



YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer has finally come to Yew Dell!

Well we made it through the worst winter in recent memory and a spring of waiting and wondering . . . is it dead or just slow to emerge? By now those questions have all been answered and – of course – you have everything replaced, tweaked and primped so your garden is now perfect. . . Lucky you!

But now that all that work is done, you'll have plenty of time to check out the succulent-filled containers around the greenhouse (great for plantings that will live through your vacation even when the neighbor's kid forgets to water), scan the fabulous new annual plantings full of plants Ann grew in our new greenhouse, meet our new interns (more about them on page 5) and enjoy a class or two.



And beyond the gardens, we have plenty to whet the gardener's appetite. Our first annual bulb pre-order and sale is coming up soon. We're looking ahead to a February trip to Austin and next year's international tour to Scotland. These will fill up quickly so get your name on the list before it's full.

And if you have any plants you're still waiting on . . . wondering if they are going to eventually make a miraculous recovery . . . well, we think it might be time for a pronouncement! Just look at it as room for some new and very cool plants!

Happy Gardening

Paul Cappiello
Executive Director

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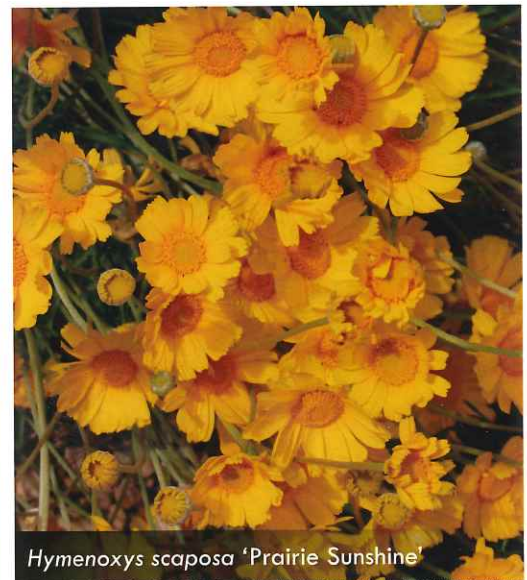
Yew Dell membership offers a wealth of benefits including admission all year long, discounts on Yew Dell classes, lectures and workshops, invitations to member-only events and early admission to the annual Plant Sale and Garden Market.

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 Kathy at kathyj@yewdellgardens.org or call 241-4788.



Hymenoxys scaposa 'Prairie Sunshine'

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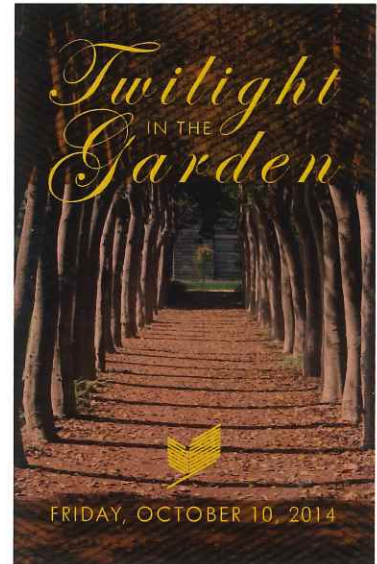
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Brown-Forman's Twilight in the Garden

Friday, October 10th at 6:30pm

What's the best garden party in town? Well we think it's our annual *Twilight in the Garden* – Yew Dell's annual fundraiser and celebration of all things garden. Join us on **Friday, October 10th** for an elegant evening of cocktails, limited silent and live auctions and a few fun activities mixed in for good measure. Dinner by Wiltshire Pantry will be followed by a live auction of spectacular travel opportunities, rare and unusual trees and more. Check Yew Dell's website for a link to the auction line-up online before the event.

Twilight is our 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 **Thorntons**, **Fastline Publications** and **Outdoor Lighting Perspectives**. Individual tickets and table sponsorships can be purchased on Yew Dell's website or by calling 502-241-4788.



Farm to Table Thank You!

We had another great Farm to Table Dinner this year! Kathy Cary did an outstanding job and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

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JULY

Summer Plant Walk

**Guide: Paul Cappiello,
Yew Dell Executive Director**

Monday, July 7; 6-7:30pm

\$15/\$25 - Members/Non-members

Join Yew Dell director Paul Cappiello on this unscripted walk through the collections. We'll talk about everything in bloom, answer questions about the best varieties for our region and send you home with some new ideas for your own garden.

AUGUST



Herb-a-mato Fest

Thursday, August 14; 5:30 – 8:30pm

Free with regular admission!

So Herb and Sally Tomato got together to cook up a special event that would celebrate their union and the Herb-a-mato Fest was born. After all, these two garden regulars are a match made in heaven. This event will celebrate all things related to the many uses of herbs and a summer favorite: the plump juicy tomato. You'll meet new herbs and tomatoes that we know you will want to welcome to your garden, kitchen, bath and who knows where else.

South Oldham Rotary 3rd Annual Bourbon/Wine Tasting

Friday, August 22; 6-9pm

\$60 p/p – This is a Rotary Club Event

Proceeds benefit: Apple Patch & Yew Dell

For event or ticket information contact

Ron Hartman at 502-387-8194

rhartman@ernstconcrete.com



Hummingbird Festival

Saturday, August 23; 3-6pm

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. 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!

Creative Canine-Friendly Gardens

**Instructor: Jackie Gulbe,
Yew Dell Communication
Coordinator and "Pet Lady"**

Thursday, August 28; 6-7:30pm

\$15/\$25 - Members/Non-members

It's probably no surprise that many gardeners are also animal lovers. And loving both can often mean that there are some clashes of coexistence in the garden. This fun-filled class will give you some new and clever ways to solve some common problems and tips to avoid future combat.



SEPTEMBER

The Last Children in the Dell Program of the Season!

Saturday, September 27; 10:30-noon

Free with the admission of a parent or guardian

OCTOBER

Twilight in the Garden

Friday, October 10; 6:30pm

See page 3 for details

\$200 p/p

Dividing Perennials Workshop

**Instructor: Ann Mattingly,
Yew Dell Garden Manager**

Saturday, October 11 12:30 – 2pm

\$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!



Fall Color Plant Walk

**Guide: Paul Cappiello,
Yew Dell Executive Director**

Monday, October 20; 6-7:30pm

\$15/\$25 - Members/Non-members

Join Yew Dell director Paul Cappiello on this unscripted walk through the collections. We'll talk about everything in bloom, answer questions about the best varieties for our region and send you home with some new ideas for your own garden.



Boo Dell

Saturday, October 25;

Trick or Treating 11 – 2pm

Mr. Magic 2 – 3pm

**\$5 per carload or \$1 per person
walk-ins**

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.



Summer Interns Maggie Danna & Brittney Sooksengdao.

Introducing Yew Dell's New Yale Bulldog and Foodworks Interns

Brittney Sooksengdao is our Yale Bulldog who will be working with Communication Coordinator, Jackie Gulbe on Yew Dell's social media presence, other marketing projects and events. Brittney has jumped right in and been a tremendous help during this busy time of year. The crazy variety of tasks she has been presented hasn't phased her. Brittney is from Kansas City, Kansas and will be graduating from Yale with a major in Architecture in 2016.

Maggie Danna is our Foodworks program intern and she will be working with our Garden Manager, Ann Mattingly, developing our vegetable garden, utilizing the high tunnel, drip irrigation and plastic that decomposes in just a few months. The staff is all looking forward to see how successful her efforts are – in other words, we are looking forward to what kind of vegetables we get to eat! Maggie is attending Middlebury College and is leaning toward a joint major in environmental studies and anthropology.

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday: 10-4pm

Thursday: 10-8pm

Sunday: Noon-4pm

Monday: Closed

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GARDEN MANAGER'S PAGE



Montbretia (*Crocosmia* 'Lucifer')



Catmint (*Nepeta* *xfassennii* 'Walker's Low')



Compassplant (*Silphium laciniatum*)



Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)

What's Bloomin' When . . . and Where?

Yew Dell has thousands of different plants, with something in bloom each month of the year. But be sure to check out these collections when they're in bloom.

- Montbretia (*Crocosmia* 'Lucifer') – June through August, in our Overlook Garden
- Catmint (*Nepeta* *xfassennii* 'Walker's Low') – all summer long, multiple garden locations throughout Yew Dell
- Compassplant (*Silphium laciniatum*) – July to September, Overlook Garden
- Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) – August to October, Serpentine Garden

What to do in your garden . . .

We asked Garden Manager, Ann Mattingly, for her recommendations on what we should all be doing in our gardens in the coming months. Here are a few of her thoughts.

JULY

- Order fall bulbs, check out Yew Dell's Bulb Sale article on page 7
- Plan your fall vegetable garden
- Begin your seeds for fall veggie transplants
- Deadhead and tidy up perennials such as peonies and hostas

AUGUST

- Raise the blade on your mower
- Seed in lettuce, carrots, and other fall vegetable crops
- Keep an eye out for the re-emergence of the Harlequin Bug

SEPTEMBER

- Sow a second succession of seeds for your fall vegetable garden
- Add additional transplants
- Apply your third and final round of pre-emergent
- Begin thinking of season extending techniques and protect your tender plants from early dips in temperatures
- Apply mulch
- Begin dividing perennials

Plantings worth checking out this summer and fall

- Elephant's Ears (*Colocasia* 'Mojito') – a gorgeous green and purple mottled leaf with coarse, tropical looking foliage. Check it and other cool annuals out in our bed along the event lawn!
- Zahara Double Duo Dahlia and Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper – a fun and vibrant combination planted at the entrance to the Visitor's Center.
- Check out the kitchen garden for fun and interesting plants such as cardoon, Malabar spinach, ornamental gourds, and an assortment of cool and unusual peppers.
- Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) – as soon as you walk into the gardens you will see this beautiful, airy grass in the distance. The burgundy flowers and seed heads make a striking show of color and texture for many months in our Serpentine Garden.
- Don't miss the opportunity to see the many plants that come into full glory during the summer and fall months in our Overlook Garden.
- Each year we are asked about the asters growing along Old La Grange Road just outside our fence. *Aster laevis* 'Bluebird' is a native aster with bright, clear purple flowers in September and October. Its shorter stature keeps it from flopping like many other related fall bloomers.



Harlequin Bug

Bulb Sale

In the ongoing effort to help gardeners get their hands on better plants, we're delighted to offer our first-ever **bulb pre-order and sale**.



A few bulbs that have performed well at Yew Dell.

If you're like us, the summer bulb ordering season often skates by before you realize it. You're then left picking through the fall leftovers – often ending up with the same old, same old. To help reverse that trend, we're partnering with some outstanding bulb growers to get orders in early to insure you can get some very cool bulbs for your own garden. Here's how it works . . .

In late June or early July we'll send an email to everyone on our email list (so make sure we have your current email – especially you Insight turned TWC folks!), post on our Facebook page and add to our website the selections we'll have available for order – **along with a closing date for orders**. Once your order is made and paid for, we'll schedule fall delivery and a pick up day in September when you can come to Yew Dell and collect your bulb booty. Then all you have to do is have a chili party for all your gardening friends so they can help you plant!

The bulb selections will be a combination of uncommon species, unusual varieties of well known species and less common types we've found to be superior selections for our region. Spring bulbs are the best bang for the gardener's buck and these selections will be very cool additions to any garden. Stay tuned and get ready!

Who Knew the Difference a Cat Could Make?

Persimmon showed up in Yew Dell's parking lot 7 years ago. She eventually moved in and took over the grounds, proving to be one of the most well recognized and loved members of the Yew Dell team. She took on the role of Chief Organic Pest Control Officer, Ambassador and upon occasion, Princess. She would greet staff in the morning by racing ahead of them and flopping on her back for a tummy rub. What a great way to begin the day!

One of Persimmon's favorite places to sit was on the counter in the Garden Gift Shop where she enjoyed the attention from visitors. She loved the limelight! Sadly, we lost Persimmon in May to cancer. We will miss the life she brought to Yew Dell and the enjoyment she gave to all who encountered her. A marker will be placed on the grounds to honor the special cat that brought joy to so many.



"Princess" Persimmon

Yew Dell Heads to Scotland in 2015!



Royal Botanic Edinburgh Garden - one of the highlights of Yew Dell's 2015 garden tour of Scotland.

If you love great gardens, cool plants and big castles . . . this trip's for you. Yew Dell's international garden tours have become famous for offering great gardens, great learning . . . and . . . well, for being a great time. Our small group (20 travelers max) offers flexibility and a relaxed atmosphere. The tour is led by Yew Dell Executive Director Paul Cappiello so you know there will be plenty of botanical Latin flying!

Our trip to Scotland will include some of the most storied botanical gardens in the West – Royal Botanic Edinburgh Garden (chartered in 1670!) claims to have the second richest collection of garden plants in the world. We'll see private gardens, castle gardens and might even sample a little scotch along the way (but don't worry, we won't tell anyone in bourbon country!) Tentative dates of the trip are late June/early July and this one will fill up quickly. For more information and to reserve a slot, call the office at 502-241-4788.

Winter Garden Tour 2015 - Austin, Texas

Ok we admit it . . . a big part of the justification for our winter garden tours is to simply get out of town for a few days and enjoy some warmer weather! But as long as we're going south, why not enjoy some wonderful gardens. This edition's itinerary will take us to Austin, Texas for 4 days of southern gardens and southern hospitality. From the Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center to the horticulture of the new walk by the river, we'll enjoy some sun, learn about some horticulture and come home ready for a Kentucky spring. This late February trip will be limited to 20 participants, so call right away for more information and to reserve your slot.



Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center



Carolyn Seay Borgman, Jana Dowds, Carolyn and Paul Cappiello

Garden Club of America Welcomes New Honorary Member Paul Cappiello

In keeping with its mission, the Garden Club of America annually recognizes extraordinary efforts in the fields of gardening, botany, conservation, and education through the extension of honorary memberships. With appreciation for his achievements, the GCA welcomed Yew Dell's very own Paul Cappiello as a new Honorary Member for 2014.

Growing Young Gardeners

Want to invite hummingbirds to visit your yard, window, or balcony?

PLANT A HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN

Hummingbirds go for red, orange, and purple tube-shaped flowers with lots of nectar in them. No need for a landing pad (they hover) or odor (they don't have a strong sense of smell). Fill a flower pot, window box, or garden patch with their favorites to bring them flocking. Examples are: fuschia, nasturtium, scarlet runner bean, cardinal flower, black & blue salvia and crocosnia lucifer.

HANG A HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER:

Option 1: Make a hummingbird feeder from a baby food jar. Use a nail to poke a 1/8-inch hole in the lid of a clean baby food jar. Fill the jar with sugar water made with 1/4 cup sugar to 1 cup water and screw on the lid. Add red paint or tape around the hole to attract the birds' attention. Attach wire around the lid to hang the feeder.

Option 2: Make a hummingbird feeder from a plastic bottle, make a hole about 1 inch below from the cap on the side of the bottle. Push a plastic straw through the hole pointing towards the cap. Fill the bottle with water, turn it upside down, and adjust the straw until water fills it up without spilling out. Empty the bottle and glue the straw in place with waterproof glue. Tie a string around the bottle to hang it, and add a circle of red cardboard or plastic around the straw.

Place your hummingbird feeder in a shady area

Look for a place with trees or bushes nearby to give hummers somewhere to hide and rest between visits.

Change the hummingbird nectar often in summer

To make hummingbird nectar, mix 1/4 cup of sugar with 1 cup of water. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Sugar water spoils quickly in summer heat. Every few days, be sure to scrub your feeder clean, rinse it thoroughly, and refill it. You can keep extra sugar water in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Hummingbird Fun Facts:

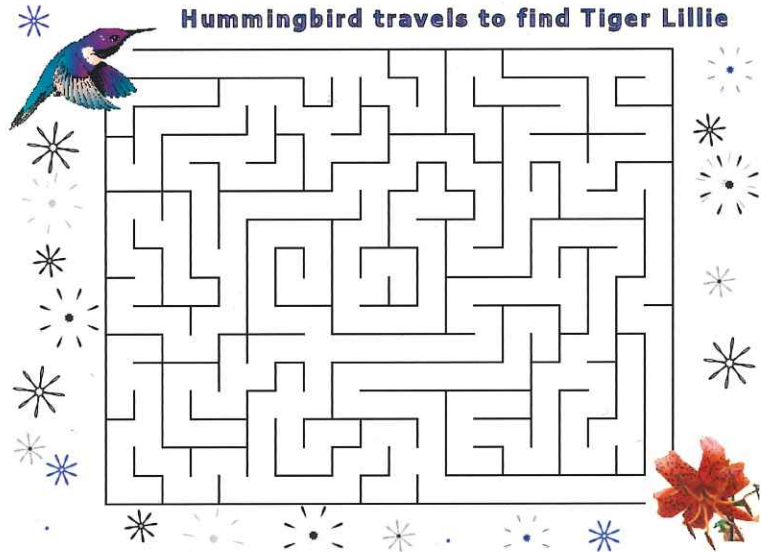
Hummingbirds are very smart, can remember every flower they have been to, and how long it will take a flower to produce more nectar.

Hummingbirds can see and hear better than humans.

A Hummingbird's heart beats about 250 times per minute at rest vs. normal resting human heart rate of 60-80 beats per minute.

The Hummingbird is one of the smallest birds in the world, weighing only 1oz.

Come to the Hummingbird Fest on Saturday, August 23 from 3-6pm to learn more fun Hummingbird Facts!



Books for Growing Young Minds

All available in the Yew Dell Garden Gift Shop!

About Hummingbirds; A Guide for Children

by Cathryn Sill

This is a kid-friendly book with everything you need to know about hummingbirds. It looks at how hummingbirds move, eat, and where they live. It talks about the many varieties of hummingbirds, from the smallest type to the largest. Hopefully the details provided in the afterword will inspire young readers to learn more about these fascinating little birds.

There's A Hummingbird in my Backyard

By Gary Rogue

A fun and engaging story about how a family learns about the hummingbirds living in their backyard. As the family observes and learns more about the hummingbirds in their yard, the readers learn as well! This book is as educational as it is a fun story to read. Children can learn about hummingbirds in the form of a story!

Flutter! Fly! Hey, baby! Look at these Wings!

By Karen Pixton

This lovely little picture book is part of a series of Indestructibles books and are exactly that, indestructible! The book features colorful pictures of hummingbirds and is made with water-proof and tear-resistant material, perfect for babies.

Children in the Dell Reminder!

This fabulous FREE program begins Saturday, May 10; 10:30 – Noon and continues every Saturday until September 27. Kids will spend time with one of our educators participating in seasonal learning activities. It's an awesome opportunity for kids to develop an appreciation for nature and the garden. The program is FREE (with the admission of one guardian) and always FUN!

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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, retirement fund 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!



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

A large advertisement for Greenhaven Tree Care. The background is a photograph of a path lined with trees, some with yellow leaves. In the center, there is a white silhouette of a tree. Below the silhouette, the text reads: "GREENHAVEN TREE CARE 244-8770". At the bottom, in a black bar, it says "ARTISTS IN ARBORICULTURE" and "WWW.GREENHAVENTREECARE.COM".

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