It’s Tulip-palooza!

**Hershey Gardens To Feature More Than 30 New Cultivars**

“I love tulips better than any other spring flower; they are the embodiment of alert cheerfulness and tidy grace…”

This quote, by British novelist Elizabeth von Arnim, could perhaps be the reason why so many guests look forward to seeing Hershey Gardens’ renowned spring tulip display.

“This year’s display will include more than 28,000 blooms, including more than 30 new cultivars,” said Alyssa Hagarman, horticulture specialist. “The plants have been laid out in large blocks, for an impressive show of color.”

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Parrot tulips and peony flowering tulips are also showstoppers. “Their fringed edges and densely packed flowers make you second guess if you’re actually looking at a tulip,” said Hagarman. “Three of my favorites this year are ‘Black Parrot,’ ‘Blue Wow’ and ‘Yellow Mountain.’ ‘Black Parrot’ is a velvety purple-black with fringed edges. ‘Blue Wow’ has densely packed layers of blue-purple petals. ‘Yellow Mountain’ is an opulent puffy, pale lemon yellow; all three of these tulips also have a delicate fragrance.”

“Usually, tulips peak in early May,” Hagarman said, “but that depends largely on Mother Nature.”

Be sure to check HersheyGardens.org and Hershey Gardens’ Facebook page for bloom updates.
10 Questions With...
Brian Carr, Crew Foreman at Hershey Gardens

We recently caught up with landscape veteran Brian Carr to talk about what happens “behind the scenes” at Hershey Gardens.

What is your role at Hershey Gardens?
As the crew foreman, I oversee the gardening staff to make sure all of the tasks assigned to us on the weekly schedule are accomplished efficiently. I also assist Operations Manager Bill Kieffer with other duties, such as taking care of the roses.

What is a typical day like for you?
My day varies depending on the time of year. In the summer, my day begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. The rest of the year, I start at 7 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Starting in early spring, we are busy mulching, weeding and prepping the beds, as well as maintaining the ponds. During the summer, we are continually caring for the beds, including planting and mowing. We do whatever it takes to help make our 23 acres beautiful.

It would seem that, like most home gardeners, your fall and winter work would slow down a bit?
Not at all. Fall is a time for clean-up and prep. We’re busy raking the leaves, transplanting plants and cutting back the roses in preparation for winter. We also prepare the Gardens for Pumpkin Glow, which is fairly labor intensive. During winter, we maintain our equipment and weatherproof the benches and other hardscape items. Snow and ice removal also keeps us busy. When the weather allows, we’re outside pruning.

What is your background?
I have been working in the landscape industry for 35 years, at nurseries and supervising landscape crews. I’ve worked at Hershey Nursery and also at a landscape company, whose specialties were Japanese and natural gardens.

How long have you worked at Hershey Gardens?
This year I am celebrating 10 years.

In your 10 years, what do you enjoy most?
I love talking with guests, whether they are long-time members or first-time guests. It’s neat to see their reactions to the constantly changing landscape.

What is your favorite part of the Gardens?
My favorite area is the part of the Japanese Garden where all the redwood trees grow. It is a very relaxing and peaceful area, and even though it’s in the Gardens, that particular spot makes me feel like I’m in the mountains. Its tranquility is mesmerizing.

Do you have a favorite plant?
There are so many, it’s hard to pick just one. My favorite shrub is the Arctic Fire red twig dogwood; my favorite tree is the Japanese red pine; and my favorite perennial is the blackberry lily. I guess that’s more than one!

Any hobbies?
I love to fish, camp and hike. Any chance I get to be outside in the woods with friends and family is a great way to spend my downtime.

You speak Japanese?!
Yes, a little. During the years that I worked with the landscape company whose main focus was Japanese gardening, I spent a few years learning the language.

Brian enjoys the Japanese Garden for its tranquility and peacefulness.
Butterflies...and Beyond

MEET THE STARS INSIDE THE BUTTERFLY ATRIUM

Featured Butterfly:
Atala Hairstreak
Genus Eumaeus atala

The Atala Hairstreak is the Butterfly Atrium’s smallest butterfly; it’s roughly the size of a man’s thumbnail. Though small, these butterflies have a delightfully complex appearance of black wings with iridescent blue specks and a vibrant red body.

Atala Hairstreaks, which are native to southeastern Florida and the Caribbean region, were once on the endangered species list and thought to be extinct. Their comeback was due to their host plant, the coontie (Zamia integrifolia), becoming a trendy plant for landscapers and gardeners. They are no longer considered endangered.

This is a clear example of the influence host plants have on butterflies, which is crucial to the survival of many species.

Featured Insect:
Vinegaroon (Giant Whip Scorpion)
Mastigoproctis giganteus

This winter, Hershey Gardens’ BugZone became home to a very special arthropod: a vinegaroon. Vinegaroons are given this name because of their defensive spray of a vinegar-based substance out of its thread-like tail. Some vinegaroons originate in the tropics, but the species in the BugZone comes from the southern United States and Mexico.

Also called whip scorpions, they are not closely related to true scorpions, but rather have a similar look with an impressive set of pedipalps, or pinchers, and the appearance of six legs. In fact, vinegaroons are arachnids and have eight legs, with the front pair modified to act as antenna-like feelers,” said Serfass. These feelers aid in the vinegaroon’s limited vision.

Though this creature may look intimidating, it is fairly harmless.

Featured Plant:
Powder Puff Plant
Calliandra haematocephala

This beautiful plant is a known by a variety of common names including powder puff tree, powder puff plant, red powder puff and pink powder puff. Its various names all point to its flower, which resembles a powder puff. Depending on the variety, the flowers can be pink, white or red.

Native to Bolivia, this shrub or multi-trunked tree has a striking appearance and is in the same family as the mimosa tree. “It responds well to pruning and can be trained into a tree form or left as a bushy shrub. They grow quickly and can reach heights of 15 feet, although pruning can keep them much smaller. The Calliandra haematocephala in the Butterfly Atrium is a dwarf variety and is frequently pruned to keep it a manageable size.

The powder puff plant prefers lots of sun and a tropical climate with warm temperatures and high humidity. It blooms most prominently in the fall and winter months but can produce flowers year-round. The flower buds resemble berries, then they bloom into the spiky flower. The butterflies feed on the flowers by inserting their proboscis into the base of the flower and tend to feed more when the flowers have begun to wilt and the base of the flower is easier to access.

Open Year Round

Butterfly Atrium
At Hershey Gardens

Calliandra haematocephala or powder puff flower

Butterfly and insect information by Katherine Serfass. Plant information by Sadie Smith.
Bill Bowman became director of Hershey Gardens in 1976. He was charged with revitalizing the Gardens and making it a more popular destination.

In 1979, Bill led the transformation of Hershey Gardens into several theme gardens. At the time, theme gardens were a popular trend in public gardens. The themed approach had also been followed in other Hershey attractions, most notably at Hersheypark, which had been redeveloped several years earlier as a themed amusement park. Just prior to Hershey Gardens’ transformation, Hershey’s zoo had reopened as ZooAmerica, a themed zoological park.

Bowman recalled his plan to improve the gardens in his 2003 Hershey Community Archives oral history interview:

“I presented an idea that we really needed to bring in more people to make this [Garden] more interesting than just roses and so we embarked on a two-year design and planting plan of bringing in theme gardens.

For the project, Bowman hired Denise Mummert, a recent graduate of Penn State’s Landscape Architecture School. Over the course of several months, she developed plans for several theme gardens. During 1977 and 1978, six different themed gardens were laid out and joined the main attractions of roses, tulips, annual flowers and trees to broaden public interest in the Gardens’ 23 acres. To create the space for the new gardens, existing perennials beds and collections of shrubs and grasses were either incorporated into the new theme gardens or removed from the garden. The new gardens included a Fountain Garden, English Formal Garden, Colonial Garden, Rock Garden, Japanese Garden and Italian Garden.

With the introduction of the themed gardens, Hershey Rose Garden was rechristened Hershey Gardens to emphasize that the garden was more than roses. Today, Hershey Gardens features a dozen distinct theme areas, many of which were part of the original 1979 plan.
Join us for Homeschool Day!
Celebrating Biodiversity
For Kindergarten – 8th Grade
Tuesday, April 23, 2019  9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Activities will include:
Exploration
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Explore biodiversity and the environment in the Educational & Horticultural Wing. Students can complete a craft and visit numerous learning stations. (Appropriate for elementary students.)

Biodiversity of Bees
10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12 p.m.
Most of us recognize the honey bee and the bumblebee, yet bees are quite diverse, with some 400 species native to Pennsylvania. Come hear about this diversity and its positive impact on our environment. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school students.)

Biodiversity and Animals
by ZooAmerica
10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
How do animals contribute to a diverse and balanced environment? Come learn from a ZooAmerica expert, along with some of their animal friends. (Appropriate for elementary and middle school students.)

Cost: $8 per student, $9 per adult
Pre-registration required at HersheyGardens.org.

Families are encouraged to arrive by 10:30 a.m. to ensure sufficient time to participate in all programs.

Homeschool Day admission also includes entrance into the Butterfly Atrium and Hershey Gardens. Program will be held rain or shine. Outdoor picnic tables are available for packed lunches.

Hershey Gardens’ Summer Volunteer Program
Now Accepting Applications

Know a student aged 12 to 15 who enjoys the outdoors and interacting with others? If so, they may make a great Hershey Gardens volunteer!
“It’s a great opportunity for kids who are too young to work, but are looking for pre-work experience,” said George Vaites, manager of youth and volunteer programs. “Volunteers assist with a variety of educational initiatives, such as teaching curious guests about insects at the Bug Cart.”
“They also help in The Children’s Garden, helping guests explore plants and nature,” said Vaites. “Sometimes they assist with crafts and other activities, especially during Marvelous Mondays.”
The volunteer program requires students to complete seven shifts from June 24 through August 16. These shifts typically occur once a week, with exceptions made for vacations and summer camps. Shifts are available Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All volunteers are required to attend an orientation on June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Applications must be submitted at HersheyGardens.org by Monday, May 6.

New applicants will be contacted for an interview.
For more information, please contact George Vaites at 717-508-5968 or via email at gervaites@hersheygardens.org.
Update: Spotted Lanternfly Pest Alert

By Lois Miklas, Penn State Master Gardener Coordinator, Lancaster County and Retired Educator, The M.S. Hershey Foundation

By now, most gardeners and non-gardeners alike have surely heard about the spotted lanternfly from media coverage. On March 15, 2019 the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture added Dauphin County to the quarantine zone for this pest. Here is what you need to know about this pest and how to help stop its spread.

**What is the Problem?**

This invasive pest from Asia was accidentally introduced to Berks County and has been spreading. Spotted lanternfly threaten crops important to the Pennsylvania economy, such as tree fruit, grapes and hardwood. They have been known to feed on over 70 types of plants, and excrete a sticky substance called honeydew that can make an infested home landscape very unpleasant. They do not, however, bite humans or pets or cause structural damage to homes.

**Current Distribution**

The map included shows areas where spotted lanternfly populations are established, in blue. Yellow areas indicate where spotted lanternfly has been intercepted, but no known population exists. This could range from a small number of live lanternfly to a single dead specimen in a car. Spotted lanternfly are good hitchhikers and their spread is associated with human movement. Counties outlined in red indicate those under a spotted lanternfly quarantine in both PA and NJ.

**Quarantine and Permits**

Take care when moving in and out of the quarantine zone indicated on the map. Spotted lanternfly can, well, fly, but humans unwittingly aid their spread by transporting them on cars, firewood, camping equipment, landscaping materials, and other items that we move around. Businesses and organizations that conduct business within and out of the quarantine zone are required to be permitted through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Find out if you need a permit at www.extension.psu.edu.

**What Can You Do?**

Learn to recognize spotted lanternfly eggs, larvae, and adults. If you see spotted lanternfly report it at www.extension.psu.edu or 1-888-4-BADFLY. You may find that authorities already know that it exists in your area, but it is best to be safe by reporting it—especially in areas that are not close to its original infestation area of Berks County.

In addition, you can check your property for tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). This invasive tree is a preferred host of spotted lanternfly. This tree is not simple to eliminate, so be sure to consult Penn State Extension or another reputable source on management tactics.

For more information on spotted lanternfly and tree-of-heaven management, consult your nearest Penn State Extension office.
It’s Springtime in the Hoop House!

by Jody Davey, Indoor Horticulture and Programs Specialist

Spring is certainly the most welcomed of all the seasons. Days are longer and mornings are brighter. The familiar earthy, after-the-rain scent and cheery birdsongs permeate the air, and the hands of gardeners everywhere are itching to work the soil. Hershey Gardens horticulturists are no exception, and we’ve been busy making new and exciting plans for the Hoop House this year. Small-scale edible gardening is still the focus, and the Hoop House will feature new and unusual dwarf vegetable and fruit varieties grown in ways that maximize yields in minimal space. Examples will include container straw bale plantings, potted and vertically-grown crops, as well as dwarf varieties in hanging baskets that can fit just about anywhere.

Sustainability is another Hoop House focus, defined as “avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance.” More simply put, sustainability is a way of living that allows us to meet our needs today without compromising the ability of the future population to do the same. Best agricultural practices such as limiting chemical use, water conservation, energy efficiency and soil preservation all help to ensure the long-term health of the planet and those living on it. In the Hoop House, we strive to model sustainability through a chemical-free, small-scale approach. We maximize yields, while minimizing the amount of soil needed through small-scale and container gardening methods and techniques. New this year, we’re introducing a rainwater collection and irrigation demonstration using a rain barrel and gutter system.

In keeping with our commitment to sustainability, we will also be introducing several DIY-friendly hydroponics ideas. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. Plants are germinated in a soil-less medium, and fed and watered with a dilute nutrient solution that floods their bare roots. When compared to growing crops in soil, advantages to this innovative method include increased yield per unit of space, more efficient water use, and faster production times. Soil-borne pests and diseases are eliminated, resulting in higher quality produce. This year’s Hoop House will showcase small-scale hydroponics set-ups that are so simple and inexpensive that everyone can do them at home.

As always, the Hoop House hive of honey bees will be overseeing it all, flitting from flower to flower ensuring pollination of our crops. As the weather warms, glass observation windows will be installed on the hive, permitting guests a rare view of the colony’s inner workings. And joining these familiar pollinators will be some that may not be so recognizable: mason bees and leafcutter bees. Unlike the European honey bee, mason and leafcutter bees are native species, numbering among 400 bee species native to Pennsylvania, and 4,000 species native to North America. They are solitary, non-aggressive, and just like the honey bee, make important contributions to crop and orchard pollination.
The Hershey Story is Celebrating 10 Years!

Hershey Gardens Member Special
Visit The Hershey Story's Museum Experience - for half the price! Save $25 on four tickets!

NEW!
Discover more stories about Milton Hershey, each captured in a fresh and clever way. These fascinating stories help define his intriguing personality.

Simply show your member ID at The Hershey Story. Good through 12/31/19.

Join Our Team: Become a School Program Volunteer

Springtime marks the start of the busy field trip season at Hershey Gardens. Beginning in March, teachers throughout the region will bring thousands of students to the Gardens. During their stay, they explore the blossoming 23 acres and participate in educational programs such as “Amazing Butterflies” and “Green Thumbs.”

“Volunteers are key to what we do,” said George Vaites, manager of education programs. “They serve in one of two roles. Some are station leaders, where they teach a 15-minute lesson on butterflies or plants. Others are group leaders, where they fill the role of host while guiding a class from station to station.”

“Our school volunteers are fantastic,” said Vaites. “They work closely with education staff to ensure a good experience for students and teachers. During peak times, when we’re hosting multiple schools, volunteers keep our programs running seamlessly.”

“The kids say such cute things; they are all smiles and their energy is infectious,” said Carol Vanderheyden, a long-time volunteer. “Being a volunteer helps me to stay ‘young’ and happy. I get much more out of it than I give.”

Hershey Gardens is always looking for new volunteers to assist with school programs. If you’re interested or would like to learn more, please contact George Vaites at 717-508-5968 or e-mail George at gervaites@hersheygardens.org.

Garden Gate Snacks
Open this Summer!

Want a snack or beverage during your next visit? We got you covered! Garden Gate Snacks features a variety of Hershey’s candy, Turkey Hill ice cream and bottled beverages, as well as other snack items. The shop is conveniently located near the Conservatory in the former admissions building, so stop by for a bite - and enjoy the view!

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Our exciting, hands-on approach to science provides children the unique opportunity to conduct exciting and engaging experiments and activities. We make learning science FUN!

For more information or to register, please visit HersheyGardens.org or call 1.877.870.9517.

Slime of My Life
June 24 through June 28
Full day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., $399
Half day: 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $229
For ages 7 – 11
In the half day morning camp, we will make chalkboard slime and all-new color-changing slime and magnetic slime! In addition, we’ll build inventions like catapults, discover how electricity and circuits work by making conductive dough, and explore biology as we extract DNA from a banana and dissect an owl pellet. Stay for the full day and we’ll examine anatomy as we make a model lung and observe a real sheep heart, continue our exploration of circuits as we send messages via Morse code and build a metal detector to test objects to see if they are conductors or insulators, and explore wonders of the earth as we erupt a volcano and experiment with pol-lination.

Far Out Space Academy
July 8 through July 12
Full day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., $399
Half day: 9 a.m. to noon, $229
For ages 7 – 11
3…2…1 BLAST OFF to discovering space and flight! Half-day campers will explore the stars and constellations as you take an out-of-this-world sky tour in our homemade planetarium, prepare for lift-off as you build and launch your own rocket while learning about Newton’s Laws of Motion, and complete a mission to Mars as you design and build your own model space station. Full day campers will continue to use their astronaut wits as we build air powered nano-rovers, make craters and dry ice comets, and work in engineering teams to construct space capsules that will be used to launch “egg-nauts”! Come join us on our mission through outer space!

Jr. Discoverers
July 1 through July 5 (no camp on July 4)
Full day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., $320
Half day: 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $189
For ages 4 – 6
Come join us for a week of fabulous hands-on fun and get elbow-deep in botany, oceanography, astronomy and entomology! We’ll dissect a plant and learn what each part does, plant seeds in your own terrarium, investigate a real octopus, learn about animals that live in shells, make a constellation viewer, and explore space in our homemade planetarium. We’ll also “bug out” as we make insect habitats so we can investigate our six-legged friends.
Mark Your Calendar!

Spring Kids Craft
Saturdays and Sundays, April 6, 7, 13 & 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Children can create darling daffodils using coffee filters, markers and a little magic. Activity will take place in The Children’s Garden. Included in admission; free for members.

Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m.
A Hershey Gardens tradition! Welcome Easter by attending this free non-denominational service by the Hershey Ministerium. No admission fee prior to 8 a.m.

Mother’s Day Weekend
Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free admission for moms on Saturday and Sunday!
Celebrate Mom at Hershey Gardens! Be sure to stop by the Education Center in The Children’s Garden on Sunday, May 12, for a rhododendron and azalea display provided by the Susquehanna Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

Father’s Day
Sunday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free admission for dads!
Bring Dad to enjoy 3,500 roses - in full bloom!

Hershey Horticulture Society Floral Show
Thursday, June 20 from 1 to 6 p.m.
Hershey Horticulture Society presents “Hersheypark Happy,” a flower show. HHS members will display horticulture specimens from their own gardens and showcase their design talents. The show will be judged by accredited flower show judges from the National Garden Club. Admission to the show (only) is free and open to the public; tickets are required to explore the outdoor Gardens and the Butterfly Atrium; free for members.

2019 Operating Hours
Now through May 24: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 25 through September 2: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
September 3 through December 31: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*
(*December 24: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Marvelous Mondays
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12 from 10 a.m. to Noon
Mondays are extra marvelous in The Children’s Garden! Join us for kids crafts and entertainment from puppets to storytelling! Come back each week to discover new make-and-take activities. Included in admission; free for members.

Big Band & Blooms
Friday, July 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Get out your dancin’ shoes, the Hershey Symphony Big Band is bringing the swing to Hershey Gardens! Bring your favorite snacks and beverages, as well as a blanket or chairs for an evening of beautiful roses and cool jazz. This year will feature even more food trucks! Order tickets online at HersheyGardens.org.$18 per person, $15 for members, $20 at the door.
$500 sponsorship includes 20 tickets. Proceeds benefit Share the Gardens Scholarship Fund and Hershey Symphony.

Hershey Area Art Association Show & Sale
Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
See fabulous works of art by members of the Hershey Area Art Association. Show located in the Educational & Horticultural Wing. Included in admission; free for members.

Bug-O-Rama
Sunday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Explore the world of bugs in this family-friendly hands-on day! From bugs found under the ground to those flying up in the sky, there is much to discover. Come for amazing displays of unique live insects from around the world and participate in a variety of kid-friendly bug activities. Included in admission; free for members.

Member Reception
Thursday, September 26 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Look for your invitation in the mail!
Girl Scout Workshops

Daisy Scout “Tula Petal” Badge Workshop
Sunday, April 28 from 12 to 2 p.m.
Daisy Scouts will earn their Tula petal by learning how to be courageous and strong. Activities include art projects around the theme of courage and planting a seed to take home. Workshop is $12 per Scout (fun patch included) and $12 per adult. Program includes admission to the Gardens and Butterfly Atrium for the day. Advance registration is required at HersheyGardens.org.

Junior Scout “Flowers Naturalist” Badge Workshop
Saturday, June 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Junior Scouts will dig up flower facts when earning this naturalist badge. Activities include going on a flower hunt, dyeing flowers, investigating the benefit of plants and creating a floral arrangement. Workshop is $12 per Scout (badge included) and $12 for adults. Program includes admission to the Gardens and Butterfly Atrium for the day. Advance registration is required at HersheyGardens.org.

New Theme Each Month!

You asked for it – and we listened!

Hershey Gardens’ staff members frequently receive questions from guests. Some are important local topics; others are national trends. We sorted through the most popular inquiries to discover which have common threads that guests want to know more about.

The result? Each month, Hershey Gardens will introduce a different theme to explore. We’ll host children’s activities, adult presentations, “meet and greet” moments with professionals and unique retail items, all centered around one topic.

We hope you’ll enjoy exploring these subjects with us, and you discover even more at Hershey Gardens!

May
“Gifts” from the Garden

June
Rich in Roses

July
The Magic of Monarchs

August
The Bee’s Knees

September
Succulents & Indoor Plants

See a detailed list of activities on the calendar at HersheyGardens.org, so you don’t miss a thing!

Take a Class With Us!

Wine Glass Floral Arrangement
Thursday, June 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Explore the Gardens after hours and make these fun and fanciful mini flower arrangements. This design features roses accented with an assortment of filler flowers, greens and glass vase-filler gems (colors and filler varieties may vary from the pictured arrangement). With proper selection and placement of just a few flowers, fillers and strategic accents, it’s amazing the big impact this little arrangement can have. Learn to gauge size relationships between individual flowers, accent materials and a wine glass “vase” to create a conversation piece to enhance your next dinner party or wine tasting get-together. BYOB. Non-Members: $50, Members: $45. Advance registration is required at HersheyGardens.org.

Butterfly Wing Jewelry
Sunday, July 28 from 1 to 2 p.m.
Vibrant colors. Natural forms. Brilliant butterflies. Each participant in this jewelry making class will create a stunning pendant necklace or keychain by choosing a portion of a butterfly wing from the colorful specimens provided. The pendant is made using a two-sided stainless steel memory locket, two butterfly wings (various species) and some jewelry adhesive—a very simple technique with stunning results. Complete your design with either a stainless steel chain for a necklace or a large split ring for a keychain. Enjoy the Butterfly Atrium and a walk through the Gardens during peak season before or after the class. Non-Members: $45, Members: $40. Advance registration is required at HersheyGardens.org.
Twigs & Gigs

Hershey Gardens
170 Hotel Road
Hershey, PA 17033
HersheyGardens.org

The M.S. Hershey Foundation

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