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Announcing:

A Guided Tour of the Muhlenberg Recreated Meadows & New Texas Serpentine Barrens

Sunday, August 13, 9am-4pm

Join Tim Draude and Mike Slater from the Muhlenberg Botanical Club of Lancaster for a full day of exploring the Muhlenberg Meadows at Lancaster County Central Park and the New Texas Serpentine Barrens, managed by the Nature Conservancy. Guides will share how a meadow can be created and established. Participants will see how a beautiful meadow dramatically improves habitat for song birds and wildlife, prevents erosion along streams and rivers, and helps improve water quality by trapping and retaining silt brought in by flood waters.

The afternoon tour of the unusual and privately owned New Texas Serpentine Barrens will teach participants how and why the Barrens exist in Lancaster County. Guides will review what is being done to keep this area's character, which has existed since the European settlement.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately. There is little shade; hats, sunscreen, insect repellent, and walking shoes are recommended.

Cost: \$20.00 includes transportation, lunch, plant

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