

Tyler Arboretum Offers Maple Sugaring And Pancake Breakfast Feb. 3

Tyler Arboretum will offer a taste of life in the sugarbush with tours and demonstrations of maple syrup production, complemented by a hearty pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 3).

Sugarbush is the old-fashioned term for a grove of sugar maple trees used for maple syrup production. Many people who have read "Little House in the Big Woods" will remember the excitement of maple sugaring at the Ingalls family homestead in the late 1800s. As winter ended and the sap began to flow, settlers would collect the sap from sugar maple trees then boil it to make syrup and sugar because cane sugar was an expensive luxury then.

At the same time that the Ingalls family was tapping trees in Wisconsin, the Painter family was probably tapping maple sugar trees that grew on their farm that would eventually become Tyler Arboretum.

Participants in Tyler's Maple Sugaring can experience what it was like for the Painters to make maple syrup and learn about a present-day agricultural commodity. Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation for maple syrup production. The sap that flowed out of the state's 449,000 taps yielded 66,000 gallons of pure maple syrup in 2006.

Five sugar maple trees clustered around Lachford Hall, the Painter family's historic home, form Tyler's sugarbush. Experts will lead maple-sugar-



Above, Maggie Dietrich watches the tapping of a maple tree during last year's Maple Sugaring at Tyler Arboretum.

ing tours throughout the morning and demonstrate how to tap trees and collect sap.

The tours conclude at the historic Painter Barn where visitors learn how the sap is made into maple syrup.

Breakfast will be served throughout the morning. The menu will feature pancakes and sausage, an assortment of beverages, and of course, maple syrup.

Admission to the event is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 3-12, and free under age 3. (Snow

date is Feb. 10.)

Tyler Arboretum is on Painter Road near Media, one mile east of Rt. 352. For information, call 610-566-9134. Complete information is available online at www.tylerarboretum.org.

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Family Chooses Coffee Over Grind Of Corporate Life

Burlap and Bean, a new family owned and operated coffee house in Newtown Square that imports and roasts 100% fair trade coffee beans on site, is fulfilling a family dream that represents a shift from corporate to coffee culture for the owners.

Brothers and owners Brent and Ben Endicott left their positions as Application Developer and Waterfront Director for Young Life, respectively, to pursue their passion . . . coffee.

With the support of their wives, the brothers were able to see their vision come to life. Brent used his skills as Application Developer to compose a robust website for the new business, while Ben painstakingly researched coffee importers and their offer-

ings. Christine, Ben's wife, put her marketing background to work in developing the company's graphics and retail line that includes stone coffee mugs, travel mugs, t-shirts and their own line of freshly roasted coffee.

Housemates in Media, the two couples have successfully created a second home in their coffee house.

The "living room" is inviting with its soft brown leather furniture and burnt orange color scheme, accented by the warmth and aroma of freshly roasted coffee beverages including cappuccino, espresso, latte and an authentic Italian macchiato.

Burlap and Bean is a place where friends can meet and enjoy many of the comforts of home, such as local newspa-

pers, a community bookshelf and free WiFi that provides free Internet usage for customers with laptop computers.

Classic coffee accompaniments, such as biscotti, muffins and dessert breads are also available, along with live musical entertainment on Saturday nights from local guitarists, singers and songwriters.

In keeping with their community focus of giving back, the Endicotts are partners with TransFair, an organization that ensures fair compensation to coffee farmers overseas.

Fair trade is something they share with their hometown of Media, which is the "First Fair Trade Town in the U.S."

Visit www.burlapandbean.com for more information.

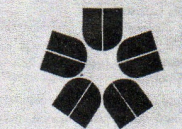
Local Chapter Of Wild Ones Elects Officers

The Habitat Resource Network of Southeast PA local chapter of Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Inc. (www.forwild.org), has recently appointed Mike Niven as Vice President and Program Committee Co-Chair, Kelley Kramer as Secretary and Publicity Chair, and Barbara Elliot as Program Committee Co-Chair. The three officers will join Maureen Carbery, President, and Derek Stedman, Treasurer, in efforts to provide local Wild Ones members with educational and environmental resources to

support the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Habitat Resource Network of

Southeast Pennsylvania is a volunteer, non-profit organization focused in Delaware and Chester Counties.

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