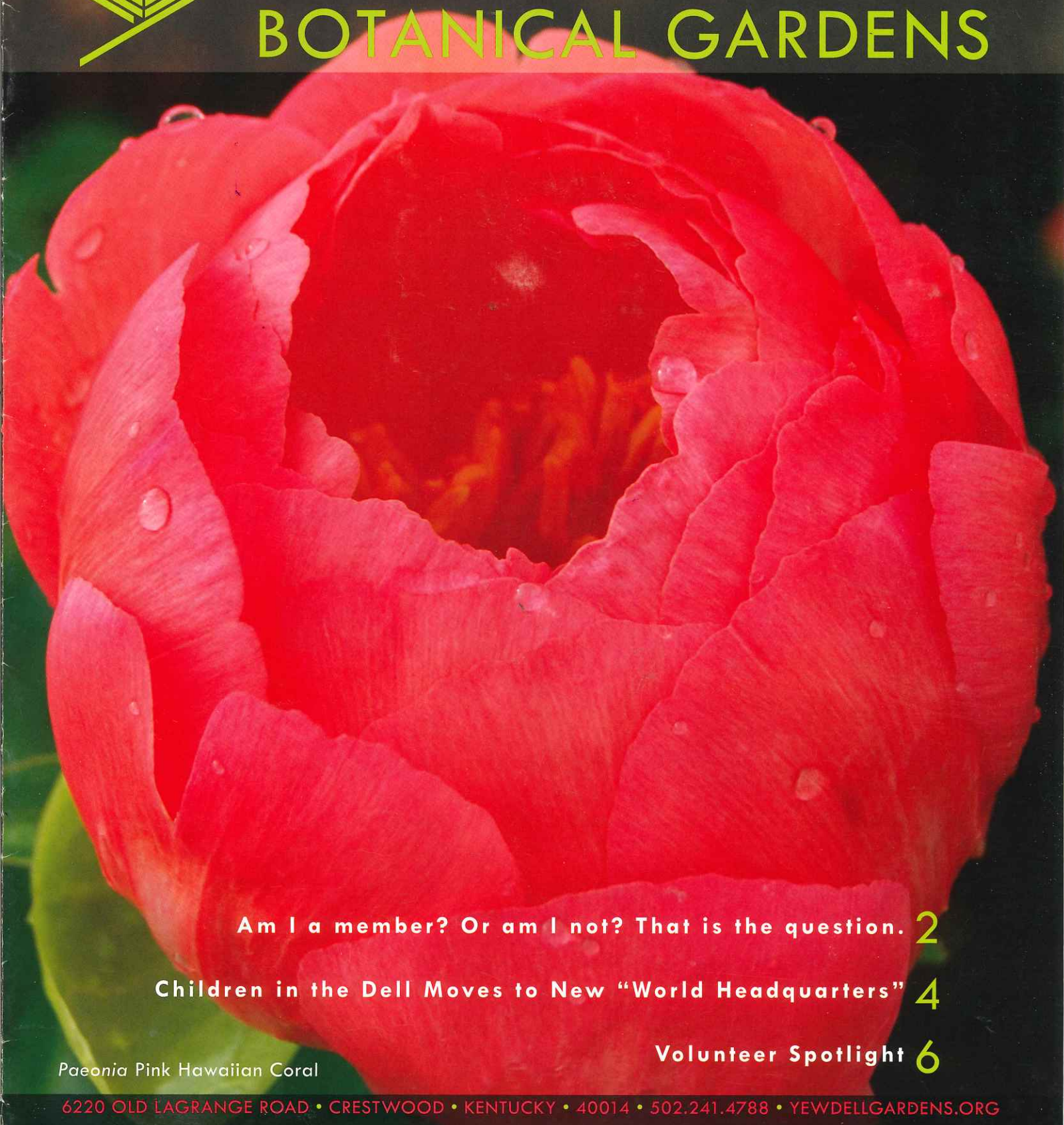




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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well it's been one heck of a winter. One day it felt like the North Pole and the next, the equator! That's why plants that stand the test of time in Kentucky are such troopers.

We spent much time this winter planning for the new gardening year. Our new Rounsavall Pavilion will be ready for a slate of great new events. The nationally-acclaimed *Children in the Dell* program gets a new World Headquarters (see page 4). The annual favorite Farm to Table Dinner gets a facelift and new name (Sunday Supper). And we're delighted to announce that this year, due to the tremendous generosity of our Twilight in the Garden donors, we're expanding our year-long apprenticeship program to two full-time positions. But to be sure you are positioned to enjoy everything coming this

year, be sure your membership is up to date. We can't do all we do each year without your membership support. And if your card is out of date, you'll miss out on the super member benefits all our members enjoy. Check below to find out how to determine if your membership is current. Any questions . . . give us a call or drop us an email.

Happy Gardening . . .
Paul Cappiello
Executive Director

AM I A MEMBER? OR AM I NOT? THAT IS THE QUESTION.

Many of you receive the Yew Dell newsletter and may not realize that you aren't current members. While we love to share our updates with all of you, the increased cost of postage and production means that we will be limiting our newsletter subscriptions to only Yew Dell members going forward. We understand it's an easy oversight if you've lapsed or forgotten to sign up, so we hope you will join us as members and continue receiving the newsletter – along with the many other wonderful membership benefits we offer! You can sign up online at yewdellgardens.org/membership.html, by phone at 241-4788 or by mail with the reply form below. Be sure to check on your membership status today. Just look at the address label on the back page of this newsletter and look above your name for your status. To err is human, so we apologize in advance for any mistakes regarding your membership status. Please feel free to contact Kathy Jarboe at 241-4788 or kathyj@yewdellgardens.org if you have any questions.

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 & 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 or call 241-4788.



Pre-order our cover plant 'Pink Hawaiian Coral' Peony for fall delivery

If you're like most, that big flashy pic on the cover will pique your interest. Interested in ordering a few? We'll be taking pre-orders for fall delivery. Go to the News and Events box of our homepage or call the office to order.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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- Virginia Bluebells **\$35 (individual)**
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PLANT SALE & GARDEN MARKET

APRIL 30 & MAY 1

Now in its 14th year, Yew Dell's signature spring event has become *THE GO TO PLACE* to find the best plants for your 2016 garden. From *Abelia* to *Zingiber*, tropical to hardy, delicate orchids to bomb-proof succulents, we have it all. And the best part about our plant list . . . we've tested everything in the sale to insure that it will work in our rather unpredictable climate!

A few highlights . . .



Asclepias tuberosa

Plenty for Pollinators. If you're trying to do your part to build a better garden for the butterflies and bees, the milkweeds are hard to beat. Members of the genus *Asclepias* are excellent choices for sunny summer gardens and are especially beneficial for monarch butterfly caterpillars. We'll have the locally native *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly milkweed) in the typical orange and the very cool yellow ('Hello Yellow') forms, the equally hardy *Asclepias incarnata* 'Soulmate', a rich pink-flowered form and the uncommonly-available *Asclepias speciosa*, another North American native. If it is the more tropical and exotic you're looking for, we'll have the stunning *Asclepias curassavica* 'Silky Gold', a South American native that our monarchs just love.

After last year's crush of interest in our fall aster collection, we've bulked up the ever-stunning aromatic asters (*Symphotrichum oblongifolius* – formerly *Aster oblongifolius*) to include the lavender-pink 'Dream of Beauty', later blooming 'October Skies' and one of our very favorite fall bloomers . . . 'Raydon's Favorite'.

And of course we have hydrangeas. From the so-called pink 'Annabelle' (*Invinibelle@Spirit II*), *H. paniculatas* 'Bombshell' and **Firelight@**, and even the variegated climbing hydrangea, 'Miranda'.

Of course we'll have hundreds of other winners to try so be sure to come early for best selection.

A few more highlights . . .

- members get in at 9am on Saturday, an hour before the general public
- memberships on sale at the door starting at 9am!
- children's activities
- food truck
- Greater Louisville Bonsai Society show in the Gheens Barn
- an excellent selection of garden vendors selling plants and other garden products

See page 5 for time and event details. Thank you to LG&E for their continued support of this event!



Symphotrichum oblongifolius

SUNDAY SUPPER! (AKA FARM TO TABLE DINNER) SUNDAY, JUNE 26 – 6PM

Plan to join us for our sixth annual farm fresh event, formerly known as **Farm to Table Dinner**. We decided to switch things up a bit in honor of our brand new event space, the Rounsavall Pavilion. The evening will still feature farm-fresh food in a striking summer setting with lively entertainment by DODeelite (a duo version of Dozens of Dollars).

As always, the menu will include the finest of locally-sourced ingredients prepared by a team of the area's finest chefs. Tickets are \$100/\$120 members/non-members. For tickets, please call 241-4788 or visit our website at yewdellgardens.org.

CHILDREN IN THE DELL MOVES INTO NEW “WORLD HEADQUARTERS”

*YEW DELL'S SATURDAY MORNING SMASH HIT CHILDREN'S
PROGRAM GROWS UP AND GETS ITS VERY OWN CLUBHOUSE!*



This May we'll christen our renovated 1840s log cabin as the new home of Yew Dell's free weekly garden and nature program – for kids only. The cabin that was once used to house interns and apprentices was transformed with a generous grant from the Oldham County Community Foundation and a whole lot of volunteer effort, and will give Children in the Dell its very own space.

“We are so excited to have a home for our program; a place that the kids can take ownership of. The program has been growing steadily and I think this will really give it a big boost” said Kathy Jarboe, Children in the Dell educator. In fact the “World Headquarters” name was suggested by one of the program's regulars, Brooks Kightlinger!

This nationally-acclaimed educational offering allows kids to explore nature and garden themes through scavenger hunts, art projects, garden planting and harvesting, kids yoga and a whole lot more.

See program details and registration information on page 5.



Children in the Dell

Every Saturday (10:30am-noon)

May 28 – August 27

**Free with the admission of a parent
or guardian!**



2016 Spring & Summer Events and Classes

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

APRIL

Pruning Trees & Shrubs Workshop

Wednesday April 13; 6-7:30pm

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

One of our annual favorites, the pruning class will cover trees, shrubs and just about anything else you can prune. Join our Executive Director Paul Cappiello for a hands-on session out in the gardens.

Hypertufa Workshop

Saturday, April 16; 10am - Noon

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

Here's the perfect opportunity to create a horticultural masterpiece for your own garden. Yew Dell's Marketing & Events Director and no holds barred gardener Jackie Gulbe will guide you through the process of crafting your own hypertufa trough. Hypertufa containers are the perfect container for low maintenance plants like succulents and cacti and they are cool looking!

Patio Gardening 101; Early Spring Greens

Saturday, April 16; 12:30-2:30pm

\$45/\$55 - Members/Non-members

Nothing says spring like a container full of early greens. Yew Dell Garden Manager Ted Martini will guide participants through the process of creating a killer spring container for your patio or terrace. Each participant will take home one container, planted and ready to go.

New at this year's Plant Sale! Patio Gardening 101

No Registration Required

Build your own herb or succulent patio container with help from our staff and volunteers. Plus you'll get tips to keep them happy and healthy all season!



Plant Sale & Garden Market Sponsored by LG&E

Saturday, April 30; 10am-4pm

Members get in at 9am on Saturday!

Sunday, May 1; Noon-3pm

Regular Admission

While we sell plants throughout the year, here are some of our special events:

YEW DELL Plant Sale & Garden Market 4/30 & 5/1	YEW DELL Children in the Dell program begins 5/28	YEW DELL Sunday Supper 6/26
YEW DELL Hummingbird & Bees Festival 8/21	YEW DELL Children in the Dell ends 8/27	YEW DELL Twilight in the Garden 10/14
YEW DELL Boo Dell 10/29	YEW DELL Yew Dell Yuletide begins 11/25	YEW DELL Shop the Garden Gift Shop & give gift memberships!

at the door!

MAY

Patio Gardening 101; Container Water Gardens

Saturday, May 14; 12:30-2:30pm

\$55/\$65 Members/Non-members

Not everyone has room or time for a large garden pond, but even a small patio is plenty of room for a miniature water garden. Yew Dell Garden Manager Ted Martini will guide this workshop that will instruct participants how to assemble and maintain a fabulous container water garden. Each participant will take home everything needed to assemble their garden at home.



Children in the Dell Begins Saturday, May 28; 10:30am - Noon

Visit yewdellgardens.org to register or call 241-4788.

Spots fill up fast, so call today!

Space is limited to 15 children.

Don't miss any Yew Dell events - Stick 'em up!

JUNE

Southeastern Stars - The best new plants from the region's top pros.

Wednesday, June 29; 9am-4pm

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

Feed your inner plant geek at this day long program featuring some of the best ornamentals experts from universities throughout the Southeast. From trees to shrubs and annuals to perennials, this day will have something for every gardener. A morning of lectures on new plant evaluations, jaw-dropping breeding and more will be followed by a speaker-led walk of the new plants being tested on Yew Dell's grounds. Includes snacks and lunch.

JULY

Day Trip to Thoroughbred Daylilies, Paris, KY

Wednesday, July 6; Bus departs from Yew Dell at 9am and returns by 5pm

\$80/\$90 Members/Non-members

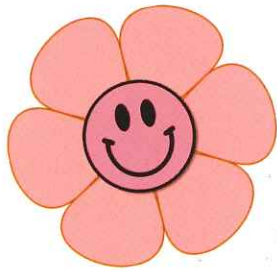
Join us for a fabulous day-long bus trip to see one of the most outstanding daylily breeders in the region. With acres of daylilies in trial and an extensive breeding program, you won't see anything else like it. As with all of our day-long trips, we'll have a few other special stops along the way to make it a full day of plants, gardens and gardeners. These trips fill up fast so sign up now! Includes lunch & snacks.

The Horticulture of Portlandia - Five September days in the garden capitol of the Northwest

Here's a chance to check out the best in and around Portland. Long known as one of the hotbeds of U.S. horticulture, we'll have an insider's view of some of the area's top specialty nurseries, natural wonders and gardens . . . and sample a little local food as well. This will be a small group of 20 maximum travelers to keep us nimble and make for a personalized tour with our Executive Director Paul Cappiello. For dates, itinerary and cost information, check Yew Dell's website or call 241-4788.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - DAVE KELLER



We didn't want to spoil the surprise by taking Dave's picture!

Dave is a lifesaver when it comes to getting things done at Yew Dell. Whenever help is needed Dave does his best to lend a hand. He completed more than 60 hours of volunteer time in 2015. In 2014 Dave was Tour Guide of the Year and still includes tour guide duties in his current volunteer time. He was also a tremendous help at the Plant Sale & Garden Market, Oldham County Farm Fest, Twilight in the Garden, Boo Dell and The Holiday Express. Thank you so much, Dave, for all of your time and dedication!

TOUR GUIDE OF THE YEAR - JACQUELYN MCGRAIL



A familiar Yew Dell face, but again, we wanted to surprise Jacquelyn.

Jacquelyn is a fantastic tour guide for any group interested in learning more about the gardens. As a Master Gardener, member of the Rambler Garden Club and all-around super gardener, she impresses all with her garden knowledge and experience. Jacquelyn has been a volunteer at Yew Dell since 2006 and has completed 60 tours during that time. Thank you, Jacquelyn, for guiding so many guests through Yew Dell!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Yew Dell has several crews that adopt an area of the gardens to help maintain it throughout the year. Here are some examples of the wonderful crews that help keep Yew Dell beautiful:

Secret Garden – Rambler Garden Club
Sunken Garden – Green Thumbs Garden Club
Overlook Garden – Patsy Harkess & Jefferson County Master Gardeners
All America Selection – Oldham County Master Gardeners
Greenhouse – Combined seasonal effort

If you are interested in helping to organize or join an existing crew please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Courtney Smith (502.241.4788 or courtney@yewdellgardens.org). We have a place for volunteers of all experience levels.

YEW DELL HELPS TO CREATE NEW METRO LOUISVILLE TREE SPECIES PLANTING LIST

You've certainly heard about the urban heat island and tree canopy loss issues currently facing our fair city. What you may not know is that Yew Dell is smack in the middle of the movement to create solutions.

For the last few years, Yew Dell Executive Director, Paul Cappiello, has served on the Louisville Metro Tree Advisory Commission. Through the work of the Commission, an urban forester was hired and great effort has been made to put plans and dollars in place to expand and improve the quality of our urban forest. While there are many challenges ahead, this is the most significant effort to date and promises a long-term effort to improve quality of life in our city and region.

Central to this effort has been creation of the new Approved Tree Species Planting List. This exhaustive list includes basic information on tree species appropriate for planting in the greater Louisville area. Working with Mike Hayman of Whitehall House and Gardens, John Swintosky of Louisville MetroParks and Erin Thompson, Metro Louisville Urban Forester, a list of approved and prohibited (mostly invasive) species has been created. That list is now available online at: yewdellgardens.org/plants-and-gardens.html

2016 BRINGS ALL AMERICA HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL TRIALS TO YEW DELL



Oldham County Master Gardner volunteers in training for the upcoming AAS perennial trail.

Most gardeners know of the All America Selections program (allamericaselections.org); the 100-year-old and ongoing program that trials across the country and names the best new annual flower and vegetable plants coming onto the market each year. What most area gardeners may have missed is that Yew Dell was chosen to be one of the first collaborators to be in on the new AAS herbaceous perennial trials kicking off this spring.

The plan is simple. Introducers of new herbaceous plant varieties submit their new selections to the AAS board which selects several to put through the trial program each year. They then contract with several nurseries to propagate and produce sufficient plants to distribute to the national network of trial sites. The sites, including Yew Dell, agree to plant the trial plants and evaluate them for three growing seasons. The combined results are sent to AAS for tabulation prior to release of the annual AAS award announcement.

One of the nice parts of the AAS program for annuals, veggies and now perennials is that the trial plants are tested alongside acknowledged industry standard varieties so there is a common basis for comparison.

We are quite fortunate that a group of intrepid Oldham County Master Gardeners (<http://oldham.ca.uky.edu/MasterGardeners>) stepped forward to help plan, prepare, plant and maintain the new plantings and to commit the time and energy to conduct the evaluation work we'd have a hard time managing with our small staff.

The next time you are out on the grounds, wander back to the nursery behind the new greenhouse to check out the new evaluation plantings!

OVERLOOK GARDEN IS GETTING A FACELIFT... AND WE NEED YOUR HELP



Back in 2005 we were blessed to attract the attention of celebrated British plantsman and garden designer Adrian Bloom who designed and led the massive planting effort in what is now known as the Overlook Garden. With more than 10 years of water now under the bridge, it's time to rehab, adjust and tweak the garden – just like any other garden.

This year's effort is being led by our new Garden Manager, Ted Martini, along with longtime standout volunteer Patsy Harkess who has worked in the Overlook Garden for years. But this year we're delighted to add the newly formed Overlook Garden Volunteer Crew made up mostly of Jefferson County Master Gardeners (<http://www.jcmgaky.org>).

The garden was originally conceived as a place to exhibit new plant varieties, unusual perennials and particularly plants that can handle the thin soils and hot sunny conditions so many of us battle every year. It has also become a central spot for viewing the hummingbird acrobatics throughout the summer and during our annual Hummingbird Festival.

Planned for this year is assessment of the existing plants, removing some underperformers, filling in open spots and addition of new varieties for long-term testing. It's a great way to learn new plants, compare notes with other gardeners and to be involved with a great garden project.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Volunteer Coordinator Courtney Smith (courtney@yewdellgardens.org).



VINING (NON-INVASIVE!) HONEYSUCKLES FOR KENTUCKY GARDENS

As soon as we use the word “honeysuckle” in a sentence most gardeners run for the hills. There are so many invasives in the genus (*Lonicera*) that the name has become synonymous with overly Jurassic-styled vines consuming barns, silos, houses and slow moving pets. But while some *Loniceras* are highly invasive (*Lonicera maackii* being the most significant in Louisville) that view of the honeysuckle world misses some first-rate and thoroughly non-invasive garden plants. In fact not only are the vines below not at all invasive, they are first rate hummingbird plants!

All the forms below are vigorous, climbing vines for full sun. They require a trellis or fence to climb on and won't climb up a masonry wall without help. They are excellent scrambling over boulders or trailing along a wooden fence. All are perfectly cold hardy in Kentucky and adapt to a wide range of soil conditions. Bottom line, once they're established, not much bothers them.

Here are a few of our favorites:



***L. periclymenum* 'Graham Thomas'** - This European native is an excellent performer in sunny Kentucky gardens. A summer bloomer, it produces terminal masses of sweetly fragrant blooms in a mixture of yellow and white followed by bright red berries in fall. It is excellent for attracting hummingbirds. Another more recent offering, 'Scentsation' is marketed under the Proven Winners banner and seems to be fairly similar. *Lonicera periclymenum* is occasionally hit by aphids but it is rarely a significant problem.



L. sempervirens - Coral honeysuckle is a Southeastern U.S. native that shows excellent vigor and good insect and disease resistance. The foliage is a somewhat glossy blue-green, stays clean through most of the summer and shows some evergreen tendencies in areas south of Kentucky. 'Blanche Sandman' is a Kentucky-selected cultivar with outstanding, bright red/orange blooms in late spring and early summer. 'Major Wheeler' is the best of the pure red forms with strong blue hues on the foliage. 'Cedar Lane' is a pink/red blooming cultivar that has quite narrow blue-green leaves for a different texture. Finally, 'John Clayton' produces deep yellow flowers and seems to bloom from spring into early fall. It is one of our favorites.



***Lonicera x heckrottii* 'Gold Flame'** - The Goldflame Honeysuckle is a *L. sempervirens* hybrid of uncertain background. Its primary claim to fame is the profuse masses of pink and yellow blooms produced from June through August. It is quite distinct in color and never fails to attract attention.



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Materials:

- Terra Cotta pots in a variety of sizes (8.25", 10.5", and 14" pots work well.)
- Terra Cotta shallow saucer (16.5")
- Acrylic paint in your choice of colors
- Liquid Nails adhesive
- 2" craft brush
- Foam weather stripping if necessary for stabilization

*optional:

Water-based sealants can be used to extend the life of your bird bath. Before painting, pretreat the insides of all pots with a water-based sealant. Coat the outside surface once painting is complete and dry.

Directions:

1. Wipe the pots and saucer to remove any dirt or dust.
2. Find a level flat spot to work and place the largest pot upside down.
3. Stack the medium-sized pot on top of the first. If it wobbles a bit, remove the top pot and stick a strip of weather stripping all the way around, inside the rim. Restack and do the same with the smallest pot so you end up with a sturdy stack of three pots. When stacking, be sure not to press down too much or the pots may crack.
4. Put a generous ring of Liquid Nails adhesive around the hole of the top pot and gently place the saucer on top. The adhesive will take a while to dry so you will have a chance to make sure it is centered. Let dry according to the Liquid Nails directions.
5. Let's paint! Be creative, make it simple or complex . . . but make it your own design!
6. Let the paint dry completely. Now is the time to use the sealant if you choose to. Let it dry completely.
7. Place your birdbath on treated lumber or a flat, decorative stone to give it a stable base and help it last longer.
8. Enjoy birdwatching!



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For A Few Laughs

Q: How can you tell that a tree is a dogwood tree?

A: *By its bark!*

Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A: *During Ape-ril showers!*

Q: What kind of garden does a baker have?

A: *A "flour" garden.*



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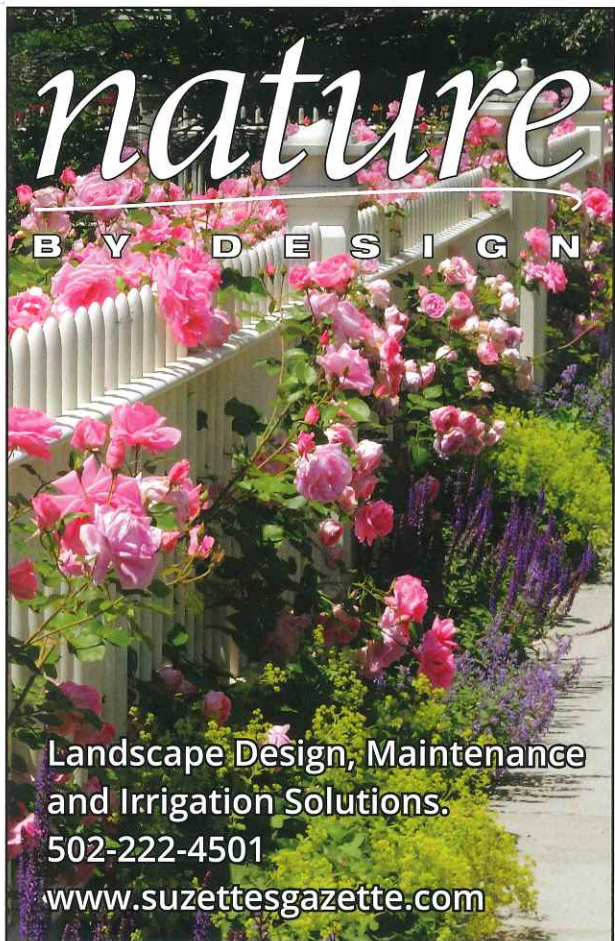
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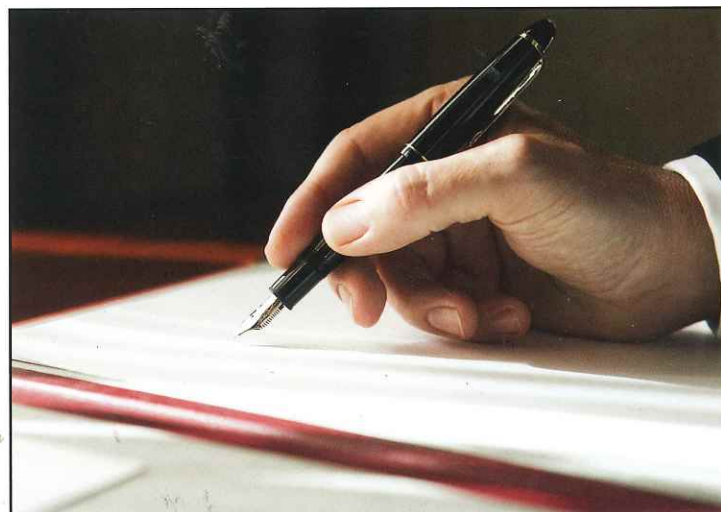
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