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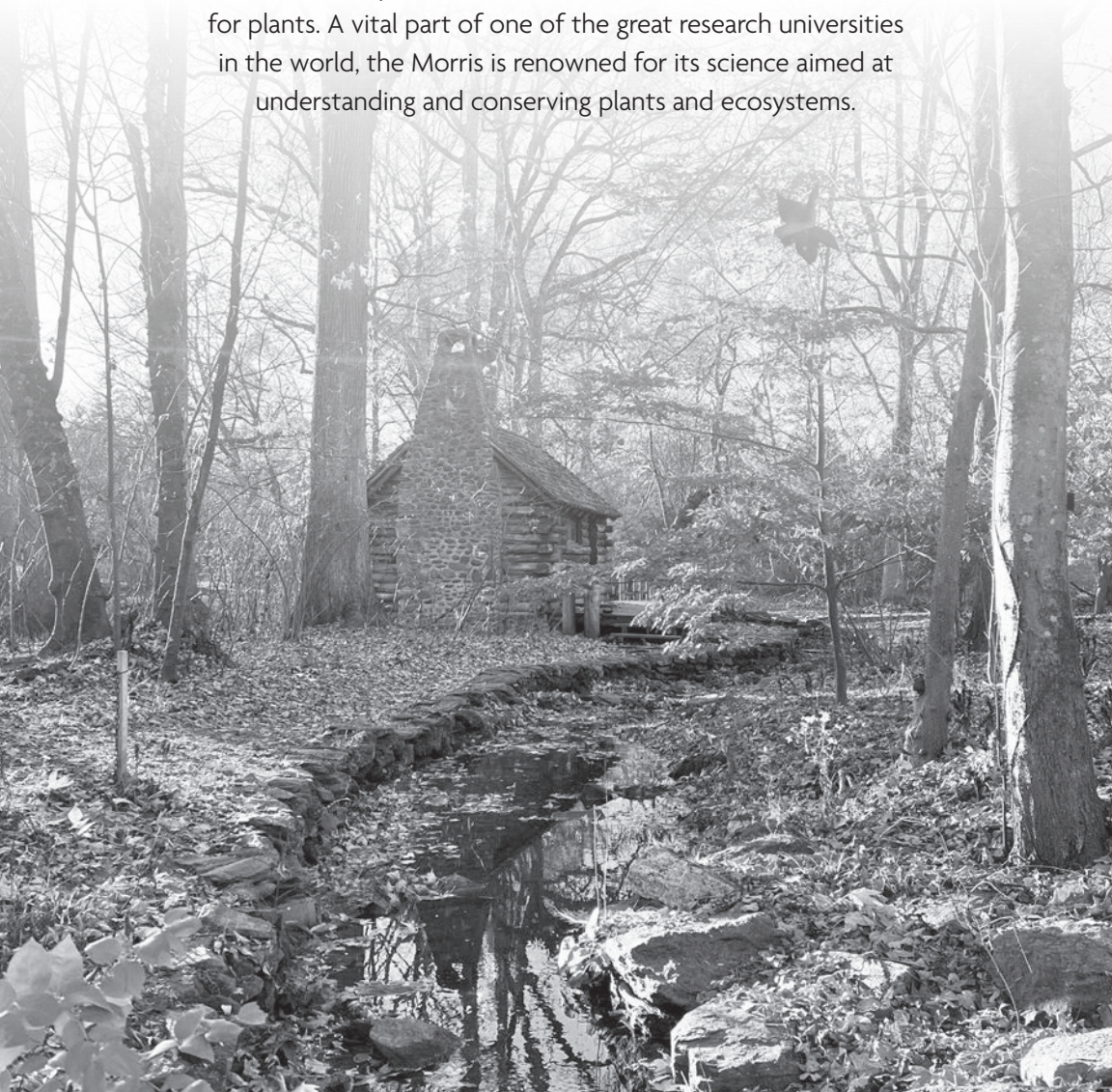


Morris Arboretum & Gardens

UNIVERSITY *of* PENNSYLVANIA

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University of Pennsylvania inspires an understanding of the relationship between plants, people, and place through education, research, and horticultural display.

As an irreplaceable public garden, the Morris provides a place of respite, beauty, and learning, where the joy and wonder of the natural world inspire all who visit to be enthusiastic ambassadors for plants. A vital part of one of the great research universities in the world, the Morris is renowned for its science aimed at understanding and conserving plants and ecosystems.



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behind the scenes

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted.

Wine, Cheese, and Trees

JEN MONICO

Horticulturist, Morris Arboretum & Gardens

MICHAEL DUNN

*Associate Director of Urban Forestry,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

LIZZIE WILSON

*Plant Propagator,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

This after-hours wander into the treetops and through the garden has become a yearly favorite! Three sites will feature

staff-favorite wines and cheese plates to enjoy as you wander and explore these remarkable locations. Staff horticulturists will be present to pour the wine and to answer any questions you might have about the gardens and their care. Sites will be open from 5:30 – 7:30 pm; guests can arrive when it is convenient for them. Last arrival should be no later than 6:30 pm to allow time to visit each site. Participants must be 21+.

Thursday, September 10

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$45

Stroll into the Sunset

BOB GUTOWSKI

Former Director of Visitor Experience and Education, Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Join us for a special after-hours wander through the Garden! Together we'll watch the colors of sunset fade into twilight and explore how the evening changes the sounds and feel of the landscape. Using red lights to keep our night vision intact, we'll uncover details that are often missed in daylight. This special after-hours experience will be led by Bob Gutowski, an experienced horticulturist, naturalist, educator, and Morris historian. We will stick to level paths and start from the Welcome Center.

Wednesday, September 23

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30





Off the Beaten Path Mushroom Walk

*with the Philadelphia
Mycology Club*

SAM BUCCIARELLI

President of the Philadelphia Mycology Club

Join the Philadelphia Mycology Club on a walk around the Morris, looking for fungi growing behind the scenes of the main garden display! We will explore the grounds for fungi growing in the garden beds and among the trees and discuss how to document and identify them. We'll also discuss the important roles these fungi might be playing in the overall health of the gardens. Leading the tour is Sam Bucciarelli, president of the club. Sam is a mycologist with a passion for ecology, especially as it pertains to fungi and the role they play in helping our ecosystems thrive.

Saturday, October 10
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30

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She knew her mushrooms, and their Latin names. We were encouraged to touch and smell. Questions were answered; information given. Great all around informative walk!”

**SPRING 2026 COURSE
PARTICIPANT**



Going Batty!

(All Ages)

BROOKE EZZO

*Wildlife Futures Program,
University of Pennsylvania*

Join us in celebrating Bat Week with a special evening educational program about the important role bats play in Pennsylvania and what you can do to support bats in your yard and neighborhood. If you're curious about these nocturnal neighbors, we invite you to join us as we explore the Morris at night! We will begin with a short presentation to learn about these incredible creatures and end with an explorational walk to see these flying night mammals in action.

This program is led by Brooke Ezzo from Penn Vet Wildlife Futures Program, a partnership program that aims to research, prevent, prepare for, and mitigate threats to wildlife health.

This program is open to all ages. One registration covers one adult and one child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Additional adults will require additional registration.

Would you like to install a bat box on your home property? Add a 'Bat Box Add-On' when you register and pick up your very own Wildlife Futures Approved Double Chambered Cedar Bat Box the evening of the program!

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30

Bat Box Add-On: \$55



YOU CAN HELP BATS!

- Turn off outdoor lights in the evening as bats rely on darkness to survive.
- Leave dead trees when it's safe to do so! Dead trees make a great habitat for bats and other important wildlife.
- Install a bat house.
- Garden for bats! The Eastern Purple Coneflower is a fantastic native plant that is beneficial to bats.

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Bats are so ecologically important. They eat mosquitoes and insects that negatively impact agricultural production, and several bat species worldwide serve as important pollinators.”

JULIE ELLIS
Co-Director, Wildlife Futures
Program, Penn Vet

birding

Cape May Day Trip! *Fall Migration Birding with Sharon*

SHARON MEEKER

Experienced Birder and Trip Leader

Get ready for a beautiful day trip! We will meet Sharon in Cape May, and carpool together to explore the beaches and the bay looking for fall migrants. Many shorebirds are moving southbound along the coast by now, and the bay is full of young birds, too! Pack lunch, snacks, and some water; we will have plenty of rest spots as we travel through the day.

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Member: \$75

Non-member: \$80



Birding at Morris *Wetland Wednesdays*

SHARON MEEKER

Experienced Birder and Trip Leader

Explore some of the best spots for autumn birding at the Morris! We will visit our natural areas including wetlands, meadows, and the woodlands along Wissahickon Creek. These areas provide great habitat for a wide variety of birds year round.

We will see resident birds as well as migrating raptors, warblers, and sparrows. If time permits, we will also have a chance to look for birds in other Morris habitats. These sessions are for beginning or experienced bird watchers. Bring binoculars. Each single-session class will meet at the Morris Wetland. Park in the meadow next to the entrance kiosk and meet Sharon there. Choose one date or sign up for both! Pricing is per session.

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 – 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 – 10:30 am

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30

Fall Migration at Militia Hill

SHARON MEEKER

Experienced Birder and Trip Leader

Fall is a spectacular time for birding at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch in Fort Washington State Park. It will be prime time to see all 16 species of East Coast migratory raptors, alongside a wide variety of songbirds, warblers, and sparrows. All experience levels are welcome!

Bring binoculars if you have them; we will also have some pairs to lend. We will meet at the Militia Hill Hawk Watch platform in Fort Washington State Park.

Tuesday, October 6
8:00 – 11:00 am

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$45



Birding at Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

SHARON MEEKER

Experienced Birder and Trip Leader

The Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust is an 852-acre land conservancy in Huntingdon Valley. It has 11 miles of woodland, meadow, and creekside trails. Over 150 bird species have been recorded here, including over 60 species of breeding birds. Recently, land was added to the Trust that includes intact forest. These sheltered forests provide a breeding habitat for birds like scarlet

tanagers, wood thrushes, and oven birds. Our visit coincides with peak fall songbird migration. We will meet at the Pennypack Ecological Trust offices, 2955 Edge Hill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Bring your binoculars!

Thursday, October 15
8:00 – 10:30 am

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Autumn Birding at the Discovery Center

DAMIEN RUFFNER

Program Manager for Urban Conservation, Audubon, PA

Come visit the Discovery Center and see the amazing variety of bird species found in and around the Strawberry Mansion Reservoir. Expert and novice birders are both welcome. We will look for birds in the midst of their fall migration. The Discovery Center is used by Audubon Mid-Atlantic for research and science-based conservation projects. It enables visitors to connect with Audubon's national and international conservation initiatives. Located on a major migratory stopover on



the Atlantic Flyway for over 100 species of birds, it is a premier destination for bird watching throughout the region. The tour will take us on a 1.5 mile walk around the reservoir. Binoculars are available for loan. Meet at the Discovery Center, 3401 Reservoir Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19121.

Saturday, October 17

8:00 – 10:00 am

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Birding at Duke Farms

SHARON MEEKER

Experienced Birder and Trip Leader

Located in Hillsborough, NJ, Duke Farms was one of the first sites designated by New Jersey Audubon as an Important Bird Area (IBA). Featuring restored wetlands and grasslands, the park provides vital habitat for over 330 bird species and hosts thousands of raptors during fall migration. The property contains approximately 1,100 acres of grasslands and agricultural lands, 950 acres of woodlands, 400 acres of flood plain habitat, two miles along the Raritan River, and 72 acres of open water spread across nine lakes. This amazing mix of habitat types provides an oasis for birds in a highly developed region of New Jersey. Extensive native meadows and grasslands at Duke Farms support impressive numbers of state-threatened grasshopper sparrows, Savannah sparrows and bobolinks. Meet Sharon at the Orientation Center at Duke Farms. Bring lunch, and your binoculars!

Friday, October 23

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members: \$50

Non-members: \$55

Fall Migration Birding at Bombay Hook in the Delaware Bay

SHARON MEEKER

Experienced Birder and Trip Leader

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, located on the Delaware Bay, is nearly 16,000 acres in size and includes lots of great birding habitat. There are pristine tidal salt marshes, freshwater impoundments, croplands, and woodlands. Unquestionably Delaware's single best-known birding site, Bombay Hook justifies its fame with exceptional birding throughout the year. We will watch for shorebird migration southward and may also see bald eagles that are known to nest at the refuge. Bring binoculars. Meet at the Bombay Hook Visitor Center, 2591 Whitehall Neck Rd, Smyrna, DE 19977.

Thursday, November 5

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Members: \$50

Non-members: \$55



CERTIFICATE IN ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE

AT MORRIS ARBORETUM & GARDENS

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Certificate in Ecological Horticulture: A Systems Approach to Sustainable Land Stewardship

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture offers the opportunity to gain proficiency in creating and maintaining landscapes that are grounded in ecological principles and practice. Geared toward avid home gardeners and landscape professionals looking to develop a deep understanding of sustainable landscape design and management, this classroom- and field-based program is a series of 10 core courses plus two electives that are open to the public. The program is self-paced and can be completed in one year of intensive learning or up to several years at a slower pace. To learn more about this program, visit morrisarb.org/certificate.

Principles in Botany

Plant Form

DR. CYNTHIA SKEMA

*Botanical Scientist,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

Join us for an introduction to plant form that will cover the basics of the repeating modular units of growth, both sterile and reproductive, that form the plant body. Students will learn how to recognize different structures of the plant to aid in their understanding of what plants are and how to identify them. We will cover the key topics in plant form: leaf arrangement, leaf complexity, underground parts, as well as floral and fruit structure and diversity. The course format is an in-person lecture followed by a hands-on lab session to dissect fresh material and test our newly acquired knowledge with observations of plants in real time. The first class will cover the sterile plant body and the second the fertile plant body.

This two-part course is open to the public, with priority registration offered to individuals enrolled in Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate Program in Ecological Horticulture. Completion of this course counts toward the requirements of the Certificate Program. *This course has been submitted for 4 CEUs with LA CES, ISA, PLNA, and the NJ Board of Tree Experts.*

TWO TUESDAYS

September 1 and September 8

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Members: \$95

Non-members: \$100

Native Plants of PA

Intro to the Native Flora and Plant Communities of Southeastern PA

MICHELLE DETWILER

Ecological Landscape Designer, Owner of Wild About Native Plants, Sustainable Landscape Certified

Get to know your local plant communities! Join us for an introduction to the diversity of native trees, shrubs, and perennials at home in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Explore ecoregions to better understand locally evolved plant species in their natural habitats, and learn about the influences of geography, climate, weather, geology, hydrology, disturbance, wildlife, and land-use history on ecosystems. Learn to recognize individual species and the site conditions they prefer. This knowledge will help you appreciate, protect, and restore native plant communities, and begin to build your knowledge of local flora as a foundation for thoughtfully reintroducing native plantings into the built

environment. This course includes two 2-hour lectures, and two 2-hour guided field sessions to practice identification of representative native plant species and to understand the site conditions where they grow. This course is open to the public with priority registration offered to individuals enrolled in Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture. Completion of this course counts toward the requirements of the certificate program.

This course has been submitted to carry 8 CEUs with LA CES, ISA, PLNA, and the NJ Board of Tree Experts.

LECTURES

TWO TUESDAYS

September 15, 22

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

FIELD SESSIONS

TWO FRIDAYS

October 9, 23

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$200

Non-members: \$215



Soil Science

ALLISON HOUGHTON

Ecological Consultant, Educator

Understanding our soils gives us incredible agency in a garden or landscape. In this course we will cover the basics of how to recognize, grow, and support living and resilient soils. We will explore what soil is, the major components and properties of an “ideal” soil and how to actively manage for excellent soil health. You will learn the chemical properties of soil, major and minor nutrients, how to read a soil test, and ways to recognize common deficiencies in plants and in the landscape as a whole.

We will address common soil challenges like compacted, degraded, and polluted soil as well as strategies for what to do when problems arise. Just as important as the chemical and physical properties of soil, we will explore the incredible role of soil biology in plant health, how you can work with it, add to it, and recognize increased plant health over time. Throughout the course participants will gain simple hands-on strategies for working with living soils and how to track progress along the way. We will discuss soil testing with a local soil-testing laboratory as well as simple at-home measures to quickly evaluate soil health such as texture, water infiltration, topsoil depth, hardness, aggregate stability and how to read your weeds to track changes over time. Soil is like the living skin of our

planet, and soil builders are needed as never before.

This course will equip you with the tools and knowledge to become a soil steward and work alongside this amazing underground world at our feet. Our first class will meet online for a 3-hour lecture, followed by an in-person field session at the Morris a few days later. This course is open to the public with priority registration offered to individuals enrolled in Morris Arboretum & Gardens’ Certificate in Ecological Horticulture. Completion of this course counts toward the requirements of the certificate program.

This course has been submitted to carry 7 CEUs with LA CES, ISA, PLNA, and the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts.

LECTURE

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 – 9:00 pm (Online)

FIELD SESSION

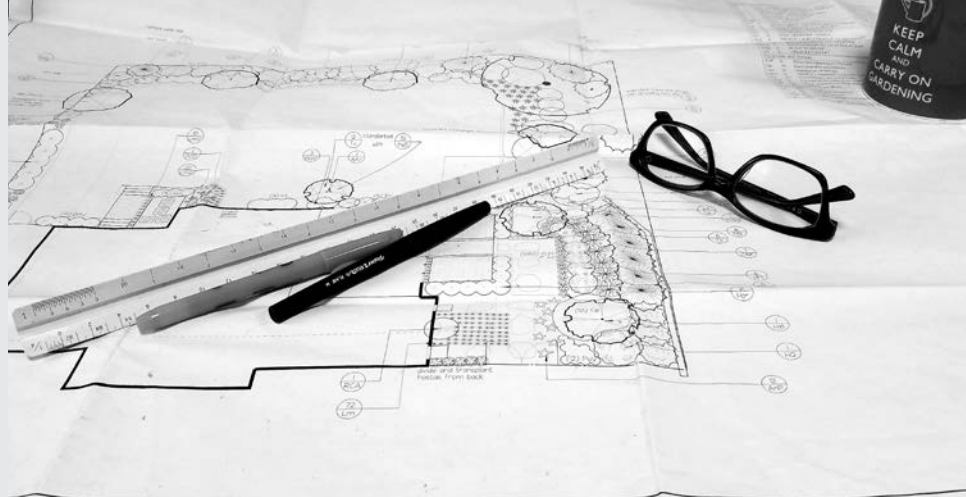
Saturday, October 24

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Members: \$200

Non-members: \$215





Ecological Landscape Design

LEE ARMILLEI

Principal, Landscape Designer, APLD

Welcome to the world of ecological design, where environment and art intersect!

Get your creative juices flowing as you combine design process and design principles with the ecology you've learned in prior certificate courses. Students will design a predetermined site to create a beautiful and immersive space, supportive of people and the planet.

This intensive two-day workshop starts with the basics of understanding the client, analyzing the site and drafting plans, and builds as students shape the landscape using design principles and ecological themes. Students will then develop a site-specific plant palette and apply it to foundation plantings, natural areas, and the spaces in between. Through a combination of lecture, studio time, and homework, students will gain real time practice and feedback, learning to make informed decisions in ecological design. Although the class will be working on a

predetermined site, each design is sure to be unique!

This course is open to the public, with priority registration offered to individuals enrolled in Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture. Completion of this course counts toward the requirements of the certificate program. *This course has been submitted to carry 10 CEUs with LA CES, ISA, PLNA, and the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts.*

This popular course will be offered twice; one two-session course will be held in November 2026, and another in January 2027. The material covered will be the same in each session.

SESSION 1
TWO THURSDAYS
November 12, 19
10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Members: \$250
Non-members: \$260

SESSION 2
TWO FRIDAYS
January 8, 15
10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Members: \$250
Non-members: \$260

Principles in Botany

Plant Evolution, Reproduction & Propagation

DR. CYNTHIA SKEMA

Botanical Scientist

Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Do you hope to install “living systems” or self-sustaining habitats in your garden or landscape designs? To do so, you’ll need to understand the fundamentals of why and how plants evolve and reproduce, as well as how we capitalize on these natural processes to propagate plant materials that we want to use in our landscapes and gardens. Expand your concept of designing landscapes for wildlife and other users of plants to include a need to design for plants themselves, as genetically and evolutionarily unique entities. We will learn what ecotypes are, how they could impact the success of a landscape project, and why plant provenance really matters. Be introduced to the plant phenotype and learn what underlies it biologically, what

plant plasticity is, and how it may show up in your garden. The course format is two in-person lectures.

This two-part course is open to the public, with priority registration offered to individuals enrolled in Morris Arboretum & Gardens’ Certificate Program in Ecological Horticulture. Completion of this course counts toward the requirements of the Certificate Program. *This course has been submitted for 3 CEUs with LA CES, ISA, PLNA, and the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts.*

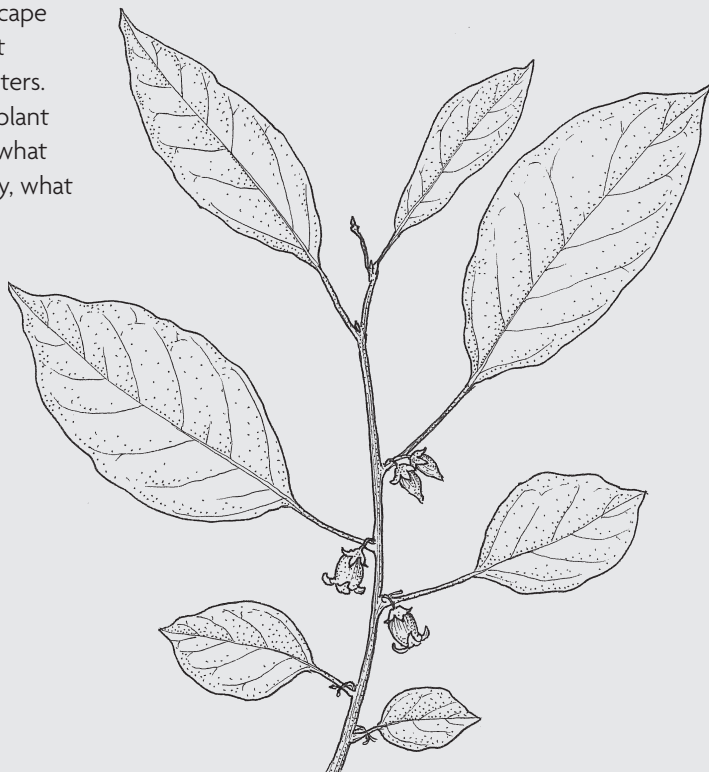
TWO TUESDAYS

December 1 and December 8

5:30 – 7:15 pm

Members: \$80

Non-members: \$85



creative expressions

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted.

Wear the Garden *Creating Botanical Apparel*

CARIN SAUERWEIN

Artist; Master Dyer; Owner, Dye on the Side

Give a beloved garment a second life through the beauty of the season with Solar Dyeing.

In this immersive workshop, participants are invited to bring a favorite cotton or denim piece—jeans, jackets, shirts, tote bags, natural fiber—to transform through the art of botanical solar dyeing.

Using flowers, leaves, and solar dye, we'll create unique compositions directly on fabric, allowing nature to leave its mark through color, pattern, and unexpected beauty. Along the way, we'll explore creative ways to extend the life of the clothes we already own.

Each participant will leave with the knowledge and skills required to continue this art into the future, along with a one-of-a-kind botanical garment infused with the blooms of the season!

Friday, September 18
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Members: \$80

Non-members: \$85

Carve a Wooden Spoon

KARL NEWMAN

Master Cabinetmaker, Green Woodworker

Green woodworking is one of the oldest forms of woodworking and carving a wooden spoon is a great introduction to this sustainable craft. Start your woodworking hobby and add your own work to your kitchen in this exciting class with master cabinetmaker and green woodworking expert Karl Newman. Students should bring a good knife (suggested: Mora straight knife #106) and a gouge or curved knife (suggested: Mora curved knife #164), and a camping hatchet. These are recommended but not required. Please also bring safety goggles.

This class is held in the barn at the Morris's Bloomfield Farm. To get to Bloomfield Farm, turn onto the paved road across East Northwestern Avenue from the public garden entrance. Take the second right and park in the parking lot.

Saturday, September 19
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members: \$50

Non-members: \$55



Needle Felting

BECCA KOHN

Manager of The Sewing Room; Education Assistant, Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Join us this fall for an introduction to needle felting! Using the fall season as our inspiration, crafters will learn how to “paint with wool” using natural wool roving, cardstock stencils, and simple needle felting techniques.

Designed with beginners in mind, but perfect for all skill levels, this class focuses on approachable techniques and creative play rather than perfection. All supplies are included, and you'll leave with a personalized felt banner and a solid foundation in flat felting.

Friday, October 2

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40



Woven Sounds

Frame Loom Weaving with Sound Bath Meditation

LASHAUN COLLINS

Healing and Fiber Arts Practitioner

Do you feel like you need to slow down and spend time being creative? Come to the Morris to honor your creativity with a relaxing afternoon of fiber arts, ending in a meditative sound bath experience.

Learn the foundations of frame loom weaving from setting up your loom to creating a small handwoven piece. Afterward, move into a sound bath to enrich the meditative experience of your weaving practice. During the sound bath you have the option to continue weaving or rest as you drift along a beautiful sound healing journey.

You will leave class with a weaving of your own design, as well as your own frame loom to continue your new hobby!

All materials will be provided, all experience levels welcome. You will go home with your small frame loom kit, yarn, and a guidebook. The guidebook includes instructions for finishing your piece if it is not completed during the Woven Sounds experience.

Saturday, October 3

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members: \$95

Non-members: \$100



Botanical Illustration Afternoon Retreat

Fantastic Fungi

MARGARET SAYLOR
Botanical Artist

Have you always wanted to practice plant illustration but don't know where to start? Or maybe you enjoy botanical illustration already and would love an afternoon carved out in the Morris's beautiful setting to practice your technique in the presence of a skilled instructor. Join us for this fun and engaging experience designed for botanical artists of all levels, and work at your own pace to discover your own illustration style. Frequent demonstrations will clarify the painting progress. A materials list will be emailed to all participants in advance of the class. This workshop will focus on drawing and painting fungi, combining accurate illustration with the beauty of shape, form and color!

Artist Margaret Saylor creates highly detailed, textural botanical paintings and

drawings that capture the essence of a simple object from nature and present it as an exquisite jewel in an ethereal setting. Fungi and mushrooms are her personal specialty!

For a full day of fantastic fungi, please join us earlier in the day for an Off the Beaten Path Mushroom Walk with the Philadelphia Mycology Club (Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, see page 5). Sam Bucciarelli, club president, will take us looking for fungi growing behind the scenes of the main garden display!

Saturday, October 10
12:30 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$80

Non-members: \$85

Watercolor in the Garden

MITCH ROBERGE
Artist; Horticulturist, Haverford College

Join us in the garden and learn the basics of watercolor. During this course, you will focus on different techniques for capturing beauty in the natural world. Together, we will experiment with layering colors, creating texture, and building value as you find inspiration in the fall scenery around the Morris Arboretum & Gardens. This class will be held outside, with an indoor space available in case of inclement weather. Bring a snack and drink. A materials list will be emailed to all participants in advance of the class.

Saturday, October 17
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40



Macro Photography

BILL CULLINA

*Executive Director,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

Discover a new way of seeing the garden—up close. Macro photography reveals the intricate beauty of flowers, textures, and pollinators that often go unnoticed during a casual walk. Designed for visitors of all experience levels, this class introduces the art of close-up photography using tools you already have or are considering purchasing. Although focused primarily on digital (DSLR) cameras, many techniques can be applied to smartphones with a macro mode. In a relaxed, non-technical format, Bill Cullina will cover simple techniques for improving focus, lighting, and composition in outdoor settings. He'll also share tips on working with natural light, stabilizing your shots, depth of field, and using accessories like flashes, reflectors and tripods. Finally, he will cover some basic photo-editing processes and tricks, including sharpening, exposure, vibrance, and HDR.

Friday, October 23

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$45

Pyrography

The Art of Woodburning

NICOLE DELIZZIO

*Stewardship Manager at the
Willistown Conservation Trust*

Create your own beautiful wood-burned artwork in this one-of-a-kind workshop! Discover different woodburning techniques, compare how different types of wood burn, and explore your artistic side by creating various textures, shapes, and designs with a simple-to-use wood-burning pen. All supplies are provided; just bring your creative spirit!

Nicole DeLizzio is the stewardship manager at Willistown Conservation Trust. She graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in agriculture and natural resources and a minor in wildlife ecology and conservation. With a combined passion for trees and art, she has delved into the art of pyrography and wood burns frequently.

Saturday, October 24

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40



PRESSED IN INK *Art + Nature*

A Series of Courses with Common Press & Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Common Press at the University of Pennsylvania is dedicated to scholarly exploration and creative practice in the history, craft, and material culture of printing and bookmaking. Through hands-on workshops, Common Press provides education about the cultural, historical, and technological significance of letterpress printing, typography and bookbinding. The Morris has teamed up with Common Press to offer several hands-on learning opportunities this fall, exploring the art of botanical printmaking.

From Plate to Press *Print a Botanical Specimen Book*

JESSICA PETERSON

Director, Common Press at the University of Pennsylvania

BRYAN THOMPSONOWAK

Director of Education, Morris Arboretum & Gardens

In this unique workshop we will print historic botanical letterpress printing plates using a portable letter press. Each participant will work on their own specimen book, bound by hand using the Japanese stab-binding technique. This program will take place at the Morris Arboretum & Gardens. Meet at the Welcome Center.

Thursday, October 29

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35



Botanical Pressure Prints with Ferns

JESSICA PETERSON

Director, Common Press at the University of Pennsylvania

STEPHANIE BRUNEAU

Assistant Director of Adult Education, Morris Arboretum & Gardens

This special program will explore pressure printing, a method of making printing plates using low-relief botanical materials. After we make the printing plates, we will then print with them on the Common Press Vandercook printing presses. The botanical materials we will use in the program will be fern fronds collected from the Dorrance H. Hamilton Fernery at Morris Arboretum and Gardens—the only remaining freestanding Victorian fernery in North America. We will learn a bit about ferns in general, and the types of ferns we will be printing with, as we create our prints! This program will take place at Common Press, in the Fisher Fine Arts Library on the UPenn campus.

Friday, November 6

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Mosaic Workshop

*Create a Handmade
Holiday Table Accent*

JESSICA LIDDELL

Owner, Bella Mosaic

Get ready for the holiday season by creating a beautiful mosaic piece for your Thanksgiving table! In this special two-part workshop, you'll design and build a one-of-a-kind mosaic centerpiece using colorful stained glass and mosaic materials.

During the first session, you'll learn mosaic design, explore tools, select your colors, and adhere your pieces. Between classes, your project will cure, and in the second session you'll grout and finish your work, leaving with a functional and festive piece ready to showcase at your holiday gatherings.

Create something meaningful for your own table or make a thoughtful handmade gift for a holiday host.

Instructor Jessica Lidell is an experienced mosaic artist who has taught adults and children for years and has exhibited her work in a wide range of venues. This is a two-session class. Materials will be provided.

TWO THURSDAYS

November 5, 12

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$90

Non-members: \$100

Drawing Birds

JACK HOBE

Wildlife Artist, Birder, Naturalist, Educator

Join naturalist and wildlife illustrator Jack Hobe for a workshop on drawing birds of prey! Discover practical techniques to help you capture their unique shapes, postures, and movements. Weather permitting, each class may conclude with an optional short walk for those who feel comfortable sketching outdoors. No prior art experience is required—each workshop welcomes all skill levels! Bring a sketchbook or paper, pencil, and colored pencils or watercolor (if desired). Sign up for each session separately.

SESSION 1

Drawing Hawks in Flight

Become an expert on drawing flying hawks. Learn techniques to blend wing shapes, proportions, and create a sense of movement.

Saturday, November 7

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

SESSION 2

How to Draw Owls

Master the challenge of drawing owls. Learn skills to capture the art of these nocturnal birds with large round eyes, flat faces, and short, hawklike beaks.

Saturday, November 14

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Weaving a Bookmark

LASHAUN COLLINS

Healing and Fiber Arts Practitioner

This is a fun and deeply relaxing way to enter the meditative and expressive world of weaving. During this beginner frame loom weaving workshop, you will learn various weaving techniques as you work intentionally to create a handwoven bookmark to pair with your favorite book. From setting up your loom to finishing your piece, you will be guided through the weaving process. During our time together you will be encouraged to play and explore as you create your own unique handwoven bookmark. You will leave with a woven bookmark of your own design to use or give as a gift, as well as a small frame loom and the knowledge of how to use it to create more weavings for all your holiday gifting needs!

All materials will be provided; all experience levels welcome. You will also go home with your small frame loom kit, yarn, and a bookmark guidebook. The guidebook includes instructions for finishing your piece if it is not completed during the class.

Friday, November 20

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members: \$55

Non-members: \$60



Make Your Own Beautiful Holiday Wreath!

MITCH ROBERGE

Artist; Horticulturist, Haverford College

This program is a yearly favorite and always sells out, so register early to secure your spot! We will put on festive music and work side by side to create a festive winter wreath for our homes this season! In this 90-minute guided workshop, you will combine fresh-cut seasonal foliage with ribbons and natural embellishments to adorn your very own greenery wreath.

Register for either the morning or the afternoon session. All materials will be provided! Please bring a pair of pruners and gardening gloves.

MORNING SESSION

Friday, December 4

10:00 – 11:30 am

AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, December 4

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Members: \$60

Non-members: \$65

culinary adventures

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted.

Cooking with Chef Al Paris at Erdenheim Farm

CHEF AL PARIS

Chef Restaurateur

These demonstration classes will cover the creation of a meal focused on the products of Erdenheim Farm. Each class includes a discussion with Erdenheim Farm Manager Dan Lurie about how the food is raised or grown on the farm, followed by the creation of the meal with Chef Al Paris, and finishing with a chance to eat and savor the creation. Chef Al Paris has owned and created the culture and cuisine of 13 award-winning restaurants, most recently Paris Bistro in Chestnut Hill. He believes that all cooks can create their own distinct cuisine through the clarity of their vision and the use of the freshest seasonal ingredients. Please sign up for each session separately. The class meets at the Sheep Barn parking lot at Erdenheim Farm, located at 5051 Flourtown Road, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.



Roast Leg of Erdenheim Lamb

The class will begin with toasted garlic sourdough bread and a mixed green salad with goat cheese and tomato. Chef will then prepare a roast leg of Erdenheim lamb with a date and honey glaze accompanied by a Swiss chard, onion, and corn succotash. For dessert: a farm egg marsala zabaglione with mixed summer berries over crushed cookies.

The meal features Erdenheim Farm lamb, tomatoes, honey, mixed greens, onions, and eggs.

Saturday, August 29
12:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$120

Non-members: \$130

Savory Salisbury Steaks

The class will start with bacon and onion ciabatta served with farm greens and vinaigrette. Chef will then prepare Salisbury steaks of ground Erdenheim beef with a blue cheese and tomato gravy, accompanied by farm chard and corn cakes. For dessert: a honey cake with thyme, apples, and lemon yogurt.

The meal features Erdenheim Farm beef, tomatoes, honey, chard, apples, mixed greens, and eggs.

Saturday, September 12
12:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$110

Non-members: \$120

Autumn Lamb Stew

The class will begin with farm pumpkin cornbread served with honey balsamic greens. Chef will then prepare a buttered mustard roast Erdenheim lamb sausage and white bean chard stew. For dessert we will make a ricotta and roast fig tart with lemon syrup.

The meal features Erdenheim Farm lamb sausage, tomatoes, honey, chard, microgreens, and eggs.

Saturday, October 17

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$120

Non-members: \$120

Beef Natchitoches

Creole Handpies in Pastry

The class will start with focaccia buns incorporating squash, roast onion, and rosemary, served with roast strawberry vinaigrette and mixed greens. Chef will then prepare natchitoches (creole meat pies en croûte) featuring Erdenheim beef, as well as raisins, capers, and sauteed chard. For dessert, Chef will serve molasses crumb cupcakes with sweet cream.

The meal features Erdenheim Farm beef, honey, chard, onions, squash, microgreens, and eggs.

Saturday, November 14

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$110

Non-members: \$120

Erdenheim Ribeye

The class will start with whole-grain porter buns served with wilted greens and cultured butter. Chef will then prepare a pan-seared Erdenheim Angus ribeye with a honey red wine glaze and caramelized root vegetables. And for dessert, a warm roast pumpkin custard pie with maple whipped cream.

The meal features Erdenheim Farm ribeye steak, pumpkin, honey, chard, microgreens and eggs.

Saturday, December 12

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$125

Non-members: \$135



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“Chef Al’s teaching is so easy to follow and replicate at home. I especially love his side dishes, breads, and desserts!”

SPRING 2026 COURSE
PARTICIPANT

Katydid Hill Small Farm Tea

The Flavor is the Medicine

BEN WISSINGER

Co-Owner, Katydid Hill

Warm up with a cup of tea at the Morris! In this class, we will explore how Katydid Hill farm grows and processes the plants they use. We will learn about regenerative farming, organic certification, and how Katydid Hill works to go above and beyond in their work with the land—increasing soil organic matter, reducing energy use, and building habitat for the creatures they share the land with! Next, we will have a tea tasting followed by some hands-on learning about tea blending. Each participant will make their own custom blend and take home their very own unique jar of tea!

Katydid Hill Farm is a small, organic, herbal tea farm in Berks County, PA, where they grow all the herbs that they use in their teas and tinctures.

Wednesday, October 14

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Member: \$60

Non-member: \$65



Botanical Mixology

Sunset Horticulture Happy Hour

LIZ AUBRY

Bartender, Bar Lizette

Grab a friend and fall forward into a treasure trove of cocktail ingredients. With the end-of-summer bounty, the home gardener has plenty of fresh ingredients to turn into seasonal cocktails. From fresh herbs and flowers to autumn harvest produce, learn how to bring the garden to the glass.

This class will focus on flavor combinations and cover techniques and ingredients accessible to the home bartender, all surrounded by the beautiful backdrop of Morris Arboretum & Gardens at sunset. This class is for ages 21+. Ample tastings included; BYO cheese and crackers if you desire a snack with your sips!

This class is held in our outdoor tent. Please dress for the weather.

Sunday, October 25

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Members: \$60

Non-members: \$65

growing minds

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted.

Growing Minds at Morris Arboretum & Gardens is a program series for kids and families that inspires a sense of wonder about the natural world within the beautiful setting of the Morris. The classes represented in this section offer children and their caregivers the opportunity to connect meaningfully with nature through a wide variety of creative and educational programs. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay with children for classes.

Seeds to Sprouts

Fall Adventures!

(Ages 2–4)

REBECCA SILVEY

Environmental Educator

Children ages 2–4 and their favorite caregiver are invited to join us to explore the outdoors and learn about some fun early science subjects like leaves, weather, soil, and insects. In each class we will take time to do an age-appropriate activity and read an engaging story outside in nature!

Class occurs rain or shine so please dress for the weather. In the case of extreme weather we will move indoors. As we will be going on adventures on uneven terrain, we ask that all participants wear sturdy

shoes and leave strollers behind. Siblings should register as participants. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the class starts so you can find your way to our starting spot in the Whimsical Woods.

SIX MONDAYS

September 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26;

November 2

10:30 – 11:30 am

Members: \$145

Non-members: \$165

Building Fairy Houses

(Ages 5+)

BEATRICE DAUDELIN

*Adult Education Apprentice,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

MOLLY BARALDI

*Youth and Visitor Education Apprentice,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

Let your imagination run wild as we create whimsical fairy houses together! We will use a combination of found natural materials, clay, and other special bits and bobs in this magical, hands-on experience for all ages. We will start indoors and use tools to construct our bases and create some one-of-a-kind accessories for our fairies. From there, you are free to join us in bringing your creations down to the enchanting Whimsical Woods and continuing to decorate with found natural materials! One registration covers one adult and one child. Additional children will require additional registrations.

Saturday, October 3

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40



Raptor Jaws

A Birds of Prey Close Encounter

(Ages 1–101)

COURTNEY DOUDS

Master Falconer, Environmental Educator

School is closed today—what to do? How about an intimate encounter with a raptor? Meeting a bird of prey can be a transformative experience—inspiring awe, curiosity, and respect for the power and beauty of the natural world.

Join us for this rich educational experience—an incredible encounter with live birds of prey. You'll leave with lots of new knowledge about our feathered friends, inspired by the exceptional natural beauty of raptors. This program is engaging and appropriate for children of all ages, 1-101! One registration covers one adult and one child. Additional children will require additional registrations.

Friday, October 9

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

health & wellness

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted.

Yoga in the Treetops

MAURA MANZO

Yoga and Meditation Teacher

Join experienced yoga instructor Maura Manzo for this one-of-a-kind yoga experience on the *Out on a Limb* exhibit at Morris. Suspended 50 feet above ground, participants will be surrounded by a canopy of trees, autumnal colors, sights and sounds. This unique practice will be tailored to all skill levels and focuses on poses that promote rootedness, connection, and mindfulness. Human beings are deeply connected to trees and have much to learn from them. Class will end with an extended guided relaxation inspired by one of the greatest teachings of trees in autumn: There is beauty that comes from letting go. Pricing is per session. Register for each session separately. You are invited to come early to class and explore the walking trails and gardens within the Morris as part of your experience.

THURSDAYS

August 27, September 24, October 22

5:15 – 6:30 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Under the New Moon Gentle Yoga

MEGHAN DWYER

Yoga Teacher

Join Meghan Dwyer for a gentle, all-levels yoga class on the beautiful grounds of the Morris. In tune with the new moon and the changing astrological season, we'll move slowly, breathe deeply, and connect with nature's quiet invitation to begin again. This practice blends mindful movement, breath, and reflection to help you set heartfelt intentions for the lunar cycle ahead. Supported by Meghan's intuitive guidance and drawing from her work with earth-based practices, this practice encourages a deep connection to the earth, the season, and your own inner rhythms, supporting intention-setting and gentle renewal. Please bring your own mat.

Choose one date or join us for all three! Register for each session separately. Pricing is per session.



Meghan Dwyer is a yoga teacher and ceremonialist hailing from Chestnut Hill. She currently teaches at Camaraderie, Ambler.

Friday, September 11

10:00 – 11:15 am

Friday, October 9

10:00 – 11:15 am

Monday, November 9

12:00 – 1:15 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Shinrin Yoku

Forest Bathing for Your Health

ANISA GEORGE

Certified Forest Therapy Guide, Nationally Certified Health and Wellness Nurse Coach

Shinrin Yoku, or Forest Bathing, is an ancient practice with benefits beyond mental clarity. Relax your mind with this new way of touring the Morris grounds, exploring not just for its botanical beauty, but for the peace it offers. Forest bathing is proven to have powerful effects on the mind and body. Allow the Morris trees to relax your body, clear your mind, reduce your cortisol, and improve your cognitive function and memory. We will meet at the Welcome Center. The class is all outdoors so please dress for the weather. This mindful experience is only offered twice this fall! Choose one date or join us for both. Pricing is per session.

Friday, September 18

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, October 23

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Qigong Taster: Find Your Element

KELLY McLEOD

*Holden Qigong Certified Teacher; Founder,
Chee Gong with Kelly Kel*

Curious about qigong but not sure if it's right for you? Join experienced practitioner Kelly McLeod for this introductory session and discover its potential to help you feel grounded, revitalized, and at ease. Kelly will walk you through qigong postures and movements while also explaining some of the history and science behind how it helps regulate the nervous system and promote relaxation. After learning and practicing the opening movements of the Five Elements form, you'll finish with a guided meditation. Come to deepen your understanding and experience the power of qigong to help you feel energized and balanced.

Tuesday, September 15
10:30 – 11:30 am

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Five Elements of Qigong in the Garden

KELLY McLEOD

*Holden Qigong Certified Teacher; Founder,
Chee Gong with Kelly Kel*

Join experienced practitioner Kelly McLeod for six weeks of Five Elements Qigong amidst the tranquil beauty of the Morris. Embrace the arrival of the autumn season with this ancient Chinese art for fitness and healing. We will practice routines that include breathing techniques, warm-ups,

stretching, invigorating exercises, gentle flowing movements, and a brief closing meditation. Each session will let you explore the five-element theory of qigong as you connect your energy with the energy of the natural surroundings to feel grounded, revitalized, and at ease. Regardless of your prior experience, all are welcome to join and rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit.

SIX TUESDAYS

September 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30 – 11:30 am

Members: \$110

Non-members: \$120

Tai Chi Taster

REV. DR. HASAN RUCKER, DHH, AMP

*Doctor of Holistic Health
& Alternative Medicine,
Spiritual Interfaith
Minister, Health and
Wellness Consultant, Coach,
and Educator*



Are you curious about tai chi? Join us for a single-session outdoor tai chi “taster.” The beauty of the Morris will be a peaceful backdrop as you learn more about this martial art practice. Tai chi, a series of postures done slowly, promotes balance, flexibility, and strength. It is known as a soft martial art because it emphasizes a calm mind and relaxed body. No prior tai chi experience is needed. We will meet at the Welcome Center. Dress for the weather.

Monday, September 14
3:30 – 4:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35



Tai Chi Foundations

REV. DR. HASAN RUCKER, DHH, AMP

Doctor of Holistic Health & Alternative Medicine, Spiritual Interfaith Minister, Health and Wellness Consultant, Coach, and Educator

Tai chi is a living tradition—an ancient system of holistic health that works to harmonize mind, body, spirit, and emotion through the cultivation of Qi, our natural life energy. In this foundational tai chi class, we move with intention, breathe with awareness, and reconnect with the quiet intelligence already present within the body.

Each session in this six-week outdoor program will gently guide you through:

- centering breathwork
- mind focusing and Qi awareness practices
- foundational postures
- soft, fluid stepping and balancing techniques
- somatic relaxation and grounding methods

This is a space to unwind, release stagnation, restore circulation, and awaken a deeper sense of self connection. We will practice outside, with the beauty of the fall season at the Morris as a peaceful and grounding backdrop for your practice. Over time, participants often notice increased vitality, emotional clarity, improved balance, and a renewed relationship with their own inner healing capacity.

Our approach is progressive, compassionate, and responsive. Your holistic wellness is continually supported, refined, and nurtured as you engage with this well-balanced practice. It is advisable to wear comfortable clothing and flexible footwear. No yoga mat is needed—just bring your breath, your presence, and your willingness to grow.

SIX MONDAYS

**September 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26;
November 2**

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Members: \$110

Non-members: \$120

Nia Dance

LISA ZAHREN

Mindful Dance Instructor

Using gentle, easy-to-follow guidance and open, free-flowing movements, we will experience the Morris with all of our senses through embodiment practices, dance, and mindfulness. This practice invites you to dance and move in your body's own way. All bodies celebrated and welcomed. Each of the sessions will meet at the Welcome Center and begin with a short, mindful walk to the location for that week. Once there, we will follow a guided movement and some stillness meditation to open all the senses and connect with that area of the Morris. Lisa has been teaching embodied movement classes using the tools of the Nia Technique for more than a decade, including classes for cancer support groups. Nia combines elements of martial arts, yoga, mindfulness, and dance to create a movement practice that balances and energizes the body. She is a certified teacher of Nia Technique and Open Floor Dance Practice.

SERIES 1

Wednesdays, September 16, 23, 30

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

SERIES 2

Wednesdays, October 7, 21, 28

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

SERIES 3

Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$70

Non-members: \$80

Chair Yoga

MARY CAMPBELL

Yoga Teacher



Reconnect with your body, breath, and the beauty of nature in this gentle chair yoga series of four sessions held outdoors at the Morris. Designed for practitioners of all levels, this practice invites you to explore yoga in a safe, supported, and accessible way. Whether you are returning to movement after an injury, managing chronic conditions, or simply looking for a gentle outdoor practice, this series offers a welcoming space to move, breathe, and restore. Bring a chair if you prefer, or one will be provided, and wear comfortable layers to enjoy the meadow's fresh air. Mary Campbell is a yoga teacher, reiki master, poet and outdoor enthusiast. She currently teaches at Camaraderie, Ambler.

FOUR THURSDAYS

October 8, 15, 22, 29

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Members: \$95

Non-members: \$115

horticulture & design

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted.

Dividing Iris in September

Hands-On Plant Propagation & Transplanting Workshop

BOB GUTOWSKI

Former Director of Visitor Experience & Education, Morris Arboretum & Gardens

Join Bob Gutowski in his own lush garden for hands-on, experiential learning to hone your skills in plant division and transplanting techniques. In this practical workshop, you will learn to transplant and care for this showy flower for your own home garden.

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Bob was incredible: kind, knowledgeable, personable, and fun! Bob is so generous to share his garden and plants with us. It was a great time.”

2025 COURSE PARTICIPANT

We will meet at Bob's home. The exact location will be emailed to all registrants before the class. Take away gardening tips along with plants that you'll have divided or dug as part of the workshop! Dress to garden!

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$45

Fall is for Tree Planting

How to Select and Plant Your Perfect Tree

TONY DUFOUR

*Registered Landscape Architect,
Anthony Dufour Gardens*

Do you want to plant a tree in your landscape this fall? This program will give you the know-how you need to select and plant a tree that will thrive when planted. Participants will gain a solid understanding of handling and transporting trees, identifying the root collar and proper planting depth, and dealing with root defects such as girdling roots. We'll discuss the size of the planting hole, soil amendments (yes or no?), pruning (yes or no?), watering, and tools and equipment of the trade.

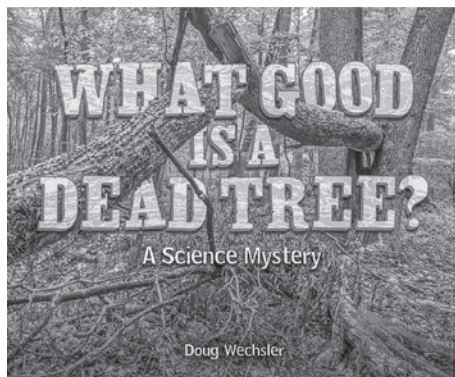
This course has been submitted to carry 2 CEUs for ISA and New Jersey Board of Tree Experts.

Saturday, September 26

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35



What Good is a Dead Tree?

(All Ages)

DOUG WECHSLER

Photographer, Naturalist, Author

Trees are the basis of a lot of life in a forest—and that doesn't stop when they die. Millions of creatures depend on dead trees for food and shelter. Following the fall of an oak tree, Doug Wechsler explains how the tree is broken down by animals, insects, and fungi over the course of fifty years. Along the way, explore parts of a tree, insect life cycles, and the magic of mycelia. What IS a slime mold, anyway? Join us and discover how rotten wood benefits the forest by providing essential nutrients for new trees to grow. This program will engage learners of all ages and will end in an optional short walk along Morris's woodlands trail to see some of what we've learned in the field. Doug's book, *What Good is a Dead Tree?*, will be available for sale and for signing!

Saturday, September 26

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30

Compost 101 with Bennett Compost

TIM BENNETT

Founder, Bennett Compost

Learn how to start your own successful home compost bin with compost professional Tim Bennett. Compost is key to a thriving garden and reducing your home food waste. This workshop will guide participants through the key steps of creating a successful at-home compost. Learn the different methods for home composting and choose the one best tailored to your needs. Let's get composting!

Tim Bennett is the founder of Bennett Compost. Bennett Compost serves over 6,000 households and businesses in Philadelphia. Last year, they kept over 4 million pounds of food waste out of landfills.

Friday, October 2

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30



The Abundant Life of Dead and Dying Trees

SAMANTHA NESTORY

*Engagement Manager and Naturalist,
Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden*

Most people are familiar with the innumerable benefits of living trees. But even after their death, trees provide vital habitat, shelter, and food for wildlife. Join us as we learn how dead and dying trees still teem with life, from tiny termites to fantastic flying squirrels and everything in between!

This program will begin with a lecture and discussion and then move outside to look at snags in the landscape, and the way Stoneleigh has worked to incorporate dead wood into their landscape projects and native plantings.

This program will take place at Stoneleigh, a former private estate located in Villanova that is now one of the newest public gardens in the Philadelphia region. Its extraordinary trees, sweeping vistas, and intimate garden spaces reflect more than a century of loving care by three different families. In its new role, Stoneleigh is an intriguing blend of historical landscapes overlayed with beautiful new gardens designed to support and nurture our local ecology. Stoneleigh's Engagement Manager Samantha Nestory holds ecology and entomology degrees from the University of Delaware and is passionate about ecological gardening, native plants, and insect conservation. Stoneleigh is located at 1829 East County Line Road in Villanova, PA.

This program has been submitted to carry 2 CEUs from ISA, LA CES, and the

New Jersey Board of Tree Experts and is an approved elective in the Certificate in Ecological Horticulture program.

Wednesday, October 7

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Preparing Your Garden for Winter

MARGARET PICKOFF

*Horticulture Educator,
Penn State Extension*



The growing season may be coming to an end, but fall is still an important time in the garden. In this course, you will learn how to prepare your garden for the coming winter weather. Which perennials should be cut back and which should you leave standing until spring? Which trees and shrubs need to be pruned, and how can you protect them from the coming frost? And what should you do with all those leaves? Class will meet in the Welcome Center for an indoor lecture, followed by a walk around the grounds of the Morris where we'll explore class concepts using examples found in the landscape.

Margaret Pickoff is a horticulture educator with Penn State Extension based in Bucks County. She provides education, outreach, and support for green industry professionals and horticultural businesses in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Thursday, October 8

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35



Moss in the Garden

TREVOR SCHULTE

*Azalea Meadow Horticulturist,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

Why stop to smell the flowers when you can pet the moss? Whether you plan on building a bryophyte-centric garden or are simply encouraging a few patches around your home, mosses add texture, beauty, and a sense of peace to nearly any space. We'll go over common mosses, propagation techniques, and how to garden with moss and moss relatives before heading into the Morris for some hands-on learning where we will transplant some mosses ourselves. Learn about the often-overlooked division of plants while gaining the skills to start your own moss patch! Class will meet in the Upper Gallery of the Welcome Center.

Thursday, November 5

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Orchid Care 101

BETH DAVIS

*Fourth-Generation Orchid Grower,
Waldor Orchids*

Have you ever wanted to grow orchids, or have you already taken the plunge and are enjoying their beauty? Orchids are unusual and exotic but relatively easy to grow. Come and hear all the tricks for successful orchid culture from orchid grower Beth Davis. Beth will present basic cultural information and provide a hands-on potting demonstration. Students will pot up their own beautiful orchid to take home and enjoy (included in the cost of the class). There will be an emphasis on transplanting, grooming, and some of the different ways to repot your orchid. Beth will have additional plants for sale, with some unusual varieties available! Bring a box to take your new orchid home.

Monday, November 16

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Members: \$50

Non-members: \$55



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Good Host Plants Garden Tour *Lawn to Meadow Site Visit*

JOHN JANICK

Owner, Good Host Plants Native Plant Nursery

In the native plant nursery he runs out of his home in West Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, John Janick works to promote biodiversity by growing straight species native plants, indigenous to Philadelphia and the Mid-Atlantic region, using local-ecotype plants whenever possible, to promote genetic variability and healthy ecosystems.

Join us onsite at John's home and the site of his nursery. You'll get a tour and learn from John about how he turned a weedy property covered with lawn and invasives into the healthy woodland, aquatic habitat, and thriving native meadow we'll see together. John will show us his favorite

plants for attracting pollinators and providing blooms throughout the growing season, covering various site conditions.

This course has been submitted to carry 1.5 CEUs with ISA and LA CES, and 1.5 LTE/LTCO CEUs for the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts. This course is an approved elective in the Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture.

Friday, September 25
1:00 – 2:30 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Exploring Old Growth Forests with Andrew the Arborist

ANDREW CONBOY

*Certified Arborist & Founder,
Community Canopy Project*

McKaig Nature Education Center is home to some of the oldest forests in our region! These woods host a great diversity of plants, from interesting wildflowers to ancient trees estimated at over 200 years old. Join Morris Urban Forestry Consultant Andrew Conboy for an exploratory walk through these woods. Andrew will show you how to identify numerous trees and other plants, teach about their ecological value, and point out unique wildlife. Participants will meet at McKaig; the meeting location will be emailed to all participants in advance of the class.

This course has been submitted for 2 ISA and New Jersey Board of Tree Experts CEUs.

Saturday, October 17
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Living Infrastructure

Stormwater Management as Design Driver

TODD MONTGOMERY

*Director of Public Projects,
Indigenous Ingenuities*

In the modern urban landscape, stormwater is often treated as a liability—a problem to be piped away and hidden, out of sight and out of mind. But what if we treated it as a fundamental design driver for our public spaces? In this workshop, we will explore the opportunities and realities of green infrastructure, moving beyond traditional engineering to create landscapes that slow down and clean up water while simultaneously fostering vibrant community connection. We will begin in the classroom, diving into the design evolution of two West Philadelphia projects: the University of Pennsylvania's Shoemaker Green and Drexel University's Perelman Plaza + Korman Quad.

Following our classroom analysis, we will move outside to walk the sites themselves to see how they perform in the real world—for water and for people. By reviewing the performance of these projects years after construction, we will address the essential role of ongoing care in keeping these systems resilient and functional, and discuss how you can translate these high-stakes lessons into smaller-scale residential or institutional projects.

Todd Montgomery brings sixteen years of experience from Andropogon Associates, where he led award-winning, large-scale institutional projects grounded in the belief that landscapes must be creatively designed, deeply functional, and thoughtfully stewarded. Today, as the director of public projects at Indigenous Ingenuities, Todd is applying that complex, systems-based expertise to a new model of practice. In addition to his design work, he teaches courses at UPenn and Swarthmore in construction, professional practice, and design.

Participants will meet at UPenn. The location will be emailed to all registrants in advance of the program.

This course has been submitted to carry 2 CEUs with ISA and LA CES, and 2 LTE/LTCO CEUs for the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts. This course is an approved elective in the Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture.

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

Nursery Procurement & the Science Behind it for the Professional Plant Buyer

CHRISTOPHER UHLAND

Owner, Harmony Hill Nursery, LLC

This afternoon of learning offers an immersive tour through a live plant production nursery, providing students with firsthand insight into the tree production industry. Hosted by Christopher B. Uhland of Harmony Hill Nursery LLC, a Chester County wholesale nursery specializing in high-quality trees and shrubs, the experience highlights every stage of the growing process—from planting field liners and structural pruning to harvesting and preparing plant material for installation.

Throughout the seminar, industry professionals with ISA Certified Arborist, RCA, and PA Certified Horticulturalist credentials will discuss the science and techniques behind successful plant production, including the biology of planting and digging nursery stock, the development and selection of cultivars and hybrids, and best practices for choosing plant material suited to various landscapes and environments. Participants will gain valuable knowledge of both the practical and scientific aspects of nursery operations while exploring the processes that shape healthy, market-ready trees and shrubs. A discussion on the low-bid process, contract growing, in-season purchasing and yard purchasing will evolve and be discussed with the sales team. This is a great opportunity for behind-the-scenes learning about many aspects of the plant nursery trade!

Participants will meet at Harmony Hill Nursery in Downingtown, PA.

This course has been submitted to carry 2 CEUs with ISA and LA CES, and 2 LTE/LTCO CEUs for the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts. This course is an approved elective in the Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture.

Tuesday, October 20

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40



Field Identification of Landscape Trees

KEN LeROY

*Certified Arborist Representative,
John B. Ward Tree Experts*

Join us for a class on the identification of woody landscape plants for urban and suburban landscapes. The class will cover both deciduous trees and conifers.

Arborist and horticulturist Ken LeRoy will show us how to use a dichotomous key to identify plants and he will explain the terminology used in keys to describe plant characteristics. He will also discuss the physical characteristics used to group plants into families. We will go on a tour of the Morris Arboretum & Gardens to see specimens of the plants we discuss. You may want to purchase the *Sibley Guide to Trees*, a good reference for tree identification that is available in the Morris's Gift Shop.

Please dress for the weather.

This course has been submitted to carry 6 CEUs with ISA and LA CES, and 4 LTE/LTCO CEUs for the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts. This course is an approved elective in the Morris Arboretum & Gardens' Certificate in Ecological Horticulture.

Monday, October 26

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$160

Tree Well Design and Implementation

MICHAEL DUNN

*Associate Director of Urban Forestry,
Morris Arboretum & Gardens*

This course explores the design, construction, and long-term performance of urban tree wells in streetscapes, campuses, plazas, parks, and other constrained built environments. Intended for professional landscape architects, arborists, urban foresters, and allied practitioners, the course examines how soil volume, rooting space, drainage, compaction, pavement systems,

utilities, species selection, construction practices, and maintenance influence tree establishment and longevity.

Participants will learn to identify common causes of tree well failure and develop practical strategies for improving tree well design, specifications, installation oversight, and post-construction care. Approximately half of the course will be spent in the field examining street tree wells on the University of Pennsylvania campus, using real-world examples to evaluate design intent, site constraints, tree performance, and opportunities for improvement.

Emphasis will be placed on integrating arboricultural best practices with landscape architectural design to create tree wells that support healthy trees, functional infrastructure, stormwater benefits, and long-term urban canopy goals. This course will meet on the UPenn Campus; an exact meeting location will be emailed to all participants in advance of the program.

This course has been submitted to carry 3 CEUs with ISA and LA CES, and 3 LTE/LTCO CEUs for the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts.

Friday, November 13

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$65

Non-members: \$75

Tick-Vectored Disease on the Urban Landscape and their Control

DR. KEVIN CHASE

Entomologist, Bartlett Tree Experts

Join us for a class on the biology and management of ticks and mosquitoes that can vector and transmit human diseases. While this topic might make you itch, it is important for arborists and other landscape professionals to know how to control ticks and mosquitos in the landscape. We will talk both about pesticide use to control ticks and mosquitos, as well as landscape and cultural practices to help reduce likelihood of infection.

This course has been submitted for PA Pesticide Credits, as well as 2 LA CES, ISA, and New Jersey Board of Tree Experts CEUs.

Monday, November 16

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40



Emerging Threats in Our Forests

Understanding Laurel Wilt Disease

NICOLE DeLIZZIO

Stewardship Manager at the Willistown Conservation Trust

Laurel wilt is an emerging and highly destructive tree disease that is reshaping forests and landscapes across the eastern United States. Caused by a fungus spread by the invasive redbay ambrosia beetle, the disease affects members of the laurel family and has led to the widespread decline of several native tree and shrub species.

In this course, you will learn about the biology and history of laurel wilt, how the disease spreads, the tree species most at risk, and its ecological impacts on forests and natural ecosystems. We will discuss current research, monitoring efforts, and management strategies being used to slow its spread and protect vulnerable landscapes. The class will also explore the potential implications of laurel wilt for Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region, where the disease continues to expand its range.

This course has been submitted to carry 2 CEUs with ISA and LA CES, and 2 LTE/LTCO CEUs for the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts.

Friday, November 20

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$35

Non-members: \$40

trips

Germantown Kitchen Garden

A Walk and Talk Tour

AMANDA STAPLES

Farmer, Horticulturist, Business Owner

Join farmer and business owner Amanda Staples for a tour of the Germantown Kitchen Garden, the half-acre vegetable farm and plant nursery in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. As we walk around the farm, Amanda will talk about the history of the farm and how it evolved from an overgrown lot covered in rubble and weeds to the productive farm, plant nursery, and community gathering space that we see today. She'll share some of her challenges and successes over the past 16+ years, lessons learned, and how she runs the farm today. Come with questions! **We will meet at the Germantown Kitchen Garden, 215 E. Penn St., Philadelphia, PA 19144.**

Tuesday, September 29
2:00 – 3:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Private Tour of Calder Gardens in Autumn

ERIN MONDA

Horticulture Manager, Calder Gardens

Calder Gardens is Philadelphia's newest public garden designed by renowned Dutch garden designer Piet Oudolf, located in Fairmount. Join Horticulture Manager Erin Monda for a tour of the Calder Gardens landscape, where she will cover the construction and installation of the garden, Oudolf's designs, plant highlights and some of her favorite combinations, and management of the garden. Admission into the building to discover Alexander Calder's art is included.

Exploration of the indoor portion of the museum is self-guided. We will meet at Calder Gardens, 2100 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Thursday, October 8
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Members: \$65

Non-members: \$70





Rewilding the Dixon Meadow

GLENN MASON

Award-Winning Wildlife Photographer

TROY BYNUM

Naturalist, Birder, Wildlife Photographer

This unique program will combine an indoor talk and an outdoor walk, both focusing on learning about and delighting in Dixon Meadow in the fall. We will start indoors, joining award-winning wildlife photographer and acclaimed author Glenn Mason for a photographic journey of autumn flora and wildlife. Then, we will move outdoors for a walk in the preserve led by the Whitemarsh Foundation's resident birder Troy Bynum.

We will learn how the season of harvest is a living sky of migrating birds, why and how the foundation tends the preserve like a garden, and why the rewilded Dixon Meadow is such an important link in preserving the local ecology of the Wissahickon and surrounding habitats that define our region. We will meet at Dixon Meadow House at the Whitemarsh Foundation, 548 Flourtown Ave., Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

West Laurel Hill Cemetery

*Fall Foliage Tour of
Beautiful Trees and Vistas*

AARON GREENBERG

Arboretum Manager, Laurel Hill Cemeteries

Laurel Hill West was founded in 1869 and features nearly 200 acres of gently rolling hills, mature trees, carved stone monuments, historic architectural features, and hundreds of mausoleums. It is home to generations of Philadelphians from all stations in life. Laurel Hill West is especially well known for its historic landscape and beautiful collection of mature trees.

We will tour West Laurel Hill Cemetery in its autumn splendor with Arboretum Manager Aaron Greenberg who will show us some of the remarkable plants in the collection. From the dazzling reds of the sugar maple allée to the yellows and oranges of sweet gum and hickory, fall is a beautiful time to explore the tree collection! We will meet at the Conservatory at Laurel Hill West. When you enter the main gates off Belmont Avenue, follow the white dashed lines through the cemetery to the Conservatory and park there.

Thursday, October 15

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

Shofuso in the Fall

Autumn Tour + Tea Tasting

SANDI POLYAKOV

Head Gardener, Shofuso Japanese House and Garden

Shofuso Japanese House and Garden, located in Philadelphia's West Fairmount Park, is a 17th century-style Japanese house with traditional Japanese-style gardens. The gardens are gorgeous in the fall, alight with fall color, and are a treat to view in late October! Originally designed for the Museum of Modern Art in the early 1950s, Shofuso was brought to Philadelphia in 1957 and resides on the site of the first-ever Japanese-style garden in North America, built for the 1876 World's Fair. In this program you will join Sandi to learn about that history, gain a unique perspective and appreciation from a special staff member, and learn about the intricacies of traditional Japanese-style gardening, an art form dating back more than a thousand years.

As a special addition to the garden tour, the program will end with a ceremonial tea-tasting, where participants will experience the authentic Japanese Tea House on-site. This program takes place at Shofuso.

Wednesday, October 21

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Members: \$45

Non-members: \$50



Brandywine Cottage in Autumn

DAVID CULP

Gardener, Author, Lecturer, and Designer



Meet at historic Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown, PA, for a personal tour of David Culp's famous layered garden. Brandywine Cottage is known for its vibrant displays of color throughout the year, including in fall. Fall at Brandywine Cottage features a transition to a jewel-like blend of wildflowers, as well as other fall-blooming plants like asters, colchicums, and sumac. The gardens are also known for their pumpkins, gourds, acorns, seeds, and berries, adding seasonal accents to the fall display.

David Culp is the creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown. He has been lecturing about gardens nationwide for more than 25 years. David is a former contributing editor to *Horticulture* magazine and served as chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Hardy Plant Society. David is vice president for Sunny Border Nurseries in Connecticut. He is the author of the book *The Layered Garden*, published by Timber Press and available in the Morris Gift Shop. The address and driving directions will be emailed to all participants upon registration.

Thursday, October 22

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Members: \$40

Non-members: \$45

Skeletons and Silhouettes

Unique Beauty of a Mature Meadow-Style Home Garden

THOMAS MRAZIK

Horticulturist and Owner of Goodly Gardens, Worcester PA

Enjoy an interactive autumn visit to an award-winning home garden, highlighting a naturalistic, meadow-style design with mostly ornamental grasses and wildflowers.

In fall, a meadow-style garden becomes austere, absent of vibrant petal colors and growth. Such a garden is stripped down to its essential components of maturing, dying and dead plants. Leaves lose their primary color and have fallen. Petals disappear. Plant stems shift and tilt. Colors become blended with tan, brown or black.

Yet, there is good news at this time. A late season naturalistic-style garden reveals

uniquely beautiful ornaments, exposing stark, strong forms, interesting seed heads, soft colors, and various airy forms. They all create swaths of impressions, hazy silhouettes, and sentinel skeletons, unavoidably inviting a curious gardener's eye and discovery!

Thom has curated this garden to have four-season interest over the course of many years. Come enjoy the skeletons and silhouettes and leave full of inspiration for your own winter landscapes!

This course has been submitted for 1.5 LA CES, ISA, and New Jersey Board of Tree Experts CEUs, and is an approved elective in the Certificate in Ecological Horticulture program.

Saturday, November 14
2:00 – 3:30 pm

Members: \$30

Non-members: \$35

SAVE THE DATE

TREE CANOPY

13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, October 16
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

HAVERFORD COLLEGE
Haverford, PA
Stokes Hall Auditorium

TREES & WATER

Join us for the 13th Annual Tree Canopy Conference, presented in partnership with Haverford College. This year's conference will focus on the vital relationship between trees and water.

CEUs for ISA, LA CES, and NJ Board of Tree Experts will be available. For a full schedule of the day's events and to register, visit morrisarb.org/conferences.

general class information

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

To register online, visit www.morrisarb.org/classes.

To register by phone, have your credit card ready and call us at 215.247.5777 ext. 125.

You do not need to be a member to register for classes, but if you would like to, please visit www.morrisarb.org/membership, and add a membership to your online basket. You can then register for your classes at a discount.

Age Policy

Except where noted in our course catalog, all classes are for ages 18 and up.

LOCATION OF CLASSES

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens is located in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. For further information or directions, call 215.247.5777 or check our website at morrisarboretum.org.

All classes will be held at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted. Parking areas may be reached from the Garden entrance off Northwestern Avenue. Students should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of the class to allow time to park and check in. Please note: Parking adjacent to the Welcome Center is sometimes at full capacity on nice-weather weekends. When you visit you may be required to park at the bottom of the hill and be shuttled up to the garden. If you are a person with a disability and require accommodation to participate in classes, please contact us at 215.247.5777 ext. 125 Monday through Friday. For people who use TTY, please call PA Relay: 800.654.5984.

Directions to classes at the Bloomfield Farm Horticulture Center:

Turn onto the paved road across E. Northwestern Avenue from the public garden main entrance. Take the second right and park in the parking lot. Follow the paved sidewalk to the Horticulture Center.

REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

To receive a refund for a class you must call 215.247.5777 ext. 125 at least five business days before the class or trip start date. There will be a \$5 processing fee for each class or trip withdrawal and a \$20 fee for School of Arboriculture and Certificate in Ecological Horticulture courses. The Morris reserves the right to cancel any program if necessary. Refunds may take three to four weeks to process. There will be no refunds after a class begins.

WEATHER INFORMATION

Most of our courses are held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather conditions on the day of your class, please call the Education Department at 215. 247.5777 ext. 125 for information on the possible cancelation or rescheduling of the class.

Give the Gift of a Morris Arboretum & Gardens Course!

Are you looking for a unique birthday or holiday gift idea? The Morris Arboretum & Gardens offers class gift certificates. For more information or to purchase, call 215.247.5777 ext. 125.

Do you have a passion or expertise to share?

Teach with us! We are accepting course proposals for our spring 2027 course catalog. Please contact Stephanie Bruneau at sbruneau@upenn.edu for a course proposal form.

If you would like to opt out of receiving our course brochure, please email us at education@morrisarboretum.org with the subject line "Opt out."



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