### Holiday Happenings at Penn

**Activities**

**Morris Arboretum Holiday Garden Railway**

Info: [http://www.morrisarboretum.org](http://www.morrisarboretum.org)

The Morris Arboretum’s Holiday Garden Railway—free with regular admission during regular hours. Display is open daily November 23-December 31 (closed December 24 & 25).


**Holiday Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour** on December 8 & 22, 2 p.m. Join an experienced guide to explore the arboretum’s collection of hollies and other broadleaf evergreens that enliven the winter landscape with their lush greenery and provide year-round appeal and an everlasting framework for seasonal plantings.

Free with admission.

**Winter Solstice** on December 21, 11 a.m.

**Penn Bookstore Sale-A-Bration**

**World Café Live Holiday Performances**

Tickets: [http://www.worldcafelive.com](http://www.worldcafelive.com)

- **Nick Fradiani & Nick Fradiani Sr.: Father & Son Christmas Tour**—Saturday, December 8.
- **American Idol winner Nick Fradiani** performs with his father; 8 p.m.; $15/advance, $17/door.
- **Sistahs Attune Christmas Tour**—Saturday, December 8.
- **Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass**—Saturday, December 15. Classical, big band and New Orleans swing combine for a jazzy holiday celebration; 7:30 p.m.; Harold Prince Theatre.

**Morris Arboretum Holiday Classes**

Register: [http://www.morrisarboretum.org](http://www.morrisarboretum.org)

- **Holiday Wreath Making Workshop**—Saturday, December 1 and Monday, December 3.
  - Create a wreath from fresh boughs of greens with provided decorations and supplies. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; $65, $60/members.
- **Holiday Tabletop Tree with Lights**—Sunday, December 9.
  - Design your own tree centerpiece and decorate with bows, glass balls, fresh flowers and lights; 12:30-3 p.m.; $75, $70/members.
- **Kids Holiday Ornaments (Ages 4-9 and parents)**—Friday, December 21.
  - Create a beautiful fresh flower and evergreen centerpiece in an educational workshop; 1-2:30 p.m.; $25, $20/members.
- **Kids Holiday Centerpiece (Ages 6-12)**—Saturday, December 22.
  - Design a beautiful fresh flower and evergreen centerpiece in an educational workshop; 2-3:30 p.m.; $40, $35/members.
- **Create a Beautiful Holiday Arrangement for Your Table or Mantle**—Saturday, December 22.
  - Design a one-of-a-kind arrangement of greens, flowers, branches, candles and accessories; 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; $65, $60/members.

**Holiday Skate**

The Penn Puck Rink will host a Holiday Skate event at the Class of 1923 Arena on Saturday, December 15. Free admission with donation of a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots; 4:30 p.m.

**Performances**

**Annenberg Center Holiday Performances**

Tickets: [www.annenbergcenter.org](http://www.annenbergcenter.org)

- **Heathers**—Thursday, November 29. A student performance of the story of high school senior Veronica Sawyer, who longs to be a part of the clique that runs the school: the cool, cruel and unattainable Heathers; 6 p.m.; Harold Prince Theater. Also November 30, 5:30 p.m. & December 1, 2:30 & 9 p.m.
- **Jessica Lang Dance**—Friday, November 30.
  - A dance performance by Bucks County native Jessica Lang; 8 p.m.; Zellerbach Theatre. Also December 1, 2 & 8 p.m.
- **A Raisin in the Sun**—Friday, December 7.
  - The African American Arts Alliance presents a play written by Lorraine Hansberry; 6:30 p.m.; Zellerbach Theatre. Also December 8, 1 p.m.
- **The King’s Singers**—Saturday, December 9.
  - This British Grammy award-winning cappella performance is a celebration of Christmas and the group’s 50th anniversary; 3 p.m.; Zellerbach Theatre.
- **Caleb Teicher & Company**—Friday, December 14.
  - Tap, jazz and swing with choreographer Caleb Teicher; 8 p.m.; Zellerbach Theatre. Also December 15, 2 & 8 p.m.
- **Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass**—Saturday, December 15.
  - Classical, big band and New Orleans swing combine for a jazzy holiday celebration; 7:30 p.m.; Harold Prince Theatre.

**Special Events**

**Penn Museum**

Info: [www.penn.museum](http://www.penn.museum)

**Celebration of Winter Solstice**—Saturday, December 8. This celebration of light, rebirth, transformation, and renewal has influenced many holiday traditions. Participate in the shared wonder of light across cultures in an exciting and festive new holiday program; 1-5 p.m.; free with admission until evening festival activities (5-8 p.m.); $15/$10 members.

**Feis Institute Holiday Party**

Saturday, December 8. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited; 7-10 p.m.; Hall of Flags, Houston Hall; register by November 30: [https://tinyurl.com/y2dzarwq](https://tinyurl.com/y2dzarwq)

**WPPSA Holiday Party**

Friday, December 14. WPPSA will hold its annual Holiday Party; noon-2 p.m; Donaldson Room, Weightman Hall.

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**The King’s Singers** at the Annenberg Center’s Zellerbach Theatre on Saturday, December 9.
An array of gifts appropriate for ardent aficionados and advocates of animals, archaeology, anthropology, art, arboreta and athletics.

**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 travel, preferred rates on travel and entertainment 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 https://www.pennclub.org/membership/apply or contact Katie Callahan at kcallahan@pennclubny.org

**Stage Spectacular:** Treat loved ones to the gift of dance, jazz, world music or theater at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. A gift certificate to Annenberg Center, available in any amount, is redeemable for all performances: https://tickets.annenbergcenter.org/gift/add.aspx. There are also 2018-2019 subscriptions available for purchase at https://www.annenbergcenter.org/events/subscriptions.php. Groups of 10 or more may get 25% off on tickets. To book as a group, email groups@ac.upenn.edu or call (215) 573-8827.

**Sweet Sounds:** Gift a membership to Penn’s member-supported radio station, WPXN 88.5 FM, by pledging a monthly donation at https://wpxn.secure.force.com/donate. Membership levels begin at $8 per month, with a variety of thank-you gifts attached. In addition, members will receive a discount at many local businesses 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, which acknowledges their gift in print. Membership levels begin at $40 and go up to $2,500. Information: https://writing.upenn.edu/writing/living/support/become-a-friend.

**Reading Readiness:** Good children’s books are needed for the University of Pennsylvania’s Literacy Project (Penn Reads), 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 list of preselected children’s books. This will ensure that there are high-quality books available to be read at the MLK Day of Service on January 21, 2019. 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 http://ac.oip/TIPWj5j.

**What a Wonderful World:** Members of International House Philadelphia are also members of Lightbox Film Center and receive 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://ihousephiladelphia/support/membership.

**Marvelous Museum:** Give the gifts of adventure and discovery with a full year’s membership to the Penn Museum. Members will enjoy unlimited general admission; access to exclusive exhibition previews and special events; 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 with a thank-you gift attached. In addition, members will be invited to Friends’ openings, will receive free admission to film series for select 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.

**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.

**Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admissions:** Gift certificates must be purchased 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 https://www.pennclub.org/membership/apply or contact Katie Callahan at kcallahan@pennclubny.org.

**Penn Tennis Center:** Penn Tennis Center memberships are free for full-time undergraduate and graduate students; $57/faculty; staff; $65/senior citizens; $85/alumni; $120/public. Membership fees are the same for spouses of full-time students, faculty, staff and alumni. Information: (215) 898-4741 or http://www.upenn.edu/icerink/penn-tennis-center-membership/

**Penn Campus Recreation:** Offers membership add-ons for anyone who has a basic membership plan. Full-time students automatically receive a basic membership while others with Penn affiliations can purchase one. Some add-on options include group exercise, indoor climbing, yoga classes, personal training and aquatics classes. Details at: http://www.upenn.edu/recreation/membership-services/membership-plans/.

**Penn Business Services:** PennRee also offers gift certificates for massage. Gift certificates must be purchased through Membership Services. For pricing, see: http://www.upenn.edu/recreation/wellness/massage-therapy/

**Detection Dogs:** Shop through Superfit Canine to get the latest Penn Vet Working Dog Center merchandise, with a portion of proceeds supporting the Working Dog Center’s mission, at http://capable-canine.com/shop/

**Green Greetings:** Send a holiday eCard through Penn Business Services this year and promote sustainability while sending your wishes. Holiday options include animated cards, scenes from Penn and winter scenes from Philadelphia. Choose your cards at https://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/ecard2/

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