

## MEET A FEW OF OUR FREQUENT FLYERS

Look for these during your next visit to the Butterfly Atrium

More than 500 tropical and North American butterflies call the Butterfly Atrium home, each of them starting as a chrysalis before being released into the Atrium.

"While only 40 to 60 butterfly species are showcased at a time, we often introduce new varieties, depending on what's available," said Dan Babbitt, associate director. "I always encourage guests to visit frequently so they see the different species."

This issue of *Twigs & Gigs* highlights 12 North American varieties that can be seen in the Butterfly Atrium. Look for more "Frequent Flyers" in future issues of *Twigs & Gigs*.



**Black Swallowtail**  
*Papilio polyxenes*

Caterpillars of this butterfly mimic bird droppings to avoid predators.



**Cloudless Sulphur**  
*Phoebis sennae*

Similar to the monarch, this butterfly migrates each fall to overwintering spots in southern Florida.



**Eastern Comma**  
*Polygonia comma*

With its uniquely shaped wings, this dead leaf mimic eats rotting fruit and tree sap as an adult.



**Eastern Tiger Swallowtail**  
*Papilio glaucus*

The males are yellow with black stripes, but the females can be yellow or black.



**Giant Swallowtail**  
*Papilio cresphontes*

The caterpillar of this large butterfly is often called an "orangedog" for its use of native orange plants as a host.



**Great Southern White**  
*Ascia monuste*

Males of this Gulf-area butterfly are white, but the females can be off-white or even charcoal gray.



**Gulf Fritillary**  
*Agraulis vanillae*

The spikey orange and black caterpillars of the gulf fritillary feed on purple passionflower vines.



**Julia**  
*Dryas iulia*

This bright and active flying butterfly is known to feed on the tears of caiman alligators.



**Monarch**  
*Danaus plexippus*

This milkweed butterfly is known for its massive North American migrations to central Mexico and southern California.



**Mourning Cloak**  
*Nymphalis antiopa*

This butterfly overwinters as an adult and can live up to 11 months.



**Painted Lady**  
*Vanessa cardui*

This butterfly can be found on all continents except Australia and Antarctica.



**Pipevine Swallowtail**  
*Battus philenor*

Like monarchs, the caterpillars of this butterfly get a poison from their host plant, which protects them as caterpillars and adults.

# 10 Questions With...

**Barbara Jaeger, Public Programs Coordinator**

**We recently caught up with Hershey Gardens Public Programs Coordinator Barbara Jaeger to talk about the Gardens' popular educational programs.**

**Tell us a little bit about your role at Hershey Gardens.**

I'm responsible for creating and organizing programs and activities for the Gardens that enhance the guest experience, from kids' and family activities to activities for adults. I also work with Peggy Guerra, our education coordinator, and assist with school groups.

**Your job requires a lot of creativity. What inspires that creativity for you?**

The beauty of the Gardens really inspires me; walking through the Gardens and observing nature. I think I see the Gardens in a different way than most. I can look at a twig or a pine cone and my imagination takes over. Last spring I was walking through the Gardens and noticed magnolia pods lying underneath the trees. I wasn't sure what I could do with them, but I collected them anyway. I eventually spray-painted some to use in our holiday evergreen sprays. I also created a cute reindeer ornament using the pods. I often ask the Gardeners to save me sticks and interesting things from the Gardens.

**Your ideas are unique! Where do you get them?**

Some of them I just conjure up in my head; I tend to see ordinary things with a creative eye. It's challenging and exciting to me to take something from nature and make it into something else.

**You're known to the other Gardens staff for being a self-proclaimed "Dumpster Diver." Do tell!**

Yes, it's true. I'm a big believer in repurposing discarded items into something useful. If I see something interesting that's about to be thrown away, I will grab it. Something that other people see as garbage, I see as a possibility; I toss it in my creative corner for future use.

**What is your background?**

I have a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Before moving to Pennsylvania, I lived in New Jersey, where I had my own nursery school for 11 years. When I moved



Barbara creates props for the popular children's event, "A Whimsical Day of Fairies & Flowers."

here, I worked a variety of part-time jobs in the education field while also raising my family.

**Your job seems like fun. What do you enjoy most about it?**

Too many to name just one! I love being able to use my skills and imagination to create things. I love sharing my appreciation of nature with guests. And every day is different. I also love the people I work with. There's a great deal of coordination with other departments within the Gardens. I enjoy—and appreciate—the collaboration and cooperation I get from everyone to make our programs a success. There's a lot of creativity among the staff, too, so I'm grateful for their ideas. It takes a team, and we have a great one here.

**You are also responsible for making sure the Gardens has colorful birds flying about. Can you tell us about that?**

That's another hat I wear at the Gardens. I work with Droll Yankees and Lyric Birdseed, who sponsor our bird program. Droll Yankees donates our bird feeders and Lyric Birdseed donates our birdseed. There are different mixes of birdseed that attract certain types of birds, so you'll see a variety of birds in the Gardens, like finches, blue jays and cardinals. We also work with the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania, who maintains the nestboxes for our bluebird trail.

**How has your role changed since the Conservatory opened?**

The Conservatory provides us with more indoor space so we can now offer more indoor activities. In February we offered a scavenger hunt for kids that included finds both inside and outside, which we would have never been able to do before the Conservatory opened. We can now also offer public programs all year long.

**Do you have a favorite Hershey Gardens event?**

I can't say that I have one favorite event, although I do have a very memorable experience from one of our Fairies & Flowers events a few years ago. A grandmother approached me in tears, telling me how wonderful the event was. She went on to say how magical the day was for her and that the event really captured a child's spirit, through a child's eyes.

**What is your favorite area of the Gardens?**

I love the Japanese Garden. I just think it's very magical, peaceful and serene.

## Filbert The Frog is Hopping Back to the Gardens!

Filbert will be hopping to new hiding spots all over the Gardens in July and August! Look for your clue near the entrance of The Children's Garden to help you find him and his garden friends. Use the clue to locate Filbert — and learn a fun fact about the ecosystem!





# BugZone

HERSHEY GARDENS

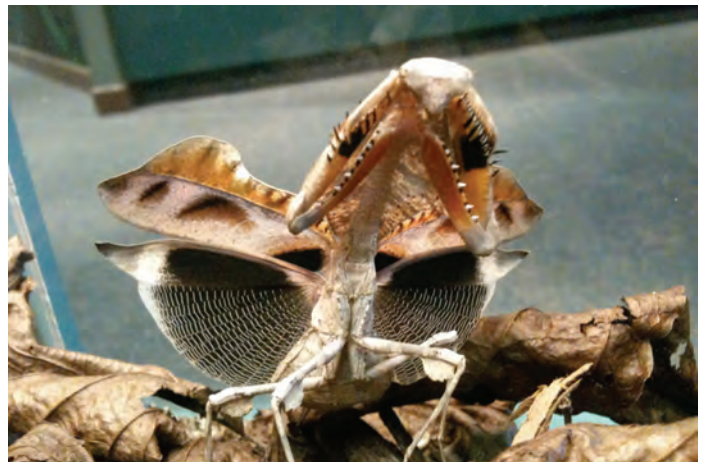
**Welcome to the BugZone!** Now a permanent part of the Butterfly Atrium, the BugZone will feature several fascinating insects and their many-legged relatives.

Get an up-close look at walking sticks, tropical praying mantis that look like leaves, as well as beautiful beetles, brightly colored grasshoppers and tarantulas! Learn how insects and plants have coevolved and how you really can't have trees without creatures like roly-pollies, millipedes and roaches.

**Meet a few current and future BugZone residents!**



This Australian rainbow stag beetle, *Phalacrognathus muelleri*, seems to change colors in front of you.



Female Asian dead leaf mantis, *Deroplatys lobata*, warning a possible predator.



Giant stag beetle, *Dorcus titanus*



Dan Babbitt holding a female Malaysian jungle nymph, *Heteroptryx dilatata*.



Dan Babbitt holding an atlas beetle, *Chalcosoma atlas*, and a male and female Malaysian jungle nymph, *Heteroptryx dilatata*.



Eastern lubber grasshopper, *Romalea guttata* is unusual because it doesn't jump or fly. Its name, lubber, actually comes from the pirate term "land lubber."



# Honor a Loved One with a Hershey Gardens Tribute or Dedication

A gift to Hershey Gardens is a thoughtful way to remember a loved one, honor a special person or commemorate a special occasion such as a marriage, birth, retirement or anniversary.

Tribute opportunities range from \$225 - \$2,000, each with a personalized message. For larger tribute opportunities, please call 717.298.2203. All tribute dedications are tax-deductible.



## Tribute Garden Bench

Garden benches are 5 feet long, with backs, and made of high-quality teak. Benches are treated every year for maintenance and longevity. A bronze plaque inscribed with your personalized dedication will be placed on the front of the bench. Personalized tribute benches are \$2,000. Visit [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) for more information and an order form.



## Tribute Tree

The tree you choose will be dedicated with a bronze plaque, inscribed with your personalized dedication, and will remain dedicated for the life of the tree. Visit [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) for available Tribute Trees, prices and an order form.



## Tribute Swan Lake Paver

An enduring tribute to a friend or loved one, pavers are placed around Swan Lake in the spring and fall. Prices are \$250 (\$225 for members). Visit [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) for more information and an order form.



## Looking Back: Tulip Festivals

In early 1941, Milton Hershey was considering how to develop the land just east of the Rose Garden. He invited Harry Erdman, along with some engineers, real estate developers and farmers, to the site to discuss what to do with the land. After 20 minutes of heated discussion, everyone agreed that the land was unsuitable for farming or a housing development.

Mr. Hershey then turned to Erdman and said, "All right, Erdman. Go ahead, make a garden out of it. We'll make an awful lot of other people happy."

When Erdman asked Mr. Hershey if he wanted to see a plan or cost estimates, Mr. Hershey replied, "No, go ahead. If it



Guests enjoy the 1968 Tulip Festival.

gets too big, I'll stop you. Make it look as good as the Rose Garden does, and everything will be alright."

During the next few years, Erdman supervised the planting of numerous trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials and annuals,

totaling thousands of plants. In 1942, Erdman introduced beds of spring bulbs, including 30 varieties of daffodils and 45 varieties of tulips.

The massive display of tulips became the inspiration for an annual tulip festival that began in 1953. For several years, the Gardens marked its seasonal opening with the tulip festival, which included staffers dressed in Dutch costumes.

Each year, Hershey Gardens showcased tulips being shown in the United States for the first time. The new varieties were often exclusive to Hershey.

Today, Hershey Gardens continues the tradition with a grand display of tulips every spring.





# It's Tulip-palooza!

## Several new varieties to be featured in this year's display

**H**ershey Gardens is proud to welcome more than 20,000 tulips, with an additional 10,000 hyacinths and daffodils as part of this year's seasonal display.

"Roses are what we're known for, but tulips are certainly a close second," said Alyssa Hagarman, horticulture specialist.

Guests will enjoy seeing many mid- to late-season cultivars in the Square Garden, as well as in The Children's Garden, M.S. Hershey Tribute Garden, Bill Bowman Garden and the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory.

"Each year we feature a few new tulip cultivars," said Hagarman. "My favorite newcomer this year is the Triumph tulip 'Alfred Heineken' because of its beautiful

bi-colored petals. The white petals with yellow feathers just look like spring."

Be sure to check [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) for bloom updates.



**'Oranjezon'**

Large orange tulips with fragrant blooms



**'Yellow Mountain'**

Double, pale yellow with faint green exterior petals



**'Alfred Heineken'**

Stunning white petals with yellow feathered edges



**'Yokohoma'**

Early bloomers in a cheerful yellow color



**'Baronesse'**

Tall, light pink, late season bloomer



**'Bellflower'**

Tall, mid-season bloomer features fringe edge and pink petals



**'Kiss'**

White with pink freckles



**'Orange Monarch'**

Mid-season tulip with orange/reddish-rose colors



# Daylilies: The Perfect Perennial

## Hershey Gardens Receives Donation of Unique New Cultivars

The humble daylily is a gardener favorite. “They’re easy to grow, they don’t require a lot of watering – and their signature flowers start blooming in early summer,” said Alyssa Hagarman, horticulture specialist.

“Some cultivars will continue to bloom throughout summer, if the spent blooms are removed,” said Hagarman. “They are also a cost-saving plant; they should be divided every few years to keep the plant looking its best. These divisions can then be planted elsewhere in your landscape.”

Hershey Gardens is home to many new daylily cultivars. “We were fortunate to re-

ceive a donation of several new varieties last fall,” said Hagarman. “They were donated by — and in some cases even hybridized by — Stuart and Diane Kendig of Perfect Perennials in York, as well as Don Herr.”

When Stuart, Diane and Don delivered the daylilies last summer, they were as thrilled to donate them as Hershey Gardens was to receive them. Gardeners chose to plant the daylilies on the small embankment located in front of the Conservatory closest to The Children’s Garden. Stuart noted that the hybrids he’s cultivating this year are a departure from daylily hybrids he’s cultivated in previous years.

“I’ve always done daylilies that have red edges on their petals,” Stuart said. “After doing red edges for several years, I decided to do something different. So this year, I’ve moved on to doing whites and stripes.”

The daylily hybrids that Stuart and Diane Kendig, and Don Herr donated to Hershey Gardens are not only unique, but also hard to find.

“You can find them,” added Diane Kendig, “but not commercially. You would have to go to a daylily grower.” Or simply visit Hershey Gardens to see the unique hybrids.

## Meet the Daylilies

‘Canary Heights’ has medium-sized, yellow flowers atop very tall



stems. The stems hold more than 40 buds, which begin to open mid-season. (Hybridized at Perfect Perennials in York, PA.)



‘Yellow Pages’ is another yellow daylily, but this one has beautiful ruffled edges. Five-inch flowers

are sure to grab your attention, but if the size doesn’t, the fragrance will. (Hybridized at Perfect Perennials in York, PA.)



‘Mystical Elf’ features a unique dragonfly-like flower colored stunning gold. These delicate

flowers are sure to please any gardener with their re-blooming habit, which begins mid-season.

‘Sloop Clearwater’ is a nearly white daylily. It begins to bloom mid to late in



the season. Each stem, which is close to 30 inches tall, can have about 25 buds.

‘Heavenly Angel Ice’ has an unusual, yet charming, shape to its flower.



At eight inches across, the flowers are also quite large. ‘Heavenly Angel Ice’ is a heavy bloomer and will re-bloom all summer.



‘Condilla’ is a show stopper with spectacular double-gold blooms that flower early in the season. Stretching

up to 20 inches tall, each flower is more than four inches wide.

‘Asiatic Pheasant’ is a cute, oddly shaped daylily. The six-inch flowers are held on top of 22-inch tall stems.



This daylily starts to bloom mid-season and will bloom for an extended time.

‘Leonidas’ has a bright lemon-colored flower that



begins blooming mid-season. The ruffled edges of the petals add to the beauty of this daylily. This variety can be enjoyed all summer because it re-blooms late into the season.

‘Actual Ice’ is unique; the leaves on this daylily are semi-evergreen, which



means they will stay green later into the fall and possibly winter. The large white flower is also a special attribute.



‘Emperor’s Choice’ puts on a brilliant show and typically blooms around the end of July.

‘Emperor’s Choice’ grows in a mound with clusters of ruffled, lemon yellow blooms at the top of the foliage.

‘Fours are Wild’ seems to have an energetic look to the flower. The flowers stand on 33-inch stems, each having about 30 buds. ‘Fours are Wild’ kicks off the summer by blooming early in the season. (Hybridized by Don Herr)



# What's in a (Botanical) Name?

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

Actually, every plant does have another name—a botanical name. Seemingly mysterious words in a foreign language often follow the common name of a plant in catalogues, nurseries and at botanical gardens. Take, for example, this plant ID label at Hershey Gardens:



## So, what is a botanical name?

The essential part of a scientific plant name is written in Latin. It consists of the genus followed by the specific epithet, similar to a family name followed by a first name. Consider the purple coneflower, whose botanical name is: *Echinacea purpurea*.

Many plants have cultivated varieties. These names are not written in Latin, as is evidenced by the following example: *Echinacea purpurea* 'Kim's Knee High'.

There are many permutations of hybrid plants, crosses between two different parents, either by chance or by design, which may appear as this example from Hershey Gardens: *Amelanchier* x *grandiflora*.

(If you see a multiplication sign "x" in a botanical name, you will know that the plant is a hybrid. But to make matters more confusing, a hybrid may be named completely differently from its parents and not contain the "x" symbol.)

## Why Latin?

Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus (1707-1779) established the practice of using Latin for plant names. This system has several advantages. Since Latin is no longer spoken, plant names are not subject to changes in semantics. Using Latin removes political bias from plant nomenclature, which would be the case if a modern language was used. Latin also contains many descriptive words that can be used for color, forms, textures and habit.

“What's in a name?  
That which we call a rose by any  
other name would smell as sweet.”

Romeo and Juliet (II. ii. 1-2)

## How are botanical names selected?

Since Linnaeus's time, botanists have made creative use of Latin descriptors that refer to some aspect of the plant's appearance, habit or origin. *Echinacea* comes from the Greek word for hedgehog (echinos), inspired by the spikey hump in the center of the flower. *Paeonia japonica* (peony) originated in Japan and *Iris virginica* in South-eastern United States. *Forsythia suspensa* (forsythia) contains a Latinized version of Scottish botanist William Forsyth's name and *suspensa* refers to its weeping form. An ancient plant, giant horsetail, has the name *Equisetum giganteum*, which actually means giant horse bristle.

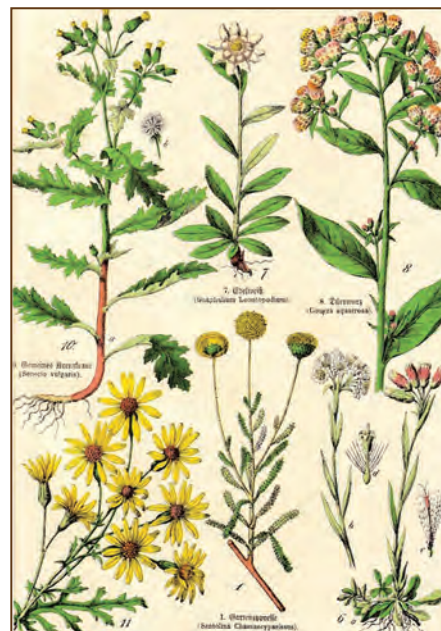
For the last 50 years, new plant names are required to go through the International Cultivar Registration Authority. These groups consist of experts on the various genus of plants and are appointed by the International Society for Horticultural Science to register cultivar and epithets, maintain records and eliminate duplication.

## Why would you need to know a plant's botanical name?

Knowing a plant's common name may be as in-depth as some home gardeners want to go. But even the most casual grower can run into communication problems when referring to some plants. *Liriodendron tulipifera* is called both tulip tree and yellow poplar; *Carpinus caroliniana* is known as American hornbeam, ironwood and musclewood. Conversely, what we call black-eyed Susans can be the densely-growing *Rudbeckia hirta*, the coneflower *Rudbeckia fulgida* or the vining *Thunbergia alata*. And a "daisy" can be a dozen different plants, ranging from *Chrysanthemum superbum* (Shasta daisy) to *Bellis perennis* (English daisy).

Taking note of botanical names serves yet another purpose. Once you become familiar with families of plants, you will be able to predict the characteristic of unfamiliar plants that you encounter with the same genus names. For example, I wondered why the inkberry shrub on our property never had berries. Then I discovered its botanical name is *Ilex glabra*, which indicates that it is the same genus as holly (*Ilex*). Holly plants have either male or female flowers, so a male or unfertilized female will not bear fruit.

Even if you are not comfortable sprinkling Latin terms into your everyday horticulture conversations, knowing a plant's botanical name will yield more accurate information at a garden center or when researching plants on the internet. As you delve more deeply into gardening, enjoy the descriptors, inferences and mini-histories contained within botanical names, along with the pleasure of nurturing the plant itself.





# ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

## Make a Butterfly Wing Pendant

**Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Hershey Gardens Education Center  
(located in The Children's Garden)  
\$50 (Members), \$55 (Non-Members)



Butterflies are one of nature's most dazzling masterpieces. Guests are thrilled to walk among hundreds of these vibrant beauties in the Butterfly Atrium, as they live out their short lifespan of only two to three weeks. Once the butterflies "age out," they are carefully collected by Atrium staff to preserve their brilliant colors and delicate scales.

Participants in this jewelry-making

class will create their own stunning pendant necklace, choosing a portion of a butterfly wing. The pendant is made using a tray bezel, glass dome and epoxy clay – a simple technique with stunning results. Complete with a snake chain, the necklace will be ready to wear after a 24-48 hour curing process.

Participants will also accompany Associate Director Dan Babbitt on a personalized tour of the Butterfly Atrium.

All supplies are provided. Online registration required at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) by April 14.

## "Origins" Rose Arrangement

**Saturday, September 16 from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.**

Hershey Gardens Education Center  
(located in The Children's Garden)  
\$45 (Members), \$50 (Non-Members)



Celebrate Mr. Hershey's birthday by creating a beautiful rose arrangement in this new, hands-on class. Guests will be introduced to basic tips and tricks used in floral design, particularly when using an Oasis floral foam.

Discussion will

include container preparation, greening and design principles such as proportion, balance, texture and color.

All supplies are provided. Online registration required at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) starting August 1.

## Calling All Teens: Consider Volunteering With Us!

**D**o you know a teenager between the ages of 12 and 15 who enjoys the outdoors, learning new things and interacting with others? If so, they'd make a great Hershey Gardens volunteer!

"Volunteens assist with various tasks, such as teaching kids at a Discovery Cart and helping with craft activities on Marvelous Mondays," said Peggy Guerra, program coordinator. "They also help with summer camp groups and provide games and activities for our younger guests."

The summer volunteer program is June 26 through August 14. Each teen must be able to commit to at least one shift per week (with the exception of week-long vacations and/or summer camps). Two-hour shifts are available from 10 a.m. - noon.

Applications must be submitted at



[HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) by Monday, May 8. New applicants will be contacted for an interview.

For more information, please contact Peggy Guerra at 717.508.5968 or via email at [pwguerra@mshersheyfoundation.org](mailto:pwguerra@mshersheyfoundation.org).



# SUMMER CAMPS at HERSHEY GARDENS

Enroll your child in a summer day camp at Hershey Gardens – it's sure to be full of discovery, adventure, exploration -- and fun! Kids of all ages can explore art, science and theater. Space is limited, so register early!

## Art Camps

Explore your creative side with Hershey Gardens as your studio! Join instructor Jamie Clark as she teaches students how to turn clay into art, as well as learn about famous artists and their styles. \$120 per student.

### Mini Monets and a Touch of Clay

June 19 – 23 from 9:30 a.m. - Noon

For grades 1 - 3

Students will complete two mini paintings and air-dry clay projects.

Students will learn how to pinch and stamp clay. Please register at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) by June 12.



### Pottery & Picasso

June 26 - 30 from 9:30 a.m. – Noon

For grades 4 – 6

Students will complete two mini paintings and air-dry clay projects. Students will be shown coiling and pitching techniques in clay. Please register at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) by June 19.

## SCIENCE EXPLORERS

Our hands-on approach to science provides children the unique opportunity to conduct exciting and engaging experiments and activities. The curriculum is developed by educators and lessons are aligned with the national science standards. We make learning science fun!

For more information or to register, please call 1.877.870.9517 or register online at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org).

### Wacky World of Science

July 3, 5 – 7

For ages 7 – 11

9 a.m. – Noon or 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.:

\$189 (half day)

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: \$320 (full day)



Each day we'll explore a different topic. Become kitchen chemists and investigate ingredients that pop, fizz, and foam. Transform cream to butter, create gooey gum drops and make your own frozen slushie. Become a geologist as you build and erupt your own volcano. Enter the world of paleontology and uncover the stories that fossils tell and participate in a dinosaur dig. Put on your CSI badge and use forensic techniques to lift prints, conduct simulated blood typing and use a black light to reveal glowing evidence. Blast off to an out-of-this-world adventure as you investigate space and the final frontier. Launch film canister rockets, construct a telescope and take on an astronaut challenge. Finally, join our physics team and make Bernoulli ball poppers, create an electric game and mix up a fizzy, foaming fountain!

### Take A Dive

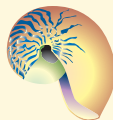
July 10 – 14

For ages 7 – 11

9 a.m. – Noon or 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.: \$229 (half day)

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: \$399 (full day)

Dive into the world of marine biology and oceanography! In our half day camp, you'll dissect a real shark, participate in a fisherman's challenge, examine the anatomy of a fish and learn the ancient technique of gyotaku or "fish rubbing," learn to survive at sea with a homemade solar still, create a kelp forest and make your own submarine. Stay for the full day camp and come face-to-face with some unique sea creatures! You'll complete a squid dissection, bring to life genuine "Triassic Triops," conduct a whale adaptations lab, and examine many weird wonders that live under the sea!



### Amusement Park Adventures

July 31 – August 4

For ages 7 – 11

9 a.m. – Noon: \$229 (half day)

Come along for the ride as we build, mix and



spin our way to an awesome Science Explorers' carnival day! Visit the midway where you'll experience first-hand a rockin' rollercoaster, bouncing bungees and creations and concoctions straight from the lab including a super spin-art machine, home-made ice-cream, awesome art potions and a "gingerly-made" soda.



## HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE

*Hershey Area Playhouse and Hershey Gardens Present*



### Summer Theatre Camp: The Stuff of Legend

July 17 – 28 from 9 a.m. - Noon

For grades 4 – 8

Instructor: Laurie Miller Petersen

\$265 per student

Join us for two weeks of improvisation, stage combat, scene and character work as we take a thrilling ride into a new production, "The Stuff of Legend." This original play features a cast of classic and popular literary characters in an epic adventure. The culmination of camp will be a fully-produced presentation for an audience on the final day of camp. Registration required at [HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com](http://HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com).



# Mark Your Calendar!

## April Sprouts

**April 8 - 9 and April 14 - 15  
from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Kids can welcome spring by planting their own seed in a paper “pot” to carry home. Included in admission; free for members.



\$15 for juniors, \$8 for Hershey Gardens members and Discovery Pass holders. Accompanying adults pay Gardens admission only (members are free). Tickets are limited. Online registration required (by June 14) at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) starting April 3.



## Easter Sunrise Service

**Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m.**

A Hershey Gardens tradition, the community is invited to join the Hershey Ministerium for this non-denominational service, which will also include an American sign language interpreter. No admission fee prior to 8 a.m. Service will also be livestreamed at [fishburnumc.org](http://fishburnumc.org).

## Father's Day

**Sunday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Free admission for dads!**

## Hershey Horticulture Society Flower Show

**Saturday, August 26 from 1 to 6 p.m.**

Hershey Horticulture Society (HHS) will present a flower show called “*All a Flutter*” in the Educational & Horticultural Wing of the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory. HHS members will showcase their horticulture and design talents with classes named for various butterflies! Members from the HHS will display a large collection of their personal horticulture specimens from their own gardens. 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; ticket purchase is required for admission to Hershey Gardens and the Butterfly Atrium; free for members.



## Mother's Day

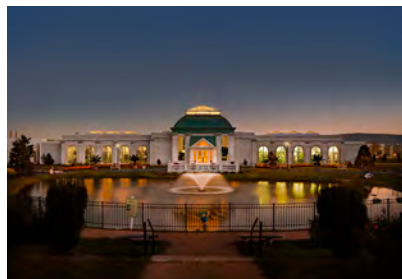
**Sunday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Free admission for moms!**

Bring mom to enjoy spring! Be sure to stop by the Education Center in The Children's Garden for the rhododendron and azalea display, provided by the Susquehanna Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

## A Whimsical Day of Fairies & Flowers

**Saturday, June 17 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon**

A charming way to spend the day! Join our Garden fairies on a hunt for the Magic Tree and gather secrets about their favorite flowers along the way. Activities include jewelry making and creating magical fairy doors. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite fairy costume.



## Member Reception

**Thursday, September 28 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

Look for your invitation in the mail.

## Marvelous Mondays

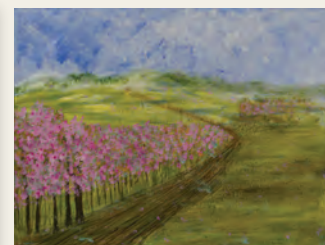
**Monday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 14  
from 10 a.m. to Noon**



Mondays are marvelous in The Children's Garden! Visit each week to enjoy special children's activities and crafts. Included in admission. Check [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) for a schedule of programs.

## Bloomin' Art Exhibit

**Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13  
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



See fabulous works of art by members of the Hershey Area Art Association. Exhibit on display in the Education Center, located in The Children's Garden. Included in admission.



# COCOA CLUES

Kids, bring this page to Hershey Gardens for some sweet fun! Use the clues to find the answers, then bring it to the admissions desk for a sweet treat.

## Location - Butterfly Atrium

### 1. Cacao Tree

The tree produces pods that grow directly off the trunk and branches of the tree. There are 20-50 cacao seeds (beans) in each pod. Can you guess what the nibs inside the pods are used to make? \_\_\_\_\_



### 2. Butterflies

Look for the Chocolate Malachite and Chocolate Pansy – tasty sounding butterflies! Which is your favorite?  
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## Location - Educational & Horticultural Wing

### 3. Education Stations

What happens to butterflies in the winter?  
Why do butterflies and plants make good partners?  
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## Location - The Children's Garden

### 4. Hershey's Kisses

The first Hershey's Kisses were produced in 1907.  
How many Kisses can you find in The Children's Garden?  
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### 5. Twizzlers

The longest Twizzler ever made was 1,200 feet long and weighed 100 pounds. How many different flavors of Twizzlers can you find?  
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### 6. Chocolate Bar

The original Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bar was introduced in 1900.  
What fraction of the bar would you like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Maisy the Cow

Milk is one of the key ingredients used to make chocolate.  
Mr. Hershey opened his chocolate factory here in 1903. Why did he choose to locate in this area of Pennsylvania?  
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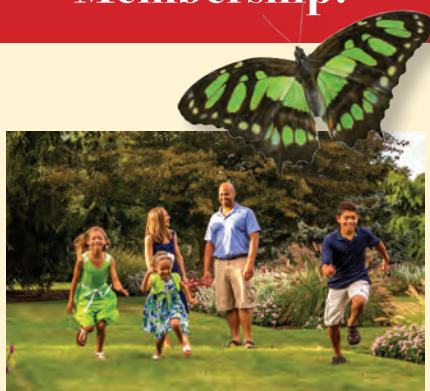
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or directly to the recipient.**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The snow has melted and spring is in the air, and we're ready for it.

The horticulture team is preparing the landscape and flower beds to welcome the new season -- and staff are expanding many exciting educational opportunities, both inside and out.

The winter season at Hershey Gardens had many firsts. Winter Walks, both guided and self-guided, gave guests a new appreciation for the hidden beauty of the Gardens' quietest season. The success of our first flower show, "For the Love of Orchids," was a wonderful start and ignited countless ideas about future shows and exhibits under a variety of themes in addition to horticulture, such as insects, art and photography.

We are also proud to introduce the Share the Gardens Scholarship Fund,



which helps financially-challenged school districts bring students to experience Hershey Gardens. Funds from the newly launched Conservatory Notes concert series support this scholarship program.

As members, you can look forward to annual delights, like the vibrant spring colors of azaleas, rhododendron and tulips, and the beauty of summer roses. You can also be confident that we will continue our mission to preserve and enhance Milton Hershey's legacy and community vision by providing educational and cultural enrichment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariella Trosko".

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