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the Beauty of Autumn!



*Photo by Mark MacLennan.*

# The Best of Autumn

Come witness the changing beauty of the landscape at the Arboretum. As the harvest comes to a close, the apples, pumpkins and squash are on center stage in the Great Hall. From mini-size to giant-size, the pumpkins take on an eerie beauty— smooth as silk flesh to moon-like craters and bumps, with colors from white to green to orange. Talk to pumpkin carvers at Pumpkin Palooza Weekend, Oct. 22-23. Try out recipes for pumpkin and squash favorites online at [www.arboretum.umn.edu/pumpkinpalooza.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/pumpkinpalooza.aspx). Check out the butternut squash bisque soup recipe from the new Flavors of the Arboretum cookbook.



**Ed Schneider**

The beauty and bounty of autumn bring out the best at the Arboretum. This season, **Ghouls and Goblins at the Maze**, Saturday, Oct. 29, 1-5 p.m., a new free event presented by RBC Wealth Management, takes Halloween to a whole new dimension. An inter-generational family event, costumes are encouraged and the Trick or Treat trail to the Maze will be alive with friendly ghouls and spook-friendly “fun stations.” Reserve now at [www.arboretum.umn.edu/ghoulsandgoblins.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/ghoulsandgoblins.aspx)

There’s still more to fall: enjoy Steelroots in autumn (a third season!), All About Dogs Day 5K and Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5 and AppleHouse fudge and gelato demos. Now under construction near the Learning Center—the Green PlayYards discovery and learning zones for baby to toddler to preschooler.

P.S. in the coming weeks, stakeholder sessions will be convened to discuss concepts for improving the visitor experience, starting with entry into the Arboretum and circulation into the gardens and tree collection areas. 🍂

**On the Cover:**

*Everything is coming up pumpkins this season at the Arb. Learn more on page 9. Photo by Mark MacLennan*

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David Bedford .

Free Member Event

# People, Plants and...Apples!

The third in the “People, Plants and ...” presentation series will focus on apples, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, in the MacMillan Auditorium. The event is free for members, \$7.50 for non-members.

Spend time with the University of Minnesota’s apple-breeding expert, David Bedford, to learn about the apple-breeding program at the Horticultural Research Center, through which the popular Honeycrisp and SweeTango® apple varieties were developed. Tasting will be required! 🍏

*Please email [member@umn.edu](mailto:member@umn.edu) to reserve your spot, or call (952) 443-1422.*

## Rate and Taste the Apples

Do you want to help University of Minnesota apple researchers discover the next Honeycrisp? Then bring your taste buds down to the Arboretum any weekend through mid-October to participate in public tastings and evaluations of university test apples with Master Gardener volunteers.

Tastings are scheduled 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 1-2 and 8-9 in the Oswald Visitor Center Great Hall.

Participants can sample slices of research apples, and then complete a brief scorecard to rate the fruit’s appearance, texture and flavor and other qualities. Different apples will be offered each time, so come often and enjoy these new flavors! 🍏



*Photo by David Hansen.*

## Apple Muffins

*From Flavors of the Arboretum cookbook*

Makes 1 dozen regular size or 32 mini muffins

<i>½ C. sugar</i>	<i>½ t. salt</i>	<i>1½ C. apples, peeled and cored</i>
<i>¼ C. butter</i>	<i>2 t. baking powder</i>	<i>Topping: ½ C. brown sugar</i>
<i>1 egg</i>	<i>1 t. cinnamon</i>	<i>1 t. cinnamon</i>
<i>1 C. milk</i>	<i>½ t. allspice</i>	
<i>1½ C. flour</i>	<i>½ t. nutmeg</i>	

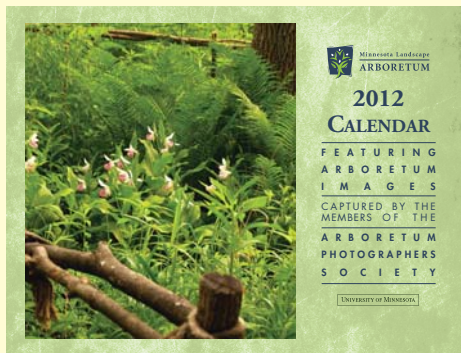
Preheat oven to 400 F. Cream together butter and sugar. Add egg and beat well. Stir in the milk.

In another bowl, combine flour, salt, baking powder and spices. Add egg mixture to flour mixture and blend until moistened. (Batter will be lumpy.) Chop apples into small pieces. Add them to the batter and blend carefully. Fill muffin cups almost to the top.

Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle generously over the tops of the muffins.

Bake for 20-25 minutes for larger muffins, 12-14 for minis, until golden brown. 🍏

# Free Arb Calendar With Gift of Membership



2012 Arboretum calendar cover.

Grab your holiday gift list and stop by the Membership Counter or Information Desk to purchase or renew your Arboretum membership. With each purchase of a gift membership, you will receive a stunning 2012 wall calendar to give as a gift...or keep for yourself.

Each month features a beautiful photo taken by members of the esteemed Arboretum Photographers Society and will serve as a serene memento of the splendor and beauty of the Arboretum. 🌿

Visit [www.arboretum.umn.edu/join.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/join.aspx) to purchase your gift of membership online. Or call (952) 443-1440.



Photo by Mark MacLennan.

## Deals for Apples, Books, Calendars

### Make Plans for Fall Shopping at the Arb

🌿 **Friends of Andersen Horticultural Library Gently Used Book Sale:** Friday, Oct. 7 thru Sunday, Oct. 9. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Snyder Auditorium. This 21st annual event offers books on the arts, gardening, horticulture, cooking, fiction, biography, home decoration, children's self-help, zoology and much more. On Sunday, walk away with a bag of books for \$2. Proceeds benefit the library.

🌿 **Double Discount Days:** Plan for holiday shopping Nov. 25—Dec. 4 in the Arboretum Gift Store, when all Arb members receive 20 percent off (double their usual discount of 10 percent).

🌿 **Arboretum gifts:** The 2012 Arboretum Wall Calendar (\$9.95) and the first-ever limited-edition cookbook, “Flavors of the Arboretum: 101 Tastes of the Season” (\$18.95) are for sale now in the Arboretum Gift Store. Or order by calling (952) 443-1439 or visiting [www.arboretum.umn.edu/giftstore.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/giftstore.aspx).

🌿 **Apples and pumpkins** are for sale in the AppleHouse, 1.5 miles west of the Arboretum on Highway 5, through Nov. 7. See demos and taste fudge from T.C. Confections, Italian gelato and apple desserts (sliced apples with caramel and whipped cream in a bowl). Delicious treats! 🌿



## New 4x4 Culinary Series

# Local Wines, Menus, Chefs

Recently, local top chefs came to the Arboretum to taste wines by commercial Minnesota winemakers, many made with grapes developed at the University of Minnesota. All agreed Minnesota wine is entering an exciting phase. Chefs will now pair some of their new favorites with menus created for the Arb's new 4x4 Culinary Series.

Food- and wine-lovers will watch as a chef creates the four-course dinner, and U of M Enologist Katie Cook will guide participants through the Minnesota wine pairings.

Coming up: Oct. 20 with Chef Joan Donnatelle from Lunds & Byerly's featuring an Italian-influenced menu and wines from Cannon River, Hinterland, Whitewater, Fieldstone and Woodland Hill; and Nov. 10 with Chef Beth Jones from the University's Campus Club featuring a harvest menu and wines from Hinterland, Parley Lake, St. Croix and Carlos Creek.

The class is \$55 member/\$60 non-member. To register, go to [www.arboretum.umn.edu/cookingclasses.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/cookingclasses.aspx) or call (952) 443-1422. 🌿

# How Safe Is Our Food?

## Healthy Food Summit Set for Oct. 10, 11

Safe, delicious and abundant food to eat is a precious gift for many of us, and a constant concern for most. The 2011 Healthy Foods Summit, held Oct. 10 and 11 in collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute, will examine the fragile and crucial food systems upon which we all rely, and how practices affect not only human health, but the health of our planet.

**Susan Thurston-Hamerski**

*Adult Education Manager*

The first day of the conference, held at the Radisson Hotel on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota, will focus on the research side of the issues of the health impacts of current food systems. The second day will be held at the Arboretum, and will feature case studies addressing the applied side of these issues from food production, delivery and consumption.

The summit will look at communities that are engaged in creative strategies to improve their own food environments, and will present leaders in research and food production who are addressing global food sustainability issues from a number of perspectives.

National speakers include Juan Rivera, who will address "The Global Transition from Starvation to Obesity," and renowned food pioneer Oran Hesterman (appearing at the Arboretum only), author of the inspiring "Fair Food: Growing a Healthy, Sustainable Food System for All."

For more information and to register, call (952) 443-1422 or [www.arboretum.umn.edu/2011healthyfoodssummit.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/2011healthyfoodssummit.aspx). 🌿

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The best outdoor party of summer, again! This year's Toast & Taste in the Gardens on July 28 was the most successful ever, with a record 939 guest reservations, netting nearly \$50,000 in proceeds to benefit the Arboretum. Presented by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation.

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in the  
**Gardens**  
*fresh, local and green*

# Welcome, Autumn

From Dog Days to Indian  
Summer

## Nature Notes

The late-summer to the early-autumn season takes us from the humid, stifling dog days of August to the mild, sunny days of October's Indian summer. The green fashion show is transformed into the brilliant light show of fall with its variations of reds, yellows and golds.

The scarlet-gold autumn leaves of the poison ivy are a foliar fruit flag for more than 60 species of birds

**Matt Schuth**

*Naturalist*

who relish the white berries of this plant.

Unlike humans, birds do not have an allergic

reaction to its oily sap.

October is a time when late mushrooms are still fruiting and fungi lovers are tramping the woods for species like Chicken of the Woods, a bracketed shelf mushroom that has a soft suede-like upper surface and a glowing yellow underside. This edible mushroom is said to have the flavor



*Photo by Don Olson.*

and consistency of chicken. The Shaggy Mane mushroom pops up in grassy areas. Its white-and-ochre color and scaly surface resembling an unkempt sheep dog distinguishes it from any inedible look-alikes.

Late autumn is a time when garter snakes begin to den for their winter hibernation. We have seen a dozen or more at the rock wall in the Dayton Wildflower Garden slithering through the crevasses catching the last warming rays of sunlight. The common garter snake is cold-tolerant and can remain active into November. There was a report of a den of about 8,000 garter snakes in a limestone

sinkhole in Canada.

With mild nighttime temperatures, the leaves of the ginkgo trees gradually turn a glorious yellow. Most of the leaves will drop in a 24-hour period, leaving a lemony apron surrounding the tree. The ginkgo is considered the oldest cultivated tree on earth, dating back 225 to 280 million years. At the Arboretum, we can sit and watch the fluttering leaves and reflect on another season passing. 🍂

*Look for regular Nature Notes observations online at [www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu).*

## Five Ways to Explore Autumn at the Arb

**1. Go on a Walk for the Curious:** The Prairie. Learn what's happening with plants and wildlife on the prairie. Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 & 15. 10 to 11:30 a.m., \$7.50 member/\$15 non-member.

**2. Attend Weekend Family Fun:** Falling Leaves at the Learning Center.

Learn why leaves change color and fall from the trees. Noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays in October.

**3. Sign up for Peapods with a Preschooler.** Discover fall through a child's eyes.

**4. Enjoy Autumn Tea.** View the wildlife and fall landscape from walls of windows while sipping tea by a cozy fire. Oct. 12 and Nov. 9, 2:30-4 p.m., \$23 members/\$26 non-members, Tea

Room, Snyder Building.

**5. Hike the Bog:** Walk on the newly accessible Wurtele bog boardwalk and rediscover the fall beauty and wildlife of the bog and wetlands (self-guided).

*To register for classes and programs, go to [www.arboretum.umn.edu/learn.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/learn.aspx). To register for tea, visit [www.umnarboretum.catertrax.com](http://www.umnarboretum.catertrax.com) or call (612) 626-3951.*

# Ar-BOO-retim Returns

A seasonal homage to all things spooky and spectacular returns to the Arb on Halloween day, Monday, Oct. 31. Dress the kids in their favorite costumes, dust off the old Frankenstein garb and join fellow tricksters for Ar-BOO-retim. Everyone in costume receives free admission so bring friends and family.

Tour Scarecrows on Parade, check out Pumpkin Palooza and don't miss *Especially for Kids* in the Oswald Visitor Center balcony, 10-11 a.m. for story time, music and crafts. Trick or treat for an apple in the Gift Store and a cookie in the restaurant.

For a special treat, the Arb Gift Store has "Pumpkin Circle" by George Levenson, \$7.99, a book to help children learn about the pumpkin cycle of planting, growing, harvesting and planting again. Playful rhyming that tells the garden story. 🍂



Photo by Mark MacLennan.



Photo by Mark MacLennan.

## Pre-Halloween Fun

### Ghouls and Goblins at the Maze

New this year at the Arboretum: Ghouls and Goblins at the Maze on Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 to 5 p.m. A spook-friendly pre-Halloween celebration for the whole family!

Come in your most imaginative costumes. Walk the Trick or Treat Trail to the magical Maze Garden (treat bag provided). Along the way, visit scary "fun stations," encounter surprising twists and turns, and take part in children's activities at the Maze. Take the "Terror Tram" to more family activities and "spooktacular" music back in the Oswald Visitor Center.

The event is free, but reservations are suggested. Go to [www.arboretum.umn.edu/ghoulsandgoblins.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/ghoulsandgoblins.aspx) or call 612-625-9456. 🍂

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# Crazy for Cucurbits!

## Pumpkins and Squash Abound in Pumpkin Palooza

The gang's all here – Big Max, Howden Biggie, Baby Boo and Atlantic Giant. No, these aren't professional poker players or all-star wrestlers. Rather, they are members of the *cucurbit* plant family (aka, pumpkins and squash).

Through Oct. 31, you can see the cucurbit family in its endless variety in our Pumpkin Palooza display inside the Oswald Visitor Center and on surrounding terraces and gardens.

**Barbara DeGroot**

*Public Relations Specialist*

The cucurbits were all grown at the Horticultural Research Center by gardeners Jennifer Bradley and John Thull and their volunteers. Visitors will see more than 100 varieties and thousands of actual specimens, including red, blue and white pumpkins, tiny treasures and gigantic gourds, too.

Don't miss Pumpkin Palooza Weekend, Oct. 22 and 23, two days of pumpkin-carving demos and screenings of "Bill's Big Pumpkins" (a pumpkin-growing documentary) and gardening tips from Bradley and Thull.

Of course, the pumpkins hold center stage. For instance, "One Too Many" looks like a blood-shot eyeball, and "Turks' Turban" looks exactly like its name implies. Don't miss "Red Warty Thing" with its bumpy, lumpy surface. Each

winter, Bradley and Thull pore over seed catalogs to choose these rare varieties.

Pumpkins are a great entree into gardening. "Not only are they easy to grow, but they grow bigger and faster than almost any other plant in Minnesota," says Thull. "Growing pumpkins is easy, as long as you give the vines what they need. Timing, sunlight and location are all important," adds Bradley. "Typically pumpkins are planted in late May and early June in the Midwest. We directly sow our seeds when daily temps consistently reach into the low '70s."

"Plant seeds in a sunny spot with plenty of room to spread out," continues Bradley, adding that some pumpkin vines can stretch to 30 feet. 🌱

*A bigger focus this year is pumpkin recipes. Visit [www.arboretum.umn.edu/pumpkins\\_melons.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/pumpkins_melons.aspx). Many of these unusual and traditional specimens are for sale at the AppleHouse. For books on growing and cooking with pumpkins, visit the Andersen Horticultural Library and the Arboretum Gift Store, which recommends "Pumpkin-A Super Food for all 12 Months of the Year." By DeeDee Stovel, \$12.95.*



Photo by Hannah Rose Shogren Smith.

## Seeing Scarecrows

Hitch a ride to the Arboretum this season to check out Scarecrows on Parade, the annual juried exhibition of original, one-of-a-kind creations of scarecrows and other garden folk that capture the wonderful flavor of the harvest season in Minnesota.

Numerous families, local businesses and organizations have taken the time to put their own spin on these hay-stuffed hooligans. The parade will encompass even more gardens this season. From the Dahlberg Welcoming Terrace to the Perennial Garden, you'll see scarecrows so good-looking even the crows won't stay away! On display through Oct. 31. Free with Arboretum admission. 🌱

# Thanks, Students!

Meet two more students from the Minnesota Agricultural Student Trainee program at the University of Minnesota that combines practical training with classroom experience and cultural enrichment.



**Zsolt Veress** from Hungary has a degree in pathology with a master's in agronomy. Assigned to the Horticultural Research Center.

Departs in December.

**Sarah Newton** from New Zealand has a bachelor of science in commerce. Assigned to Horticultural Research Center apples area. Departs in January. 🌱



## Arboretum Travel 2012

**Jan. 16 – 28: Chile –Argentina.** The most exciting trip the Arboretum has undertaken! We fly into Santiago, and visit southern Chile, the Andes Mountains, Argentina. Contact Jordan Harvey, Knowmad Adventures: (877) 616-8747 or [jordan.knowmad@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.knowmad@gmail.com).

**In March:** a Caribbean cruise to visit the tropical gardens of the islands. Then, May 14 – 24: Floriade and Chelsea—the trip of a lifetime! Contact Jim Glad, Glad to Travel, 612-724-1915 or [gladtotravel@earthlink.net](mailto:gladtotravel@earthlink.net). Visit [www.arboretum.umn.edu/travel.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/travel.aspx). 🌱



Landscape gardener Richard Gjertson (*left*) with volunteers Peter Price and Julie Whitney in the Arboretum prairie.

# Volunteering at Arb

## Peter Price and Julie Whitney Reap Rewards While Giving Back

### Stewardship

Camaraderie with gardening staff and fellow volunteers, working outdoors, acquiring horticultural skills: For Peter Price and Julie Whitney, those are among the advantages of volunteering at the Arboretum.

Longtime Arboretum members, Peter and Julie began volunteering in the late-1990s after retiring from their business careers. They had started a native wildflower garden at the home they then owned in Chaska, and they decided that working at the Arboretum would help them gain the know-how needed to make their garden thrive. They worked in the Bennett-Johnson Prairie, the Dayton Wildflower Garden and Spring Peeper Meadow, mostly weeding out exotic and invasive plants such as buckthorn, reed canary grass and crown vetch.

They rapidly learned to identify desirable and undesirable species, and they developed a passion for wild areas and a love for native plants, according to Julie.

As their involvement at the Arboretum grew, Peter and Julie increased their financial support, both through Annual Fund gifts and by donating benches in memory of their parents. They also decided to “do something long-term,” because they appreciated the Arboretum’s leadership and fiscal management, so they included a bequest for the Arboretum in their estate plan. “We just love the Arboretum,” says Julie. “It makes us feel proud to be part of such an amazing place.” 🌱

### Harlan Covert

*Planned Giving Officer*

## Fall Programs & Events

### OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 1

#### Saturdays in the Kitchen: How to Create a Toddler Sous Chef

800-10-01-11

10 a.m.-noon, \$40 member/\$45 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Join Chef Michelle Horovitz, executive director of the non-profit organization Urban Baby, to explore recipes that will make it easy to get your kids involved in the kitchen at home.

#### Growing Grapes | 150-10-01-11

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35 member/\$45 non-member, Horticultural Research Center

Learn which cultivars to grow for eating and wine-making, how to grow, pruning techniques, what to expect, diseases and pests, breeding projects and more. Former HRC vineyard manager Sue Riesgraf was involved with the grape research project for four years.

#### Walks for the Curious: The Prairie 960-10-01-11

10-11:30 a.m., \$7.50 member/\$15 non-member, Ordway Parking Lot

Spend a few hours with an Arboretum naturalist to discover what's happening with plants and which creatures are coming and going throughout the Arboretum.

#### Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves

Noon-4 p.m., free with gate admission, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Why do leaves change color and fall from the trees? Uncover the mysteries as you pound out the color into an autumn keepsake.

#### Steelroots Guided Walk

10:30-11:30 a.m., free with gate admission, Oswald Visitor Center

Take a walk with an Arboretum guide and learn more about the Steelroots sculpture exhibition.

#### Reedy Gallery Exhibit:

##### The Artistry of Trees

Daily through Nov. 20, free with gate admission, Reedy Gallery, Oswald Visitor Center

Paintings celebrate the beauty and majesty of trees.

#### Weekend Apple Tastings

1-3 p.m., Great Hall, Oswald Visitor Center

Taste-test and rate Arboretum-grown research apples.

Sunday, Oct. 2

#### Weekend Apple Tastings

See Oct. 1

#### Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves

See Oct. 1

Tuesday, Oct. 4

#### Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):

Apple Farmer Annie | 975-10-04-11

9:30-11:00 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (for 10-sessions, fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver), Marion Andrus Learning Center.

Thursday Oct. 6

#### Photo Workshop: Arboretum in Autumn Color | 750-09-06-11

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 (through Sunday, Oct. 9), \$605 member/\$635 non-member (incl. lunches), Marion Andrus Learning Center.

Capture the Arboretum's incomparable fall colors under John Gregor's expert instruction. Classroom training combines with field exploration to help you see and capture better pictures.

#### StoryTime at the Library

10:30-11 a.m., Andersen Horticultural Library, Snyder Building

Bring the kids and young-at-heart for story time in the library. Geared toward toddlers/pre-schoolers and their accompanying adult(s). Different books will be read each week, usually with a seasonal theme. Requests will be taken. Length of event varies from 20 to 35 minutes.

Friday, Oct. 7

#### Friends of Andersen Horticultural Library Gently Used Book Sale

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Snyder Auditorium

This 21st annual event offers great bargains on books. Special bargains on Sunday - walk away with a bag of books for \$2. Proceeds benefit the library.

#### Photo Workshop: Arboretum in Autumn Color

See Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 8

#### Botanical Latin | 150-10-08-11

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35 member/\$45 non-member, Snyder Building

Learn how to decipher the meaning and logic behind the beautiful botanical Latin names of plants.

#### Weekend Apple Tastings

See Oct. 1

#### Walks for the Curious: The Bog Walk

See Oct. 1

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#### Steelroots Guided Walk

See Oct. 1

Sunday, Oct. 9

#### Rock-Balancing Demo

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rest. Gallery  
Watch artist Peter Juhl balance rocks.

#### Weekend Apple Tastings

See Oct. 1

#### Friends of Andersen Horticultural Library Gently-Used Book Sale

See Oct. 7

#### Photo Workshop: Arboretum in Autumn Color

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#### Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves

See Oct. 1



Photo by Mark MacLennan

Tuesday, Oct. 11

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds**

(with caregiver)

**Backyard Harvest | 975-10-04-11**

9:30-11:00 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (10 sessions) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

**Afternoon Tea**

2:30-4 p.m., \$23 members/\$26 non-members, Tea Room, Snyder Building

View the wildlife and fall landscape through the windows while basking in the glow of a crackling fire. Enjoy a formal tea complete with freshly baked scones and an assortment of handmade sweets and savories. Register at [umnarboratum.caterax.com](http://umnarboratum.caterax.com) or call (612) 626-3951.



**Ornamental Grasses Viewing**

1-4 p.m., Ornamental Grasses Collection

Informal viewing of the renowned grasses collection and new plantings with Professor Mary Meyer. For growers and retailers, and public also invited to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 13

**StoryTime at the Library**

See Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 15

**Fall Plain-Air Watercolor Workshop: In the Orchard and Vineyard**

**100-10-15-11**

9:45 a.m.-1 p.m., \$40 member/\$50 non-member, Horticultural Research Center

Join watercolorist Georgia Kandiko to create images of apples and grapes ripening or being harvested. Learn techniques such as direct and negative painting, mixing colors on the paper and gazing.

**Treasures from the Andersen Horticultural Library: Empress Josephine's Garden**

**100-10-15-11-02**

1-2:30 p.m., \$30 member/\$40 non-member, Oswald Visitor Center

Learn how Empress Josephine Bonaparte's desire to document her gardens in France led to her patronage of one of the finest botanical illustrators of all time, Pierre Joseph Redouté. See his exquisite work in rare books published more than 200 years ago. With Kathy Allen, head of Andersen Horticultural Library.

**Wine Treatments | 200-10-15-11**

9:30 a.m.-noon, \$90 member/\$95 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Learn the finer points of clarification and stabilization, chemical management of the wine and aspects of filtration, fining and aging.

**Walks for the Curious**

See Oct. 1

**Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves**

See Oct. 6

Sunday, Oct. 16

**Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves**

See Oct. 1

Tuesday, Oct. 18

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds**

(with caregiver)

**Pumpkin Patch Party | 975-10-04-11**

9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (for 10-session series) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

Thursday, Oct. 20

**4x4 Culinary Series: Chef Joan Donatelle | 800-10-20-11**

6:30-8:30 p.m., \$55 member/\$60 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Acclaimed Chef Joan Donatelle will show you how to create a flavor-filled four-course meal based on her decades of creating Mediterranean-influenced recipes. Savor Minnesota wines personally selected for the evening. University of Minnesota enologist Katie Cook will also be on hand to talk about each wine and food pairing.

**Third Thursday Happy Hour**

4:30-6 p.m., Arboretum Restaurant

Wine, beer and appetizers. Free admission every third Thursday after 4:30 p.m.

**StoryTime at the Library**

See Oct. 6



Hosta Glade. Photo by Jessica Kohen.

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

**Saturdays in the Kitchen: Bewitching Buffet | 800-10-22-11**

9-11 a.m., \$30 member/\$40 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

No tricks (well, maybe a few) and plenty of treats involved in this frightening Halloween feast. Menu: Date “Bug” Bites, I Want My Mummy Vegetable Spread with Fresh Herbs, Sinister Squash Salad with Creepy Croutons, Freaky Finger Cookies.

**Pumpkin Palooza Weekend**

Oswald Visitor Center, Great Hall. Normal building hours. Free with gate fee.

Check out pumpkin-carving demos, talk with master pumpkin growers and more.

**Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves**

See Oct. 1

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

**Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves**

See Oct. 1

**Pumpkin Palooza Weekend**

See Oct. 22

**Tuesday, Oct. 25**

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):**

**Little Red Hen’s Friends**

**975-10-04-11**

9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (10-session series) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

**Thursday, Oct. 27**

**Magical Pastry with your Pinot with Pastry Chef Michelle Gayer**

**800-10-27-11**

6:30-8 p.m., \$45 member/\$55 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Indulge in the magical pastry of nationally acclaimed Pastry Chef Michelle Gayer, a semifinalist for the 2011 James Beard Award for Outstanding Pastry Chef. Savory pastries served and, of course, a sweet one too, all paired with wine tastings.

**StoryTime at the Library**

See Oct. 6

**Saturday, Oct. 29**

**Spinning Plant-Dyed Wool on a Drop Spindle | 100-10-29-11**

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., \$60 member/\$65 non-member, Snyder Building

Learn to handle wool fibers for spinning on a drop spindle, including carding, drafting and plying from fiber artist Kim Christensen, who uses stems, flowers and berries to dye her woolen wares right in her backyard.

**Ghouls and Goblins at the Maze**

1-5 p.m., free gate admission during event hours, MacMillan Auditorium & Maze Garden.

Festive Halloween celebration for the whole family. Presented by RBC Wealth Management. Preregistration suggested at [www.arboretum.umn.edu/ghoulsandgoblins.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/ghoulsandgoblins.aspx) or by calling 612-625-9456.

**GMOs: What Consumers Should Know | 500-10-29-11**

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$35 member/\$45 non-member, Snyder Building

Spend a few hours with expert researcher Esther McGinnis, J.D., to learn about genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and why they are giving rise to controversy in farm fields and grocery stores.

**Essentials of Photo Preservation 750-10-29-11**

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35 member/\$40 non-member, Snyder Building

Learn how to use readily available imaging media and what to do to keep your photos and prints safe and accessible for generations to come. Instructor David Kopperl spent more than 30 years with Eastman Kodak and was awarded a Technical Academy Award (1999).

**Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves**

See Oct. 1

**Rock-Balancing Demo**

See Oct. 9

**Sunday, Oct. 30**

**Weekend Family Fun: Falling Leaves**

See Oct. 1

**Monday, Oct. 31**

**Ar-BOO-retim**

Oswald Visitor Center, building hours, free admission for everyone arriving in costume!

Trick or treat for apples in the Gift Store and cookies in the Restaurant.



White Fall Pumpkin. Photo by Linda Olstad.

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 1

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):**

**Tropical Lu-WOW | 975-10-04-11**  
9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (10-session series) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

**Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting**

10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$12 (incl. lunch), Snyder Building Auditorium  
Matt Schuth, a retired Arboretum naturalist, will give a presentation on nests, eggs and animals that can be found at the Arboretum. The business meeting is followed by social time at 11:30 a.m., with lunch and program at noon. Reservations are by mail only and must be received no later than Oct. 23. Make checks payable to the Arboretum Auxiliary and send to Joyce Jecha, 5250 Vernon Ave. So., Unit 423, Edina, MN 55436

Thursday, Nov. 3

**Dinner with a Chef: A Taste of France III with Chef Vincent Francoual 800-11-03-11**

6:30-8:30 p.m., \$45 member/\$55 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Vincent returns with new delectable dishes for you! Menu: Warm Haricot Vert and Medley of Mushrooms Salad, Aged Balsamic and Walnut Oil; Roasted Organic Salmon with Sorrel Puree; Nutella Crepe with Dolce de Leche Ice Cream. Wine tastings included.

**StoryTime at the Library**

See Oct. 6

Saturday, Nov. 5

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**  
Noon-4 p.m., free with gate admission, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Join the brigade to dig out villainous buckthorn. What evil crime has this invasive shrub committed, perhaps right in your neighborhood? Be part of an interactive play to find out!

**All About Dogs Day at the Arboretum**

9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$25 per dog (incl. up to 2 adult companions), Visitor Center Welcoming Terrace

A special day when dogs are allowed at the Arboretum. There will be an official 9 a.m. kickoff to the walk on Three Mile Drive. A Pet Expo will take place on the Welcoming Terrace and surrounding area.

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Sunday, Nov. 6

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**  
See Nov. 5

Tuesday, Nov. 8

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):**

**Cactus Café | 975-10-04-11**  
9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (10-session series) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

**Afternoon Tea**

See Oct. 12

Thursday, Nov. 10

**4x4 Culinary Series: Chef Beth Jones 800-11-10-11**

6:30-8:30 p.m., \$55 member/\$60 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Acclaimed Chef Beth Jones from the University of Minnesota Campus Club will demonstrate a flavor-filled, four-course harvest meal. Savor Minnesota wines personally selected for the evening. University of Minnesota enologist Katie Cook will also be at hand to talk about each wine and food pairing.

**StoryTime at the Library**

See Oct. 6

Saturday, Nov. 12

**Walks for the Curious: Hot Chocolate Walk**

See Oct. 1

**Saturdays in the Kitchen: The Spice of Life | 800-11-12-11**

9-11 a.m., \$30 member/\$40 non-member, Marion Andrus Learning Center

Travel around the world in the kitchen! We'll custom blend colorful, aromatic spices: Ethiopian Berbere, Latin American Adobo, North African Ras-El-Hanout, Middle Eastern Za'atar. Learn the health benefits of spices and how to use them in your cooking. Homemade spice blends make great gifts!



**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**

See Nov. 5

**Diva's Night Out & Holiday Shopping**

6-9 p.m. Oswald Visitor Center. \$25 per person (wine tasting or apple cider) Get a jump start on your holiday shopping. With fashion shows and entertainment by local musician Carol Zimmerman. Plus cash bar and appetizers. (Guys welcome too!) Reserve at [www.arboretum.umn.edu/divas.aspx](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/divas.aspx) or call (952) 443-1422

**Sunday, Nov. 13**

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**

See Nov. 5

**Tuesday, Nov. 15**

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):**

**Raccoon Ruckus | 975-10-04-11**  
9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (10-session series) — includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

**StoryTime at the Library**

See Oct. 6

**Saturday, Nov. 19**

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**

See Nov. 5

**Sunday, Nov. 20**

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**

See Nov. 5

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):**

**Wet-Feet Wonders | 975-10-04-11**  
9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (for 10-session series) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

**Thursday, Nov. 24**

**Thanksgiving Day, Arboretum Closed**

**Friday, Nov. 25**

**Making Spirits Bright**

Daily through Jan. 1, 2012

Celebrate the season at the Arboretum with music, festive décor and holiday merriment!

**Member Double Discount Days**

Daily through Dec. 4, Gift Store, Oswald Visitor's Center

Members receive a 20-percent discount on all purchases in the Gift Store. Please bring your membership card for quick verification of eligibility.

**Saturday, Nov. 26**

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**

See Nov. 5

**Live Music: Holiday Heralds of the Minnesota Choral**

1:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-3 p.m., Great Hall, Oswald Visitor Center. Free with gate admission.

Enjoy the holiday sounds of this talented musical group.

**Traditional Holiday Tea**

2:30-4 p.m., \$23 members/\$26 non-members, Tea Room, Snyder Building. Enjoy traditional teas and an assortment of handmade sweets and savories, specially tailored for the holiday season. Register at [umnarboretum.catertrax.com](http://umnarboretum.catertrax.com) or call 612-626-3951.

**Sunday, Nov. 27**

**Weekend Family Fun: Buckthorn Bust**

See Nov. 5



**Live Music: Twin Cities Bronze in Concert**

1-2:30 p.m., MacMillan Auditorium, Oswald Visitor Center. Free with gate admission. This talented and acclaimed handbell choir always draws a crowd!

**Tuesday, Nov. 29**

**Pea Pods for Preschoolers for 3-5-year-olds (with caregiver):**

**"Fowl" Weather Feathered Friends 975-10-04-11**

9:30-11 a.m., \$100 member/\$120 non-member (10-session series) — fee includes gate fee for one adult caregiver, Marion Andrus Learning Center.

**Wednesday, Nov. 30**

**Traditional Holiday Tea**

See Nov. 26

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## REGULAR HOURS

Grounds open 8 a.m. to sunset everyday.

### OSWALD VISITOR CENTER, GIFT STORE AND RESTAURANT

#### October Hours:

Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### November Hours:

Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sun. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### ANDERSEN HORTICULTURAL LIBRARY (SNYDER BLDG.)

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### YARD & GARDEN HELP DESK

Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oswald Visitor Center

### ADMISSION FEE

Visitors: \$9; Members, children 15 & under: free; Arboretum memberships start at \$45

### THURSDAY ADMISSION

Third Thursdays: free admission after 4:30 p.m., from April-Oct.

Free admission all day Thursdays Nov.-March.



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## Exhibits

### Steelroots: Touching Earth & Sky

*Through January 2012. Arboretum grounds.*

### The Artistry of Trees

A show to celebrate the beauty and majesty of trees.

*Through Nov. 20, Reedy Gallery, Oswald Visitor Center.*

### Autumn Unplugged

Apple tastings, Pumpkin Palooza display, fall color and more.

*Through Oct. 31*

### Scarecrows on Parade

Juried exhibition of one-of-a-kind scarecrows.

*Through Oct. 31.*

### Center of Gravity

Balanced-rock photos by Peter Juhl

*Through Oct 31, Restaurant Gallery*

### Making Spirits Bright

Celebrate the season at the Arboretum with music, festive décor and holiday spirit!

*Nov. 25—Jan. 1*

### Reflections of the Season

Featuring Minnesota Artists

*Opens Nov. 25, Reedy Gallery*

## Save the Date

### Making Spirits Bright

Save the date for Making Spirits Bright and the holiday season at the Arboretum, Nov. 25—Jan. 1. As fall's amazing color splash gives way to snowy elegance, the Arboretum buildings are bursting with holiday delight and splendor.

Towering trees in the Great Hall are the perfect setting for natural and shimmery ornaments and storybook themes. Each themed tree will be ornately decorated and filled with surprises. Take a seat by the trees, grab a nearby children's book and relax while soaking in the holiday magic. Enjoy the unique gingerbread houses. Delight in the holiday musical performances. Learn how to add holiday flourishes to your home

Make your reservations for holiday teas and gourmet dinners. Gather in the Restaurant for a gingerbread cookie and hot chocolate. Don't miss the Auxiliary holiday sale for fresh greenery and handmade treasures. Stop by the gift store to find that perfect present for everyone on your list.

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