



# News Release

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## Spring Brings Beautiful Blooms to Hershey Gardens

*Gardens - Opening Day: Thursday, April 2, 2015*

*Butterfly House, Summer Art Exhibit – Opening: Friday, May 22, 2015*



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HERSHEY, Pa. – Feb. 23, 2015 – Visitors to Hershey Gardens can enjoy seasonal displays of gorgeous blooming flowers, more than 400 North American butterflies and a unique art sculpture exhibit. The 23-acre botanical garden, which first opened to the public in 1937, will open for its 78<sup>th</sup> season on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Listed below are April and May events at Hershey Gardens.

### APRIL

#### **Hershey Gardens Opens for the 2015 Season!**

Thursday, April 2, 2015  
9 a.m.

#### **Easter Sunrise Service at Hershey Gardens**

Sunday, April 5, 2015  
6:30 a.m.

A Hershey Gardens tradition, the community is invited to join the Hershey Ministerium for this non-denominational service. No admission fee prior to 8 a.m. The service will include a sign language interpreter and be live streamed at [www.Fishburnumc.org](http://www.Fishburnumc.org).

#### **Gardenfest at Hershey Gardens**

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Free admission from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Gardenfest is the annual free community day at Hershey Gardens. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., local organizations will offer information on various community and garden programs.

### MAY

#### **National Public Gardens Day at Hershey Gardens**

Friday, May 8, 2015

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Half-price admission to Hershey Gardens with voucher, downloadable at [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) after April 30, 2015.

#### **Mother's Day at Hershey Gardens**

Sunday, May 10, 2015

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Moms admitted to Hershey Gardens for free.

#### **Opening Day of the Butterfly House at Hershey Gardens**

Friday, May 22, 2015

9 a.m.

The Butterfly House at Hershey Gardens opens for the 2015 season. Enjoy 400 butterflies representing 25 North American varieties. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sunday, September 13, 2015, weather permitting. Included in general admission.

## **New! ArtCycle: A Sculpture Exhibit at Hershey Gardens**

Friday, May 22 through Sunday, September 20, 2015

Open daily during Gardens hours

The summer art exhibit will feature ordinary materials transformed into extraordinary art by local artists.

**ArtCycle** is a celebration of the transformation from old to new. Using a variety of discarded items, four local artists have created sculptures ranging in size and style. The sculptures are unique interpretations of things seen in nature.

## **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

### **Plein Air Painting Workshop at Hershey Gardens**

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hershey Gardens has partnered with the Hershey Area Art Association (HAAA) to offer this art class for adults. Participants use a series of small 9" x 12" loose, fast, black and white studies with large brushes to determine the layout of their composition. Using these studies, students will move into larger 22" x 30" work.

Watercolor, acrylic or oil paints can be used. \$65 per participant. Registration is required; forms can be found at [Hersheyartassociation.org](http://Hersheyartassociation.org).

### **Learn to Build with Natural Materials at Hershey Gardens**

Sunday, May 31, 2015

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Natural willow furniture builder and book author Bim Willow will teach the basics of building with natural material. No experience is necessary. Completed projects will be ready to take home. Registration required by May 15. Visit [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) for details.

General admission to Hershey Gardens is \$10.50 for visitors ages 13-61, \$9.50 for seniors (ages 62 and up), and \$7.50 for juniors (ages 3-12); members and children under age 3 are free. For more information and a complete listing of activities slated for the 2015, visit [HersheyGardens.org](http://HersheyGardens.org) or call 717-534-3492.

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