Visitor Information

The Hunnewell Building is open for restroom access and business guests on weekdays 9:00am to 5:00pm and on weekends 10:00am to 5:00pm. The Visitor Center in the Hunnewell Building is open 10:00am to 5:00pm; closed Wednesdays and holidays.

Services in the Visitor Center include:
- Personal assistance and recommendations to enrich your visit
- Membership information
- Maps and postcards
- Changing exhibits including curated art shows
- Activities for children and families
- Lost and found: 617.384.5209. Unclaimed items are donated to charity after two weeks.

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

Volunteer Interpreters are stationed outdoors in the landscape, ready to give a boost to your visit with information and hands-on fun. Weekends September through October from 1:00–3:00pm, see calendar.

Discovery Packs may be borrowed from the Visitor Center with tools and activities for hands-on exploration with children. Try our newest addition, the "Be an Engineer" pack! Connect bamboo sticks and stick-lets to create bridges, shelters, sculptures, and whatever else the imagination conjures.

Visitor Parking and 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 Wednesday), from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Please call 617.384.5209.

Art Exhibitions

Turning Wood: The Art of the Woodturner IV
October 5–October 7, 2018

An Exhibition by the Association of Revolutionary Turners (ART), Central New England Woodturners, and Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners

Opening Reception, Friday, October 5, 5:00–7:00pm, Hunnewell Visitor Center
Select work on display in the Hunnewell Visitor Center, September 20–November 4

Returning for the fourth year, The Art of the Woodturner IV brings amazing sculptural, functional, and creative turned wood art to Arboretum visitors. This show presents art that appeals to the eye, as well as the touch. Unique in relation to most woodworkers, due to the use of a lathe, woodturners turn out practical pieces or “turn” to the purely aesthetic. Look for work turned from deaccessioned Arnold Arboretum trees, and join us for lathe demonstrations throughout the weekend.
An Artist’s Perspective
*The Arboretum and Botanical Artist, Regina Gardner Milan*

October 12, 2018—February 3, 2019
Opening Reception, Saturday, October 20, 1:00–3:00pm

Regina Milan spent a year of discovery at the Arboretum. Botanical jewels of each season—early larches, spring blossoms, fall acorns, autumn leaves—are captured in her exquisite paintings. Walks in the woods with her father were the first window into the spellbinding allure of nature, and later, she found that observing nature often produces scenes of larger-than-life beauty. The Arboretum’s exhibition magnifies nature’s productions, fully illuminating the elegance of plant life as small as a seed pod. This show captures the beauty of the Arnold Arboretum in those larger-than-life forms.

Regina received a Certificate of Botanical Illustration with distinction from the Society of Botanical Artists, London, England, where she received the President’s Award. She has exhibited in many juried shows throughout the US and world, including the 2016 New England Society of Botanical Artists’ show at the Arnold Arboretum. She teaches graphic design as an Associate Teaching Professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and is president of MILAN concept & design, a graphic design firm founded in 1988.

Transitions: Winter into Spring
*Photographs of the Arnold Arboretum by Chris Morgan*

February 8–May 5, 2019
Opening Reception, Saturday, February 9, 1:00–3:00pm
Snow date: Saturday, February 16, 1:00–3:00pm

Chris Morgan’s goal as a photographer is to evoke the emotions he feels when he views the patterns and textures in nature: from the shapes of trees to the movements of birds, he brings details to life. With its rich collection of flora and fauna, the Arboretum has interested him for over fifteen years, especially during blizzards, when dramatic photo opportunities await. Marrying the arts and the sciences, his images allow him to explore large-format photography in creative ways through digital panorama techniques. Morgan has photographed on five continents for over forty years; however, currently spends much of his time photographing year-round in the Arnold Arboretum. He is a computer consultant, puzzle designer, musician, magician, author of five books, and a scholar who has lectured extensively on writer Lewis Carroll.

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 18 for Visitor Center hours.

Special Events

Collections Up Close: The Oak Collection

Sunday, Sept 30, 1:00–3:00pm; Oak Collection near Centre Street Gate, Arnold Arboretum

Collections Up Close events offer a great way to explore one of the many plant collections and learn more about their breadth, history, and uniqueness. Join us in the oak collection on Bussey Hill for fun family activities, an “All Things Oak” tour at 1:30pm with Arboretum docent Marty Amdur, and even a mini oak herbarium. Free
Guided Tours

Landscape tours are available each Saturday at 10:30am and Sunday at 1:00pm until November 4 and resume in April. Weekday tours are on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30am in September and October. Please check our website for additional details for each tour. Tours last approximately 90 minutes, are geared toward adults, and are free of charge. Our tours are for individuals, not organized groups. However, private group tours are available for a fee upon request. To learn more see my.arboretum.harvard.edu or call 617.384.5209.

From Seed to Tree
Dana Greenhouses’ Staff
Two Tuesdays, Sept 4 & Oct 2, 1:00–1:45pm [Bonsai/Penjing Pavilion]

‘Chinese Wilson’, the Arboretum, and Plant Exploration
David Tarbet, Arboretum Docent
Sunday, Sept 9, 10:30am–Noon

Fall Bird Walks
Bob Mayer, Arboretum Docent
Two Saturdays, Sept 29 [Arborway Gate] & Oct 13 [Peters Hill Gate], 8:00–9:30am

Medicinal Plants at the Arnold Arboretum: An Exploration of Wild and Cultivated Remedies
John de la Parra, Associate, Harvard University Herbaria; Ernest Anemone; Federico Uribe Toro, Arboretum Docent
Saturday, Sept 29, 1:00–2:30pm

The Arboretum-Japan Connection
Michael Dosmann, Keeper of the Living Collections
Tuesday, Oct 9, 4:00–5:30pm

Here Come the Seeds: The Journey of a Seed from Collection to Propagation
Tiffany Enzenbacher, Manager of Plant Production
Wednesday, Oct 17, 5:00–6:00pm [Bonsai/Penjing Pavilion]

Fall into Health
Rhoda Kubrick, Arboretum Docent
2 Sundays, Oct 21 & Nov 18, 10:30am–noon

Peters Hill: Discover the Other End of the Arboretum
Kevin Schofield, Arboretum Docent
Wednesday, Oct 24, 4:00–5:30pm [Peters Hill Gate]

How the Arboretum Became the Arboretum: The First 25 Years
Emily Wheeler, Arboretum Docent
Sunday, Oct 28, 11:00am–12:30pm [Centre Street Gate]

The Secret Lives of Roots
Andrew Gapinski, Manager of Horticulture
Wednesday, Nov 7, 2:30–4:00pm

Winter Wellness Walks
Arboretum Docents
4 Sundays, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, 1:00–1:45pm

The World of Witch Hazels
Andrew Gapinski, Manager of Horticulture
Wednesday, Feb 6, 2:30–4:00pm

Propagation of Historic Lineages
Sean Halloran, Plant Propagator
Wednesday, Feb 13, 1:00–2:00pm [Bonsai/Penjing Pavilion]
Explorations for Families with Children

Discover the Arboretum on guided walks especially for families. Walks highlight plants, natural phenomena, and develop observational skills in children. One adult can bring a maximum of three children; suitable for children ages four through eight. Meet at the Visitor Center. Free, registration is requested at my.arboretum.harvard.edu

Seeds with Wings
Sunday, Sept 16, 2:00–3:30pm

Teddy Bears’ Picnic
Sunday, Oct 21, 2:00–3:30pm

What is Beautiful to You? Fairy House Construction
Sunday, Nov 18, 2:00–3:30pm

Short Days, Long Nights
Sunday, Dec 16, 2:00–3:30pm

Enjoy your membership, and discover fall, foliage, & fun!

MEMBERS’ TOUR DAY

Saturday, October 20, 2018, 10:00am-noon

Each year the Arnold Arboretum hosts a morning of staff-led tours offered exclusively to members of the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum. Celebrate autumn on Members’ Tour Day and explore colorful foliage, fascinating fruits and seeds, and the diversity of bark types by exploring the Arboretum’s ever-evolving landscape. Our staff experts will guide you off the beaten path to delve into the wonders of our living collections. Invitations will be mailed in late August to current members and registration is required.

THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY relies on the generous financial support of our members and donors. We are grateful for your participation, which helps to steward the well-being and care of our magnificent landscape and living collections and sustains our programs in science, horticulture, and education. There are numerous opportunities for learning and fun through your membership benefits and our array of public program offerings. Visit our website arboretum.harvard.edu to learn more and view the calendar of activities. Please contact 617.384.5766 or membership@arnarb.harvard.edu for more information.

Forest Bathing Half Day Retreat

Tam Willey, Certified Forest Therapy Guide
First Saturday and first Thursday of each month through November, 8:00–11:00am

Did you know spending time in nature has been medically and scientifically proven to treat stress-related illnesses? Relax and unplug in the Arnold Arboretum on a guided forest bathing walk, a slow-paced, facilitated combination of wandering, sitting, and resting. Register online at my.arboretum.harvard.edu

Fee $40 member, $50 nonmember