Volunteer
Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania

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The Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania is an historic public garden and educational institution. It promotes an understanding of the relationship between plants, people, and place through programs that integrate science, art, and the humanities. The Arboretum conducts four major activities: education, research, outreach, and horticultural display. As the official Arboretum of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania provides research and outreach services to state agencies, community institutions and to citizens of Pennsylvania and beyond.

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Rosa palustris, swamp rose

Asclepias syraicas, common milkweed
Letter from the Editor

I have to admit: I am beyond excited to witness the first snowfall of the season! This will be my first “real” winter; winters in Florida max out at 60 degrees. In my Floridian imagination, winter is a beautiful wonderland with hidden surprises around every bend. I can hear nothing but the snow crunching underfoot, and I can see a family of deer prancing through a sparkly evergreen forest...

Do you envision a similar winter in your mind? Does the reality of winter stifle the imagination? A friend once told me that the barren landscape of winter makes him appreciate nature so much more. He brings his gardening indoors by hanging plants in the window, and even creates terrariums that house lizards as well as plants! He cares for a living ecosystem right in his own home while the harsh wind chokes much outdoor life. I am going to follow his example this month and bring the green indoors. How will you cultivate life this winter?

Pilar Rivera
The McLean Contributionship
Endowed Education Intern

Viburnum dilatatum, linden viburnum
Note from the Guides Chair

Hello Everyone,

The Holidays are fast upon us. If you are in a quandary over what to buy for the gardener on your list, I have asked a few of my fellow Guides what they could not possibly live without in the garden. I hope you find the items listed helpful.

1. Spade
2. Weeder (all kinds, including a screwdriver!)
3. Japanese garden knife
4. Garden knife
5. Kneeler
6. Good soil (Good luck with this one!)
7. Battery operated edge trimmer
8. Pruners
9. My hat!
10. Bug spray
11. Soil knife
12. Ibuprofen
13. Vinegar
14. Gloves
15. Garden shed
16. Bench

There is something listed for every gardener, so best of luck shopping. I may lay this list in a very obvious place (on the kitchen table), as I lost my Felcos last spring- another must-have in Garden Land. I wish all of you a happy and peaceful Holiday Season.

Happy Gardening,

Jody Sprague
Chair of the Guides
Volunteer Opportunities

**Horticulture Volunteer Holiday Potluck**
Treat your fellow Horticulture volunteers to your favorite dish or a plate of cookies and enjoy this winter celebration!

**Wednesday, December 16th | 12:30pm**
Upper Gallery

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**Volunteer Writers Wanted!**
Are you an avid gardener, nature enthusiast, or traveler looking to share your expertise and adventures? We are currently seeking guest writers for Volunteer. Please email Pilar, pilarr@upenn.edu if you are interested in contributing!

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**Education Volunteer Winter Potluck**
Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a winter celebration with fellow Education volunteers and staff! RSVP via Team Up, and include the name of your dish.

**Thursday, December 17th | Noon-2pm**
Upper Gallery
Volunteer Opportunities

Staff & Volunteer Evening at the Holiday Garden Rail

Enjoy the Holiday Garden Rail decked out for the season on this special evening reserved for volunteers, staff and their families.

**Thursday, December 3rd | 4:30-7:30pm**

*photo courtesy Paul Meyer*

Tu B’Shevat - The New Year of Trees

Help children celebrate the New Year of Trees! We need volunteers for a variety of activities throughout the week at the following times. Feel free to volunteer for multiple slots! Sign up via Team Up or the calendar in the Education Office for one or more of the following shifts:

- Sunday, January 24: 10-11:15am, 11:30am-12:45pm
- Monday, January 25: 10-11:15am
- Tuesday, January 26: 10-11:15am
- Wednesday, January 27: 10-11:15am
- Thursday, January 28: 10-11:15am
- Sunday, January 31: 10-11:15am, 11:30am-12:45pm

*photo courtesy Paul Meyer*
Continuing Education

- Upcoming Classes -
Join us for these exciting upcoming classes!
To register online, visit https://online.morrisarboretum.org/classes, or call (215) 247-5777 ext. 125

- Holiday Wreath Workshop -

Saturday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Cheryl Wilks- Floral Educator, Florist, and Owner of Flowers on Location

In this workshop, you will create a wreath out of fresh, loose boughs of greens. There will be a selection of ribbons and decorations to make it festive. All supplies will be provided.

- Create a Beautiful Holiday Arrangement -

Saturday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Cheryl Wilks- Floral Educator, Florist, and Owner of Flowers on Location

Design a beautiful, long-lasting arrangement for your table centerpiece or fireplace mantle. You will have a wonderful assortment of greens, flowers, branches, candles, and accessories to choose from to make your one-of-a-kind arrangement.

- Designing Sustainable Spaces (The Lukens Endowed Lecture) -

Sunday, January 17, 2 p.m.
Spraker: Bryan Hanes, Founding Principal of Studio Bryan Hanes (SBH)

In this talk, Bryan will highlight the community collaboration and team work approach his firm used on some recent Philadelphia projects, including the redesign of Sister Cities Garden at Logan Square. The Lukens Endowed Lecture is presented annually in memory of educator and Arboretum volunteer Byron Lukens and his wife Elizabeth.
Story From the Archives

Louise Kellner, companion and diarist for the Morris's trip around the world 1889-1890, records anecdotes about several admirers Lydia Morris encountered. Perhaps Louise was intrigued by the way another woman interacted with eligible gentlemen.

November 3, 1889, aboard the S.S. Lahn: Our companions at table have made great friends with us, especially with Miss M., and we are very jolly together. Mr. J. A. Cameron jokingly said yesterday that, if it should rain to-day, Miss M., to whom he pays a great deal of attention, would have to talk to him until he would fall asleep…

November 8, 1889: Mr. Cameron is a warm and most devoted admirer of Miss M., grows more so from day to day if such were possible…

November 12, 1889: This morning we really got away from London, and with us to Calais went – Mr. Cameron! He appeared with a box full of lovely flowers for Miss Morris, and stuck to her like an Adhesive plaster…And then came the scene of parting…hands were shook very squeezingly, Mr. Cameron asked me pleadingly to take very good care of Miss Morris, he would love so much to hear from her, and I suppose I shall have to write him a letter so as to keep his foolish heart in doubt, fear, and hope…hands were shook once more, the last smiles were bestowed on poor Mr. Cameron, who looked at Miss Morris as long as he could see her…

November 29, 1889, at a bazaar in Cairo: Miss Morris indulged [sic] in buying some scent from a very handsome and magnificently dressed Arab, who had exceedingly winning and polite manners too, and after the purchase was made I recollect him kissing Miss Morris's hand quite reverently, and finally he made each of us a present of a little piece of scent, with the pretty remark: “For her sake” – pointing to Miss Morris.

December 18, 1889, Bombay: Mr. Young too is one of the gentlemen we met on S.S. Clyde…and he has given a big place in his generous heart to Miss Morris. It is very funny how she catches and bewitches all men, young and old, and yet I can well understand it, because she is so very natural in all she does and says.

March 20, 1890, aboard the S.S. Verona: The ship’s Captain made Miss Morris promise yesterday that she would get up early to see the ship go through the Straits of Simoniseki [Shimonoseki] for the entrance to the Inland Sea, and she did keep her word indeed…Miss Morris and her Captain have been inseparable all day…They are all drawn towards Miss Morris, that means men are; she evidently has a mesmeric effect upon them, and every one of them, at least so it seems to me, has a silent but intense interest in her and for her.

December 23, 1894, Naples: Right after breakfast Mr. Chapman came to settle a little money matter with Mr. Morris and to say good bye! I did not see how he pressed Miss Morris’s hand against his heart, but he did it, and I only wonder that he did not do something more emphatic or impulsive.
**Garden Highlights**

- **Viburnum opulus**
  - cranberrybush viburnum
  - Log Cabin
- **Corylus fargesii**
  - Farges filbert
  - near Japanese Overlook
- **Datura sp.**
  - thorn apple
  - Seven Arches
- **Diospyros virginiana**
  - common persimmon
  - Hillcrest
- **Hamamelis virginiana**
  - common witchazel
  - Mercury Loggia
## Upcoming Events

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### Weekly Volunteer Events

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- **Saturdays and Sundays, 2-3pm:** Regular Tour
- **Wednesday morning Horticulture Volunteer schedule will resume in March 2016**
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