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Friends of the Tanger Arboretum To Host Annual Dinner on April 10 at DoubleTree Resort

Dinner and Raffle to Benefit the Care and Conservation of the Tanger Arboretum

LANCASTER, PA — The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum at LancasterHistory will host their 2024 Annual Dinner on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. The evening of fellowship and fun will take place from 6-9pm at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Lancaster, 2400 Willow Street Pike in Lancaster and benefits the care and conservation of the Tanger Arboretum.

The **Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum** (pronounced “tan’-jer”) is an 11-acre arboretum featuring a multitude of plant specimens and garden features on the grounds of LancasterHistory and President James Buchanan’s Wheatland in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Arboretum includes over 100 species of trees from all over the world as well as two Pennsylvania State Champion trees, pollinator gardens, and an American Conifer Society Reference Garden. The Arboretum is cared for and conserved by the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, a subsidiary of LancasterHistory.

The Annual Dinner of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum begins at 6pm with cocktails, followed by a plated dinner at 6:30pm, and the main program, awards, and raffle drawings around 7:30pm. The evening also includes a fascinating presentation, “In Love with Fabulous Ferns” by Penn State Master Gardener **Kevin Kelly**.

Kelly's in-depth presentation will focus on outdoor gardening with ferns. Ferns are ancient plants that are typically underused in many outdoor plantings. Dinner attendees will learn about how to make garden-worthy fern selections—with a focus on native, eastern North American varieties—

and how to incorporate these fabulous plants into their gardens.

A former Family Physician, Kelly has been a devoted gardener for over 35 years and is a Penn State Dauphin County Master Gardener. Kelly's garden has won two blue ribbons from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and is a certified Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat Garden by the Pennsylvania Master Gardener Program, the Manada Conservancy, and the National Wildlife Federation.

Tickets to attend the Annual Dinner for the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum are \$60 per person. Ticket purchase includes access to the event, a plated dinner (salad, sides, main entree, and dessert), and the main presentation by Kevin Kelly. Raffle tickets may be purchased during the cocktail reception at 6pm with cash. Proceeds from the dinner and raffle benefit the care and conservation of the Tanger Arboretum.

Dinner includes: Salad with sun-dried cranberries, garden vegetables, & balsamic vinaigrette, herb roasted potatoes and seasonal roasted vegetables, main entree (chicken picatta OR grilled vegetables and pecorino cheese ravioli), and cheesecake with berries for dessert. There will be a cash bar.

To purchase tickets to the Annual Dinner for the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, please go [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633, ext. 122. Any food allergies or special dietary needs should be communicated before the event to Cindy Madara at (717) 392-4633, ext. 122 or cindy.madara@lancahistory.org. **RSVP by March 25, 2024.** Reservations are held upon receipt of payment.

Join us for a wonderful evening celebrating the Tanger Arboretum on April 10!

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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