

THE CASTLE CHRONICLES

YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

WINTER 2012

YEW DELL CELEBRATES 10 YEARS...

Time flies when you're having fun, and fun is what the last 10 years have been. Back in February 2002 a group of intrepid community members drew a line in the sand and purchased a piece of Oldham County land with big plans: plans for a botanical garden. Some thought them visionary; others thought them crazy. And while, truth be told, both adjectives may be appropriate, none can argue with the results. Theodore Klein's brainchild of unique architecture, stunning gardens and unmatched plant collections, combined with his own love of sharing, learning and teaching, provided the inspiration for a botanical garden devoted to those same values.

Packed between those early days of nail biting and hand wringing, and today's thriving institution, there's been bunches of dreaming, barrels of planning and bushels of good old elbow grease.

And while the accomplishments are way too numerous to list here, we thought it appropriate to highlight one more bit of dreaming, planning and doing, to mark the occasion...

Theodore Klein in one of the original Yew Dell greenhouses



...WITH A NEW GREENHOUSE PROJECT!

What's a botanical garden without a greenhouse!? Back in the early stages of Yew Dell, it was determined that Mr. Klein's wonderful old greenhouses had deteriorated beyond the point of repair. When they were taken down, a commitment was made to bring back to the same site a greenhouse inspired by Klein's creativity and spirit of innovation. So for a 10-year-anniversary present to ourselves, and in many ways to this property, we're delighted to be moving forward with our new greenhouse project.

Designed to be a place for teaching, learning, growing and showing, the greenhouse will also be an exhibit of energy efficiency and sustainable building practices. The structure will be sunken in the ground (like the Klein originals) with a green roof on the north-slope and will be set in a stunning garden space.

Working once again with de Leon & Primmer Architecture Workshop, we've been planning and designing what will no doubt become one of Yew Dell's signature projects.

Keep an eye out the rest of the year for updates and opportunities to help make this 10-year-anniversary present a reality!

Architects' rendering of the new Yew Dell Greenhouse project



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Can it really be 10 years since Yew Dell leaped from concept to reality? Certainly I've not changed a bit in the last 10 years. Still the same trim, fit and dark-haired fellow who came to Yew Dell in 2002 (no snickering please!) But everything else sure has changed around here. From early days spent yanking vines out of trees and hauling old equipment out of barns to recent days of international garden tours, globe-spanning plant collection work, ever-expanding programming and more, it has all come a long way indeed.

While Yew Dell's National Register listing and Italian garden tour might have topped the headlines in 2011, early accomplishments were just as central to the organization's growth: an early February 2003 volunteer work day where 11 brave souls showed up on an 11 degree day to clear out the old greenhouses; the first wedding rental pulled off with no outdoor electric service and restrooms rolled in on a trailer (!); our first garden renovation project; the Walled Garden, funded by the Glenview Garden Club!

As you peruse this edition of the *Castle Chronicles*, you'll notice along the bottom of each page, a timeline of some of the most noteworthy happenings from the last 10 years.

We honestly thought of making this entire newsletter edition nothing but a running list of everything that happened here over the last 10 years, but decided not to inflict that megalith upon those kind souls who have been so central to Yew Dell's success! So we picked a few, just as a reminder of where this place started and what's been accomplished.

On behalf of all of us at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, I want to thank all our members, volunteers and supporters who put their collective shoulder to the wheel and in their own way made this place a reality. Our position today – one of the region's top tourist destinations with a regional, national and international reputation as a place of serious business – is well beyond anything any of us could have imagined 10 years ago. Can you imagine where we'll be in another 10 years!?

Happy Gardening!

Paul Cappiello

Executive Director

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.



Witchhazel
Hamamelis xintermedia 'Princeton Gold'

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2002

February: 33 acre Yew Dell property purchased from the Klein family

December: Paul Cappiello begins as Executive Director

2003

September: Garden Conservancy Stabilization Plan completed

October: First Membership Campaign launched

2004

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VEGGIE GARDEN



It is cool, windy and rainy outside, the perfect time for me to sit down with new seed catalogs. So many **wonderful vegetables** on the market, each description better than the last making it difficult to resist the urge to buy one of each. I love to try new things each year but usually begin with those that performed best the previous year and those that caught the attention and imagination of our visitors.

The four plants topping the list this past season in Yew Dell's vegetable garden were bronze fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare* 'Purpureum' or 'Nigra'), artichoke (*Cynara scolymus*), Bright Lights Swiss Chard (*Spinacia oleracea*), and *Musque de Provence* pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*).

Bronze Fennel is a tall, airy plant that makes an excellent licorice-flavored seasoning for fish and bread. Fennel reseeds itself fairly vigorously so to keep it in bounds, clip the seed heads before it sets seed. Fennel is also an excellent food source for monarch butterfly caterpillars.

Our **artichoke plants** were show stoppers this year. Artichoke is a biennial, meaning it develops large, deeply lobed, soft grey leaves the first year and flowers the second. In this part of the country, it is usually grown as an annual because it rarely survives Kentucky winters. Surprisingly, our plants survived the winter (2010/11) and produced an abundance of spectacular artichokes last summer. The artichoke is actually a flower bud and if you are growing it to eat them remember to harvest the bud while it is still tight. Give the plants plenty of space as plants grow 2-3' tall and wide. I wouldn't hesitate to grow the plant for its foliage alone – almost everyone who saw the plant had to stop and ask what it was – it really is that beautiful.

Another conversation piece was **Bright Lights Swiss Chard**. We planted in early spring and as I write this in mid- December we continue to harvest. Bright Lights produces a flashy mix of stem colors from vibrant yellow, to deep red wine, and even pale pink. Lightly sauté in olive oil with a dash of salt and pepper and within minutes you have a beautiful, delicious and nutritious meal. As with the artichokes, you don't have to eat the chard to appreciate it.

This leads us to our final vegetable and perhaps my favorite – the ***Musque de Provence* pumpkin**. Abundant and deeply ribbed pumpkins were such a perfect buff orange color that many people stopped to ask if they were real. Traditionally sliced and eaten fresh, its sweet meat can also be roasted, baked or made into a soup. Beautiful, bountiful and delectable – now that is a tough one to beat!

... for a more thorough list of our favorites from the 2011 veggie garden, check the Garden Tips section of the Yew Dell website www.yewdellgardens.org.

Ann Mattingly

Garden Manager



Bronze Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare 'Purpureum' or 'Nigra'



Artichoke
Cynara scolymus



Bright Lights Swiss Chard
Spinacia oleracea



Musque de Provence pumpkin
Cucurbita moschata

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Harry Bounnell
1st Volunteer of the Year

April: Renovation of the Log Cabin,
the Tobacco Barn and the Castle

June: Open to public Saturday
mornings only

2005

Karl Klein
Volunteer of the Year

July: Celebration of 100th Anniversary
of Theodore Klein's birth

September:
First wedding at Yew Dell

WINTER AND SPRING 2012 PROGRAMS

See the Yew Dell Website for Complete Descriptions and Program Updates



VEGETABLE GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES

Join Yew Dell Garden Manager Ann Mattingly for our year-long series of hands-on workshops – and make your garden the envy of the neighborhood!

1. **February 11:** Vegetable Garden Design
2. **March 24:** Vegetable Seed Germination
3. **June 9:** Tomato Trellising
4. **August 18:** Fall and Winter Vegetables

Workshops \$25/\$35 members/non-members or buy the full series and save 10%!

CHILDREN IN THE DELL Garden and Nature-Inspired Activities for Children

Registration suggested; drop-ins welcome.
Every Saturday from May 12 through
September; 10:30-noon

\$5/\$10 members/non-members

Volunteer Celebration

Sat., February 11; 10am-noon

Free

Vegetable Garden Design Workshop

Vegetable Garden Series, 1 of 4.

Sat., February 11; 12:30-2pm

\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Garden Geeks Lecture Series

An in-depth look at 19th/20th Century
plant explorers. Held at Whitehall Historic
Home in Louisville.

Wed., February 15, 22, 29 and

March 7; 6-8pm

\$50/\$60 for 4 lectures

Cooking from the Garden

Winter Season

Mark Williams, Brown-Forman Executive Chef
Sun., March 4; 2-4pm

\$30/\$40 members/non-members

Vegetable Seed Germination Workshop

Vegetable Garden Series, part 2 of 4.

Sat., March 24; 10:30am - noon

\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Hellebore Day

A Celebration and Sale

Sat., April 7; noon-3pm

Regular Admission

Dormant Season Pruning Workshop

Tue., April 10; 6-8pm

\$25/\$35 members/non-members

10th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market

Early admission for members only

Saturday, 9am.

Sat., April 28; 10am-4pm

Sun., April 29; 11am-3pm

Regular Admission

Herb Workshop

Yew Dell Staff Picks and How to Grow Them

Sat., May 12; 1-3pm

\$35/\$45 members/non-members

Vertical Gardens and Living Walls Workshop

With Tracey Williams, garden designer

Sat., May 12; 10:30-12:30

\$85/95 members/non-members

Cooking from the Garden

Spring Season

Mark Williams, Brown-Forman Executive Chef
Sun., May 13; 2-4 pm

\$30/\$40 members/non-members

5th Annual Garden Sculpture Show Opening Reception

Fri., May 18; 5-8pm

\$25/\$30 members/non-members

Show runs May 19 - July 29

Cutting Propagation Workshop

With Paul Cappiello

Wed., May 23; 10am and 6pm

\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Native Plant Hike – The Wonders of Southeast KY

Led by Paul Cappiello. Overnight stay in
hotel near Daniel Boone National Forest
Fri.-Sat., May 25-26

Check website for details, very limited space.



IRELAND 2012!

Join us June 11-21 for this gardener's
tour of some of the best horticulture of
the Emerald Isle. We'll enjoy spectacular
scenery, exquisite garden design and
follow in the footsteps of some of the great
19th-century plant explorers. Our England
(2010) and Italy (2011) tours were huge
successes so this one will fill up quickly.
Some of the trip's highlights will include:

- National Botanical Garden at Glasnevin
- Powerscourt
- Mount Congreve
- Dunloe Castle
- Helen Dillon's Garden
- Killarney
- Dublin and more

Check the Yew Dell website for more
details. Call (502) 241-4788 or email
Karla Drover (karlad@yewdellgardens.org)
for more information.

2006

Abi Rennekamp
Volunteer of the Year

April: open hours expanded
to Monday through Sat

September: Adrian Bloom installs
garden below Castle wall

October: Gheens Barn and Peyton
Samuel Head Trust Pavilion Opening

December (05):

350 tree peonies arrive from China

2007

Susan Wilburn
Volunteer of the Year

HONORARY AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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Board of Directors of Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Capiello

Gifts received between 10/1/11 to 12/21/11.

*We apologize for any errors or omissions
in this list of gifts.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Christopher S. Foote

Ms. Judith Smith

In Memory of Adelyn Spalding

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Broecker

In Memory of David Smallwood

Dr. Win Dunwell

In Memory of Frank Cabot

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rounsavall, III

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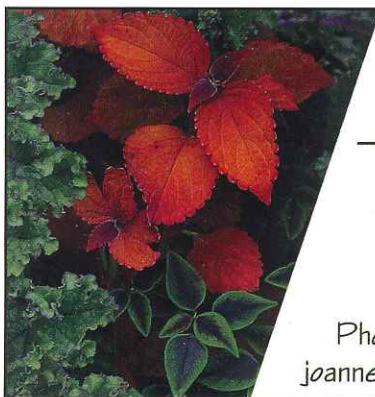
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honorary bench has
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2008

Carolyne Breeden
Volunteer of the Year

April:
Open 7 days a week

May:
1st Garden Sculpture Show

August:
Pond Reconstruction

April:
1st Hellebore Day

October:
1st Boo-Dell

THEODORE KLEIN PLANT AWARDS | 2012

Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes



Amsonia tabernaemontana
'Blue Ice'

A winner for the sunny or lightly shaded garden, this Bluestar selection is a bit more compact growing (15"-18") and with deeper blue flowers than the typical form. Mid-spring flowers gradually fade from deep blue buds to baby blue when fully open. Nice quality green foliage all summer turns bright yellow in fall. Long lived, easy care and dependable!



Calamagrostis xacutiflora
'Karl Foerster'

This selection of Feather Reed Grass has earned top honors across the garden world. In full sun, strikingly upright plants grow 5'-6' tall and 2' wide. The stunning flower/seed plumes are effective summer and fall and last well through the winter. Plant in full sun and any reasonable soil and this plant will reward for years to come.



Cryptomeria japonica
'Yoshino'

Hands down the best of the Japanese Cedar selections for Ky. This large, formal evergreen will grow to more than 60' tall with billowy masses of dependable green foliage. Yoshino's short, awl-shaped needles hold better green color than most *Cryptomeria* selections. Plant in full sun in all but the wettest or driest soil. Yoshino makes an excellent lawn specimen or large screen.



Hypericum
'CCFLPC-1' Blue Velvet™

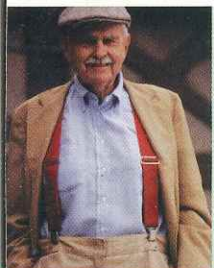
A woody St. John's Wort for the hot sunny garden! This compact grower (3'x3') offers sunny yellow flowers in late spring and early summer on brilliant blue-green summer foliage. It is highly disease resistant and easy to grow. Blue Velvet is extremely drought

tolerant once established and will grow well on poor soils. Works well as a companion shrub in perennial gardens, in large mass plantings or tucked in among other sun-requiring plants. Selected by Dr. Paul Cappiello of Yew Dell Botanical Gardens.



Lagerstromia indica x faurei hybrids
(Acoma, Hopi, Kiowa, Natchez)

The Crepe Myrtle selections developed by the late Dr. Don Egolf (US National Arboretum) are among the most cold hardy and dependable available. They combine great vigor, heavy flowering and attractive exfoliating bark. Plant in full sun and avoid wet soils for best performance. Acoma, Kiowa and Natchez are white flowered while Hopi produces pink flowers.



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 website:
<http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html>

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2010

Debby Levine
Volunteer of the Year

April: AIA-Award-winning
Visitor Center Opens

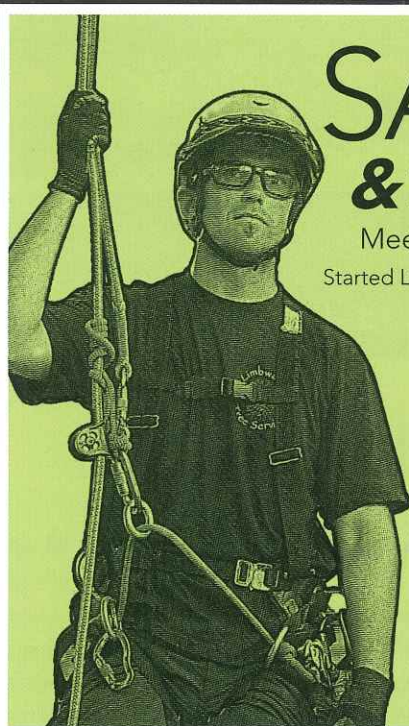
2009

Stan Hankins
Volunteer of the Year

April:
New vegetable garden planted

August:
1st Hummingbird Festival

October:
Plant collecting trip to Japan



SAVVY & STRONG

Meet **Cory Petry**, Founder
Started Limbwalker TreeService in 2004

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Kentucky – so he knows trees
and he knows people

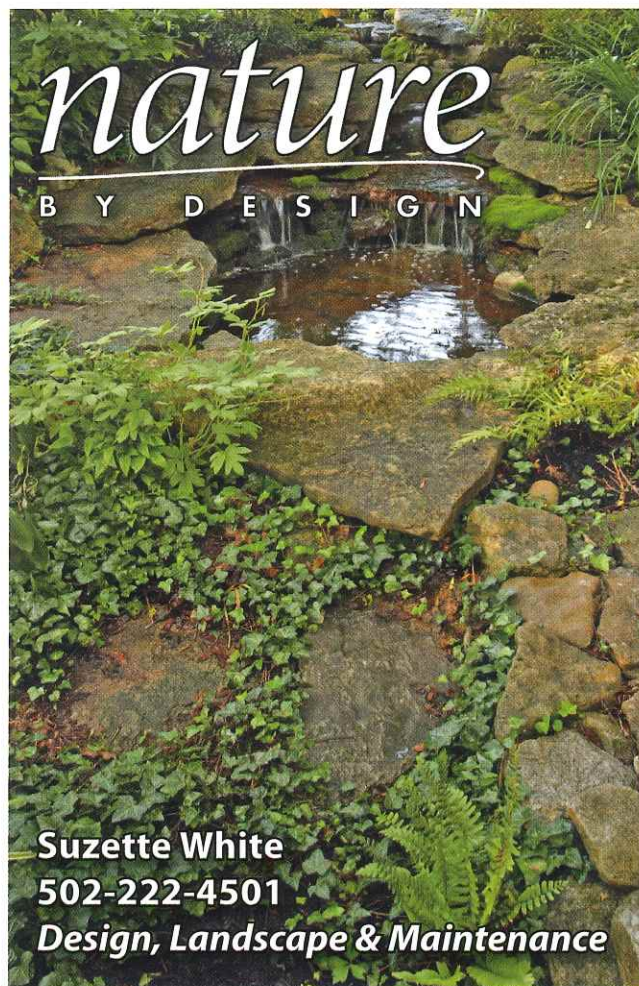
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June:

1st International Garden Tour; England

2011

Wes Krupiczewicz
Volunteer of the Year

April: Children in the Dell
classes start

June:
1st Farm to Table Dinner

October: Yew Dell on the National Register of
Historic Places, 2nd International Garden Tour; Italy



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OPEN HOURS

DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH:

Monday through Friday: 10am to 4pm

APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER:

Monday through Saturday: 10am to 4pm

Sunday: noon to 4pm

Visitor Center and Shop Re-Opens April 1!

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