



YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS & STILL GROWING...

SPRING 2012



THE CASTLE CHRONICLES

10th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market sponsored by LG&E

Now famous far and wide for outstanding plants, quality vendors, exquisite bonsai and an overall great garden time, this annual event has in recent years attracted visitors from **10 states**. They get up early, drive all night; we've even had two groups charter buses to fill with plants! Whether or not you've been in the past, this is the year to come.

Plant offerings will include **Yew Dell tested winners, new to the market gems, unusual plants for collectors** – covering everything from trees to shrubs, vines, perennials, herbs, heirloom veggies and more. Of course the event will include the ever popular **Louisville Bonsai Club's annual show, tours, activities for children, food** and a host of plant, tool and other **garden vendors** offering everything you'll need for this year's projects.

The event is scheduled for April 28 (10am–4pm) and 29 (11am–3pm) and as always, **Yew Dell members get in at 9am Saturday** for best selection. And of course memberships will be for sale beginning at 9am Saturday!

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Make sure your membership is current so you can come out early for best selection!



5th Annual Sculpture Show Opens May 19

Yew Dell's juried show has rapidly become one of the hits of the spring garden season. Attracting top **sculptors from across the region** and including garden sculptures in metal, stone, wood, glass and about every other outdoor-appropriate medium, the **2-month show** is the perfect place to find a **sculpture for your own garden**. And lest you think all quality garden sculpture costs tens of thousands of dollars, this show has over the years offered outstanding pieces from \$500 to over \$40,000 covering a range of styles – **there's something for just about every garden taste and budget**. The show runs through July 29.

And for those who love a great party in addition to great art, the show's opening reception is scheduled for Friday, May 18 (5-8pm). This ticketed event will feature the unveiling of the show collection, a

chance to meet the sculptors as well as a cocktail bar and outstanding *hors de oeuvres* by some of the area's best chefs. **For tickets (\$25/\$30 members/nonmembers)** call the office at 502-241-4788 or order online at www.yewdellgardens.org/events-list.aspx.

Yew Dell's sculpture show offers pieces in a range of styles and materials.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

When we sat down last year to plan the 2012 schedule, the big question was how we would mark our 10th year. We put on our hats, brainstormed, threw out lots of creative but unworkable ideas and finally settled on celebrating all year long – sorry, we love a party! So we started with the **10-year timeline** on the bottom of this and the previous newsletters – just to remind us all of where we’ve been and highlights of what’s been accomplished. We’ll celebrate each of our events this year as part of the ongoing party – **10th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market** and the like. But those brainstorm sessions also turned up one idea we all loved – sort of a combination of a David Letterman styled “Top 10” and a Twelve Days of Christmas – minus the gold ring! So here it goes . . .

- 10 years of Yew Dell’s events, programs, gardens and plants*
- 9 countries visited on plant collecting trips*
- 8 gardens completely redesigned and/or replanted*
- 7 acres of arboretum saved, now vine free and open for visiting – a priceless collection!*
- 6 Eagle Scout/Gold Service Award projects completed*
- 5 Garden Sculpture Shows – raising the bar for garden art across the region*

- 4 Klein siblings involved with Yew Dell, maintaining a connection to our roots*
- 3 International garden tours; England, Italy and Ireland*
- 2 American Institute of Architects Design Awards for our two major building projects*
- 1.5 miles of hiking trails through Yew Dell’s natural areas (okay, we’re pushing the “Top Ten” bit here . . .)*
- 1 outstanding botanical garden!*

So there you have it. If you think we’ve missed a big item in our list, give us a call, send an email or post your thoughts on our Facebook page. We’d love to hear from you. And then plan to help us celebrate the year by coming to the **Plant Sale**, joining us for the **Farm to Table Dinner**, signing up for a **class** or just come out for a visit to enjoy the gardens. And while you’re at it, bring a friend and help us build our way to our 20th anniversary! And if you do have a gold ring you want to donate to the cause, by all means, let us know!

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.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

LEVELS OF GIVING

- Virginia Bluebells **\$35 (single)**
- Silver Cloud **\$50-\$149 (family)**
- Weeping Katsura **\$150-\$499**
- Golden-Berried Holly **\$500-\$999**
- The Dell Society **\$1000 and above**

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For a list of membership benefits and more information about events and programs, visit our website at www.yewdellgardens.org. Please return this form to:

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens
P.O. Box 1334
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2002

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

December: Paul Cappiello begins as Executive Director

2004

2003

September: Garden Conservancy Stabilization Plan completed

October: First Membership Campaign launched

Yew Dell and Slow Food Bluegrass Farm to Table Dinner

June 24

Last year's event was such a hit we just couldn't pass up the chance to bring it back for a repeat performance, and we're delighted that the **Brown-Forman Corporation** has signed on as this year's title sponsor. Mark June 24 (5:30-8:30pm) on your calendar for what will be a great evening **featuring locally grown and produced** meats, cheeses, produce and wines all turned into a spectacular dinner by the incomparable **Kathy Cary of Lilly's**. The evening will include cocktails among the beautiful gardens at Yew Dell and a chance to meet all the farmers who produced the food and drink we'll enjoy.

Farm to Table dinners have become a tremendously popular mechanism for citizens to learn about and support the farmers, food craftspeople and food economy in their local community. And the combination of Yew Dell's garden expertise with Slow Food Bluegrass's local food connections allows us to bring together a diverse group for a common cause. Last year's Farm to Table Dinner tickets sold out in short order so be sure to get yours today! Tickets are \$85/\$95 (members/nonmembers) and are available by calling the office (502-241-4788) or online (www.yewdellgardens.org/events-list.aspx).



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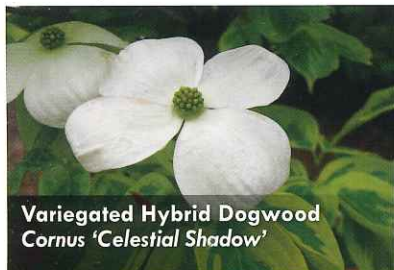
As always, this year's offerings will cover the whole plant spectrum but we'll have a few specialties you'll want to get your hands on first thing as they go quickly. Here are a few highlights . . .

Variegated Hybrid Dogwood - *Cornus* 'Celestial Shadow' – This is the very first variegated hybrid of our native dogwood (*C. florida*) and its Asian cousin (*Cornus kousa*). Great adaptability, brightly variegated foliage through summer and late spring blooms. What's not to love?!

Ironweed - *Vernonia lettermannii* 'Iron Butterfly' – If you have a hot, sunny spot, this is the plant to have. Cousin to the old field, 6-8' tall native ironweed, *V. lettermannii* is a compact mounded plant to about 2' tall and nobody has it for sale! The foliage is fine and delicate and the violet flowers are born through the summer. The only soil out there that is too dry for this selection is a pile of gravel!

Aster – *Aster laevis* 'Blue Bird' is a late summer/early fall bloomer with strong upright growth (3-4' tall) and excellent foliage – even keeping leaves to the bottom of the plant! Selected by Dick Lighty of Mt. Cuba.

Sarcococca hookeriana* var. *humilis – A taxonomic mouthful but a heck of a plant! Himalayan Sweet Box is an excellent evergreen groundcover/subshrub (1' tall) with fragrant white/green flowers in March. Tolerates extremely dense shade, grows slowly and never fails to impress!



Variegated Hybrid Dogwood
Cornus 'Celestial Shadow'



Ironweed
Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'



Aster
Aster laevis 'Blue Bird'



Sarcococca hookeriana* var. *humilis

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

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In honor of the Yew Dell Board of Directors
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MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of William Creech Jr.
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In Memory of Christopher S. Foote
Ms. Judith L. Smith

In Memory of Richard Kirby
Ms. Angie Mattingly

*Gifts received between 12/21/11 - 3/5/12.
We apologize for any errors or omissions
in this list of gifts.*



Purchase of a memorial/ honorary bench has been and continues to be an excellent way to remember a loved one, mark a special occasion, or honor a valued friend.

Contact a staff member for details.

Volunteer Awards 2012

Each year, Yew Dell hosts the annual Volunteer Celebration Event – a welcome gathering of gardeners on a cold winter morning. The event offers staff a chance to thank the dedicated volunteers who make this place work. Of course it also offers the chance to hand out the much-anticipated volunteer awards.

This year, the awards went to:

Volunteer of the Year: the Sunken Rock Garden Team
Carolyne Breeden, Karen Chandler, Ann Corts, Ruth McBride, Becky Scarborough, Beverly Smith

Volunteer Tour Guide of the Year: Janet Schweitzer

Also recognized were 5-year volunteers (21) and those volunteering 50 (17) and 100 (12) hours in 2011. All combined, Yew Dell volunteers worked nearly 6000 hours throughout the year!

Thanks to all for making 2011 a banner year!

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Phlox 'Laura'
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Little Honey'

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

SPRING 2012 PROGRAMS

See the Yew Dell Website for Complete Descriptions and Program Updates



CHILDREN IN THE DELL

Garden and Nature-Inspired Activities for Children
Every Saturday morning May 19 through September!

Gardens, woods, trails and fields . . . these Saturday-morning classes are the perfect opportunity to give children a chance to spend some time with all that is green. Our energetic and creative educators will engage the children in everything from planting and growing veggies to nature-inspired scavenger hunts and a whole lot more.

Whatever happens to be in season will be the topic du jour. Intended for children from 5-12 years old. Parents must stay on the grounds and are invited to participate in the day's activities. Preregistration encouraged – drop-ins welcome as space allows.
10:30-noon

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

Plant Sale & Garden Market

Sat., April 28; 10am - 4pm
Members get in at 9am!
Regular Admission

Plant Sale & Garden Market

Sun., April 29; 11am - 3pm
Regular Admission

Herb Workshop;

Yew Dell picks and how to grow them

Sat., May 12; 1pm - 3pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Vertical Gardens & Living Walls

workshop with garden designer Tracey Williams

Sat., May 12; 10:30am - 12:30pm
\$85/\$95 members/non-members

Cooking from the Garden – Spring Season

with Brown-Forman Executive Chef Mark Williams

Sun., May 13; 2pm - 4pm
\$30/\$40 members/non-members

Sculpture Show Opening Reception

Fri., May 18; 5pm - 8pm
\$25/\$30 members/non-members

Sculpture Show

May 19 - July 29; Regular hours
Regular Admission

Cutting Propagation Workshop

Wed., May 23; 10am & 6pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Native Plants of Kentucky

Overnight field trip
May 25 - May 26;
\$50/\$60 members/non-members

Sculpture Show Card Party

Wed., May 30; 10am - 2pm
\$35/\$40 members/non-members

Tomato Trellising Workshop

Sat., June 9; 12:30pm - 2pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Ireland Garden Tour

June 11 - 21
Full!

Workshop: Using Fresh Herbs in the Kitchen

with chef Stephen Lee
Sat., June 16; 10:30am - 12pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Farm to Table Dinner

Sun., June 24; 5:30pm - 8:30pm
\$85/\$95 members/non-members

Day Trip to Springhouse Gardens and Wilson's Nursery

Wed., July 11; 8am - 5pm
\$85/\$95 members/non-members

Shade/Street Tree Workshop

Fri., July 20; 9am - 3pm
\$85/\$95 members/non-members

Growing and Using Cut Flowers From Your Own Garden

Sat., August 11; 10:30am - 12:00pm
\$30/\$40 members/non-members

Harry Pickens Trio Concert

Thur., August 16; 7:00pm - 9:00pm
\$15/\$20 members/non-members

Workshop: Growing Fall/Winter Vegetables

Sat., August 18; 10:30am - 12:30pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Cooking from the Garden – Tomato Special!

with Brown-Forman Executive Chef Mark Williams
Sun., August 19; 2pm - 4pm
\$30/\$40 members/non-members

Hummingbird Festival

Sat., August 25; 3pm - 6pm
Regular Admission

Workshop: Seed Saving Techniques

Sat., September 15; 12:30pm - 2pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Workshop: Transplanting Trees and Shrubs

Wed., September 26; 6pm - 8pm
\$25/\$35 members/non-members

Twilight in the Garden

Save the Date!
Fri., October 5

2008

Carolyne Breedon
Volunteer of the Year

April:
Open 7 day a week

May:
1st Garden Sculpture Show

August:
Pond Reconstruction

April:
1st Hellebore Day

October:
1st Boo-Dell



Fall and Winter Vegetable Production Project

Fresh veggies right from the garden – that’s what gardening is all about! Fresh veggies from the garden all fall and winter – that’d be so good it should be almost illegal! But that’s just what Yew Dell is planning for the coming season. Starting this summer, Yew Dell staff (and volunteers . . . hint hint!) will break ground on a small test plot complete with a moveable high tunnel house. High tunnels are moveable (at least ours will be moveable!) hoop houses that can slide in place over field-grown plants to provide a few degrees of protection. Combined with low tunnels or row covers directly over the plants, it can make up to a 12 degree difference on a cold winters night. High tunnels also give gardeners an easy way to get a jump on the season come spring. Starting this coming summer, selected veggie varieties will be field planted, and as they grow and begin to yield, Yew Dell staff (and volunteers . . . hint hint again!) will track performance, rate the varieties and sample the produce for taste and texture. It’s a tough job, but somebody’s got to do it!

This project will provide variety performance information, harvest schedules and a whole lot more. The schedule and inexpensive set up will offer an option for schools looking to incorporate schoolyard food production into classroom curricula and will teach local farmers/gardeners how to get the most from their fall/winter garden. Come join the effort. We’ll need lots of help!

Jurassic Veggie Garden



Honey, I blew up the veggie garden! Plan to come out this summer and check out Yew Dell’s laboratory experiment gone awry. The kitchen garden will be populated with Jurassic giants of the plant world – a sight you’ll want to come out to see several times throughout the season. The T-Rex of vegetable gardens will include dinosaur egg cucumbers, eggplants the size of your head and the gnarliest of tomatoes . . . ‘Traveller’ (just trust us, this one just has to be seen to be believed!) Not to be out done, the Caveman Club gourds, 4-lb tomatoes and yard long cucumbers will share center stage with gargantuan cabbage and unearthly kohlrabi. Dinosaur kale, larger than life sunflowers . . . well you get the picture. You’ll feel like a tiny creature in a giant garden land.

But just to be sure the giant-sized thing doesn’t go too far, we’ll bring it down to more diminutive scale with our trial of the Vegetalis seed line. These new vegetable varieties are bred for small-scale gardens. Never thought you could grow a zucchini plant in a patio pot? How about compact pumpkins and miniature eggplants? You’ll just have to come out to see it all for yourself!

IT'S TIME TO BRANCH OUT



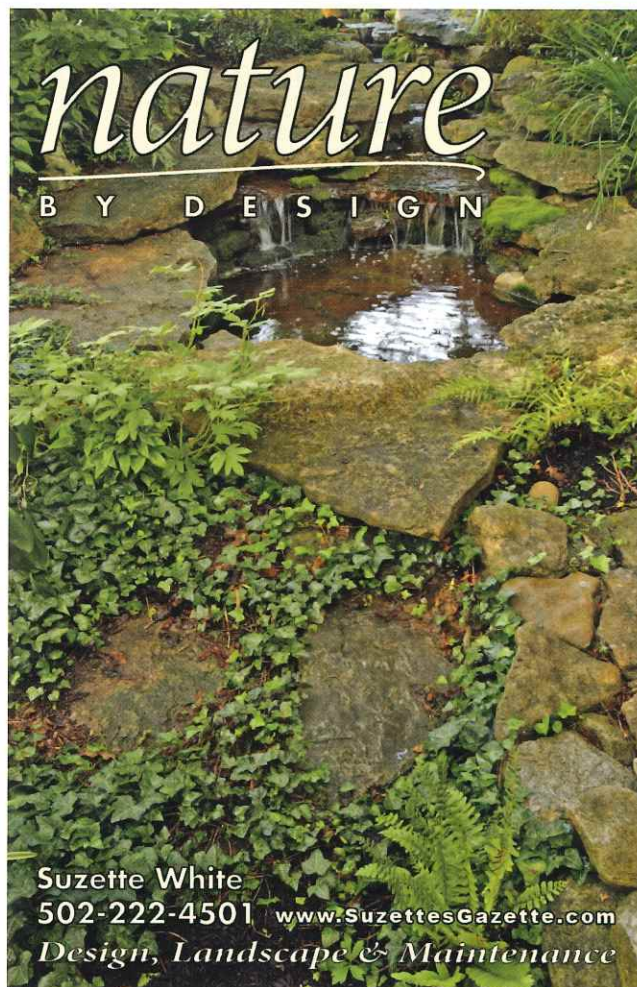
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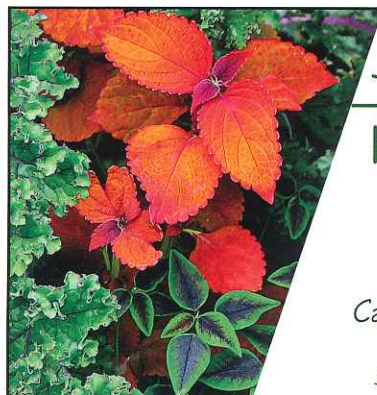
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June:

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:

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Sunday: noon to 4pm

Don't forget to bring your membership card to
get 10% off at the garden shop!



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