



# LancasterHistory

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## Discover the Secrets of Bluebird Conservation at Tanger Arboretum Event

*Join Dr. Dean Rust on June 15 for an Expert-Led Informational Session on Caring for Backyard*

*Eastern Bluebirds*

**LANCASTER, PA** — Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum on Saturday, June 15 at 10am for “The Ecology & Management of the Eastern Bluebird.” Dr. Dean Rust, President of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania, will share his expertise in becoming a skilled caretaker of backyard Bluebirds.

Attendees will gain valuable knowledge about installing and monitoring nest boxes and will learn about the life cycle of Bluebirds from nest building to fledgling. This educational session promises to be a must-attend for Bluebird enthusiasts and anyone interested in bird conservation efforts.

Dr. Dean Rust has been the President of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania since 2012. He oversees 22 Bluebird trails, monitors over 450 nest boxes, and helps fledge over 1,000 Bluebirds each summer. Rust is the author of *The Beloved and Charismatic Bluebird*, a comprehensive guide offering practical advice for backyard birders. His contributions to Bluebird conservation are further detailed on his website, [bluebirdconservation.com](http://bluebirdconservation.com). Rust, a long-time Lancaster

resident, practiced general dentistry until 2005 and served as a field hockey umpire in the Lancaster area for 20 years.

## **How to Register**

The event will take place at LancasterHistory, with tickets priced at \$5 for adults (18+) and \$3 for children. Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members receive complimentary admission but must still register. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance registration is recommended due to limited capacity.

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum is part of the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admission Program. AHS members can register in advance and must present a valid membership card upon check-in. For questions or to register, AHS members should contact Emily Miller at [emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org](mailto:emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org).

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## **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.*