Holiday Garden Railway at Arboretum.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Morris Arboretum**

Info: http://www.morrisarboretum.org

Enjoy the Holiday Garden Railway with all the buildings and trains meticulously decorated for the holidays with lights that twinkle along the tracks and around the surrounding landscape. Display is open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m. now through December 31 (closed December 24 & 25). Holiday Garden Railway Nights return this year on select evenings; 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets: http://morrisarb.org/hgrn

Holly Highlights and Winter Greenery Tour—December 14 & 28, 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 season plantings. Free with admission.

**Holiday Wreath Making Workshop**—Friday, December 6, noon-2 p.m. Create a wreath from fresh boughs of greens with provided decorations and supplies; $65, $60/members. Also December 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & December 7, 1:15-3:15 p.m.

**Kids Holiday Centerpiece**—Saturday, December 21. Design a beautiful fresh flower and evergreen centerpiece in an educational workshop; ages 6-12; 10:30 a.m.-noon; $40, $35/members.

Create a Beautiful Holiday Arrangement for Your Table or Mantle—Saturday, December 21. Design a one-of-a-kind arrangement of greens, flowers, branches, candles and accessories; 1-3 p.m.; $65, $60/members.

**Holiday Skate**

The Penn Ice Rink will host Holiday Skate events at the Class of 1923 Arena on Saturday, December 14 & 21. Free admission with donation of a new unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots Foundation (skate rental not included); 6 p.m.

**PERFORMANCES**

**Annenberg Center Holiday Performances**

Tickets: www.annenbergcenter.org

**NUTCRACKER 1776**—Friday, December 6. The Rock School for Dance Education brings a family-friendly holiday classic to life, for one weekend only at the Annenberg Center, with their acclaimed NUTCRACKER 1776; 7 p.m.; Zellerbach Theatre. Also December 7, 1 & 4 p.m.


**PHILADANCO:** Xmas Philes—Thursday, December 12. Choreographed by Daniel Ezralow, Xmas Philes pairs PHILADANCO’s colorful tapestry of movement with popular Christmas music in what has become an eagerly anticipated December tradition; 7:30 p.m.; Zellerbach Theatre. Also December 13, 8 p.m., December 14, 2 & 8 p.m.

**World Café Live Holiday Performances**

Tickets: http://www.worldcafelive.com

**Beru Revue Holiday Show**—Saturday, November 30. Costumed characters, sing-alongs and special guests! An exciting and hilarious stage show; 8 p.m.; $27/advance, $30/door.

All I Want for Christmas is a Dead Chanteuse—Saturday, December 7. Join Edith Piaf for songs about and not about the holiday as she ignores the meaning of Christmas, hangs stockings without care, spins no dreidels and lets not a single merry gentleman rest; 9 p.m.; $40.

Reverend Horton Heat’s Holiday Hayride—Wednesday, December 11. True to his high evangelical calling, Jim is a Revelator, both revealing & reinterpreting the country-blues-rock roots of American music; 8 p.m.; $27.

**The York Street Hustle Holiday Spectacular**—Friday, December 20. The York Street Hustle is back by popular demand and bringing their 8th annual Holiday Spectacular to World Cafe Live!: 8 p.m.; $15.

PeeK-A-Boo Revue Holiday Show—Saturday, December 21. Philadelphia’s longest-running burlesque show performs for the holidays; for ages 18 and up; 8 p.m.; $25.

**SHOPPING**

**Penn Bookstore Sale-a-Bration**

December 5 & 6. Save 25% on almost all items storewide and enjoy holiday festivities such as a free professional photos with a winter scene, 2-6 p.m.; free hot chocolate and cookies, 4-6 p.m.; free gift wrapping.

**Computer Connection: Annual Holiday Wishbook**

Penn Computer Connection’s annual Holiday Wishbook is now available, featuring gift ideas for all ages. Enjoy special offers and savings on a variety of technology products. On December 5 & 6, in conjunction with the Penn Bookstore sale, stop by the Computer Connection for raffle prizes, refreshments and giveaways.

**Penn Museum Shop Holiday Sale**

Sunday, December 1. Get 25% off in The Museum Shop and get discounted admission ($10) with a “Museum Store Sunday Passport” on Museum Store Sunday. From must-have accessories to delicious treats, consumers always find something for everyone. Certain exclusions apply.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Fels Institute**

Holiday Party—Saturday, December 7. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited; 7-10 p.m.; Hall of Flags, Houston Hall; register by November 30: https://tinyurl.com/felsholiday2019

**Penn Libraries**

Holiday Card Printing—Friday, December 6. Letterpress print your own holiday cards from type and images in the Common Press Collection; noon-3 p.m.; Common Press and the Materials Library, lower level, Fisher Fine Arts Library. Info: https://tinyurl.com/wa5xdvr

Penn Flutes, Deluxe Edition—Sunday, December 8. This wonderful group of flutists will present a holiday-themed program; 4 p.m.; first floor near entrance, Van Pelt. Info: https://tinyurly.com/PennFlutes

**Penn Museum**

Info: www.penn.museum

Celebrations Around the World—Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Get your passport to discover holiday traditions, such as Diwali, the Dragon Boat Festival, Eid-al-Fitr, Ramadan and the Mid-Autumn Festival. Enjoy drum workshops, craft-making, Indian dance, sari wrapping, rangoli, Arabic writing and Islamic culture, storytelling, live musical performances and so much more at this joyful festival celebrating the holiday customs of cultures across the globe. Included with museum admission and free to members.

**WPPSA Holiday Party**

Friday, December 13. WPPSA will host its annual Holiday Party noon-2 p.m; Dunning Coaches Center, RSVP to rhondak@upenn.edu
A Holiday for the Books

The Book Dragon; Kell (Kelly) Andrews, SP2, the town of Lesser Scramp has no books! no books allowed! and it’s all because of a fire-breathing dragon, who comes in the night to take every book. Only Rosedilla says, “I’m not afraid!”

The Gift Inside the Box; Adam Grant, Wharton, and Allison Street Grant, light-hearted tale of a gift in search of a giver—a perfect conversation starter about gift-giving for kids ages 5 to 8; $18.99.

The Secrets Years of Friends; Janet Hibbs, and瑚y Toi, HUP and CHOP, a guide for parents of every college and college-bound student who want to know and build a healthy mental and emotional foundation, for what’s not, and how to improve before it’s too late; $28.99.

The Evolution of Households; Fiona Kriger, economics; simple models are used to study such phenomena as the rise in marital female labor force participation; changes in fertility rates, the decline in marriage and increased longevity, which represent a dramatic transformation in everyday life, made possible by advancements in technology; $60.

Plagued by Fire; Paul Hendrickson, English; a path-breaking biography that will change the way we understand the world, mind and work of a premier American architect Frank Lloyd Wright; $55.

The Gift with a Message; Caroline Deitchman, Wharton, and Jillian Matthews, PSOM; an eye-opening look at the invisible, and yet essential, minute chores we do through the day, accompanied by an array of interests, More information is available on books from Penn Press at http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress, and on books from Wharton School Press at wwp.wharton.upenn.edu. All prices are list price.

Chasing My Cure: David Fagerhult (M’13), PSOM, the story of a young, and often college-athlete-diagnosed with a rare disease who spearheaded the search for a cure—and become a champion for a new approach to medical research; $27.

Journey to the City; Steve Tinney, Penn Museum, and Karen Soucek, staff, highlights Penn Museum’s storied history of research and archaeological exploration in the ancient Middle East; $29.95.

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The Dark Fantastic: Eboni Eliza- beth Thomas, GSE; Thomas considers the black girl protago- nists; Bonnie Bennett from The Sopranos, Juanita Reiter from The Hunger Games, Gwen from Mortal Engines, and Angelina Johnson from Harry Potter; a rich book for all!; $27.95.

The Blockchain and the New Architec- ture of Trust: Ken Web- bach, Wharton, why are the questions of trust behind our world’s most powerful companies and governments excit- ing a about a technolo- gy created by crim-inals and radicals? And why do people invest their money and trust in crypto-currencies?; $27.95.

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Applied Research for Sustai- nable Change; Sharon Bava- ricchi and Michele Mitten- foresti Carter, GSE; an incisive guide to practical, led, qualitative research making up into teams yet re- gressed in the mid- 21st century, and a guide to nav- ing the tricky waters of gender in the 21st century; $29.95.

The Ethical Algorithm; Michael Kerns and Arthur Roth, SEAS; under- standing and improving the sci- ence behind the algorithms that run our lives is becoming one of the most press- ing issues. The authors ex- plain how we can bene- fit human principles and machine code; and how to make sure the science behind the algorithms that run our lives is becoming one of the most press- ing issues. The authors ex- plain how we can bene- fit human principles and machine code; and how to make sure
Gifts of Involvement

An array of gifts appropriate for ardent aficionados and advocates of animals, archaeology, anthropology, art, arboreta, athletics and academia.

Stage Spectacular: Treat loved ones to dance, jazz, world music or theatre at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Gift certificates, available in any amount, are redeemable for all performances: https://tickets.annenbergcenter.org/gift/add.aspx

Sweet Sounds: Gift a membership to Penn’s member-supported radio station, WXPN 88.5 FM, by pledging a donation at https://secure.force.com/donate Membership levels begin at $10 per month, with a variety of thank-you gifts attached. Members will receive a discount at many local businesses and institutions with their XPN Member Card.

The department of music at Penn established the Friends of Music primarily to enhance and promote student and professional musical performances across Penn’s campus. Friends receive concert mailings and an annual newsletter along with invitations to special student and professional performances sponsored by the department of music. Become an Individual Friend starting at $50. Information: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/music/friends-music

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. Membership levels begin at $40 and go up to $2,500. Information: http://writing.upenn.edu/wh/support/become.php

Penn Libraries offers branded gifts, including apparel, office supplies and drinkware. Visit http://costore.com/pennlibraries/welcome.asp Gifts help enhance the Libraries’ information resources and implement new programs and outreach. Information: http://giving.library.upenn.edu

Reading Ready: You can be the catalyst for sparking a child’s imagination! Good children’s books are needed for the Penn Reads Literacy Project—a service activity of the MLK Day of Service. You can help a young child develop a love of reading by purchasing books from a curated list of short multicultural, anti-bias children’s books (pre-K to 2nd grade). This will ensure the availability of high quality books. Go to: https://tinyurl.com/MLK2020BookDrive to make your purchase (delivery needed before Jan. 20). Or, just review the titles on the wish list and support the Penn Bookstore, or your local “brick & mortar” bookstore such as those listed at IndieBound.org Please check off “This is a gift” when purchasing from the Amazon wish list.

Colorful Calendar: Celebrate the joy of the year with a wondrous illustration every month by the renowned artist and storyteller Ashley Bryan in the calendar Vibrant Wonders: A Year Celebrating the Illustrations of Ashley Bryan. In 2019 the Kislak Center became home to his archive, documenting his life and work. See article on page 6 of issue about upcoming celebration at the Kislak Center. Information, visit www.library.upenn.edu/collections/libraries/publications/ashley-bryan-calendar

Marvelous Museum: Give the gifts of adventure and discovery with a full year’s membership to the “new” Penn Museum. Members 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, wrapped for the holidays. To select the right membership for a loved one, call (215) 898-5093 or visit https://www.pennmuseum.org/give-join/membership

Or shake things up this year by gifting a private family tour of the Museum. For more information, contact Group Sales at (215) 746-8183 or grouptickets@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 Ross Gallery will be invited to openings, will receive free admission to film series for selected exhibitions, will be given a foldout symposium and publication discount and will receive updates via e-newsletter. The Ross Gallery presents art from a wide range of media, periods, cultures and traditions. Information: https://tinyurl.com/rossfriend

Members of ICA will have the chance to attend members-only exhibition previews with artists and curators. ICA has championed artists and exhibited artwork for more than 50 years. Membership is free for current Penn students and $25 for non-Penn students. Non-student memberships begin at $50, with additional benefits available at each level. Details are available at https://icaphila.org/support/

Botanical Beauty: Morris Arboretum offers grand holiday gifts, starting with a Morris Arboretum membership. Members of the Morris Arboretum, the official arboretum of the Commonwealth, receive free admission all year long; a 10% discount in the Arboretum Shop and Café and discounts on educational classes and excursions; Seasons newsletter; admission privileges to over 300 gardens and arboretum through the American Horticulture Society Reciprocal Admissions Program; discounts for local garden centers and priceless memories of visiting the garden in every season. For full details on your list, the Arboretum Shop has garden tools, garden-inspired home items, toys and books for kids and gardening books for the professional and amateur. Memberships range from $65-$2,500 and can be purchased in the Shop, online at http://www.morrisarboretum.org/membership.shtml or by calling (215) 247-5777 ext. 205.

Delectable Dine: A gift of a University Club at Penn membership is unique and useful, continuing to give all year. Membership is open to faculty, staff, alumni, graduate students, emeritus faculty and retired staff. Privileges include complimentary morning refreshments, special events, 10% discounts at Louie Louie, Sang Kee Noodle House and the University Living Room at the Inn at Penn, and access to 100+ reciprocal clubs in the United States and around the world. Information: http://business-services.upenn.edu/universityclub/membership/individual-membership.html

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, undergraduates (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/application or contact membership@pennclubny.org

Feeling Fit: The Penn Ice Rink at the Class of 1923 Arena offers a discount book of 10 admission passes to any of its public skating sessions for $45 with a PennCard or $54 for the public. Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Five weeks of group lessons are available for ages 5 through adult at a variety of skill levels. Cost: $125 with discounts for multiple sessions. Information: (215) 898-1923 or http://www.upenn.edu/icarink

Penn Tennis Center annual membership fees are free for full-time undergraduate and graduate students; $60/faculty, staff; $68/senior citizens; $89/alumni; $125/public. Juniors who participate in lessons are eligible for $47. Membership fees are the same for spouses of full-time students, faculty, staff and alumni with PennCard. Per-hour court fees are in addition to membership. Information: (215) 898-4741 or https://tinyurl.com/penntennismembership

Penn Campus Rec Club is a membership add-on 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 tennis classes. Details at https://tinyurl.com/pennrecmembership

PennRec also offers gift certificates for massage. Gift certificates must be purchased through Membership Services. For pricing, see https://tinyurl.com/pennrecmassage

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

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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/welcome/