

GROUNDBREAKING FOR CONSERVATORY PLANNED FOR APRIL 30

After more than a year of preparation, plans are being finalized for the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory at Hershey Gardens.

“We are fortunate to be working with a knowledgeable and experienced team of experts from around the country,” said Don Papson, executive director of The M.S. Hershey Foundation. “Our main focus is to optimize the visitor experience. Whether it’s a student on a field trip, a family on



vacation or a private event rental, their experience will be a blend of education and natural beauty.”

“Throughout the planning process, we have explored new and different ways to fulfill our educational mission,” said Papson. “We’ve been considering innovative ways to showcase our horticultural exhibits and create additional learning opportunities for students and families in the Butterfly Atrium.”

The conservatory will serve as the new guest entrance into the Gardens, and there will be an expanded parking area. “Guests will enter through the conservatory’s Welcome Pavilion, on the south side of the Gardens,” said Papson. Once inside, they will be welcomed by large tropical plants and more than 50 stained glass butterflies hanging from the ceiling’s glass panels.

“Each of the butterflies represents a generous capital campaign gift,” Papson



Join us!
A ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for **Thursday, April 30 at 11 a.m.**
There is no charge to enter the Gardens between **10:30 and 11 a.m.**

said. “They were hand-crafted by local artisan Luise Christensen-Howell, who created them specifically for the conservatory.”

Educational Enrichment

“Educational and cultural enrichment are the cornerstones of our mission,” Papson said. “With this in mind, the conservatory will feature the Educational & Horticultural Wing as well as a year-round Butterfly Atrium that we’re really excited about.” This tropical oasis will feature 600 butterflies from around the world, such as the amazing blue morpho butterfly, as well as several native North American species.

“We’ve engaged a nationally recognized design firm from San Diego to ensure that all environments function cohesively,” said Papson. “Their multi-disciplinary approach focuses on programs, education, exhibits, horticulture and butterflies. Our goal is to provide an immersive, experiential learning environment.”

The interior design of the Butterfly Atrium includes a

state-of-the-art chrysalis exhibit, a special deck for group instruction, a soothing water feature and numerous tropical plants.

“We’re excited to feature a cacao tree, which we plan to use as a teaching tool,” said Mariella Trosko, director of education. “Its seeds are used to make chocolate.”

The Educational & Horticultural Wing will serve as a vibrant place for active learning. Hands-on experimentation stations will introduce guests to related topics in a fun, experiential way.

“We’re eager to host students throughout the school year,” said Trosko. “They can experience a tropical ecosystem and learn the stages of the butterfly’s life cycle. It’s going to change the course of school field trip programming at Hershey Gardens.”

This wing will also host seasonal flower shows and special events.

“We’re thrilled to have an indoor space to display plants,” said Barb Whitcraft, horticultural specialist. “We are planning to showcase seasonal flowers that will complement the outdoor seasonal displays.” Expanded family programming and adult learning opportunities are also being planned.



THE WELCOME PAVILION

Capital Campaign Still Seeking Contributions

Thanks to generous support from more than 300 donors, our campaign goal is within reach. It's not too late to join the campaign! Please visit HersheyGardens.org or call 717.298.2203 for more information and ways to give. We hope you'll join us in this important initiative to secure the Gardens' future and preserve the legacy of Milton and Catherine Hershey.



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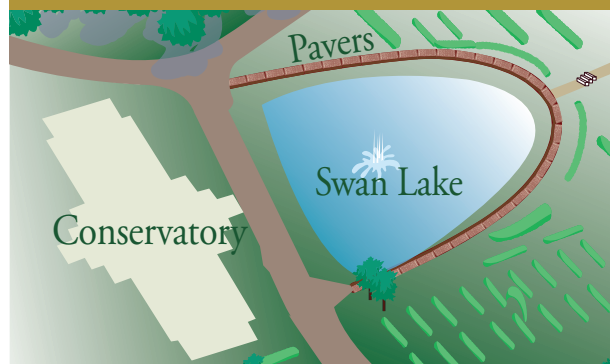
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Be a permanent part of Hershey Gardens by purchasing a commemorative, personalized paver to be installed around historic Swan Lake, just across from the future Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory. The premium pavers are \$225 for members, \$250 for non-members. Pavers ordered through August will be installed in the fall. Visit HersheyGardens.org or call 717.520.5581 to learn more.



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10 Questions With...

Trish Foulkrod and Ashie Santangelo

We recently caught up with longtime community residents Ashie Santangelo and Trish Foulkrod. As members of the Hershey Gardens advisory board and chairpersons for the recent capital campaign, their passion and dedication to Hershey Gardens are unmistakable.

How long have you lived in Hershey?

Ashie: We moved here from Connecticut in 1967.

Trish: I have lived here since 1966.

How did you meet? How long have you been friends?

Ashie: We both volunteered at the Easter Seal Society nursery school in 1968. We've been friends ever since.

What is your fondest memory of Hershey Gardens?

Trish: My fondest memory is from 1995. I worked with my dear friends Susan Leake Jones and Bill Bowman to revitalize the Gardens and establish some long-term goals. It was a real turning point for the Gardens. We successfully opened the Butterfly House in 1998, then The Children's Garden in 2003.

Ashie: Easter Sunrise Services at the Gardens are my fondest memories. It is so beautiful on a cold Easter morning. You're surrounded by all that beauty, looking down on the town and joining others who appreciate all that the garden is.

What is your favorite area in the Gardens?

Ashie: I love the display of annuals. The masses of color and the color combinations are breathtaking. It inspires me to include some of those flowers in my garden, which is mostly perennials. I also like the Japanese Garden. It is an unexpected area in an otherwise "Pennsylvania" atmosphere.

Trish: My favorite area is the Bill Bowman Garden. I especially enjoy the plantings around the "Girl Chasing Butterflies" statue, which are maturing so nicely. Bill saw that statue on one of our beach weekends in Delaware and wanted it in the Gardens from the moment he saw it.

Do you have a green thumb?

Ashie: Hmmm. Green, brown or purple -- I love gardening both inside and out.

Trish: I don't think so, but I do enjoy gardening, especially in my vegetable garden.



Trish (left) and Ashie (right) enjoy an afternoon with Ashie's granddaughter Emma (center).

Favorite cut flower to enjoy at home?

Trish: I love all flowers, but I would say that daffodils are my favorite. They signify spring and I have so many in my yard. I only wish they would last longer.

Ashie: I love bringing in the wildflowers that the birds so generously spread. In early spring I force the flowering shrubs; they provide such a promise of spring. When roses are in bloom I snip one or two at a time. I can't choose a favorite!

You're both on the advisory board and were instrumental in the success of the recent capital campaign for the conservatory. What effect will the conservatory have on the Gardens?

Ashie: My hope is that the conservatory will bring more visitors to enjoy the Gardens. I'm eager for this beautiful new building to show others what Hershey has to offer. We all know that chocolate has made Hershey the unique town it is, but

the conservatory will show visitors another dimension to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey.

What aspect of the conservatory are you most looking forward to?

Trish: I think the Gardens needs an indoor visitor and educational center to keep it moving forward. The conservatory will do just that and so much more for our community. The fact that it links history with the future is wonderful. I am so looking forward to its completion and sharing the excitement on that day when we enter the doors for the first time.

What is your hope for the future of Hershey Gardens?

Ashie: It would be wonderful to see it continue to grow and expand.

You were both friends with former director Bill Bowman. Knowing his leadership role at Hershey Gardens, how will the conservatory reflect his vision for the Gardens?

Ashie: He loved the Gardens and always wanted a conservatory there. It's so nice to see one of his dreams coming to fruition.

Trish: Bill was a visionary -- the Butterfly House and Children's Garden were his ideas. He always wanted to increase public awareness of the Gardens as well as provide new educational opportunities for all ages. If he were still alive, the conservatory would be on his "list." He would be so pleased that the Gardens continues to thrive and its programs continue to reach so many.

Calling All Teens: Consider Volunteering at Hershey Gardens!

Do 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!

"Volunteers assist with various tasks, such as teaching kids at a Discovery Cart and helping with craft activities on Marvelous Mondays," said Megan Talley, program coordinator. "They also help with summer camp groups and provide games and activities for our younger guests." This year, volunteers will also interact with guests at a teaching garden in The Children's Garden.

The summer volunteer program offers two shifts, Monday through Thursday, June 22 through August 6. The two available shifts are 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Applications, which are available at HersheyGardens.org, are due by May 8. New applicants will be contacted for an interview.

For more information, please contact Megan Talley at 717.508.5970 or via email at MMTalley@mshersheyfoundation.org.

ArtCycle
 A SCULPTURE EXHIBIT AT HERSHEY GARDENS
 Ordinary materials transformed into extraordinary art
 Open May 22 - September 20



Artist Shane Morgan is creating this 4-foot praying mantis using discarded pipe and metal parts from a Volkswagen bus.

and chain link fence.”

“There’s something to be said for an artist who can see beauty in discarded items,” said Jaeger.

The four sculptors displaying their artwork as part of “ArtCycle” are also local residents.

“There is so much talent in our area,” added Jaeger. “We’re happy to display artwork that is made by residents who live in our own backyard.”

“ArtCycle: A Sculpture Exhibit at Hershey Gardens” opens Friday, May 22. The exhibit will run through Sunday, September 20.

Vintage car parts, the chain link fence from Swan Lake and other reclaimed relics have all been recycled into beautiful sculptures for the annual summer art exhibit.

This year’s exhibit, “ArtCycle: A Sculpture Exhibit at Hershey Gardens,” is a celebration of the transformation from old to new. Using a variety of discarded items, four

artists have created sculptures ranging in size and style.

“Each piece is unique, but they all represent some aspect of nature,” said Barbara Jaeger, public programs coordinator. “Guests will see a giant sea turtle made from parts of an old VW bus, a winged creature made from an iron, pliers and barbed wire, and a swan made from pipe

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Shane Morgan

Shane is a native of Lebanon County whose artwork is a unique blend of rusted, aged and new metal. Aside from art courses offered in school and private instruction during his early teens, Morgan is self-taught.

A welder by trade, Shane often creates sculptures that are large in scale – sometimes several feet tall. The metals he incorporates into his artwork come from his collection of relics. Much of Shane’s work is influenced by his love for nature and his collection of vintage Volkswagens and antiques. A single creation often includes actual parts from a Volkswagen, many not recognizable at first glance due to an interesting angle or extension.

Jason Lyons

Jason is a Harrisburg resident who creates sculptures from manmade objects that are discarded as refuse. He reinterprets these items to form objects found in nature. A spoon is used to form the body of a rainbow trout; a discarded children’s toy

becomes the foundation for a moose; oil cans are transformed into armadillos. Ideas for Jason’s sculptures grow from a single reclaimed object consisting of primarily wood or metal; the objects become the foundation for the art.

Some of Jason’s earliest memories are of “junk hunting” with his father and of spending summers traveling the art show circuits in the family’s red VW bus. These early memories and a childhood spent in the outdoors greatly influenced his inspirations and mediums in which he sculpts.

Eli Weaber

Eli grew up just south of Lebanon, Pa. around the noise and dirt of a welding shop. After graduating from Lebanon Valley College, he began working in the family fabrication business. His start in metal sculptures began with building items for his kids, family and friends. Much of his work is created from repurposed and recycled items, such as broken garden tools or scraps laying around the shop.

Eli can take a pair of broken pliers, a saw blade, a piece of chain, a rock and some steel bar – then transform it into a life-sized blue heron. His art pieces range in size from a necklace pendant to a 14-foot, 800-pound caterpillar made from the Lebanon Valley College bridge. He is always looking for discarded items that can be transformed into his next unique sculpture.

Scott Farmer

Scott is a technology education teacher at Palmyra Area High School whose interest in the blacksmith trade has led him to create unique metal sculptures. His interest in blacksmithing began in 2007 when he bought a house that included a shed on the property, where he creates all of his pieces. He particularly enjoys working with steel and iron welding, grinding and shaping.

Scott teaches classes in technology, digital photography and engineering designs using metallic materials.

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 ages 4 to 14 can explore art, science and theater. Space is limited, so register early!

"Budding Artist" Art Camp

June 15, 16, 17, 18

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For students entering grades 4 – 8

Instructor: Steve Koons

\$95 per student

Explore your creative side with Hershey Gardens as your outdoor studio! Projects include an art sculpture made from repurposed materials, a wreath made from grapevines, a wall hanging using slab construction and more.

For additional information or to register, please call 717.508.5970 or email Info@HersheyGardens.org.



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For more information and to register, go to ScienceExplorers.com and select "Summer Camps." Enter zip code 17033. Questions? Please call Science Explorers at 1.877.870.9517.

Jr. Discoverers

July 14, 15, 16, 17

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For ages 4 - 6

\$180 per student

A week of fabulous hands-on fun! Get elbow deep in botany, oceanography and space. Let's bug out as we investigate our six-legged friends. We'll be outta this world with different themes every day!



New! Far Out Space Academy

July 14, 15, 16, 17

For ages 7 – 11

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: \$180 (half day) or

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: \$316 (full day)

3...2...1 blast off to discovering space and flight! Half-day campers will explore the stars and constellations as they take an out-of-this-world tour in our homemade planetarium, prepare for lift-off as you build and launch your own rocket while learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, and complete a mission to Mars as they design and build their own model space station.

Full day campers will use their astronaut wits to build air powered nano-rovers, make craters and dry ice comets, and work in engineering teams to construct space capsules that will be used to launch "egg-stronauts!" Join us on our mission through outer space.



Take a Dive

July 28, 29, 30, 31

For ages 7 - 11

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: \$180 (half day) or

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: \$316 (full day)

Dive in to a 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, 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!



Hershey Area Playhouse and Hershey Gardens Present

Summer Theater Camp:

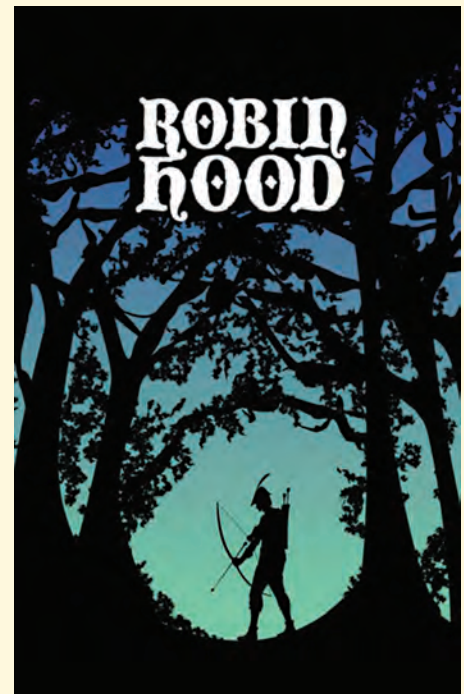
"Robin Hood" at Hershey Gardens

July 27 - 31 and August 3 - 7

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For students entering grades 4 - 9

\$265 per student



Hershey Gardens is pleased to welcome Hershey Area Playhouse's popular Summer Theater Camp back for its third summer! Students will hone their acting, improvisational and theatrical combat skills at this exciting two-week camp. The camp will culminate with a performance of "Robin Hood" at the amphitheatre in The Children's Garden. Friends and family will be invited to a lunchtime performance on August 7. For more information and to register, please contact Laurie Miller Petersen at swordchick@comcast.net or visit HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com.

This Year's Blooming Superstars

What fantastic new varieties will be blooming at Hershey Gardens this year? Look for these beauties among the many other blooms throughout the year.

Tulips = Spring!



Tulipa 'Fire Wings'
Type: Lily-flowered

This brilliant tulip has red flames rising over a yellow background.



Tulipa 'Miami Sunset'
Type: Fringed Late

This flamboyant large bloomer has iridescent magenta flowers. This tulip variety features a feathery ivory base, apricot-cherry petal edges and a golden fringe.

Summer Annuals



Torenia 'Kauai Lemon Drop'

Common name: Wishbone Flower

This white flower with bright yellow spots attracts butterflies and blooms all summer. It is 8" tall and wide and grows best in morning sun and afternoon shade.



Nicotiana 'Saratoga Lime'

Common name: Flowering Tobacco

The soft lime green flowers on 6" to 12" stems attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. It features a lovely fragrance in the evening and has velvety foliage.



Zinnia 'Profusion Double Hot Cherry'

Common name: Zinnia

This beauty is a 2013 All-American bedding plant award winner. It features large flowers in a vivid, non-fading, neon shade of deep rose.

Stop and Smell the Roses



Rosa 'Mercury Rising'

Type: Hybrid Tea

A perfect flower for cutting, this rose is a seedling of the popular rose Gemini. It has a similar pink color, but is more vigorous with glossier foliage than the Gemini.



Rosa 'Eternal Flame'

Type: Hybrid Tea

With long stems and a strong citrus fragrance, these classically shaped, high-centered blooms of soft yellow make great cut flowers. It also offers excellent winter hardiness and disease resistance.



Rosa 'Dee Lish'

Type: Hybrid Tea

This beauty has large, pink non-fading blooms that resemble old garden roses. It features a strong fragrance of verbena and citrus rose and is a multiple award winner for disease resistance and aesthetics.

The Bill Bowman Trust Helps Beautify Hershey

by Lydia Bowman, 10th grade honor student at Hershey High School

Since a very young age, I have admired the flowering baskets that adorn the iconic Hershey's Kisses streetlights on Chocolate Avenue. Each spring I anxiously look forward to seeing the baskets in town as it signifies another summer season is a few short weeks away. The baskets have become Chocolate Avenue landmarks and I cannot imagine a time passing through Hershey when the baskets were not there.

The hanging basket project was the brain-child of my grandfather, Bill Bowman; "Pop-Pop" to me. In 1996, his dear friends Walter and Trish Foulkrod established a trust in his honor to provide administrative support services to facilitate the solicitation of contributions to procure flowering baskets, hang them, maintain them during the summer and take them down in the fall.

The mission of the Trust is simple; continue the horticultural beautification of Hershey which my grandfather had the vision and talent to implement. Today, the "William S. Bowman Trust for the Beautification of Hershey" has become much more than simply baskets.

Each holiday season since 2002, the Trust has continued its mission of beautifying Hershey by hanging wreaths. Prior to my



Bill enjoying the splendors of spring with granddaughter Lydia, age 2, in 2001

grandfather's death in 2004, he had a vision to beautify the center median along Route 422 from University Drive to Hockersville Road. In 2012, his vision was finally brought to life after many years of planning by a dedicated team of people and financial support of the Trust. Residents of and guests to Hershey can now enjoy the beauty provided by perennial flowers, shrubs and bushes planted in seven serpentine planting beds within the center median.

I currently have the privilege to honor my grandfather's legacy by serving as a junior

advisor on the Trust, now in my grandfather's honor. He was instrumental to many horticultural projects including the Butterfly House and Children's Garden at Hershey Gardens. His involvement leaves a lasting legacy in the Hershey community and the Bowman Trust continues to grow and support his legacy. At the discretion of the trustees, and as funds permit, we continue to provide for other projects to horticulturally beautify Hershey. We've planted numerous trees in memory or honor of individuals throughout the community, plantings in front of the "Welcome to Hershey" sign on Route 322, Route 322-422 Cloverleaf, Hershey Elementary School, The Dearden House and the Hershey Public Library.

The Trust's successes and ability to serve its mission of beautifying Hershey are made possible by contributions from individuals and businesses. My family and I are overwhelmed with the gratitude and support of so many individuals, especially those who have served tirelessly as trustees on the board.

For additional information regarding the Trust please contact us at WSBTrust@comcast.net.

Hershey Gardens Memberships Make Great Gifts

A gift membership is the perfect idea for grandparents, new parents, friends and family – or clients and colleagues. With unlimited admission privileges, members soon discover that every visit brings a new experience. Whether it's a quiet morning walk or an afternoon in the Butterfly House, each visit is a new adventure.

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Membership Benefits

- Unlimited free admission
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- Individual membership: \$40
- Dual membership: \$60 (Two named individuals)
- Family/Grandfamily membership: \$75 (Two adults living at the same address and children/grandchildren under 18 years of age)

Hershey Gardens' Bluebird Trail

By Joanne Slavinski, volunteer

I am proud to care for the "Bluebird Trail" at Hershey Gardens. Typically, a bluebird trail is a series of nestboxes for bluebirds, which are mounted in a grid, line or other pattern - and can be easily monitored.

Hershey Gardens' trail features 15 boxes placed around the perimeter of the Gardens paths. Box types include the classic, wooden nestboxes as well as some made from PVC material. I am currently experimenting with a special nestbox located near Rose Compass Court, which features a clear plexiglass hole in the lid. The hole is meant to deter predator birds, who do not care for sunlight in the box. Bluebirds, however, don't mind the light. I'm happy to say that it has proven successful so far!

Although I prefer bluebirds in the boxes, I also welcome other cavity nesters, such as tree swallows, the tufted titmouse, chickadees and wrens. All types have successfully raised broods in the boxes.

I monitor the nestboxes once a week during nesting season, which is April through August. I record which birds have nested in which boxes, as well when eggs are laid, the number of eggs and how many have

“Although I prefer bluebirds in the boxes, I also welcome other cavity nesters.”

fledged. Monitoring boxes on a regular basis helps keep predation low and increases successful fledging. I then share this information with the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania, who provides the information to the North American Bluebird Society.

I usually visit the trail on the weekends. If you see me, please feel free to ask questions or let me know if you'd like to peek in the boxes with me. My volunteer work at Hershey Gardens is the best job I could ask for. Nothing could be better than working among bluebirds and flowers.

Joanne Slavinski cares for the bluebird boxes at Hershey Gardens



Meet the Eastern Bluebird

Eastern bluebirds are very social birds. At times, they gather in flocks of a hundred or more. In the wild, their nests are constructed in trees in abandoned woodpecker holes or other cavities. Construction of the nest, done primarily by the female, takes anywhere from two days to a week to complete.

Each female bluebird lays two to six eggs. The female incubates the eggs, which hatch after 13 to 16 days. The young cannot care for themselves upon hatching. The female broods the chicks for up to seven days after hatching, due to their inability to regulate their own body temperature. Fledglings leave the nest 15 to 20 days after hatching.

Both parents cooperate in raising the young, which they feed insects in the warmer months and fruits in the winter. Some young stay around the nest to help raise another brood. Fledglings are grayish in color, with speckled breasts. The blue color becomes much more prominent and the speckles on their breasts disappear as they mature. Bluebirds may begin breeding the summer after they are hatched.

Eastern bluebirds can live for six to ten years, but a majority will die within their first year of life. Starvation and freezing can threaten young bluebirds, but most threats come from other animals, including humans. Natural predators of eggs and nestlings include eastern chipmunks, flying squirrels, American black bears, fire ants and raccoons. Bluebirds of all ages are threatened by snakes.

European starlings, house sparrows and domestic cats pose a major threat to bluebird nests, as well, with the cat being a serious predator of adult bluebirds and the other birds competing for nesting sites. Non-nesting adults face predation with all native species of falcons, owls and most varieties of hawks.

THE PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT: HERSHEY GARDENS' ROSES

Hershey Gardens' Gift Shop is proud to carry more than 25 varieties of potted roses.

"We select beautiful, fragrant roses from Weeks Roses in California," said Marcie Otterson, gift shop manager. "Weeks also supplies many of the roses on display in the Gardens."

"This year, we'll have some familiar favorites, as well as a few new varieties," added Otterson. "We always choose our roses with Central Pennsylvania's growing region in mind."

For the second year, the M.S. Hershey rose will also be available for sale. "Hershey Gardens is the only retailer who sells this amazing red rose," noted Otterson.

Roses typically arrive at the Gift Shop at the beginning of May. "We only receive one shipment of roses each year," said Otterson. "Last year we sold out by mid-June."

As always, members receive a 15% discount on the roses, as well as on all other items in the Gift Shop.



The M.S. Hershey Rose

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! Kids can look for the special clue to his location as they enter the Gardens. Use the clue to find him – and learn a fun fact about his hiding spot!



Members Only:

\$5 Fridays!



Bring any number of guests...any age... any Friday - and they're only \$5 each! Simply show your Hershey Gardens membership card at admissions.

Hershey Medical Center Donates "Shade" to the Gardens



Special thanks to the dermatology department at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for donating 50 additional sun umbrellas to Hershey Gardens.

First introduced in 2011, the umbrellas are for guests to borrow, at no charge, during their visit. They feature specially-treated fabric that protects the skin from harmful UVA and UVB rays.

"The sun umbrellas have been very popular among guests," noted Megan Talley, programming coordinator. "They can be picked up at the Gardens' entrance, and then returned as guests exit."

The donation of the umbrellas is part of a "Sun Protection Project," overseen by the department of dermatology's community advisory board. The board includes dermatologists and members of the community.

Students "Dig In" to Garden Design Competition

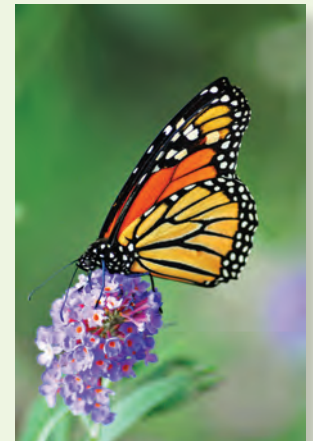
Hershey Gardens and Ames are proud to sponsor the "Garden Design Scholarship Competition." Now in its second year, the program encourages high school students to learn about gardening and garden design.

This year's theme is a "Butterfly Garden." In recent years, native Pennsylvania butterflies have seen diminishing populations due to habitat loss. Butterfly waystations and butterfly gardens can supply the necessary host and nectar plants for all four stages of a butterfly's life cycle.

An experienced panel of judges will select the top garden design in April. The garden will be installed at Hershey Gardens in mid-May, and then used as a teaching tool for students and other guests.

The winning entry will also receive an \$800 scholarship and gardening tools from Ames. The second place entry will receive a \$400 scholarship and gardening tools.

Twenty-nine students from five local schools are participating in the competition. Students were required to be in grades 10, 11 or 12 and live in one of the 12 surrounding counties.



There's a Lot "Growing On" at Hershey Gardens!

Hershey Gardens opens for the season!

Thursday, April 2 at 9 a.m.



Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 a.m.

A Hershey Gardens tradition, the community is invited to join the Hershey Ministerium for this non-denominational service. No admission fee prior to 8 a.m. Can't make it to the service? Watch it live

at Fishburnumc.org. The service will also include a sign language interpreter.

Gardenfest

Sunday, April 26

Free admission from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our annual free community day! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., local organizations will offer information on various community and garden programs.



Mother's Day

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

Moms admitted free!

The Butterfly House

opens for the season!

Friday, May 22 at 9 a.m.



New! ArtCycle: A Sculpture

Exhibit at Hershey Gardens

Friday, May 22 through Sunday, September 20

Ordinary materials transformed into extraordinary art!

A Whimsical Day of Fairies & Flowers

Saturday, June 20

from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A magical way to spend the morning! Dancing fairies will escort you into a magical fairyland where children will discover fairy gardens and activities. Children are encouraged to come dressed in a fairy costume. \$15 for juniors (\$8 for members). Accompanying adults pay regular admission only (members are free).

Tickets are limited. Registration is required at HersheyGardens.org by June 17.



Father's Day

Sunday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dads admitted free!

Butterflies & Beyond

Saturday, July 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Education stations and activities will help families learn about the four gardens B's: butterflies, birds, bees and bugs. The day includes a special visit from Pennsylvania's Honey Queen, Jessica Onstead, and a performance by Grammy nominated songwriter and award winning children's entertainer, Ray Owen. Owen will perform "Insect Odyssey," an interactive musical performance for the whole family at 10 and 11 a.m. Included in admission.



Member Reception

Thursday, September 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Look for your invitation in the mail.

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, storytime with a scarecrow and more. Included in admission.



Marvelous Mondays

June 29, July 6, 13, 20 & 27, August 3 & 10
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free with admission



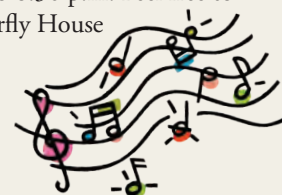
Mondays will be marvelous in The Children's Garden! Bring the whole family to enjoy entertainment, crafts and discovery stations as the kids explore nature and this year's theme: recycling!

Wind Down Wednesdays

July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Free with admission

Wind down your day with a stroll through the Gardens and musical entertainment from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket. The Butterfly House will remain open until 6:45 p.m. Included in admission. In case of inclement weather, please check HersheyGardens.org for cancellation information.



Adult Education Programs

Hershey Gardens is proud to partner with the Hershey Area Art Association (HAAA) to offer two art classes for adults. A supply list will be furnished to participants. Registration is required; forms can be found at HersheyArtAssociation.org.

Plein Air Workshops

Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Instructor: Ben Nelson

\$65 for Gardens or HAAA members

\$70 for non-members

Using an expressive, uninhibited approach to plein air landscape painting, students will let the landscape and elements inform them. Participants use a series of small 9" x 12" loose, fast, black and white studies with large brushes to determine the layout of their composition. Using these studies, students will move into larger 22" x 30" work. Students may work with watercolor, acrylic or oil. To view the instructor's work, visit bennelsonart.com.

Monday, September 14 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Instructor: Jonathan Frazier

\$65 for Gardens or HAAA members

\$70 for non-members

"I approach the act of painting as a performance, conveying as much mood and energy as the materials allow." Instructor Jonathan Frazier is primarily an oil painter, but welcomes students working in other media, such as acrylic, watercolor, pastel, ink, graphite, charcoal etc. His workshops always start out with the basics; perfect for the beginner. To view the instructor's work, visit jonathanfrazier.com.

Learn to Build with Natural Materials

Take Home Your Masterpiece

Sunday, May 31 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Back by popular demand, natural willow furniture builder and book author Bim Willow will teach the basics of building with natural material.

No experience is necessary. Completed projects will be ready to take home. Students are required to bring hammers (8 oz. and 16 oz. are best) and pruning shears. Loppers and wire cutters will be available to share. Prices include all materials.

Program fee is based on item chosen to construct.

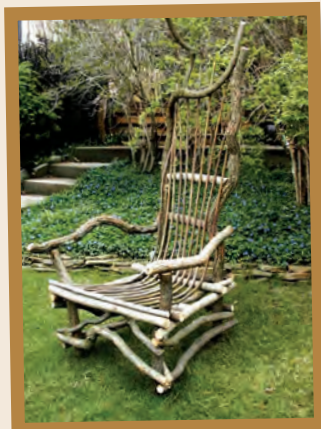
Registration fee is \$20 (\$10 for members) and is required by Friday, May 15 by calling 717.508.5970.



Potting bench | \$185



Loveseat | \$300



"Sassy" chair | \$180



Garden bench | \$80



End table | \$45



Chair | \$210

GIRL SCOUT SATURDAYS AT HERSHEY GARDENS

Join us for these fun-filled opportunities to earn a badge!

\$10 per Scout, badge included

\$9 per adult; \$6 per junior guest (ages 3-12)

Please visit HersheyGardens.org for more information and to download registration forms.

Daisies

Rosie Petal Badge Workshop

Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Daisy Scouts will discover fun ways to make their world a better place!



Juniors

Gardener Badge Workshop

Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Junior Scouts will have a guided tour of Hershey Gardens and learn about gardening and caring for plants.

Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony Day

Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Troops will hold their individual bridging ceremonies on the Japanese Garden bridge as friends and family watch. Afterwards, Scouts and their guests will enjoy a guided tour of the Butterfly House and time in The Children's Garden. A picnic area is available for lunch.

Hershey Gardens Opens for the Season on Thursday, April 2!

Welcome spring!

Come enjoy the first splashes of spring color in the early-blooming bulbs and perennials, as well as beautiful flowering trees and shrubs. Plus, bring the kids to enjoy The Children's Garden!



2015 HERSHEY GARDENS SCHEDULE

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

The Butterfly House is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. from May 22 until September 13, 2015. *Weather permitting.*

The M.S. Hershey Foundation



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