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Friends of the Tanger Arboretum Announces 2023 Nature Series Programs

Educational Programs for Children & Adults to Begin April 8 with Urban Agriculture

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory is thrilled to announce the return of the Nature Series, beginning on April 8, 2023, with “Growing Community Through Urban Agriculture.”

The Nature Series is hosted by The Friends of the [Tanger Arboretum](#), a subsidiary organization of LancasterHistory, which helps foster public interest and support for the maintenance and development of the Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum located on the grounds of LancasterHistory. The Nature Series is a collection of nature and outdoor-focused education programs geared towards children and adults that first started in 2019.

Programs for 2023's series will feature...

- **“Growing Community through Urban Agriculture” on Saturday, April 8** featuring presenter Madison Walter, urban agriculture coordinator for the New Castle Conservation District (Delaware)
- **“Container Gardening” on Saturday, May 20** featuring presenter Christine “Chris” Abel, Lancaster County Master Gardner

- **“The Basics of Bonsai” on Saturday, June 3** featuring presenter Dr. Ryan Wagner, Chairperson & Associate Professor of Biology at Millersville University
- **“Creating Habitat for Butterflies”** on Saturday, July 29 featuring presenter Debra Carman, Penn State Master Gardner
- **“Winter Bird Feeding in the Susquehanna Valley” on Saturday, September 23** featuring presenter Dan Hinnebusch, Area Manager and store Ornithologist for Wild Birds Unlimited Lancaster

All programs begin at 10am at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, in Lancaster, PA.

“We’re so excited to once again offer the Nature Series programs to the Lancaster community,” said **Michael Ervin**, Board President of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum. “Whether your interest is in pollinators or patio pots, there’s something for everyone and all ages to learn about our natural environment.”

The first program of the series, coming up on April 8, will focus on urban agriculture and its impact on community development. The event will feature presenter **Madison Walter**, urban agriculture coordinator for the New Castle Conservation District in Delaware. Walter will review what urban agriculture is, its different forms, and the surprising impacts it can make within a community. Participants will learn about how urban agriculture projects transform spaces and empower individuals to reclaim ownership of their environment.

For tickets for “Growing Community through Urban Agriculture” or any of the upcoming Nature Series programs, please visit lancasterhistory.org/nature-series or call (717) 392-4633. Tickets are \$5/Adult (18+) and \$3/Child. Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members receive complimentary admission but should still register for the program. The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum is a member of the [American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program](#). AHS Reciprocal Admission Program members may register for tickets in advance and must show a valid membership card. Advance tickets are recommended as the program has limited capacity.

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 life and legacy of America's 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.

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