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**Imagination Blooms in Pittsburgh with Phipps' Summer Short Course**  
*Summer Short Course centers on artistic, holistic garden design*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** – On July 20, from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden](#) and [Penn State Extension](#) will host this year's edition of the annual Summer Short Course, featuring gardening author Tovah Martin and Jonathan Weber. Sessions will focus on the importance of creative, ethically sound landcare and gardening practices. Professional and home gardeners alike are welcome to attend.

Martin is a nationally renowned gardener and horticulture author. She holds certification as an accredited Organic Land Care Professional (Northeast Organic Farming Association NOFA) and is a recipient of the Garden Club of America's medal for outstanding literary achievement. Her award-winning writing can be found in *Martha Stewart Living*, *Horticulture Magazine* and *The Daily Telegraph*.

Jonathan Weber is farmer-general of greenSinner, a floral workshop that distributes sustainably-grown local flowers, terrariums and houseplants. He supervises greenSinner's Lawrenceville cutting garden and flower farm on the North Side and is an expert in floral cultivation and arrangement.

The course will cover a variety of topics related to sustainable gardening practice. Throughout the day, participants will:

- Learn to craft gardens that stimulate the senses by incorporating unconventional scents, tastes and textures.
- Investigate the delicate art of planning and planting a home terrarium.
- Explore the world of unconventional and exotic houseplants.
- Delve into the ethical dimensions of landcare and discuss ways that home gardeners can give back to the environment.

Registration includes admission to all four lectures, as well as a morning coffee reception, light breakfast and full lunch buffet courtesy of Café Phipps. Prices start at \$105, with special discounts for Phipps members. To register for the event, please visit [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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**About Phipps:** Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance

of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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