VISIT THE ARBORETUM

Visitor Information

The Hunnewell Building Hours:
Open for restroom access and business guests
April through October
Weekdays: 9:00am–5:00pm
Weekends: 10:00am–5:00pm
November through March
Weekdays: 9:00am–4:00pm
Weekends: noon–4:00pm

Hunnewell Building Visitor Center Hours:
April–October, 10:00am–5:00pm
November–March, noon–4:00pm
Closed Wednesdays

Services in the Visitor Center include:
Tour recommendations, membership info, maps, and postcards. Seasonal art exhibitions and changing exhibits with books and objects from the Arboretum archives. Activities for children and families.
Lost and found: Call 617.384.5209. Unclaimed items are donated to charity after two weeks.

Horticultural Library: The library is open Monday through Friday, 10:00am–3:45pm. For library information, visit our website, email hortlib@arnarb.harvard.edu, or call 617.522.1086.

Visitor Parking and Driving Permits
Street parking is available along the perimeter of the Arboretum. Visitors with special needs may request a driving permit at the Visitor Center, weekdays only (closed Wednesday), from noon to 3:00pm. Please call 617.384.5209.

Landscape Explorations for Families with Children

Explorer’s Club
Be part of the Explorer’s Club! Borrow a Discovery Pack from the Visitor Center with tools and activities for hands-on explorations of our landscape and trees with children. A perfect way to enhance a visit to the Arnold Arboretum for families, homeschoolers, and after-school groups. For more ways to engage your kids with nature at the Arboretum, visit the Family Activities page on our website (aboretum.harvard.edu/visit/family-activities/) for such features as our Tree-of-the-Month, Wildlife Bingo, Photo Hunt, and more.

Family Walks
Saturdays: September 12, October 10, 11:00am-noon

Arboretum Volunteers
Discover the Arboretum on guided walks especially for families. Each walk will highlight different plants and natural phenomena while developing observational skills in children. One adult can bring a maximum of three children; suitable for children ages four through twelve. Meet at the Visitor Center in the Hunnewell Building.
Art Exhibitions in the Visitor Center

**Turning Wood: The Art of the Woodturner**

October 24–25; Opening Reception October 23, 5–7pm
Woodturning Demonstrations at HB Lecture Hall:
October 24 and 25; 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm
An Exhibition by the Association of Revolutionary Turners (ART),
Central New England Woodturners, and Massachusetts South
Shore Woodturners

Select works on display October 9–November 8, 2015

Unique in relation to most woodworking, due to their use of a lathe, woodturners turn out practical, functional pieces or ‘turn’ to the purely aesthetic. Three woodturning associations come together for this very special Arnold Arboretum exhibition, bringing their own creativity and technical expertise, displaying unique pieces for utilitarian use and aesthetic enjoyment. Join us as members demonstrate their skill throughout the weekend.

**Bussey Brook Meadow, its Seasons and Landscape: Photographs by Gunars Viksnins**

February 19–April 24, 2016
Reception: Saturday, February 20, 1:00–3:00pm

Beautiful and often haunting, Gunars Viksnins’ photographs record the nuances as well as the substantive changes in the landscape as it evolves throughout the year. From the alteration of light, day to day, to the clear impact of the elements on the trees and other plants that comprise the flora of Bussey Brook Meadow, Viksnins brings us a visual journal, acute observation, and his artistic expertise.

**Drawing Trees, Painting the Landscape: Frank M. Rines (1892-1962)**

October 30, 2015–February 14, 2016
Opening Reception: Saturday, November 7 1:00–3:00pm

Draftsman, landscape painter, teacher, and writer, Frank M. Rines had an intense interest in, and skill for, drawing trees. He produced five books on drawing, which were mid-20th century guides for instruction in landscape and tree drawing techniques. In *Design and Construction in Tree Drawing*, he concentrated on the form and structure of trees. Rines was skilled in the art of observation, taught and was committed to students and communities of artists throughout Boston and New England. As a draftsman and painter, he worked in pencil, watercolor, oil, and charcoal. Rines’ work is included in a number of museum collections including Harvard’s Fogg Art Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and Dartmouth’s Hood Museum in New Hampshire.

Exhibitions are displayed in the Hunnewell Building Lecture Hall, which is occasionally reserved for meetings and classes. Call 617.384.5209 for exhibition availability; see page 14 for Visitor Center hours.
Special Events and Tour Opportunities

Collections Up Close

Collections Up Close events offer a great way to explore one of the many plant collections with Arboretum staff to learn more about what makes each one unique.

Viburnums All Around
Sunday, September 27, 1:00-3:00pm [Centre Street Gate]

Learn the horticultural characteristics of viburnum, ongoing efforts to monitor the viburnum leaf beetle, and how the Arboretum's collection is being used to look at evolutionary traits of leaf form. Enjoy a tour, family activities, and observe stunning ornamental fruits (drupes) displayed in blue, black, red, or yellow.

Witch-Hazels in Winter
Sunday, March 6, 1:00-3:00pm [Hunnewell Lawn]

At the Arnold Arboretum, there is a plant in bloom every month (even January!) of the year—a phenomenon possible because of the witch-hazel family. Join Andrew Gapinski, Manager of Horticulture at the Arnold Arboretum, for a late winter walk to explore the Arboretum’s witch-hazels and learn about their development, evaluation, and scientific study.

Theme Tours

Theme tours offer a look into a special focus or area of the Arnold Arboretum. The calendar on our website provides further descriptions of these tours and others. Meet at the Hunnewell Building unless otherwise specified. The tours below are geared toward adults, free, registration requested.

From Seed to Tree
Dana Greenhouses’ Staff
First Tuesday of the month: Sept 1, Oct 6, 1:00–1:45pm [Bonsai House]

The Arboretum Before it was an Arboretum
Brian Karlsson-Barnes, Arboretum Volunteer
Saturday, Sept 19, 1:00–2:30pm

Fall Bird Walks!
Bob Mayer, Arboretum Docent
Two Saturdays: Sept 26 [Peters Hill Gate], Oct 10 [Arborway Gate], 8:00–9:30am

Olmsted and the Arboretum
Florrie Wescoat, Arboretum Volunteer
Saturday, Sept 26, 1:00–2:30pm

Maple Collection: Arboretum Fall Hotspot
Nancy Rose, Editor, Arnoldia
Sunday, Oct 18, 3:00–4:30pm

Fall into Health
Rhoda Kubrick, Arboretum Docent
Two Saturdays: Oct 24, Nov 21, 1:00–2:30pm

Winter Wellness Walks
Arboretum Docents
Four Sundays: Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 13, 1:00–1:45pm

Free Guided Tours

Tours are available Saturdays at 10:30am and Sundays at 1:00pm through November 1, and will be available on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30am during September and October. All tours meet at the Hunnewell Building, last approximately 90 minutes, are geared toward adults, and are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Private group tours are available upon request. For more information, visit my.arboretum.harvard.edu or call 617.384.5209.