

GARDENS STAFF COLLABORATES WITH LONGWOOD GARDENS IN PREPARATION FOR NEW CONSERVATORY

After more than two years of planning, construction is well underway for the new Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory at Hershey Gardens.

The new 16,000-square-foot structure will feature an indoor Educational & Horticultural Wing, a Butterfly Atrium and a Welcome Pavilion, as well as an overlook and a terrace.

Groundbreaking occurred in April, walls were erected in July, and the building rapidly took form over the summer.

"The construction phase has been exciting," said Don Papson, executive director of The M.S. Hershey Foundation. "It's great to watch it finally come to life."

"The bricks and mortar are certainly an important first step," said Papson. "The next step of introducing hundreds of butterflies and plants to create an amazing visitor experience – that takes considerable research, knowledge and planning."



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about three months, so we can open the conservatory by mid-summer."

"We're not just constructing a building, we're replicating a natural habitat for tropical butterflies and plants," said Mariella Trosko, director of Hershey Gardens. "It's critical that we learn best practices for soil, humidity, temperature and watering mechanisms to ensure they thrive."

experienced staff at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania."

Various Hershey Gardens staff were invited to consult with corresponding colleagues at Longwood Gardens, who arranged topical workshops.

To fully understand facility and environmental requirements and best practices, Senior Manager Jamie Shiffer, Operations Manager Bill Kieffer and Director of Facilities Brian Tillotson met with Longwood Gardens environmental control technicians and the director of facilities management. Lessons learned during this intensive workshop were vital to ensuring that the environment will be optimal for all three inhabitants – guests, the variety of plant specimens and North American and tropical butterflies.

Additionally, with the goal of providing the best in guest service interactions, communications and engagement, staff

from the Hershey Gardens management team met to learn more about Longwood's Guest Services Academy and their volunteer program. Once again, Longwood Gardens staff was welcoming, informative and generous in sharing their expertise and materials.

In the upcoming months, Horticulture Specialist Barbara Whitcraft and Horticulture Coordinator Brooke Umberger will join Shiffer in attending multi-day job shadowing sessions. The goal of these sessions will be to take a more in-depth look

at topics such as pest management control, tropical plant care, green living technologies and seasonal flower show management.

"Longwood Gardens staff are such professionals in the industry," said Trosko. "Their team has been incredibly gracious with their time and talents."



The conservatory will be completed by mid-summer 2016.

This interior phase will take several months, after the conservatory is fully enclosed and all systems are installed and functional. "By early spring 2016, we should be able to start working inside," said Papson. "We're hoping that this phase takes

To learn those best practices, Hershey Gardens staff turned to professionals across the United States. "We were fortunate to have the perfect team of experts right in our own backyard," said Trosko. "We have been working with the knowledgeable and

Capital Campaign Begins Final Phase: Trees and Benches

The Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory capital campaign began in early 2014 with a goal of \$3.3 million. “Thanks to incredible generosity from corporate donors and the community, I’m proud to say that we’re almost there,” said Don Papson, executive director, The M.S. Hershey Foundation.

Swan Lake Pavers

Swan Lake, which is located adjacent to the new conservatory, was in need of a new pathway and fence this past spring. “The pavers we selected will create the perfect path from the conservatory into the rest of the Gardens,” said Papson. “We knew these pavers would be a good opportunity for the community to be a part of the conservatory,” said Papson.

And so a paver campaign was launched. To date, more than 150 pavers have been sold, and they continue to sell. “It’s a meaningful way to honor a loved one, and



Swan Lake pavers are still available for purchase.

support the legacy of Milton Hershey,” said Papson.

New! Walkway Trees and Benches

The original plans for the conservatory featured modest exterior landscaping. “We knew this would have to be done over several years, so for the first year, we planned on planting 20 trees and other beds,” said

Papson. “However, in recent months, we have been fortunate to have engaged an amazing group of landscapers, professional nurserymen, an arborist, maintenance managers and a landscape architect who have worked diligently to execute a fuller, more robust landscaping plan.”

“The kind of plan they have drawn up would have taken us years to achieve,” said Papson. “But this group has donated their time, as well as some of the materials. We couldn’t do it without them.”

“There is not a person alive who should not plant a tree, not for the shade that you’ll enjoy, but for those who are coming after.”

– Milton Hershey, circa 1930

The trees, as well as several five-foot teak benches, will be offered as naming opportunities in the final phase of the capital campaign. To donate, please see page 3.



Landscaping surrounding the conservatory will feature a variety of colorful trees, shrubs and seasonal plants.

Landscape architect John Otterson has led the group to create a thoughtfully designed exterior landscaping plan, which features 50 trees along the walkway from the parking area to the Welcome Pavilion. “The walkway will feel natural and welcoming, but intimate,” said Otterson. “When you arrive at the conservatory, the trees will give way to an amazing view of Hershey.”



Bronze plaques for trees and benches

Special Thanks to the Exterior Landscaping Committee:

Brandon Boltz
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The Garden Gateway will serve as the path to the new guest entrance.

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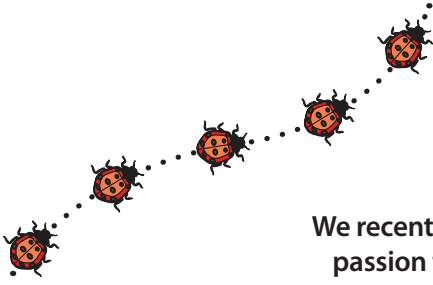
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As an added convenience, a drop-off area will be created near the Garden Gateway.



10 Questions With...

Dan Babbitt, Associate Director, Hershey Gardens

We recently caught up with Hershey Gardens “newbie” Dan Babbitt to talk about his passion for insects, future plans for Hershey Gardens...and yo-yos. (Yes, yo-yos.)

Welcome to Hershey Gardens! How did you land here?

Truly, it was a perfect storm of chance and opportunity. I was working at the Smithsonian when I heard Hershey Gardens was looking for someone to oversee the conservatory’s year ‘round Butterfly Atrium. I happen to have the right knowledge and experience for the position.

I was looking for a “next step,” both for my career and my family. After visiting Hershey and eventually being offered the job, the biggest part that made me want to take this position was meeting the staff and how excited everyone is about the conservatory. That was very meaningful to me. I was also attracted to being involved in the early stages of the project.

Why move to Hershey after having lived in the nation’s capital for so many years?

I had been working at the Smithsonian for quite some time, and I achieved my long-time goal of running the Insect Zoo and the Butterfly Pavilion at the Museum of Natural History. So the timing was right.

My kids are at the perfect age for transition, so it was easier for them to move at first grade and middle school. And my wife had already decided to leave her position after eight years.

I also like the area and was familiar with it before this opportunity presented itself. We had been coming to visit Central PA for years, first visiting Lancaster and then a few years ago making the switch to Hershey.

So...bugs? How did that happen?

As a kid, I was always into bugs and other animals, especially the traditionally “creepy” ones. But my first “ah ha” moment was when I was in my freshmen year of college. I was “dip netting” in a pond in Michigan for an aquatic ecology course and pulling up these insanely amazing creatures. I was so fascinated by them because they were so alien to me. I was intrigued and captivated by these life forms that were around me that I wasn’t even familiar with. From that point on, I was totally enchanted with bugs.



Dan Babbitt with a few of his friends, Madagascar hissing cockroaches

I knew that I wanted to share my excitement with others. It wasn’t just about doing research and going into a very narrow field; I wanted to have a broader field and share my interest and excitement in the natural world with as many people as I could.

What is your educational background?

I have an undergraduate degree in biology with a concentration in environmental studies from Kalamazoo College. I also completed some post graduate work at The Johns Hopkins University and the Universidad de San Francisco de Quito in Quito, Ecuador.

Tell me about your experience in Ecuador.

I went to school there and spent a month living in the rainforest to study insects. We also spent two weeks sailing around the Galapagos studying the unique ecosystems. Ironically, I also helped make chocolate. We cut down and dried cacao pods, then covered them with banana leaves. After several more steps, we ended up with chocolate.

What is your work experience?

My first career-related position was volunteering at the National Zoo in invertebrates and I also worked in a temporary position at the Smithsonian at the Insect Zoo. Then I worked at Friends of the National Zoo, where I was responsible for adult educational programs and member classes. Next, I got involved with collections, working with the largest insect collection in the world. Then I went back to the Insect Zoo and Butterfly Pavilion at the Smithsonian,

overseeing volunteer programming. My last position was manager for the Insect Zoo and Butterfly Pavilion.

What are your goals for Hershey Gardens?

My goal is unchanged from when I worked at the Smithsonian. I love to get people excited about the natural world through insects. Now that I work among plants, it gives me an even broader range to talk with people and get them engaged. I want people to be better connected to the environment, better connected to the natural world, and I hope to create that connection through insects and plants. My goal is to create unique opportunities for our visitors to explore the world of butterflies, insects and plants through educational activities that are also fun.

How do you see the Gardens’ educational programming growing?

There will be an increased focus on insects beyond butterflies. There’s a massive tie between insects and plants, so I’m moving toward utilizing that to show the deeper connection between plants and insects. Insects are the most abundant and successful animals on this planet.

First impressions of Hershey?

We love it here; the people are so nice and everything has been amazingly positive. I’m fascinated how everything goes back to Milton Hershey. Being this far out from his death, it’s amazing how still today, he is such an important person. People are still doing things as Milton Hershey would do it. He’s still making decisions today.

Word on the street is that you’re a yo-yo expert. Do tell.

It’s true. When I was 23 and had first moved to DC, I worked at a toy store where I yo-yo’ed nonstop. I always had a yo-yo in my hand. *The Washington Post* did a story about yo-yoing, so they featured a picture of me yo-yoing on the front page. I have a collection of about 400 yo-yos, and many of them are bug related, of course.





Fall & Winter at Hershey Gardens Will Be...



A Little Bit of Scary and a Whole Lot of Merry!

PUMPKIN GLOW

**October 23, 24, 30 & 31
6 - 9 p.m.**

Kids, bring a flashlight and come in costume to trick-or-treat along the garden path at the annual Pumpkin Glow! You'll enjoy more than 150 illuminated pumpkins and participate in Halloween storytelling.

The Gardens will be adorned for the fall with whimsical scarecrows and colorful displays. Students from Lebanon County Career and Technology Center's Culinary & Pastry Arts program will be carving pumpkins for display, as well as giving live pumpkin-carving demonstrations throughout the event. Candy generously donated by The Hershey Company.

Warm fall drinks and snacks will be available for sale, sponsored by Fishburn United Methodist Church.

Pumpkin Glow is included in admission; members are free!



Santa's Secret Garden

**December 4, 5, 11 & 12
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Children will be greeted by Santa's elves as they travel through a path of twinkling lights to discover Santa and his secret garden. Their enchanted journey includes a visit with Mr. and

Mrs. Claus. Guests can enjoy carolers and entertainers along the path and children's hands-on activities.

Kids can hunt and find their way through a winter wonderland of white lights, then meet Santa and receive a special gift to last the whole year.

Snacks and warm drinks will be available for sale, sponsored by Fishburn United Methodist Church.

Santa's Secret Garden is included in admission; members are free!

Container Garden Splendor: Fall through Winter

Most home gardens boast beautiful hanging baskets and planters during the late spring and summer months. When cared for properly, they bring bright summer color to any landscape.

However, as fall approaches, most planters begin to look a bit worn. "Flowering is limited during these seasons," said Barbara Whitcraft, horticulture specialist at Hershey Gardens. "During the fall, we try to focus on foliage color, leaf shape and texture for our planters. There are lots of wonderful plants that can fill these barren containers with great color and minimal care."

Containers used for planting include all shapes, sizes and materials. "They can be traditional or unique. I've seen gardeners use wheelbarrows, old tires – even a canoe as a container," said Whitcraft.

Larger containers can hold several plants such as evergreen perennials, ground covers, ferns, dwarf conifers, small deciduous trees, shrubs and even early spring bulbs. "You can also add cut branches from your garden," noted Whitcraft.



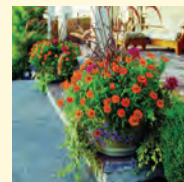
Be sure your planters have adequate drainage, then set them on bricks or something to allow them to drain freely. Also, lining the base of the container with shredded paper, newspaper or packing materials will lessen the weight of the planter and reduce cost.

"If you want to keep these plants in containers for several years, they will need to be trimmed, fertilized and shaped during the growing season," added Whitcraft.

"Hershey Gardens will feature a variety of creative planters and hanging baskets this fall," said Whitcraft. "I always tell home gardeners that their container garden is only limited by their imagination."

Great Container Plants

- Coral Bells
- Sedum
- Red & Yellow Twig Dogwoods
- Dwarf Conifers
- Star Magnolia
- Winterberry Holly
- Forsythia
- Pussywillow branches
- Boxwood
- Evergreen Ferns
- Ivy
- Blue Fescue Grass
- Lambs Ear
- Smokebush
- Creeping Jenny
- Hens & Chicks
- Pansies
- Ornamental Kale and Cabbage





A Palette for Fall Fun

by Barbara Whitcraft, Horticulture Specialist

As we approach the colorful season of autumn, most of us think of planting a few mums in our garden or containers. While mums are hard to beat for assorted colors, blooming

times and duration, there are other plants that also complement the season nicely.

Check out several spectacular cultivars of coral bells (*Heuchera*). These perennials look great from spring through the frost and into November. While accented by long stalks of tiny white, pink or red flowers in May or July, their foliage is the main attraction, which features unusual mottling and veining of different-color leaves.

The low clumps of long-stemmed evergreen or semi-evergreen lobed foliage make coral bells fine groundcover plants. They enjoy humus-rich, moisture-retaining soil.



Autumn Fern

Another, great plant for the fall is the autumn fern (*Dryopteris erythrosora*). The younger fronds are lustrous and have an orange-coppery-pink color. The older leaves turn bronze and grow to a height of 18 to 24 inches. Autumn ferns prefer part shade and are deer resistant.

Goldenrod (*Solidago*) is finally getting the respect it deserves,

especially with introductions like 'Fireworks' and 'Little Lemon.' Unlike the native *Solidago* that spread everywhere and never stood on their own, these newer cultivars are sturdy and chock full of fall blooms. They grow in full sun or part shade.



Goldenrod



Amethyst Mist



Lime Marmalade



Berry Smoothie



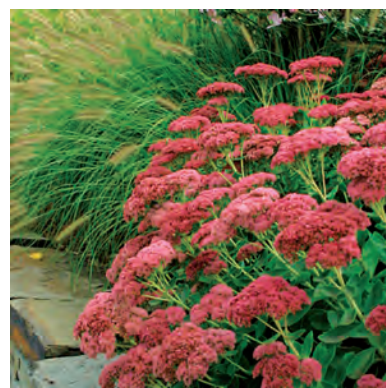
Cherry Cola



Hollywood



Peach Flambé



Sedum

of these great plants. As always, enjoy the pleasures of fall fun in the garden.

Finally, sedum 'Autumn Joy' is hard to beat. The bronze-red flowers sit neatly above the waxy blue-green foliage. Butterflies are often attracted to these almost indestructible plants. Grown in sun or part shade, they last into the winter.

Whether you're looking for repeat seasonal performers or just filling your entryway with seasonal color, try expanding your color palette to add a few

The Migration of the Monarch

by Dan Babbitt, Associate Director

Visitors to Hershey Gardens are happily noticing more monarch butterflies. Why? Monarch populations are peaking and the urge to head south has begun.



Each fall, we are fortunate to witness one of the largest animal migrations in the world. Billions of butterflies are headed on a 3,000-mile journey from Canada to central Mexico. Most butterflies have a short adult lifespan, so how do monarchs accomplish this amazing journey?

During the warm, humid days of summer, the monarch's life cycle is similar to other butterfly species. The female lays eggs on the host plant, which for the monarch, is milkweed (*Asclepias* sp.). She may mate several times and lay as many as 400 eggs over a period of two to five weeks. The eggs hatch in about four days and the caterpillar spends the next 9 to 14 days feeding almost continuously,

molting five times before seeking a hiding place to pupate. The butterfly emerges from the chrysalis in 9 to 15 days, and a few days later the female is ready to mate and lay eggs.



Monarch chrysalis

Adding up these figures, a typical life cycle of the monarch lasts from 24 to 60 days. There are several generations, called flights, each year.

Migration is what sets monarchs apart from many other butterflies. They can't survive a long, cold winter so they move someplace warm, humid and safe to hibernate. Monarchs east of the Rockies migrate to



central Mexico, a distance of about 3,000 miles. The exact location of these over-wintering sites was discovered in 1975.

In late summer and early fall, monarchs emerge from their chrysalis, but do not fully develop. A number of possible cues account for this reproductive "diapause," such as a shorter day length, the angle of the sun on the horizon, lower night time temperatures, and a decrease in the host plant due to fall leaf drop and dormancy.

Instead of seeking mates and milkweed, the monarchs fly south, stopping to rest and refuel along the way and storing large quantities of lipids (fat). They also become more gregarious and roost together in large groups. This generation of monarchs lives much longer, sometimes up to seven months.



To help keep this annual migration, I encourage my fellow gardeners to plant plenty of nectar sources in the garden for monarch refueling, as well as milkweed for the caterpillars as they journey north in the spring and summer.

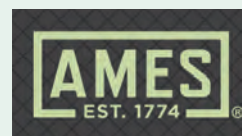
See the Garden Design Winner: The Butterfly Garden

Hershey Gardens and Ames are proud to sponsor the 2015 garden design scholarship competition. This year's theme, a butterfly garden, elicited 39 entries. Adriann Zimmerman, a junior from Ephrata Mennonite School, created the winning design. Her garden was brought to life near the Butterfly House.

"Adriann's garden was inspired by her love of nature and the importance of butterflies to our ecosystem," said Peggy Guerra, education coordinator. "The garden was planted in the spring and is now full of vibrant color

from blue vervain, purple butterfly bushes, orange nasturtiums and other plants that attract butterflies. She also designed a path through it so visitors can really enjoy it."

The contest was open to students in 12 local counties. Adriann won \$800 in scholarship monies, a Hershey Gardens membership and gardening tools from Ames.



Home Sweet Home: Honey Bees at Hershey Gardens

Honey bees are a very important pollinator; about one-third of the food on your plate is bee pollinated. As bees gather pollen and nectar for their survival, they pollinate crops such as apples, cranberries, melons and broccoli. Some crops, including blueberries and cherries, are 90% dependent on honey bee pollination; one crop, almonds, depends entirely on the honey bee for pollination at bloom time.



“We are helping our native bees, and you can do the same.”

Hershey Gardens has kept honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) for more than three years.

“The bees help pollinate our flowers, and we get the added bonus of our own ‘Hershey Gardens Honey,’” smiled Jamie Shiffer, senior manager.

It’s no secret that honey bees are on the decline because of disease, pests and parasites. Although research is being conducted on the reason for their decline, the root cause of this tremendous loss is not known.

“Honey bees are not the only bee,” said Dan Babbitt, associate director. “There are 4,000 species of native bees that can be found in North America that also need our help.”

“We are helping our native bees, and you can do the same,” said Babbitt. “Visit Pollinator.org to learn how you can help save our local bee population.”



Bravo! Summer Theater Camp Performs Robin Hood

Robin Hood may live in Sherwood Forest, but he took up temporary residence in the amphitheater at Hershey Gardens on August 7.

Local students performed the classic tale “Robin Hood,” after spending two weeks honing their acting, improvisational and combat skills during theater camp at Hershey Gardens. The camp, offered to students in grades 4 through 9, is hosted by the Hershey Area Playhouse.

“It’s great to see these kids so excited about acting,” said Barbara Jaeger, public programs coordinator. “It’s great for guests too; they loved to sit and watch.”



Images courtesy of Sean Simmers

Mother Nature's Last Hurrah

Discover Autumn's Splendor at Hershey Gardens

Fall is a beautiful season in any garden and its vibrant color is more than just flowers. Many of the shrubs and trees that bloomed in the spring will now feature an abundance of autumnal color with their signature foliage, fruits and berries. Blazing shades of gold, yellow, orange, pink, red, burgundy and bronze are a sure sign of summer's end.



Japanese maple trees at Hershey Gardens

Shrubs & Berries

"Hershey Gardens has a wonderful selection of colorful fall foliage shrubs such as viburnums, fothergilla, itea, clethra and witch hazel," said Barbara Whitcraft, horticulture specialist. "These are good choices for colorful fall shrubs. Many are native to this area and need minimal shaping and pruning to keep them looking great."

Shrubs can also add color to the autumn landscape with their fruits and berries. These can appear before and after foliage drop. "Hollies feature red and yellow berries on deep green broadleaf evergreen foliage," noted Whitcraft. "They come in many shapes and sizes from tall trees to low shrubs." Some hollies, such as the native *Ilex verticillata*, also called winterberry, are deciduous. "After the leaves are gone, its branches are covered with brilliant red berries that continue on the shrubs into the winter months."

"One of the most unexpected fall colors that visitors discover at Hershey Gardens is the purple and white berries on the native beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana*," explains Whitcraft. "These 5- to 8-foot tall shrubs lose their yellowing fall leaves to reveal hundreds of clusters of tiny pearl-like berries that persist along its branches into January, when they are eaten by birds. Tiny white flowers form on new wood in the summer so you can prune these shrubs to fit your landscape in late winter or early spring."

Trees

Hershey Gardens also has fabulous trees, which showcase brilliant fall colors. "A collection of Japanese maples, scarlet and red oaks, sweet gums, ornamental cherries and our native *Oxydendrum arboreum* or sourwood, can

all be seen throughout the Gardens," notes Whitcraft.

One of the last trees to turn and drop its buttery yellow fan-shaped leaves is the Ginkgo biloba or ginkgo. "The neat thing about this ancient species is that the leaves generally all fall from the tree within a short period of time," said Whitcraft. "You will often see a 'circle of gold' around the base of the tree, which makes them easy to rake."

Experience Hershey Gardens this fall and enjoy the many trees, shrubs and late season bloom of roses, mums and late-flowering annuals. Take pleasure in the many subtle and bold textures and colors which are enhanced by the cooler temperatures of this wonderful season.



Ginkgo trees lose their leaves at the same time, forming a "circle of gold" around the tree.

Images courtesy of Peter Houts

2015 HERSHEY GARDENS SCHEDULE

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9 AM - 5 PM 9 AM - 7 PM 10 AM - 4 PM Closed

Hershey Gardens opens for the 2016 season on Thursday, March 24!

Mark Your Calendar for these Fall and Winter Events

Fall Fest

Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family to welcome the fall season with activities such as fall gardening tips, scarecrow stuffing, pumpkin painting, a story with a scarecrow and more. Included in admission; members are free!



PUMPKIN GLOW

October 23, 24, 30 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Kids, bring a flashlight, come in costume and trick-or-treat through the Gardens! Enjoy 150 illuminated pumpkins, scarecrows that come to life and storytelling along the garden path. Live carving demonstrations will be conducted by students from the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center. Candy generously donated by The Hershey Company. Included in admission; members are free!



Bonsai: Living Art of the Central Pennsylvania Bonsai Clubs Exhibit

**Friday, October 9 through Sunday, November 8;
during regular Gardens hours**

Featuring dozens of bonsai trees in various shapes and sizes, this popular annual exhibit provides information on bonsai, what they are and how they are cultivated. The exhibit will be displayed in the Butterfly House. Included in admission; members are free!



December 4, 5, 11 and 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Children will be greeted by Santa's elves as they travel through a path of twinkling lights to discover Santa and his secret garden. Their enchanted journey includes a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Included in admission; members are free!

Hershey Gardens will be closed for the winter beginning January 1, 2016.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Welcoming guests, answering questions and educating kids about the importance of recycling were just a few of the tasks performed by this summer's 16 "volunteers."

"Our youth volunteers also taught science lessons, assisted with craft activities and planted vegetables in a teaching garden," said Megan Talley, programming coordinator.

"They donated over 220 hours of their time," said Talley. "They always had a smile on their face, and willing to lend a hand wherever it was needed."

Thank you, volunteers!



Volunteers create a "tornado" using recycled material.



Volunteers come together for an ice-cream social at the Gardens.

SEE IT SOON!



Eli Weaber created this colorful caterpillar using metal from a former bridge at Lebanon Valley College.



Old lawn mower blades create an impressive wingspan on this bald eagle created by sculptor Scott Farmer.

ArtCycle Exhibit Extended Through Saturday, October 31

A 9-foot sea turtle made from a VW bus. A swan made from the old Swan Lake fence. Ants made from golf balls.

These are just a few of the unique “trash-to-treasure” art sculptures on display through October 31 near The Children’s Garden. Each of the 14 pieces were meticulously made from discarded items by local artists Scott Farmer, Palmyra; Jason Lyons, Harrisburg; and Shane Morgan and Eli Weaber, both of Lebanon.

“Guests have really enjoyed this exhibit,” said Mariella Trosko, director. “Most will try to identify what the sculptures were before they became art.”

“For some of the sculptures, it’s quite easy. For others, you have to study them a bit. They’re all unique in their own way.”

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Artist Jason Lyons created this mythical winged creature using various discarded metals.



Artist Shane Morgan sculpted this sea turtle using parts from a Volkswagen bus.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Looking Forward to the Future

Fall is such an inviting time at Hershey Gardens. The beautiful autumn colors and warm sun make for a lovely visit. This fall will be especially exciting as staff and guests watch the result of months of research, collaboration and planning culminate in the building of the new Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory.

Few experiences are more exhilarating than watching an idea grow brick by brick. As we see the foundation and supports of the new conservatory being built each day, the staff at Hershey Gardens knows that our foundation for the future is being laid as well. As members, you have supported this dream even before ground was broken, from the new brick pathway around Swan Lake to capital campaign donations in support of in-



creased educational programming and horticultural excellence and expansion.

As director of Hershey Gardens, it will be my honor to lead the team of staff and volunteers to continue Mr. Hershey's legacy of horticultural, cultural and educational enrichment. The conserva-

tory will allow us to fulfill our mission in interesting and exciting ways. We welcome you to visit often and experience with us the beginning of a new era at Hershey Gardens.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mariella Trosko'.

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