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Tanger Arboretum Nature Programs from July to December Now Available

Family-Friendly Topics Range from Orchids to Owls Throughout Summer and Fall

LANCASTER, PA — The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum at LancasterHistory will continue their 2025 Nature Series on Saturday, July 26 with a program on butterflies and moths as pollinators, featuring Penn State Master Gardener Debra Carman. This program is one of six ticketed programs scheduled for the remainder of the year on various topics related to wildlife, plants, and the environment.

The Nature Series is an array of programs dedicated to educating and engaging individuals of all ages about a wide range of wildlife, botanical, and environmental topics. The programs are hosted by the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, a subsidiary of LancasterHistory dedicated to the care and conservation of the **Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum**, an 11-acre arboretum located on the grounds of the museum and **President James Buchanan's Wheatland**. Topics in the past have ranged from bluebirds to bats, combating pollution to protecting pollinators, and regularly feature experienced speakers, including non-profit professionals, master gardeners, and university professors.

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum hosted six programs from January through June, and has

now released the ticketing for the remaining six programs from July through December.

Programs now available for registration include:

- <u>Butterflies & Moths As Pollinators</u> on July 26, featuring **Debra Carman**, Penn State Master Gardener (York County);
- Thyme to Grow: A Guide to Herb Gardening on August 23, featuring Madison
 Walter, Urban Agriculture Coordinator for the New Castle Conservation District (Delaware)
 & content developer and guest instructor for Longwood Gardens' Continuing Education
 program;
- <u>Rethinking Fall Gardening and Cleanup</u> on September 13, featuring Adam
 Barkafski, Penn State Master Gardener (Lancaster County);
- <u>Pitcher Plants: Carnivores of the Bog</u> on October 18, featuring Jeff Lapp, Sr.
 Science Policy Advisor at the National Association of Wetlands Managers (NAWM);
- Orchids 101 on November 1, featuring Trey Pyfer, Manager of Little Brook Orchids; and
- Owls of Lancaster County on December 13, featuring Lisa Sanchez, Naturalist at the Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation Environmental Center.

All programs, except "Owls of Lancaster County," take place on Saturdays at 10am at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue in Lancaster. The December "Owls of Lancaster County" program will take place at 6:30pm.

Tickets to attend each program are \$10 per adult (18+) and \$5 per child (17 and under). Friends of the Tanger Arboretum receive complimentary admission, but should still register in advance. Due to limited seating at each program, advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended to ensure attendance.

Additionally, members of the <u>American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program</u> are eligible to attend and should reach out to Emily Miller at <u>emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org</u> to register.

Tickets for programs from July through December are now available at lancasterhistory.org/natureseries or by calling (717) 392-4633. The 2025 Nature Series is sponsored by Ever Green Tree and Lawn Care.

About The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, a subsidiary organization of LancasterHistory, helps foster public interest in, and support for, the maintenance and development of the Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum as a community asset. To learn more about the Arboretum or to become a member, please visit the Arboretum's webpage.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the homes of 15th US President James Buchanan and Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith.

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