

For all programs, park and meet at the PHA Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Call 508-693-9426 for classes requiring pre-registration.

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop: Part One

Saturday, March 4, 10am-2pm

At Polly Hill Arboretum & The Grey Barn and Farm, West Tisbury

Part One of this two-part fruit tree pruning class will cover basic fruit tree anatomy as well as tree shape and structure planning. Participants will learn how to prune young trees and how to rejuvenate old or mismanaged trees. The class will focus on apples, cherries, peaches, and pears. Beginning with a lecture at Polly Hill Arboretum in the new Education Center, the program will move to the Grey Barn and Farm's orchard for the hands-on portion. *The rain date will be March 11, 10am-2pm. Part Two of the class will take place on Thursday, June 22, 10am-2pm and will cover fruit tree management and growth control techniques for a maximally productive tree. Participants may attend one or both. \$30 for PHA members / \$40 for non-members. Space is limited; please call to preregister.*

Winter Walk

Saturday, March 11, 10am

Join PHA Horticulturist Ben Madeiras for a look at plants of interest in the landscape. Every season of the year the Arboretum offers something of beauty and interest to visitors. At this time of year, spring bulbs and the earliest of camellias may be in bloom! Meet at the Visitor Center and dress for the weather. *Tours run for a little over an hour and are free with \$5 admission; free for members and children 12 and under. No pre-registration required.*

A special event co-sponsored by Island non-profits including Polly Hill Arboretum:

Grazing and Conservation on Martha's Vineyard: Conversations Concerning Food and Open Land At the MV Agricultural Hall, March 13, 6:30-9pm

An exploration of the benefits of grass-based farming with an evening presentation and discussion, this event will include a series of short talks on grazing, local food production, and open-land conservation in New England and on the Vineyard. Speakers will include Brian Donahue from Brandeis University; David Foster of Harvard University, Conrad Vispo from Hawthorne Valley Farm in NY; Jon Previant from the Farm Institute of The Trustees of Reservations; and Matthew Dix of Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission.

Visitor Information

The Polly Hill Arboretum grounds are open sunrise to sunset every day of the year. | The Visitor Center is open 9:30am - 4pm Memorial Day weekend to Columbus Day. | The visitor center is wheelchair accessible. | Admission is \$5 for non-members, and free for members and children under 12.

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Snowdrops on the PHA grounds. Photo by Erin Hepfauer

Winter Tree ID: No leaves? No Problem!

Saturday, March 18, 9am-12pm

Fewer than three dozen types of trees are native to Martha's Vineyard. Can you identify all of them...in winter? Join PHA Horticulturist/Arborist Ian Jochems for this introductory class on winter tree identification. This class will provide classroom instruction in the new Education Center and Botany Lab as well as outdoor field study during which students will put their new skills to use. *\$25 for PHA members, \$30 for non-members. Please call to pre-register.*



A Plantsman's Adventures in Ireland

Wednesday, March 22, 5:30pm

Join PHA Executive Director Tim Boland on a travelog through Ireland. Tim spent a week this past fall in County Kerry, Ireland, for a family wedding and spent most of his days in the beautiful Ring of Kerry. This area is known for its spectacular landscapes and for having one of the best remaining examples of native European woodlands. Waterfalls, ancient oaks, and the rare Irish strawberry tree are just a few of the amazing encounters of his journey. *Please join us for this presentation in the Arboretum's new Education Center and Botany Lab. Free for PHA members, \$5 for non-members.*



Lough Leane, County Kerry, Ireland. Photo by Tim Boland

Holly Hat Racking Workshop

Friday, March 24, 10am-12pm

Join Polly Hill's Horticulturist/Arborist, Ian Jochems to learn a radical pruning technique called hat racking that rejuvenates old or overgrown holly trees. Like many properties, PHA has large overgrown hollies. Instead of cutting them down or snipping back bits at a time, we can tame these beasts back into beauties with effective cuts. *Please dress for the weather and bring work gloves. PHA will provide all other tools. \$10 for PHA members, \$15 for non-members. Space is limited; please call to preregister.*

The Finest Cut: Taking the Fear Out of Pruning

Saturday, April 8, 1-4pm

Class Repeats: Saturday, April 15, 1-4pm

PHA Horticulturist/Arborist Ian Jochems will cover techniques such as directional pruning, shrub rejuvenation, and the three-cut method, as well as tool maintenance. Learn some basic plant physiology and how plant genetics and habits inform pruning choices. There will be in-class demonstrations and hands-on practice. Participants will also venture into the collection to observe how plants have responded to past pruning. *Tools will be supplied. \$10 for PHA members, \$20 for non-members. Space is limited; please call to preregister.*

Daffodil Show & Spring Flower Walk

Saturday, April 22, 10am-2pm

Celebrate spring with a daffodil display in the Far Barn. Dozens of varieties will be showcased in vases, illustrating the large variations in this plant group. Enjoy family-friendly arts and crafts, and bring a picnic! Join staff for a 10am guided tour to see what spring flowers are in bloom on the grounds. *This event is free and open to the public.*



Celebrate Arbor Day at Polly Hill Arboretum

Friday, April 28, 1-3pm

Join the staff of the Polly Hill Arboretum for an afternoon devoted to trees! Learn about the history of Arbor Day, take a guided tree tour, and learn the best method of planting trees in your landscape. This year join Executive Director Tim Boland for a special lecture on PHA's participation in the Global Trees Campaign to save vulnerable North American oaks from extinction. *This event is free and open to the public.*

"Looking Together" Tours

*Tours run the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month
May through September, 2-3pm*

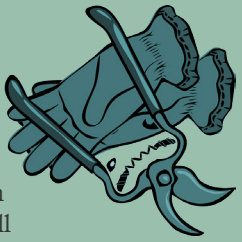


Learn more about the Arboretum and its plant collections on guided walks led by knowledgeable staff and docents. These specialized tours are designed to offer an in-depth Arboretum experience. The theme will change weekly. **May 9:** Take a tour of the greenhouses and discover what plants are being propagated for the upcoming season. **May 23:** Meet the new curator and interns on a grounds tour highlighting new plants and projects for the upcoming year. *Free with \$5 admission for non-members, free for members and children 12 and under.*

Horticulture for the Home Gardener

Wednesday, May 10, 10am-12pm

Join PHA Horticulturist/Arborist Ian Jochems for a look at the basics of horticulture. The class will cover the essentials of how to plant everything from seeds and bulbs to shrubs and trees. Participants will learn about pruning, tool use, proper plant care, mulches, soil amendments, basic integrated pest management (IPM), and will get hands-on practice with various tools. *This class will be entirely in the field; participants should dress appropriately and bring gardening gloves. \$20 for PHA members, \$25 for non-members. Space is limited; please call to preregister.*



Spring Plant Sale Preview

Wednesday, May 24, 5:30pm

Join Arboretum Executive Director Tim Boland and Curator Todd Rounsaville for an illustrated presentation featuring some of the distinctive plants featured in the upcoming Spring Plant Sale on May 27. They will highlight the ornamental attributes of many of the plants and provide tips on successful culture and garden use. The sale will feature PHA plant introductions, a host of rare trees and hard to find shrubs, and tough, durable, beautiful herbaceous perennials, including many Island natives. Bring your questions and leave with a shopping list! *This event is free and open to the public.*



PHA Spring Plant Sale 2016. Photo by Erin Hepfner

Spring Plant Sale Opening Day

Saturday, May 27, 10am-2pm (pre-sale tour 9-10am)

The PHA Visitor Center and Plant Sale open for the season on Memorial Day weekend. Join PHA staff at 9am Saturday for an early bird tour to view mature specimens of plants we will have for sale, and to find out what's happening on the grounds. From 10am-2pm, staff will be on hand to answer questions about the selection of trees, shrubs, and perennials available for sale. These plants are chosen for their superior qualities and adaptability to our Island climate. *This event is free and open to the public.*