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## **‘Feeding Body & Soul’ Winter Lecture Series headlines Winter Events at the Delaware Center for Horticulture**

The Delaware Center for Horticulture is pleased to announce that the 2015 Winter Lecture Series, “Feeding Body and Soul,” headlines this winter’s exciting slate of events, excursions, workshops and outings. The weekly evening series, held throughout Feb., features invigorating ideas, interesting stories, engaging images, and expert advice to inspire home gardening adventures and to deepen appreciation of the environment. The four lecture series, sponsored by Delaware Grounds Management Association, costs \$30 for members (\$45 for non-members). Individual lectures are \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members). No garden experience necessary to attend. Refreshments served.

### **Go for the Gold: Award-Winning Native Plants**

Wed., Feb. 4, 7 – 8 p.m. (Snow date: Feb.5)

Native plants have enormous benefits to the ecosystem, and growing them is a win/win for gardeners. Horticulturist and garden-writer Peggy Anne Montgomery takes guests on a virtual tour of native plants that have won the prestigious Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Gold Medal, and considers the role of beneficial insects and combinations in ornamental plantings. *Sponsored by Gateway Garden Center.*

### **Two Gardens of 28 Acres and Many Milestones**

Wed., Feb. 11, 7 – 8 p.m. (Snow date: Feb. 12)

Two expansive historic gardens, Wave Hill and Greenwood gardens, share a dedication to preserving their legacies and exploring contemporary horticulture. Louis Bauer, Director of Horticulture at Wave Hill and formerly of Greenwood Gardens, leads guests on an insightful tour. Greenwood was born more than a century ago in Short Hills, N.J. as a retreat from the hectic pace of the city. Wave Hill is a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. *Sponsored by Kerns Brothers Tree Service.*

### **Cultivating Fruitful Community Orchards in the City**

Tue., Feb. 18, 7 – 8 p.m. (Snow date: Feb. 19)

Why plant orchards in the city? Philadelphia's own Johnny Appleseed, Philadelphia Orchard Project Director Phil Forsyth, explains multiple benefits that urban orchards provide, including access to fresh food, community building, entrepreneurial and educational opportunities, and environmental benefits. Take a visual tour of some of the urban orchards planted by the Philadelphia Orchard Project and learn about the Permaculture food forest approach.

### **Gardens Alive, 365**

Wed., Feb 25, 7 – 8 p.m. (Snow date: Feb. 26)

Pleasant Run Nursery owner Heidi Hesselein and Production Manager Daryl Kobesky believe that every garden should form a diverse ecosystem containing woody ornamentals and perennials to benefit wildlife and people. Their approach to designing a vibrant landscape is to plant one that has something to offer all four seasons of the year. Join us for an inspirational overview of this philosophy in action. *Sponsored by the Garden Club of Wilmington.*

Descriptions, images and registration information at [TheDCH.org/activities-events/calendar-events](http://TheDCH.org/activities-events/calendar-events)

More Coming Events from TheDCH this season:

### **Floral Arranging Workshop: Beautiful in Blue**

Wed., Jan. 14, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Shake off the red and gold of the past holiday season and welcome the peace of winter with a serene arrangement. Floral artist Brenda Tunis leads this “make & take” workshop. Materials included.

### **Trouble-Free Terrarium Workshop**

Wed., Jan. 21, 1 – 2 p.m. (Snow date: Jan. 28)

Learn how to create a healthy, attractive terrarium garden that begins with a solid foundation, interesting plants, and natural decorative features under the guidance of container garden expert Martha Stephens. Materials included in this “make and take” workshop.

### **Lecture & Book Signing: Garden Plants for Honey Bees**

Tues., Jan. 27, 1 – 2 p.m.

In the book “Garden Plants for Honey Bees,” master photographer, horticulturist, and beekeeper Peter Lindtner has created an amazing collection of photographs of flowers that attract bees. Peter shares photos in his lecture, as well as his experience. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing following the lecture.

### **Lecture: Last Call for Low Cost Trees**

Wed., Jan. 28, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Snow date: Jan. 29)

FREE & open to the public. Attention armchair home landscapers: order trees for spring planting! Tree Program Manager Patrice Sheehan describes tree types suited for urban places, and highlights a \$20 tree sale for City of Wilmington residents through the DNREC Low Cost Tree program. Registration required.

### **Day Trip: Peace Tree Farm in Bucks Co., Pa.**

Tues., Feb. 3, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Calling all plant geeks and Flower Show enthusiasts! Peace Tree Farm, a Certified Organic greenhouse in Bucks County, Pa., specializes in unusual collectible plants. The greenhouse will be full of plants being prepared for the Philadelphia Flower Show and owner Lloyd Traven leads a tour of them. Box lunch provided with a stop at the superb oWowcow ice creamery.

### **New Member Wine and Cheese Reception**

Wed., Feb. 25, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

FREE & open to new members. A wine and cheese reception for guests to meet other gardening enthusiasts and learn how to make the most of their membership at TheDCH. Stay for the evening’s lecture to learn about new plant introductions.

### **Daytrip: Philadelphia Flower Show**

Thurs., Mar. 5, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Beat the traffic and crowds: travel with TheDCH to the 2015 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show. Meet at TheDCH for transportation to the Wilmington Train Station or meet us the station at 8:45 a.m. We’ll have tickets and SEPTA passes ready for you. Wear comfortable shoes. Lunch on your own at the show. Register by Feb. 12.

### **Your Garden, Nature’s Way III: Water Play Workshop**

Wed., Mar. 11; 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Water interacts with landscapes and sustains life. This class presents ways we can use water to prevent erosion, manage stormwater and put water where we need it. Students make an A-frame level for determining slope in managing water in gardens and backyards.

### **Tree Steward Certification Seminar**

Sat., Mar. 14, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to care for and talk to neighbors about community trees; be first to hear about resources for

projects; and network with other advocates. Lunch included.

### **The Emergent City: Transforming the Urban Experience with Dynamic Landscapes**

Wed., Mar. 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

Cities across the country are revitalizing through interventions that make them greener, more vibrant and livable. Innovative landscape initiatives are playing a seminal role, and speaker Patrick Cullina explores strategies from New York City's High Line, to post-industrial landscapes and how they inform the work of TheDCH. This special event is sponsored by the Copeland Lecture Foundation in collaboration with Mt. Cuba Center, inspiring appreciation for native plants, conservation action & habitat improvement.

### **Hypertufa Trough Workshop**

Wed., Mar. 25, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Liven up your garden with a handmade, stone-like hypertufa container formed from a mixture of sand, peat and concrete. Dress for messy fun! Note: there is a second part to be completed at home the next day. Materials included, and a supply list is included to make troughs at home.

### **Research, Design & Build a Garden Insect Hotel**

Wed., Apr. 8 & 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Work with eco-sculptor Susan Benarcik to research, design, and build your own insect hotel garden ornament. In this two-day “make and take” art workshop, you’ll make a structure of natural materials to attract specific insects and provide nesting facilities, places to hibernate, and nurse young.

### **Rare Plant Auction® Sneak Peek!**

Thurs., Apr. 9, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

*FREE*, registration required. Don’t miss this enticing look at some of the unusual and standout plants to be

featured in the Rare Plant Auction®. Host Lenny Wilson dishes on the best of the best. Refreshments served.

### **Spring Hike to the Brandywine River**

Tues., Apr. 14, 4 – 6 p.m. (Rain date: Apr. 21)

Celebrate spring with a hike starting at the Blue Ball Farm, through field and forest to the Brandywine River. Enjoy unfurling spring ephemerals and native trees. Meet at Blue Ball Barn (parking fee required) and wear good walking shoes for this 4 mile hike.

### **Two Day Excursion Preview: Flowers, Insects & Bog Plants – oh my!**

Thurs., Apr. 16, 12 – 1 p.m.

Tree Program Manager and Certified Master Naturalist Patrice Sheehan previews the environment, plants, and wildlife guests we’ll see on our trip to the New Jersey Pinelands May 11 – 12.

### **34th Annual Rare Plant Auction®**

Sat. Apr. 25, 6:30 – 10 p.m.

A fundraiser staged in the breathtaking Longwood Gardens East Conservatory, with beautiful, newly-introduced, hard to propagate, and rare species. Proceeds benefit TheDCH greening programs. Registration includes event day admission to Longwood.

### **A Garden of Many Moods**

Wed., Apr. 29; 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Visit a garden of many moods and influences: peaceful Asia-influenced plantings, a dry, sunny rock garden filled with trough gardens and a cultivated woodland of plants native to the Piedmont. A special “Learning from Great Gardens Series” tour.

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