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Epimedium stellulatum



Letter from the Editor July 2013

How lucky I am to have landed in such a life-giving place as Morris Arboretum! During my first week as the new Education Intern I've been struck with how *alive and new* this place is- each day brings new blooms, new views, new faces, and new curious surprises to explore. In the year ahead, I am excited to join with you in exploring the life bursting from Morris and joining with the family of volunteers that keep this magnificent place full of life!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kuniholm

*The McLean Contributionship
Endowed Education Intern*



The Arboretum enjoyed a sweet fragrance drifting through the breeze this past month as the large silver linden tree (*Tilia tomentosa*) outside the Widener Visitor Center burst into full, glorious bloom. These flowers may be small, but a tree covered in blooms sure makes an impression!

Notes from the Guides Chair

Hello Everyone,

It is with honor and a wee bit of trepidation that I begin as the new chair of the guides starting in June. First and foremost, I would like to thank Marcia Steinberg for her outstanding leadership for the past four years. Marcia's calmness and dedication to the arboretum are her hallmarks. When I think of all the chairs I have known it is a daunting group to follow. When I started in 1999, Harry Domm was the chair, a sweet, kind, caring man. After Harry, we were fortunate to have Lorie Greeley, a dedicated chair and guide, she was a true educator. Joan Hanby followed Lorie. It was seldom that I came to the arboretum for a meeting, field trip or tour that I didn't see Joan. Joan continues to be an inspiration to all volunteers at the arboretum. Now I follow in Marcia's footsteps, not an easy task. Marcia has a love of the arboretum, science, and education. Every chair has added a new dimension to my experience at Morris.

I feel all volunteers here hold this place in their hearts. We come from diverse backgrounds and interests. As for my interests, I would have to place gardening and travel at the top of the list. I was bitten with the garden bug at age 7. My father let me grow sweet peas on our fence. Of course, this was in Nebraska with black, loamy soil. I thought I was a fantastic gardener, it was difficult to fail. I have since had many humbling garden experiences. My travel bug bit a little later, but with great intensity. Now that we have a camper, I can collect plants for my garden at home.

I look forward to serving as Chair of the Guides.
Happy Summer – Happy Gardening.

Jody Sprague
Chair of the Guides



Hydrangea quercifolia

Partnership

Remember when you first became a guide? You signed up to lead tours on a specific day of the week and kept that day open until 2 weeks prior, at which time you'd know if you were called on to lead a tour. Morris Arboretum significantly invests in its volunteers through training and apprenticeships, continuing education, workshops, fieldtrips, discounted classes, awards and opportunities for fellowship. We need you, now more than ever, to reinvest in our partnership.

As the number of tours requested continues to increase, we need you to commit to a primary guiding day, so we can fulfill our commitment to the schools and other groups who look forward to a potentially life-changing experience at the Morris Arboretum. We cannot meet this obligation without having a team dedicated to each day of the week.

Please look for your guiding sign-up sheets in the mail next month.

Liza Hawley,
Visitor Education Coordinator
Lisa Bailey,
*Visitor Education
Administrative Assistant*



Upcoming Guide Workshop:



Image: Morris Arboretum Staff

Join us on **July 30 at 10 am** to shadow a children's Mill Tour followed by an illustrated lecture given by our new Education Intern, Stephanie Kuniholm!

Education News:

Beat the heat this summer with yoga at Morris Arboretum!

Yoga in the Garden: Ten Enchanted Evenings

The incredible beauty of summer evenings at the Morris Arboretum provides the backdrop for this unique opportunity to study inspirational Vinyasa yoga led by Jennifer Schelter, one of Philadelphia's premier yoga teachers.

*Tuesdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6
7—8:15 p.m.*

Volunteer price for 5 sessions: \$50

Yoga Out on a Limb

These early morning retreat-like yoga sessions with Jennifer Schelter are held on the Arboretum's tree canopy, Out on a Limb.

*Sundays: July 21 and August 4
8:30—10 a.m.*

Volunteer price: \$25 per session

Chanticleer Gardens:

A treat for the senses on a hot summer day

On Wednesday, June 26, 15 Morris Arboretum staff and volunteers explored the fascinating blend of textures and forms that comprise the 35-acre public areas of Adolph and Christine Rosengarten's former country retreat they named Chanticleer after the home by the same name in Thackeray's 1855 novel, *The Newcomes*. According to text found in the garden's map, it is called "the most romantic, imaginative and exciting public garden in America."

While many of us had previously visited Chanticleer, it did not fail to wow us anew with native plants intermingled with tropical and subtropical plants, huge container gardens, and furniture, bridges, gates and drinking fountains built by garden staff from wood cut on the property. Following our garden visit, we enjoyed sharing our impressions of the garden during lunch in Radnor.

Jim Kohler, Guide



Welcome to our new 2013-2014 Interns!



*The new Interns gathered under the elm (*Ulmus procerus*) in the Quad on the University of Pennsylvania's campus during orientation.
From left to right: Cheryl Siracusa, Alex Seglias, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Stephanie Kuniholm, Laura Sweeney, Emma Erler, Chelsea Smith, Rachel Brudzinski, Brynn Coolidge.*

A new summer brings a new group of Interns! This vibrant and eager group spent their first week in orientation visiting Penn's campus, learning the history of Morris, meeting Arboretum staff and volunteers, and getting to know the neighborhood. You can now find the interns scattered throughout the Arboretum, hard at work.

Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself!


Rachel Brudzinski, Walter W. Root Endowed Arborist Intern

Rachel received an Associates degree in Horticulture from Oakland Community College, Michigan and has been working for production tree companies for the past three years. She is an ISA certified Arborist and the 2013 Female Michigan State Champion Tree Climber. Rachel is excited to complete her bachelors in Horticulture at Temple University during her internship and hopes to hold a research position at an arboretum in the future.

Brynn Coolidge, Charles S. Holman Endowed Rose and Flower Garden Intern

Brynn graduated from Temple University in May 2013 with a BS in Horticulture and a certificate in Horticultural Therapy. In addition to gaining experience at garden centers, she has also worked at the University of Connecticut soil lab and spent time as an intern at Burpee Seed's trial facility, Fordhook Farm, in Doyelstown, PA. She hopes to enhance her experience in fine gardening and public horticulture through her internship at the Arboretum. Brynn likes to read, listen to various kinds of music, and spend time visiting other area gardens.


Emma Erler, Alice & J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. Endowed Horticulture Intern

Emma graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a BS degree in environmental horticulture and wildlife and conservation biology. While attending school Emma played four years of Division I field hockey. After working a number of seasons as a New England landscaper, Emma is very excited to learn more about public gardening. In her free time Emma enjoys hiking, camping, and fishing.

Andrew Kirkpatrick, Martha S. Miller Endowed Urban Forestry Intern

Andrew recently graduated with a Master's in Landscape Architecture from Temple University's Ambler Campus. For his Capstone, Andrew developed a restoration master plan for the Cresheim Valley section of Wissahickon Park that combined enhancing visitor experience with new trails and an ecology center with the goal of stabilizing the forest by restoring hydrologic function to the landscape, eradicating exotic invasive plant species, and adding native plants. He plans to increase his knowledge of trees and how to better integrate them into the urban fabric over the coming year. Andrew spends his free time exploring the forest with his family.


Stephanie Kuniholm, McLean Contributionship Endowed Education Intern

No stranger to public horticulture in the Philadelphia area, Stephanie comes to Morris Arboretum after completing a Hamilton Fellowship at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, an internship at Tyler Arboretum, and a Certificate in Ornamental Horticulture from Longwood Gardens. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Eastern University. In addition to a passion for plants and people, Stephanie loves running, reading and breakfast.

Alex Seglias, John J. Willaman & Martha Haas Valentine Endowed Plant Protection Intern

Alex received a Bachelor's Degree from Dickinson College in 2012 with a major in Biology and a minor in German. After graduation she journeyed across the vast ocean to begin a 6-month internship at the Chemical Company BASF in Limburgerhof, Germany where she worked in the Seed Lab analyzing the efficacy of fungicides against various pathogenic fungi affecting corn, wheat, rye and soybean. Despite her current enthusiasm for plants, for almost the entirety of her college career she planned to one day research and work on preserving penguin colonies. Her interests outside of Biology include ultimate frisbee, hiking, embroidery, and gardening.

**Cheryl Siracusa, Hay Honey Farm Endowed Natural Lands Intern**

Cheryl is from Monmouth County New Jersey and has over 15 years of experience in the horticultural field. Recently she graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science and is looking to pursue a career as a horticulturist in a public garden. She is also an avid hiker and naturalist and is extremely pleased to be a part of restoring the natural ecology of the Morris Arboretum while taking courses in Environmental Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Chelsea Smith, Eli Kirk Price Endowed Flora of Pennsylvania Intern

Chelsea, a Philadelphia native, recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. After spending two summers working in a neurosurgery lab, she realized that medical science was not her destined career path and focused her attention on ecology. Last summer she had the opportunity to take part in ecological field research in Mongolia with the University of Pennsylvania. Chelsea is looking forward to learning more about botany in general and taking part in managing the plant collections at the arboretum and the Academy of Natural Sciences, her favorite museum as a child. She plans on attending graduate school for botany or ecology after this internship.

**Laura Sweeney, Martha J. Wallace Endowed Plant Propagation Intern**

Laura graduated from New York University with a BA in English and later earned a master's degree in education from Temple University. After deciding to pursue her lifelong interest and love for plants, she interned at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and completed the Certificate in Horticulture program there. She comes to the Morris Arboretum to continue her ongoing education in propagation, botany, ecology, and horticulture. She also loves animals, the beach, and collecting interesting bottles, jars, and vases.

Images by Jan McFarlan

Garden highlights:



Liatris spicata
blazing star



Hypericum frondosum
'Sunburst'
sunburst golden
St.-John's-wort



Asclepias tuberosa
butterflyweed



Aesculus parviflora
bottle-brush buckeye



Magnolia grandiflora
'Edith Bogue'
Edith Bogue southern
magnolia



Monarda didyma
beebalm

upcoming events

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Guides Council <i>1:30-3:30 pm</i>	3	4 Independ- ance Day <i>Garden open; Offices closed</i>	5	6 Discovery Series <i>11 am- 4 pm</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mill Volunteer Workday <i>10 am- 3 pm</i>
14	15	16 Guide Retention Committee Meeting <i>1:30-3:00 pm</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Guide Workshop <i>10:00-12 noon</i>	31			

Weekly Volunteer Events

Wednesdays: Horticulture Volunteers 8:00am-12:pm

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August

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				1	2	3 Discovery Series <i>11 am- 4pm</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mill Volunteer Workday <i>10 am - 3 pm</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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