

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Who says hort heads hibernate in the winter?

*Family fun, hands-on learning, outdoor adventures & horticulture happenings are going on at The Delaware Center for Horticulture*

Events are held at TheDCH in Trolley Square unless otherwise noted. **Expanded descriptions and contact information are available at [TheDCH.org/activities-events/calendar-events](http://TheDCH.org/activities-events/calendar-events).** High resolution images are available upon request for advance stories, and photo albums for selected events will be available after events.

**Outings:** Susquehanna Wildflower Hike, Apr. 18

**32nd Annual Rare Plant Auction®**, Apr. 28  
Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa.

**Family Fun:** ***NEW! Introducing monthly workshops designed for families with children ages 4 – 10!***



**Feathered Friends**, Feb. 11

Explore the garden to identify winter birds and make valentine bird treats to take home.

**Homemade Ice Cream**, Mar. 10

Each family makes a batch of vanilla ice cream and a delicious topping flavored by plants.

**Go Green!** Apr. 14

Learn about resources, composting, decomposition & decorate a recycling box for home.

**Crafters:** ***NEW! Introducing "Flower Arrangement of the Month" hands-on monthly workshops***

**Cabin Fever**, Feb. 20

Fresh flowers and assorted natural materials.

**It's Easy to be Green**, Mar. 7

Foliage, berries & flowers in a recycled container.

**Spring Has Sprung!** Apr. 11

Spring arrangement of colorful flowers.



**Volunteering:** **Tree Planting Day** Mar. 24  
Banning Park, Wilmington 19804

**Workshops:** **Garden Gear-Up** Mar. 14,  
Andrew Olson, Public Landscape Manager at TheDCH discusses mulching, dividing perennials, plant selection and simple ways to make your garden more sustainable.



**Garden Journaling**, Mar. 19  
Join Moira Sheridan, Backyard Gardener columnist for the News Journal, for a delightful evening discussing and recording the beauty and wonder of a garden.

**Planting & Caring for Bare Root Trees** Mar. 21 **FREE**

**Backyard Composting** Mar. 29  
Hetty Francke provides a step by step “how to” and demonstrates with a working compost site.

**Lectures:** **The Artful Garden**, Feb. 1  
Liz Schumacher – a Barnes horticulture alumnus & owner of Garden Accents – helps you see your garden with a fresh perspective, and provides tips on using art and plant material effectively.

**Urban Trees**, Feb. 8  
Jason Grabosky teaches you how to select trees, care for newly planted trees & maximize the environmental and aesthetic benefits of your landscape. Sponsored by Kerns Brothers.

**One Writer’s Garden: Eudora Welty’s Home Place**, Feb. 15  
Home gardening grew in the 1920s, when women saw it as self-improvement. Jane Roy Brown discusses the Progressive-era suburban garden. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Wilmington.



**Witch Hazels: The Prince of Winter**, Feb. 22  
Randy Kobetich discusses this low maintenance shrub that adds a burst of bright yellow, orange or red flowers to a winter landscape, with a fragrance that makes a walk worth the chill in the air!

**Deliciously Homegrown**, Feb. 29  
Harold Taylor, of the Idea Garden at Longwood Gardens, hosts an edible exploration and discusses home vegetable gardening.

**Sharing Nature with your Child**, Apr. 23  
TheDCH staffer Emily Smith shares her favorite gardening projects for children and shows you how to make your yard child-friendly. For parents, grandparents, nannies and teachers.

**Art Shows:** *Shows run weekday business hours throughout the month*

**“Pastel Paintings” by Donna Cusano** opening reception Feb. 3  
A bold palette, sensitive execution of landscapes “en plein air,” & the ability to marry formal elegance with expressionist overtones are the hallmarks of Donna’s work.

**Harmony Weavers Guild: “Sowing Creative Seeds”** opening reception Mar. 2  
Woven, knit, crochet and surface design by local fiber artisans.

**“My Garden Collection” by Susan Conner** opening reception Apr. 13  
Subjects as near as Mt. Cuba, White Clay Preserve and Longwood; as far away as Elizabethan Garden in Manteo, N.C. and Innisfree Garden in Millbrook N.Y.

**Smart Shopping:** **Spring Bare Root Tree Sale**, through Feb 17  
Give your special someone a TREE this year for Valentine’s Day, then take them to the Delaware Home Show. Tickets free with purchase, courtesy of the Home Builders Association of Delaware.

**Leaf Impressions by Gayle**, through Jan 31  
One-of-a kind art inspired by nature on sale at 20% off show opening prices. The beauty of foliage in concrete cast panels, bird baths, & fountains that weather spectacularly outdoors. Thanks to the generosity of Gayle’s husband, 100% of sale proceeds benefit TheDCH.

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The **Delaware Center for Horticulture** cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. Founded in 1977, the Center’s headquarters in Wilmington’s Trolley Square is an oasis in the city. The venue hosts many weddings and corporate events and includes a public demonstration garden that backs up to Brandywine Park, an art gallery, lecture hall, and a greenhouse. TheDCH plants thousands of trees and leads regional projects to enhance Delaware’s urban forests; supports 23 community gardens, urban farms, and school gardens; organizes city park improvement projects; beautifies Delaware’s roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many traffic medians and streetscapes; and provides educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Members of TheDCH and more than 700 active volunteers come from Delaware and the surrounding region. For more information, visit [TheDCH.org](http://TheDCH.org).