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# The Role of the Morris Arboretum and Environmental Education

The Morris Arboretum began as the private estate of John and Lydia Morris in 1887. In 1932, in accordance with the terms of their wills, it became a botanic garden within the University of Pennsylvania. In recent years the Arboretum has grown dramatically and today it supports a wide variety of vibrant education and research programs. Over 100,000 visitors use the arboretum annually and participate in its programs while enjoying its historic landscape gardens. Through all these interactions, visitors come away with a better understanding of the many ways that man depends on plants for our very survival

Meyer will address the role contemporary botanic gardens play in both formal and informal environmental education. Using the Morris Arboretum as a case study, he will address the living plant collections of the arboretum, outdoor land management exhibits, children's programming and adult continuing education programs. He will also discuss the Arboretum's Flora of Pennsylvania and plant exploration programs its and community outreach initiatives.

**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2003

**Time:** NOON - 1:30 pm

**Place:** Auditorium at Wistar Institute

On Penn's campus: Spruce Street & Penn's 36<sup>th</sup> Street Walkway

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