

2022

VOLUNTEER
YEARBOOK

I dedicate this yearbook to all of our stupendous volunteers. This was a passion project and the thought of it would never have occurred if you weren't so amazing, inspiring, and joyful. Thank you for an amazing year and enjoy this reflection!

*-----Amanda Barnett
Volunteer & Website
Coordinator*





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To our amazing corps of talented, dedicated, generous, passionate and knowledgeable volunteers...

How does it feel to know that you are part of an incredible team of people who were essential to the roaring success of our 20th year?! Whether you pulled weeds in the nursery or garden, worked as a plant hauler for a plant sale, operated the trains for Yuletide, stuffed envelopes, planned events or tackled one of a thousand other tasks, we couldn't have done 2022 without you and the nearly 600 of your fellow volunteers.

When Covid knocked us all for a loop back in 2020, our volunteer program took a major hit as all of us did our best to navigate the pandemic and keep ourselves, our families and coworkers healthy. And all across the nonprofit world, people worried what the long term impacts of the pandemic would be on our pre-Covid volunteer corps. Would everyone come back once the pandemic subsided? Would everyone stay home and make sourdough bread?

Well you returned . . . and you returned with your characteristic passion, energy and the good humored nature that is so prevalent throughout our volunteer group. And your return not only pushed our gardens, programs and operations to new heights, the return of each one of you lifted our spirits and continues to remind us every day why we do what we do.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and for all you do to make this such a welcoming and wonderful place.

Here's to an even more amazing 2023!

--Paul Cappiello, Ph.D.
Executive Director

2022 at a glance

No wonder the year went by so quickly! Our volunteer program is **growing** and it's largely thanks to your dedication, excitement, and commitment to our mission:

to spark a passion for plants and gardening through accessible science and inspiring beauty.

**2,324
Volunteer
Shifts**

**560
Individual
Volunteers**

When we asked you
why you volunteer with us,
here were the most commonly
used words:

enjoyed ability just good volunteers
company botanical just friendly gardener retired
gardening around meeting
dell work people new wanted yew
gardens use plants nuts fun garden
knowledge cause outside love exercise staff
volunteer gardeners master
learning house camaraderie progression beauty
scenery

THANK YEW!

**7,097
Donated
Hours**

Garden Adoption Program (GAP)

The idea of "adopting" a garden at Yew Dell began with the Rambler Garden Club near the beginning of our life as a botanical garden (circa 2003 or 2004). They took a shine to the Secret Garden and worked diligently to help renovate and elevate the area, then continued to maintain it on a monthly basis to this day.

Not long after that massive renovation, the Green Thumbs Gardening Club mimicked this process, unburying, rebuilding, and replanting the Sunken Rock Garden. This garden is still maintained as part of our current GAP!



Through the years, we had several other unofficial gardens that had been "adopted" (notably Big Pine, Walled, Pavilion, and Overlook gardens) by individuals or groups.

In 2018, the idea of a "Garden Adoption Program" was formalized and this new system was trialed by volunteers who had been working weekly in the Overlook Garden. Over this first year, staff and volunteers collaborated on how this type of program could and should function before officially launching it in 2019.

Gardens Adopted:

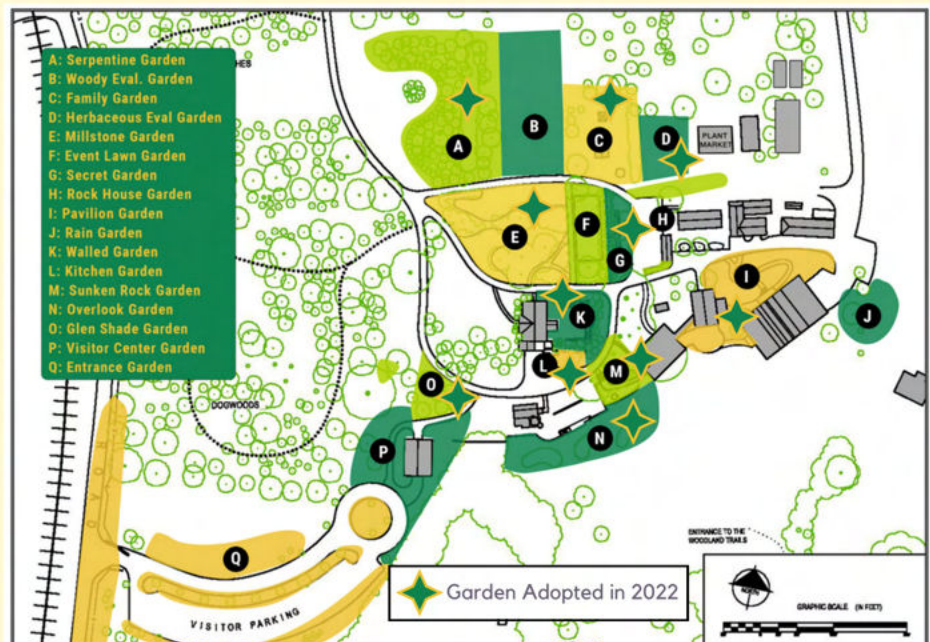
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2020: 8

2021: 9

2022: 11

Gardens in the GAP



What is the GAP?

- > Garden Adoption Program
- > Weekly commitment to help maintain a garden
- > Each garden has learning objectives (curious about edible plants? Shade plants? Rain gardens? We have a garden for that!)

How do I join?

- > Volunteer at least five Garden Workdays
- > Meet with Sayde and Amanda to learn more about the commitment
- > Start gardening!

Why join GAP?

- > Learn more about a certain type of plant(s)
- > Consistent weekly volunteer opportunity
- > Camaraderie with other plant geeks (or solo work if you prefer!)

2022 GAP Members:

Family Garden - Susan Byrne

Glen Shade - Jack Marcum

Kitchen Garden- Sharon Sengelaub, Talia Wafford

Millstone Garden- Mary Beirne, Kathy Westgate, Dan Westgate

Pavilion Garden- Bruce Murray, Lee Ann Whites

Herbaceous Plant Evaluation Garden- Martin Rivers

Overlook Garden- Patsy Harkess, Justeen Beeles, Debbie Bunker, Wendy Butler, Molly Hensel, Susan A. Lancaster, Cathy Reynolds

Secret Garden- Rambler Garden Club

Serpentine Garden- Maxine Stoehr

Sunken Rock Garden- Kate Pfeifer

Walled Garden- Andrea Eisenbrei, Larry Nix, Ruth Garvey-Nix



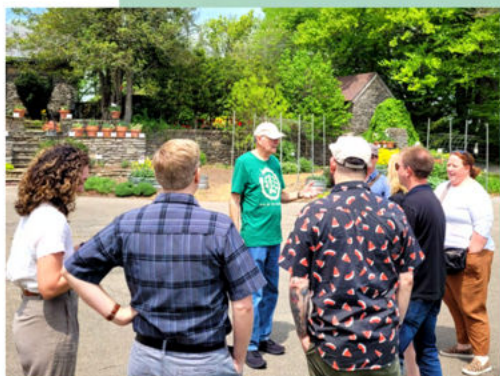


Nursery Volunteers

"Another great year down and another great one on the horizon. It's amazing what all the volunteers in the nursery help us accomplish from the middle of winter until late fall. Thank you all so much for your effort, passion, and incredible talent!"

--Jacob Stidham

Director of Horticulture & Facilities



DOCENTS

Sharing their passion for Yew Dell

In 2022, we experienced a return of in-person activities paired with people wanting to get out of the house. In response, we shifted our docent program slightly to meet people where they are. We still led pre-booked group tours but, most excitingly, added Saturday Wandering and Visitor Center Docents to engage with our visitors in a less formal setting. Visitors were thrilled to learn more about our history or what was in bloom during their visit.

We also invited friends from both Kentucky Artisan Distillery and Waterfront Botanical Gardens to a "tour swap" to learn more about each other's organizations to better promote and raise up our collective community. Thank you to these organizations for opening their doors!

New Opportunities

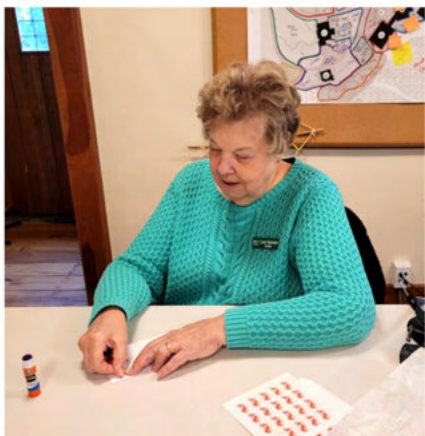
Yew Dell is always looking for ways to grow: adding gardens, staff, events, volunteer opportunities... When looking at what opportunities we have available for the community to get involved, we saw some gaps:

- Few opportunities outside of the "normal" work week
- Opportunities primarily for able-bodied volunteers
- Mostly outdoor opportunities (easily affected by weather)

This year, we looked at ways to fill those needs.

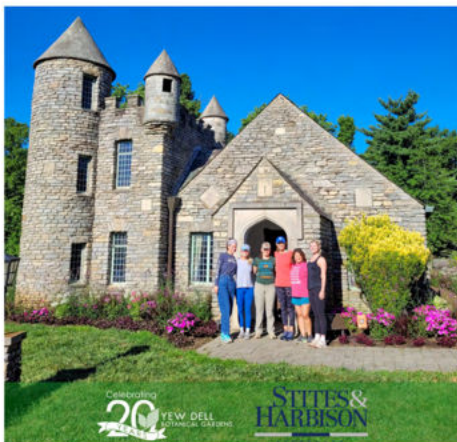
- Added another Saturday Workday and extended their hours
- Actively sought administrative opportunities
- Increased indoor opportunities like Cultural Pass check-in

Slowly, but surely, we'll grow our volunteer program to be as inclusive as possible and allow our volunteers to really shine in roles best suited for them.



Group Volunteers

Our group volunteers this year ranged from youth groups to incoming college freshman to a variety of corporate volunteers. When we have a group volunteer together, we are able to tackle really big projects and complete them in one go! We are so grateful to all of these groups and their organizations for supporting volunteerism!

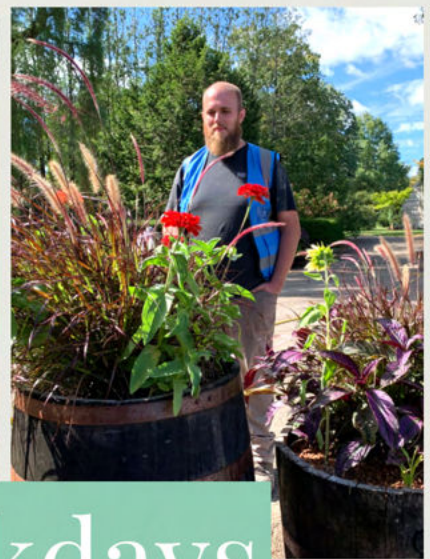
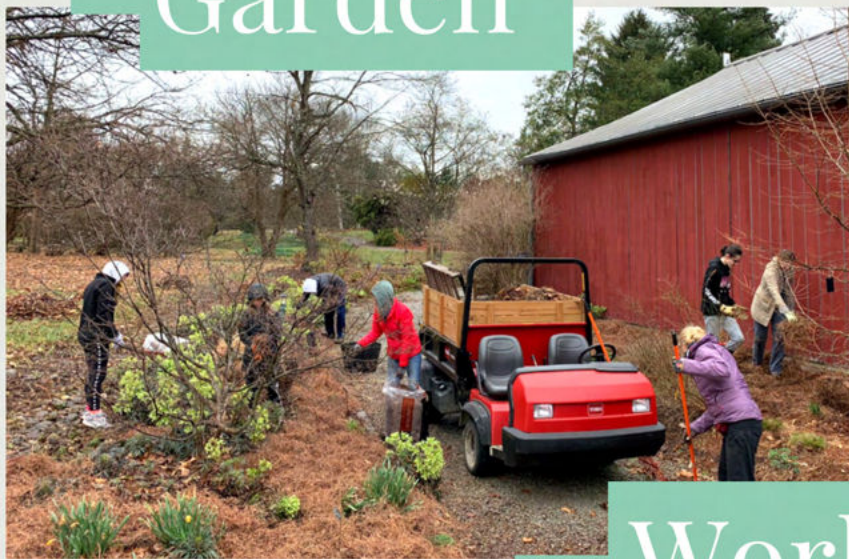


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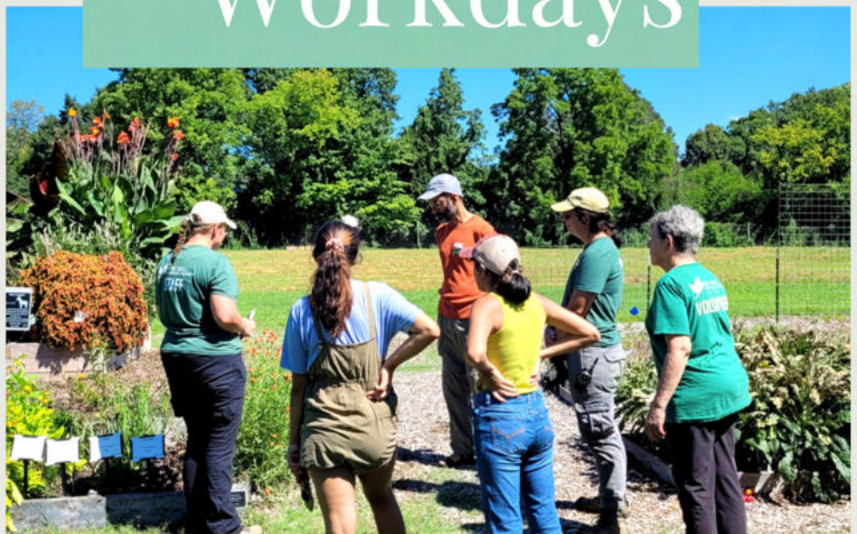




Garden



Workdays



These volunteers participated in "Weekly Workdays" on select weekday mornings and through our twice-monthly "Saturday Workdays". We enjoyed working alongside long-time volunteers, first-time gardeners, and families volunteering together through these opportunities!



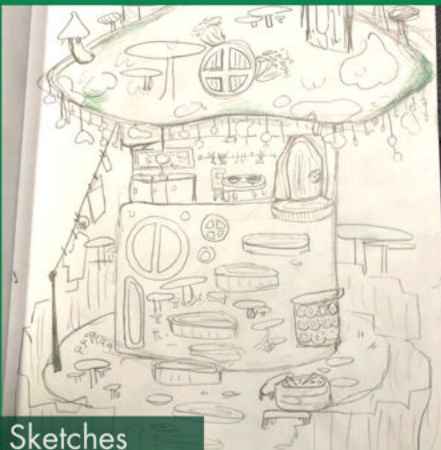
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Opening Day prep

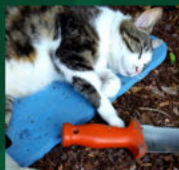
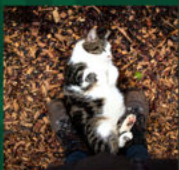


Fairy House Sketches



Early-Season Nursery work

IN MEMORIAM



Remington

Beloved garden cat and Guest Relations Specialist, Remington lived such a spoiled life for an outdoor, working cat (vet visits, custom cat condo, special food, heated house, hoards of adoring fans...the lucky boy) and we are so thankful for the spirit he brought to Yew Dell. He will be greatly missed by his co-workers, volunteers and guests alike and we are grateful for the time he spent with us here in the gardens.



Bob Stasick

Bob began volunteering with Yew Dell in 2022, joining his son Blake who has been working with our nursery team since 2017. Bob was a joy to be around and in addition to gardening, he enjoyed challenging people to re-evaluate the way they think and learn. In his time at Yew Dell, he enjoyed being outside, discovering new plants, seeing his son's independence grow, and exploring the arboretum. His smile, patience, and wisdom will be missed.



SPRING



Did YEW know?

In 2021, we broke our record and planted 20,000 bulbs for the 2022 Big Bloom!



Big Bloom Bulb Removal

Annual Planting: Event Lawn & Millstone Garden



Did YEW know?

This year, we planted 15,863 bulbs!

Volunteer Celebration



Big Bloom QR Code Tour



Plant Sale Prep



Planting Summer Annuals



First Annual Volunteer Plant Swap



Garden Workday: Serpentine Garden



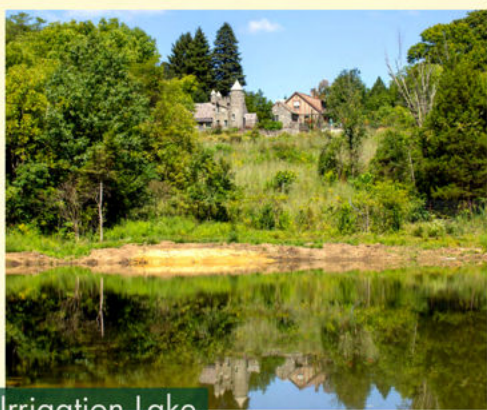
Docent tour of
Kentucky Artisan Distillery



Bellarmine Knights



Girl Scout Scavenger Hunt
for Fairy Forest supplies



Irrigation Lake



Republic Bank Volunteers: Fall Wreaths



Arboretum Tidying



Holiday Wreaths



Fall Plant Sale



Twilight Centerpieces



FALL



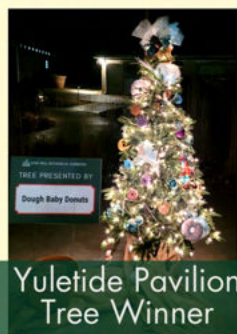
Boo Dell



Bulb Planting



Yuletide Lights



Yuletide Pavilion Tree Winner



Parking Lot Perennial Planting Palooza

Did YEW know?

This year, we planted 15,863 bulbs that will bloom in 2023!



Fairy House repair day



Mid-year Fairy repair



2022 New Scarecrows



Fairy House repair day

Inspiring Creativity

Volunteers helped set the vibe for many things including our Fairy Forest, Boo Dell, and Yuletide events!



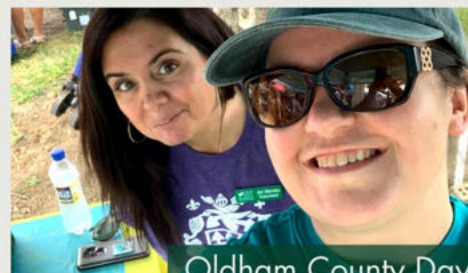
New Fairy Houses & Doors



Yuletide Décor Setup



Visit to volunteer Kate Pfeifer's home garden



Oldham County Day



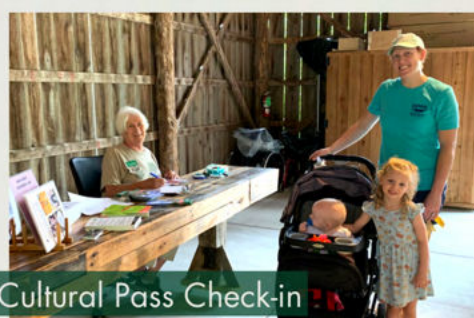
Waterfront Botanical Gardens ReGeneration Fair



Kentucky Science Center's July Eat, Drink, Do Science Event

Community

This year, we amped up our community involvement! Yew Dell was represented at many offsite locations and welcomed in approximately 1,000 visitors through our partnership with Louisville Fund for the Arts and their Cultural Pass program. All-in-all, we're thrilled to continue spreading our passion throughout our community!

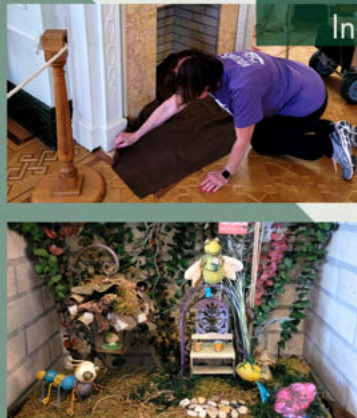


Cultural Pass Check-in

UofL Nonprofit Fair



Conrad-Caldwell House Museum Indoor Victorian Garden Tour



We were thrilled to have TWO finalists in Louisville Tourism's ROSE (Recognition of Service Excellence) Awards this year! Executive Director Paul Cappiello (Leadership Excellence category) and Susan A. Lancaster (Volunteer category) represented Oldham County in this year's line up. Thank you to them and for everyone who took time to nominate and vote for our finalists!





We were so lucky to begin a partnership with Spalding University's Auerbach School of Occupational Therapy (OT) this year. Miranda Sorrell was the first student to select Yew Dell for her Capstone project, spending four days a week onsite, learning about what we do, and finding ways to make it better. Miranda worked hard on a significant grant with our development team, led an in-service on OT in the garden (and so much more), and was a wonderful steward of OT practices and accessibility throughout her time here. She laid such important groundwork for future students and growth of Yew Dell as an accessible and healing institution.



Did YEW know that it takes **10 hours per day** to manually water our garden displays? To be more effective and efficient in our water usage and time this summer, our horticulture staff installed soaker hoses in the displays. Soaker hoses allow water to seep out throughout the display and get right to the roots.



We saw **BIG** changes in our Woodland area in 2022. We installed an irrigation basin to collect surface runoff from our parking lot, building roofs, and other impermeable surfaces. A new pump system will then take that water to the nursery for our rapidly growing list of plants. Drainage from the nursery will find its way back for the cycle to start all over again!

This system will not only reduce Yew Dell's use of municipal water and save us money, but it will also reduce surface runoff and enhance water quality in local creeks!

With the completion of the dam, we re-routed our trail system to add unique vistas, seating, and paths to explore. Thanks to our friends at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund for supporting



this project.



Growing Environmentalism

Growing Horticulturally

Twilight in the Garden

Twilight in the Garden is Yew Dell's **one** fundraising event each year. This exciting September event saw staff, volunteers, donors, board members, and new supporters mingling together for an evening of inspiration, dinner, auctions, and a paddle raise!



2022 saw the raising of just about 2/3 of the \$5 million goal for our most ambitious Capital Campaign. Once the funds are completely raised, this campaign aims to:

- **Re-imagine** the entrance experience;
- **Transform** the Castle Terrace space into a stunning display garden with new plantings, demonstration gardens, and seating;
- **Pay homage** to the Klein family swimming pool with a water feature;
- **Connect** the Walled Garden, Castle Terrace, and Overlook Gardens with a series of grand stair cases and fully **accessible** ramps;
- Expand the capacity for **revenue-producing** events;
- Endow a full-time horticulturist position to ensure the highest level of **horticultural management** of Yew Dell's gardens

As we celebrated our 20th anniversary, we looked around and thought "Wow. We've come so far!" That thought was swiftly followed with: "Let's go further!" When entering the grounds of a botanical garden, you want to immediately be immersed in horticulture. Our parking lot was simply not meeting that expectation. This year we began the process of renovating the parking lot gardens by planting approximately 3,000 grass plugs! That's only the beginning, though, expect to see even more plantings added to these sweeps of colorful grasses.

2022 Annual displays

We heard from visitors, staff, and volunteers alike: this year's annual displays set the bar **high**. From the monstrous coleus in the taxus bed to the light, whimsical Castle planting, to the fanciful Zoo Garden behind the Log Cabin, there was no shortage of excitement to be found.



Of course, we couldn't stop there. This year, we also introduced both Summer and Fall annual displays, utilizing bourbon barrels donated by our friends at Kentucky Artisan Distillery. These barrels added a pop of fresh color this season!



Big Bloom Revision 2023

A very important aspect of the work done at Yew Dell is that our horticulturists have full-reign of the garden and are encouraged to experiment. What we've learned through the past several Big Blooms is... it's time for something new!

For 2023, expect to see a greater variety of diverse specimens, more perennial bulbs (we'll still be digging them up to store!), and a longer Big Bloom duration.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

to our newest volunteers!!





Volunteer of the Year: Andrea Eisenbrei

Volunteer since 2013

Andrea is a member of our Walled Garden adoption group, but she also participates in garden workdays, seasonal décor, and more. Always enthusiastic, friendly, and a source of great discussion, Andrea fosters a great sense of community with other volunteers and staff, taking care to say hello, start conversations, and learn more about those around her.

Docent of the Year: Dave Keller

Volunteer since 2014

In 2021, tiptoeing out of the pandemic, as we slowly reintroduced tour opportunities, Dave was consistently the first to sign up. He shared that he can't visit the gardens (off-duty!) without putting on his docent hat and sharing his passion with visitors. His great attitude, fantastic knowledge, and eagerness to teach embody the essence of our docent program.



Youth Volunteers of the Year

Oldham County High School Interact Club

Under the leadership of Josie Bailey

In October 2021, Josie reached out, asking to re-engage Interact and Yew Dell. Between then and the end of the school year, we had around 30 students assist with Boo Dell, Yuletide, Opening Day, and Spring Plant Sale. This club is extremely well-organized and every member is a beacon of joy and hope for the future of volunteerism.

Meet our 2022 Team! Volunteers

On the following pages, you'll see volunteers who donated 10+ hours in 2022 or were involved in special projects.




 Melissa Amshoff
Volunteer since: 2017



Carol Baldwin
Volunteer since: 2019



 Mary Beirne
Volunteer since: 2021




Delena Bidwell
Volunteer since: 2019




Debbie Boklage
Volunteer since: 2020




 Debbie Bunker
Volunteer since: 2016



 Wendy Butler
Volunteer since: 2020




 Susan Byrne
Volunteer since: 2016




Angela Callahan
Volunteer since: 2022



 Holly Cooper
Volunteer since: 2002




 Dustin Cox
Volunteer since: 2019




Lynne Dowling
Volunteer since: 2021




 Susan Dyer
Volunteer since: 2021




 Andrea Eisenbrei
Volunteer since: 2013




 Carolyn Embry
Volunteer since: 2017




 John Embry
Volunteer since: 2017




 Gina Gabrian
Volunteer since: 2018




 Ruth Garvey-Nix
Volunteer since: 2007



 Patsy Harkess
Volunteer since: 2002



 Brad Harruff
Volunteer since: 2006

2022 Volunteers



Barbara Hartung
Volunteer since: 2014



Jacquelyn Hawkins-McGrail
Volunteer since: 2006



Pat Hawley
Volunteer since: 2020



Molly Hensel
Volunteer since: 2013



Ed Hill
Volunteer since: 2020



Kim Katz
Volunteer since: 2022



Dave Keller
Volunteer since: 2014



Wes Krupiczewicz
Volunteer since: 2010



Susan A. Lancaster
Volunteer since: 2016



Lisa LeCompte
Volunteer since: 2022



Sandy Liles
Volunteer since: 2021



Jill Manning
Volunteer since: 2008



Eliza Marcum
Volunteer since: 2022



Jack Marcum
Volunteer since: 2006



Maria Margulis
Volunteer since: 2017



Jen Mendez
Volunteer since: 2019



Brook Morse
Volunteer since: 2020



Bruce Murray
Volunteer since: 2014



Linda Myers
Volunteer since: 2018



Larry Nix
Volunteer since: 2017

2022 Volunteers



Kathryn Pasquenza
Volunteer since: 2015



Rebecca Pendell
Volunteer since: 2012



Kate Pfeifer
Volunteer since: 2015



Austin Pope
Volunteer since: 2019



Fran Pullias
Volunteer since: 2011



Cathy Reynolds
Volunteer since: 2021



Martin Rivers
Volunteer since: 2017



Sharon Sengelaub
Volunteer since: 2017



Herb Shulhafer
Volunteer since: 2020



Miranda Sorrell
Volunteer since: 2022



Judy Steinhauer
Volunteer since: 2004



Ron Steinhauer
Volunteer since: 2006



Wyatt Stidham
Volunteer since: 2022



Maxine Stoehr
Volunteer since: 2018



Fran Tiller
Volunteer since: 2007



Judy Vetovitz
Volunteer since: 2004



Dan Westgate
Volunteer since: 2021



Kathy Westgate
Volunteer since: 2021



Lee Ann Whites
Volunteer since: 2021



Eva Woodruff
Volunteer since: 2021

2022 Volunteers

Below are **even more** volunteers who donated 10+ hours in 2022 or were involved in special projects. (Not pictured but still appreciated!)

Katy Andrews
Mariam Applegate
Arvin Academy YATP Volunteers

Dara Bailey
Max Bailey
Bellarmine University Volunteers

Roberto Bernal
Dylan Bohn
Tom Boklage
Dana Brown
Nancy Bryan

Denise Buschermohle
Denise & Chloe Butts
Lily & Ursula Carnahan

Colliersmith Family
Gordon Doeden
Bill Dowling
Holly Elliott
Ted England

Stacy Funk (& Max)
Girl Scout Troop 3288
Girl Scout Troop 448
Carly Graves
Bayley Griffiths
Cheri Grinnell

Harmony Elementary Art Club

Hendrick Family
Anthony Horn
Francoise Horn
Steven Horn

Humana Foundation Volunteers

Hutt Family
Ian Japely
Karl Klein
Krapf Family

LG&E & KU Volunteers

Charlotte Marcum
Cara Martinez
Jennifer Mills
Janice Morgan
Caitlin Morton

Dr. K. Pansegrau
Chloe Park
Kelly Parker
Abby Potter
Aynsley Potter

Rawlings Group Volunteers

Kathy Reed

Republic Bank Volunteers

Richards Family

Henry Ryan

Kara Sanders

Aleah Schutze

Ellen Sears

Heather Shrum

James Shrum

Blake Stasick

Bob Stasick

Ashli State

Emma Stidham

Stites & Harbison Volunteers

Chanthon Swart

Caterine Torres

UPS Volunteers

Whitney Vogel

Talia Wafford

Walton Family

Kathy Watkins

Youthworks Volunteers

Glenn Yost

Vanessa Zebich



2022 Board of Directors

President



Lisa
Barr

Vice President



Rob
Nunnelley

Secretary



Rosemary
Kirkwood

Treasurer



Barret
Birnsteel



Stewart
Lussy



Mary
Rounsavall



Mary Anne
Thornton



Nell
Bradley



Mary
Broecker



Sue
Brown



Shannon
Budnick



Pat
Dwyer



Martha
Hargis



Fahr
Juneja



Sarah
Cronan Spurlock



Sally
Vail



Marianne
Welch

2022 Staff Members



Lisa Allen
VC Asst. Manager



Tony Ascheman
BG Assistant



Nicole Ballinger
Events Associate



Manda Barger
Marketing & PR Manager



Amanda Barnett
Volunteer & Web Coord.



Darlene Bohannon
VC Associate



Cosmo Bosela
Nursery Assistant



Amanda Brockie
Event Staff



Paul Cappiello
Executive Director



Amber Dalrymple
Summer Intern



Debbie Elmy
VC Associate



Sayde Heckman-Taber
Garden & Arboretum Manager



Helen
Pest Specialist



Barbs Hoffman
Café Associate



Madge Huecker
VC Manager



Kathy Jarboe
Database Assistant



Aiden Jones
Café & Event Staff



Brad Kessans
BG Maintenance
Technician

2022 Staff Members



Cam Ly Keenan
Events Associate



Elaine Losekamp
Horticulture Apprentice



Susan Lucas
Event & Program Manager



Allison Morgan
Horticulture Apprentice



Janice Morgan
Rental & Events Assistant



Stephanie Parker
Grounds Assistant



Christine Powers
Horticulture Apprentice



Linda Probus
Events Associate



Remington
Guest Relations Specialist



Holly Rogers
Director of Finance & Operations



Laura Ryan
Café & Event Staff



T.J. Slaughter
Director of Development



Shannon Stark
Event Staff



J.P. Stegman
Grounds Assistant



Jacob Stidham
Director of Horticulture &
Facilities



Jill Tinius
Guest Services &
Rental Coordinator



Peggy Winkler
VC Assistant



Silas Zoeller
Horticulture Apprentice

2022 Monthly Volunteer Spotlights



OCHS Interact Club



Ed Hill



Throwback: Patsy Harkess, Holly Cooper, Mary Rounsavall



Barbara Hartung



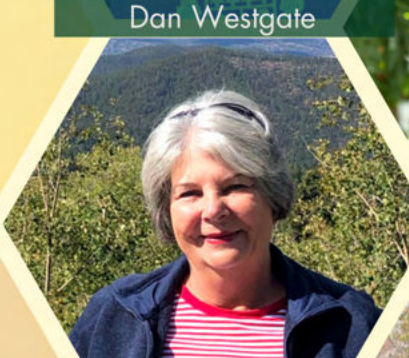
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