Volunteer
Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania

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Morris Arboretum is a valuable habitat for a large diversity of bird species. On the cover, a cedar waxwing perches in a *Nyssa sylvatica* tree in the wetland. Below, an eastern bluebird perches on a stake, and a green heron collects material for a nest in a willow tree in the wetland.

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Hello everyone,

This is my last issue as editor of Volunteer! I have enjoyed creating this little publication for the past twelve months. I particularly loved taking photos of the garden to share with you all. Thank you for reading!

I can’t believe how quickly my year at Morris Arboretum has flown by! I’m grateful for the experiences I’ve had as an intern, and for my time working with the great staff and volunteers here. I have learned so much from you all. I am sad to leave you wonderful people and the beautiful gardens, but am excited for my next opportunity. I will be moving on to the Delaware Center for Horticulture as their Urban Horticulture intern for the summer and fall. I’m looking forward to changing things up and getting my hands dirty! Thank you for a great year.

Sincerely,

Alex Correia-Sareyka
The McLean Contributionship
Endowed Education Intern
Hello Everyone,

Four years ago, Liza approached me with the proposal of becoming Chair of the Guides. I told her I would be happy to be Chair but the thought of writing this article each month made my blood run cold. She said I didn’t have to write it if I wasn’t interested. After thinking about it, I decided I would give it a try.

In June, my tenure as the Guides’ Chair is over and I wish to thank all of you for a terrific experience. I have so appreciated your kind words of support. It has been my privilege to serve and even to write these eclectic articles each month. Thank you for bearing with me.

Happy Gardening,
Jody Sprague
Continuing Education

Volunteers who have worked over 30 hours during the past year may take 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.

Exploring Houston Meadows
Ken LeRoy, Arborist, John B. Ward Tree Experts
June 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Houston Meadows, which is part of Fairmount Park, is the most biologically diverse ecosystem in the Wissahickon Valley. We will explore the geographical boundaries and the plants, animals, and insects of this wonderful little world. Volunteer price: $18

Digital Garden Photography: Seeing, Composing, and Creating the Image
Dr. Robert E. Lyons, Professor Emeritus, University of Delaware
June 10 at 9:30 a.m.
This workshop for beginners to advanced beginners will focus on using your camera to capture extended or fleeting moments in your personal landscapes. Volunteer price: $27

Butterfly Walk
Kris Soffa, Pennsylvania Master Naturalist
June 20 at 10:00 a.m.
Welcome summer by exploring the Arboretum’s wildflower meadows and wetlands in search of butterflies. We will have the opportunity to inspect specimens and we will use viewing jars to get a closer look. Volunteer price: $13

Spring Pizza Class
Peggy Paul Casella, Cookbook Editor and Writer
June 24 at 1:00 p.m.
Do you want to use your fresh garden veggies in a way everyone will enjoy? Pizza to the rescue! This class will be the perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon, and includes plenty of samples! Volunteer price: $20
Guide Election Results

I am pleased to announce that Joan Kober has been elected as Chair of the Guides Council, Jim Kohler is now Vice-Chair, and Joel Tumberello will continue as Secretary. I want to thank Jody Sprague and Mary Ann Smith for their time and leadership over the past four years. The work the Education Volunteers do at the Arboretum, and as representatives of the Arboretum, is invaluable. Having a firm but friendly hand at the Council helm is much appreciated by both staff and other volunteers. When you see Jody and Mary Ann please join me in thanking them.

Liza Hawley
Assistant Director, Visitor Education and Youth Programs
Twilight & Peonies

Thank you to all of our Education, Mill, and Archives volunteers for your many hours of service. We couldn’t accomplish half of what we do without you! Twilight & Peonies is our annual event where we recognize your contributions and dedication. This year, staff and volunteers enjoyed a delicious potluck meal, participated in a plant exchange, and received awards. Enjoy these photos from the evening.
Volunteer Trips

Tour an Historic Chestnut Hill Private Garden

**Tuesday, June 13th | 10:30 am**

Rain date: June 15th

You are invited to stroll the garden and have lunch outside at Ballygarth. This residence, nestled on a hillside near the juncture of Crefeld Street and West Hampton Road in Chestnut Hill, was built in 1919 for Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Pepper and is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ernesta Ballard, executive director of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society from 1963 to 1981, lived here for 30 years and had constructed a magnificent botanical haven, which, over the years, had fallen into disrepair. Our host, Ann Hozack, has lovingly restored the property. We will see great vistas, garden rooms, noted architectural structures and dramatic plantings with a very rich history.

For lunch, we will be treated to chicken salad sandwiches, other finger foods, desserts, and drinks. Please register on TeamUp before June 8. Be sure let our host know if you will be bringing your own lunch. The Arboretum’s vans and carpools will depart from the kiosk area at 10:15 am.

Lancaster County Trip

**Friday, June 23rd**

Depart Arboretum at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm

Cost: $60 (includes transport, lunch, and tour fees)

Travel by deluxe motorcoach to Lancaster County to visit two historic homes and their gardens. The first stop will be Conestoga House and Gardens. After a tour of the house, we will enjoy a bag lunch in the garden before proceeding just down the road to Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, for a guided tour of the interior.

Please select a lunch choice below and contact Michelle Conners at mconners@upenn.edu or 215-247-5777 x109 to reserve your space. Checks can be sent to Michelle’s attention.

If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact Lisa Bailey at x157.

1. Salad with mixed greens, tomatoes, red onions, carrots, cucumbers, shredded cheese, croutons. Served with a mini pretzel roll.
2. Veggie and cheese wrap served with potato chips, a pickle, condiments, and a cookie.
3. Turkey and Muenster cheese on a pretzel roll, topped with lettuce and tomato. Served with chips, a pickle, condiments, and a cookie.
Volunteer Trips

**Fairmount Park Pollinator Garden & Horticulture Center**

**Tuesday, June 27th | 9:00 am-12:30 pm**

As a follow up to Howard Goldstein’s January presentation at the Widener Center, we will meet up with Howard at the Pollinator Garden at the Horticulture Center in West Fairmount Park. We’ll also walk through a Penn State Demonstration vegetable garden and a Food Forest that was installed by the Philadelphia Orchard Project. Carpoools will depart from the Arboretum’s kiosk area at 9 am and return to the Arboretum by 12:30. Please sign up on TeamUp and indicate if you are willing to drive with other volunteers in your car.

**Bartram’s Garden & Schuylkill River Cruise**

**Thursday, July 13th | 9:30 am-3:30 pm**

**Cost: $38 (Includes tour, cruise, and lunch)**

Step back in time and enjoy a 90-minute tour of John Bartram’s newly restored 1731 house and the recently restored Ann Bartram Carr garden, followed by a catered box lunch in the garden. After lunch, we’ll cruise the Schuylkill aboard Patriot Lines’ reproduction of a 1920’s mini commuter yacht. We’ll depart from the kiosk at 9:30am and return to the Arboretum at approximately 3:30pm.

Reserve your space and select your lunch choice on TeamUp before July 3. Please contact Lisa Bailey to pay by check or credit card.

**Save the Date**

**August 17th**

Trip to Mill Grove, home of John James Audubon
Excerpts from the Louise Kellner travel diary:

April 20, 1900 - Vienna
10\textsuperscript{th} we started out to go to Habig’s [an Austrian hat maker], where Miss Morris ordered what she wanted … we went into a fan-store, but Miss M. did not find what she looked for… then back to Hotel Bristol for Luncheon, immediately after this meal to Drecoll [Baron Christoff von Drecoll was a Viennese dressmaker] , where poor Miss Morris had to stand for three long hours to be fitted, during which time I made inquiries at Cook’s for our return to Venice, went to the Nord German Lloyd Office to ask how to ship Miss Morris’s dresses from Vienna; found out all about Mr. Hoffman, who formerly was a first Class hand at Drecoll’s; then went back for Miss Morris, who had not finished yet to be fitted when I joined her, and as soon as she was at liberty we drove to Cook’s together to draw money & buy our return tickets, then home, changed our dresses, took dinner, went to the Opera at 7 o’clock, returned to the Hotel at 10\textsuperscript{15} and tumbled into bed as fast as we knew how.

April 21 We were up early again, had breakfast at 8 o’clock; half an hour later Miss Morris was back at Drecoll’s for another hour & a half fitting, while I pushed Habig’s to deliver the things Miss Morris had ordered..

Lydia’s dress appears to be similar to the silk dresses purchased from Drecoll-Vienna in 1895, as described in the Louise Kellner travel diary.
**Garden Highlights**

- × *Sinocalycalycanthus raulstonii* ‘Hartlage Wine’
  - Hartlage Wine Raulston allspice
  - Pennock Flower Walk

- *Tradescantia virginiana*
  - spiderwort
  - Log Cabin

- *Cladrastis kentukea*
  - American yellow-wood
  - Wetland

- *Styrax japonica*
  - Japanese snowbell
  - Swan Pond

- *Lonicera sempervirens* ‘Alabama Crimson’
  - Alabama Crimson trumpet honeysuckle
  - Oak Allée

- *Rosa ’MELviolin’*
  - EDEN CLIMBER rose
  - Rose Garden
# Upcoming Events

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