



APPLEFORD

The Apple Seed

APPLEFORD'S NEWSLETTER

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Have Your Next Event at Appleford

Appleford isn't just for weddings. In 2024, we welcomed guests to a number of community fundraisers including Gladwyne Elementary, the Philadelphia Museum of

Art Women's Committee, and the Academy of Vocal Arts. Appleford also was the site of events including a bridal shower, a christening, a celebration of life, and a private Porsche unveiling, as well as the backdrop for a major

television commercial. If you are interested in hosting your holiday party, family gathering, or fundraising event, please contact info@applefordestate.com for pricing and availability.

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends of Appleford,

Hello, and welcome to the fall edition of The Apple Seed newsletter. I hope you had a restful and memorable summer with family and friends.

We have had a busy and productive spring and summer season, bustling with weddings, private parties, a commercial film shoot, and more. Again, our excellent staff—Lisa McBride, Sofia, and John McGinty, and the many liaisons working on the varied events—succeeded and exceeded in helping Appleford shine brighter. I truly mean every word!

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are beginning phase one of construction on the Rose Garden in November. We are adding and updating the walkways, plantings, and fountain and adding a larger and more user-friendly handicapped access passageway. We are deeply grateful for your continued support, whether through increasing your annual giving or sending a donation specific to this project, as we work to create a true living masterpiece for all to enjoy.

This is also my last newsletter to our family and friends. In January, I will turn the reigns over to a new President who I know will continue to embrace the beliefs we all hold close to our hearts: to preserve, protect, and maintain Appleford for generations to come. Thank you to all for your support and encouraging kind words during my presidency.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Best,
Lyn Marinchak
President, The Appleford Committee



The Appleford Committee

Lyn Marinchak, *President*

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Lisa McBride - *Director of Marketing and Events*
Sofia & John McGinty
Resident Managers

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

Best Dressed

Don't know what to wear to your next wedding or cocktail party?

We at Appleford have lots of advice to lend. Check out our Best Dressed picks from the weddings and events featured on our Instagram and Facebook accounts. Each week, we select guests who stand out for their style and fashion. Here are some of our recent favorites.



Photos by: Pictures by Todd

The Update on Our Arboretum



The countdown has begun towards the exciting restoration of the Rose Garden! November 1st is the anticipated start date for the first project in the Master Plan for Appleford's grounds and arboretum. The Rose Garden has been in dire need for infrastructure maintenance for many years; a few items being the broken fountain and crumbling walkways.

The new garden, designed by Robinson Anderson Summers Landscape Architects, Inc., will incorporate all the beauty of the historic Rose Garden along with handicap accessibility connecting the wedding ceremony area through the gardens to the tented terrace. Our project will be completed in time for the 2025 season of events.

Follow Appleford on Facebook or Instagram for updates and progress photos. And please visit the Rose Garden before November for a last look at the "before".

Summer Solstice Appleford

Our annual Summer Solstice party this past June was one of the best ever! Well over 150 friends and loyal supporters enjoyed the festivities, including a number of guests in a new category for those aged 35 and younger. Small groups enjoyed strolling the gardens, manicured to perfection. Summer fashion was on full display, with many female and even a few male guests donning hats to add flair to the garden party vibe. Under the tent, guests were able to sample an exquisite array of menu samplings and beverages. And to help put everyone in a

summery mood, the music of Steel Source was a sheer delight.

We are most appreciative for Appleford's exclusive caterers, who each year generously donate the fabulous variety of food items offered at Summer Solstice. Serving as lead caterer and organizer of this year's party was John Serock, joined by Catering by Design, Feastivities, Feast Your Eyes, Perfect Settings, Sage Catering, Seedling and Sage Catering, 12th Street Catering Bredenbeck's Bakery and The Master's Baker.

All photographs were donated by Pictures by Todd. Flower arrangements were donated by Fleur De Lis Floral and Trillium. Smaller centerpieces were skillfully arranged by Michele Spence and volunteers from the Appleford Committee. Party Rental Ltd. donated to the table settings.

It was a supreme pleasure for Appleford to be supported by you and to celebrate the awakening of summer together. Warmest thanks to all who attended for making our event a success.



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Appleford Committee Updates

In Memory of Kagel Nagel Kamp

The Appleford Committee mourns the passing of longtime committee member Karen Nagel Kamp over the summer. Karen joined the committee in 1991 and continued as an active member for 33 years. An accomplished and renowned architectural historian, Karen was an instrumental preservationist in Lower Merion Township and a founding member of what is now called the Lower Merion Conservancy. Karen was a dedicated volunteer for many non-profit organizations and events supporting the arts and culture of our region. At Appleford, she was devoted to giving tours at public open

houses and for smaller groups who sought to learn more about our history. Her tours were thorough and replete with historical details about the past residents of Appleford, their celebrated architects and landscape architects, and the elegant art and antique furnishings of the house. We will miss her presence at our meetings and events and are grateful for her many years of service to Appleford.

Welcome to our Newest Committee Member

The Appleford Committee is pleased to welcome **Chad Punchard** as our latest member. Chad and his wife, Kelly, were married by the waterfall at Appleford in

2005 and would never have guessed that they would move into a home just around the corner from Appleford a short 10 years later. Both lovers of historic homes, the Punchards have been loyal supporters of Appleford and enjoy visiting the beautiful gardens and grounds with their family. Chad hopes that his volunteer service at Appleford will “further the tradition and legacy of this amazing institution”.

The Appleford Committee would like to wish **Lisa McBride** a happy 5th anniversary and the **McGinty** family a happy 10th anniversary with Appleford!

Become A Friend

We have already received generous contributions from many of you this year and are grateful for your continued support. Appleford is a beautiful treasure and the Appleford Committee strives to maintain the house and gardens at the highest possible level for the benefit and enjoyment of the local community.

Please consider supporting our work this year. All donors who contribute at the Friend level (\$150) or above will be entitled to an invitation for two people to the Appleford Holiday Party on Thursday, December 5, 2024. We would love for you to join us. Please share this information with friends.

Use the QR code to make a gift on our website, or mail a check addressed to The Appleford Committee, 770 Mt. Moro Road, Villanova, PA 19085.



Thank you for your generous support!

We are grateful for each and every gift made in support of Appleford’s mission! The Appleford Committee extends a special thanks to our 2024 Benefactors and Patrons (listed below) who have

made significant investments in the house and gardens this year. Please consider making your own gift – at a level that works for you – before our fiscal year closes on December 31, 2024.

Benefactors (\$1,000 and above)
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. V. Hamilton, Jr.
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New supporters in 2024 are noted in italics
**Deceased*

List reflects gifts received January 1 to September 15, 2024



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Become a Friend of Appleford in 2024!

It's not too late to make an annual gift of support to Appleford this year
and receive an invitation to

APPLEFORD'S ANNUAL


Holiday Party

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024



The house will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season and delicious food and drink will be generously provided by Feast Your Eyes Catering and members of the Appleford Committee. Come shop our silent auction and raise a glass with other Friends of Appleford!