that comprise his regular job! I don't know how he does it.

Autumn is a contradictory season. In the natural rhythms of the year it is a time of decay amid abundance. Stems wither and leaves fall to reveal great drops of berries, nuts, and tubers that will sustain life through the coming cold and dark. It is also an incongruous period of frenetic restlessness mixed with self-satisfied repose—a unique and natural tension that makes this season so fascinating. Add to this cool, clear days and brilliant colors that flash before the hidden architecture of trees is again revealed, the comic antics of birds and rodents frantically feasting, and I believe there is no better time of the year to visit the Arboretum. The first weekend in October we celebrate Fall Family Weekend and the opening of the annual Scarecrow Walk. I look forward to meeting our members and families as they enjoy these events together outdoors in nature. The ever-popular Holiday Garden Railway opens Thanksgiving weekend. Visiting this magical exhibit continues to be an annual tradition for many families, with even more opportunities this year to experience the thousands of lights at night. For the first time, this season we will be offering members the chance to purchase evening tickets before they are available to the general public. Be sure not to miss out on this very special holiday experience.



Photo: Mark Stehle

Thank you and I very much look forward to seeing you in the garden. I will also be presenting a lecture, *The Critical Role of Public Gardens*, on Wednesday, October 23 at the Ambler Theater (see details on page 14) where I will discuss the importance of public gardens and the unique benefits offered by these sacred spaces.

everGREEN Campaign Update

Green Education — More Relevant than ever

As it has always been, our future is inextricably linked to the plant world. Through much of history, humankind—across cultures—celebrated, revered, and respected the plants that sustain life. Today, however, we are at a crossroads; people know less about the plants that surround them than ever before. Children are rarely able to name the native tree species that surround their homes and schools, or even recognize plants in the foods they eat. It is difficult, if not impossible, to care about—much less advocate for—something of which you know nothing.

The Arboretum’s relevance as an educational resource has never been greater, and the *Ever Green* campaign is intended to position the organization’s programming for a new generation of learners. Indeed, the cornerstone of the Arboretum’s Youth Education program is the belief that every child flourishes more fully when given the opportunity to engage with the natural world. Exploring outdoor spaces, like the Morris Arboretum, not only enriches children’s lives and offers them well-documented academic, physical, and mental health benefits—it also connects them viscerally to the natural world, an experience which occurs less and less in this increasingly technology dependent world.

It is our obligation to ensure that we extend our offerings to the broadest possible audience in the most meaningful ways. In order to do so, the Arboretum must invest heavily in its Education and Visitor Experience efforts. Toward this end, ambitious *Ever Green* fundraising goals have been established for education-centric priorities:

- \$2.5 million will endow the Director of Education and Visitor Experience, allowing the Arboretum to re-direct annual operating support to build out education programming and supplement support staff; and
- \$2.5 million will support youth education endowments, including \$750,000 for the newly established Education Endowment for Underserved Schoolchildren.

For more information about funding opportunities and how you can help the Arboretum further grow its education resources, please contact Mira Zergani, Director of Development at (215) 247-5777 ext. 102 or via email at mzergani@upenn.edu.

Watch Us Grow

◆ Campaign Goal
\$36 MILLION

◆ \$27.6+ MILLION
Raised as of July 15, 2019
77% to Goal

◆ Cultivate the Garden

◆ Lead Research Initiatives

◆ Improve Public Access
and Inclusion

everGREEN
Strengthen Our Roots, Ensure Our Growth



The Paul W. Meyer Chief Arborist A Newly Endowed Fund for a New Era

When the Arboretum began to establish fundraising goals for the *Ever Green* campaign, several key priorities were obvious, none more so than the establishment of a \$1.5 million endowed fund to support a Chief Arborist position. It is hardly imaginable that an Arboretum would function without a Chief Arborist, but the economic fallout from 2008 required exactly that. Since that time, it has been a key objective to reinstate this important position in a financially sustainable manner. Creating endowments for key positions is one of the most financially stable ways to sustain them.

Now, more than a decade later, the Arboretum is thrilled to announce that the McCausland Foundation and Janet and John Haas have combined forces to fully endow the Chief Arborist position, and in doing so, have chosen to honor Paul W. Meyer, who recently retired after 43 years of service, 27 of those as the *F. Otto Haas Executive Director*. To be known as *The Paul W. Meyer Chief Arborist*, the position will strengthen the Arboretum’s tree care program while also helping to advance arboriculture education and outreach programs.

“Funding the Chief Arborist position is something that we have been working toward for several years. It is remarkably gratifying to have secured the funding that will allow us to fill this critical Arboretum role. I am so grateful to the McCausland Foundation and to Janet and John Haas for making this a reality,” said Anthony Aiello, *The Gayle E. Maloney Director of Horticulture and Curator*.

The Arboretum looks forward to filling the position in early 2020.

Elizabeth McCausland Salata (pictured at right with husband, Kyle), Arboretum Board member and Director at The McCausland Foundation, remarked, “The McCausland Foundation is grateful to Paul Meyer who inspired so many with his message of the great value of trees in urban environments. It is our great privilege to have helped establish and name the Chief Arborist position in Paul’s honor.”

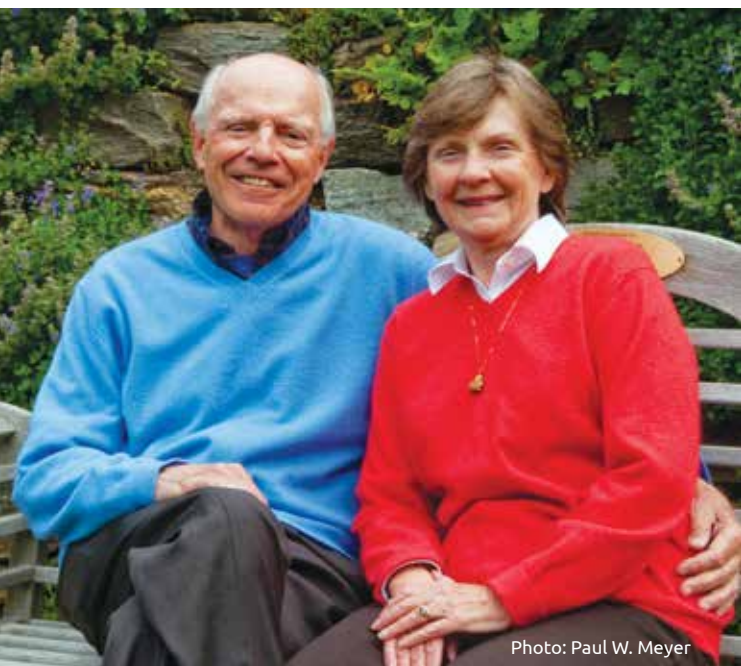
Photos: Paul W. Meyer, Mark Stehle



Janet Haas (pictured at left with husband, John), Arboretum Board Member Emerita, echoed these sentiments, “Paul is a regional, national, and even international hero for his work over decades consulting and educating our community, and those far beyond it, about trees. We cannot imagine a more fitting way to honor his legacy than to ensure that he is associated in perpetuity with the Chief Arborist position.”

John Shober – A Story of Giving Back

LESLIE CRANE, *Development Communications Associate*



If John Shober’s name sounds familiar, you may have listened to the story of his connection to the gardens in the oral history project titled *Arboretum Voices*, found on the Morris Arboretum website. In his recording, John recounts his experience of returning from military service during the Cold War, with symptoms of what we now call post-traumatic stress disorder. During that time, John found solace within the Arboretum’s gates, and visiting the gardens became an important part of his healing process.

Today, John and his wife, Elizabeth, are residents of the nearby Hill at Whitemarsh, but for many years, they lived in a home adjacent to the Arboretum. When they first married, John and Elizabeth would frequently walk the gardens together. The Arboretum was already an important place for John, and for Elizabeth it quickly became her favorite place to enjoy the beauty of nature and find “space to think.” As their involvement with the Arboretum deepened, they were impressed with the community of dedicated people, but they also recognized that the institution needed their help.

When John was invited to join the Advisory Board of Managers and the Finance Committee in 2004, he readily accepted. The committee’s chief concern at the time was getting the Arboretum’s financial house in order, and John’s years of success in business and law, coupled with his experience serving on corporate boards, were invaluable during that challenging time. Today, the Arboretum is fiscally strong. In addition to the hard work of the Arboretum’s Finance Committee, John gives much credit to the University of Pennsylvania, which successfully developed and implemented one of the strongest university-based investment and financial management programs in the country.

For many years, the Shobers made cash contributions annually which were designated to offset the Arboretum’s maintenance costs. As the University’s management of the Arboretum’s investment accounts and endowments showed consistently solid returns, the Shobers began considering planned-giving mechanisms. About ten years ago, the Shobers switched to contributions using charitable gift annuities. Most recently, they have started giving to a CRUT (Charitable Remainder Uni-Trust), which will distribute to them a fixed percentage annually throughout their lifetimes; the remainder will ultimately be used to support the Arboretum. The Shobers see this as a “rock solid” way to diversify their current investments, and simultaneously give back to an organization that is tremendously meaningful to their family—including their eight children, fifteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren!

John and Elizabeth will tell you, “the Shober efforts are modest at best,” but the Arboretum maintains that their steadfast support and counsel over the years has truly helped it grow into the world-class garden it is today.

Active Military Now Eligible for Free Admission

In honor of Emeritus Arboretum Board member John A. H. Shober (First Lieutenant, USAF), the Morris Arboretum is pleased to introduce the John Shober Active-Duty Military Free Admission Program. Effective September 1, 2019, the Arboretum will grant free general admission to Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Active Duty and Reservists, National Guardsman (regardless of status), U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. To qualify, visitors simply need to show a valid military ID, a Geneva Convention Common Access Card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card at the entrance kiosk. This program does not include ticketed and promotional events at the Arboretum.

Arboretum Welcomes New Board Members

CHELSEA MELVIN, *Assistant Director of Donor Engagement*

Effective July 1, 2019, the Morris Arboretum is pleased to welcome the following individuals to its Advisory Board of Managers:



Susan Oberwager (pictured left), is a clinical psychologist and longtime friend of the Arboretum. Susan previously served on the Advisory Board from 2003 to 2012, and was co-chair of the *Always Growing* campaign.



Nina Schneider (pictured right), garden designer, rejoins the Advisory Board after having previously served a nine-year term from 2009 to 2018. Ever-engaged with the Arboretum, Nina is a longtime member of the Horticulture Committee and regularly opens her lovely home and garden in Chestnut Hill to visitors as part of the Arboretum’s Continuing Education Program.

Philanthropist and staunch advocate for the natural world, **Maysie Starr** (pictured left) joins the Advisory Board as a brand new member. In addition to her service on the board, Maysie is a member of the Horticulture Committee, and has served on the Directors’ Guild. Maysie was also the 2018 *Moonlight & Roses* honoree.



Introducing Our Global Advisors

This year, the Advisory Board of Managers of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania began electing “Global Advisors” to serve among its ranks. The role of a Global Advisor is reserved for a select group of individuals who have been meaningfully engaged with the Arboretum through the significant contribution of their time, talent, and treasure, but whose full participation in the Arboretum’s efforts is impeded by geographic distance.

Please join us in welcoming our inaugural Global Advisors:

Martha “Marty” J. Wallace (pictured above right) recently completed a nine-year term on the Advisory Board. She currently resides in Concord, Massachusetts. Marty is passionate about natural lands and horticulture.

Jessie B. Hill (pictured lower right) is a former board member (1999-2006), who currently lives in Kilauea, Hawaii. She is a former Arboretum education guide and served for many years on the Public Programs Committee.



Climate-Resistant Trees for our Future

JASON LUBAR, Assistant Director of Urban Forestry



Photo: Anthony Aletto

During the last Ice Age, which ended less than 12,000 years ago, the area around Philadelphia was cold, dry, and windy. The continental ice sheet, which came within 100 miles of Philadelphia, was 30% larger in ice mass than today's Antarctic ice sheet. The ground below the surface in Pennsylvania was solidly frozen permafrost, so vegetation in our area was sparse to nonexistent.

The climate is again facing formidable changes. Today, the northeast has experienced a measurable warming trend since the early 20th centuryⁱ. Since 1970, winter temperatures have generally increased 1.3° F every decadeⁱⁱ. The frequency of very hot days has increased significantly. By mid-century, this part of the country is expected to experience an increase to about 30 days per year above 90° Fⁱⁱⁱ. Pennsylvania is projected to be as much as 5.4° F warmer by mid-century than it was at the end of the last century if emissions are not significantly curtailed^{iv}.

A Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (PADCNR) blog post titled *Selecting Trees for Pennsylvania's Changing Climate*^v states, “Due to the rate of climate change, the gradual natural selection of genetic traits that allow species to adapt and reproduce over time may not be enough to preserve the abundance of tree species in Pennsylvania. Some tree species won’t be able to thrive here as the climate continues to change faster than the plants can adapt.”

So, what can we do to address planning and planting for a changing climate?

- Plant proven climate change-resilient species. Climate change-resilient trees for our area should be species that currently live here and are in the northern part of their native range. The reason for this is that these species may extend their range north as the climate continues to warm. Some of these species include trees such as hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*), redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), and slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*). Of course, you should always plant the right tree, in the right place, for the right reason!
- Limit planting northern-adapted and upland tree species. This means tree species that have their southernmost range in and around Pennsylvania, such as black cherry (*Prunus serotina*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), and Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), are likely to decrease in population. Planting “straight species” of these and other at-risk species, such as Canadian hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) should be limited. However, cultivated varieties of at-risk tree species, such as ‘Legacy’ sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* ‘Legacy’) may be better able to withstand our changing climate conditions.
- Test new resilient species. Arboreta and the tree industry are planting tree species that are on the extreme north of their range or that occur just south of us to see if their performance warrants planting them in our area. One such species is live oak (*Quercus virginiana*, pictured above), which Morris Arboretum collected from seed from its northern-most range and is now being planted at the Arboretum and on the University of Pennsylvania’s campus.
- Take care of your existing trees. By properly caring for existing trees, they can better withstand the stress of climate change now and into the future.

You can learn more about this topic at Morris Arboretum’s annual Tree Canopy Conference on Friday, October 18. This conference is open to all and will be held at Haverford College. For more information, please go to <http://bit.ly/MorrisConferences>.

ⁱPennsylvania Climate Impacts Assessment Update – May, 2015. Penn State University

ⁱⁱClimate Change in the U.S. Northeast. A Report of the Northeast Climate Impacts Assessment. October, 2006.

ⁱⁱⁱClimate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan – June 2018. PADCNR

^{iv}DCNR and Climate Change- Planning for the Future – September, 2015. PADCNR

^v<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/GoodNatured/pages/Article.aspx?post=83>

^{vi}Climate Change Projections For Individual Tree Species -Piedmont (Pennsylvania Subregion 5) - Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (<https://forestadaptation.org/mid-atlantic/vulnerabilityassessment>)



Photo: Andrew Hollen

A new advocacy and networking group has emerged in the Philadelphia area to address gender-related issues in horticulture. Women are underrepresented in the field, especially in leadership roles. That is what the group Women in Horticulture aims to address through networking, career-building, and mentoring. Founded in 2016, the group’s mission is to provide free or low-cost networking opportunities for those who identify as women in horticulture and related industries.

I serve as Assistant Director for the group, which was co-founded by Cat Meholic, my fellow intern at Chanticleer years ago. As a group, Women in Horticulture hopes to create a community of horticulturists that respects diversity, strives for inclusion, and rewards contributions to our shared field. Fostering mentorship and connecting people and ideas are critical components of our organization. Run by volunteers, we are now pursuing 501(c)(3) status to better serve our growing group.

Events are scheduled year-round with the following goals in mind: connections and mentorships, community outreach, and discussions and workshops. Past and future events include workshops on empowerment, lectures on historic women and their contributions to horticulture, demonstrations in proper body mechanics, tool-sharpening workshops, garden tours, book clubs, happy hours, and our signature Professional Show & Tell.

The Morris Arboretum hosted the 2nd annual Professional Show & Tell in January. Six speakers had ten minutes each to present on a topic or theme of their choosing. Topics covered included negotiating job responsibilities, contributions to greenspace by women at the University of Pennsylvania, lessons from a horticulture professor on her sabbatical, the role of plant roots, and different perspectives on garden design. This event has become so popular that it is now biannual; our third Professional Show & Tell will take place on September 20th at the Penn State Center in Philadelphia.

Other upcoming events this year include a presentation at Greensgrow Farms in conjunction with their Twilight Market series; an Introductory Tree Climbing Class for Women at the Morris Arboretum taught by a former arborist intern; and a Retreat Day at Jenkins Arboretum. While the focus is supporting women, events are open to all genders, especially anyone who supports female colleagues and gender equity.

The group also gives back to the community by volunteering in ways that support local horticulture organizations. We strive to help in diversified ways, from providing information and activities to visitors of Tyler Arboretum at their new edible garden, to planting native trees and shrubs at Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden.

The website www.womeninhorticulture.com is the best source for current information about activities. Regular features include book reviews, curated articles focusing on gender issues in horticulture, and monthly features on female horticulturists. More than 500 people have joined our email list which provides monthly and periodic updates on events. We hope you will connect with us!



Stonleigh/Morris Arboretum Volunteer Exchange

LOUISE CLARKE, *Bloomfield Farm Section Leader*

Last May, six Stoneleigh volunteers accompanied by Stoneleigh horticulturist and former Morris Arboretum Natural Areas intern Samantha Nestory, visited the Arboretum. A volunteer exchange between the public gardens was sparked by the Arboretum’s volunteers’ comments to Sam before her departure of how they would miss her and how they might stay connected. As the Stoneleigh horticulturist charged with volunteer engagement, Sam coordinated the events.

During the Stoneleigh volunteers’ visit, they worked side by side with Morris Arboretum horticulture volunteers in Section Leader Lucy Dinsmore’s Azalea Meadow area and the Oak Allée. After weeding and expanding mulch rings under trees, volunteers comingled, enjoying lively conversation at mid-morning break. A second round of weeding and mulching ensued, followed by a lunch break.

Each first Wednesday of the month, Morris Arboretum horticulture volunteers are invited to First Wednesday, a special program provided by the horticulture department. The visiting volunteers enjoyed walking tours through the Arboretum led by section leaders Lucy Dinsmore, Kate Derigibus, and Erin Conley.

To reciprocate, more than a dozen Morris Arboretum volunteers traveled to Stoneleigh on June 4th. The former Haas estate is now the area’s newest public garden. Opened in May 2018, it showcases 42 acres of native plantings and historic Olmstead Brothers garden design. Volunteers were invited to assist in a large planting project. Warmly greeted by Sam, we were introduced to horticulturist Jason Wirtz and executive director Ethan Kauffman. A newly expanded garden bed adjacent to the mansion was the scene for a mass planting of thousands of native plants, ranging in size from plugs to quart-sized perennials to five gallon shrubs. Stoneleigh volunteers worked alongside Morris Arboretum volunteers to beautify this area most frequented by visitors.

After a morning break, then a return to finish planting, all enjoyed al fresco brown bag lunches under the shade of Stoneleigh’s towering trees. Once refreshed, Sam led a tour of the property, explaining its history and significant trees. Comments from Morris Arboretum volunteers included “It was exciting to do all that planting” (Donna Hecker), to “It was very nice, a good exchange” (Joe Duffy). Nancy Trexler liked Sam’s tour and seeing the expansive bottlebrush buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora*).

Both gardens viewed the volunteer exchange as worthwhile events and hope to coordinate such opportunities in the future. If you haven’t yet visited Stoneleigh, you can do so Tuesday through Sunday, free of charge, from 10am to 5pm, and admire the combined efforts of our horticulture volunteers.



Arboretum Welcomes New Interns

Photo: Jan McFarlan

In June, the Arboretum welcomed a new class of interns who will work in various departments, gaining valuable experience while observing the day-to-day operations of a world class institution. Their year culminates with a project, some of which have resulted in the renovation of garden areas or in a new area of focus in education or research. Pictured from left to right are:

Eloise Gayer, *The Charles S. Holman Endowed Rose and Flower Garden Intern*, graduated from Rutgers University in May of 2018 with a BA in English literature and cognitive science, with a concentration in creative writing. She spent last summer and fall at Rutgers Gardens, inspiring her to continue work in the public garden sector.

Caitlyn Rodriguez, *The Alice & J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. Endowed Horticulture Intern*, grew up in Eastford, Connecticut and graduated this past spring from the University of Connecticut, where she studied Sustainable Plant and Soil Science, with a concentration in environmental horticulture. Caitlyn also worked at the Wickham Park in Manchester, Connecticut, where she served as the horticulture intern.

Nathaniel Flicker, *The Hay Honey Farm Endowed Natural Lands Intern*, is from Fairfield, Connecticut, and recently graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. He completed his thesis, “Bee Subsistence on *Cannabis sativa* Pollen: A Landscape Study of Industrial Hemp,” and also worked for the Cornell Botanic Gardens where he served as an intern in the Mundy Wildflower Garden and the Cornell Natural Areas.

Emily Conn, *The Martha J. Wallace Endowed Plant Propagation Intern*, is from Evansville, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Commonwealth Honors College of The University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2017. There they completed a double major in Anthropology and Latin American Studies, with a certificate in Native American/ Indigenous Studies. Emily has done work in grassroots communities organizing for political and social events, and most of their work experience has been with co-ops and small businesses.

Alessandra Rella, *The McLean Contributionship Endowed Education Intern*, is a recent graduate of Franklin and Marshall College where she majored in anthropology and environmental studies, and minored in Italian. At F&M, Alessandra was the manager of the student-run Fair Trade Cafe, and worked for the Center for the Sustainable Environment.

Alex Gunstensen, *The Walter W. Root Endowed Arborist Intern*, recently graduated from Mercer County Community College near his hometown of Princeton, New Jersey, where he also worked for Kale’s Nursey and Landscape Service. Alex enjoys taking care of the woodlands on his parent’s property, which primarily involves removing invasive species and replacing them with New Jersey native shrubs and trees.

Eliza Nobles, *The Martha S. Miller and Rusty Miller Endowed Urban Forestry Intern*, grew up in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and just graduated from Drexel University with a self-directed B.S. in urban ecology, and a minor in Science, Technology, and Society (STS). While there, she conducted environmental research which focused on vacant lot ecology and environmental justice. Eliza also recently co-founded an organization called ‘Philly Urban Ecologists,’ which held a native plant workshop and planted a native plant garden in West Philly.

Luke Hearon, *The John J. Willaman & Martha Haas Valentine Endowed Plant Protection Intern*, is from Columbus, Ohio and recently graduated from the Ohio State University. There he studied entomology, with a minor in evolution and ecology. Luke worked at a garden center in Delaware, Ohio, where he did landscaping work and some garden design (including butterfly and moth garden, complete with educational signage).

Dominique Groffman, *The Eli Kirk Price Endowed Flora of Pennsylvania Intern* is from Minden, Nevada, and recently graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology, emphasizing in botany. Her senior thesis, “Evolution of the SPOROCYTELESS (SPL) Gene Lineage: Reproductive Development of Early Land Plant Sporangia” is awaiting publication.



Moonlight & Roses

Moonlight & Roses took place on Friday, June 7 with more than 450 guests in attendance. The evening began with cocktails in the stunning Rose Garden followed by dinner and dancing in the clear-top tent. Total revenue raised from this year's event was \$264,000, with all net proceeds supporting the Arboretum's operations.

- ① Allison DeCaro, Elizabeth Eagles
- ② Christopher Casalenuovo, Deb Catka, George Linker, Kelly Linker, Mary Jane Linker
- ③ Ralph and Natalie Hirshorn
- ④ Back, left to right: Edith Dixon, Sabina Gatti, Janet Evans. Front, left to right: Lee Laden, Joan Miller, Suzi Foster, Barbara Butler, Dottie Henrich
- ⑤ Tony Lu, Wanting Chang
- ⑥ Robert Gutowski and Madelyn Ladner, Honorees Richard and Mary Graham, Event Co-chair Sarah Salmon, Event Co-chair Sally Gendler
- ⑦ Betsy and Jake Ramage
- ⑧ Tai-ming and Ruth Chang
- ⑨ Michele and Keith Eby, Richard Padgham, Amanda Cobb, Claire Katchur
- ⑩ Susan and Moe Feldman

Photos: Mark Stehle



Adventures at the Arboretum

TIFFANY STAHL, Education Program Specialist
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Little Lightning Bugs and Bloomfield Buddies

Another camp season has come and gone, but as Albert Einstein knew best, the summer memories that energized the pollinator-filled gardens at the Morris Arboretum will never vanish. Instead, they will live on in the hearts of our young nature explorers forever.

Throughout an action packed six weeks, creativity bloomed, grottos were explored, handmade boats were launched in the log cabin creek, and mythological cardboard villages were built from scratch by artistic young hands. It was also a summer of theatrical performances, kid-inspired concerts, and thrilling nature ninja games at Bloomfield Farm’s very own Barney T. Barn.

These magical adventures would not be possible without our enthusiastic young participants, caring parents, and an exceptional team of brilliantly talented counselors. There are no goodbyes here at the Morris Arboretum—only joyous anticipation for another nature-packed summer camp experience like no other next year. In the meantime, the summer camp team looks forward to seeing how much our Little Lightning Bugs and Bloomfield Buddies have grown in 2020! See you all then!

¡Explorar! Summer Bridge Program at Morris Arboretum

This was the fourth summer Morris Arboretum partnered with ACLAMO Family Center in Norristown to offer ¡Explorar!, a summer bridge program for rising 6th-8th grade students. Morris Arboretum hosted an average of 34 children every day from July 1-August 9. Four adult counselors and two counselors-in-training engaged the 10-13-year-olds in activities meant to explore the world through art and science. They constructed catapults from popsicle sticks, made pizza box solar ovens, and built and tested paper airplanes. They identified trees by their bark and each other through fingerprints. They saw a video of Jackson Pollack at work and produced their own Pollack-like paintings. In addition to regular hikes through the Arboretum, they went to Awbury’s Agricultural Village, the Audubon Center, and the Schuylkill Center. Tree Tenders’ staff used games to teach tree care, then the group weeded and mulched trees at a middle school in Norristown. They also spent a day swimming and playing at Ambler Area YMCA and got to see the Phillies win a game! The program culminated in a day for ACLAMO families to see what the children had been up to all summer. Water ice and soft pretzels were served, and the children showed their parents and siblings all their favorite Arboretum spots.



Photos: Liza Hawley, Tiffany Stahl

Fall Class Preview

Each spring and fall the Morris Arboretum offers more than 90 classes for adults and children. These fun and engaging courses cover topics ranging from horticulture and landscape design to cooking, creative expressions, and birding. Trips to a variety of regional historic and cultural sites are also offered.

Online registration is open now. A list of complete class offerings is available online at morrisarb.org/classes

Here are just a few classes coming this fall:

Culinary Adventures

- Soup-making Workshop
- Healthy Holiday Desserts

Behind the Scenes

- Twilight Garden Stroll
- Evening Wine and Cheese Wander

Sustainable Practices

- Sustainability Household Practices
- DIY Microgreen Growing

Trips

- West Laurel Hill Cemetery: Beautiful Trees and Vistas
- Christmas in the Bryn Athyn Historic District

Health & Wellness

- Horticultural Therapy Workshop: Recover, Restore, Renew
- Herbs for Cold and Flu



Photo: Louise Clarke

Horticulture & Design

- How to Design and Plan Your Home Landscape
- Heroines in Horticulture

Botany

- Wissahickon Botany Walk
- Fulshaw Craeg Preserve Trip

Creative Expressions

- Carve a Wooden Spoon
- Painting the Anatomy of Trees

Calling All Birders

- Houston Meadows: A Unique Bird Habitat
- Birding at Merrill Creek Reservoir



Pictured at left: The Morris Arboretum’s young ¡Explorar! Summer Bridge Program participants enjoyed a day of swimming, outdoor games, and a barbeque lunch at the Ambler Y facilities.

What better way to connect kids with nature than to start them early with a class at Morris Arboretum? The Growing Minds program offers children and their caregivers the opportunity to connect meaningfully with nature through a wide variety of creative and educational offerings. Visit morrisarb.org/growingminds to see the complete list of classes and to register, or call (215) 247-5777 ext. 125 for more information.

Join us for one of these fun, engaging classes, all held in the beautiful surroundings of the Morris Arboretum:

- Little Explorers –Nature Walk and Crafts (Ages 2½ –5)
- Treasure Hunt at the Arboretum
- The Glow in the Dark Autumn Forest
- Spider Walk
- Kids’ Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop (Ages 6–12)



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Morris Arboretum Lecture Series

Lectures are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. To register, visit morrisarb.org/lectures or call (215) 247-5777 ext. 125

The Critical Role of Public Gardens

Featuring Morris Arboretum Executive Director, William Cullina

This lecture and public reception is a great opportunity to meet Morris Arboretum's new *F. Otto Haas Executive Director*, William (Bill) Cullina. Noted for his public garden leadership, and expertise as a horticulturist with extensive knowledge of native North American plants, Bill joined Morris Arboretum this summer from Coastal Maine Botanic Gardens (CMBG). Bill started at CMBG in 2008 as its Director of Horticulture and Plant Curator. In 2011, he became President and CEO, charged with leading the organization in service to its mission: to inspire meaningful connections among people, plants, and nature through horticulture, education, and research. Bill will discuss the increasingly critical role that public gardens play in American society. He will consider biophilia: the affinity of human beings for other life forms and what this means for public gardens. He will also reflect on ways that gardens provide accessibility, improve physical and mental health, engage in critical research, and provide space for quiet joy and transcendence. **This lecture is presented in partnership with the Ambler Theater and will be held at the Ambler Theater at 108 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. A reception will follow the lecture.** *The Klein Endowed Lecture is presented annually in memory of Dr. William M. Klein who served as the Arboretum's first full-time director from 1977 to 1990.*

Wednesday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Conservation Management of Plant Collections: Examples from a Tropical Palmetum

M. Patrick Griffith, Ph.D., *Executive Director, Montgomery Botanical Center*

Montgomery Botanical Center in Coral Gables, Florida is dedicated to exploring for palms and cycads worldwide. The collection was started in the early 1930s by Colonel Robert Montgomery who came to south Florida and started a palm collection that became the largest and most complete collection of rare palms and other tropical plants in Florida. Today, the Montgomery Botanical Center faces challenges in managing and conserving the living treasures it brings into cultivation. This presentation will show how genetic and geographic data can help conservation in a time of global change. It will also highlight some recent plant exploration for new species. *The Barnes Endowed Lecture is presented annually in memory of Laura L. Barnes, founder of The Barnes Foundation Arboretum.*

Wednesday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m.



Landscape Design Symposium

Join us on January 9 and 10, 2020 for the 31st annual Landscape Design Symposium. The two-day symposium will be held this year at Bryn Mawr College at 101 North Merion Avenue in Bryn Mawr, PA (due to renovations at Montgomery County Community College). The symposium is an in-depth examination of the state-of-the-art of naturalistic landscape design. Speakers represent a diverse and accomplished group of designers, horticulturists, ecologists, and artists in an interactive and informal setting. Continuing education units for landscape architects and designers will be available. Brochures will be available in November. To request a brochure, please call (215) 247-5777, ext. 125 or email jl原因@upenn.edu.

More Tree Adventure Fun!

In 2019, *Out on a Limb* – A Tree Adventure Exhibit celebrated its 10th anniversary. This fall, new, exciting activities have been added to enhance this interactive experience for visitors of all ages. A new listening station has been added to *Out on a Limb* to enable visitors to “hear” the sounds of nature from the tree canopy, and new interpretative panels have been installed throughout the garden. There is also a new temperature station at the Springhouse showing how trees “cool” the environment with larger, easier to see temperature readouts.

On your next visit to the Arboretum stop by The Shop and pick up an updated version of “Your Guide to Tree Adventure,” a brochure that leads families through the Arboretum to make pencil etchings of leaves, tree rings, and roots at various stations.

Out on a Limb – A Tree Adventure Exhibit is supported by the Korman Family Foundation.



Scarecrow Walk 2019

Morris Arboretum's not-so-scary, Scarecrow Design Contest will be back with the 2019 theme, “Famous Musicians.” Expect to see scarecrows tricked-out as Elvis Presley, Dizzy Gillespie, Lady Gaga, or Elton John. On display from October 5 through Halloween, these scarecrows are always a treat for visitors who vote for their favorite to determine the winners. Be sure to capture and post photos of your family posing with their new straw friends.

Photos: Paul W. Meyer, Arnold Winkler



fall events

OCTOBER

Storytime at the Arboretum
Friday, October 4, 10:30-11:00am

Join us for fun and engaging reading sessions with local librarians. Each session is tailored to the changing seasons and complements the natural setting of the Arboretum. Storytime is held outdoors in nice weather at the Outdoor Children’s Classroom, next to the Widener Visitor Center. In case of inclement weather, Storytime is held in the Upper Gallery at the Visitor Center. Online pre-registration is required.

Fall Family Weekend
Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6, 10am–3pm

This weekend of autumn fun has become an annual tradition for many families. Make your own scarecrow, paint a pumpkin, sample different varieties of apples, and more. Weaver’s Way Co-op will be on hand with the season’s best local apple varieties. Some activities have an additional fee.

Scarecrow Walk
Saturday, October 5 through Halloween, Thursday, October 31
Daily 10am-4pm, Weekends until 5pm

The scarecrows are here! More than 30 scarecrows will be on display along the Oak Allée. Come vote for your preferred scarecrow in the theme “Famous Musicians” to determine which ‘crows will be the top five prize winners!

Sculpture Tour
Saturday, October 5, 11am

Join an experienced guide for our featured tour of the month. Tour begins at Widener Visitor Center. Join this month’s Sculpture tour to discover fine examples of public art that complement the Arboretum’s landscape and plant collection.



“Visitors’ Choice” Guided Tours
Sundays in October, 11am

Meet a knowledgeable guide outside The Shop/Widener for a unique tour of the Arboretum. The guide will design a tour around the interests of the attendees. No reservations are required.

MORE Hidden Gems Tour
Saturdays, October 12 & 26, 11am

Join knowledgeable guides for an all-new walking tour highlighting garden features not often discovered on an average visit. The original Hidden

Gems tour was so popular that it is returning this season with MORE! Go off the beaten path to find unseen garden gems, a combination of structures, sculptures, spaces, trees and vistas. Tours begin at Widener Visitor Center.

Lecture – The Critical Role of Public Gardens
Wednesday, October 23, 2pm

This lecture takes place at the Ambler Theater. See page 14 for more information.

Autumn Fun at Bloomfield Farm!

Bloomfield Farm Day/Insider Art Show & Sale
Sunday, October 20, 12-4pm

Celebrate the fall season at Bloomfield Farm by enjoying original art and craft works created by Morris Arboretum’s talented staff and members. In addition to the show there will be demonstrations, music, food, a few animals, and the final opportunity of the year to tour the restored Springfield Mills. Purchase a seasonal beer and/or wine to enjoy with the popular Farm Day lunch of cowboy chili and corn bread!

Springfield Mills Demonstration Day at Bloomfield Farm
Sunday, October 20, 12-4pm

Bring your family to explore revolutionary technology and local history at the historic grist mill at Morris Arboretum’s Bloomfield Farm. Take a guided tour of the mill to watch one-ton millstones grind corn for meal and flour. Bring a snack or a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful setting along the Wissahickon Creek.

NOVEMBER

Storytime at the Arboretum
Friday, November 1, 10:30-11:00am

See October 4 for more information.

Winter Wellness Walks
November through March
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am
Sundays, 1:00-2:00pm

Led by an experienced guide, these brisk walks will stick to the paved paths and get your heart rate up. Meet in front of the Widener Visitor Center.

Native Plants Tour
Saturday, November 2, 11am

Join an experienced guide for our featured tour of the month. Tour begins at Widener Visitor Center. Join this month’s Native Plants tour to discover exciting plants that foster wildlife and deserve a place in your home garden.

Lecture – Conservation Management of Plant Collections: Examples from a Tropical Palmetum
Wednesday, November 6, 2pm

See page 14 for more information.

Holly Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour
Saturdays, November 9 & 23, 2pm

Explore the Arboretum’s collection of hollies and other broadleaf evergreens that enliven the winter landscape with their lush greenery. Tours begin at Widener Visitor Center.

Holiday Garden Railway Opening
Friday, November 29 (open daily through Tuesday, December 31; closed Christmas Eve and Day), 10am-4pm

Come see the Holiday Garden Railway dressed in its wintry finest with twinkling lights and holiday decorations—a delight for both young and old.

DECEMBER

Winter Wellness Walks
November through March
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am
Sundays, 1:00-2:00pm

See November for more information.

Conifers Tour
Saturday, December 7, 11am

Join an experienced guide for our featured tour of the month. Tour begins at Widener Visitor Center. Join this month’s Conifers tour to see the wide variety of conifers—both evergreen and deciduous—on display at Morris Arboretum. From cones to needles, weeping and upright, you’ll see great specimens from all around the world.

Holiday Garden Railway Nights and Premier Members Nights

See page 21 for more information.

Holly Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour
Saturdays, December 14 & 28, 2pm

See November 9 for more information.

JANUARY

Winter Wellness Walks
November through March
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am
Sundays, 1:00-2:00pm

See November for more information.

Holly Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour
Saturday, January 4, 11am

See November 9 for more information.

Conifers Tour
Saturdays, January 11 & 25, 2pm

See December 7 for more information.

ADMISSION	
Adults (18–64yrs.)	\$20
Senior (65+yrs.)	\$18
Children (3–17yrs.)	\$10
Members	FREE

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In the event of inclement weather, please check the website at morrisarboretum.org for information or call (215) 247-5777, ext. 0.

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Holiday Garden Railway Nights

Fridays, December 20, 27
Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28
Sundays, December 15, 22, 29

Ask in the glow of thousands of sparkling lights at these magical evenings that have become an Arboretum and family tradition. Snacks and light fare will be available at the Compton Café. These are ticketed events that sell out quickly. *Members will be able to purchase tickets online at morrisarboretum.org beginning November 1st. Non-member tickets will go on sale November 15th.*

Premier members are invited to enjoy a complimentary evening on either Thursday, December 5 or Friday, December 6. Beech, Chestnut, Holly, Oak, Laurel, and Collectors Circle members will receive an invitation. To make your upgrade today, contact the Membership office at (215) 247-5777 ext. 205.

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- Purchase of a Membership
- Garden Admission
- Classes