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A Note from the Executive Director

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PAUL W. MEYER, The F. Otto Haas Executive Director

Though the Morris Arboretum is within the city of Philadelphia, visitors often remark about the country feel of the Arboretum. When standing at the site of the former Compton mansion looking to the northwest across the Whitemarsh Valley, treetops predominate the valley, and little development is evident. And yet, the Arboretum is in the middle of the highly-developed southeastern Pennsylvania metropolitan area. This green oasis is the result of the efforts of many community leaders, including John and Lydia Morris, and organizations who have worked tirelessly over 150 years to protect open space in the Wissahickon Watershed.

These open spaces provide beauty and respite from harsh urban environments, and offer wildlife habitat, and protection for our water resources. They contribute substantially to our economic vitality and sense of place. The collective green spaces of the Wissahickon Valley are literally the Central Park of southeastern Pennsylvania. As I bike Forbidden Drive in Fairmount Park, I am struck by the sheer numbers of smiling people enjoying the natural world, getting exercise, and simply spending time with family and friends. The entire Wissahickon Valley is truly an extraordinary urban resource which must be nurtured and protected.

We are also fortunate to live in an area committed to an integrated, regional trail network. Governments, non-profits, and foundations have collaborated to complete more than 300 miles of the envisioned 750-mile regional network. Already, residents from Center City can safely access the Arboretum via the Schuylkill Trail and Forbidden Drive. Planning is underway to connect the Arboretum to the existing Montgomery County Green Ribbon Trail, connecting us with Fort Washington State Park, and ultimately to the Plymouth Trail at Germantown and Chemical Roads. These trail networks not only provide recreation, but also alternative, sustainable means of transportation. Already, at the Arboretum we see a growing number of visitors arriving by bicycles. As the network is completed, increasing our accessibility to the Montgomery County suburbs, no doubt these numbers will grow.

The business of protecting open space is never done. New opportunities for preservation arise and existing preserved lands must be protected. The recent threats by the Lower Merion School Board to condemn the easement-protected lands at Stoneleigh is an example of how land, even when permanently protected with easements, can be at risk. Stoneleigh, the former estate of John and Chara Haas, is Philadelphia’s newest public garden and a key part of the open space network of Montgomery County. It is managed by the Natural Lands. To date, more than 32,000 citizens have signed petitions to urge protection for this new institution, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has responded rapidly to enact new legislation to provide further protections, not only for Stoneleigh, but for eased green spaces throughout the Commonwealth. This outpouring of public support has been encouraging.

As southeastern Pennsylvania becomes more heavily developed, these threats are likely to be more common. Through our educational programs, we must continue to build the understanding that open space is part of the essential permanent infrastructure of our communities, not just land awaiting development. And, in many instances, the “highest and best use” is indeed green open spaces.

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**Campaign Update**

On the evening of April 26, 2018, the Arboretum publicly launched its Ever Green campaign with an elegant kickoff dinner and celebration for nearly 200 guests at the Widener Visitor Center. Keynote speaker Katy Moss Warner, President Emeritus of the American Horticultural Society, spoke passionately about the changing role of botanical gardens and arboreta as centers for education and discovery. Guests were also treated to a very special musical performance of selections from the Morris Arboretum Suite, composed and performed by Penn alumnus Nicholas Escobar, accompanied by his Penn student orchestra.

The primary goal of the Ever Green campaign is to raise $36 million by June 30, 2021 for an array of priority projects across all areas of the Arboretum’s operations. It is a campaign that is predicated on strengthening a dynamic organization through endowment growth, investment in education and research programs, continued conservation of the living collections, and enhancement of the Arboretum’s stunning gardens, natural landscapes, and historic features.

Ever Green is an “all-in” campaign, which means that all gifts—from the Annual Fund and Membership, to endowment and planned gifts—count toward the campaign totals. With a “quiet phase” that dates back to January 1, 2013, the Ever Green campaign has already raised more than $21 million in gifts and pledges.

For more information about the Ever Green campaign, please contact Mira Zergani at (215) 247-5777, extension 102 or via email at mzergani@upenn.edu.

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**Watch Us Grow**

- **Campaign Goal**
  - $36 MILLION

- **$21+ MILLION**
  - Raised as of July 30th, 2018

- Cultivate the Garden
- Lead Research Initiatives
- Improve Public Access and Inclusion

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**Public Gardens Matter**

“These traditional roles of botanic gardens and arboreta [maintaining collections, documentation, research, and education] continue to be the foundation of botanic garden work, and these aren’t dusty old roles. With new technology, environmental changes, broadening demographics, increasing risks to habitats and species survival, each of these traditional roles must rise up to address the needs of today and the future. More than ever, we need our public gardens doing their best scientific work.”

— Katy Moss Warner, President of America in Bloom and President Emeritus of the American Horticultural Society, speaking about the importance and value of public gardens.

**The Moses Feldman Family Director of Physical Facilities**

For decades, the Morris Arboretum has worked carefully to grow its endowment base in order to ensure ongoing fiscal strength and provide stable financial resources for programmatic growth. Among the greatest champions of this cause is Arboretum Emeritus Advisory Board member Moses “Moe” Feldman. It is therefore the Arboretum’s great honor to announce the establishment of the “Moses Feldman Family Director of Physical Facilities.” This new endowment fund, made possible by Moe and his family as part of the Ever Green campaign, will support the costs of the Director’s position, thereby making it possible for the Arboretum to grow its physical facilities department which maintains and cares for 30 buildings and many other features across the Arboretum.

Tom Wilson, who has served as the Arboretum’s Director of Physical Facilities since 2013, couldn’t be happier with his new title. “I’ve worked alongside Moe for many years and I am so proud to have my position be affiliated with the Feldman name. He has been a great source of support and inspiration for us all.”

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**“The Ever Green campaign will advance the education and research mission of the Arboretum while helping to preserve and enhance the gardens, plant collections, and historic features.”**

— Paul W. Meyer, The F. Otto Haas Director of the Morris Arboretum
Thompson-Morris Plot Restoration Complete

LESLIE CRANE, Development Communications Associate

In June, the final phase of the restorations at the Thompson-Morris family plot—the final resting place of Arboretum founders John Thompson Morris and Lydia Thompson Morris, were completed at Laurel Hill Cemetery. This project was made possible through the generosity of Arboretum friend and member James Hill (see related article in Seasons Fall 2017).

New plantings included trees and shrubs that reflect John and Lydia Morris’s interest in Asian and North American plants. A QuickCreek panicle hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata ‘Bulk’, native to Japan and China) was installed, as was a smooth hydrangea (Hydrangea arborescens, native to the eastern United States). Panicle hydrangea is an old-fashioned Victorian cemetery plant, and the smooth hydrangea was grown from seed that was collected by Anthony Aiello, the Arboretum’s Director of Horticulture, in Arkansas in 2014. The Morrises would have had both plants in their garden at Compton. Liriope muscari (groundcover lilyturf) was also planted.

Nearby, a Yoshino cherry (Prunus x yedoensis) and a bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) were planted, again reflecting the East-meets-West theme. To the right of the gravesite, the Yoshino cherry is one that was propagated from an old Morris Arboretum plant dating back to the estate era. John and Lydia traveled to Japan and returned with a great interest in Asian art, plants, and gardens. Farther back from the gravesite the bur oak was added. Native to western Pennsylvania, bur oaks were also planted by John and Lydia; a large one near Gates Hall (the Arboretum’s administration building) was planted in September 1926 by the National Association of Gardeners and was dedicated to John and Lydia Morris and their role in advancing the art of horticulture and gardening in America.

Coordinating the project was Aaron Greenberg, Morris Arboretum’s 2015 Walter W. Root Endowed Arborist Intern, who is currently the Arborist/Horticulture Specialist for Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia and West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd. “My internship at the Morris Arboretum was instrumental in determining my current career path,” Greenberg remarks. “Before my internship, I didn’t even really know what an arborist was. I found the internship on the Arboretum’s website, looked into it, and applied. It was a wonderful summer internship. Through that internship I learned everything. I became a certified arborist; I learned to climb. I learned a ton about tree identification, not only from working with Andrew but from the living collections portion, and just got really into tree care and tree management.”

Planned Giving

Are you age 70½ or over?

The IRA Charitable Rollover is now permanent!

This incentive allows friends of the Morris Arboretum to transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA directly to the Arboretum without having to recognize the transfer as income. To qualify, you must be at least age 70½ and have assets in an IRA. Transfers must be made by your plan provider directly to the Morris Arboretum from your IRA account. To learn more, contact Mira Zergani, Director of Development, at (215) 247-5777 ext. 102 or mzarigan@upenn.edu.

Support What You Love at the Morris Arboretum!

Beneficiary designations are a smart and easy way to use your retirement plan assets to make a charitable gift to the Arboretum. Simply name “The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania” as a beneficiary of your account and direct the proceeds to support the Morris Arboretum and those programs and projects that are closest to your heart. You can create a lasting legacy from what might otherwise be the most highly-taxed asset in your estate.

Chanticleer Scholar

CHRISTINE PAPE, Editor

Ryan Thompson-Nowak, Assistant Director of Education and Penn Outreach, has been awarded a prestigious Chanticleer Scholarship. Bryan will focus on learning how to improve the Arboretum’s new Point of Sale/Customer Relationship Management system by participating in an intensive course through the Northwestern Kellogg Executive Education Program “Leading with Big Data and Analytics: From Insight to Action.”

In addition, Bryan will be visiting gardens locally and in the UK to learn the best practices of gardens who currently utilize these systems to improve business functionality in an effort to continue to enhance the experiences of Morris Arboretum visitors.

Arboretum Welcomes New Advisory Board Member

The Morris Arboretum is pleased to welcome Joseph “Jay” Townsend, PhD as the newest member of the Morris Arboretum’s Advisory Board of Managers. Jay is a retired arborist and adjunct instructor in plant and soil science at the University of Delaware where he also completed his doctoral studies. His research concerns the impact urban trees have on human health and safety. Jay is a member of the Arboretum’s Education and Visitor Experience Committee, and for the past two years he has been a contributing sponsor of the Arboretum’s Tree Canopy Conference. He and his wife JoAnn reside in Wawa, PA, where they have restored a 17th century farmhouse and its grounds into a modern office space with historically accurate design.

“I’m flattered to have been selected as a Chanticleer Scholar and to have their support to study and travel. I’m especially excited to bring back what I will learn to Morris Arboretum to help ensure that we continue to be a truly world-class garden.”

Support What You Love at the Morris Arboretum!
This past June, Arboretum friends and staff members embarked on a spectacular garden tour of Scotland. While there, they took in the stunning scenery, rich natural history, beautiful gardens, and grand old castles of the Scottish Highlands, the West Coast, and Edinburgh, including Old Allangrange (pictured above) where the group was welcomed by garden designer JJ Gladwin.

As the season transitions through fall, days grow shorter, the temperatures drop, and trees begin to get ready for winter. Deciduous trees’ leaves begin to change color and fall to the ground. As you wander around the Arboretum on your next autumn visit you may come across a wide variety of fallen leaves. You’ll notice all kinds of shapes, sizes, and variations. As you begin to study these differences you can use clues to help identify what kind of tree dropped these leaves. This is a good introduction to the study of botany. Become a scientist on your next stroll! This can be a fun family activity or a rewarding solitary adventure.

Learn the basic parts of a leaf:

- **Petiole** – stem-like stalk of a leaf
- **Margin** – the boundary of the edge of the leaf. Below are a few types of leaf margins:
  - Entire – Smooth margin edge
  - Serrate/dentate – a toothed margin edge
  - Lobed – having deeply indented margins
- **Veins** – vascular bundles that provide support and transport of food and water

Simple Leaves vs. Compound leaves – Simple leaves have one leaf on each petiole. Compound leaves have multiple leaflets on each petiole. Two common types of compound leaves are palmate and pinnate.

- **Palmate** (veins radiate from one point)
- **Pinnate** (leaflets are attached to an extension of the petiole, called the rachis)

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**Botany for Beginners**

PAMELA OLSHEFSKI, Curatorial Assistant

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- **Acer saccharinum** silver maple
  - Simple palmate leaf with double serrate margin
- **Quercus coccinea** scarlet oak
  - Simple leaf with lobed margin
- **Aesculus flava** yellow buckeye
  - Palmately compound leaf with 5 leaflets
- **Magnolia tripetala** umbrella magnolia
  - Very large, simple leaf entire margin
- **Platanus occidentalis** sycamore
  - Simple palmately veined with lobed leaf margin
- **Juglans nigra** black walnut
  - Pinnately compound leaf with 11-23 leaflets
- **Liquidambar styraciflua** sweetgum
  - Simple, palmately veined and lobed leaf margin
- **Liriodendron tulipifera** tulip poplar
  - Simple, entire four-lobed leaf

**Join us in New Zealand! January 11-February 2, 2019**


Tour exquisite private and public gardens of New Zealand. The country’s legendary natural beauty is complemented by fine dining and enjoyment of its internationally respected wines. The mystical beauty of Doubtful Sound, the drama of wild New Zealand coastlines and mountain peaks, and the history of the Maori people are all intertwined with culinary experiences.

Only two spaces remain so time is of the essence! For more information or to reserve your space now, please contact Mira Zergani at (215) 247-5777, extension 102 or at mzergani@upenn.edu.

**Exploring Gardens Around the World**

**Scotland 2018**

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Preserving Our Tree Canopy

JASON LUBAR, Associate Director, Urban Forestry

This past spring, many large, mature trees failed because of saturated soil conditions combined with heavy loading from gusting winds and wet snow. Whenever I see this many large old trees fail, I feel profoundly saddened and slightly depressed by the loss of their companionship. These feelings are not remarkable among “green-collar” professionals because while working with or among these trees, we develop a sense of their inherent value and reverence to where many of us see these trees as friends or family members. Their loss is our loss.

Beyond the emotional attachment we form with large trees, there is the concomitant loss of tree-related benefits, which affects everyone. Large trees, with their voluminous canopy, provide a magnitude of benefits compared to their young counterparts. For example, a 2016 study done by one of our former urban forestry interns, Corey Bassett, indicated that one large London planetree at University of Pennsylvania’s Shoemaker Green provides comparable benefits to 220 small or young trees! For this and many other reasons, it is imperative that we advocate and act to preserve our elder trees.

A significant issue to consider when valuing mature trees is risk. Inherently, large trees have much more potential than young/small trees to catastrophically damage targets such as persons or property, especially in urban areas where the likelihood of impact from tree or limb failure is significantly greater than in rural or natural areas. Also, urban trees are generally more stressed and seem to be in constant peril from development, diseases, and pests such as Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer and, more recently in our area, spotted lantern fly.

Trees simultaneously as we care for our old ones. Throw in climate change, variable budgets, land classification and owner rights, tree or limb failure is significantly greater than in rural or natural areas. Also, urban trees are generally more stressed and seem to be in constant peril from development, diseases, and pests such as Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer and, more recently in our area, spotted lantern fly.

Moving down in scale is the American hop-hornbeam (pictured middle right), which averages between 25 and 40 feet, although it can get taller in the wild. It has a large native range, from Ontario to Minnesota, reaching to the Missouri River and south to Florida and Texas. Hop-hornbeam grows as a understory tree throughout Pennsylvania, occurring in dry rocky slopes. The grayish-brown bark has quiet seasonal interest, with peeling strips that are reminiscent of a well-used cat scratching post. Its hard wood was used for tools, wooden mallets, and other small items. Hop-hornbeam is trouble-free, with yellow fall color. It is best used in naturalized settings or as a small shade tree.

American hornbeam (pictured lower right), also known as musclewood, ironwood, or blue beech, is the smallest of the three, functionally reaching 20 to 30 feet, but also growing much larger in its native habitats. Its native range is similar to hop-hornbeam, but it is not found quite as far west. Musclewood is an easy plant to spot because, as its common names suggest, it has smooth gray bark, with sinewy, muscle-like, very hard wood. It also does well in rich soils as a small shade tree, with fall color that varies from yellow to orange-red. In recent years there have been horticultural selections with superior form and fall color, but these are slower making their way into the market.

All of these trees can be seen at the Arboretum and throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, and each would be a worthy addition to any landscape.

For more information on these and other Pennsylvanian trees, see Trees of Pennsylvania: A Complete Reference Guide, by Ann F. Rhoads and Timothy Block.
Moonlight & Roses

Moonlight & Roses took place on Friday, June 8, 2018 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 $253,334, with all net proceeds supporting the Arboretum’s operations.

Event Chairs Sarah Salmon and Amanda Cobb, Honoree Maysie Starr, Paul Meyer and Debbie Rodgers

Walter and Melissa Greiner

Jan Lutz, Janet Evans, Christine Dwyer

Standing: Bart Kaplow, Wilfreta Baugh, Anthony Nelson; Seated: Nina Silverman, Gabrielle Baugh, Thomasina White

Tim Greenwood, Lynn and Chris Gadsden, Kim Frisbie, Sandy Greenwood

Madeleine Reed and Ryan Manucha

Susan Feldman, Elizabeth and John Shober, Jane and Leonard Korman

Richard and Mary Graham

Guests of the University of Pennsylvania, Business Services Division

Sally and Stephen Gendler

Photos: Mark Stehle
Arboretum Welcomes New Interns

In June, the Arboretum welcomed a new class of interns for a year-long program of hands-on learning. Working in various departments, they will gain valuable experience while observing the day-to-day operations of a world class institution. Their year culminates with the completion of a project, some of which have resulted in the renovation of garden areas or in a new area of focus in education or research. This year, the Arboretum welcomed interns from all over the U.S. Pictured from left to right are:

Micah Christensen, The Charles S. Holman Endowed Rose and Flower Garden Intern, graduated from Messiah College with a bachelor’s degree in biology. A native of Lansdale, PA, Micah looks forward to gaining hands-on public garden experience while maintaining beautiful areas for visitors to de-stress.

Kristiana Bowman, The Alice & J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. Endowed Horticulture Intern, recently graduated from Vassar College with a degree in religious studies and a correlate in Asian studies. Originally from Mountain Top, PA, Kristiana is excited for the opportunity to explore Philadelphia and develop her skills in horticulture.

Vincent Galatolo, The Martha J. Wallace Endowed Plant Propagation Intern, is a graduate of Clemson University. He has had a life-long passion for plants and gardening, and hopes he will be able to advance his understanding of woody plant propagation while at the Morris Arboretum.

Amanda Wood, The Martha S. Miller Endowed Urban Forestry Intern, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a master’s degree in environmental resource management. Amanda believes that everyone can work together to improve our environment, and aims to enhance her skills at assessing tree health while at the Arboretum.

Daniel Sax, The Walter W. Root Endowed Arborist Intern, is a recent graduate of Haverford College. Daniel is originally from upstate New York and can often be found trekking through the woods in awe of the endless adventure the outdoors offers. He is thrilled to join the Morris Arboretum—a place where everyone is just as enamored with the mysteries of the natural world.

Michael Cranney, The Hay Honey Farm Endowed Natural Lands Intern, recently received his master’s in environmental studies from the University of Pennsylvania. A Hatboro, PA native and lifelong lover of science and nature, Mike is excited for the opportunity to begin a career of environmental stewardship.

Emily Clark, The McLean Contributionship Endowed Education Intern, graduated from Reed College with a degree in environmental studies. A native of Goleta, CA, Emily is a long-term believer that there are certain lessons that can only be learned outside the classroom, and she hopes to share her love of the outdoors with folks young and not-so-young.

Jenny Klimowicz, The John J. Wilkeman & Martha Haas Valentine Endowed Plant Protection Intern, is a graduate of Temple University with a bachelor’s degree in horticulture. A Levittown, PA native, Jenny decided to leave her job in digital marketing to pursue a career in horticulture. During her time at Temple, Jenny was very involved in the campus community, including the Pi Alpha Xi Horticulture Honor Society and the Landscape Architecture and Horticulture Association (LAHA).

Summer Adventure Fun!

TIFFANY STAHL, Education Program Specialist
LIZA HAWLEY, Assistant Director, Visitor Education & Youth Programs

Little Lightning Bugs and Bloomfield Buddies

This summer, Morris Arboretum’s Bloomfield Buddies (ages 6 to 10) and Little Lightning Bugs (ages 4 & 5), spent six weeks of summer fun hiking through wooded trails, releasing magnificent monarch butterflies with children’s book author Judith Levicoff, and observing snakes as they warmed their bodies in the sun at the Swan Pond. Campers spied juvenile bald eagles as they soared through the clouds, witnessed a turtle lay her eggs at Bloomfield Farm, danced through sprinklers, and played imaginative games on Out on a Limb.

We welcomed special presenters like the Arboretum’s Hay Honey Farm Natural Areas Intern Samantha Nestory, who explained how she keeps the Arboretum’s green roof on Bloomfield Farm looking so beautiful, searched for bluebirds, goldfinches, and swallows with birding expert Ruth Pfeffer, met Tom Stanton and “Cleo” the peregrine falcon, and learned local history through guided presentations by Ted Bell about our very own Springfield Mills. Campers also critically examined parts of a flower using a magnifying lens, dissected owl pellets, created exceptional art projects, and became one with nature through daily yoga sessions.

It was an unforgettable summer filled with fun adventures and new friendships. We hope that the hearts of our campers are filled with as many special memories as ours are here at the Morris Arboretum. We are already counting down the days until our young scientists join us again. See you all in June 2019!

Explorar! Summer Bridge Program at Morris Arboretum

The generous support of Morris Arboretum friends and local foundations enabled the Arboretum to offer another unique summer learning experience for 6th-9th graders from the ACLAMO Family Center in Norristown—the Explorar! Summer Bridge program. Now in its third year, the STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program provided six weeks of outdoor fun and exploration at the Arboretum, as well as weekly field trips. This year, the Arboretum hired three former Explorar! students as counselors-in-training, and they did an amazing job! The culminating project for the Explorar! participants was “Building a Sustainable City,” using the information gathered over the summer, especially as they learned about the Arboretum’s Platinum LEED-certified Horticulture Center.
Conferences and Symposia

The Tree Canopy Conference explores how common tree care practices align with science and provides lessons on how we can become more effective advocates and practitioners. Participate in our conference on Friday, October 19 from 8:15 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at Haverford College in Haverford, PA, where professionals will share their successful tree canopy strategies with us. The cost is $145, which includes lunch and snack breaks.

The 30th annual Winter Landscape Design Symposium will be held on January 10 and 11, 2019. This two-day symposium, held at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA, is an in-depth examination of state-of-the-art 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.

This conference is appropriate for landscape professionals as well as tree and native landscape enthusiasts. For more information, or to request a brochure, visit morrisarboretum.org, call (215) 247-5777, ext. 125, or e-mail jlm@upenn.edu.

ArbNet Accreditation

SUSAN CRANE, Director of Marketing

The Morris Arboretum has once again been awarded the highest level of accreditation, Level IV, from ArbNet. An Arboretum Accreditation Program, ArbNet is set up to establish and share a widely recognized set of industry standards for the purpose of unifying the arboretum community. Achieving Level IV status makes Morris Arboretum one of only 19 arboreta world-wide to achieve this rank.

ArbNet, which is administered by the Morton Arboretum, is an interactive, collaborative, international community of arboreta and tree-focused professionals. This program facilitates the sharing of knowledge, experience, and other resources to help arboreta meet their institutional goals and works to raise professional standards. To achieve Level IV accreditation, an arboretum must have the following criteria:

• A scientific and/or conservation staff and capability to collaborate in scientific or conservation activities with other arboreta or organizations related to trees.
• Institutional capacity, stability, and commitment to hold and safeguard plants of collections or conservation value on behalf of the collective interests of the profession.
• Specific participation in collaborative scientific or conservation activities related to trees, such as the North American Plant Collections Consortium or the Global Trees Campaign.
• Specific consideration of a conservation role linked to the Global Trees Campaign (globaltrees.org)

Speaking on behalf of the Morris Arboretum, The Gayle E. Maloney Director of Horticulture and Curator, Anthony Aiello said, “This level of certification acknowledges all of the work that we do in botanical and horticultural research and recognizes the significance of our diverse living collection. This collection not only provides interest to visitors throughout the year but is a scientific resource that is used for in-house and external research.”
Fall is here! With more than 90 class offerings there is something for every interest. Come have fun, learn something new, and meet some fellow Arboretum friends. For a complete course brochure visit bit.ly/maclasses or call (215) 247-5777, ext. 125.

Add Fall and Winter Interest to your Garden

Monday, October 1, 7–8:30 p.m.
Members: $25, non-members: $30
Come learn ideas and a few new tricks to help create a home garden with four seasons of interest, for you and the wildlife who might be visiting your yard. In fall and winter, texture takes center stage. Discover which plants shine in the colder months. We can discern what he had in mind for his “institution with a three-fold object.” Join us for an in-depth exploration of The Morris Arboretum’s natural lands and gardens. The sounds of wildlife carry in the cool and often misty air. Birds lift from their evening roosts. Late season flowers unfurl their dewy blooms. Expect an overland ramble as we explore what the season and nature offer the early riser. We plan to start at the wetland and ramble for a mile or more. Sunrise is at 7:10 a.m. Wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather. Meet in the parking lot to the left of the entrance kiosk.

The School of John Morris’s Dreams

Wednesday, October 17, 4:30–6 p.m.
Members: $25, Non-members: $30
We know a good bit about John Thompson Morris, the descendant of a prominent Colonial family of Philadelphia, who rose to the presidency of his father’s firm—the I.P. Morris Iron Works. We know he amassed an extraordinary collection of antiquities from around the world and turned the hilly terrain of Compton into world-class gardens that became the Morris Arboretum. But we know less about the institution he wanted to establish on his own property. Fortunately, from his correspondence and other documents, we can discern what he had in mind for his “institution with a three-fold object.” Join us for an in-depth exploration of The Morris Botanical Garden, School, and Museum.

Get Your Garden Ready for Winter

Thursday, October 11, 6:30–8 p.m.
Members: $25, non-members: $30
Do you spend every spring cleaning up “winter damage” on your plants? Plants like cherry laurel and rhododendron often struggle through the winter and require additional attention in the fall to prepare them for the cold. Find out what you can do now to prepare your plants for winter and say goodbye to winter damage.

Autumn Dawn Ramble

Sunday, October 14, 6:30–8:30 a.m.
Members: $25, non-members: $30
Daybreak is a special time in the Morris Arboretum’s natural lands and gardens. The sounds of wildlife carry in the cool and often misty air. Birds lift from their evening roosts. Late season flowers unfurl their dewy blooms. Expect an overland ramble as we explore what the season and nature offer the early riser. We plan to start at the wetland and ramble for a mile or more. Sunrise is at 7:10 a.m. Wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather. Meet in the parking lot to the left of the entrance kiosk.

Scarecrow Walk 2018

October brings crisper temperatures, leaves crunching underfoot, and the Morris Arboretum Scarecrow Contest! Back for the 11th year, this contest continues to be a favorite event among guests, attracting more visitors each year. Designers this year are challenged to create a “crow in keeping with the theme “A Moment in Time.” More than 30 scarecrows will be on display along the Oak Allée beginning October 6th, all the way through Halloween! Come and vote for your favorite which will help determine the top five prize winners!

LEGO® Mini Garden

Tuesday, October 30, 1–2 p.m.
Adult Members: $20, Adult non-members: $25, Child members: $10, Child non-members: $15
Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop as we fill shallow planters with soil and live plants and build LEGO® structures to decorate a whimsical garden. All materials will be provided, including a variety of LEGO® bricks and figures.

Bat Chat: A Nighttime Discovery Walk

Thursday, October 11, 6–7 p.m.
Adult Members: $20, Adult non-members: $25, Child members: $10, Child non-members: $15
Join us for a talk that focuses on the wondrous world of bats. We’ll learn about various species, their habitats, behavior, and how we can help them survive. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights. Children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at Bloomfield Farm.

Illustrated Nature Journaling

Wednesday, October 3, 1–3 p.m.
Members: $30, non-members: $35
Working within the beautiful setting of Morris Arboretum, discover the art of illustrated journaling. Journaling can be a powerful tool as well as a rewarding hobby. It can help them survive. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights. Children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at Bloomfield Farm.

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fall events

O C T O B E R

Storytime at the Arboretum
Saturday, October 6 & Sunday, October 7, 10am–3pm
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 6 & Sunday, October 7, 10am–7pm
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 6 through Halloween, Wednesday, October 31
The scarecrows are here! More than 30 scarecrows will be on display along Oak Allée. Come vote for your preferred scarecrow in the theme “A Moment in Time” to determine which ‘crows will be the top five prize winners!

Saturday Morning Live Tour
Saturday, October 6, 11am
Join an experienced guide for a featured tour of the month. This month’s tour highlights the Arboretum’s sculpture—fine examples of public art that complement the landscape and plant collection.

Nature Play
Saturday, October 7, 11am-3pm
Jump in leaf piles. Dig in the dirt. Discover what’s just out of sight. Nature play is unstructured fun using what’s available; learning to love nature and loving to learn naturally. Stop by anytime. This session will take place at the end of the Oak Allée, near the Three Tubes sculpture.

Bat Banter: A Nighttime Discovery Walk
Thursday, October 11, 6-7pm
Learn about these nocturnal mammals in Pennsylvania, their habitats, their behavior, and how we can help. On this walk and talk we will observe these mysterious night flying acrobats as they catch their last seasonal meals before hibernating for the winter. Adults: Members: $20; Non-members: $25; Children: members: $10; Non-members: $15.

Dogs and Bark Tour
Saturday, October 13 & 27, 11am
Join an experienced guide on this fun dog walk. Each walk will be the top five dog friendly prize winners.

Snowy Owl Tour
Saturday, December 5, 9am-12pm
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.

Bloomfield Farm Day/Insider Art Show & Sale
Sunday, October 21, 12-4pm
Enjoy original art and craft works created by Morris Arboretum’s talented staff and members. There will also be demonstrations, music, food, a few animals, and the final opportunity of the year to tour the Bloomfield Mills.

Grist Mill Demonstration Day at Bloomfield Farm
Sunday, October 21, 12-4pm
Historic Bloomfield Mills at Morris Arboretum is restored and stone-grinding corn for meal and flour. Come explore revolutionary technology, local history, and a beautiful setting along the Wissahickon Creek.

N O V E M B E R

Storytime at the Arboretum
Friday, November 2, 10:30-11:15am
See October 5 for more information.

Winter Wellness Walks
Saturday, November 10 through March, 10:30-11:30am
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.

Saturday Morning Live Tour
Saturday, November 3, 11am
See October 6 for more information.

Saturday Night Live Tour
Friday, November 2, 10:30-11:15am
See November for more information.

Saturday Morning Live Tour
Monday, November 5, 10:30-11:15am
See November for more information.

Lecture - The Living Legacy of George Nakashima
Wednesday, November 7, 7pm
See page 15 for more information.

Holiday Garden Railway Opening
Friday, November 23 (open daily through Saturday, December 21; 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.

D E C E M B E R

Winter Wellness Walks
Saturday, December 1, 11am
See October 5 for more information. Join this month’s tour to view a selection of impressive conifers that provide multi-seasonal interest with an array of forms, foliage, bark, and of course, cones!

Holiday Garden Railway Nights and Premier Members Nights
Thursday and Friday November 29 & 30 and Fridays and Saturdays, December 1, 7, 8, 15, 21, 22, 29, 30, 3pm-7:30pm
See back cover for more information.

Lecture - The National Arboretum’s Impact on the American Landscape
Wednesday, December 5, 2pm
See page 15 for more information.

Holiday Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour
Saturday and Sundays, December 8 & 22, 2pm
See November 10 for more information.

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Saturdays through March, 10:30-11:30am
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Give the gift of membership. A Morris Arboretum membership is a gift that keeps on giving the entire year! Treat your loved ones to a full year of access to our spectacular garden and events. Your gift recipients will also receive discounts on educational courses taught by Arboretum experts and receive reciprocal admission privileges to over 300 gardens nationwide. There are three easy ways for purchasing a gift of membership:

ONLINE – Visit www.morrisarboretum.org to make your purchase anytime.

PHONE – Reach the membership office directly at 215-247-5777 ext. 205 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.

VISIT – Stop by the Visitor Center to purchase a gift card which can be redeemed for a membership online by the recipient. See sidebar for more information.

To ensure your gift membership materials are received by December 24, online and phone orders must be received by December 18.

Gift Cards
Morris Arboretum Gift Cards are now available! Gift cards may be used for:
• Items in the Shop
• Purchase of a Membership
• Admission
• Classes

The Morris Arboretum is grateful to the following donors who made tribute and memorial gifts before June 30, 2018.

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*We regret that these donors were not acknowledged in the last issue of Seasons.
Holiday Garden Railway Lights

Fridays and Saturdays, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Bask 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. Timed tickets will be available beginning November 1.

Premier members are invited to enjoy a complimentary evening on either Thursday, November 29 or Friday, November 30. 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.