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Visit, Explore, Discover

Collections Up Close

Free events focused around one of the Arboretum's plant collections—a great way to learn more and hear from staff experts

THE LEVENTRITT GARDEN

Sunday, October 29, 1:00–3:00pm

Filled with showy foliage, late season flowers, and colorful fruit, this three-acre, terraced garden is spectacular in the fall. The garden showcases outstanding species and cultivars for the home garden, as well as wild-collected accessions and plants critical to the ongoing scientific research at the Arboretum. Join Arboretum staff and volunteers at this free event and learn about Arboretum plant introductions, plants of significant conservation status, and other amazing specimens in the Leventritt Shrub and Vine Garden.



THE CONIFER COLLECTION

Sunday, February 4, 1:00-3:00pm

This expansive collection occupies 24 acres and is arranged to facilitate the study of cone-bearing plants. Come out and brave the elements to learn about the many kinds of conifers at the Arboretum while a family activity and hot chocolate help keep everyone warm.



Hours and Services

HUNNEWELL BUILDING

Open for restroom access and business guests on weekdays 9:00am to 5:00pm and on weekends 10:00am to 5:00pm.

VISITOR CENTER

Open 10:00am to 5:00pm; closed Wednesdays and holidays.

HORTICULTURAL LIBRARY

Open Monday through Friday, 10:00am–3:45pm. For information, visit the library pages on our website, email hortlib@arnarb.harvard.edu, or call 617.522.1086.

VISITOR PARKING & DRIVING PERMITS

Street parking is available along the Arboretum's perimeter. Individuals with special needs may request a driving permit at the Visitor Center, weekdays only (closed Wednesdays), from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Please call 617.384.5209.

PLANT INFORMATION HOTLINE

Run by knowledgeable volunteers, the hotline is available for questions about woody plants hardy in the Boston area. Leave a message any time. Email plantinfo@arnarb.harvard.edu or call 617.384.5235.

Art Exhibitions in the Hunnewell Building

TURNING WOOD: THE ART OF THE WOODTURNER III

October 13–15

Select work on display in the Hunnewell Visitor Center
September 27–November 26

Opening Reception: October 13, 5:00-7:00pm

In this unique joint exhibition by the Association of Revolutionary Turners, Central New England Woodturners, and Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners, see woodturning demonstrations and an amazing variety of sculptural, functional, and creative work. View pieces in maple, cherry, and other wood from far and near (some turned from former Arboretum trees), and get a look at the personality within the wood itself.



From top:
Turned Bowl by
Steve Wiseman;
Arboretum Peace
by Kippy Goldfarb;
Magnolia Fruit
by James Reis

REVERBERATIONS: A VIRTUAL TOUR PHOTOGRAPHS BY KIPPY GOLDFARB

October 20, 2017–February 4, 2018

Reception with the Artist: October 21, 1:00–3:00pm

Kippy Goldfarb has been photographing trees and flowers since 1983. Combining, multiplying, and mirroring images, she brings us new and beautiful patterns, “reverberations” of color and form. Sense the power and inspiration behind these new images in this exhibition of Goldfarb’s photographs. Goldfarb’s work has been featured in numerous exhibitions including a juried group show at the Arboretum in 2015.



CLOSE AND CLOSER: PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES REIS

February 9–May 6

Reception with the Artist: February 10, 1:00–3:00pm
(snow date: February 17)

Walk and Talk with the Artist: April 30, 2:00–3:00pm

Join James Reis on his photographic journey through enchanting microenvironments in the Arboretum in this new exhibition. A Jamaica Plain resident, James Reis and his wife Jeanne spend many weekend hours roaming the 281 acres of the Arboretum that whisper, sparkle, and fascinate amid the surrounding Boston neighborhoods.



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Guided Landscape Tours

Enjoy the Arboretum landscape and learn about plants on free tours led by Arboretum staff or knowledgeable docents. Tours are available from September 7–October 31, 2017 on Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30am, and through November 5, 2017 on Saturdays at 10:30am & Sundays at 1:00pm.

Tours are approximately 90 minutes, geared toward adults, and free of charge. Free guided tours are for individuals and not organized groups, however private group tours are available for a fee upon request. For more information see arboretum.harvard.edu or call 617.384.5209.

Theme Tours

Get a look into a special focus or area of the Arnold Arboretum. Meet at the Hunnewell Building unless otherwise specified. Theme tours are geared toward adults, free, and registration requested is requested at my.arboretum.harvard.edu.

FALL BIRD WALKS

Saturday, September 30 [Arborway Gate] and Saturday, October 14 [Peters Hill Gate], 8:00–9:30am
Bob Mayer, Arboretum Docent

AUTUMN ON PETERS HILL

Sunday, October 15, 11:00am–12:30pm [Peters Hill Gate]
Kevin Schofield, Arboretum Docent

A HIDDEN TREASURE: HERBARIUM OF CULTIVATED PLANTS

Thursday, October 19, 2:30–4:00pm
*Irina Kadis, Curatorial Assistant,
Arnold Arboretum*

FALL INTO HEALTH

Two Sundays: October 22 and
November 19, 10:30am–noon
Rhoda Kubrick, Arboretum Docent

FROM SEED TO TREE

Two Saturdays: September 2 and
October 7, 11:30am–12:15pm
[Bonsai/Penjing Pavilion]
Dana Greenhouses' Staff

BONSAI/PENJING PAVILION OPEN HOUSE

Access the pavilion with volunteers on hand to answer questions about this unique collection of dwarfed plants. Thursdays and Sundays—see website calendar for specific dates.

For Families with Children

Free guided walks for families highlight plants and natural phenomena and help children develop observational skills. One adult can bring a maximum of three children; suitable for children ages four through eight. Meet at Hunnewell Visitor Center.

Look For Arboretum Interpreters!

Friendly volunteers in green aprons will be stationed in the landscape on weekends in September & October from 1:00–3:00pm, ready to boost your visit with fun and learning.

LET'S GET JOURNALING: A WALK FOR BUDDING NATURALISTS

Sunday, September 24, 10:30–11:30am
*Kate Stonefoot & Ana Eder-Mulhane,
Visitor Engagement Staff*

SEED DISPERSAL

Sunday, October 22, 10:30–11:30am
*Nancy Sableski, Manager of
Children's Education*

FRUITS AND SEEDS

Sunday, November 26,
10:30–11:30am
Visitor Engagement Staff