



# THE CASTLE CHRONICLES



## Celebrate Growth

### *Brown-Forman's Twilight in the Garden*

Join Yew Dell's staff and supporters on **Friday, October 4th** at Twilight in the Garden 2013, Yew Dell's annual fundraiser and celebration. And this year we have something very special to celebrate with the much anticipated opening of Yew Dell's **new greenhouse and Preston T. Ormsby Horticulture Center**. Be ready for an elegant evening of cocktails, limited silent auction, and a few games mixed in for fun. Dinner by Wiltshire Pantry will be followed by a live auction with travel, trees, and more. Check Yew Dell's website for a link to the auction line up online before the event.

*Twilight in the Garden* is Yew Dell's largest and most important fundraising event of the year, bringing in the funds that support ongoing education programs, family events, plant research and more. Come enjoy a great party and support an outstanding organization as well! Many thanks to our Title Sponsor, **Brown-Forman**, and our Presenting Sponsors **Fastline Publications** and **Outdoor Lighting Perspectives**. Tickets and tables (10) can be purchased on Yew Dell's website or by calling 502-241-4788.



*Lotusland in Santa Barbara, CA, known widely for its exquisite Agave collection, is one of the destinations of the Yew Dell southern California garden tour.*

## Join Yew Dell this February for our Southern California Garden Tour

If you've heard anything about our international garden tours, you know they fill up fast and are always a great time. Here's a chance to join one of those legendary trips and get some much needed sun this winter. We'll spend four full days and nights in southern California: Pasadena, LA, Santa Barbara and the like and we can guarantee that it will be a heck of a lot warmer there than in Louisville that time of year. Hotel accommodations in the beautiful Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena will provide the perfect launching point for a collection of stunning public and private gardens.

**Trip Dates: February 9-14, 2014**

Contact Karla Drover (karlad@yewdellgardens.org – 502.241.4788) for schedule and reservation information – space is limited and these slots will fill up fast!

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

## There's Plenty to See and Do at Yew Dell This Year!

What a spring and summer . . . I have now lived in Kentucky for about 15 years and I'm still waiting for what a Louisvillian would call a *normal* year. But then again, with many gardener friends, I suppose whining about weather is something I should be used to hearing. But still, the rain . . . not that I'm complaining, but the rain has been unreal. It seems this year that Jack the Giant Killer must have climbed a poke weed (*Phytolaca americana* for you plant dweebs out there!) rather than a bean stalk. The weeds have just grown and grown. But then again, the trees have been happy indeed.

At Yew Dell, this has been a heck of a season in other ways as well. We started the late winter by relocating our entire nursery facility and inventory in order to make space for construction of our new greenhouse, nursery and support facilities, a major step forward for this institution. We've made great progress on this amazing project that has attracted attention from across the country. Watch your email for details on grand opening festivities planned for this fall.

On the education and programing front, Yew Dell was recently cited by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for being among the most progressive museums, libraries and botanical gardens by offering innovative programs to promote early literacy and learning.

Our *Children in the Dell* classes (offered free of charge this year!) along with the *Books and Blankets* and *Activity Backpack* programs have raised some eyebrows around the country.

So there's plenty to see and do at Yew Dell this year. I hope you'll pay us a visit to check out progress on the greenhouse, take in a class, or simply enjoy a day in the gardens. And even if the rain faucet does turn off one of these days (would that mean we were in a "normal" stretch?), our staff will have the place looking as good as ever!

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](mailto:CherylL@yewdellgardens.org).  
or call 241-4788.



Thirsty Birdbath  
Craig Kaviar

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# Plan Now for Fall and Winter Veggie Harvest

Hands down my favorite group of vegetables is the spring crops, and the fact that the same cast of characters can come back for an encore performance in the fall only serves to strengthen their appeal in my world! My fall garden is usually full of various types of lettuces, any number of brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts), carrots, beets, radishes, kale and collards, spinach, turnips, and rutabagas, just to name a few. During early fall the warm season crops are still hanging in there so I have a particularly robust selection of vegetables to enjoy.

Spring and fall vegetable gardens are different animals, and as such, require slightly different planning. Spring gardens start cool (both air and soil temperature) and end up much warmer and day length increases. Obviously, the fall garden experiences the opposite pattern. Some of the cool season crops perform better under spring conditions and others seem to prefer the fall. Peas are one vegetable I have not had much success with as a fall crop. They survive but do not thrive or provide enough of a harvest to warrant the time, effort, and space they require. On the other hand, carrots have a higher germination rate and are sweeter as a fall crop. Broccoli tends to perform better and is more reliable as a fall crop as well. The cooler temperatures at harvest time also benefit the greens and brassicas and reduce the likelihood that these crops will become bitter or bolt from heat stress.

As in the spring, brassicas do best if grown as transplants rather than directly sown from seed. Most of the other fall crops can be direct sown. Because there is so much variability in the length of our falls, I tend to grow several successions of these crops, planting transplants and seeds at three week intervals. For instance, if I sow my carrots the first week of August, I will sow another bunch three weeks from then, and perhaps a third bunch three weeks after the last. If we get a long fall and a hard frost holds off, this will enable a longer harvest period.

A longer harvest period is exactly what I am looking for when extending my season into the winter. Most things will stop growing when the temperatures dip below freezing. So, the trick is to have them reach maturity before the big drop happens and harvest some of the more tender fall crops as the weather turns. Harvesting the more hardy crops can continue through the winter. If the ground doesn't freeze you can harvest your root crops all winter long. Some of the greens are very cold hardy and if winter temperatures stay at or above the freezing mark they can be harvested. You will notice them wilting when the temperatures are below freezing – avoid harvesting them at this time as they will turn to mush long before they reach your plate. These would include greens such as arugula, tatsoi, and maché. Collards can be harvested well into the winter and kale can be enjoyed all winter long.

In my opinion, there are few things that taste as amazing as fresh vegetables in the winter! If you don't have the space to grow your own you can still enjoy winter vegetables in one of Louisville's abundant farmer's markets that remain active during the winter months.

Ann Mattingly  
Garden Manager



Kohlrabi

## Yew Dell Recognized as a Leader in Children's Literacy and Education Innovation



Here's another nice feather in our cap . . . On June 20th, the Institute of Museum and Library Services issued a national report entitled: *Growing Young Minds: How Museums and Libraries Create Lifelong Learners*. This publication is a nationally focused call to action to education practitioners and policy makers to make full use of libraries and museums to elevate early childhood education efforts. In the report, Yew Dell is one of a select few botanical gardens highlighted for using innovative programs to reach children and support early learning. Our *Books and Blankets* and *Activity Backpack* programs were cited as significant innovations in fostering deeper learning and expanded literacy. Go us!

# HONORARY AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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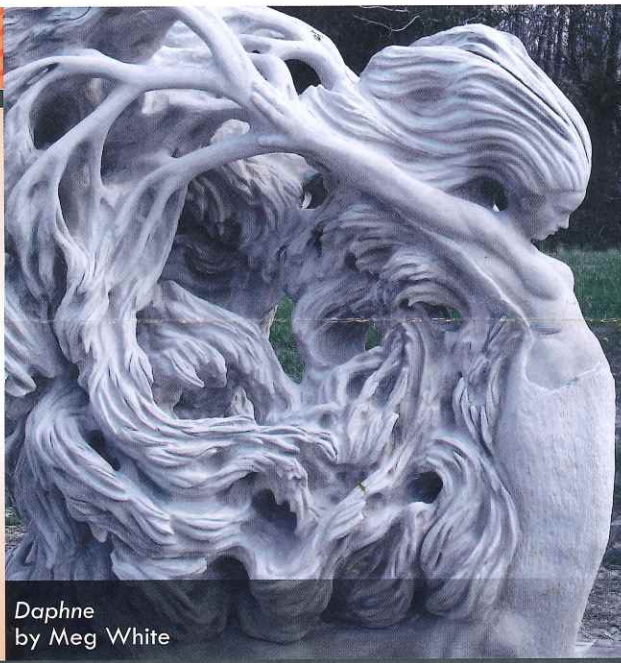
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*Daphne*  
by Meg White

## Where There's a Will, There's a Way



If you think estate gift plans are just for the very wealthy, think again. Planned and estate gifts, that are so essential in providing that lasting support for places like Yew Dell, can be arranged at any budget level – and there are many options and wide flexibility.

From will-based bequests to charitable remainder trusts, life insurance designations and more, you can turn your love of Yew Dell into long-term support to ensure Yew Dell continues to grow, surprise and astound as it has over its first 11 years. Don't know where to start or want to talk with us? Call and talk with any of our staff. We'll be delighted to help! And if you have already named Yew Dell in a planned gift, please let us know so we can thank you!

# 2013 Summer Programs

See the Yew Dell Website for Complete Descriptions and Program Updates



## Children in the Dell

... Is now Free... with paid admission of a responsible adult!

**The Program Runs Every Saturday morning through September – Rain or Shine!**

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. Maximum enrollment is 15/session.

## All About Butterflies and Bugs: Exploring the Backyard Universe

**Saturday, August 10;  
10:30am–Noon**

**\$25/\$35 – Members/Non-members**

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

## 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; 3-6pm**

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. Local experts will catch and band birds, offering an excellent opportunity to see them up close and learn about hummingbird research. We'll have hummingbird plants for sale, kid's activities, refreshments, tours and as always, local hummingbird photographer Russ Thompson will be on hand to offer photography tips – so don't forget the camera and binoculars!

## Brown-Forman's Twilight in the Garden

*See page 1 for details!*

**Friday, October 4; 6:30pm**

**\$200 per person**

## Dividing Perennials Workshop

**Saturday, October 12;**

**12:30-2:30pm**

**\$25/\$35 – Members/Non-members**

Here's an opportunity you won't want to miss. Each year we offer this workshop that involves not only learning how to divide perennials . . . when you're finished, Ann will give you some of the fruits of your labor to take home to your own garden. You can't miss – come for a class and go home with an armful of great plants. Sign up early as this one is sure to fill up fast!

## Boo Dell

**Saturday, October 26; 11-2pm &**

**Mr. Magic 2-3pm**

**\$5 per carload**

A seasonal favorite, this frightfully-fun event is a family favorite! So, mark your calendar and get those costumes ready. Yew Dell and the Oldham County Library are partnering again to offer this annual event. Kids can enjoy trick-or-treating along the trail-o-treats (11-2pm) – dozens of local businesses will entertain with their creatively creepy booths and costumes. Hay rides, a straw maze, scavenger hunts and the popular Mr. Magic at 2pm will round out this fabulous fall day. Bring a pumpkin decorated like a character from your favorite book and enter the Jack-o-Lantern Look-a-Like Contest! This event draws a big crowd, so come early to get in on the goodies.

## Holiday Train Exhibit

**Friday, November 29,**

**Saturday, November 30,**

**December 7 & 14; 10am - 4pm**

**Sunday, December 1, 8 & 15;**

**Noon - 4pm**

**Free with regular admission**

Don't miss this holiday favorite for all ages. Where else can you see a snow village and model trains in a castle, go shopping and entertain the kids with a visit from Santa and scavenger hunts.

## Holiday Wreath Making Classes

**Saturday, December 7;**

**10:30am & 12:30pm**

**\$35/\$45 - Members/Non-members**

Design and make a unique winter wreath made from fresh greens harvested at Yew Dell. Participants will be provided the necessary materials and tools to create a wreath but should bring their own gloves and pruners. Express your creativity by making a holiday wreath to take home--the finished wreath will measure 22-24 inches.

## Last Chance for Holiday Shopping!

**Garden Gift Shop**

**Sunday, December 22; Noon-4pm**



Yale Bulldog intern, Michelle Korte (L) and horticulture apprentice, Evan Ware (R) in the garden at Yew Dell.

## Yew Dell Adds New Apprentice and Intern to the Staff List

In April, Evan Ware joined Yew Dell as our second horticulture apprentice. Evan is a horticulture graduate from Virginia Tech University with a keen interest in botanical gardens and education.

She got her horticulture bug by way of her mother's black thumb. Since her mother killed everything in sight (according to Evan, anyway!), Evan's interest in science and experimenting meant that she became the caretaker of plants in and around their home. We'd say mom's black thumb is our good fortune!

Evan has been a wonderful addition to our staff. Her quiet sense of humor and keen horticultural knowledge have been obvious to all. Indeed, Garden Manager Ann Mattingly describes Evan as "attentive to detail, thorough, knowledgeable, and with a wonderful sense of humor that makes her a joy and pleasure to work with." We think that sums it up nicely! Evan will be with us through next spring so you'll have ample time to meet her on the grounds.

This summer we were also fortunate to attract Michelle Korte to join us for a summer internship position. Michelle is a current Yale student majoring in Global Affairs. She is a participant in the Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program that brings Yale students to the Louisville area to intern with area businesses and non-profits.

Michelle has been working with Communications Coordinator Jackie Gulbe on event and communications projects and with Grants and Sponsorship Coordinator Gayle Kussoy Shoemaker on development projects. Jackie describes Michelle as very enthusiastic about the wide variety of projects sent her way no matter how large and complicated or small and mundane. She also seems to have quite a cookie baking talent! Michelle hails from Bowling Green, Kentucky and is scheduled to be with us through the summer.

A large advertisement for Greenhaven Tree Care. The background is a photograph of a tree-lined path with trees showing autumn foliage in shades of yellow and orange. In the center, there is a white silhouette of a tree with the text "GREENHAVEN TREE CARE" below it. At the bottom, the text "PRACTICING THE FINE ART AND SCIENCE OF ARBORICULTURE" is written in a serif font, followed by the phone number "244-8770" and the website "WWW.GREENHAVENTREECARE.COM".

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