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FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS



Join Friends today! Become a member and help make Allentown's great park system even better.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

- Albert Camus (French philosopher
November 7, 1913—January 4,
1960)



“Autumn at
Argenteuil”
(1873)
Claude Monet

Upcoming Events

19 November—9:00 a.m.—noon
Bird Town Native Plant Garden
Planting—Cedar Creek Parkway

Thinking about Christmas?

Consider our **Remembrance Tree** and **Memorial Bench** Programs. Show you care and give a gift for future generations. Honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or help to beautify a park.

Memorial Bench—\$300/bench and includes engraved bronze plaque
Remembrance Tree—\$375/tree. Includes an engraved bronze plaque
Choose from flowering, shade or evergreen tree

Contact us for details: 610-432-7275 or info@allentownparks.org

Volunteers Needed

Friends of the Allentown Parks is in need of volunteers to assist us in planting our **Bird Town Native Plant Garden** in Cedar Creek Parkway on **Saturday November 19**. Planting will occur from **9:00 a.m. to noon** and whatever time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. We will remove sod, plant shrubs and apply mulch.

This activity will demonstrate that we can create beautiful and practical gardens by utilizing native plants while attracting butterflies, birds and more. We will also address issues related to native plants versus invasive/non-native plants.

To volunteer and for additional information, please contact us at 610-432-7275 or info@allentownparks.org.

Thank-you

Fall Planting Tips



Fall is a great time to plant, because the roots have two cool seasons to establish before the heat of summer. Plant now and you'll be all set for next year.

Perennials planted in fall benefit from a little mulch over the root zone to protect against heaving, and might need to be monitored during thaws to check if they have heaved out of the ground. (If they have, a gentle push should get them re-settled.)



Allentown Halloween Parade

Delayed due to the fall snowstorm, the Allentown Halloween Parade went off without a hitch on Sunday November 6 and the weather couldn't have been nicer. A beautiful sunny day, onlookers were regaled by a host of eye-catching floats such as this one by Daisy Girl Scout Group 6495 which won first place in the “Floats” category.

Native Plant Corner

Grasses in the Landscape



Native grasses are important elements in the landscape. They provide a strong architectural element, as well as habitat for insects, birds and butterflies. Most are 'warm season', which means they are green and growing spring through fall, and go dormant (brown) in the winter. Even when dormant, grasses provide visual delight as they sway in the wind, while providing food and nesting materials for songbirds and small mammals.

One of the most striking native grasses is Indian grass, growing to 5 feet or more and providing glowing copper seed heads in the fall, often used in flower arrangements. It is useful as an accent plant and a perfect alternative to the non-native miscanthus, pampas grass or fountain grass.

*Information courtesy of Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery
www.edgeofthewoodsnursery.com*

For information about **Friends** events and programs contact us or visit our website www.allentownparks.org.

Thank-you for your support!

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