YEW DELL July: August: September 2017 BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Bulb & Peony Sale

The Fabulous and little known Indigoferas

Indigofera kirilowii

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Grow On! Yew Dell . . . Grow On!

Growing is pretty much what we do here at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens. Only now in our 15th year (sometimes it seems like 5 years and sometimes more like 50!) we've grown from the pesky little start-up out in the country to an internationally recognized and award-winning public garden.

Together we saved an imperiled and precious piece of Kentucky cultural and agricultural history. We've been recognized for our educational offerings, children's programming, new and restored architecture . . . and of course . . . for our plants and gardens. And we have all of you to thank for providing the support needed to make this all happen.

Now that we are embarking on our second 15 years, (and be sure to come for our members-only 15th birthday party event on August 31, listed on page 4) we're poised to take the next giant leaps in Yew Dell's development. That's why earlier this year we launched our *Grow On! Campaign*.

Grow On! is designed to help us raise gifts beyond membership to produce the operating funds needed for those next giant leaps. For those of you who have already made Grow On! commitments . . . thank you, thank you! And if you haven't yet had the chance, I hope you'll join the effort to help us continue the stunning rise and growth of this fabulous place. Your tax-deductible Grow On! gifts will be leveraged to do even greater things in our near future.

To donate to the *Grow On! Campaign*, use the donation form below, go online (www.yewdellgardens.org/donate.html) or call us at 502.241.4788.

Happy Gardening...

Paul Cappiello

Executive Director





Yes, I would like to help Yew Dell GROW ON with an Annual Campaign gift!

Amount \$_______

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You may also donate online at: http://www.yewdellgardens.org/donate.html or by calling 502.241.4788



Sunday, August 27, 2017 * 3-6pm

Free event with regular admission!

Visit www.yewdellgardens.org for more details!



2017 Summer Events and Classes

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

Music in Nature Mini-Camp

Three Wednesday morning sessions: July 19, 26 & August 2; 9:30 - 11:30am \$35/\$45 - Members/Non-members for three sessions

Taught by award-winning singer/ songwriter and children's educator Pamela Jay. Children will deepen their relationship with the natural world and awaken their imaginations as they explore the beauty of Yew Dell's gardens and woodland trails and learn to "tune into" the music of nature.

Campers will enjoy playing instruments made from nature, hiking, singing and songwriting, improv movement, musical games, working as a team to create musical "soundscapes" and creating their very own whimsical found object /nature instrument to take home. For children 7-10 years old.



Special Members-Only Event Yew Dell's 15th Birthday Celebration!

Thursday, August 31; 6-7:30pm Free for Yew Dell Members

Come help us celebrate Yew Dell's first 15 years with your fellow members who have helped make it all happen. Special behind the scenes tours, treats for kids of all ages . . . and more.

Watch your email for details!

Day-Long Garden Tour... Indy Style

Indianapolis Museum of Art and Columbus, Indiana's Famed Miller House

Wednesday, September 6; 8am – 5pm \$80/\$95 - Members/Non-members

The latest in our series of day-long garden tours, this will have something for everyone. We'll travel by coach to Indianapolis to visit the stunning new and historic gardens of the IMA with their outstanding garden staff, visit a small, private plantsman's garden nearby and then visit the famed Miller House and Gardens in Columbus, IN. Lunch will be on your own at the IMA café. Includes morning and afternoon snacks and beverages on the bus.

Bourbon Tasting Sixth Annual South Oldham Rotary Bourbon & Wine Tasting

Friday, September 8; 6:30 - 10pm The South Oldham Rotary Club is hosting their Sixth 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. A silent auction as well as live music by the Misty Mountain String Band add to the entertainment. Proceeds will benefit local and international projects. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased from any South Oldham Rotarian or online at southoldhamrotaryevents.org. Keep updated by joining their Facebook event page or call Ryan 502-640-9078 or Ron 502-387-8194.

Twilight in the Garden

Friday, October 6; 6:30pm SAVE THE DATE!

I Pink I Can Breast Cancer Awareness Month Fundraiser

Thursday, October 12; 6-9pm To purchase tickets visit: 360ipinkican.com \$35 in advance/ \$40 at the door

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 is a great chance to get together and spend some girl time, get out in the garden and visit with vendors. The evening will feature a fashion show by Dillard's, cocktails, and appetizers.



Saturday, October 28; 11am – 2pm Mr. Magic performs at 2pm

This seasonal event is a fun 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 (11 am - 2 pm). Dozens of local businesses will entertain with their creatively not-too-creepy booths and costumes. Hayrides, 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!

Plants and Gardens of Coastal Maine – 2018

Here's a quick first alert for you timely garden travel planners for our week-long garden and plant tour. This late August/early September 2018 excursion will take travelers on a whirlwind tour of Maine's unique coast. From the plants and scenery of Acadia National Park to historic Fletcher Steele public landscapes in Camden and the incomparable Pemaquid region, this trip will be led by Yew Dell executive director Dr. Paul Cappiello — who lived in Maine for 10 years! For more information and to have us add your name to the list, drop us an email or call the office. This one will fill up in a hurry!

2018 FALL BULB AND PEONY PRE-ORDER

Once again we are offering our annual fall bulb and peony pre-order program. Each year our horticulture staff picks out some amazing options for fall planting. We work with growers across the globe to bring you the very best and to get them to you at just the right time of year for planting. Check out this year's selections below and get in your orders right away. These always sell out fast!



'Coral Charm' Peony (Paeonia lactiflora)

This has long been one of our favorite herbaceous peonies and an excellent partner to 'Pink Hawaiian Coral' we offered last year. Strong sturdy stems, vigorous growth and excellent quality foliage all pale in comparison to the stunning, deep coral blooms. This is one of the most sought-after peonies on the planet and we have 'em! \$17.95 each

Giant Colchicum (Colchicum giganteum 'Giant')
Fall blooming . . . Huge pink blooms . . . and critter resistant!
What's more to ask? One of our favorite bulbs, the fall colchicums
(often mistakenly called fall crocus) are long lived and easy to
grow. Plant this fall for a spectacular surprise next fall.

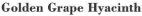
3 bulbs for \$21.99



Turkestan Onion (Allium karataviense 'Ivory Queen')

This has to be one of the coolest ornamental onions on the planet! Short stems with big, bold foliage form the perfect foil for iridescent ivory balls 'o bloom. Being in the onion group they are not bothered by rodents or other foraging quadrupeds! Did we already say that this is one of the coolest ornamental onions on the planet?!

6 bulbs for \$24.99



(Muscari macrocarpum 'Golden Fragrance')

Grape hyacinths have long been staples in the spring bulb garden but they tend to be . . . well . . . purple, as the name implies. This golden form is all the rage and a fabulous surprise in the spring garden. 6"-8" tall plants produce bright golden yellow blooms in early spring. Critter resistant. Sun or part shade. Buy 'em by the boat-load! 12 bulbs for 24.99

To place your order, go to the Yew Dell website (www.yewdellgardens.org) and click on the bulb link – or call the office and we'll take your order over the phone. But call soon, these will all sell out quickly! We'll contact you this fall when they arrive so you can come collect your treasures.





The Fabulous... and little known *Indiaolera*s





From left to right: *Indigofera amblyantha* (Chinese Indigo) and *Indigofera decora* (Dwarf Chinese Indigo)



Indigofera heterantha (Himalayan Indigo)

Indigofera kirilowii



Some plants just suffer from poor or lacking PR. The indigo species offer a perfect example. . .

The genus *Indigofera* is made up of some 300 species of shrubs, subshrubs or herbaceous plants native to tropical and subtropical regions in both hemispheres. Most species remain entirely unknown by the gardening world but a few have been knocking around botanical gardens and specialty nurseries for decades – still struggling to make it to the horticultural big leagues.

All of the *Indigofera* species offer finely set, pinnately compound leaves, usually of a greyish green, with little to no fall color. They are impacted by very few pests or diseases. They are easy to grow in full sun to part shade. They are easily propagated by rooting stem cuttings.

The primary standout ornamental feature of all the *Indigofera* species covered here comes in the floral package. They all offer indeterminate spikes of pink flowers (except for the white cultivars!) that are produced on the current season's growth. That means that they make excellent cutback shrubs. You can take them all the way to the ground each winter and still have a nice floral crop the following growing season.

Here are a few of our favorites worth looking for . . . and they may take quite a bit of looking!

Indigofera amblyantha (Chinese Indigo)

This is the beast of the group, growing to 6-8' tall and wide with an upright arching growth habit. It has the finest textured foliage that tends more toward the grey-green end of the scale. Its best feature is the delicate, bright pink blooms that start showing up in late May and continue uninterrupted through the mid to late fall.

Indigofera decora (Dwarf Chinese Indigo)

This 2-2.5' tall scrambler has a somewhat bolder foliage texture with a brighter green leaf than *I. amblyantha*. It will spread to form a moderate colony but is not overly aggressive. Bloom of this species only lasts through May and June but the individual flowers are larger on somewhat shorter spikes giving the plant a less airy texture. There is an excellent white form going under the label *I. decora* forma *alba*.

Indigofera heterantha (Himalayan Indigo)

This 5' tall multi-stemmed shrub forms a uniform, dome shaped mound of medium textured grey green foliage. Bright pink blooms form starting in June and continuing sporadically through October making this a great plant for all summer blooming. This is probably our pick of the litter!

Indigofera kirilowii (yet another Chinese Indgo)

This is the in between player in the group, essentially a larger flowering and slightly taller version of I. decora. It has a fresh pink bloom color with the display lasting from late spring through early or mid-summer. There are several color variants floating around but they differ more in name than in actual color.

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO NEW AND DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS



We are delighted to welcome to Yew Dell's board two outstanding new board members.

Pat Dwyer is a long-time member of the Louisville landscape nursery industry and brings a wealth of talent and experience to the board. He has operated his business, Dwyer Designscapes, for more than 20 years and has long been involved in both the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and Louisville Nursery Association.

Stewart Lussky has a long list of board experience representing the garden club world as well as just about all facets of the nonprofit landscape in the Louisville area. She is a talented organizer, hard worker and a passionate proponent of Louisville's nonprofit sector.

And while we welcome two talented new board members, we are sad to see a few equally talented folks rotate off the Yew Dell board.

Holly Cooper, granddaughter of Theodore and Martha Lee Klein, has been a Yew Dell board member from very early on. And in addition to all her hard work and dedication to Yew Dell, she has been our most passionate connector to Yew Dell's history.

Suzette White served on the Yew Dell board for some 15 years before rotating off late last year. Suzette was a tremendous support to Yew Dell whether planning and preparing for major events, assisting with children's programs, cultivating donors and even pulling vines out of trees way back at the very beginning!

Lena Hamel served on the Yew Dell board for 6 years and was a constant support in event planning, new donor cultivation and assistance in attracting corporate volunteer groups.

Thank you to all of our new and departing board members. We couldn't do it all without you!



WELCOME NEW HORTICULTURE APPRENTICES

We are delighted to welcome two new additions to the Yew Dell family. Sayde Heckman and Nick Kreevich joined the staff this spring as our two new horticulture apprentices.

Sayde is a recent horticulture graduate of the University of Missouri. She brings a passion for plants, gardens and for teaching . . . especially teaching children. In addition to working in the gardens this year, she will be helping with the Children in Dell program as well as designing a family garden for the Children in the Dell World Headquarters.

Nick is our first Louisvillian in the apprentice program. He graduated from UofL with a degree in Applied Geography. While this may not be the traditional apprentice background, we can assure you that Nick has the horticulture bug. He is passionate about unusual plants, be they tropicals, succulents or just about anything else. And of course Nick seems destined to help bring our collections mapping effort into the modern era!



INTRODUCING OUR YALE BULLDOG INTERN FOR 2017

Caitlin Purdome is a recent Yale University graduate and is Yew Dell's Marketing and Special Projects intern for the summer. She is working on a project that will allow visitors to use a cell phone to scan QR codes on buildings, gardens and plants around the Yew Dell grounds to access interpretive content. This pilot project will set the stage for a tremendous increase in our ability to deliver cultural and educational content to visitors of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to the QR code project, Caitlin is testing the waters with our horticulture team, learning a thing or two in the garden. Caitlin enjoys reading, spending time outdoors hiking, and is passionate about this project, which unites digital engagement and experiential learning. She graduated in May from Yale with a Degree in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Volunteer Spotlight



Jacquelyn McGrail is an extraordinary volunteer with contagious enthusiasm for gardening and limitless knowledge of plants. She first got involved at Yew Dell in 2006 for the planting of the Adrian Bloom Beds in the Overlook Garden. She then joined the Rambler's Garden Club and has continued to come out on a regular basis to keep the Secret Garden beautiful for visitors to enjoy. Jacquelyn is an amazing tour guide and gives the most thorough garden tours to our visiting groups. She also lends a helping hand during Plant Sale and other special events. Jacquelyn's most recent project is to confirm identity of hundreds of hostas, which is the first step toward establishing a certified American Hosta Society Display Garden at Yew Dell. We are so lucky to have a volunteer with strong leadership skills and work ethic.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

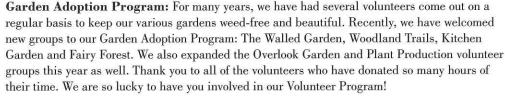
Summer Hummer Buzz Fest: Find out what all the buzz is about by volunteering for Summer Hummer Buzz Fest on Sunday, August 27 from 3-6 pm. This event will have the usual hummingbirds and bees, but with fresh new additions to the fun. Volunteer opportunities include taking tickets, working in the gift shop, providing fun craft activities for the kids, helping with food sales, and so much more! Yew Dell's events would not be possible without our amazing volunteers. We appreciate your support!

Cultural Pass: We still need several volunteers to help with Cultural Pass on Thursdays and Sundays through August. Cultural Pass encourages children to visit local museums and sites at a reduced cost. As a volunteer, you would warmly welcome and sign-in families as they enter through the Visitor's Center. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator- Lindsay Duncan- at lindsayd@yewdellgardens.org to sign up!



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tour Guide Program: This year, we doubled the size of our tour guide program! Earlier this spring, several volunteers attended tour guide orientation and are now on their way to giving their own unique tours to visiting groups. We give special thanks to our veteran tour guides for helping train these wonderful new additions. Please welcome Anjali Mirchandani, Judy Vetovitz, John and Carolyn Embry, Carolyn Nowatka, Susan Lancaster, Margaret Sebrey, and Wes Krupiczewicz to the Yew Dell tour guide program!





Summer Camp Recap: This June, we teamed up with Louisville Visual Art to bring a Nature in Art Summer Camp to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens. Kids ages 7-12 enjoyed nature crafts along the Woodland Trails, collaborations with students from IUS Printmaking Department and lots of exciting activities in the log cabin. Thanks to everyone involved for providing campers with the chance to unplug in a beautiful environment!

GROWING YOUNG GARDENERS

NATURE WEAVING LOOMS



Kids love to play outside and explore nature! Nature Weaving Looms are the perfect combination of art and the outdoors. And the best part is this activity is appropriate for almost any age! The woven art can be left on the loom for display or can be removed for a wall hanging and a new weaving can be made on your loom.

Materials:

- 4 branches or sticks
- (The length will depend on the size and shape of the loom you plan to make.)
- · String, twine, yarn or wood screws
- Any foraged goods, flowers, feathers, grass, petals, etc.

Directions:

- 1. Lay two sticks down for the sides of your loom. Place the remaining sticks, one at the top and other at the bottom. If you want a triangle shaped loom use three sticks. Cross the stick ends at each corner so you can lash them together.
- 2. At each corner, tightly wrap the crossed sticks with the string, tying a tight knot to secure. You can make a stronger frame by using wood screws at the corners. Cut a piece of string about 12" longer than the distance between opposite sticks. Tie one end of the string around one stick, stretch tightly and tie the other end around the second stick. Make sure you tie off the string on the inside edge of the loom.
- 3. Repeat the same steps about an inch apart all the way across the loom.
- 4. Now the fun part! Go on a nature walk in your backyard, neighborhood, or the park. Collect interesting grasses, flowers, leaves, seed pods, nuts, pinecones and pieces of wood that you find on the ground. Just make sure you have permission before taking anything from another person's yard or the park.
- 5. Begin weaving the foraged material through the strings of the loom going over and under the string. You can always add colorful yarns or natural fibers.
- 6. Once complete you can simply display your woven art on the loom or cut off the loom (opposite sides of the knots) and the loom is ready for a new weaving!

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For A Few Laughs

- Q: What holds the sun up in the sky?
- A: Sunbeams
- Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen?
- A: Because they peel
- Q: What do you say to a frog who needs a ride?
- A: They just finished a 31 day March!
- Q: Why is the mushroom always invited to parties?
- A: Because he's a fungi!









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Purchase of a memorial/ honorary bench has been and continues to be an excellent way to remember a loved one, mark a special occasion, or honor a valued friend. Contact a staff member for details.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beard

Charlie and Lisa Barr

Amy and Lee Benovitz

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Anne and Morton Boyd

Mary Louise Gorman

Gary and Joyce Keibler

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Bessie Klein Jules Klein

Henry Koehler

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Jean Logan

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Charles (Mac) and Tori McClure

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Greg and Carol Rose

Mary and Bob Rounsavall

Barbara Sandford

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Betsey and Bob Vaughan

In Memory of Lois U. Davis Susan Bentley Loretta Shearer

In Memory of Ron DeCarlo Anita DeCarlo

In Memory of Carl Ray Jr. Pam and David Ray Mary and Bob Rounsavall

HONORARY GIFTS

In Honor of Mary Rounsavall R. Elliott Rounsavall

In Honor of Margie Schubert Laurie Vieth

Gifts received between 3/29/2017 - 6/28/2017 We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.

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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, thank you for your support! If not, we hope you will 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!

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For a list of membership benefits and more information about events and programs, visit our website at www.yewdellgardens.org. Please return this form to:

> Yew Dell Botanical Gardens P.O. Box 1334 Crestwood, KY 40014

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| Silver Cloud | \$50-\$149 (family |
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| Golden-Berried Holly | \$500-\$999 |
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