mark your calendar!

Bird Migration Walks
Saturdays, May 5 & September 8, 8–10 a.m.
Join Wayne Bell to look for birds in the Arboretum's forest and meadows.

Shore Shakespeare Company presents *As You Like It*
June 1–3

Winterthur Bus Trip
Saturday, June 9

Forest Music
Thursday, June 14, 3 p.m.

Fall Open House & Plant Sale
September 7–9

Magic in the Meadow
Saturday, September 22

Fall 'Celebrating Natives' Garden Tour
Saturday, October 6

Fairyfest
Saturday, October 13

Holiday Open House & Wreath Sale
Saturday, December 1

Candlelit Caroling Celebration
Saturday, December 8

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- Stewardship
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WINTER 2018 CALENDAR

art exhibits

The Arboretum sponsors art exhibitions throughout the year, including an annual competition and outdoor environmental art. Call 410-634-2847, ext. 0 or e-mail info@adkinsarboretum.org for gallery hours.

During the six years she lived aboard a boat on the Chesapeake and its tributaries, Alexandria photographer and writer **Lynn Teo Simarski** became fascinated with the delicate margins where water mingles with land. In her show *Emergent: Visual Sips from the Waterline*, on view through February 2, she presents spare, exquisite images of wetland plants emerging from the water. The dance of their calligraphic gestures and crisp reflections is gently nuanced by the ever-changing effects of light, mirrored skies, turning tides, and shifting seasons.

Celebrating the Arboretum's mission of conservation, the **2018 Juried Art Show**, *Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore*, will be on view February 5 through March 30. Now in its nineteenth year, this annual show draws entries in a wide variety of mediums, from painting and sculpture to photography and crafts, by artists from the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. This year's juror, Benjamin T. Simons, is director of the Academy Art Museum in Easton. He will discuss his choices for the show at a reception on Saturday, February 10 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Not a single bird stays still in **Susan Hostetler**'s paintings, drawings, and sculptures on view April 3 through June 1. Whether in flight, singing, or craning their necks with curiosity as they perch, all her birds are caught in the midst of motion. This Bethesda artist has a fascination with birds and their habits, most particularly their adaptability to our changing climate. Mixing her mediums freely, she places two sculpted clay birds on a panel scribbled with graphite marks that mimic the pitches and rhythms of birdsong, paints a black egret stalking along amidst swirls of red and yellow leaves, and conjures a swooping flock by mounting dozens of clay birds directly on the wall. There will be a reception to meet the artist on Saturday, April 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Lynn Teo Simarski, "Brush Strokes," 4" x 4.5", photograph

Paige Billin-Frye, "Chives," photograph, winner of the 2017 Juried Art Show

Susan Hostetler, "Black Bird with Branches," 31" x 66", gouache and mixed media on paper

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Dog Walk 10–11 a.m.	5	6 First Saturday Guided Walk 10 a.m.
7	8	9	10 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Ilex glabra berries* Inkberry	11	12	13
14 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Ilex opaca* American holly	15	16 Come for a walk in the wintry woods	17	18	19	
21	22			25 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Polystichum acrostichoides* Christmas fern	26 Color Pencil I 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.	27
28 Native Bees 1–2:30 p.m.	29 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Symplocarpus foetidus* Skunk cabbage					

Emergent: Visual Sips from the Waterline, photographs by Lynn Teo Simarski, on view through February 2

Lynn Teo Simarski, "Spikerush," 15" x 20", photograph

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dog Walk 10–11 a.m.	2 Color Pencil I 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.	3 First Saturday Guided Walk 10 a.m.
4	5 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Packera aurea* Golden ragwort	6 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. The Climate Challenge Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	7 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	8 ART RECEPTION for 19th Annual Juried Show	9	10 Art reception 3–5 p.m.
11	12	13 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Hooray for Herps! Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	14 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Native Plants to Attract Butterflies, Bees, and Other Pollinators 11:15 a.m. at Easton Library	15 Winter Words 1–2:30 p.m.	16 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Fagus grandifolia* American beech	17 Soup 'n Walk 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. SOUP 'N WALKS
18 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Betula nigra bark* River birch	19	20 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. The Climate Challenge Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	21 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	22	23 Seeds, Pods, and Berries in Gouache 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	24
25	26 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Pinus taeda* Loblolly pine	27 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Hooray for Herps! Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	28 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.			

Seeds, Pods, and Berries

19th Annual Juried Art Show, *Celebrating the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore*, on view through March 30

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dog Walk 10–11 a.m.	2 Color Pencil II 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.	3 First Saturday Guided Walk 10 a.m. Landscape Design Workshop 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
4	5 Philadelphia Flower Show trip 9 a.m.–8 p.m.	6 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. The Climate Challenge Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	7 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	8 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Acer rubrum* Red maple	9 Color Pencil II 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.	10
11 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Claytonia virginica* Virginia springbeauty	12	13 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Hooray for Herps! Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	14 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	15	16	17 Soup 'n Walk 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. SOUP 'N WALKS
18	19 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Lindera benzoin* spice bush	20 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. The Climate Challenge Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	21 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	22	23	24 DIVIDING NATIVE PLANT MATERIAL 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
	27 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Hooray for Herps! Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	28 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Designing with Groundcover 1–2 p.m.		29 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Erythronium americanum* Trout-lily	30	31

19th Annual Juried Art Show, *Celebrating the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore*, on view through March 30

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. The Climate Challenge Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	4 ARBOR DAY RUN SATURDAY Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	5 Dog Walk 10–11 a.m.	6	7 First Saturday Guided Walk 10 a.m.
8 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Arisaema triphyllum* Jack-in-the-pulpit	9	10 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Hooray for Herps! Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	11 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	12	13	14 Art reception for Susan Hostetler 3–5 p.m.
15 Photographing the Landscape with Your iPhone 1–4 p.m.	16 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Viburnum prunifolium* Blackhaw	17 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. The Climate Challenge Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	18 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	19	20	21 Soup 'n Walk 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. SOUP 'N WALKS
22 Sumi-e Painting noon–2:30 p.m.	23	24 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m. Hooray for Herps! Homeschool Program 1–2:30 p.m.	25 Acorn Academy Nature Preschool 10–11:15 a.m.	26 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Alnus serrulata* Smooth alder	27 Watercolor: Focus on Leaves 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Spring Open House & Native Plant Sale 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Featured Native Plants for the Spring Open House 3 p.m.	28 Spring Open House & Native Plant Sale 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
29 Spring Open House & Native Plant Sale noon–4 p.m.	30 PLANT OF THE WEEK *Uvularia sessifolia* Sessile bellwort					

Works by Susan Hostetler on view April 3 through June 1

Spring Open House April 27–29

Visit adkinsarboretum.org for full program descriptions and registration links.

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STEWARDSHIP

Dividing Native Plant Material
Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fee: $25 members/$35 non-members
Whether for the purpose of starting more plants in containers or rejuvenating landscape beds, certain types of plant material respond well to being divided in early spring. Join **Leslie Cario** to learn about timing and technique, and then try your hand at several species. Dress for the weather.

Landscape Design Workshop
Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Fee: $105 members/$130 non-members/$165 member couples
This intensive, hands-on design workshop addresses typical challenges of gardening in the Chesapeake Bay region. With help from landscape designers **Meredith Watters**, **Jennifer Connoley**, **Cindy Shuart**, **Michael Jensen**, and **Stephanie Wooten**, you will leave with ideas, a plan, and the confidence to transform your home landscape.

Native Bees
Sunday, January 28, 1–2:30 p.m.
Free for members/free with $5 admission for non-members
Join Master Naturalist **Jay Falstad** to learn about native bees, the wonders of pollination, and how the crucial relationship between bees and plants keeps our planet thriving. Participants will also work on a bee hotel and learn ways to preserve and create pollinator habitat.

Designing with Groundcover
Wednesday, March 28, 1–2 p.m.
Fee: $15 members/$20 non-members
Boost your landscape's support for wildlife while reducing maintenance! Join **Chris Pax**, lead designer of the Arboretum's Native Landscape Design Center, to look at high-performing groundcover plants that are beautiful as well as generous in their support of other creatures. Light desserts, coffee, and tea will be provided.

Featured Native Plants for the Spring Open House
Friday, April 27, 3 p.m.
This program is free.
Sun or shade, clay or sand, wet, dry, windy, or salty—determining the right plants for your landscape can be challenging. Join **Chris Pax** of the Arboretum's Native Landscape Design Center to learn about the plants offered for sale at our Spring Open House and their preferences in the landscape.

SPEAKER

Native Plants to Attract Butterflies, Bees, and other Pollinators
Wednesday, February 14, 11:15 a.m.–noon
Offered in partnership with the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore, this program will be held at the Talbot County Free Library, Easton Branch. It is free and open to the public.
Most people now realize that our food supply would be totally compromised without bees, butterflies, wasps, bats, and other pollinators. Gardens planted with native plants can make a difference. This talk by **Ruth Clausen** focuses on pollinator-friendly natives that provide food and habitat for larvae and adults.

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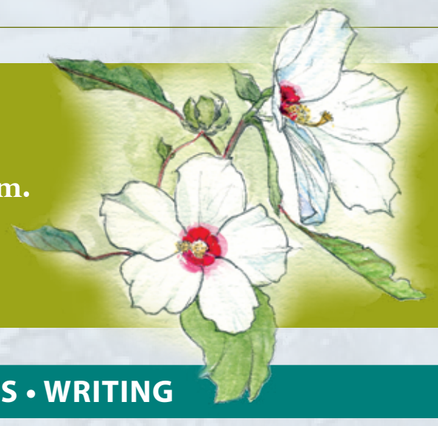
TRIPS

Philadelphia Flower Show: "Wonders of Water"
Monday, March 5, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Fee: $95 members/$120 non-members includes transportation, driver gratuity, and show entrance ticket. Please register by February 9 to ensure trip will proceed.
"Wonders of Water" celebrates the beauty and life-sustaining interplay of horticulture and water. America's leading floral and garden designers will create tropical jungles, temperate forests, native woodlands, and arid landscapes that showcase the astounding plants that thrive in each environment. A new attraction, "America's Backyard," will offer smart ideas for outdoor living and conservation tips for the home garden.

Winterthur
Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Fee: $95 members/$120 non-members includes lunch, transportation, driver gratuity, entrance ticket, and garden tram ride. Please register by May 4 to ensure trip will proceed.
Join our and Unity Church Hill Nursery's experts to explore Winterthur's 1,000 acres of rolling hills, streams, meadows, and forests. The gardens are dynamic and ever-changing, so the tour will be based on what's happening that day. A guided, unscripted tour led by four cohort(iculturalist)s will be driven by what's happening in the garden, your questions, and a sense of wonder. A private lunch will provide an opportunity for further discussions and questions.



Friday, April 27, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday, April 29, noon–4 p.m.

SPRING PLANT SALE and Open House

Prepare for spring in the garden! Shop the region's largest selection of landscape-ready native trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns, and grasses for spring planting. Guided walks, discount for members. Sale days are crowded; please leave dogs at home. Look for news about presale ordering in March.

On Friday, shop beginning at 10 a.m.; join us from 4 to 6 p.m. for an early evening of light fare, music, a cash wine and beer bar, a silent auction, and shopping in a fun and festive atmosphere.

ARTS • CRAFTS • WRITING

BOTANICAL ART PROGRAMS

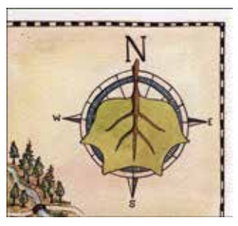
Materials lists will be provided.

Color Pencil I
Fridays, January 26 & February 2, 9:30 a.m–3 p.m.
Fee: $125 members/$155 non-members
Learn basic color pencil techniques in this workshop led by **Lee D'Zmura**. Sessions include demonstrations of techniques, exercises that explore application and tonal effects, and individual projects.

Seeds, Pods, and Berries in Gouache
Friday, Feb 23, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Fee: $65 members/$80 non-members
This workshop led by **Kelly Sverduk** will explore the technique of using gouache (opaque watercolor) on tinted paper. Students will draw from collected subjects, then create small painting studies following a series of demonstrations. All levels of painting and drawing experience are welcome.

Color Pencil II
Fridays, March 2 & 9, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fee: $125 members/$155 non-members
Learn advanced techniques and create a botanical piece in this workshop with **Lee D'Zmura**. Sessions include composition and techniques, color blending and detailing, and individual projects.

Watercolor: Focus on Leaves
Fridays, April 27 and May 4, 11, & 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fee: $125 members/ $155 non-members
The shapes and surfaces of leaves are a constant challenge for any botanical artist. This four-week class led by **Kelly Sverduk** will provide the chance to focus solely on different leaf textures and the painting techniques used to capture them. All levels of experience are welcome.



Illustrated Arboretum Map
Friday & Saturday, June 15 & 16, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Fee: $125 members/ $155 non-members
Illustrated maps are enjoying a resurgence in popularity. This class led by **Kelly Sverduk** will focus on the Arboretum grounds and will feature painting with tea to create an antique 'storybook' effect, designing a compass rose, and incorporating map icons and natural elements into the layout. All levels of experience are welcome.

Botanical Drawing I
Fridays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fee: $125 members/$155 non-members
Led by **Lee D'Zmura**, this introduction to botanical drawing will focus on the development of skills and techniques necessary to capture the essence of flowers, fruits, pods, and leaves. Form, scale, depth, and perspective will be emphasized. Each student will produce a detailed botanical study in pencil.

Mushrooms in Watercolor
Thursday and Friday , October 4 & 5, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Fee: $125 members/$155 non-members
They may be but humble fungi, but it is easy to become enthralled by the beauty and diversity of mushrooms. Get to know a few Eastern Shore natives by studying, drawing, and painting them in this two-day workshop led by **Kelly Sverduk**. Intermediate watercolor experience recommended.

Botanical Drawing II
Fridays, October 12, 19, & 26 and November 2 & 9, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fee: $145 members/$175 non-members
In drawing, light and shade communicate the three dimensionality of a plant, with highlights and shadows introducing depth and form. This series taught by **Lee D'Zmura** emphasizes the principles of light and shadow and techniques for adding tonal shading to graphite drawing. Prerequisite: Botanical Illustration I.

Watercolor Wreath
Friday, November 16, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Fee: $65 members/$80 non-members
We'll use a collection of evergreen and other leaves to design and ink a festive wreath, then add lively color with wet-on-wet watercolor washes. Keep your holiday cards in mind, as you may want to use your own finished project as your greeting this year! All levels of experience are welcome in this class led by **Kelly Sverduk.**

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

A list of iPhone apps that we'll use for these programs will be emailed to you prior to the workshops.

Photographing the Landscape with Your iPhone
Sunday, April 15, 1–4 p.m.
Fee: $55 members/$70 non-members
In this workshop with **Karen Klinedinst**, you'll learn iPhone image capture techniques specific to landscape photography along with tips on lighting and composition to improve your photos. After the classroom instruction, test your new skills on a photo walk in the Arboretum meadows and woods. *Prerequisite: A working knowledge of your iPhone 6S or later.*

Photographing Flowers with Your iPhone
Sunday, June 10, 1–4 p.m.
Fee: $55 members/$70 non-members
In this workshop with **Karen Klinedinst**, you'll learn iPhone-specific image capture techniques and how to use the Apple native telephoto lens in the newer generation iPhones. We'll also explore special add-on telephoto and macro lenses and test new skills on a photo walk in the Arboretum's flowering meadows. *Prerequisite: A working knowledge of your iPhone 6S or later, with special emphasis on newer iPhone generations.*

Sumi-e Painting
Sunday, April 22, noon–2:30 p.m.
Fee: $35 members/$40 non-members includes all materials
This class led by **Dawn Malosh** will teach varied approaches to the meditative eastern style of black ink nature painting. There will be lots of opportunities to connect to the spirit of nature while creating beautiful monochromatic nature scenes at the Arboretum.

Felted Flowers
Sunday, May 6, noon–4 p.m.
Fee: $35 members/$40 non-members. All materials provided.

In this workshop led by **Mary G. Turpin**, each participant will create a one-of-a-kind wet felted flower suitable for wearing as is, embellishing, and treasuring for years to come. Participants will learn the "art" of layout, the process to wet felt wool, additives such as silk roving, and flower shaping and embellishing.

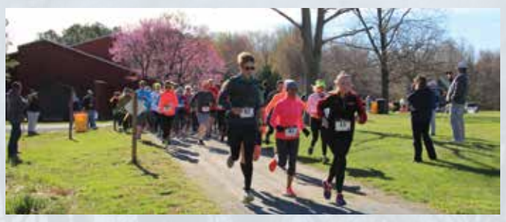
WRITING

Winter Words
Thursday, February 15, 1–2:30 p.m.
Fee: $15 members/$20 non-members
Join naturalist, educator, and writer **Jenny Houghton** in a celebration of winter poetry. Participants will read aloud from a variety of inspiring winter poems, "fuel their muse" on a walk along the Arboretum's woodland paths, then return to the classroom to write their own winter poetry. Coffee, tea, and cookies will help keep the creative juices flowing.

ARBOR DAY RUN: 5K, 10K, One-Mile Fun Run/Walk, & Healthy Kids' Dash

Saturday, April 7, rain or shine
Check-in and day-of registration begin at 8 a.m. The Kids' Dash takes place at 8:50 a.m., followed by the 10K Run at 9 a.m., the 5K at 9:05 a.m., and the Fun Run at 9:10 a.m.

5K: $25 ages 16 & up, $15 ages 15 & under if registered by March 25. $30/$20 day of the race.
10K: $35 ages 16 & up, $20 ages 15 & under if registered by March 25. $40/25 day of the race.
The Fun Run/Walk and Healthy Kids Dash are free.



Join fellow runners and nature enthusiasts for the thirteenth annual Arbor Day Run! Proceeds from this year's run will once again benefit the Arboretum's goat herd, used for targeted grazing of invasive plants. Race T-shirts will feature the goats, and post-race refreshments will include goats' milk cheese and crackers. The event features a 5K/10K Run/Walk, a one-mile Family Fun Run/Walk, and a Healthy Kids Dash. Participants will pass by the Arboretum's goat herd as they traverse the easily navigable cross-country course plotted along the Arboretum's network of scenic forest and meadow paths. Post-race festivities include music, a "green" medal ceremony, and a native tree raffle. All registered 5K/10K participants will receive an "Arbor Day Run" T-shirt featuring the goats. Visit adkinsarboretum.org for complete information and to register, or pick up a registration form at the front desk. *Chip timing provided by Bluepoint Race Management.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Acorn Academy Nature Preschool
Tuesdays, February 6–April 24, 10–11:15 a.m. or Wednesdays, February 7–April 25
Advance registration required
Welcome 2018 with your preschooler at Adkins Arboretum! This series of twelve classes is open to children ages 3 to 5. Classes include nature walks, stories, songs, snacks, and an art project to take home. An instant playgroup for caregivers and tots alike, the nature preschool helps children learn socialization skills as they explore the wonders of the great outdoors. Nature ABCs, 123s, and nursery rhymes are part of the fun. Fee: $75 members/$100 non-members. A $10 sibling discount is available. Thanks to a generous grant by the PNC Foundation, classes are free for Caroline County residents.

SCIENCE PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Hooray for Herps! (for ages 7–10)
Tuesdays, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22 1–2:30 p.m.
Fee: $70 members; $85 non-members ($10 sibling discount)
Advance registration required
Enter the bizarre and fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians in this exciting, hands-on herpetology program. We'll compare herps past and present, conduct experiments to learn how herps regulate body temperature, investigate the survival strategies of salamanders, and much more. Searching for herps in the Arboretum's wetland, stream, and forest will be part of the fun.

The Climate Challenge (for ages 11+)
Tuesdays, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15 1–2:30 p.m.
Fee: $70 members; $85 non-members ($10 sibling discount)
Advance registration required
Global climate change and its impacts on people and resources pose serious challenges. This program seeks to educate the rising generation of environmental stewards about the fundamental issues of climate science, the impacts of climate change on society and on global resources, and mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Environmental Education for School Groups
Looking for a hands-on, exciting, and enriching field trip for your school? Look no further! Adkins Arboretum's environmental education programs are designed for students in pre-k through 12th grade and are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards. To learn more, visit adkinsarboretum.org or email School Group Coordinator Leslie Adelman at ladelman@adkinsarboretum.org. Don't see what you're looking for? Request a program designed specifically for your school's curricular needs.

Summer Nature Camps
For the past fourteen years, Adkins Arboretum's Summer Nature Camps have given children the opportunity to enjoy their precious summer the old-fashioned way: outdoors! Campers will make new friends and lifelong memories while exploring the Arboretum's woodland, meadow, stream, and wetland habitats. From grazing on blackberries to splashing in the Blockston Branch, the Arboretum's Summer Nature Camps provide children with a truly enchanted experience.

Camp brochures and registration information will be available online by March. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Sign up your young adventurer to grow with the Arboretum.

Camp Bumblebee (ages 2–3): June 18–22, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Camp Pollywog (ages 4–6): June 25–29, 10 a.m.–noon

Camp Paw Paw (ages 7–9): July 9–13, 9 a.m.–noon

Camp Egret (ages 10–12): July 16–20, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

GUIDED WALKS

Dog Walks
First Thursdays, 10–11 a.m.
Free for members/free with $5 admission for non-members
Join Arboretum staff and/or volunteers for a stroll along the best paths for exploring with your furry friend.

First Saturday Walks
January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, 10 a.m.
Free for members/free with $5 admission for non-members
Join a docent naturalist to discover the Arboretum's rich and unique native plant habitats. Explore mature and young native forests, meadows, a wetland, rain and pollinator gardens, the Native Plant Nursery, and the children's teaching garden. Tours begin at the Visitor's Center and last approximately one hour.

SOUP 'N WALKS

Nature, Nurture, and Nutrition

Fee: $20 members/$25 non-members
Following a guided walk with a docent naturalist, return to the Visitor's Center for a delicious and nutritious lunch along with a brief talk about nutrition. Copies of recipes are provided. ***All gift shop purchases are 20% off on Soup 'n Walk days.***

Winter Greens & Distinctive Bark
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Look for green plants that seek the winter sun and trees with telltale bark. Plants of interest include mosses, cranefly orchid, magnolia and holly leaves, and the green stems of strawberry bush and greenbrier.

Early Blooms, Songbirds, & Spring Frogs
Saturday, March 17, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Listen for early songbirds and spring frogs while searching for earl purple, pink, and white blooms. Plants of interest include skunk cabbage, paw paw, spring beauty, and blood root.

Spring Ephemerals & Pollinators
Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Look again! The blooms of ephemeral plants, trees, and shrubs are here and gone in the blink of an eye. Look for pink, white, and yellow blooms and early pollinators. Plants of interest include pink spring beauty, may apple, dogwood blossoms, yellow golden groundsel, sassafras, spicebush blossoms, and white beech.