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Hagley Museum by the river

Art-Reach Celebrates Earth Day with Greater Philadelphia Gardens

Attention, Art-Reach members! Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22, and we have organized a great way for all of you to get outside and experience the sights and sounds of springtime.

In a unique partnership with Greater Philadelphia Gardens, Art-Reach members will receive free or discounted admission to eight local gardens on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22. And as an extra incentive to entice you into scheduling a trip, each member of your group will receive his or her own commemorative Earth Day packet of flower seeds!

“This is a great way for our members to explore our region’s horticultural riches on a day that reminds us all of the need to preserve the environment and live more sustainable lives,” said Michael Norris, Executive Director of Art-Reach, the nonprofit organization that connects underserved audiences to cultural experiences.

Participating gardens, all of whom offer free parking, are located across the region and offer a wide variety of traditional and contemporary gardens set amidst beautiful grounds, wooded areas and historic sites. This is a great

opportunity to go someplace new and visit a place you otherwise wouldn't be able to. Pick a garden, or two that's right for your group and get out and enjoy!

The gardens offering free admission to Art-Reach groups on Earth Day are:

- [**Awbury Arboretum**](#), Philadelphia, PA (Germantown)

A pastoral oasis in the heart of the city, Awbury is a 19th-century Quaker estate with 55 acres of English-style landscape, gardens, ponds and woodland trails.

- [**Chanticleer**](#), Wayne, PA

A 35-acre pleasure garden, Chanticleer displays the visual beauty of the art of horticulture in a unique series of gardens infused with a sense of drama and whimsy.

- [**Hagley Museum and Library**](#), Wilmington, DE

The original site of the DuPont gunpowder works along the idyllic Brandywine creek, Hagley features a formal flower and vegetable garden, along with restored and ruined mill buildings overhung with trees.

- [**Highlands Mansion & Gardens**](#), Fort Washington, PA

The Highlands comprises a 44-acre site with a historic 18th-century mansion and a two-acre formal garden surrounded by a dramatic stone wall and a Gothic Revival gardener's cottage.

- [**Landscape Arboretum of Temple University**](#), Ambler, PA

A living laboratory of old and new gardens demonstrate classic landscape architecture and contemporary designs based on modern ecological principles in a range of styles both formal and naturalistic.

- [**Morris Arboretum**](#), Philadelphia, PA (Chestnut Hill)

The official state arboretum of Pennsylvania, this 92-acre Victorian garden showcases thousands of rare and woody plants in a picturesque landscape of winding paths, streams, flowers and special garden areas.

- [**Scott Arboretum**](#), Swarthmore, PA

Located on the grounds of Swarthmore College, the arboretum comprises a

diverse collection of specialty garden areas (fragrance garden, conifers, roses).

[Longwood Gardens](#) in Kennett Square, PA, is offering \$2 admission to Art-Reach groups on Earth Day. One of the world's great horticulture displays, Longwood offers dazzling gardens, sparkling fountains, and natural woodlands. Don't miss the new Indoor Children's Garden, Nature's Castles treehouses and more.

"The Philadelphia region is the horticultural epicenter of the United States," said Noelle Cutler, coordinator of Greater Philadelphia Gardens, an umbrella organization for nearly 30 local gardens and arboreta. "Partnering with Art-Reach is a great way for the gardens we work with to extend their reach in the community and welcome people who might otherwise not have the opportunity to visit."

For more information about Greater Philadelphia Gardens, visit its website at www.GreaterPhiladelphiaGardens.org.

To schedule your group visit to one of the gardens listed above, fill out and submit a museum-visit request form or contact Art-Reach Programming Manager Matt Bryan at (215) 568-2115 ext. 4 or mbryan@art-reach.org.