

CYLBURN ARBORETUM FRIENDS INVITES YOU TO THE 2024-2025:

Speaker Series

SPEAKERS BEGIN AT 5PM. DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM.

Come early to meet Cylburn partners like the Baltimore Bird Club, the Horticultural Society of Maryland, Master Gardeners, and others. Speaker biographies are on the back.



**SONIA
SUCCAR
FERRÉ**

September 19, 2024

**IMPLEMENTING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
IN URBAN SETTINGS:**

Future-forward solutions that can support urbanization and nature-based infrastructure and better prepare communities for the impacts of climate change.



**PASTOR
MICHAEL S.
MARTIN &
YOELL TUCK**

October 10, 2024

STILLMEADOW: A Story of Stewardship & Relationships

How a small local church became a model for Resiliency Hubs nationwide through prioritizing community engagement, environmental stewardship, partnership, and vision.



**MICHAEL
GAIGE**

November 15, 2024

HIDDEN HISTORY IN CYLBURN'S FOREST:

Surrounding the mansion and gardens at Cylburn Arboretum are 128 acres of forest with a hidden history.



**HILTON
CARTER**

February 19, 2025

CULTIVATING GROWTH:

Hilton Carter illuminates how plant care has shaped his life and relationships.



**ERIN REED
MILLER**

March 12, 2025

GARDENING FOR BIRDS AND BALTIMORE:

Learn how to transform your home, school, work, or community space into a native urban oasis!



**ADAM
MARTON**

April 3, 2025

CODE RED: Reporting on Baltimore's Climate Divide

University of Maryland journalists examined how rising temperatures driven by climate change are already affecting the health and lives of the residents of "urban heat islands" in Baltimore.



TICKETS \$5
cylburn.org/programs-events

FREE GIVEAWAY EACH EVENING

to the first 100 pre-registered guests starting at 4:30 pm.
Taharka Brothers ice cream featured on Sep, 19, 2024.

The Vollmer Center
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Baltimore, Maryland 21209
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MEET THE SPEAKERS



SONIA SUCCAR FERRÉ

the founder and president of Futura Climate Strategies. Sonia has 15 years of experience across various sectors, including leadership roles in government, private, nonprofit, and philanthropy. After working for Turner Construction, Sonia worked for the City of Miami and was instrumental in developing the city's first Climate Action Plan. She then became the first Environmental Manager for the City of Coral Gables' sustainability program, where she led the development of their Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and Tree Canopy Plan. Sonia collaborated with 26 cities worldwide to redefine conservation and prioritize the needs of communities that are experiencing rapid urbanization and the public and social health effects of climate change. She earned a Master's degree in Environmental Management and Sustainable Development from Harvard University, where she explored fuel costs and congestion with wireless electric vehicle technology.



PASTOR MICHAEL S. MARTIN

has had careers in corporate as a Human Resources professional, an entrepreneur establishing consulting offices in several U.S. cities and serving the last decades as a pastor in southern California. In 2017, he

and his wife, Gail, relocated to her hometown of Baltimore to help revive Stillmeadow Community Fellowship.

Since, they have discovered the joyful responsibility and divine connection between stewardship for God's creation and care for the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of community residents in the 10 acres of the newly christened Stillmeadow PeacePark and Education/Retreat Center. "Bringing what occurs in the church out to their forest; and taking the beauty, the contemplation so easily accomplished in nature back into the place of planned worship and wonder."



YORELL TUCK

Born and raised in Baltimore City, Yorell Tuck forged a career teaching and mentoring youth and young adults. She went from working as a College Campus Minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA at Bucknell University to Director of Providence House Maternity Home for teens. She, later, had the honor of working as a Student Life Counselor for middle and high school students at The SEED School of Maryland for 12 years.

She has, now, settled into serving in the Southwest Baltimore community with her lifelong church, Stillmeadow Community Fellowship, and its 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Stillmeadow Community Projects, Inc. As the Director of Operations, Yorell has had the opportunity to expand her reach in serving residents of

her beloved hometown. She engages people of all ages and walks of life through facilitating Stillmeadow's array of programs offered through the Stillmeadow PeacePark, resiliency hub and food distribution, and the Stillmeadow PeacePark Learning Center.



MICHAEL GAIGE

is an independent consulting ecologist from upstate New York. His work explores the intersection of natural and cultural history using field evidence and archives to reconstruct land use history. Michael works with organizations, design teams, and private landowners on historical ecology inventories, park and landscape design projects, and conservation planning for natural areas. He has an affinity for large old trees, their ecological values and the stories they tell about landscape change. Michael holds an MS from Antioch University and BA from Prescott College and has taught field studies programs at several colleges and universities for more than 15 years.

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HILTON CARTER

For Hilton Carter, it all started with one plant—a fiddle-leaf fig named Frank, to be exact. As he

explains in his best-selling book, *Wild at Home: How to style and care for beautiful plants*, his interest in plants started out as purely practical.

Hilton Carter is a plant + interior stylist, author, and artist. He has a loyal following on Instagram (@hiltoncarter), where he shares his knowledge of plant care and interior styling with the design and green loving community. When not getting his hands dirty in a project, Hilton can be found cozying up in his Baltimore home with his wife Fiona, and daughter, Holland.

Publications include: *Wild Interiors: Beautiful plants in beautiful spaces* (2020), *Wild Creations* (2021), *Living Wild* (2023), and *The Propagation Handbook* (2024). He will be featured on PBS-TV's *Living Wild: Plant-spiration with Hilton Carter*, nationally airing late-February through early March 2024.



ERIN REED MILLER

is the Senior Coordinator of Bird-Friendly Communities for Audubon Mid-Atlantic's Baltimore program, which is part of National Audubon Society. Erin grew up in Pennsylvania before earning her BS in Wildlife Conservation and MS in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Delaware. There she researched the connection between native plant species and insect communities in the lab of Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*. She has since served as an interpretive naturalist and environmental educator in Delaware, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

Erin has been at Audubon since 2011, as an Educator, Education Manager, and now Bird-Friendly Communities Coordinator, where she works with communities to thoughtfully increase bird-friendly habitat while meeting those communities' varied goals. In 2016, Erin was named the Tamar Chotzen Audubon Educator of the Year.



ADAM MARTON

is an award-winning data journalist specializing in visual storytelling, code and design.

Marton is on the faculty at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at The University of Maryland where he oversees the data and graphics bureau of Capital News Service and teaches data journalism and visual design courses.

Marton has been a top editor on many impactful journalism projects at Merrill, including *Printing Hate*, winner of the Punch Sulzberger Award for Innovative Storytelling, which explored the racist past of white-owned newspapers, and *Code Red*, winner of the National Press Foundation's 2019 Innovative Storytelling Award, which examined the relationship between climate change and poverty.

Marton worked at The Baltimore Sun for 13 years, where he led the data and graphics desk in the newsroom. He designed and built many projects for The Sun, including "The 45 Minute Mystery of Freddie Gray's Death," which was a 2015 Pulitzer Prize finalist.

WHO WE ARE: Cylburn Arboretum Friends is the non-profit organization that has been partnering with the City of Baltimore since 1954 to maintain the grounds and gardens at Cylburn.

MISSION: Our commitment to the Baltimore community is to support the Cylburn Arboretum through stewardship and educational programming.

VISION: To inspire a love of the natural world.

Our name has changed over the years to better reflect who we are and how we function. We provide horticulturally sound garden practice and science-based educational programs to learners of all ages. Our passion is trees and we want our visitors to appreciate all that they provide to us.



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