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Three Authors Celebrated at Morris Arboretum & Gardens Join in-person or online to meet the authors!

Philadelphia, PA—Morris Arboretum & Gardens is pleased to host the book releases of three authors whose works proclaim the benefits of trees and gardens. The celebratory events include talks by the authors—Henrik Sjöman, Tama Matsuoka Wong, and Nicole Juday—as well as the debut of the first-ever coffee table book on Philadelphia's private gardens.

All in-person talks are scheduled to be held at Morris Arboretum & Gardens. For more information about all of these talks, and to register for the events, visit <u>morrisarb.org/lectures</u>.

Images of the authors and covers of their books are attached for your use.

Trees for the Future

A Talk by Henrik Sjöman, author of *The Essential Tree Selection Guide* Thursday, March 14 • 3 – 5 p Morris Arboretum & Gardens Welcome Center Members: \$35 • Non-members: \$40

Join us in person, or virtually, as Henrik Sjöman shares his latest research and practical experience of trees from his latest book, *The Essential Tree Selection Guide*. Find out the ecosystem services trees offer, the unique characteristics some species have developed to deal with different growing environments, and how to increase species diversity to build in resilience.

Registrants will have the additional option to purchase a book and have it signed. A casual reception will follow the talk. This program is being presented jointly by the Morris Arboretum & Gardens and Chanticleer. The program has been approved to carry 2 ISA and LA CES CEUs.

Into the Weeds: Book Launch

Tama Matsuoka Wong, forager, meadow doctor, lawyer, author, and owner of Meadows + More Saturday, March 16 • 2:00 – 3:30 pm Morris Arboretum & Gardens Welcome Center Members: \$30 • Non-members: \$35

Foraging and Cooking with Invasive and Non-Native Plants Around You Saturday, April 6 • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Morris Arboretum & Gardens Welcome Center Members: \$50 • Non-members: \$55

Tama Matsuoka Wong is corporate lawyer, mother, and professional forager who finds and eats healthy ingredients growing in the wild. Tama will give us a peek inside of *Into the Weeds*—part practical and philosophical, with photographs by renowned garden photographer Ngoc Minh Ngo as well as expert botanical and project illustrations. The book also features DIY activities, recipes, and structures to make from

the plants we can find around us. The program will include a botanical mocktail, and Tama will host a book signing after the program (books will be available for purchase at the program). Come early or stay after the program for a walk around the Gardens! Then, join her April 6 for her class on foraging and cooking with invasive plants. **Sign up for the April 6 cooking class and get a 15% discount on Tama's March 16 talk!**

Private Gardens of Philadelphia

Nicole Juday, *author, garden writer, and speaker* Book talk online: Thursday, April 25 • 7:00 – 8:30 pm Members: \$30 • Non-members: \$35

Book Purchase and Signing

Saturday, April 27 • 10 am – 12 pm Morris Arboretum & Gardens Welcome Center Fee: \$60 (includes signed copy and Garden admission)

Join us in celebrating the launch of *Private Gardens of Philadelphia* by Nicole Juday, the first-ever coffee table book on the city's private gardens, with a virtual book talk and a book signing!

Registrants will gain access to the virtual book talk on Thursday, April 25, and have the option to purchase a book and pick it up at the in-person book signing at the Morris on Saturday, April 27, between 10 am and noon. After you pick up your copy of the publication and have Nicole sign it, you are invited to stay for a mug of tea or glass of lemonade and take it with you as you explore the gardens here at the Morris!

For more information about all of these events, email Mellany Armstrong, Communications Coordinator, at mellanya@upenn.eduenn.edu or call 610.329.4022 (cell).

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