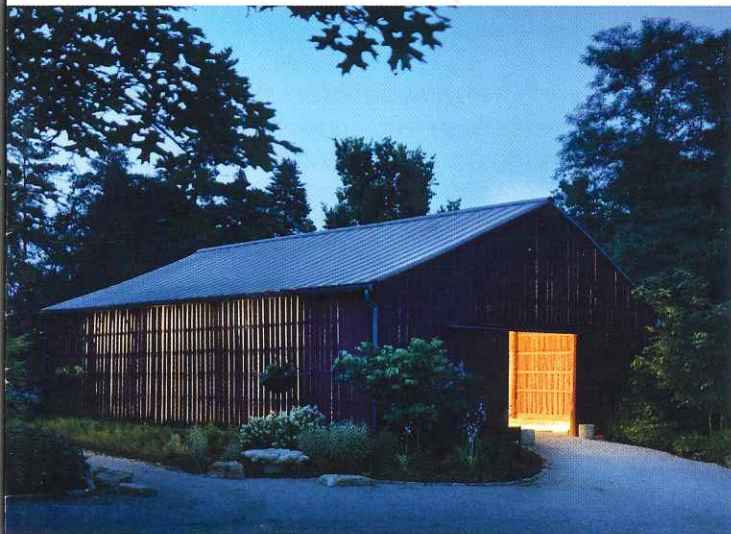




YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS
THE CASTLE CHRONICLES
 WINTER 2011

**NEW VISITOR CENTER AND GARDEN SHOP
 GARNERS TOP ARCHITECTURAL HONORS**

"A Very Delicate Jewel" – 2010 AIA Judges' Comments



Yew Dell's new Visitor Center opened in May of 2010 and the accolades came rolling in. Beyond the overwhelmingly positive response from the public, the project caught the attention of the design world as well. The Center's design was the work of Louisville's own de Leon & Primmer Architecture Workshop – a design that brilliantly acknowledges the requirements of sensitivity to the existing historic structure, honoring the barn feel, even inside the new structure, tight budgetary constraints (always!) and a razor thin time frame. The resulting masterpiece was awarded the highest design honor from the Kentucky Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

"A relatively simple project but with an incredible amount of sensitivity both within the space and to the original barn structure. By very sensitively adding the gift shop enclosed in glass, it becomes part of the experience. Not an intervention between old and new, but a very delicate "jewel" on the inside that seems to work so well."

2010 AIA Kentucky Honor Awards Jury Comments

**YEW DELL AND SLOW FOOD USA LAUNCH
 1ST EVER COOKING SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**



Slow Food USA

Slow Food (think the opposite of fast food!) and gardening just seem to go hand in hand. And to build that connection, Yew Dell and Slow Food USA have teamed up to offer the first ever School of Traditional Cooking. With master chef and Slow Food USA Southeast Governor Mark Williams at the lead, these classes will celebrate the historical connections among gardens, kitchens and cultures.



The Slow Food movement works to unite the pleasure

of food with responsibility, sustainability and harmony with nature – according to Slow Food International's founder and president Carlo Petrini. A garden-connected cooking school has been Petrini's dream for years. With Yew Dell's focus on building a better connection between people and their gardens, the cooking partnership seemed a natural. Watch your email and future newsletters for dates and times of upcoming classes.

To further build on the garden/food connection, Yew Dell is planning a series of farm to table dinners in the gardens. Stay tuned for announcements of future dates.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I sit at my computer to rough out my quarterly letter, it is New Years Day 2011. Outside my window, it's 64 degrees, the sun's shining, and my garden is an unqualified disaster. Somehow, between a hectic fall, the obscenely early cold snap and its associated ice and snow, I never got to my fall cleanup. Fortunately, as my post-New-Years-Day-dinner-walk confirmed, neither did most of my neighbors. For once, my garden doesn't stand out as the only one wearing cobbler's shoes!

While winter also snuck up on us a bit at Yew Dell, we've charged ahead with plans for the coming year. We have **scouts** (Eagle and Gold Service candidates) working to extend our hiking trails, build bridges and expand our ever-popular nature backpacks, which will continue the growth of our natural areas facilities.

This summer, we'll revive the Klein family tradition of Schmaus dinners – a German tradition of home-style cooking, local farm-raised food, and good ol' 'eatin' out in the garden, and otherwise known by the newfangled name, **Farm to Table Dinners**.

We're designing a **new garden** near the visitor center, that will combine unique plants, beautiful vistas, and an expertly-



engineered storm water handling system. From **pruning workshops to trips to Italian gardens, sculpture shows** and more, this will be a busy year.

One of the highlights that emerged from our **Master Planning** work is that in 2011 we'll design a **new greenhouse** facility, certainly a no-brainer for a botanical garden! And in true Yew Dell form, we will not only design a greenhouse; we will design the most architecturally stunning and energy efficient greenhouse possible. It will be a place for classes (think cutting propagation for a start) displays, and our plant evaluation and breeding research – and a great place for volunteers to work and learn.

Now lest you think we are all plan and no bite, this plan is already moving forward. I'm delighted to announce that one of our long-time members has generously stepped forward with a **\$100,000 challenge pledge** in support of our new greenhouse project. That means we have a wonderful start, but also means we need to raise the matching funds. Get my drift... ?

So get out there in your own garden and get those left-over clean up chores done. That way you can spend a guilt-free winter, planning all the ways to enjoy Yew Dell in 2011.

– Paul Cappiello



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PRUNING 101: BACK TO THE BASICS AND THE NOT SO BASICS

It's winter. You know it's time to tackle some pruning jobs. So we'll dispense with the elaborate intros and get right to the point. Here are some basic rules to help you do more pruning and less procrastinating!

1. Winter pruning encourages growth. Summer pruning reduces growth.

Spring growth is primarily fueled from a plant's stored reserves. If you reduce the number of growing points fueled by those reserves (through winter pruning), you'll get more vigorous growth from each remaining point. If, conversely, you hold off pruning until the plant has used up much of that stored reserve, as in early or mid-summer, you reduce the plant's ability (think of each removed leaf as a carbohydrate engine) to replace those depleted reserves; so next year, there will be less vigorous growth.

2. Above all, know thy plant.

You have to know a plant's habit to prune it effectively. Look up or photograph a great looking specimen of the species you are pruning, and use it as a guide.

3. Late summer can be a bummer.

Heavy pruning pushes new growth. New growth too late in the year often fails to harden off sufficiently so is susceptible to winter damage. Not brain surgery here folks. This is pretty straightforward. Avoid heavy pruning after July – you can pick up the activity again after the first of the year.

4. The best time to prune is when the shears are sharp.

In other words, if the question is about a minor snip here and there to correct a problem, go ahead and do it while you're thinking about it. A few little clips won't push much new growth and it is better to correct today what might turn into a major problem down the road.

5. When in doubt, cut it out.

Don't worry so much, it's just a plant! The best way to learn is to cut and observe the results over time. Few plants are killed from too much pruning, and unless you are talking about topping a large tree (a heinous horticultural crime indeed!) you can't screw it up too much. Just cut cleanly, don't leave a stub, and all will be fine ... really!

Now as for the practice part, that's easy. When you've artfully pruned all the plants in your garden, your neighbors won't mind at all to wake up and find you out there cutting away on their plants. And when you've finished your neighborhood, come out to Yew Dell and we'll put you to work!

ANNUAL EVENTS 2011

Plant Sale - 4/30, 5/1

Third Thursday Concerts* and Picnics -
April - November

Sculpture Show Opening* - 5/20

4th Annual Sculpture Show - 5/21- 8/1

Hummingbird Festival - 8/27

Twilight in the Garden* - 10/7

Boo-Dell - 10/29

Wreath Workshop* - 12/3

**reservations required*

JOIN US!

Yew Dell membership offers a wealth of benefits including admission all year long, discounts on Yew Dell classes, lectures and workshops, invitation to member-only events and early admission to the annual Plant Sale and Garden Market.

Members also receive discounts at area nurseries and garden centers and coupons and gift certificates for plants and garden supplies — membership pays for itself several times over! And all of our \$150 and above members will receive a special plant dividend available only at our annual plant sale. For Silver Cloud and above memberships we're even offering guest passes for your friends and family members.





WINTER AND SPRING 2011 PROGRAMS

Bonsai Workshop

Join members of the Greater Louisville Bonsai Society for this hands-on workshop at Yew Dell. You'll enjoy one-on-one instruction from experienced members of the Society. Each participant will create and take home their very own bonsai.

March 12

1-4 p.m.

\$75 members / \$85 non-members

Pruning Trees and Shrubs

Yew Dell executive director Dr. Paul Cappiello and master arborist Robert Rollins will unlock the mysteries of pruning in this intensive hands-on workshop. No prior experience is necessary.

March 26

noon-2 p.m.

\$15 members / \$25 non-members

Hellebore Day!

Yew Dell has one of the most extensive hellebore collections in the U.S. and this will be the perfect time to see them all in bloom. The day will involve tours of the collections, advice on selection, planting and culture, and sales of some wonderful new varieties.

April 2

noon-2 p.m.

Free with regular admission

9th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market

Don't miss the garden event of the season! Outstanding plant selections, an excellent variety of vendors, the Louisville Bonsai Club's annual show, activities for kids, food and more.

Remember members' early access

(9 a.m. Sat.) for first shot at the best items!

April 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 1, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Free with regular admission

Cutting Propagation Workshop

Learn the tricks of the plant propagation trade from Yew Dell executive director Dr. Paul Cappiello. Participants will prepare cuttings for rooting. And once your plants have rooted, you'll take them home for your own garden.

May 11

Morning Workshop 10 a.m.-noon

Afternoon Workshop 6-8 p.m.

\$25 members / \$35 non-members

Vertical Gardens and Living Walls Workshop

Run out of space in your garden or looking for a new way to go green? Go vertical! Led by Louisville garden designer Tracey Williams, this hands-on workshop will explore vertical gardening with herbs and perennials. Participants will create and take home their own vertical garden.

May 14

10 a.m.-noon

\$75 members / \$85 non-members

Third Thursday Concert Series

From classical to rock, jazz, folk and bluegrass, we're sure you'll enjoy them all. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. sharp but feel free to come early for a picnic on the grounds. You'll even be able to order a boxed dinner delivered to Yew Dell from the Red Pepper Café in Crestwood!

Third Thursday of every month,

April-November

\$20 members / \$25 nonmembers

Third Thursday Picnic Nights

A picnic dinner in a gorgeous garden... what could be better? Bring your own picnic or order one from Red Pepper Café in Crestwood (delivery to Yew Dell included!) Bring the whole family!

Third Thursday of every month,

April-November

Free with regular admission until 8:30 p.m.



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4th Annual Garden Sculpture Show

The 2011 edition promises to be better than ever. The two-month show will include garden-appropriate sculpture in stone, metal, glass, ceramic and more.

May 21 to August 1

Opening Reception

Meet with the Artists, with gourmet food stations, and entertainment!

May 20

7 p.m.

\$25 per ticket

August 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

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New Face – Siofra Rucker, Director of Marketing and Development

Siofra is a recent return to Kentucky after working in marketing and development in non-profits in San Diego and England. She and her daughters live nearby in Oldham County. Join us in welcoming her on board!

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Acer griseum x maximowiczianum
'Girard's'

Girard's Maple is a small, upright oval tree for sun or part shade. It is appreciated for its cinnamon-colored flaking bark, trifoliate bluish green leaves and orange-red fall color. Girard's maple shows more vigor and faster growth than *A. griseum*.



Gelsemium sempervirens
'Margarita'

'Margarita' is the most cold-tolerant form of Carolina Jasmine. It is grown for its glossy, semi-evergreen leaves, fragrant yellow flowers in spring, and ease of cultivation. It can be grown as a ground cover or a climber.



Lespedeza thunbergii
'Gibraltar'

This 6'-tall x 8'-wide shrub is an excellent late summer bloomer for the sunny or partly shaded border. It is drought tolerant, pest resistant and can be grown as a woody shrub or cut back as a herbaceous perennial.



Aucuba japonica
'Longifolia'

This durable evergreen is an excellent choice for hedging, screening or any place requiring a consistent glossy green form. Plants grow to form 6-8 foot tall upright rounded specimens that occasionally produce bright red fall fruit.



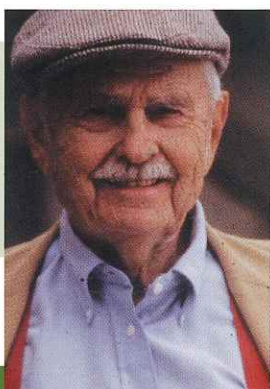
Spigelia marilandica
Indian Pink

Indian Pink, is a herbaceous perennial wildflower native to Kentucky. In May and June, plants produce red tubular flowers with five lobes of bright yellow-green. While typically found in shaded woodlands, Indian Pink makes an excellent choice for sunny gardens.



Fargesia rufa
Green Panda™

This 6'x6' bamboo is a clumping grower that won't spread in the landscape. A graceful, fountain-like grower, it prefers part shade, moderate moisture and is highly pest resistant.



The Theodore Klein Plant Awards were created to promote superior plants for the Kentucky landscape. The program is sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association, and Yew Dell Botanical Gardens.

For more information on the Klein Awards go to UK's Dr. Win Dunwell's web site:
<http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html>

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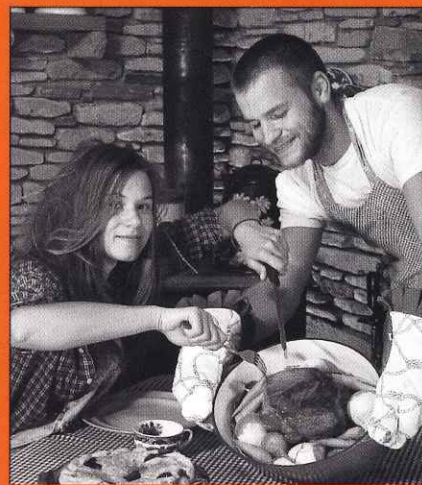


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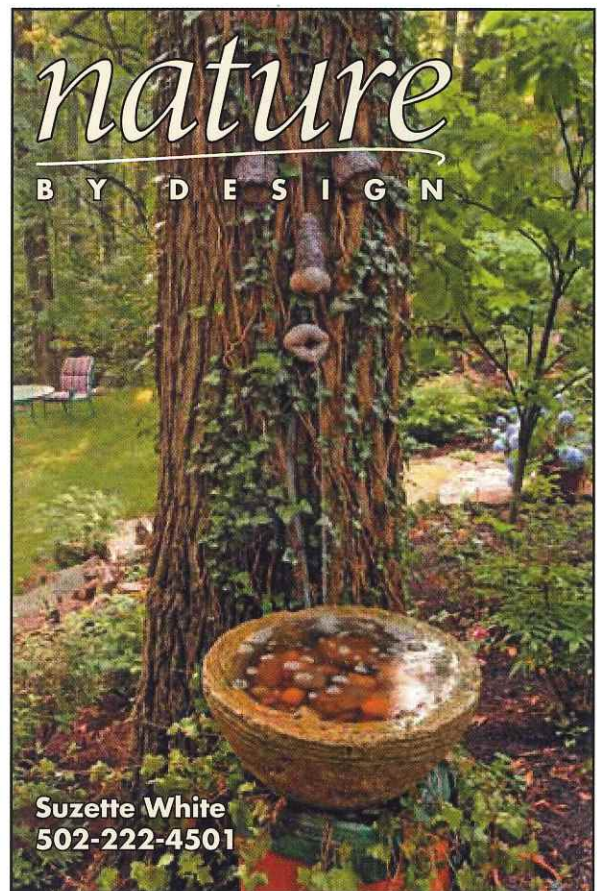
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