



# YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

## Keeping busy in the garden year round!

I was at a cocktail party recently (fundraising . . . what else!) when someone asked me that *what-do-you-do-all-winter* question. Certainly everyone knows once the leaves fall we all just stretch out the Yew Dell hammocks and sway with the breeze until Derby Week! Don't you do the same?!

Of course there's plenty to keep us busy in the garden during the cooler months. Aside from all the pruning, transplanting and mulching, there's plenty of planning, programming and designing. That cool new greenhouse keeps us hoppin' as well.

For those of you who come to visit us during that time of year, we have plenty on the schedule. Fall and winter are the perfect times for a woodland hike on our mile plus of trails. The annual Winter Wonder Wander will lead you on a self-guided walk to take in some of the best winter garden plants on the grounds. Boo Dell is shaping up to be our biggest and best ever and once that's over, Santa and the trains won't be far behind.

To get your fill of cool plants, we're planning our second Garden Dinner and Travelogue. Last winter's Italian dinner and virtual garden tour was such a hit (and almost instant sell-out!) we decided to trek across the Alps to Switzerland. We won't show you all 5,000 images from two weeks in the mountains but we will show you something we're betting you've never seen. And in good garden form, we'll have great food as well - a home-cooked Swiss/German meal courtesy of our own German gourmet Jackie Gulbe and her connections.

There's plenty more going on this fall and winter so be sure to check the program page . . . and come wander!

Happy Gardening . . .

*Paul Cappiello*  
Executive Director

## JOIN US!

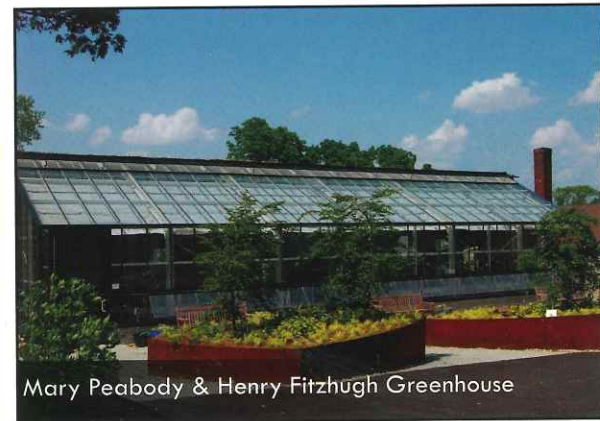
Yew Dell membership offers a wealth of benefits including admission all year long, discounts on Yew Dell classes, lectures and workshops, invitations to member-only events and early admission to the annual Plant Sale and Garden Market.

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!

All of our \$150 and above members will also 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](mailto:kathyj@yewdellgardens.org) or call 241-4788.



Mary Peabody & Henry Fitzhugh Greenhouse

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Thank You to our Hummingbird & Bees Experts



The Hummingbirds & Bees Festival had the largest attendance to date – over 1,000 people!

We would like to thank our experts for making this such a fun and informative afternoon:  
**Brainard Palmer-Ball, Mark Monroe, Russ Thompson, Claude Nutt and Rodolfo Bernal.**


# Children in the Dell THANK YOU!



We'd like to thank our fantastic Children in the Dell educators for the best year to date!

This was the biggest year to date for this growing program. The children learned a lot and made some really neat things. Thank you to **Leah Bradley, Ashlee Clark, Lacey Jarboe, Kathy Jarboe, and Kelli Torpey.**





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## 2015 Fall & Winter Events and Classes

*Watch for emails and check our website for complete descriptions, program updates and additions.*



David Caudill "Fountain Without a Name"

### ***Sculpture Show Final Days Reminder!***

## **Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company's 8th Annual Garden Sculpture Show!**

***Show Ends Sunday, October 25th***

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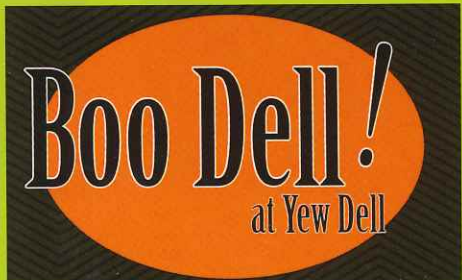
### **OCTOBER**

## **Fall Color Plant Walk Guide: Paul Cappiello, Yew Dell Executive Director**

**Wednesday, October 21; 6-7pm**

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

Join Yew Dell Director Paul Cappiello on this unscripted walk through the collections. He'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.



**Saturday, October 31; 11am-2pm**

**Mr. Magic 2-3pm**

\$5/donation carload for parking or \$1/donation per walk-in.

This seasonal event is a frightfully-fun day and a family favorite! Mark your calendars and get your creative costume thinking cap on. Kids of all ages can enjoy trick-or-treating along the trail-o-treats (11am-2pm). Dozens of local businesses will entertain with their creatively creepy booths and costumes. Hayrides, a straw maze, scavenger hunts and the popular Mr. Magic will round out the day's activities with a performance from 2-3pm. This event draws a big crowd, so come early to get in on the goodies. Thank you to our sponsors for your support: Republic Bank, Wick's Pizza and Project Guild of LaGrange.



## **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

### **Behind the Scenes Look at Poinsettia Production!**

Wednesday, November 18; 10-11am

Location: Deibel's Greenhouse,  
6810 KY-146, Crestwood, KY

\$10/\$15 Members/Non-members

This is an outstanding opportunity to learn how it's all done. For decades, Dennis Deibel of Deibel's Greenhouses in Crestwood has been growing the best poinsettias in the land. This session will provide a rare opportunity to walk the houses, see all the plants in production and learn about how the process has changed over the years. You'll also have a chance to see everything from the most common to the most unusual poinsettia varieties . . . and have a chance to buy a few as well! Why don't we do this program closer to Christmas? . . . 'cause all the plants will be in the stores!

### **Holiday Train Exhibit The Yew Dell Express is Heading for the Castle**



Friday, November 27;

10am-4pm

Saturday, November 28;

10am-4pm

Sunday November 29;

Noon-4pm

Saturday, December 5, 12, & 19;

10am-4pm

Sunday, December 6, 13 & 20;

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 without the crowds and entertain the kids with a visit from Santa (on exhibit days from noon - 4pm) and scavenger hunts?

## **DECEMBER**



### **Last Chance to Shop the Garden Gift Shop!**

Sunday, December 20; Noon- 4pm



### **Gnome for the Holidays Scavenger Hunt!**

Kids love following the clues to find these happy little fellows on the grounds. Visit the Garden Gift Shop to pick up a sheet of clues.



### **Holiday Wreath Making Classes With Jules & Karl Klein**

Saturday, December 5; 10:30am & 12:30pm

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

This popular class has become a holiday tradition for many. Participants will be instructed by the masters on how to design and assemble their own 22-24" wreath. Materials are all fresh and harvested at Yew Dell. Participants should bring their own gloves and pruners. Express your inner Claus by making a holiday wreath fit for your own front door.

## **JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

### **Winter-Wonder-Wander Stroll the garden and enjoy the best the holiday garden has to offer.**

Free Admission

Plants of interest will be marked in a "wonderful" way. Pick up a free guide in the Garden Gift Shop and wander away.

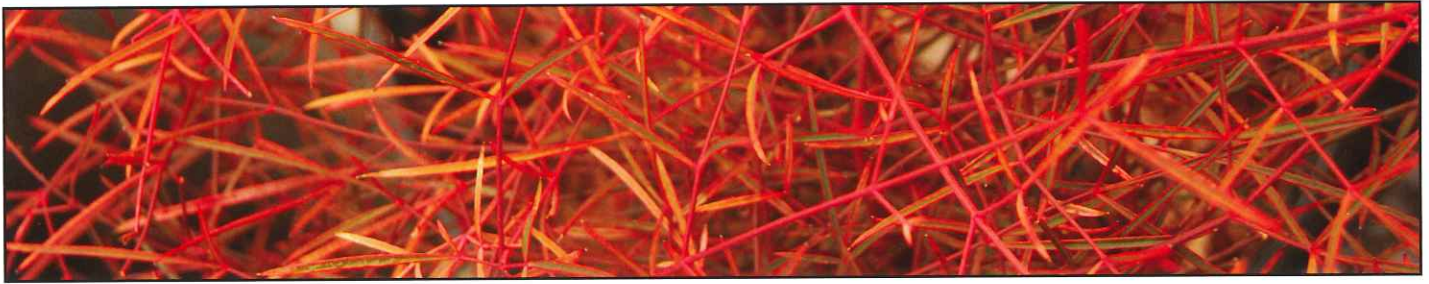


### **Alpine Wildflowers of Switzerland; a dinner and travelogue**

Details to come!

Last spring's Italian dinner and travelogue was an instant sell out and huge success so we just couldn't resist. Join us for this virtual hike through the Bernese Alps of Switzerland, all in full alpine bloom. Yew Dell Director Paul Cappiello will talk about the native flora, geology and horticulture of the area while you enjoy a homemade Swiss/German dinner.





Encroaching autumnal weather and inevitability of winter bring about dramatic changes within the garden, and it's the job of any good gardener to capitalize on those seasonal changes. Incorporating year-round interest into the garden is more than just a passing suggestion. In fact, one should strive to compose a landscape from the standpoint of multi-season interest. A garden's design and plant selections should provide botanical interest throughout the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter. Although this design philosophy initially sounds a bit intimidating, it is very attainable. Achieving a landscape that will perform all year long can be attained by acquiring seasonal plant performance knowledge and selectively choosing plants that fill a multi-season need.

Ornamental characteristics that reveal themselves during the autumn and winter months often take a back seat to those that strut their stuff during the spring and summer. Early and mid-season interest is extremely important, but gardening is a year-round endeavor that includes a large chunk of time outside of the growing season. Although the brilliant fall color of the ubiquitous red maple is quite spectacular when experienced, late season interest goes well beyond commonly available shade trees and their fall color. Annuals, perennials, ornamental grasses, shrubs, small trees and medium trees all have their place when it comes to late season interest, and noteworthy attributes can include fall or winter blooms, attractive or durable fall foliage, persistent fruits, unique bark characteristics, distinctive habits, notable winter branching patterns or evergreen foliage.

Although the variety of winter annuals is less diverse than their spring or summer counterparts, they still fill a similar niche within the landscape. Ornamental kale is an easy-to-grow fall annual that adds great texture and foliage color to the late season garden. They thrive in cooler weather and actually develop better leaf color in colder temperatures. If flowers are more your speed, garden mums are a great option to add a splash of late season color. Often treated as if it were an annual, these perennials come in a wide array of colors and shapes. They're a great fall blooming plant that works just as well in garden containers as they do in the ground.

When perennials come to mind, thoughts tend to rewind the clock back to the flowers of late spring and summer, but gardening with perennials is not limited to the traditional gardening seasons. There are a multitude of reliable perennials that take the stage during the fall months. Goldenrod (*Solidago* sp.) is one of those species. Although relatively well known to virtually any gardener, there have been great strides made in selecting varieties that perform better under a garden setting. For those of you who wish to avoid the aggressive and spreading nature of many *Solidago* species, *Solidago* 'Wichita Mountains' is a great clump-forming variety that offers a bit of a twist on the blooms. Upright, yellow, bottlebrush-shaped blooms can be seen from late summer up until first frost. Another great perennial option for late season interest is *Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina'. It's an attractive perennial groundcover with spiky yellow leaves that turn reddish-orange during the colder months. This drought tolerant stonecrop thrives just about anywhere provided the soil is well drained, including the green roof of Yew Dell's greenhouse.

Ornamental grasses can add great deal of color and texture to the late season garden. Many varieties turn shades of yellow, orange and red as the growing season begins to wind down and once winter sets in, standing grasses pierce the snow cover and break up the monotony of the winter landscape. Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) is an attractive native grass that is readily available in the nursery trade. Blue Heaven™ is a great selection that boasts light blue, spring foliage that gradually changes to hues of deep pink and burgundy as fall approaches, and it's upright, sturdy foliage remains vertical during snow cover.

There's no question that shrubs make superb additions to any garden, and there are a number of varieties that provide ornamental impact throughout many of the seasons. Oakleaf hydrangea is one of those shrubs. Adaptable and thriving in dryer conditions than many other hydrangeas, its most notable characteristics include large, 3-7 lobed oak-like leaves, pyramidal panicles of dramatic, white summer flowers, reddish-purple fall foliage and exfoliating, cinnamon colored branches in the winter. 'Shannon' is a Theodore Klein selection that takes the typical oakleaf hydrangea flower to the next level. It showcases pendulous, double-flowered panicles of white flowers that slowly change to a pinkish-off white as the season progresses.

The landscape, and the plants within, are dynamic and ever changing. One should strive to work with their attributes and harness each seasonal change by incorporating plant material that exhibits noticeable ornamental characteristics throughout two or more seasons. Once all of the seasons are covered with a few multi-season plant choices, there's no shame in tossing in those beloved one-hit-wonders to fill the gaps. Shifting your gardening paradigm to one of year-round efforts will ensure a great looking garden all year long.



# DECIDUOUS HOLLIES FOR KENTUCKY GARDENS

Sometimes a gem sits undiscovered, right under our collective noses, until someone recognizes the diamond-in-the-rough and gives it its due. Such is the case with our native deciduous hollies. . .

As recently as the early 1970s, nobody out there gave these wonderful plants much notice at all. They were relegated to botanical backwaters, rarely recognized and even less often planted gardens. But that all changed very quickly.

Just up the road from Louisville, in Vincennes, Indiana, a nurseryman named Bob Simpson of Simpson Nursery, started taking notice. A nurseryman with a keen eye, he selected a form of *Ilex verticillata* that showed superior fruit set and retention through much of the winter and named it 'Winter Red'. This outstanding garden plant, in concert with Bob Simpson's continued work, rapidly transformed the deciduous hollies into mainstay garden plants. Today, some 40 years later, 'Winter Red' remains the overwhelming favorite in the industry.

The deciduous hollies are represented by two native North American species and a long and growing list of hybrids of the two.

*Ilex verticillata* (winterberry holly) is a shrubby species maturing at 6-8' in height and a bit more in width. It is found throughout the eastern U.S., typically growing in sunny, moist sites where it is long-lived, pest resistant and adaptable. Plants typically have deep green summer leaves and little to no fall foliage color. But it is the fruit that makes the show. In late summer and early fall, large crops of screaming red fruits cover the branches. And if the birds don't eat all the fruit (a somewhat unpredictable occurrence), it can hang on the branches through much of the winter making for an outstanding show. Cut branches make excellent winter displays and are increasingly popular with florists. There are now dwarf ('Stop Light'), yellow-fruited ('Chrysocarpa'), orange ('Winter Gold') fruited and variegated forms out there on the market, most of which are first-rate garden plants.

*Ilex decidua* (possumhaw) is the larger cousin, growing up into a larger shrub or small tree and having fruit that lasts several months but generally not as long as *Ilex verticillata*. Possumhaw normally produces red fruit but there are several yellows including 'Finch's Golden'.

A key feature to keep in mind with both deciduous hollies is that they produce male and female flowers on different plants – obviously the females being the fruit producers. And in order to get good fruit set you need to have both male and female plants in reasonably close proximity and they need to flower at the same time. Fortunately there are flowering charts out there that can help you match the right male with your female cultivar ([www.simpsonnursery.com](http://www.simpsonnursery.com) has a good chart). In general you only need one male for a dozen or so females and if you're considering a mass planting you can hide the boys in the background so they don't diminish the winter fruit display.

## A few of our favorites . . .

*Ilex verticillata* 'Winter Red' – large (10'), vigorous grower with heavy crops of fruit that last most of the winter.

*Ilex verticillata* 'Winter Gold' – a 5' plant with bright yellow/orange large fruit. Fruit persists through about January.

*Ilex verticillata* 'Maryland Beauty' – outstanding compact grower to 6' tall with nice crops of bright red fruit lasting well into the winter.

*Ilex* 'Bonfire' – a broad spreading hybrid with small fruit size but enormous, early-ripening crops of red fruit.

*Ilex decidua* 'Finch's Golden' – a hard one to find but worth the effort. Pruned up into a small tree it is stunning in fruit.



*I. verticillata* 'Winter Red'



*I. verticillata* 'Winter Gold'



# MEET COURTENEY



With the departure of our first Volunteer Coordinator, Bonnie Heaton, we had some big shoes to fill. If you haven't volunteered lately and met Courtney Smith, our new Volunteer & Rentals Coordinator, you are missing out! She is quite the dynamo!

Courtney has strong communication skills, is very organized and can type like her fingers are on fire! No wonder she gets so much done. In addition to working at Yew Dell, Courtney is also an Adjunct Professor at U of L. In her spare time, which we still don't believe exists, she volunteers with the Kentucky YMCA Association.

Before joining Yew Dell, she worked in retail which is yet another reason we love her; anyone who can survive or thrive in retail has a special gene- one that is very welcome at Yew Dell! When you visit the gardens, please stop in to say hello and welcome her!

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Yew Dell is as beautiful as it is today because of volunteers. They are also the reason we are able to host events. We always welcome anyone passionate about Yew Dell to come out to give the gardens a little special love and attention.

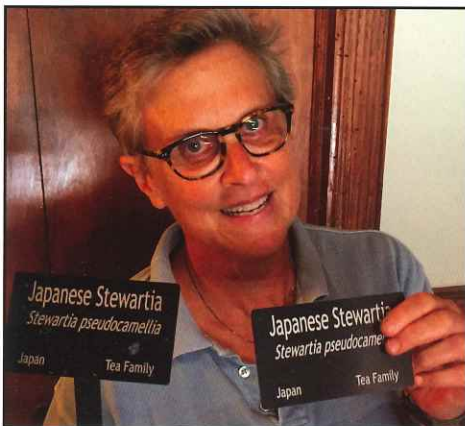
If you are interested in getting involved in any of our opportunities or upcoming events, please contact Courtney Smith at [courtney@yewdellgardens.org](mailto:courtney@yewdellgardens.org)

**Boo Dell at Yew Dell (Saturday, October 31)**- Visitors come out to enjoy some festive Halloween fun. There is a variety of volunteer opportunities from set-up, greeters, hay rides, pumpkin pictures, handing out treats, helping local vendors, and clean-up.

**Trail clean-up**- Yew Dell has beautiful hiking trails that could use some maintenance to keep them easy to navigate. We need occasional volunteer(s) to walk the trails and clear away invasive plants or debris that may have gotten on the path.

**Garden Volunteers**- There is always a need for weeding, mulching, watering, and other various tasks. With winter approaching quickly, we could also use volunteers in the garden to help prepare for the colder months.

**Greenhouse Volunteers**- Our new greenhouse will be a busy place this winter and we will need help sowing seeds, rooting cuttings, potting plants and watering. What better way to escape the winter blahs than in a warm sunny greenhouse!



Our volunteer Curator Extraordinaire, Debbi Levine, with her hot off the engraver label. All new plant labels coming soon thanks to Debbi!



Courtney Smith and Beate Salter staffing the check-in booth at the Sculpture Show.



## Leaf Suncatcher

Fall is upon us and what a perfect time to gather and preserve the beautiful leaves around us!

### Materials:

- Embroidery Hoop (any size)
- Peel and Stick Clear Laminate
- Scissors
- Ribbon or Yarn
- Colorful leaves



1. Lay the hoop on the laminate. Draw a circle around the hoop 1" larger than the hoop. Cut a second laminate piece the same size as the first. Remove the paper backing from one of the pieces and lay it sticky side up on your work surface.

2. Separate the embroidery hoop and lay the inner ring on top of the sticky laminate. This will be your guide.

3. Arrange your leaves inside the ring pressing down as you go. Once you are happy with the design, remove the ring.

4. Remove the backing from the second piece of laminate, center it over your design (sandwiching the leaves) and press laminate papers firmly together, smoothing out as you go.

5. Lay the inside ring on your work surface. Center your laminated leaves on top and place the outer ring over it and tighten the screw.

6. Using your scissors, trim the excess laminate away! Use your ribbon to make a hanger or bow.



## Santa's Reindeer Word Search Puzzle



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|---------------|-------------|
| ANTLERS       | FAST        |
| ARCTIC        | FLY         |
| BLITZEN       | MAGICAL     |
| CARROTS       | NORTH POLE  |
| CHRISTMAS EVE | PRANCER     |
| COMET         | PULL SLEIGH |
| CUPID         | ROOF TOPS   |
| DANCER        | RUDOLPH     |
| DASHER        | SUGAR CUBES |
| DONNER        | VIXEN       |

## Puzzle Reviews

All are available in the Garden Gift Shop, of course!



### eeBoo-Panoramic Puzzle "Busy Vehicles"

This 36 piece puzzle forms a 9 1/2 x 36-inch long picture by illustrator, Kevin Hawkes. The animals are on parade in vehicles they must have made! The vehicles are made of carrots, bananas, cabbages and other fantasy modes of transportation that fly, float and roll along. It is printed on high-quality cardstock composed of 90% recycled greyboard. Big pieces are perfect for preschoolers' small hands. Ages 3 & up.

### eeBoo "Growing a Garden" Puzzle

This 64-piece puzzle forms a 15-inch by 15-inch picture by illustrator Melissa Sweet. This would be a fun puzzle to create and spend time finding all of the labeled vegetables, fruits and animals in the garden. Large kid-friendly pieces printed on high quality cardstock composed of 90% recycled greyboard. Ages 5 & up.

## For A Few Laughs

- Q. Why don't skeletons like parties?  
**A. Because they have no body to dance with.**
- Q. Why did they let the turkey join the band?  
**A. Because he had the drumsticks.**
- Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?  
**A. In a snow bank.**



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