ACTIVITIES

Morris Arboretum
Holiday Garden Railway
Tickets: http://www.morrisarboretum.org

The Morris Arboretum’s Holiday Garden Railway — free with regular admission. Display is open daily November 24-December 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed December 24 & 25).

Friday Night Lights on December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy the Holiday Garden Railway all lit up and decorated for the season during special evening hours. Cost: non-members $18/adult, $9/child; members $10/ adult, $9/child.

Morris Arboretum Holiday Classes
Register: http://www.morrisarboretum.org

Holiday Wreath Making Workshop — Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2. Create a wreath from fresh boughs of greens with provided decorations and supplies. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; $60, $55/members.

Holiday Topiary Tree with Lights — Saturday, December 9. Design your own tree centerpiece and decorate with bows, glass balls, fresh flowers and lights; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; $70, $65/members.

Kids Holiday Centerpiece (Ages 6-12) — Sunday, December 17. Design a beautiful fresh flower and evergreen centerpiece in an educational workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon; $38, $35/members.

Create a Beautiful Holiday Arrangement for Your Table or Mantle — Sunday, December 17. Design a one-of-a-kind arrangement of greens, flowers, branches, candles and accessories; 1-3:30 p.m.; $65, $60/members.

Holiday Skate
The Penn Ice Rink will host a Holiday Skate event at the Class of 1923 Arena on Saturday, December 16. Free admission with donation of a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

PERFORMANCES

Penn Glee Club Holiday Concert
December 2: Glee Club will sing holiday classics; hot cocoa and cookies in the garden; 2-3 p.m.; Morris Arboretum at the Ha-Ha wall; free w/admission (Arboretum).

Annenberg Center Holiday Performances
Tickets: www.annenbergcenter.org

Irish Christmas in America — Saturday, December 9. This family-friendly holiday performance showcases the legendary ballads, instrumental tunes and spirited Irish dancing of 8 p.m.; prices vary, $24-$71; 20% student discount.

Canadian Brass: Christmas Time is here — December 10. A mix of holiday standards and upbeat festive tunes; 2 p.m.; Zellerbach Theater.

Great Russian Nutcracker — Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19. This performance from Moscow Ballet marks its 25th Anniversary Tour. 7 p.m. Prices vary, $24-$185.

World Cafe Live Holiday Performances
Tickets: http://www.worldcafelive.com

Cartoon Christmas Trio — Sunday, December 10. The premier interpreter of the classic soundtracks of holiday cartoon music, especially the music of Charlie Brown Christmas, presents an evening of music. 5 p.m.; $12.

Holidelic — Friday, December 15. A futuristic take on the holidays that blends the influences of 1970s and ‘80s funk and soul bands into clever, humorous original songs for the holiday season; 8 p.m.; $20/advance, $22/door.

Peek-A-Boo Revue Presents: Peek-At-Night, a Vintage Holiday Burlesque Show — Sunday, December 17. Philadelphia’s longest-running burlesque show performs to tunes from the Striptease Orchestra; for ages 18 and up; 6 p.m.; $25.


New Year’s Bash with Philly B loco — Sunday, December 31. Join Philly B loco for the Ultimate New Year’s Eve Dance Party with a rau cious mash-up of samba, funk, reggae and New Orleans second-line tunes; 9:30 p.m.; $40/advance, $45/door.

SHOPPING

Penn Bookstore Sale-A-Bration
December 7 & 8. Save 20% storewide and enjoy holiday treats, including free festive photos, 2-6 p.m.; hot cocoa and cookies, 4-6 p.m.; and free gift wrapping all day.

Computer Connection Holiday Wishbook
December 7 & 8. In conjunction with the Penn Bookstore’s Sale-A-Bration; raffle prizes, refreshments and giveaways; second floor, Bookstore.

The Moscow Ballet will perform the Great Russian Nutcracker at 7 p.m. on December 18 and 19 at the Annenberg Center as part of its 25th Anniversary Tour.

Holidelic will perform a holiday set of clever, humorous original songs blending the sounds of the 1970s and ’80s on December 15 at World Cafe Live.

SEPTA Center @Penn One Year Anniversary Celebration
December 7. In conjunction with the Bookstore’s Sale-a-Bration, SEPTA will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the SEPTA Travel Center @Penn by bringing its SEPTA Key mobile sales unit to campus. Visitors to the mobile unit outside Penn Bookstore will receive a free commemorative T-shirt with the purchase of the SEPTA Key. Join SEPTA in-store for additional festivities and prizes from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Inclement weather date is December 8.

Go West! Craft Fest
Sunday, December 10. Unique, creative wares from 70 local makers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Rotunda. Info: http://gowestcraftfest.wixsite.com/home

Holiday Sale at the Penn Museum Shop
December 14-23. Enjoy extra discount days with an extra 10% off for Penn Museum members and employees of Penn and Penn Medicine (brings total discount to 25% with PennCard).

SPECIAL EVENTS

University Club Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 13. University Club Holiday Party, for Club members and one guest per member; 4-7 p.m.; Inn at Penn.

WPPSA Holiday Party
Friday, December 15. WPPSA will hold its annual Holiday Drive. To view the family wish list, visit http://www.upenn.edu/wpssa/meetings-events.html RSVP by December 8; rvargas@sas.upenn.edu

Fels Institute Holiday Party
Saturday, December 2. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited for an evening of food, drink and merriment; 7-10 p.m.; Inn at Penn. Cocktail attire required. Register: http://www.fels.upenn.edu/event/1209

Penn Museum
Celebrations Around the World
Sunday, December 3. Penn Museum offers this annual celebration for visitors to experience holiday traditions from throughout the year and around the world featuring music and dance performances, craft stations, storytelling and more; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; fee.

Winter Beer Festival at World Cafe Live
Tuesday, December 26. Sample more than 50 beers, food included, while being entertained by the Whiskeyhickon Boys; 5:30 p.m.; $50. Event is ages 21 and over.
The Ostrich Paradox: Why We Underprepare for Disasters; Robert Meyer, Frederick H. Ecker/MetLife Insurance Professor of Marketing at The Wharton School and Howard Kunreuther; James G. Dinan Professor of Decision Sciences and Public Policy at The Wharton School, uses teaching and research to explain why we consistently underprepare for disasters and how to change; Wharton Digital Press, $17.99.

How to Be Happier at Work; The Power of Purpose, Hope, and Friendship; Annie McKee, program director and senior fellow for Chief Learning Officer (Pro-C-LD) & Medical Education Programs, Penn GSE; offers suggestions for cultivating the pillars of purpose, hope and friendship in order to enhance workplace happiness; Harvard Business Review Press, $27.00.

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The Scholar in My Office: How to Deal Effectively with Difficult People at Work; John J. Foster, MD MBA MPhil Michelle Joy, Joy; offers practical advice for dealing with difficult, disruptive coworkers; St. Martin’s Press, $25.00.

Four Weeks, Five People; Jennifer Yu, C’16; five teens with emotional disorders connect during a four-week wildlife therapy summer camp; learning more about themselves in the process; Harlequin Teen; $18.99.

Ancient Brains: Rediscovered and Re-created; Patrick McGovern, adjunct professor of anthropology and scientific director of the Biomolecular Archaeology Project for Cuisine, Fermented Beverages, and Health at Penn Museum; a journey that mixes macroevolution with the oldest alcoholic beverages and offers recipes for ancient fermentations and dish pairings; W.W. Norton & Company; $26.95.

Never Caught: The Washingtons’ Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge; Erica Armstrong Dunbar; tells the story of the film’s original subject—Ona Judge, a slave who was the focus of a famous 1851 Wilderness summer camp—and offers recipes for homebrewed beer; the oldest alcoholic beverages; Penn Press, $35.00.

I Need a Lifeguard Every Morning; The Power of Little Ideas, Low-Risk, High-Reward Approach to Innovation; David V. Robertson; lecturer, operations, information and decisions at The Wharton School; offers an alternative approach to innovation that is neither incremental and sustaining nor disruptive; Wharton Digital Press, $24.00.

Promise Me, Dad; Joe Biden, Benjamin Franklin Presidential Practice Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement; a deeply moving memoir chronicling the most difficult year of former Vice President Biden’s life as he dealt with the death of his son Beau Biden; Nation Books, $27.00.

The Obstetrician: Why We Underprepare for Disasters; Rob- ert Meyer, Frederick H. Ecker/MetLife Insurance Professor of Marketing at The Wharton School and Howard Kunreuther; James G. Dinan Professor of Decision Sciences and Public Policy at The Wharton School, uses teaching and research to explain why we consistently underprepare for disasters and how to change; Wharton Digital Press, $17.99.

Death Makes the News; How the Med- ica l Census and Dis- play the Dead; Jessica M. Fishman, sociolog- ical and social scientist with a joint appointment at the Penn School of Medicine and the Annenberg School for Communication; analyzes the editorial and political forces that influence media depictions of the dead; NYU Press, $89.00 cloth; $30.00 paper.

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Always Have Casablanca: The Life, Legend, and Afterlife of Hollywood’s Most Beloved Movie; Noah Isenberg, C’79; on the 75th anniversary of Casablanca’s premiere, this tells the story of the film’s or- igin and examines the legacy of a beloved icon; W. W. Noste- ron & Company, $27.95.

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Our Body and Other Parties; Carmen María Machado, artist in residence in the department of English; a short story collection that breaks through the boundaries of realism, science fiction, comedy, horror and women, wom- en and their bodies at the center; Graywolf Press, $16.00.

The Path from Howdy Doody to SpongeBob; Oliver Wyck, Jr.; What Makes a Good Book; Y. Bogue, W’95; WG’99; an intimate memoir describing the displacement of a young girl who grew up in North Carolina and as- sums the role of a teacher to find her place in the University and then moves to Bangladesh on her ocean journey; River Estate, $15.99.

The Fortunate Ones: A Memoir; Carmen María Machado, artist in residence in the department of English; a short story collection that breaks through the boundaries of realism, science fiction, comedy, horror and women, wom- en and their bodies at the center; Graywolf Press, $16.00.

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Penn Pride: Give a gift of membership to the Penn Club of New York, a 5-star Platinum Club of America. Benefits include affordable use of the clubhouse and overnight rooms; discounts for car rentals and retail outlets; and in-person and virtual networking opportunities. Penn alumni, faculty, staff, undergraduate (21+) and graduate students and immediate family members of students are eligible to join but must apply for acceptance. For details, see http://pennclub.org

Stage Spectacular: Treat loved ones to the gift of dance, jazz, world music or theatre at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. A gift certificate to Annenberg Center, available in any amount, is redeemable for all performances. Purchase a FlexPass of three tickets for $129 before December 15 or get a subscription for two and share in the magic. Information: (215) 898-3900 or http://annenbergcenter.org

Sweat Sounds: Gift a membership to Penn’s member-supported radio station, WXPN 88.5 FM, by pledging a monthly donation. Membership levels range from $8 per month to $208 per month, with a variety of thank-you gifts attached. In addition, members will receive a discount at many local business and institutions with their XPN Member Card.

Literary Lovers: Friends of the Kelly Writers House help sustain seminars, readings, webcasts and podcasts. Friends are acknowledged on the Writers House website and receive a copy of the Writers House Annual that acknowledges their gift in print. Membership levels are available at $40, $100, $250 or $500; William Carlos Williams Circle, $1,000; and Emily Dickinson Circle, $2,500. Information: http://writing.upenn.edu/writers/support/become.php


Good children’s books are needed for the University of Pennsylvania’s Literacy Project (Penn Reads Aloud) which is part of the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Symposium on Social Change. You can help a young child develop a love of books and an interest in reading by purchasing books from the carefully curated list of children’s books that will resonate with young readers. This will ensure that there are high quality books available to be read at the MLK Day of Service on January 15, 2018. These books will be given, along with a flash drive containing the story, to local child care centers in the area to encourage reading. Visit https://tinyurl.com/yah7rop8

What a Wonderful World: A member of the International House Philadelphia is also a member of Lightbox Film Center who receives free admission to Lightbox Film Center Screenings; discounted admissions to special events; discounts on publications and merchandise from the Box Office; and more. Membership levels begin at $40 for students, $60 for adults age 35 and below and $75 for other adults. Household memberships are also available. For more information, visit http://ihousephilly.org/support/membership

Marvelous Museum: Give the gifts of adventure and discovery with a full year’s membership to Penn Museum. Members enjoy unlimited general admission; access to exclusive exhibition previews and special events, including those related to the upcoming Middle East Galleries opening in April 2018; a subscription to Expedition magazine; and discounts in the Museum Shop (15%) and the Pepper Mill Café (10%). Additionally, a gift membership purchased in December will include the latest issue of Expedition magazine, wrapped for the holidays. To select the right membership for a loved one, call (215) 898-5093 or visit www.pennmuseum.org

Alluring Art: Give the art lover in your life a chance to get up close and personal with artists and their works by purchasing a membership to the Arthur Ross Gallery or the Institute of Contemporary Art.

Friends of the Arthur Ross Gallery will be invited to Friends’ openings, will receive free admission to film series for selected exhibitions, will be given symposium and publication discounts and will receive updates via e-newsletter. The Ross Gallery presents art from a wide range of media, periods, cultures and traditions. For more information, visit http://www.arthurrossgallery.org/join-support/become-a-friend/

Members of ICA will have the chance attend members-only exhibition previews with artists and curators, will receive advance exhibition and private family tour of the Museum. For more information, visit https://www.icaphila.org/support/membership

PennDining: Members of the University Club of Philadelphia Dining Services are acknowledged on the business-services.upenn.edu/arboretum/membership.shtml or by calling (215) 897-6130

Green Greetings: Send a holiday eCard through Penn Business Services this year and promote sustainability while sending your well wishes. Holiday options include animated cards, scenes from Penn’s winter scenes from Philadelphia. Choose your cards at https://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/ecd2/