

SPRING 1986

**EVENTS,
NEWS,
&
CLASSES**

The Morton Arboretum



EVENTS

MARCH

- 2 **Guided Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.
- 5 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** "Illinois Crown Jewels" by Bill Glass, Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 **Behind the Scenes at the Arboretum:** (volunteers only), Sterling Morton Library, 7-9 p.m.*
- 9 **Maple Syrup-Making Demonstrations:** Thornhill, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 15 **Nature Ramble:** *Buds, Bark, & Branches*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 16 **Maple Syrup-Making Demonstrations:** Thornhill, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 16 **Ski Trail Closes**
- 19 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** "New Zealand" by Jack Appel, Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **Chamber Concert:** *The Harwood Early Music Ensemble*, "Music in the Life of Eleanor of Aquitaine" Thornhill Conference Center, 2:15 p.m.*
- 24 **Bonsai Society Meeting:** Research Center, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 2 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Competition, Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 **Guided Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.
- 12 **Nature Ramble:** *Signs of Spring*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 19-20 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 1 & 2 p.m.**
- 25-26 **Members' Cooperative Research Program:** Plant pick-up, Horticulture Lab, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*
- 26 **Arbor Day:** *A Celebration of Trees*, East Side, 1-4 p.m.
- 26-27 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 1 & 2 p.m.**
- 28 **Bonsai Society Meeting:** Research Center, 7:30 p.m.

MAY

- Week-days **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 1 & 2 p.m. (throughout the month). Limited tickets; first-come, first-served **
- 3 **Nature Ramble:** *Wildflowers*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 3-4 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 12, 1, 2, & 3 p.m.**
- 4 **Guided Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.
- 7 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** "Close-up Photography" by Bill Christiansen, Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Volunteers' Tour:** (Open-Air Bus), Visitor Center Courtyard, (rain date, May 16) 9 to 11 a.m.*
- 10 **Guided Walk:** *Exploring a Woodland Legacy*, (2 hrs. rough hiking), Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 10-11 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 12, 1, 2, & 3 p.m.**
- 11 **Chamber Concert:** *Chamber Music Unlimited*, mezzo soprano and harpsichord, harpsichord solo, Thornhill Conference Center, 2:15 p.m.*

- 17 **Nature Ramble:** *Wildflowers and Native Flowering Shrubs*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 17-18 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 12, 1, 2, & 3 p.m.**
- 21 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** "Techniques of Bird Photography," by Ben and Alma Goldstein, Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 24-25 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 12, 1, 2, & 3 p.m.**
- 26 **Memorial Day:** Visitor Center Open, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 26 **Family Holiday Ramble:** Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 30 **Members' Evening:** Arboretum East Side, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 12, 1, 2, & 3 p.m.**
- 1 **Guided Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.
- 7-8 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 1 & 2 p.m.**
- 11 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 **Members' Evening:** Arboretum East Side, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 14 **Guided Walk:** *Exploring a Woodland Legacy*, (2 hrs. rough hiking), Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 14-15 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 1 & 2 p.m.**
- 15 **Looking at Plants:** *The Reading Garden and Roses*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.**
- 18 **Volunteers' Tour:** (Open-Air Bus), Visitor Center Courtyard, (rain date, June 25) 7 p.m.*
- 21 **Tree Trimmers' Jamboree,** West side, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 21 **Nature Ramble:** *Meadow and Pond*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.**
- 21-22 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center 1 & 2 p.m.**
- 23 **Bonsai Society Meeting:** Research Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 **Members' Evening:** Arboretum East Side, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 28-29 **Open-Air Bus Tours:** Visitor Center, 1 & 2 p.m.**

* Preregistration and/or fee required
 **Rambles, walks and tours \$1/person, \$3/family of 3 or more; Open-Air Bus Tours \$1.50/person

SPRING WALKS AND TOURS

The Arboretum offers a variety of guided experiences for its visitors. Some are quite casual and others more exploratory and lengthy. All are led by qualified guides. Tickets for walks and tours are available at the Visitor Center Information Building on a daily first-come, first-served basis. Occasionally we must cancel due to inclement weather.

The following is an overview of these activities. See the Events Calendar for specific dates. If you have suggestions regarding our public walks and tours, please write to Karla Patterson, Visitor Program Coordinator, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL 60532.

Open-Air Bus Tours—This 50-minute ride on our 1937 custom-built Ford bus follows the main route through the entire Arboretum. Open to the sky, the ride can be breezy, but also full of information about the history, landscapes, and current work of the Arboretum. \$1.50 per person.

Nature Rambles—Rambles are short (1 1/2 hrs.), casual walks intended for individuals and families. These walks take us to various parts of the grounds to explore seasonal landscapes and wildlife from a naturalist's viewpoint. \$1 per person, \$3 for a family of 3 or more.

Guided Tour "Introducing the Arboretum"—This is a 1 1/2-hour walking tour through some of the major facilities and landscapes of the Arboretum. As an overview it includes a bit of history, views of some garden areas and the Research Center; a good program for those who are new to the Arboretum. Free tickets at the Visitor Center Information Desk.

Guided Walk "Exploring a Woodland Legacy" This 2-hour program is an opportunity to hike through our native woods, comparing rich woods with less frequently seen border areas where the impact of current and proposed suburban development is in direct contrast to the Arboretum's conservation goals. Outdoor clothing and footgear are recommended. \$1 per person, \$3 for a family of 3 or more.

Looking at Plants—This one-hour guided program takes visitors to various gardens and special plant collections for a closer look at some of the Arboretum's very best ornamental plants. \$1 per person, \$3 for a family of 3 or more.

MEMBERS' COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM

On Arbor Day, Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Arboretum will again distribute plants to members who choose to participate in the Members' Cooperative Research Program. Plants will be picked up in Room 111 of the Research Center. Members will receive instructions in the mail this spring on how to become participants.

Many of the plants selected for distribution through this program are not readily available from local commercial sources. This year's selections include American bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) common per-simmon (*Diospyros virginiana*) tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) Manchurian crabapple (*Malus baccata* var. *mandshurica*) black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*) red spire flowering pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) Korean poplar (*Populus koreana*) bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*).

This is the fifth year in which we have offered trees for testing. This spring, we will be asking for progress reports on the plants chosen in 1981. Each year hereafter we will ask for reports on the five-year-old plants distributed through this program.

Watch your mail this spring for registration instructions. We hope to see many new faces at our 1986 distribution.

EVENTS & NEWS

ARBOR DAY: A CELEBRATION OF TREES Saturday, April 26, 1-4 p.m.

Arbor Day, 1986 falls officially on Friday, April 25 in Illinois. However, the Arboretum will be celebrating Arbor Day this year on Saturday, April 26 in order to give more people an opportunity to attend the special **Celebration of Trees** we are planning.

Arboretum members and the general public are invited to a festive afternoon in celebration of trees. We will offer free scheduled demonstrations of tree planting, pruning, and nurture; branch arranging; and guided walks to see mature specimens of the plants being distributed through our Members' Cooperative Research Program.

Bring the kids; we are also planning some special young people's activities. The Arboretum's Plant Clinic will also be open during the Celebration for questions on plant problems. The Celebration is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine. The Arboretum's staff is planning to make this a festive and informative event for all who attend. Look to your local newspapers for more details as Arbor Day approaches.

MEMBERS' EVENINGS ARE MAY 30 AND JUNE 13 & 27

Members and their guests are invited to the Arboretum on Friday evenings, May 30 and June 13 and 27 from 5:50 to 8:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a picnic supper to tables set up outside the Visitor Center or to the lawn near the Administration Building. Bicycling, an activity available to members only on these special evenings, will be allowed on the Arboretum's east side roads. Come out and enjoy an evening in the quiet spring splendor of the Arboretum.

MAPLE SYRUP MAKING AT THE ARBORETUM

Sundays, March 9 & 16, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Each year the Arboretum conducts a demonstration of how maple syrup is produced, from the tapping of trees and gathering of sap, through boiling down to the syrup stage. Our emphasis will be on demonstrating how you might do this yourself. You will taste the finished product—the sweetest gift of trees to man. To help you enjoy and appreciate this process we will give you an introductory session which includes a film. Then, using a map, you will go outdoors to observe and learn about the process in several different locations. The interpreters will be Arboretum Guides supported by Volunteers. Limit, 50 per hour.

TICKETS AND DIRECTIONS will be available (\$1 per person) AT THE THORNHILL BUILDING on a first-come, first-served basis from 9:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. on the days of the activity. Individuals, families and small groups are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

Why not visit the Chicago region's only international museum of living woody plants on International Museum Day, Sunday, May 18? You guessed it—it's the Morton Arboretum! Spring is such an outstandingly beautiful season at the Arboretum that no one should miss it, especially you and your friends. However, Sunday spring afternoons are among our busiest times, and if you choose to come during the week, the grounds will not be as crowded. At any rate, we hope you will visit us often during spring with your friends, enjoy the grounds, and learn more about our activities and classes.

HOW TO REMEMBER THE MORTON ARBORETUM IN YOUR WILL

One of the greatest assets of the Arboretum is the enduring loyalty of its members and visitors. This consistent support is manifested through repeated visits, memberships, and annual gifts.

Your decision to include the Arboretum in your estate will help preserve the programs and experiences available here for future generations. Including the Arboretum in a bequest is most certainly an individual decision but one that is encouraged by current and proposed tax law.

Here are some points that are helpful to remember:

- Your intentions, if they are to be carried out, must be in a valid written will. Verbal communications and letters are not sufficient.
- Without a will your estate is distributed by the laws of Descent and Distribution of the state in which you live – distributed regardless of your wishes.

In remembering the Arboretum in your will, with any type of bequest, you should use our legal name: The Morton Arboretum, an Illinois private operating foundation, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

Your gift can be one of a variety of types or a combination of them. Here are some examples of how you incorporate our name in the wording of your gift:

A General Bequest

This is a simple outright gift of a certain dollar amount. The wording would be: *I give, devise, and bequeath \$ _____ to The Morton Arboretum, an Illinois private operating foundation, Lisle, Illinois 60532, for its Endowment Fund.*

A Specific Bequest

A specific bequest is a gift of a particular article, artifact, or collection. If this is your intention, give as exact a description of the article or collection as possible, so that your executor will have no question as to what you mean. You would say: *I give my _____ to The Morton Arboretum, an Illinois private operating foundation, Lisle, Illinois 60532.*

A Bequest of Real Property

If it is your desire for the Arboretum to receive real estate that you own, you would give the street address or rural route along with the legal description of the property. The legal description of your property, whether it is a farm, home, condominium or vacant lot, can always be found in the deed or title insurance policy to the property. The wording you might want to use would be: *I devise (tell what it is) located at (street address or rural route) and legally described as (then follows the legal description) to the The Morton Arboretum, an Illinois private operating foundation, Lisle, Illinois 60532, for its Endowment Fund.*

These examples would make an unrestricted gift. Income or principal from the endowed gift would go toward the general operation of the Arboretum, thus perpetuating your annual membership or giving.

However, if you have a particular interest in some area of our programs, scientific departments, or Library, you can restrict your gift to that area. To do this, state the purpose of your gift in place of mentioning (as our examples) the Endowment Fund.

Through a bequest, of whatever type you choose, you can help continue our long tradition of outstanding programs in Collections, Research, Education, and publications.

RECENT MATCHING GIFTS

An increasing number of corporations and corporate foundations are offering matching gift programs. Though guidelines vary, employees, retirees, and directors may have their support of a nonprofit organization matched or doubled by their company. For example, if you make a gift to the Arboretum directly or by purchasing an individual, family or contributing membership, your company, if it sponsors a matching gift program, will make a similar or larger gift.

During the past several months, matching gifts have been received from these sources:

AT&T
Bell Communications
Citibank/Citicorp
Continental Group
R.R. Donnelley
Harris Bank Foundation
Household International
Illinois Bell
IBM
J.D. & C.T. MacArthur Foundation
McDonald's Corporation
Montgomery Ward
Morton Thiokol
Northern Trust Company
People's Gas, Light, & Coke Company
Quaker Oats
United States Gypsum

This support initiated by our members and donors is deeply appreciated. The funds we receive allow us to increase and accelerate our programs. Also, the Arboretum and its services are brought to the attention of new audiences who then have the opportunity to become involved with one of our area's most productive institutions.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE ARBORETUM

Volunteering at the Arboretum provides new avenues to explore and learn about our unique museum. Come help the Arboretum broaden its horizons as you broaden yours!

- Gardener's Aides:** As our collections grow, so does our need for friends to help care for them. Novice and veteran volunteer gardeners alike assist Arboretum personnel in basic garden maintenance. You'll provide much-needed support, while spending part of the growing season amidst our beautiful collections.
- Development Researcher:** Our Development Office is seeking help in researching potential new funding sources for the Arboretum. The work, both at the Arboretum and a downtown library, will involve research of resources, analysis of data, record-keeping and, if interested, participation in the preparation of grant proposals. Previous development experience would be most helpful, though it is not essential; one day weekly on a weekday basis is required.
- Graphic Arts Cataloger:** An individual with strong organizational skills is needed to update the filing and storage systems of exhibits, publications, photographs and supplies in our graphic arts department. The job requires patience, perspective and one day weekly on a weekday basis.
- Eastern Tent Caterpillar Posse!** This year will be the fourth in our successful battle against the Eastern Tent Caterpillar in our prized crabapple collection. This four-week volunteer program in April and May controls the pest population by hand pruning (weekdays only).

For further information about these and other volunteer opportunities at the Arboretum, please call the Volunteer Office, Monday through Friday, at 968-0074.

DIAL 969-8783 FOR ARBORETUM INFORMATION AND EVENTS

The Arboretum now has an additional phone listing for up-to-date information on current visitor activities and events such as tours and guided hikes. The regularly changed information tape also specifies what is of current interest on the grounds, including what's in bloom and predictions of peak autumn color. This information is preceded by a few brief comments on hours of opening, gate fees, and directions. By dialing 969-8783 both those familiar with the Arboretum and those new to its vast resources, will quickly be able to get the information they need to plan a visit.

Phone listings as of January 1986:

The Morton Arboretum
General Information & Events 969-8783
Offices, Adult Group Tours 968-0074
Info-Classes, School & Youth Visits 969-5682
Info-Trees and Shrubs 964-6044

BOOKS NEEDED FOR USED BOOK SALE

This autumn, the Arboretum will present its biennial Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Sterling Morton Library. This sale is made possible only through the donations of books by supporters. Used and out-of-print books on gardening, horticulture, botany, ecology, natural history, agriculture, forestry, environmental studies, appropriate technical and biological illustrations, local history and Americana, and related subjects are being sought for the sale. Books may be left at the Library, located in the Administration Building, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Books may also be left at the Visitor Center on Sundays, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Contributions of cash are also being sought to buy appropriate used and out-of-print books.

RARE BOOKS TO BE CATALOGED AND INDEXED

In order to make the rare book collection more accessible to the staff of the Arboretum, the library staff has decided to embark on an ambitious project, the cataloging and indexing of this valuable collection. Effective January 1, 1986, Peter Wang, Library Cataloger, will devote his full time and attention to cataloging this collection, under the direction of Rich Shotwell, Administrative and Reference Librarian. Ian MacPhail, Curator of Rare Books, and Marti Guarin, longtime library volunteer in this area, will be the chief consultants in this project.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Anne Norton, the Arboretum's newest botanical art instructor, is a native of the Indiana Dunes. After receiving her B.F.A. from Syracuse University in illustration, she taught art in high school in upper New York state. Since returning to our area, she has studied botanical art with Nancy Hart at the Arboretum for several years. She and her husband Gary live with their son and daughter in Geneva.



CLASSES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLASS AND FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

In seasons other than winter, Arboretum classes and field trips are held regardless of weather. Comfortable and appropriate field clothing, including walking shoes, is advised for outdoor activities. Please arrange your travel so that you arrive promptly for classes.

***Appropriate identification aids, such as binoculars, hand lenses and field guides, are recommended for these activities.**

NATURAL HISTORY

N12a FIELD NATURAL HISTORY

For beginning students of natural history, this is an opportunity to encounter spring in the woods, fields and wetlands of the Arboretum. Most of each session will be held outdoors regardless of weather. Topics of study include wildflowers, birds, aquatic invertebrates, amphibians, native shrubs, and ancient geological history. Especially recommended for new Arboretum Guides.

Leader: Pat Armstrong. 10 Tuesdays, Mar. 25–May 27 9:30 a.m. to noon. The Outpost (Class will meet on Apr. 8 in the west classroom of the Thornhill Building.) Fee: \$35 (members, \$29). Limit, 20.

N12b THE NATURE OF SPRING

An evening introduction to spring happenings in the out-of-doors. Emphasis will be on recognition and natural history of spring-arriving birds and woodland wildflowers. This class is intended for beginners in nature study. Leader: Dick Wason. 7 Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mar. 27–May 15, omitting Apr. 24. Godshalk Hall, Thornhill Building. Fee: \$20 (members, \$16). Limit, 20.

BICYCLES IN THE ARBORETUM

We are often asked why bicycles are not allowed in the Arboretum. Actually, they are allowed—but only at certain times and for certain purposes. We invite you to register for the activities below which require the use of bicycles. The **three biking activities listed below** are under the leadership of Helen Pierce and Carol Way. Each ride begins in the Visitor Center parking lot promptly at 7:30 a.m. and lasts until 9:30 a.m., fee is \$2.50 (\$2 for members); each trip is limited to 30 riders. The pace on all rides is leisurely.

BYOB (bring your own bicycle).

FN3a WILDFLOWER BICYCLE RIDE* Saturday, April 26

Wildflowers push their way through the forest floor at this time of year, before the canopy trees leaf out. Join us as we bike to various wooded areas of the Arboretum to enjoy some of these beautiful spring displays.

FN3b BIKING AND BIRDING*

Saturday, May 10
Join us this early morning during the spring migration to look for birds as they pause in the Arboretum on their northward journey. Although our activity is designed to include beginners, all birders are welcome. Bring bicycle, binoculars and favorite field guide and meet in the Visitor Center parking lot.

FN3c PRAIRIE PEDALING* Saturday, May 24

Get an impressive glimpse of what the Prairie State's early settlers saw all around them after a long, cold winter. Join us for a ride to the Arboretum's restored prairie to enjoy an impressive display of early prairie wildflowers which formerly were common throughout our area. Whether you have previously seen the spring prairie in bloom or not, you will find it to be a delightful experience, and a fitting way to begin your Memorial Day weekend.



The Arboretum is consistently ranked as one of the top birding spots in northeastern Illinois, because of its diverse habitats. The activities which follow will acquaint you with both migrating and nesting species.

FN60 BEGINNERS' BIRD WALKS*

Observation of birds on the Arboretum grounds, for those with little previous experience. No children or organized groups, please. Visitor Center courtyard, 9 to 11 a.m. Fee: \$3 (members, \$2.50). Limit, 25.
Section a: Leader, Dick Wason. Saturday, May 10
Section b: Leader, Carol Fialkowski. Saturday, May 24

FN260 INTERMEDIATE BIRD WALK*

Observation of birds on the Arboretum grounds, for those with previous birding experience. No children or organized groups, please.
Leader: Gloria Dobry. Saturday, May 31, 9 to 11 a.m. Visitor Center courtyard.
Fee: \$3 (members, \$2.50). Limit, 25.

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