

It's Tulip-Palooza!

Hershey Gardens to Feature More Than 27,000 Blooms This Spring

Perhaps the late Robin Williams said it best, "Spring is nature's way of saying, let's party."

With that in mind, Hershey Gardens will be throwing a big "party" this spring with thousands of beautiful spring blooms. "Guests can look forward to a spectacular display of daffodils, hyacinths and tulips



Kunyun— Darwin Hybrid type

again this year," said Alyssa Hagarman, horticulture manager. "This year's design is going to feature large blocks of contrasting colors; it's going to be spectacular."

"Among the thousands of tulips, we are featuring several new varieties, each in a different type of tulip," said Hagarman. "The type of tulip is what determines the look of the flower, the length of the stem, when the tulip blooms and for how long."

Hershey Gardens will be featuring several types of tulips, but here are a few of the most popular.

Darwin Hybrids produce long-lasting

flowers on strong stems that are perfect for cutting. "These tulips have huge, goblet-like 6-inch flowers," said Hagarman. "The brilliant colors of this group show up beautifully in the landscape. Darwin Hybrids usually perform well for several years, making them among the best perennial tulips. They bloom in mid-spring and can hold up to wind and rain."



Alibi— Triumph type

Triumphs make up the largest group of tulips and the one that offers the widest range of colors. "Triumphs have medium-length stems and are best used for forcing and short-term bedding," noted Hagarman. "They are also good in containers because they have conical flowers and are more rounded, about 3 inches wide."

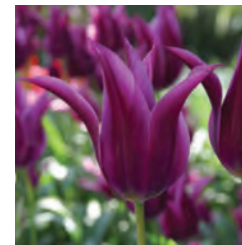
Double late or Peony type tulips have long-lasting, semi-double to double flowers. "All Double tulips are good for bedding," said Hagarman. "These have large, fully-double flowers up to 5 inches wide."

Fringed tulips, also known as "Crispa"

tulips, have flower petals that are edged with very finely cut fringes. "Fringed tulips make unusual bedding plants and are mid- to late-season blooming," said Hagarman.



Bombtastic Red— Peony type

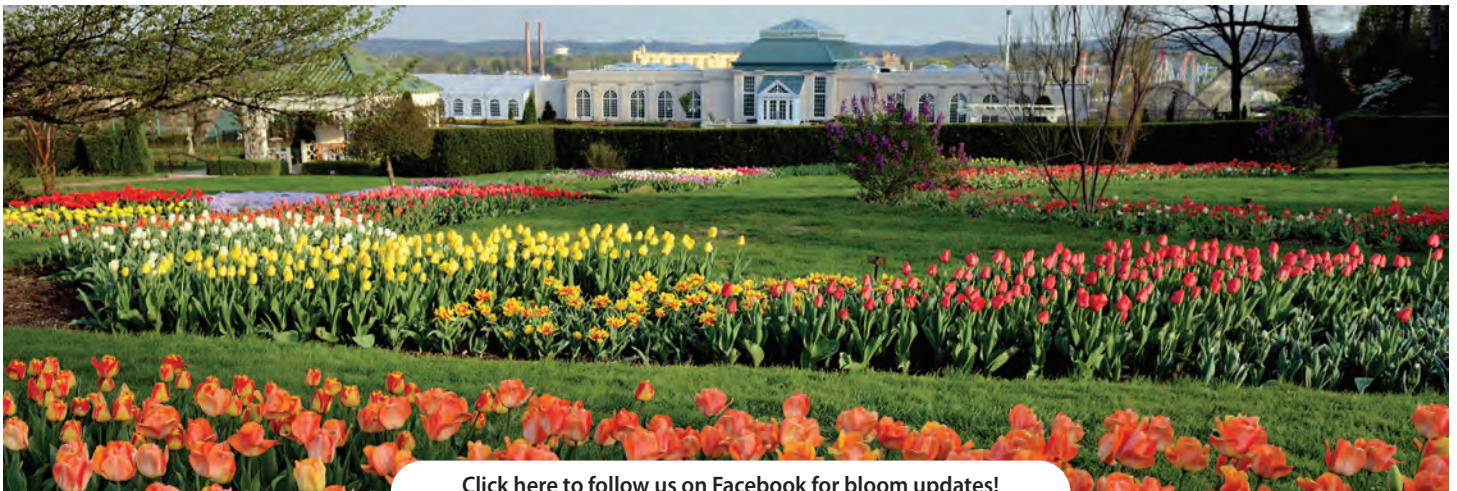


Purple Dream— Lily type

Lily-Flowered tulips are late bloomers and excellent for bedding and cutting. "The flowers are very graceful and elegant with pointed, reflexed petals, creating a distinctive profile," said Hagarman. "The long, slim flowers are approximately 6 inches across."

Don't miss this season's displays! Be sure to keep an eye on our website (HersheyGardens.org) or our **Facebook page** for bloom updates!

TulipWatch²⁰²⁴



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HERSHEY GARDENS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank You for a Great 2023

To our Valued Members,

As an organization, we pride ourselves on always looking ahead – continually planning for success. But I want to take a moment to look back: 2023 was an amazing year, we celebrated an all-time attendance record of 187,193 guests! Many of those visits were from members like you, as well as guests from around the world.

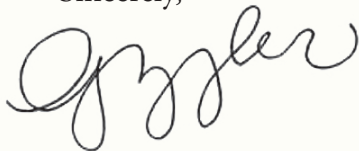
I want to thank you, our members and community, for the countless ways you show your support, whether it's attending our events and fundraisers, volunteering your time, bringing new guests to enjoy the Gardens, visiting the Garden Shop, or interacting with us on social media. We love hearing your feedback; it tells us that you like what we're doing and helps guide us in our future planning.

My gratitude also goes to our remarkable staffers. From the smiling staff at the admissions desk to our creative educational team and our hard-working Atrium and gardening crews, everyone has one simple goal in mind – providing an excellent guest experience.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the one man who made it all possible -- Milton Hershey. Without his selfless vision of a rose garden for his community to enjoy, Hershey Gardens wouldn't exist. Likewise, in 1935, Mr. Hershey created The M.S. Hershey Foundation to support cultural and educational opportunities in Derry Township. His foresight and generosity have given us this horticultural gem that guests of every age can enjoy now and for many years to come. Thank you, Mr. Hershey.

I assure you that we will continue to honor Mr. Hershey's legacy as we strive for continued excellence in the garden he created and adored. We believe what Mr. Hershey originally put forth: "Give them quality, that's the best advertising in the world."

Sincerely,



Amy Zeigler

Senior Director - Education, Programs and Operations

Hershey Gardens

The Hershey Story Museum

Hershey Community Archives



10 Questions With...

Ruth Chambers, Indoor Horticulture & Education Program Specialist

What is your role at Hershey Gardens?

I take care of the tropical plants in the Butterfly Atrium as well as the plants located throughout the rest of the Conservatory. I also manage the Hoop House in The Children's Garden. For the Hoop House, I collaborate with the education department to design the layout to best serve the students who participate in our Green Thumbs program. Most guests don't know that many of our vegetable crops in the Hoop House are planted by school groups!

How long have you worked at the Gardens?

I've worked at the Gardens since September 2021, starting in the Conservatory. In February 2022, I took on the additional role of managing the Hoop House in The Children's Garden.

Please tell us about yourself!

I grew up in the Hummelstown area and graduated from Lower Dauphin High School. I attended Messiah University and earned my bachelor's degree in Ecological Biology and Environmental Science. After graduating, I began working at the Gardens. I'm also working on getting my master's degree in Ecosystem Management and Administration from Penn State University World Campus and am looking forward to graduating this fall.

What do you find most enjoyable about your job?

There's too much to choose from! I have to say that nothing beats working in the Butterfly Atrium, especially first thing in the morning when all the butterflies are waking up—it is a really neat experience! I also love that I get to be creative, designing different



planters and spaces in both the Hoop House and the Butterfly Atrium. In the Hoop House, I always look for interesting ways to design the layout or plan planting activities for our school groups.

In what ways is designing the activities in the Hoop House interesting?

One of my favorite things to do is to introduce students to unique varieties of vegetables and plants in our student planting activities. For example, I've had students plant black tomatoes and purple basil! I think mixing it up a little with unique vegetable varieties keeps it fun and interesting for the students, plus they seem to enjoy it and learn about unique, less familiar varieties of commonly known fruits and vegetables.

How did you get interested in horticulture?

While I never formally studied horticulture

before working at the Gardens, I've always had a love for it. Growing up, my grandparents encouraged my enthusiasm for nature by letting me help out in their garden, which is where I got my first taste of gardening. Later during my undergraduate work, I worked at a few different farms, which built on my passion. I thought the Gardens would be a great place to combine my interests while also learning more about horticulture. My mentors at the Gardens, in particular our Conservatory Habitats Manager, Jody Santos, have taught me so much!

How has your background helped you in your current position at the Gardens?

I think my background in farming has really helped in what I do in the Hoop House. My baseline knowledge of cultivating crops has allowed me to easily step into that role. From an educational perspective, my background also better enables me to develop unique planting activities for students who may not have been exposed to gardening before.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my free time, I enjoy reading, hiking with my dogs and spending time with my family. I also enjoy pressing and mounting plants! In college, I took a class in preparing herbarium specimens and I loved it so much that now I just do it for fun.

Rumor has it that you're a "Swiftie"?

Yes! I'm a big fan of Taylor Swift. I remember getting her first album as a gift for my 8th birthday, and I've loved her music ever since. I was even able to attend one of her concerts for the first time last May in Philadelphia.

Do you have a favorite part of the Gardens?

I'm a little biased, but I think my favorite part of the Gardens has to be the Hoop House! I even remember visiting the Gardens on my second-grade field trip when the Hoop House was still the original outdoor Butterfly House. I love that our Green Thumbs students and summer Volunteers plant the Hoop House crops. These students' efforts are evident throughout the year, especially when it's time to harvest. The Hoop House is such a valuable space for garden education, and I hope our visiting guests love it as much as we do!



Ruth and a Volunteer display their harvest.

MEET A FEW OF OUR FREQUENT FLYERS

Look for these during your next visit to the Butterfly Atrium

More than 300 butterflies from around the world float and flutter throughout the Butterfly Atrium. Weekly shipments of butterfly pupae, known as chrysalides, arrive in Hershey, to finish their development in our climate-controlled chrysalis cabinet. Once they emerge as adult butterflies, they are ready to try their wings in the Atrium's tropical environment.

The number and kind of species in the Atrium varies with availability, but butterflies representing many different regions of the world, including North America, are always featured. They are most active during sunny days when bright light streams through the windows, warming the butterflies and powering their flight.

OPEN YEAR ROUND



Butterfly Atrium



Magnificent Owl
Caligo atreus Mexicao
Central and South America
These fruit-juice loving butterflies use mimicry in the form of hindwing eye spots to ward off predators.



Blue Morpho
Morpho peleides
Central and South America
Blue morpho wings aren't blue pigmented, but rather, are covered with iridescent scales that reflect light causing them to appear blue.



Great Yellow Mormon
Papilio lowii
Asia
Also called the Asian swallowtail, females are larger and more colorful than males, and their caterpillars feed on citrus.



Atlas moth
Attacus atlas
Asia
This is one of the largest moths in the world. Close examination reveals a snakehead pattern at the top corner of each forewing, acting as a defense against predators.



Clipper
Parthenos sylvia
Asia
This butterfly has several different color morphs, ranging from blue and green to brown and gold, each representing a different subspecies.



Paper Kite
Idea leuconoe
Asia
A relative of the monarch butterfly, the Paper Kite has a characteristic floppy wingbeat and showy flight pattern.



Leopard Lacewing
Cethosia cyane
Asia
Males of this species are brighter orange than females, but both ingest phytochemicals from the plants they eat as caterpillars, rendering them distasteful to predators.



Banded Peacock
Papilio palinurus
Asia
Also called the emerald peacock, they are the chameleons of the butterfly world. Their color appears to change from green to blue to yellow, depending on the angle.

Did You Know...

Your Gardens Membership is Your Passport to Public Gardens Across North America!

Hershey Gardens is proud to be part of the American Horticultural Society's reciprocal admissions program. This means that Hershey Gardens members at all levels can enjoy select benefits at more than 360 botanical gardens!

Reciprocal privileges often include free or member-priced admission, as well as discounts on retail, dining and shopping.

To enjoy this benefit, simply present your current membership card at one of our **partner institutions**.

We recommend calling your garden of interest before your visit. Each garden has its own distinct admissions policies and



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hours of operation, which they may adjust for special events or exhibits. Also, please remember that the gardens you visit rely on admissions and donations to maintain their collections and gardens for all to enjoy. Please support them by visiting their gift shops or by making a small donation.

The Hoop House and Student Learning Garden: Planting the Seed for Environmental Stewardship

Spring brings new growth, warm weather and the promise of delicious fresh fruits and vegetables in the Hoop House, thanks to the efforts of many students. “Over 2,600 students, many of them Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will join us over the next few months to take part in the ‘Green Thumbs’ school program, where they will have a part in transforming the Hoop House and Student Garden into a demonstration vegetable garden,” said Rebecca Lawrence, manager of education and programs. “These efforts are continued by teen volunteers and summer camp groups to further extend the growing season.”



Easton, a volunteer, is ready to teach young guests about the plant parts they eat.

“Early in the growing season, we teach students how to start seeds indoors and prepare the soil in raised beds, in ground beds and in containers,” said Lawrence. “Additional classes will direct-sow and transplant seedlings of hot-weather loving plants. As plants are cultivated, we take progress photos and share them with teachers, who in turn share them with the students.”

“Students learn that each seed has everything it needs to begin life until it starts to make its own food and draw from nutrients in soil and water,” explained Lawrence. “Just like each individual student, each plant has its own set of unique needs. They learn that seeds come in all shapes, sizes and colors, too.”



Students learning to transplant tomato plants

“We talk about why tomatoes and corn love hot summers and kale and onions love the cool weather,” said Lawrence. “It helps students understand why seasonality is so important to growth, taste and harvest.”

“March and early April school groups will directly sow carrots, beets and pea seeds into the ground,” said Lawrence. “Late April groups will plant watermelon, squash and bean seeds. By May, groups will transplant eggplant, tomatoes and cucumber plants earlier school groups started indoors.”

The program strives to increase students’ vegetable literacy and discover the colorful world of vegetables. “Tomatoes can be white, black, orange and even purple while carrots can be red, white and yellow,” said Lawrence. “It is our hope they visit their grocery store and farmer’s market with more curiosity and desire to eat what they planted during their visit. It’s often during a field trip that students will recognize what part of the plant they eat. For example, beets, carrots and turnips are roots, the bulb of kohlrabi is a stem, potatoes are tubers, cauliflower and broccoli are florets, and tomatoes and cucumbers are fruits!”

“Lessons change according to the season, so many classes will observe sustainable gardening methods such as companion planting, ‘lasagna’ gardening, planting cover crops and composting— approaches they can bring back to their classroom gardens, community gardens, or gardens at home,” said Lawrence.

“In companion planting, plants are placed together to naturally reduce pests and competition for nutrients, and attract



Kale, planted by Ross Elementary Students

beneficial insects, such as the design of the Three Sisters Garden where corn, beans and squash are grown next to each other,” said Lawrence. “Our pillar pots exhibit ‘lasagna’ gardening, also called sheet mulching, a no-till approach to establishing a bed that involves layering cardboard, leaves, grass clippings, mulch, vegetable scraps and compost on a small scale. Vegetable plants that need high levels of nutrients will be fed by its organic material!”

Guests to the Hoop House will observe cover crops, such as creeping thyme, lemon balm, and clover, planted in early spring by students and turned in the soil and grown around vegetable plants. “Cover crops can attract pollinators, which are essential for fruit production, increase the health of the soil by changing the nitrogen levels, prevent soil erosion, and increase the quantity of healthy microorganisms,” said Lawrence. “In the area behind the Hoop House, students and visitors can see at least three different approaches to composting, an approach to turning food and garden waste into beneficial organic matter that enriches the soil.”

“We love working with the student groups and Volunteers to transform the Hoop House from its winter dormancy to a hub of vibrant activity. For the students, they discover so much in the Hoop House and Learning Garden as they learn about how food is grown, how to be good environmental stewards, and change their attitudes towards eating healthy vegetables,” said Lawrence. “We look forward to sharing their hard work with our guests.”

Unique Retail Items Support Artisans in Peru

The Garden Shop is proud to feature beautiful butterfly wing jewelry that is unique, but also serves a greater purpose: it supports the skillful craftswomen in rural Peru.



Blue Morpho Butterfly Pendant

The jewelry is created through “Women Of The Cloud Forests,” a Pittsburgh-based company established in 2001.

“This company works directly with small family workshops and community cooperatives in Nicaragua, Nepal, Ecuador and Peru,” said Eileen Daub, retail manager. “They work with the artisans to provide business training, micro-interest loans, direct grants and other support to help the



artisans grow their businesses through fair trade.”

As members of the Fair Trade Federation, this partnership helps provide good wages, safe working conditions and environmental responsibility, allowing the artisans to build a strong business to support their families and their communities.

“The butterfly wing jewelry specifically comes from indigenous artisans in Peru,” said Daub. “Each butterfly is ethically collected after the natural end to their life. The wings are used to create one-of-a-kind works of wearable art as pendants and earrings.”

Each sale benefits the artisans who create each piece by hand, but it also helps habitat preservation in the Amazon rainforests. “No two pieces are alike, just like the hands that created them,” said Daub.

Photographs courtesy of womenofthecloudforest.com



Juno Silverspot Butterfly Pendant



Idomeneus Giant Owl Butterfly Earrings

Immerse Your Senses in Our Newest Theme Garden

Hershey Gardens is adding a garden designed to engage your senses. “Our new Senses Garden will provide friendly spaces where guests can be immersed in the scents, textures, sounds and colors of plants and related elements,” said Alyssa Hagarman, horticulture manager.

The new garden will replace most of the former ornamental grass garden. “We’re keeping a few of the show stopper grasses and adding something fun to them,” said Hagarman. “We’re slightly expanding the space as well to include some shady areas under the nearby crabapple trees.”

“We will be adding lots of new plants, with a plan to continue to add more in future years,” said Hagarman. “Lamb’s ear will be one of the featured plants for the sense of touch. For the sense of smell, we’ll be including hummingbird mint and mock-



Foxtail

orange. And for the sense of sight, we’re adding plants such as foxtail and hollyhock. These are only a few of many plants that will go into the Senses Garden, which will also include a few ‘hardscape’ items.”

“We will also be adding a few new walking paths, as well as a small water feature. Guests of all ages will love to experience this garden in a new and fun way,” said Hagarman.



Lamb's ear

Long-Time Gardens Staffer Bill Kieffer Retires

A big shout-out and thank you to Bill Kieffer for his remarkable 26 years of service at Hershey Gardens. “Bill has played a critical role in several major projects over the years, most recently The Children’s Garden 20th anniversary upgrade,” said Amy Zeigler, senior director. “From expert rose care to the beautiful arbors he constructed in The Children’s Garden and Herb Garden, his work has contributed to an enhanced guest experience.”

Congratulations to Bill on this exciting new chapter. We wish him the best!



HERSHEY GARDENS 2024 HOURS OF OPERATION

Now – May 24:

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, including Easter Sunday

May 25 – September 2:

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily

September 3 – December 31:

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily – with the

following holiday exceptions:

Closed on Thanksgiving and

Christmas Day;

Open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve

We ❤️ Homeschool Families! Join Us for Homeschool Days

\$11 per student, \$13 per adult; includes admission to Hershey Gardens and the **Butterfly Atrium**

Spring Homeschool Day: GEOSCIENCE

Tuesday, April 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Geology rocks! Explore the rock and mineral world during our spring homeschool day. Join a geoscientist from the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for presentations at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. about the geology of Pennsylvania. Visit various stations to explore soil composition, fossils, limestone and different types of rocks as you journey through the rock cycle! Program is designed for 1st through 5th graders.

Registration required here;

closes on April 14.



Fall Homeschool Day:

Local Biodiversity: Insects, Animals and Trees

Tuesday, October 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Appreciate and understand why differences in the plant and animal world are important to our livelihoods. We’ll take a closer look at native plants and insects, the impact of invasive species and climate change, and how we can play a role in conserving and protecting biodiversity. Program is designed for Kindergarten through grade 6th graders.

Registration required here; beginning August 25; closes on September 29.

Marvelous Mondays

July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Mondays are marvelous in The Children’s Garden! Join us for kids’ crafts and explore weekly themes about produce and farming, birds, indoor gardening, trees and pollinators. Come back each week to discover new activities and greet special guests.

Special Guests:

July 8: PA Farms to Families Immersion Lab and Katherine English from Rock Hill Heritage Farm

July 15: ZooAmerica

July 22: Commonwealth Charter Academy’s Mobile Aquaponics Lab

July 29: To Be Announced

August 5: Author Kevin McCloskey



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All activities below are included in admission; free for members, except where a cost is noted.



Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 a.m.

Enjoy a Hershey Gardens tradition that began in 1947. This non-denominational service, provided by the Hershey Minsterium, includes an American sign language interpreter. No admission fee prior to 8 a.m. Service will also be live streamed at fishburnumc.org. Gates open at 6 a.m.

Guests must exit by 8 a.m.

Manada Conservancy presents "For the Love of Groundcovers" with Ian Gardner

Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Ian Gardner of Green Gardner Designs will discuss the many benefits and options for planting native groundcovers in your home landscape. Some of the featured varieties will be available through the Manada Conservancy **online native plant store**, which is open through April 15, or at the **in-person sale** event on May 4. This program is free and open to the public. Please register by contacting Manada Conservancy at office@manada.org or 717.566.4122.

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

View a selection of heritage breed farm animals in the Amphitheatre and join our teen volunteers as they lead drop-in activities to inspire young guests to take care of our planet. Learn about cover crops, vermiculture, composting, wildflowers and pollinators, and recycling! For an additional cost, enjoy ice cream from Sarah's Creamery.

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. X³ Chinese Music Ensemble, Gazebo

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. "Farm Recycling with Heritage Breed Animals" with Rock Hill Heritage Farm



National Public Gardens Day

Friday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy the height of springtime color and beauty! **Download this voucher** to receive 50% off admission on May 10 only.

Mother's Day Weekend: Free Admission for Moms!

Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy food trucks from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (additional fee):

Sarah's Creamery on Saturday and Sunday

Noel's Café on Sunday only



On Sunday, see a variety of rhododendrons and azaleas from the Mason Dixon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society on display in the Education Center in The Children's Garden.



Susquehanna Iris Society Show Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in The Garden Cottage

Enjoy brilliantly colored irises and arrangements from members of the Susquehanna Iris Society. Knowledgeable members will be available to answer questions.

Father's Day: Free Admission for Dads!

Sunday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bring dad to enjoy 3,000 roses in full bloom!



Zoology Zone Interactive Cart

Monday through Thursdays,
June 17 through August 8
from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Come meet some new "friends" at the Zoology Zone Interactive Cart! The cart will be stationed in the Conservatory and will feature several small animals and arthropods, along with deceased butterfly specimens, that guests can touch and feel; staffed by Hershey Gardens Volunteers.

Music in the Gardens

Thursday, June 20 from 6 – 8 p.m. and
Thursday, August 8 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Join us for two evenings of beautiful music in the Gardens! Guests are invited to bring their own beverages and snacks, as well as chairs or a blanket. The Butterfly Atrium will be closed. Regular admission rates apply; free for members.

Thursday, June 20 – Generations Big Band

Thursday, August 8 – Anthony Haubert Quartet



Sponsors:

Robert Ackerman | Robert & Linda Pugliese | Dr. Thomas Davis



Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Car Display at Hershey Gardens

Sunday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



View a stunning display of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys, and learn about their history from members of the Headquarters Region of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club. Vehicles will be parked inside Hershey Gardens, around Swan Lake. Included in admission; free for members.



"Daylilies: The Perfect Perennials" with Stuart Kendig

Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join daylily hybridizer Stuart Kendig and discover why they are a great plant for your garden, learn exciting new colors and patterns, and following his presentation, learn how to properly dig up and divide daylilies with our garden crew and receive a unique daylily (estimated \$20 value) to take home.



\$30 for Hershey Gardens members; \$40 for non-members
Registration required here starting June 1; closes July 20

Gretna

Gretna Theatre Summer Kids Series

Saturday, August 4 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

in The Children's Garden Amphitheater

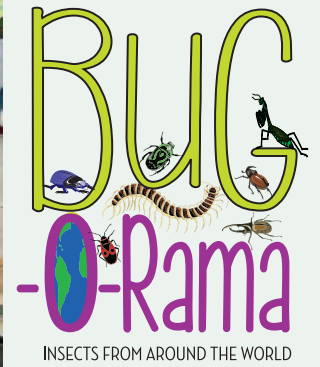
In the event of inclement weather, the performances will be held under the tent in the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory.



Hershey Area Art Association Show & Sale

Friday, August 30 through Sunday, September 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Enjoy fabulous works of art at the "Blossoming Art" display in the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory.



Bug-O-Rama

Sunday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's expanded Bug-O-Rama will feature an array of unique insects from around the world, as well as small reptiles including snakes, lizards, frogs and geckos. Join us for this family-friendly hands-on day, and participate in a variety of fun bug activities with Penn State Entomology, Ryan the Bug Man and PA Bat Rescue, among others. **See the full schedule of events here.**

Hershey Gardens Member Reception

Wednesday, September 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Members, look for your invitation in the mail!

Bonsai Exhibit by Susquehanna

Bonsai Club

September 25 through October 12

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hoop House



Marvel at a variety of bonsai specimens from the premiere bonsai club of the Susquehanna Valley.

Manada Conservancy presents "Climate Change and Penns Woods," with Greg Czarnecki

Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

Join Greg Czarnecki, Director of Applied Conservation with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to look at the current and projected impacts of climate change globally, in the U.S. and here in Pennsylvania. He will also relay how one state agency, DCNR, is adapting to climate change to minimize the impact on state parks, state forests and the natural resources of the Commonwealth. This program is free and open to the public. Please register by contacting Manada Conservancy at office@manada.org or 717.566.4122.



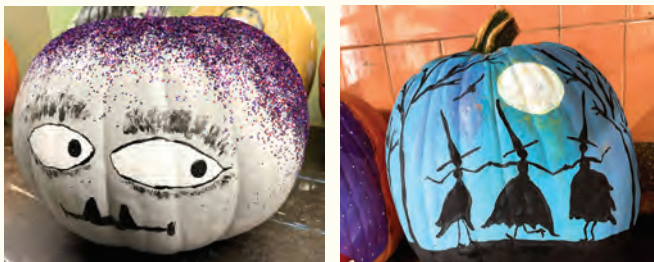
MANADA CONSERVANCY

SAVE
the DATE

Pumpkin Palooza

October 19, 20, 26, 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check HersheyGardens.org for more details in the coming months!



Eco-Fiction Book Club

Join us! This group explores works of eco-fiction which could be nature-oriented (non-human oriented) or environment-oriented (human impacts on nature). Participants are encouraged to read each month's selection prior to the gathering to fully share in the discussion. Attend one, two or three meetings!



Friday, May 10 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

California by Edan Lepucki

Friday, August 9 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Bewilderment: A Novel by Richard Powers

Friday, November 8 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

The Botanist's Daughter by Kayte Nunn

Book selections for each month can be found at your local public library or at any major retailer. Meetings will be held in the Garden Cottage. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Vera Kolstrom to register: 717.508.5970 or velkolstrom@hersheygardens.org.

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS!

Join Us for These Girl Scout Workshops

Registration is required here, and includes admission to Hershey Gardens and the Butterfly Atrium for the day. Please note that general admission tickets are required for accompanying family members. At least one adult is required to register and accompany each troop, or individual Scout.

Brownie "Bugs" Badge Workshop

Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration closes March 31

Earn your "Bugs" Brownie badge at Hershey Gardens! Price includes your "Bugs" badge. After registering online, present your ticket at the Scout information table to receive a checklist of activities to complete during the event.

\$14.50 per Scout; \$14.50 per Scout leader



Junior "Flowers" Badge Workshop

Saturday, April 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration closes March 31

Earn your "Flowers" Gardener badge by exploring the science and meaning of flowers! Price includes your "Flowers" badge. After registering online, present your ticket at the Scout information table to receive a checklist of activities to complete at our stations.

\$20 per Scout; \$14.50 per Scout leader



Daisy "Eco-learner" Badge Workshop

Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Registration closes April 7

Earn your "Eco-Learner" badge by learning different ways to protect the environment during our Earth Day celebration! Price includes your "Eco-Learner" badge and Earth Day activities. After registering online, present your ticket at the Scout information table before completing your requirements.

\$14.50 per Scout; \$14.50 per Scout leader



Brownie Scout "Outdoor Art Creator" Badge Requirement Workshop

Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Explore creative movement, make art with recycled and natural objects and further develop your observational skills as you earn your "Outdoor Art Creator" badge.

\$15 per Scout; \$13 per Scout leader



Junior Scout "Outdoor Art Explorer" Badge Requirement Workshop

Saturday, October 5 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Let Hershey Gardens be your inspiration as you explore, learn about and create various artworks designed with nature in mind!

\$15 per Scout; \$13 per Scout leader



SUMMER CAMPS at HERSHEY GARDENS

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!

Full day options are \$415/week; half day options are \$240/week.

For more information or to register for the camps, please visit scienceexplorers.com

SCIENCE EXPLORERS

2024 SUMMER CAMPS

Take a Dive

Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28

Half Day: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Full Day: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For ages 7-11



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!

Magical World of Science

Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26

Half Day: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Full Day: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For ages 7-11

We've taken our after-school club topics from 2023-24 and turned them into a fun-filled camp! Explore the science of slime, create chemistry mixtures that fizz, pop, and glow, investigate the science behind color and light, join our anatomy academy and discover how amazing the human body is, and uncover Earth's mysteries as we explore the world of dinosaurs, discover hidden treasures, and use the power of the sun to make tasty treats.



Fizz, Bang, Boom, Bot!

Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2

Half Day: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Full Day: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For ages 7-11

What do you get when you take the physics of motion, add in some electrifying experiments, and mix it up with some chemistry? Everyone has a blast! In our half day camp you'll create your own battery-powered invention, experiment with light and flight, make your own kaleidoscope and experiment with giant floating bubbles. Stay for the full day try your hand at robotics, use chromatography to separate the colors in candy, mix up some crazy chemical reactions, create an electric game, investigate the effects of air pressure, and compete in a tall tower engineering competition!



Astronaut Academy (formerly Far Out Space Academy)

Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 9

Half Day: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Full Day: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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, complete a mission to Mars as you design and build your own model space station and work in engineering teams to construct space capsules that will be used to launch "eggstronauts"! Full day campers will continue to use your astronaut wits as you build air powered nano-rovers, make craters and dry ice comets, and work with a robotic arm as you learn how astronauts use robots to work on satellites. Come join us on our mission through outer space!



Junior Explorers

Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16

Half Day: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 4-6

Do you want to be an archaeologist ...a geologist...or how about a biologist? You can be all this and more in this fun-filled camp! Each day we'll explore a new habitat as we dig for dinosaurs in the desert, make creatures of the rainforest, create an arctic home, erupt a volcano, and go spelunking in your own cave creation. There's so much to do in this exciting week of camp.



HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE

Hershey Area Playhouse Summer Theatre Camp

Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 19

from 9 a.m. to noon

For grades 4 – 8

Cost: \$275 + registration fees

Instructor: Laurie Miller Petersen



Join us for two weeks of acting skills, as well as stage combat, improvisation and character development; it will culminate in a fully produced, original production on July 19 at noon for friends and family. Included in admission; free for members. Registration is required at HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com.

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