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Clematis ‘Gypsy Queen’
Gypsy Queen clematis

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Bush Katydid Nymph
Letter from the Editor

I have always found summer to pass in the blink of an eye. One afternoon in the sweltering heat of July may seem to drag on, but in retrospect it still feels like summer just started. During all of this hustle and bustle of summer I often find it far too easy to forget to appreciate the smaller things in life.

I am often reminded of this at night by one of my favorite aspects of summer, fireflies. There is just something magical about gazing out into a field and seeing them light up the night sky. To me it is almost as if time stands still for a moment and I can think just a little clearer while watching the magnificent show these small insects can create.

While preparing Volunteer this month I tried to focus on the smaller creatures all around. The insects of the garden often go by sight unseen, but they are an integral part of the ecosystem at Morris Arboretum. From pollination, to the food web the gardens would truly not be the same without them. Take a moment the next time you are visiting the gardens and marvel at all the work done by our smaller friends.

Sincerely,

Jennie Ciborowski
The McLean Contributionship
Endowed Education Intern

Hibiscus syriacus ‘Diana’
Diana rose-of-Sharon
Widener Center
Hi Guides,

I hope you are all enjoying a relaxing summer now that our guiding schedule has settled down. It was a busy, but extremely rewarding spring filled with many opportunities to teach the next generation about the wonders of nature. Congratulations to our new guiding class – many of them are well on their way to becoming full-fledged guides. I am honored to serve as the new chair of such a talented and committed group of wonderful people. Many thanks to Jody Sprague for being our chair for 4 years – many guides have commented on how much they enjoyed Jody’s monthly articles so the pressure is on. I will do my best.

I’d like to start by encouraging each of you to enjoy one of the “treasures” in our own backyard this summer. On the spur of the moment my husband, friends and I visited Longwood Gardens for the first time in many years. The primary draw was the new fountain restoration, but there was so much more to see. Pierre S. Dupont’s first fountain display debuted at Longwood in 1931 and was praised for its engineering feats and power. But after years of fascinating millions of visitors each year with firework displays and illuminated fountains, the novelty began to wear off and the fountains became a maintenance nightmare.

International urban design and landscape architectural firm, West 8, was brought on 8 years ago to design a master plan for the entirety of Longwood Gardens – and major fountain restoration was a key component of this plan. A total of 81 firms actually worked on the privately funded 90 million dollar project. This group was tasked with making the Main Fountain Gardens an interactive feature that visitors could enjoy up close. 3000+ designers, conservationists and engineers began restoration in 2014 resulting in the closure of this garden favorite for 3 long years.

On the day of our visit the excitement and anticipation grew as daylight gave way to darkness. And then the illuminated fountain display (set to a background of Beatles music) began – color, lights and water spewing from so many directions that you didn’t know where to look first. It was well worth the wait – a fitting end to a wonderful Longwood Gardens visit.

Thanks,
Joan Kober
Volunteer Opportunities

Save the Date
Sunshine & Roses
Annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening

Wednesday, September 27 | 5-7pm

Fall Guiding Sign-ups

Please keep an eye out for an E-mail very shortly from Lisa, to select your Fall Guiding preferences (September through March).

Please hold your primary guiding day two weeks in advance, before setting other appointments (vacations and illness excluded, of course).

Thanks to every one of you for the wonderful experiences you provide to our student and adult groups!
**Volunteer Trips and Workshops**

**Mill Grove, Audubon Estate**

**Thursday, August 17th | 9:15 am-2:30 pm**

Join us for a tour of the recently restored Audubon house, a live owl presentation, and an optional canoeing adventure. Pack a brown bag lunch for yourself. If you would like to go canoeing, please wear or bring closed-toe shoes and clothing that you do not mind getting wet or muddy; you also may want to bring a towel or blanket. While the water is not very deep, sometimes people get a little wet from the splashing of the oars.

To reserve your space on the van, please sign up on **Team Up** or email Lisa Bailey at baileyL@upenn.edu. Vans will depart from the Morris kiosk area promptly at 9:15 am. Volunteer van field-trips are scheduled for active volunteers that have given 30 hours or more in the past year.

**Wetlands Tour**

**Thursday, September 14th | 10:30 am**

Wetlands are diverse and rich ecosystems that provide habitat for a variety of plants and wildlife. Please join us for a power-point discussion given by fellow Education Volunteer Mary Ann Smith, and learn about the many varieties of birds and insects the wetlands at Morris Arboretum support throughout the seasons.

Following this information session in the Upper Gallery, we will travel by van to the wetlands and meet with Jess Slade, the Arboretum Natural Areas Horticulturist. Jess will lead us on a walk and talk of the latest developments in the wetlands, and also highlight areas most desirable for educational tour opportunities.
**Volunteer Trips**

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**TeamUp Tutorial**

The TeamUp calendar is used to sign on for volunteer field trip opportunities. When a trip is publicized in the newsletter, a “link” will be included in the trip details. You can click directly on this link while you are in the newsletter to get to the TeamUp calendar.

- Once TeamUp opens, you will see the current month displayed. Scroll through to future months if needed, using the arrows near the top left of screen.
- Click on an event to open it, and view the details & description.
- Inside the box that opens up, look for the large box at the bottom labeled Description. To sign on for that event, type your name in the next available space (not in the “who” section at top of screen).
- Click the green “Save” button at the top of the event box.

**Note:** If you decide not to sign up, to close that event without adding your name, click the “X” at the top right of the event box. NEVER click the word “Delete”. If you have any questions on accessing TeamUp for trip sign up, please feel free to get in touch with Lisa at baileyL@upenn.edu
Volunteers took a lovely trip to Lancaster on June 23rd. The first stop was the Conestoga House and Gardens where they enjoyed a guided tour of the grounds and lunch on the poolside patio. The Conestoga gardeners have created an explosion of flowers and whimsy with container gardens, roof boxes and topiary. After lunch the group moved down the street to Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan for a very informative docent led tour.

On July 13th volunteers enjoyed a wonderfully informative tour of both Bartram’s Gardens and the original house built by John Bartram, which is newly restored and recently reopened for visitors. After lunch in Bartram’s barn it was off to the river bank for a cruise along the Schuylkill from Bartram’s up to the Philadelphia Art Museum. Unique and amazing views of Philadelphia’s skyline were enjoyed by all.

If you would like photos from trips or your time spent at Morris Arboretum featured in an upcoming edition of Volunteer please send them to:

Jennie Ciborowski jmc5832@upenn.edu
Continuing Education

Be on the lookout for your Fall 2017 Brochure!

We offer a variety of classes that are eligible for Education Volunteer workshop hours. Below is a list of upcoming approved courses. Registration is open August 7th on our website.

Twilight Garden Stroll | Bob Gutowski
September 13

Birding at the Arboretum | Ruth Pfeffer
September 19, 23 and October 19

The Running of the Mill | Craig SanPietro and Ted Bell
October 1

Introducing the Servants of Compton | Joyce Munro
October 26

Going Native: Gardening with Native Plants and Wildflowers | Jess Slade
October 28

Greenhouse and Fernery Tour | Shelley Dillard
November 4

Gardening with Ornamental Grasses | Lucy Dinsmore
November 11

The Living Forest: New Knowledge About the Forest and New Ideas About how to Save It | Joan Maloof
December 7

Volunteers who have worked over 30 hours during the past year may take Morris Arboretum classes at a discounted price. Please refer to the Volunteer Price Spreadsheet in the Education Office for a complete list of volunteer class pricing. To sign up for a class please call 215-247-5777 ext. 125.
From the Archives
by Elizabeth Gavula

Shopping was a frequent travel pastime for John and Lydia Morris but, except for Lydia’s dresses, only a few times does diarist Louise Kellner indicate their shopping interests.

January 24, 1900 - Palermo
…we all were at an Antichita [antiquities]-shop this morning, and Mr. Morris has been teasing me about my opinion on a certain bust, with double head, which he thinks of buying, and he wants to know whether it is advisable to place it in the grounds of Compton or not. I tell him that I think it very fine, but that he may shock the girls and Mr. Gould by its removal from the Palermo Antichita-shop into the grounds of Compton.

May 17, 1900 - Paris
More ordering & shopping this morning, which got the “finishing touches” by purchasing a pair of rubber boots for that little black rascal at home, and I wonder what Teufel & the girls will say when Caesar [Lydia’s dog] trots around the grass “in boots”, if he will ever hold still enough to put his little feet into them, and then have them laced too.

July 15, 1895 – Interlaken
…we met the three young ladies Wister near the Station at a little shop full of all sorts of Swiss articles for sale. I picked up a box, opened it, and gave a frightful yell, for a “paper snake” so natural jumped out and right into my sun-umbrella that I was nearly scared out of my wits. We had a good laugh over it, and I bought two of these dreadful things hoping to “please” a good many of my friends with them.

July 31, 1895 - From Bâle to Baden via Strasburg
When it was time for breakfast this morning I missed Mr. Morris, and when I could find him nowhere in the hotel, it flashed across my mind that he might be across the way in an antique-shop, so I went to the front door, and I had not to wait long before said gentleman came out “spy-glass” rather “magnifying glass” in on [one] hand and a coin in the other one for examination. Badly as I wanted my coffee – a bad habit, which ceases [seizes?] me 365 times a year – I composedly sat down on the bench in the hall of Des Trois Rois, and ten minutes behind the appointed time for breakfast Mr. Morris came “skipping” across the street like a youth of 18, though he always says he feels about a hundred, and at the breakfast table he announced that he had bought some more coins. We started at 955 A.M., and in the train during the ride to Strasburg we looked at, examined, and enjoyed the newly purchased coins and medals, perfect beauties each of them, and these, as the ones that were bought in Lucerne, will be a handsome collection [sic] to Mr. Morris’s collection.
Garden Highlights

Hibiscus syriacus ‘Aphrodite’
Aphrodite rose-of-Sharon
Near the Azalea Meadow

Iris domestica
blackberry lily
Behind the Greenhouse

Aristolochia tomentosa
Dutchman’s-pipe
Out on a Limb

Echinacea purpurea ‘Magnus’
Magnus purple coneflower
Widener Center

Rosa ‘WEKcisbako’
HOME RUN rose
Rose Garden

Perovskia atriplicifolia
Russian sage
Step Fountain

Metallic Sweat Bee

Grass Skipper

Pipevine Swallowtail
# Upcoming Events

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