

# Autumn Highlights

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## Spotlight Tours

Daily at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 2 pm

### October 1–23

Learn how we fill our gardens under glass with beauty in every season.

### October 24–November 16

Marvel at our *Chrysanthemum Festival* and the horticulture, art, and science that make it all possible.

*Free with Gardens Admission. Inquire at the Visitor Center for the tour sign-up location on the day of your visit.*

*Please note: Capacity is limited.*

## Family Nature Strolls

10:30 and 11:30 am

### October 4, 11, 18

Discover the sights, sounds, and scents of the season with fun, 30-minute nature strolls designed for the whole family. Recommended for adults and children (5–12 years old).

*Free with Gardens Admission. Sign up at the Main Conservatory Information Desk on the day of your visit.*

*Please note: Capacity is limited.*

## October

### October 3

**Autumn's Colors On View**  
Now–November 16

**Pumpkin Displays On View**  
Now–October 31

**Garden Railway On View**  
Now–January 11, 2026

### Live Music in the Beer Garden:

**Saving de Grace**

5–7:45 pm

### Illuminated Fountain Performance:

**Come As You Are: 90s**

8:15 pm

### October 4

#### Sound Bathing in the Gardens

8:30–11 am<sup>1</sup>

#### Picking and Planting the Right Tree

9 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Floral Design Foundations

9 am–4:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

## Hydrangea Basics

2–3:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Live Music in the Beer Garden:

**Hake & Jarema**

5–7:45 pm

### Illuminated Fountain Performance:

**Here You Come Again**

8:15 pm

### October 5

#### Member Appreciation Day

10 am–9 pm

Enjoy 20% discounts in The Garden Shop (onsite and online) and on dining.

### Michael Xavier Lundy

1 pm and 3 pm

### Live Music in the Beer Garden:

**The Rockdale Boys**

5–7:45 pm

### Illuminated Fountain Performance:

**Swan Lake**

8:15 pm

### October 6

#### Introduction to Shrubs

6-part class

Begins October 6<sup>1</sup>

### October 7

#### Virtual Member Orientation

12 pm<sup>2</sup>

Meet Longwood staff online for an introduction to our Gardens and discover all your Membership has to offer.

### Design Tuesdays @ The Garden Shop:

**Autumn Forever Cloche**

6–8 pm<sup>1</sup>

### October 8

#### Photo Transfer Workshop

2-part class

Begins October 8<sup>1</sup>

#### Garden Design

4-part class

Begins October 8<sup>1</sup>

### October 9

#### Art in Bloom: Matisse

6–7:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

### October 10

#### Live Music in the Beer Garden:

**Bronson Tennis**

5–7:45 pm

### Illuminated Fountain Performance:

**Bollywood Blockbusters**

8:15 pm

### October 11

#### Layered Heirloom Bulb Containers

9:30 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Family Workshop: Succulent Pumpkins

10–11 am<sup>3</sup>

#### Youth Workshop: Succulent Pumpkins

12–1:30 pm<sup>3</sup>

### Live Music in the Beer Garden:

**Borderline**

5–7:45 pm

### Illuminated Fountain Performance:

**Pure Imagination**

8:15 pm

### October 12

#### Luke Staisiunas

1 pm and 3 pm

### Live Music in the Beer Garden:

**Rusty Banks**

5–7:45 pm

### Illuminated Fountain Performance:

**Evening Masquerade**

8:15 pm

### October 14

#### Autumn Ikebana, Two Ways

9 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Tradition in Bloom: Longwood's

**Chrysanthemum Festival**

Fully Online

6–7 pm<sup>1</sup>

### October 16

#### Designing Change: Landscape Continuity in an Age of Uncertainty Symposium

#### Sustainable Landscape Design

Fully Online

5-part class

Begins October 15<sup>1</sup>

### October 15

#### Designing Change: Landscape Continuity in an Age of Uncertainty Symposium

#### Golden Hour Photography

3-part class

Begins October 16<sup>1</sup>

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## October 17

### Perennial Plant Conference at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College

9 am–4 pm

#### Live Music in the Beer Garden: Polkadelphia

5–7:45 pm

**Illuminated Fountain Performance:**  
*Boogie Wonderland: Earth, Wind & Fire*  
8:15 pm

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## October 18

### Wire Bonsai Tree Workshop

8 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Art Nouveau Floral Design

9 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Member Orientation

10:30 am<sup>2</sup>

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### Scout Programs

10:30 am–12 pm<sup>3</sup>

### Getting Started with Bulbs

1–4 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Flower Pressing Workshop

1:30–3:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Live Music in the Beer Garden: The Barker Brothers Band

5–7:45 pm

**Illuminated Fountain Performance:**  
*Brat Pack Soundtrack: Music from the 80s*  
8:15 pm

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## October 19

### Open Organ Console Day

10:30 am–1:30 pm<sup>6</sup>

### Storytelling with Poet Laureate Joy Harjo

2 pm<sup>5</sup>

### Scout Programs

10:30 am–12 pm<sup>3</sup>

#### Live Music in the Beer Garden: Conjunto Philadelphia

5–7:45 pm

**Illuminated Fountain Performance:**  
*Everybody Dance Now*  
8:15 pm

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## October 20

### Teacher Professional Development: The Wonders of Water

9 am–12 pm<sup>4</sup>

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## October 21

### Dried Floral Arranging

3–5 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Design Tuesdays @ The Garden Shop: Autumn Forever Cloche

6–8 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## October 23

### Fall Foliage in Black and White

3-part class

Begins October 23<sup>1</sup>

#### Peter Richard Conte and Opera Philadelphia

7:30 pm<sup>7</sup>

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## October 24

#### *Chrysanthemum Festival* On View Now–November 16

#### Fountain Fest Weekend:

Wicked Fun

5–9 pm

Live Music in the Beer Garden:

Polkadelphia

5–7:45 pm

**Illuminated Fountain Performance:**

*Halloween Magic*

8:15 pm

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## October 25

### Orchids 1

9 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Botanical Art: Mushroom Studies and Sketches

9 am–3 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Scout Programs

10:30 am–12 pm<sup>3</sup>

### Science Series:

#### Reimagining Traditions: A Fresh Look at *Chrysanthemum Festival*

11 am

### Milkweed and Monarchs

2–3 pm<sup>1</sup>

#### Fountain Fest Weekend:

Wicked Fun

5–9 pm

Live Music in the Beer Garden:

Polkadelphia

5–7:45 pm

**Illuminated Fountain Performance:**

*Halloween Magic*

8:15 pm

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## October 26

### Scout Programs

10:30 am–12 pm<sup>3</sup>

#### Fountain Fest Weekend:

Wicked Fun

5–9 pm

Live Music in the Beer Garden:

Polkadelphia

5–7:45 pm

**Illuminated Fountain Performance:**

*Halloween Magic*

8:15 pm

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# November

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## November 1

### Open Photography Hours:

#### *Chrysanthemum Festival*

7–10 am<sup>1</sup>

### Scout Programs

10:30 am–12 pm<sup>3</sup>

### Natural Botanical Dyeing

1:30–4:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 2

### Scout Programs

10:30 am–12 pm<sup>3</sup>

### Feeding Your Backyard Birds

2–3:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 3

### Green Careers Exploration Day<sup>3</sup>

### Garden Maintenance

4-part class

Begins November 3<sup>1</sup>

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## November 4

### Conifers

6-part class

Begins November 4<sup>1</sup>

### Teacher Professional Development:

#### Phenomenal Fall Colors

5–7 pm<sup>4</sup>

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## November 5

### Fall Floral Centerpiece

Fully Online

6–7 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 8

### Ceramic Bell Christmas Workshop

9 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Family Workshop: Harvest Creations

10–11 am<sup>3</sup>

### Youth Workshop: Harvest Creations

12–1:30 pm<sup>4</sup>

### Autumn Nature Journaling

2–5 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 10

### Open Botanical Art Studio

4-part class

Begins November 10<sup>1</sup>

### Introduction to the History of Garden Design

4-part class

Begins November 10<sup>1</sup>

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## November 11

### Film Photography 101

3-part class

Begins November 11<sup>1</sup>

### Chrysanthemum Festival En Plein Air

10 am–2 pm<sup>1</sup>

### From Field to Fireside:

#### Christmas Trees

6–7:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 12

### Handmade Holiday Jewelry

2-part class

Begins November 12<sup>1</sup>

### Teacher Professional Development: In the Garden After Dark: Nighttime Pollinators

5–7 pm<sup>4</sup>

### Plant Practices of the Lenape

Fully Online

6–7 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 13

### In Focus: Creating Christmas

3-part class

Begins November 13<sup>1</sup>

### Tasting and Creating Botanical Infusions

6–7:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 15

### Celebrating Longwood Gardens Christmas with Colvin Randall and Jim Sutton

1–2:30 pm<sup>5</sup>

### Air Plant Wall Art

10 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Member Appreciation Day featuring a Holiday Shopping Opportunity

10 am–5 pm

Enjoy 20% discounts in The Garden Shop  
(onsite and online) and on dining.

### Member Orientation

10:30 am<sup>2</sup>

Meet Longwood staff for an introduction  
to our Gardens and discover all your  
Membership has to offer.

### Wildlife Tree Ornament Workshop

1–2:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

### Making Holiday Preserves

2–3:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 17

### Closed for A Longwood Christmas installation

### The Garden Shop Closed

### Art in Bloom: Rachel Ruysch

3:30–5 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 18

### Closed for A Longwood Christmas installation

### The Garden Shop Closed

## November 19

### Closed for A Longwood Christmas installation

### The Garden Shop Closed

### Outdoor Holiday Lighting 101

4:30–7:30 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 20

### Closed for A Longwood Christmas installation

### The Garden Shop Closed

### A Longwood Christmas Innovator Preview

5–8 pm

Exclusively for Longwood Innovators

### Plantology on Tap:

#### A Longwood Christmas

At The Creamery of Kennett Square

Doors open at 5 pm, talk at 6 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 21

### Closed for A Longwood Christmas installation

### The Garden Shop Closed

### Needle Felt Cardinals and Doves

9 am–12 pm<sup>1</sup>

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## November 22

### A Longwood Christmas On View Now–January 11

### Key

	Horticulture		Member/ Innovator Event
	Education		Beer Garden
	The Garden Shop		Dining
	Performance		

1 Advance registration and fee required:  
[longwoodgardens.org/enroll](https://longwoodgardens.org/enroll) or 610.388.5454

2 Advance registration required:  
[longwoodgardens.org/member-orientation](https://longwoodgardens.org/member-orientation)  
or 610.388.1000

3 Advance registration and fee required:  
[longwoodgardens.org/education/family-and-youth-programs](https://longwoodgardens.org/education/family-and-youth-programs)

4 To register: [longwoodgardens.org/education/k-12-programs](https://longwoodgardens.org/education/k-12-programs)

5 Advance registration required:  
[longwoodgardens.org](https://longwoodgardens.org)

6 Advance registration required by email:  
[performingarts@longwoodgardens.org](mailto:performingarts@longwoodgardens.org).  
Time slots are limited.

7 Special ticket required: [longwoodgardens.org/](https://longwoodgardens.org/)  
or 610.388.1000

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call 610.388.5454 to be put on our wait list.

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Sell out likely.