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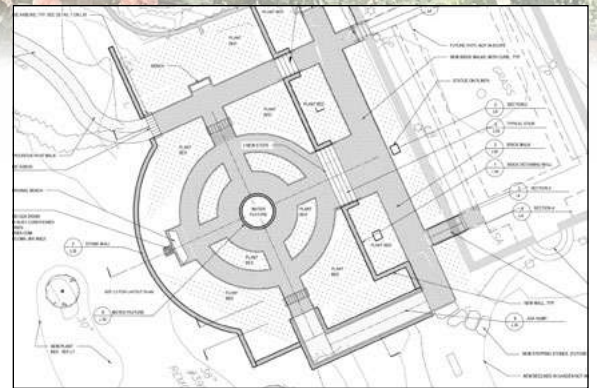


The Appleford Committee is excited to share the crown jewel of our 50th Anniversary year celebration. We are embarking on a complete renovation and restoration of the Rose Garden.

The project is scheduled to begin in November and be completed in April 2025 (weather permitting). This project is the first phase of a long-range Master Plan for the entire 24 acres at Appleford, provided by Robinson Anderson Summers, Inc. Landscape Architects. The Grounds and Arboretum Committees have done a great job over the past fifty years of maintaining the original Thomas Sears-designed gardens, but the time has come for strategic planning and development for the next fifty years. As a public garden we have a responsibility to provide a safe, accessible and beautiful experience for every visitor.

The Rose Garden has been an ongoing concern ever since the fountain stopped working several years ago. The brick walkways are crumbling, and the surrounding hemlocks now shade much of the garden. Lighting and irrigation, along with rebuilding the charming fountain are part of the necessary infrastructure needs. The new garden design includes handicapped accessibility and walkways that will connect the upper and lower gardens, making our event space and gardens fully accessible. The planting beds will remain devoted to roses with the addition of rose arbors at the entry and exit areas.

New wide stairs will connect the fountain area with the lilac wall and birdhouse. The new fountain will be named in honor



Rendering of the new Rose Garden

of Libby Hill for her continuous volunteer service to Appleford over the past fifty years.

This is one of the most exciting projects Appleford has ever undertaken and the results will be breathtaking. Unlike our "older" gardens, this one will be very "new" until it acquires a patina. As all gardeners know, it takes time and patience for gardens to "bloom"!

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends of Appleford,

Welcome to the spring issue of The Apple Seed newsletter. Our gardens and planters are blooming and taking center stage as we ready for a full event season. We have also been busy planting and pruning trees and shrubs and sprucing up the interior for our many events. As a Friend of Appleford, we hope you will stop by for a look.

We continue to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a committee and are currently planning our spring and fall schedule. A few highlights for the coming months include a May 8th Spring Open House and garden tours for those new to the property who might be interested in all that Appleford offers. Our annual Summer Solstice garden party on Thursday, June 20th, will showcase the talents of some of the best caterers in the area. (Hats encouraged, but optional) So please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you.

As mentioned previously, we have exciting news to share. When our 2024 fall event season closes, we will break ground on phase one of our Master Plan renovation by constructing a beautiful new Rose Garden with wider brick paths, a gorgeous new fountain, and a variety of specimen plantings for all to enjoy for many years. The design plans will include an improved handicapped walkway, offering a more manageable transition around the property for ease.

None of this would be possible without your continued generous support. With your Friends of Appleford renewal this year, we hope you will consider increasing your donation to help with the many needed improvements to the property infrastructure.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and share it with your friends and family, encouraging them to visit Appleford and enjoy the beauty our township gem offers each of us daily. A calendar with more details and times is highlighted in this newsletter, and updates will be posted to the Appleford website, www.applefordestate.com, throughout the year. Please follow us on Instagram @applefordestate or Appleford on Facebook to stay current and enjoy photos from past events throughout the year.

Thank you for your generous support; we are tremendously grateful to you.

Happy spring!
Lyn Marinchak
President, The Appleford Committee



The Appleford Committee

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Annual Giving

Your financial support of the preservation of Appleford is welcomed at one of the following defined levels or in an amount of your choice. All gifts are fully tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Benefactors, Patrons, Supporters, and Friends will receive invitations for two to the Appleford Holiday Party in December. Benefactors and Patrons are further entitled to one complimentary use of Appleford for an event of up to 50 people on Monday-Wednesday (excludes catering, rentals, & insurance).

Checks payable to The Appleford Committee may be mailed to: 770 Mt Moro Rd, Villanova, PA 19085, or use our QR code below.



Benefactor: \$1,000

Patron: \$500

Supporter: \$300

Friend: \$150

Donor: \$75

Volunteer at Appleford

For the last 50 years, the volunteer members of The Appleford Committee have worked to support the historic Villanova estate, owned by Lower Merion Township. April 29th, 2024 marks the golden anniversary of the Committee's incorporation as a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. As we look to the future, we are always seeking local residents, and especially neighbors, to join us. Subcommittees and their jobs include:

- **House**-Maintaining the historic house and its furnishings
- **Arboretum**-Overseeing the 24-acre grounds and bird sanctuary
- **Events**-Planning lectures, Open houses, and community fundraisers
- **Tours**-Sharing the rich and colorful history of Appleford with visitors
- **Marketing**-Posting on social media and assisting with our newsletter

If you have a passion for preservation, a skill to lend, or a willingness to volunteer, we welcome your interest.

To learn more, go to our website at www.applefordestate.com and click on "Support" and contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Members of the Appleford Committee - Photo by Pictures by Todd



Current and past presidents of the committee - Photo by Pictures by Todd

Reserve Your Photo Sessions at Appleford

Whether it's the peak flowering season or the dead of winter Appleford is one of the most picturesque places to capture those special moments in your life. If you're interested in obtaining a photo permit to shoot or have your photographer shoot at Appleford, there are a few simple steps to take before you show up:

- Check the Appleford Calendar at

www.applefordestate.com under Weddings/ Events then Availability. Only dates when no events are scheduled will be considered.

- Request your date by emailing info@applefordestate.com
- Once confirmed by Appleford that the date and time is available make your \$30 permit fee online.

- Read over and adhere to the guidelines on the permit.
- Bring your permit the day of your photo shoot.

*Permits are for two hours only, only one photo session per day, and you can only request a permit three months before the requested day.



Abbe Foreman Photography



Pictures by Todd



Konnor & Samantha Photography



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Appleford Holiday Party December 2023

Appleford prides itself being one of the first events to kick off the Holiday season. Upon entry to the home, scents of pine and the warmth of Appleford's precious antiques collection delight. Oh....the comfort of tradition and the joy of mingling with friends. Linda Child generously shared her talents on the piano.

Twelfth Street Catering donated a lush buffet and carvery, as well as elegantly passed hors d'oeuvres. The Appleford Committee donated the sweets. The party flowed, the food was plentiful and delicious, music filled the air. Many thanks go to the Events Committee for a most memorable evening.



Photos by Pictures by Todd

Calendar of Events 2024

Created to preserve one of the Main Line's historic treasures, the Appleford Committee is celebrating its Golden Anniversary with a series of exciting special events.

APR
16

12:30 – 3:30 pm

Joint Tour with the Willows Park Preserve

JUN
20

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Summer Solstice Party

MAY
8

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Spring Open House

DEC
5

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Appleford Holiday Party

Please save the dates!

Stay tuned for more details by invitation, in the Apple Seed newsletters, and at www.applefordestate.com throughout the year.

Thank you for your generous support!

The Appleford Committee extends its gratitude to the following individuals and families who made a contribution to Appleford between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Each gift helps

support our mission to maintain the historic house and its beautiful gardens and to continue the preservation of open space in Lower Merion Township.

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Save *the* Date!
Summer Solstice at Appleford

Thursday, June 20, 2024
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm