



THE CASTLE CHRONICLES

Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market – April 27 & 28

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If you are even remotely interested in plants and gardens, Yew Dell's annual event has become the place to be each spring. Choice rare and fabulous plants; ample advice from knowledgeable staff and volunteers; top-notch vendors; the annual Greater Louisville Bonsai Society show; food; kid's activities; and much much more will fill the last weekend in April to give you all you could want and more for the garden.

Plant offerings will include **Yew Dell tested winners, new to the market gems and unusual plants for collectors** – covering everything from trees to shrubs, vines, perennials, herbs, heirloom veggies and more. And plan to be here early. Last year we

even heard of otherwise normal folks from far-flung areas driving to the area Friday night and staying in nearby hotels so they could be first in line Saturday!

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 27 (10am–4pm) and Sunday, April 28 (noon–3pm)** and as always, Yew Dell members get in at 9am Saturday for best selection – so make sure your membership is current and remember to bring your card! Of course memberships will be for sale beginning 9am Saturday! Additional support comes from the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and the Louisville Nursery Association.



Yew Dell volunteers and staff offer valuable gardening advice to plant shoppers at the 2012 Plant Sale and Garden Market.



Everyone went home with armloads of stunning plants!

The Glenview Trust Company Presents the 6th Annual Garden Sculpture Show

Opening May 18

The Sculpture Show is back! The 2013 juried show runs from May 18 – August 3 and features some of the region's top sculptors showing their amazing work. See garden art in metal, stone, glass and about every other outdoor-appropriate medium. Previous shows have offered outstanding sculptures for prices ranging from \$200 to \$40,000. There's something for every budget and every garden size and style. This show will not disappoint!

For a sneak preview and the show's best prices, plan to attend the **opening reception on May 17th**. Meet the artists, sample heavy hors d'oeuvres from some of the area's best chefs, listen to

fabulous music, and see Yew Dell dressed up in its finest. And to top it off, **10% discount** will be given on all sculptures purchased during the opening reception. For tickets (\$25/\$35 members/non-members) call the office at 502-241-4788 or order online at www.yewdellgardens.org.

Thank You to our title sponsor - The Glenview Trust Company and our event sponsors: Ellen van Nagell RE/MAX FIRST and the Oldham County Educational Foundation.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring is starting to bloom...

As I sit down to write this piece, there's about an inch of snow on the ground, it's 35 degrees and the gun-metal sky is none too inviting. Yet there are **hellebores** and **witch hazels** blooming their hearts out (have you seen the *Horticulture Magazine* feature piece this month on Yew Dell's hellebore collection?) as a bit of an entrée into what's to come in just a few weeks. And oh what's coming . . .

You surely know about the **horticulture center** project which is well under way – the high tunnel is already producing veggies in its first winter. And we'll be planning a grand opening (and a **members-only** event!) for late Summer/Fall. Just think of all the new volunteer opportunities . . .

But in addition to the facility growth, we've got some surprises for you. This summer we'll introduce **HerbFest 2013!** No, not that kind of herbfest . . . this August 3rd event will celebrate those wonderful and legal members of the plant kingdom that freshen our surroundings, cure our ills and flavor our meals.

We're stepping up our **Children in the Dell** Saturday morning classes that will run spring, summer and fall. We've decided to open Thursday evenings – in response to many requests for some after work open hours. We're even planning a short garden tour to visit some of our gardening neighbors to the south – keep an eye out for an email announcement soon! Add to that our always popular **Sculpture Show, Farm to Table Dinner, Hummingbird Festival** and all the classes and workshops and we think there is something to whet about any garden appetite.

So don't let the season pass you by. Make sure your membership is up to date and plan to take advantage of it all year long.

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.

Help us Keep in Touch!

If you have recently changed your email address, mailing address or don't receive any email from us- please let us know! Contact Cheryl at Cheryll@yewdellgardens.org or call 241-4788.



Stachyurus chinensis var. rubriflora

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:

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P.O. Box 1334
Crestwood, KY 40014

Meet a Few of the Stars of This Year's Plant Sale



Epimediums make excellent delicate groundcovers for shady locations. (*Epimedium franchettii* growing in Yew Dell's Sunken Garden)



Dr. Elwin Orton, breeder of the amazing hybrid dogwood sold under the trademark name Venus™ (*Cornus* 'KN30-8')



The paper bush (*Edgeworthia chrysantha*) offers spectacularly fragrant golden flowers in March followed by tropical-looking large summer leaves.

There are so many super cool and totally awesome plants arriving for our annual spring plant sale – how do I choose just a few to talk about?!? Many of these cannot be found anywhere else in the region; Yew Dell's plant sale is literally the only place you will be able to put your hands on these gems. So again, I ask you – how can I highlight just a few?! A plant geek's worst nightmare, I tell you;-)! Here goes...

A wonderful group of groundcover perennials that will be highlighted this year is the Epimediums or barrenworts. The common name does nothing to sell the plant so I will try to persuade you that every shade garden should consist of masses of Epimediums meandering through your other shade-loving perennials. Both their foliage and their spring blooms have an elegant yet subtle beauty that is best appreciated when we slow down a little and take a closer look. They thrive in good garden soil but will tolerate dry shade which immediately puts them in with a small and elite group of plants. The Epimediums we have chosen for the sale (*E. ×youngianum* 'Niveum', *E. grandiflorum* 'Lilafee', and *E. ×youngianum* 'Roseum') have performed well for us and have a long season of interest. I know you will be as thrilled with them as we have been!

A real showstopper in our sale is *Cornus* 'KN30-8', aka Venus™ dogwood. This 15' to 20' tall beauty is a hybrid selection by Dr. Elwin Orton of Rutgers University – the King of dogwood

hybridization - and so far has shown excellent resistance to powdery mildew and dogwood anthracnose. We have been growing this small tree for several years now and while we haven't quite seen the 8" blooms described in the trade, we have seen it covered with 6" blooms that literally cause the tree to glow on a grey, gloomy spring day. For those who have given up on flowering dogwoods, this cultivar should be a long-awaited welcome back!

And last but certainly not least is *Edgeworthia chrysantha* or Paperbush. This medium sized shrub with blue-green deciduous foliage is reminiscent of a rhododendron. It has been pursued by collectors for years but only recently has it become more widely available in the trade. This lovely shrub is a zone 7 plant and needs a well-protected, part-shade to sun area in Kentucky. We have been growing our *Edgeworthia* tucked back near a stone wall for four years now. Three winters ago it died back to the ground but it bounced back quickly and by the following winter was amazing us with its wonderfully fragrant yellow blooms all clustered at the tips of the stems. The flowers open up in late winter or very early spring before the plant has any leaves, and are really beautiful. This is truly a four season shrub and well worth growing in our Kentucky gardens.

Ann Mattingly
Garden Manager

Brown-Forman Presents a Farm to Table Dinner hosted by Yew Dell and Slow Food Bluegrass Sunday, June 23; 6-9pm

The 3rd Annual Farm to Table Dinner is coming soon! Last year was a sell-out and we have the same hopes for this year's event. We are very grateful to have leadership support again from **Brown-Forman Corporation**, our long standing corporate partner. Farm to Fork Catering will turn a harvest of locally-produced meats, cheeses, produce and wines into a fabulous feast. Mingle

with some of our farmer friends who are responsible for growing and producing all the ingredients. Come support our local farmers and enjoy an outstanding evening amidst the exquisite gardens of Yew Dell. Entertainment will feature the Americana, roots and bluegrass influenced music of Dozens of Dollars.

\$90/\$110 Members/Non-members



HONORARY AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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.



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In Memory of Page Lubeck
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In Memory of George C. Barnum
Ms. Diane Hissey
Ms. Missy Burge
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Mr. Phil Payne, Jr.

In Memory of Harry Bounnell
Ms. Louise Hickox
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rounsavall III
Mr. and Mrs. David E. Miller

HONORARY GIFTS

In honor of Eunice Blocker's Birthday
Mrs. Marion Woodall

*Gifts received between 1/15/13 – 3/8/13.
We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list of gifts.*

Volunteer Awards 2012

50+ Hours

Rusty Amlung
Ben Frazier
Patsy Harkess
Brad Harruff
Lili Horneffer

Jamie Jarboe
Jacquelyn McGrail
Janice Morgan
Pam Ray
David Wieland

100+ Hours

Stan Hankins
Karl Klein
Wes Krupesczewicz

Debby Levine
Abi Rennekamp
Susan Wilburn

5 Years

Pat Burch
Lili Horneffer
Patricia Reed

Cheryl Stewart
Fran Tiller
Margaret Young

10 Years

Carolyn Breeden
Patsy Harkess

Jules Klein
Karl Klein

Tour Guide of the Year – Gloria Carl

Volunteer of the Year – Patsy Harkess



*2012 Tour Guide of the Year,
Gloria Carl*



*2012 Volunteer of the Year,
Patsy Harkess*



Stachyurus praecox

Our 2012 Volunteer of the Year, Patsy Harkess, was one of the first volunteers at Yew Dell. In her ten years, she has literally seen and done a little bit of everything, which isn't surprising because she has the energy of a group of 6 six year olds! In over ten years, Patsy has logged over 800 hours helping with special events, recruiting plant sale volunteers, working on committees, gardening and assisting in the office. Some of her devotion and hard work is evident in the thriving Overlook Garden which is a favorite of visitors and members. Patsy is always ready, willing and able to tackle any task at hand – Thank you Patsy for all you have done and all you do.



2013 Spring/Summer Programs

See the Yew Dell Website for Complete Descriptions and Program Updates

Second Saturday Workdays!

Join our group of faithful volunteers to help garden manager, Ann Mattingly, from 9am – noon the second Saturday of each month. Every month is something new and different!

Plant Sale & Garden Market

Saturday, April 27; 10-4pm

Members get in at 9am!

Sunday, April 28; Noon-3pm

Regular Admission

Cutting Propagation Workshop

Thursday, May 9; 6-7:30pm

\$25/\$35 - Members/Non-members

Here's your chance to learn the tricks of the plant propagation trade and get your hands dirty in the process.

Children in the Dell

The program begins and runs every Saturday, May 11 through September 28.

Saturday May, 11; 10:30-noon

\$5/\$10 - Members/Non-members

Every Saturday morning 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.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

Bring mom out for a relaxing stroll!

Sculpture Show Opening Reception

Friday, May 17; 5-8pm

\$25/\$35 - Members/Non-members

Join us for a delightful evening mingling with the show artists, cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and the unveiling of the 2013 show. There is a 10% discount on all sculpture sales during the opening event.

The Glenview Trust Company Presents the 6th Annual Garden Sculpture Show

Saturday, May 18 through

Sunday, August 4

Free with Regular Admission

Don't miss Yew Dell's 6th annual show that will feature some of the best sculptors in the region.

Surprising Edibles – Learn how to identify and/or cultivate unusual edibles

Saturday, June 8; 1-3pm

\$25/\$35 - Members/Non-members

There are a lot of plants that look great and are tasty too! On the flipside there are a lot of bothersome weeds that can serve a purpose at the dinner table. Learn about both!

All about Bugs: Exploring the Backyard Universe

Saturday, June 8; 10:30-noon

\$25/\$35 - Members/Non-members

Instructor Blair Helvey will bring out the inner kid in you! Learn good bugs and their place in the ecosystem. Participate in a release of beneficial insects in Yew Dell's vegetable garden and take home some beneficial insects for your own yard. To top it off, see some of the truly creepiest (and oh so nice) bugs you can imagine! Both children and adults welcome!

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16

It's dad's turn for a nice relaxing day at Yew Dell!

Brown-Forman presents a Farm to Table Dinner

Sunday, June 23; 6-9pm

\$90/\$110 - Members/Non-members

Don't miss this third annual event! Last year's Farm to Table Dinner was a smashing success and sold out quickly. Farm to Fork Catering will turn a harvest of locally-produced meats, cheeses, produce and wines into a fabulous feast.

New this Year! HerbFest

Saturday August 3; 9-1pm

Free with Regular Admission

Herbs are such a wonderful addition to any garden and any meal! If you are mystified by their cultivation, uses in the kitchen or around the house or . . . take it one step further . . . you're not even sure what part(s) are consumable or useable – now's your chance to find out! We will have demos presented by experts, including Herbmeister, Steve Lee and several opportunities for you to get acquainted with these amazingly versatile plants.

Harvesting Vegetables All Year Round

Saturday, August 10; 1-3pm

\$25/\$35 - Members/Non-members

Kentucky has the perfect climate for harvesting vegetables from your garden all year long. From row covers to high tunnels, garden manager Ann Mattingly will show you what we're doing at Yew Dell and what you can do at home to have fresh produce 12 months of the year.

Hummingbird Festival

Saturday, August 24; 3-6 pm

Free with Regular Admission

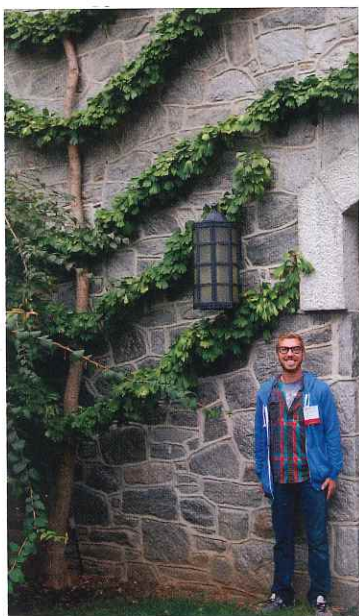
Always a summer favorite! Yew Dell's Hummingbird Festival offers the opportunity for all to learn about these amazing little birds; what makes them tick, how to attract them, how to keep them coming and a whole lot more.

Stay on Top of the Latest "Growings" On!

Be sure you are on our email list and that we have your current email address so that you receive the latest information about classes and trips as they are added to our roster of activities!



Ronnie Kylo Completes Yew Dell's First Year-Long Apprenticeship



Ronnie Kylo attended the annual conference of the International Plant Propagators' Society last fall in Philadelphia, PA. Here he is pictured at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, with one of his favorite plants of the entire year - *Ginkgo biloba* espalier.

Yew Dell's commitment to horticulture education goes well beyond a few workshops and plant walks. Last year, through the tremendous generosity of Yew Dell donors, we were able to offer the first of what will be a long line of year-long apprenticeship positions. Ronnie Kylo began his apprenticeship in May of 2012 and will be finishing up his post this spring.

A North Dakota native and South Dakota State University graduate, Ronnie hit the ground running last spring. He spent the last year working with Garden Manager Ann Mattingly, other Yew Dell staff and a host of great garden volunteers. And in addition to all the weeding, watering, planting and mulching, Ronnie learned cutting and seed propagation techniques, was involved in planning for our new horticulture center facilities, created a rendered overview map of the gardens and recently completed a redesign of Yew Dell's Walled Garden. He attended professional conferences and workshops around Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania and had a chance to learn from and meet a long list of industry leaders – the learning and industry contacts being an important part of Yew Dell's apprenticeship.

Asked for a few comments on Ronnie, Garden Manager Ann Mattingly responded, "Ronnie's continually outgoing and positive attitude, his sense of humor, and his strong work ethic made every day with him a real treat. We will all really miss him when he leaves." We think that pretty much sums it up!

Ronnie is currently pursuing a Peace Corps appointment where he hopes to put his passions and skills to work wherever he ends up – and we wish him all the luck in the world. If you want to wish Ronnie well yourself, be sure to come to the plant sale – we'll be getting our last pound of flesh out of him before we let him go!

Thanks and good luck from all of us Ronnie!

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Spring 2013



NEW! HOURS

APRIL-MID-DECEMBER

New Evening Hours!! Come for an Evening stroll or picnic on Thursdays!

TUESDAY 10AM-4PM

WEDNESDAY 10AM-4PM

THURSDAY 10AM-8PM (Summer Only)

(See website or call for details)

FRIDAY 10AM-4PM

SATURDAY 10AM-4PM

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