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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Way back when . . . when Yew Dell consisted of a small band of gardeners who most folks thought needed their heads examined - a conscious decision was made. That decision was that no matter what specific path the developing botanical garden might take, that path would include a dedication to training and developing the next generation of gardeners. Now, almost 15 years later, that path is paying big dividends.

On page three you'll meet Alice Kimbrell, our new Horticulture Apprentice. Alice represents the fifth year of year-long hort apprenticeships at Yew Dell, designed to give recent college grads a year of experience in a botanical garden. Past apprentices are now running major nursery operations out west, pursuing advanced degrees in botanical garden management . . . and one (Ted Martini) is now serving as Yew Dell's Garden Manager!

Our award-winning *Children in the Dell* program operates at full capacity most weeks and is offered free-of-charge to encourage participation regardless of ability to pay. On the opposite end of the chronological spectrum, our continuing education classes and volunteer opportunities for gardeners allow even long-time gardeners to move to the next level. A perfect example is the dedicated group of Oldham County Master Gardeners who are helping to run our brand-new All Americas Selections herbaceous perennials evaluation project.

So regardless of your age or experience level, come join us as we all . . . *Wonder, Learn, Grow!* . . . in the garden.

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 & 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.



Passiflora incarnata
 'Ammons Blue'

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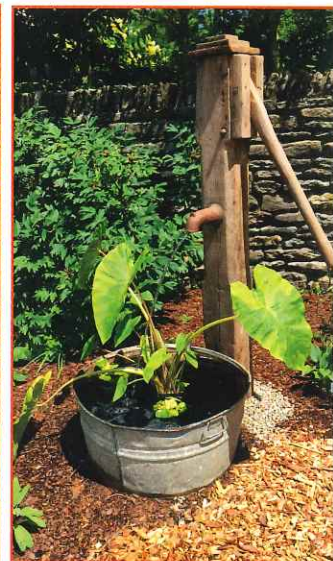
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YEW DELL WELCOMES NEW YEAR-LONG HORTICULTURE APPRENTICE



If you've been in the gardens this summer, you've probably met – or at least caught a glimpse of - Alice Kimbrell. Alice joined the garden staff in June after graduating from the University of Tennessee in May with a degree in horticulture.

Immediately upon starting, Alice hit the ground running. She is passionate about vegetable gardening and so it was a no-brainer for her to tackle the kitchen garden, filling it with red okra, blue corn and a host of other gems. She rearranged, transplanted, pulled and removed a long list of plants. She's even working on a small pumpkin patch for the *Children in the Dell* kids! We're excited to see how her efforts change the gardens through the rest of the summer. And, of course, we're delighted to have her on board for the coming year.

The next time you're in the gardens, stop and give Alice a warm Kentucky welcome!



JAMIE PICKERILL JOINS YEW DELL AS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TECHNICIAN

When long-time buildings and grounds czar Don Hightchew retired at the end of 2015, he left big shoes to fill. And as sad as we were to see Don retire (well . . . happy for him . . . sad for us!), we were very happy to have Jamie Pickerill join us this past spring.

Jamie has a long and varied resume. He was most recently a supportive employment specialist at Cedar Lake Residences and has an extensive background in remodeling and restoration. And in the short time he's been with us, he's tackled a wide range of projects from repairing exploding mowers to fabricating gate latches, inventing stink-bug traps . . . and a whole lot more. He brings an inquisitive mind and a great attitude . . . but you have to look quick to catch a glimpse of him. We usually see little more than a blur on a golf cart as he runs from one project to the next! But you can still yell a quick "hi" to him as he speeds by . . .

Don't Miss a Very Special Twilight
 — in the New Rounsavall Pavilion —
 ✨ Mark Your Calendars for ✨
 Friday, October 14 at 6:30pm!
 \$200/person

This year's Twilight in the Garden will celebrate the completion and opening of the new Mary F. Rounsavall Pavilion.

To purchase tickets, full table reservations and sponsorship opportunities, please call 502.241.4788 or visit yewdellgardens.org.

HUMMINGBIRD & BEES FESTIVAL

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, August 21 at 3:00pm!

Those little kamikaze darlings are buzzing about Yew Dell and will be the featured guest for the annual Hummingbirds and Bees Festival on Sunday, August 21 from 3pm-6pm. Expert Brainard Palmer-Ball, terrestrial zoologist for the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, will catalogue statistics from “hummers” that are captured and released during the festival. Russ Thompson will share photography tips and Claude Nutt will be all a-buzz about bees! It's a great event to learn about two of nature's most intriguing wonders. Don't forget your camera and binoculars!

2016 Summer Events and Classes

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

AUGUST

Fifth Annual South Oldham Rotary Bourbon & Wine Tasting

Friday, August 19; 6:30pm–10:00pm

The South Oldham Rotary Club is hosting their Fifth Annual South Oldham Rotary Bourbon & Wine Tasting at Yew Dell. What better way to spend the evening than strolling through beautiful Yew Dell viewing the grounds and plantings, while having the opportunity to taste over 80 bourbons and wines and partake in catered *hors d'oeuvres* by Ladyfingers Catering? An auction and live music by the Misty Mountain String Band add to the entertainment. Proceeds will benefit local and international projects. Tickets are \$70. Tickets can be purchased from any South Oldham Rotarian or online at www.southoldhamrotaryevents.org. Keep updated by joining the Facebook event page or for more info call Ryan 502-640-9078 or Ron 502-387-8194.



Hummingbirds & Bees Festival

Sunday, August 21; 3pm–6pm

See page 4 for details

OCTOBER

Twilight in the Garden

Friday, October 14; 6:30pm

See page 4 for details

Breast Cancer Awareness Month "We Pink We Can" Evening at Yew Dell

Thursday, October 20; 6pm–9pm

360 Degree Chiropractic and Yew Dell are hosting this new breast cancer awareness event to raise money for mammograms for those in need. The evening will be a great opportunity for some girl time, to get out in the garden and visit with vendors. More details to come.



Boo Dell

Saturday, October 29; 11am–2pm

Mr. Magic 2pm

This seasonal favorite is a frightfully-fun event 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 2pm–3pm. This event draws a big crowd, so come early to get in on the goodies.



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Whiskey Holiday Wind-Up

Thursday, November 10; 6:30pm–9pm

Kick-off the holiday season with Kentucky Artisan Distillery and Yew Dell at our bourbon-centric distillery tour, tasting and a sumptuous dinner prepared by Michael Crouch of Bistro 1860. Call 502.241.4788 for details and tickets or visit: yewdellgardens.org

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Do you Enjoy Reading This Newsletter?

If you thought to yourself ... yes, I do, then we are so pleased. But we have a favor to ask. Would you mind looking on the label to check your membership status? If you are a current member YAY!!!!!! If not, we have another favor we hope you will seriously think about. Would you kindly consider renewing your membership? We love our current and previous members and want you to stay informed. Yew Dell has been growing and to continue on that path we need your support. Thank you in advance for your support!

JAPANESE PAINTED FERNS AT YEW DELL



Athyrium niponicum 'Wildwood Twist'



From left to right: Japanese Painted Fern (*Athyrium niponicum*), 'Branford Beauty' var. *pictum*, 'Wildwood Twist', 'Apple Court' and 'Ghost'



Athyrium 'Ghost'

Japanese painted fern (*Athyrium niponicum*) has long been a favorite garden plant – perfect for shady or partly sunny sites. Their lacy and graceful foliage can offer green, white, silver and red/burgundy shades depending on cultivar. They are easy to grow, highly resistant to deer browse and fit in just about any garden. About the only thing they require is a little moisture from time to time.

Starting with the white/silver flecked variety, *Athyrium niponicum* var. *pictum* being named the 2004 Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association, there has been an avalanche of new and varied cultivars hitting the market. And while we haven't grown all of them (who can keep up?!) we've grown a bunch and thought we'd share our collective experience. Here's a list of what we've found . . .

'Apple Court' is one that stands out more for its vigor and spread potential than for its show. Fronds are a pale grey/green, fine textured and don't light up a shady garden as some of the bright, silvery forms do. On the upside, it is amazingly dependable, productive and vigorous. If you need one to cover some space in a partially shaded garden, this is a good choice.

'Branford Rambler' is a hybrid with Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*) with bright green color and reddish stem color. It is a moderate spreader with strong, upright stems. 'Branford Beauty' is similar in color but tends to be a bit more of a clumping form. Neither provides the bright silvery contrast of some others but they are excellent growers if you want a green form.

'Ghost' is another Lady Fern hybrid with bright grey/green foliage up to 3' or more in height. Its foliage is not as bright as 'Wildwood Twist' but makes a strong statement in the garden. Its robust, upright, clumping habit make this an excellent garden form and is one of our favorites.

var. *pictum* – this is the good old stand-by and the one that started it all. Not quite as bright as 'Wildwood Twist' but a close second. Plants grow to about 2' tall with silvery markings on the foliage. It is a good spreader and an excellent all-around performer.

'Ursulas Red' is a mild spreader that offers fronds of mostly silver/white with grey/green edges and a burgundy center stem. The "red" is a subtle shade, mostly visible close up.

'Wildwood Twist' is our absolute favorite for brilliant color. Fronds are mostly white/silver and show up at a football field's distance in about any shady garden. A little shorter than some and not as robust a spreader . . . but that's actually a good thing in a mixed planting. If we could have only one, this would be it.

TIME TO GET IN ON YEW DELL'S SPRING BULB PRE-ORDER!

If you ordered (or tried to order) through last year's bulb pre-order or this past spring's coral peony pre-order, you know these things sell out fast. So if you want to get in on the goods this year, don't put this one off. We have some very cool selections and their numbers are limited!

Place your orders online now at www.yewdellgardens.org and we'll contact you in the fall with pick up dates.



Tulip 'Flaming Parrot'

There are some plants that just scream to be noticed and 'Flaming Parrot' is just such a plant. This mid-season stunner is highly prized as a cut flower and also makes a striking spring garden bulb. A large-flowered parrot variety, its petals are brazen yellow with bold red flames throughout. This was one of our visitors' favorites in our 2016 container bulb display!

Leucojum aestivum 'Gravetye Giant' (Snowflake)

Sun, shade, wet, dry, deer, no deer . . . who cares?! This delightful late spring bulb can take about anything you can throw at it. Twenty-inch tall, strap-like green foliage forms the perfect foil for delicately pendulous white bells with dainty green spots at the tip. This is a long-lived bulb that is excellent to drift over summer perennials or naturalize in the shade garden. One of our favorites!



Muscari comosum 'Plumosum' – (Feather Grape Hyacinth)

If you're looking for a grape hyacinth that goes off the cool-factor charts . . . this is it. Rather than the dainty little purple orbs of the typical Muscari, this one has been exploded into a fringed purple haze worthy of a Jimi Hendrix riff. For massively saturated color, way-cool texture and, quite honestly a little neighborhood bragging rights . . . this is a bulb not to be missed. And if that's not enough, this is a new favorite of Yew Dell's volunteer collections curator and all-around garden wizard Debby Levine. How's that for an endorsement?

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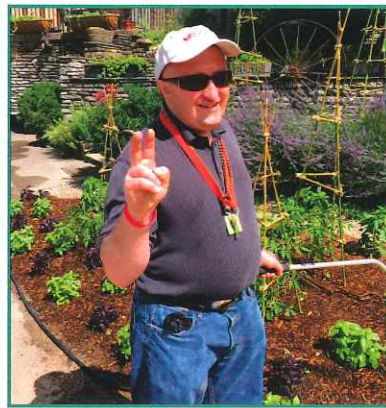
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



The Oldham County Master Gardeners gang planting the new All America Herbaceous Perennial Trail Beds.



Alex Auerbach is a great addition to Yew Dell's volunteer program. He is a dedicated two-day-a-week volunteer from Apple Patch and wouldn't miss a day in the garden for anything... well, maybe if it involved food!



Second Saturday Workday crew tackling the muddy mulch project at the new Mary F. Rounsavall Pavilion with compost donated by Natural Products.

SPECIAL UPCOMING VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

HIKING TRAIL REHAB!

The trails have been less travelled this year because of some repairs needed on the dam. The dam will soon be back in good shape and in time for fall color. We would like to get the trails that way too! If you would like to help out, give us a call or send us an email at: grow@yewdellgardens.org.



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PICK A PROJECT AND LEND A HAND!!

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Beyond planting colorful, nectar-producing flowers to attract butterflies to your garden, you can fulfill a few other basic needs to make them feel at home. Supplemental foods, water, and shelter will encourage butterflies to stay in your garden. Making a butterfly feeder is a great family activity that will provide the supplemental food your butterflies need.

Materials:

- Mason Jar (any glass jar with a tight-fitting lid will do)
- Colorful silk flowers*
- Hammer and nail
- Natural Sponge*
- Twine or hemp
- Colorful beads or bling
- Glue
- Saucepan
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 4 Cups Water
- Tweezers

*Optional

**Be careful when choosing a sponge. Some have antimicrobial ingredients that may harm your butterflies. *Butterflies are attracted to purple, yellow, pink, orange and red flowers.*

Nectar Instructions:

1. In a saucepan, combine the sugar and water and bring the mixture to a boil until the sugar is completely dissolved.
2. Set the solution aside to cool. Leftover nectar can be stored in the refrigerator for one week.

Feeder Instructions:

1. Wash and dry your jar.
2. Puncture a hole in the center of the lid using the hammer and nail. Don't make it too large; the sponge needs to fit snugly in the hole.
3. Cut a strip from the sponge wider than the nail hole and about one inch long. Squeeze the sponge through the hole using tweezers or the nail to push if needed. There should be 1/2-inch of sponge on either side of the lid. Be sure it is snug. Fill the Mason jar with water and test that the sponge is tight enough and not leaking water when you turn it upside down. You may need to cut a wider piece of sponge.
4. Cut two pieces of twine 48 inches long each.

5. Turn the jar upside down and wrap each string around the mouth of the jar and tie with a double knot. The knots should be on opposite sides and have two tails of equal length.
6. Turn the jar over and knot the adjacent strings together midway up the wall of the jar. Repeat this process near the base of the jar. Your jar should hang evenly.
7. Tie the four strings in a knot 5-6 inches above the inverted jar.
8. Use glue to attach the flower to the lid of the jar and add jewels to the side.
9. Fill your jar with the cooled sugar water and screw on the lid tightly. Hang the jar in a tree or from a shepherd's hook a few feet above colorful flowers.
10. Clean your jar with a mild Clorox solution each week to prevent mold growth.

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For A Few Laughs

Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A: *Because they peel.*

Q: What do you call a snowman in July?

A: *A puddle.*

Q: What is the best day to go to the beach?

A: *SUNday.*



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We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.

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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 14 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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