



Gems From Tyler Formal Gardens

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13th Annual Tyler Formal Gardens & Landscaping Lecture *Gardens and Photography: An Old Mix or a New Match?*



Whatever one's response to the above question, all can agree the two arts frequently combine to create a remarkable lasting effect. A photographer's best efforts to capture extraordinary garden beauty – particularly when collected and bound in unforgettable coffee tabletop books – can always be relied on to preserve gardens at their peak.

During the April 25 lecture, one of the best-known photographers in the country as well as Photography Director-tor of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Rob Cardillo, will

speak on "The Creative Eye: Secrets and Lies in Photographing Gardens." He will illustrate the crafting of sweeping landscape portraits and compelling plant close-ups through engaging and instructive stories. And, if you prefer an iPhone, he will share new tools and ideas to help you find and translate your garden experiences into a photographic vision of your personal "Eden."

Cardillo has garnered top honors from the American Horticultural Society and the Garden Writers Association, and exhibited photographs in *Mother Earth News*, *Garden Design* and more than six books.

The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, in the Zlock Performing Arts Center on the Newtown Campus of Bucks County Community College. A tour of Tyler Formal Gardens is included in the ticket price, plus a raffle for tickets to Chanticleer Garden will be held during the event.

Great appreciation is extended to the PA Horticultural Society for its promotion of this year's garden lecture in the spring edition of "Partner Programs," and to the lecture's major sponsors: Ameriprise Financial (Daniel P. Morrissey), BCCC Foundation, BCCC Historic Preservation Program, Behrle Custom Landscapes LLC, Berkshire Hathaway (Mary Dinneen), Fred Beans Family of Dealerships, Garden Accents, N.F. Landis & Son Inc., RCP Architecture LLC, Janet and Lyle Rosenberger, and Carol Tyler.

\$15 General Admission; \$10 PHS members, veterans and Bucks alumni; \$5 students w/ID. Register online at bucks.edu/discover/foundation events or mail in form and check (payable to the BCCC Foundation) to: Lyle Rosenberger, Tyler Formal Gardens Lecture, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Tyler Hall, Room 229, Newtown, PA 18940. For more information or questions, e-mail lyle.rosenberger@bucks.edu.

Save These Dates!

March 28 – April 4 rain date
Volunteer Cleanup with Professional Grounds Management Society
9 a.m.–noon,
Tyler Formal Gardens, Newtown

June 14
90th Anniversary Garden Celebration
Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social
1–3 p.m.
Tyler Formal Gardens, Newtown

August 10
Bucks County Community College Golf Classic
North Hills Country Club
North Hills (Glenside)

Tyler Formal Gardens

Bucks County Community College
275 Swamp Road
Newtown, PA 18940
bucks.edu/tylergardens

Historic Preservationist – Lyle Rosenberger

Horticulturist – Dr. Kathi Knight

Garden Manager – Barbara Long

Volunteer Master Gardener – Rena Shields

Volunteer Gardeners – Barbara Brown, Laura Canfield, Becky Evinski, Bill Kelly, John Morrow, Alice Prizer, Michael Swanson, and Rosemary Zito.

Open to the public year-round – dawn to dusk. Free admission

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90TH ANNIVERSARY

BUCKS UNIVERSITY
TYLER FORMAL GARDENS

90 Years Young!

Since 1999, volunteers have toiled to return Tyler Formal Gardens to their illustrious past. The fruits of this labor of love are reflected in the gardens' appearance and popularity. In 2019, the college replaced the courtyard's flagstone walkway with stamped concrete and added new signage describing Stella Tyler's art. The double dogleg staircase leading to gardens' first level was repaired by Behrle Custom Landscapes LLC. In addition, given the increasing number of visitors to the gardens, wrought-iron railings were added to the staircases leading to the tennis court level, along with a decorative border fence around the tennis court wall's flower bed, all completed by Iron Art & Design of New Holland, Pa.

Help Grow the Restoration

Garden restoration on the magnitude of Tyler Formal Gardens requires many hands, many talents, and many dollars. If you enjoy gardening, nature and/or history, please consider volunteering with like-minded people and learn firsthand about the illustrious past of the baronial estate and gardens as well as about horticulture and historic preservation. The restoration of Tyler Formal Gardens also offers numerous sponsorship opportunities. For information about becoming a volunteer, sponsor, or donor, please contact Lyle Rosenberger at Lyle.Rosenberger@bucks.edu.

