

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Member Sip 'n Stroll

5:00–7:00 PM

Members at the Patron Level and above (\$250+) are invited to enjoy tasty treats and lively libations on the Tree Canopy Deck followed by guided tours of the gardens. Golf cart tours will be available.

Free of charge

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16–
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Fall Planting Week

Fall is a great season for planting in your garden! Learn about the benefits of fall planting with on-site education, activities, and much more. Come get new additions for your landscape from The Garden Shop at Jenkins. Shop for a variety of perennials, shrubs, and trees—members receive 10% off all purchases.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Poetry Reading

2:30–3:30 PM

“Poetry is the extraordinary perception of the ordinary.”
Join us for an afternoon of poetry with nature as inspiration! Local poets Joyce Meyers and Joe Cilluffo will present and discuss their work with tree-mendous views of the outdoors as their backdrop.

Free of charge

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Views of the Forest Through the Lens of Music

2:30–3:30 PM

Musicians: Haerim Oh and Jonathan Okseniuk

Violinists from the Studio of Midori will perform with the forest as visual inspiration. This concert is in partnership with Allegro Music Consultants.

Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$35

Art Exhibitions

GALLERY OPEN DAILY 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Explore exhibitions of artwork in the John J. Willaman Education Center. Our exhibitions complement the natural beauty of the gardens and offer a platform to celebrate the work of regional artists.

JUNE 22–SEPTEMBER 22

Seeking Art in Nature: Photography by David Hucker

OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, JUNE 23

2:00–4:00 PM

Free of charge | Registration not required

SEPTEMBER 28–JANUARY 5, 2025

Nature's Palette: Paintings by Radhika Srinivas

OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

2:00–4:00 PM

Free of charge | Registration not required

2024 Arbo-READ-um Events

Join Tredyffrin Public Library and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens for our 4th annual Arbo-READ-um Community Read Events. During Arbo-READ-um, we provide opportunities to promote literacy and community conversations in Tredyffrin Township.

July 1 through August 16, join us in reading *Slow Birding: The Art and Science of Enjoying the Birds in Your Own Backyard* by Joan E. Strassmann, Ph.D. This one-of-a-kind guide to birding locally encourages readers to slow down and notice the spectacular birds all around them. Strassmann tells colorful stories of the most common birds to be found in the United States—birds we often see but might not have considered deeply before.

MONDAY, JULY 1

Arbo-READ-um Kick-Off

Begin logging your reading journey of *Slow Birding*. Register on Tredyffrin Public Library's Beanstack to enter to win a prize pack featuring bird-related goodies as well as a signed copy of the book.

Free of charge | Location: Virtual via Beanstack

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Slow Birding with Joan E. Strassmann, Ph.D.

7:00–8:30 PM

Open your eyes more to the fascinating world of common, everyday birds. See page 17 for program description.

Free of charge | Location: Virtual via Zoom

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Guided Bird Walk with Troy Bynum

8:00–9:30 AM

Get outside and discover which birds are at Jenkins during summer breeding with avid birder, Troy Bynum. Explore diverse habitats including woodland, pond edge, and stream-side paths. All levels of birders are welcome, especially new birders.

Bring binoculars if you have them. Dress for the weather. Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes with good traction for various terrains.

Free of charge | Location: Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Summer Storytime: Bonanza

10:00–10:30 AM

Enjoy a bird-themed read aloud with staff from the Tredeffrin Public Library and Jenkins. Join us for a morning in nature and learn something new while listening to engaging stories. Sidewalk chalk will be available after for creating art with our feathered friends for inspiration!

All ages welcome; most suitable for ages 3–6. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free of charge | Location: Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

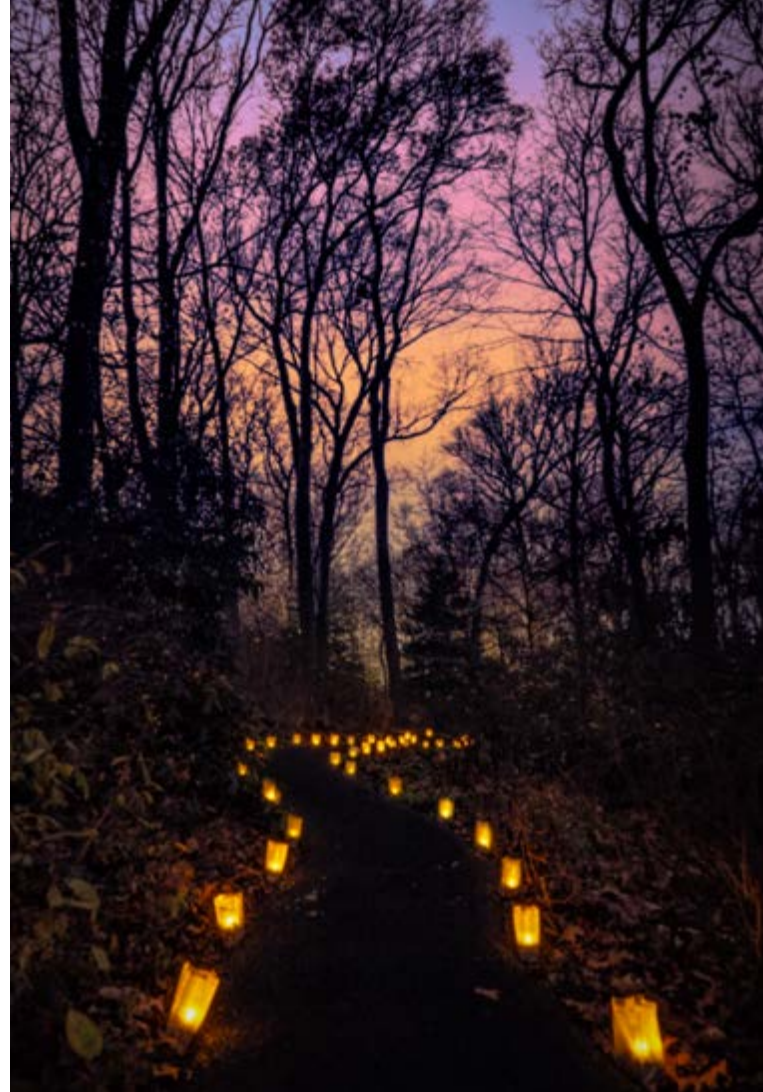
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Cavity–Nesting Birds with Jennifer Uehling, Ph.D.

7:00–8:30 PM

Explore our local cavity-nesting birds and what we can learn from these special species. See page 17 for program description.

Free of charge | Location: Virtual via Zoom



SPECIAL EVENT

Winter Luminary Nights

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13–SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
5:00–6:30 PM & 6:30–8:00 PM

As the days grow shorter, we invite you to join us at Jenkins for an evening celebration of winter light. The gardens will be aglow with luminary-lined paths and the warmth of friends and neighbors. A family-friendly event, not to be missed! More event information to come.

GARDENING & NATURE

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 3–NOVEMBER 13

Wednesday Walkabouts

7/3–8/28 • 10:00–11:00 AM

9/4–11/13 • 1:00–2:00 PM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Join us on Wednesdays this summer and fall for walking tours through our glorious gardens. Each week will have a different focus depending on the staff leader and the seasonal landscape. Topics could include Jenkins' history, summer wildflowers, pollinators, native trees, fall foliage, and much more. Get outside and discover Jenkins with us!

Large groups are requested to schedule private guided tours at other times (contact tours@jenkinsarboretum.org).

Free of charge

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 3–NOVEMBER 13

Golf Cart Garden Tours

11:00–11:45 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Explore Jenkins on wheels! Golf cart tours are a great option for those who are not able to enjoy the beauty of the gardens due to the sloping terrain. This guided tour will feature seasonal garden highlights, a behind-the-scenes visit to the apiary and research nursery, and history of the property, including a drive-by view of the Jenkins and Browning Houses.

Tour topics and route will be the same each week. Limited spots available—only 5 people per tour.

Free of charge

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Native Fern Propagation— From Spore to Frond

6:00–7:30 PM

Helen Standen, Greenhouse & Nursery Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Looking for a new propagation challenge? Learn how to grow ferns from spores! Gain the knowledge to produce ferns for your shady backyard or indoor terrariums. Ferns have a fascinating reproductive process—review the life stages as well as the methodology for growing them. Participants will create a propagation bin full of sown fern spores to take home.

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Last Chance Café: The Secret Life of a Goldenrod Field

2:00–3:30 PM

Mike Weibacher, Naturalist and Author of Wild Philly

Goldenrod fields—the wrongful villains in thousands of allergy-relief commercials—are a critically important ecosystem for millions of butterflies, bugs, and birds, offering a last chance for life-saving pollen and nectar before the long winter sets in. In a combination of indoor talk and outdoor walk, discover the wonderful life histories of the many insect and plant species found in goldenrod fields. You'll gain a deep appreciation for this critical ecosystem and be inspired to plant goldenrod and other native plants in your own yard.

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Introduction to Bonsai Using Native Trees

10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Brian Tuel, Bonsai Artist and Pennsylvania Bonsai Society Member

The art of Bonsai has a long and rich history in Japan and other Eastern Asian countries—one that can translate easily to our region using native trees and proper techniques. Join members of the Pennsylvania Bonsai Society to explore the history, fundamental elements, and styles of this ancient art. Students will learn how to choose, plant, train, and provide long-term care to a young specimen tree. Go home with a new Bonsai tree of your own.

Bring sharp pruners/scissors, gardening gloves, and a flat box to transport your tree home.

Members: \$75 | Non-Members: \$85

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Bird Walk

8:00–9:00 AM

Bonnie Witmer, Birder and Visitor Services Associate, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Go birding with Bonnie! Enjoy early morning access to Jenkins during fall migration. Explore various habitats including woodland, pond edge, and stream-side paths. Discover the GISS method to identify our feathered friends by recognizing the general impression, size, and shape of birds. Participants will learn to use their eyes, ears, and binoculars to find birds and other wildlife.

Bring binoculars if you have them. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes with good traction. Rain or shine.

Free of charge

THIRD THURSDAY LECTURES

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Slow Birding

7:00–8:30 PM

Joan E. Strassmann, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Washington University and Author of Slow Birding

In the heart of migration, it is easy to jump from one bird to the next, tallying counts of warblers, vireos, tanagers, and thrushes with increasing speed. But there is another way to approach birding—through slow, quiet observation. Join Dr. Strassmann in getting to know the most common birds, not just by sight, but by behavior. Discover their unique stories and enrich your experiences of our most commonly seen birds.

Arbo-READ-um partnership program—learn more on page 14.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Cavity–Nesting Birds

7:00–8:30 PM

Jennifer Uehling, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, West Chester University

Cavity-nesters are birds that nest in holes in trees, and they will also readily nest in human-provided nest boxes. This creates an excellent system for studying bird breeding behavior and ecology. Dr. Uehling will explore species of cavity-nesters in this region, including Tree Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds, House Wrens, and Carolina Chickadees, and will share findings from her own research on Tree Swallow foraging ecology.

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Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Ecological Horticulture Practices

7:00–8:30 PM

Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture/Curator of Plant Collections, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Recent weather extremes, increased pests and diseases, habitat loss, and overuse of chemical pesticides have taken their toll on our environment and all the life within it. Here at Jenkins, we recognize these challenges and are focused on reversing these trends through ecological restoration and ecologically conscious gardening practices. Learn what Jenkins is doing to improve our ecosystem and how you can join this effort.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Plug into the Wet Meadow Matrix

7:00–8:30 PM

John Mark Courtney, Owner of Kind Earth Growers

A large and often missed opportunity can be found in gardening the wet, seasonally “unmowable” areas of the landscape. Tap into the power of native plant diversity and create a functioning wet meadow or wetland habitat by properly planting and seeding according to the season. Learn how to restore an overlooked landscape into a thriving habitat with renewed ecological function.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Native Plant Allies: A Non–Chemical Approach to Ecological Gardening

7:00–8:30 PM

Elyse Jurgen, Owner of Waxwing EcoWorks Co.

Have you struggled to restore your “back forty” where aggressive introduced species like lesser celandine pervade? Discover the specific native plant allies that can bolster biodiversity in the toughest planting sites without the need of harmful sprays! Whether you are a home gardener, a leader of a community native gardening project, or an ecological practitioner, this presentation will equip you with the native plant knowledge and ecological design practices to compassionately outcompete invasive species.

Free of charge | Virtual event

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Native Evergreens

7:00–8:30 PM

Duncan Himmelman, Ph.D., Horticulturist and Garden Educator

Evergreens are an indispensable part of all home landscapes. They provide year-round color and textural interest, give structure to the garden, and offer shelter and food sources for birds and other wildlife. Learn the identifying features, cultural requirements, and uses of an array of native evergreens that will enhance the appearance and ecological value of your property.

Free of charge | Virtual event

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

**SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 19,
NOVEMBER 16**

Photo Walks

9:00–11:00 AM

Laura Ducceschi, Fine Art Photographer

Capture the season while learning about photography. An award-winning photographer will be your mentor and guide for a small group session. Stroll the gardens and photograph what inspires you while learning about light, background, and composition on the spot.

Participants can use any kind of camera—from smartphones to DSLRs. Be sure to have a fully charged battery and storage space to shoot freely.

Rain dates: Sundays, 9/22, 10/20, and 11/17.

Members: \$20/walk | Non-Members: \$30/walk

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Introduction to Photography: Wildlife Edition

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

*Troy Bynum, Naturalist and Owner of TB Wildlife
Photography LLC*

Unlock the secrets of digital photography! This hands-on course delves into the essentials of aperture, shutter speed, and ISO. Perfect for beginners and seasoned photographers alike, explore troubleshooting techniques and cultivate the skills needed to capture images with your unique artistic flair. Learn how to confidently use manual settings to photograph wildlife and diverse subjects, applicable across various digital camera types. Indoor presentation will finish with outdoor learning in the garden.

Bring your camera and dress for the weather with good footwear.

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$50

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8–29

Botanical Observations: Autumn Objects of Field and Forest

6:30–8:30 PM

4-WEEK VIRTUAL SERIES

Margaret Saylor, Botanical Artist and Illustrator

Let's take a closer look at the natural elements that make up our autumn outdoor world! Capture the unique shapes and textures of botanical wonders, all while growing your artistic skills. Join Margaret Saylor virtually to draw (or paint) a new specimen each week. Learn about that week's

botanical theme, as well as how these subjects fit into the broader realm of contemporary botanical art.

All levels welcome; some drawing experience helpful but not necessary. A recommended materials list is available for review prior to registration.

Members: \$120/series | Non-Members: \$135/series

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 OR SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3**

Wool Art Painting Workshop

1:00–4:00 PM

Maria Gio, Artist and Owner of Mara Effects—Wool Art

Discover the artist within through the process of painting with wool and create a unique, handmade work of art. Wool watercolor is an exceptional, meditative art where the piece is created by layering dry wool onto fabric (not needle felting). Under the weight of glass these complex layers of wool appear vibrant and rich with 3D effects. Choosing from sample designs, you'll go step by step through the process, finishing with your own artwork ready to hang.

All materials included—size is 8" x 10," framed under glass. Perfect for any skill level.

Members: \$75/class | Non-Members: \$85/class

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Intentional Composition Through Photography

1:00–4:00 PM

*Ray Schneider, Freelance Photographer and Author of
What the Photographer Sees*

Photographers know that creating more interesting images requires perceiving your subject deeply and focusing on what makes it unique. Explore the differences between seeing and perceiving as instructor Ray Schneider shares compositional strategies for memorable images using a broad range of examples from his portfolio. Feedback will be provided on images from participants with ideas for how to possibly make each image stronger and even unforgettable.

Some photography experience recommended. Participants should bring 2–3 of their own images for discussion on a memory stick.

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$50

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Starting a Botanical Sketchbook

10:00 AM–3:30 PM

Margaret Saylor, Botanical Artist and Illustrator

Whether you're a beginner artist or looking to add to your portfolio, learn how to start your own botanical sketchbook and sharpen your observation skills during this insightful class. Study intriguing materials from our gardens—seed pods, bark, cones, and more—and use basic drawing techniques to create lifelike and botanically accurate sketches.

All levels welcome; some drawing experience helpful but not necessary. A recommended materials list is available for review prior to registration. Bring your lunch.

Members: \$100 | Non-Members: \$115

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Autumn Harvest Centerpiece

1:00–3:00 PM

Peicha Chang, Floral Designer

Add some autumnal flair to your table just in time for Thanksgiving. Join us for a hands-on workshop to create your own seasonal masterpiece. Play with the colors and textures of autumn as you arrange your centerpiece with flowers, foliage, and dried elements.

All materials provided—bring your creativity!

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$55

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Holiday Greens Wreath Workshop

10:00 AM–12:00 PM OR 1:00–3:00 PM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Incorporate natural beauty into your holidays by making your own festive wreath. Jenkins staff will guide you through the process of creating a wreath using fresh greens from our gardens. Gain inspiration from our massive holiday wreath, which will be on display.

All materials provided including a wreath frame, greens, natural accents, and ribbon.

Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

WELLNESS

WEDNESDAY SERIES

Tai Chi

9:30–10:30 AM

3-week series: 7/3–7/17, 8/7–8/21

6-week series: 9/18–10/23

Aimée Alegría Barry, Centaur Tai Chi

Tai Chi, a series of postures done slowly, promotes balance, flexibility, and strength. Learn the Tai Chi form, as well as the yin and yang principles that underlie this martial art. Tai Chi is known as a soft martial art because it emphasizes a calm mind and relaxed body.

All levels welcome. Classes will be held outdoors with an indoor option for inclement weather.

Members: \$36/3-week series, \$72/6-week series

Non-Members: \$52/3-week series, \$102/6-week series

MONDAY & THURSDAY SERIES

Mindful Yoga

MONDAYS • 6:00–7:15 PM • HYBRID

6-week series: 7/8–8/12, 9/9–10/14

4-week series: 10/21–11/11, 11/18–12/16 (no class 11/25)

THURSDAYS • 9:30–10:45 AM • VIRTUAL

6-week series: 7/11–8/15, 9/12–10/17

4-week series: 10/24–11/14, 11/21–12/19 (no class 11/28)

Janet Muti, Yoga Instructor

Our Mindful Yoga practice consists of gentle stretching and strengthening exercises done slowly with awareness of breath and sensations that arise as we move from pose to pose.

All levels welcome; modifications and variations will be offered. Participants must have yoga blocks and straps available to take advantage of the variety of modifications.

Members: \$48/4-week series, \$72/6-week series

Non-Members: \$68/4-week series, \$102/6-week series

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Plant-Based Delights

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Liz Patterson, Board-Certified Holistic Nutritionist and Founder of ProActive Wellness Coaching

Discover how plant-based eating can improve your personal health and wellness while also supporting the health of the planet. Learn practical tips for including more plants in your diet and enjoy delicious samples of plant-based dishes provided by program partner ANEU Kitchens.

Allergen info: food will be gluten free. Some options will contain sunflower seeds and peanuts.

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$50



YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Art and Science of Leaves (All Ages)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 OR NOVEMBER 10
10:00–11:00 AM

*Amy Mawby, Education Manager,
Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

Join us for fall fun at Jenkins! Head outdoors for a nature walk to explore the season. Discover the science behind why leaves turn color and fall off deciduous trees. Bring your outdoor inspiration indoors with an autumn art project. You won't be-leaf what you'll create!

All ages welcome; most suitable for ages 3+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only.

Members: \$10/class | Non-Members: \$15/class

YOUTH PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS, JULY 9, 16, 23, 30, AUGUST 6, 13

Sidewalk Chalk Walks (All Ages)

9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Draw your way through Jenkins! Use sidewalk chalk to create beautiful nature-related art from the John J. Willaman Education Center down the main path through the garden. Don't miss these special mornings of family fun and endless doodling.

All ages welcome. Chalk will be provided—just bring your creativity! Please check in before starting. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Shine only.

Free of charge

TUESDAYS, JULY 9, 16, 23, 30, AUGUST 6, 13

Summer Storytime (All Ages)

10:00–10:30 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Join us for a nature-themed read aloud in Jenkins' very own secret garden—the Explorer Garden! Enjoy a morning out and learn something new while listening to engaging stories.

Special Storytime on 8/6 with Tredyffrin Public Library featuring birds. See page 15 for more info.

All ages welcome; most suitable for ages 3–6. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free of charge

THURSDAYS, JULY 25, AUGUST 1, 8

Pond Pals (Ages 2+)

10:00–10:45 AM

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff

Get to know some of the critters that live at our pond! From sky to land to water, there are loads of insects, birds, amphibians, and reptiles to learn about that rely on healthy aquatic habitats. Explore Jenkins with a guided nature walk and outdoor activities. Discover something new each week!

Suitable for ages 2 and up. Children must be walking (no strollers) and must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only. Shine only.

Members: \$5/class | Non-Members: \$10/class

TUESDAYS, 4-WEEK SERIES

Jenkins Juniors (Ages 2–5)

9/10–10/1 • 10:00–11:00 AM

10/8–10/29 • 10:00–11:00 AM

*Amy Mawby, Education Manager,
Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

Let's go exploring—get your little ones outside this spring! Each class will include a story, scenic strolls, and a creative craft. Our activities will encourage children to embrace their sense of wonder, and adults to rekindle theirs. Each week will have a different theme so join us for one or both series.

Suitable for ages 2–5. Children must be walking (no strollers) and must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required for children only. Rain or shine; indoor space for inclement weather.

Members: \$50/series | Non-Members: \$60/series

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween Storytime & Sidewalk Chalk Walk (All Ages)

STORYTIME: 10:00–10:30 AM

SIDEWALK CHALK WALK: 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

*Amy Mawby, Education Manager,
Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

Join us for a special Halloween-themed read aloud for our littlest nature lovers. Enjoy a morning out and learn something new while listening to engaging stories. After storytime, stay for sidewalk chalk! Doodle with seasonal colors through the main path of the garden.

All ages welcome. Chalk will be provided—just bring your creativity! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Shine only for both events.

Free of charge

Program Registration

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Please visit JAGardens.eventbrite.com to register.

Program and event prices do not include Eventbrite processing fees.

CAREGIVER REGISTRATION POLICY

Registration is free for a caregiver accompanying a program participant with a disability.

If you have program-related questions or to register for a caregiver, please contact us by emailing programs@jenkinsarboretum.org.

CANCELLATIONS

Please inform us of cancellations at least five days before the program. No refund will be issued if cancellation is made less than five days prior to the program start date. Jenkins reserves the right to cancel any program if necessary. In the case of cancellation by Jenkins, registration fees will be refunded.



REGISTER ONLINE

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to visit our registration page.