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BOTANICAL GARDENS

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!

Good things come to those who wait... right? Well the last 12 months have required more than their fair share of waiting. With more than double our average annual rainfall in 2018 and that pattern continuing in early 2019 there's been plenty of waiting going on across Yew Dell and well beyond. But despite the rain and the cold, despite the emerald ash borer, boxwood blight, plagues, locusts and boils.... despite all the challenges, 2019 is shaping up to be an amazing year.

A massive expansion effort in our **nursery** is now yielding results with one new production **greenhouse** up and running and two new hoop houses coming this summer. We've expanded our back-end facilities for handling semi loads of mulch, potting mix, compost and more. Which allows us to grow more great plants. All of that work will be obvious when you see the **Annual Plant Sale List** which will have over 450 plant varieties - A record number for us!

But beyond the nursery we're adding a new volunteer group of **weekend roving docents** who will help visitors get the most out of their visit. We're expanding our Saturday morning **Children in the**

Dell program to accommodate more kids. We've revamped our late night summer Thursdays in a big way. Starting the Thursday after Derby join us for our **Jefferson's Bourbon & Botanicals weekly series**. Sponsored by our friends at **Jefferson's Bourbon**, these late evening Thursdays will include a great slate of **concerts**, light food offerings and beer/wine, informal plant walks, and of course a chance to sample some of Jefferson's finest.

So make sure to **renew that membership** and plan to join us for this spring and summer. The wait is finally over!

Happy Gardening,
Paul Cappiello
Executive Director

ON THE COVER: Tulipa 'Purple Dream' - a standout tulip variety from our 2018 trials. This year Yew Dell will put on The Big Bloom - a massive display of thousands of bulbs including tulips and a whole lot more. They'll be in bloom through much of April... on Mother Nature's schedule, of course.

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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, 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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17TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE EVENT APRIL 26 AND 27



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Whether you're a home gardener, landscape pro, died-in-the-wool plant nerd or just interested in picking up a bit of color for the garden, this is the **garden event of the season**. Featuring more than 450 varieties, this year will be the biggest offering in our history. Starting with a massive list of the thousands of plants we've tested... and done our best to kill... we've put together a collection of the **best of the best plants for our region**. From new varieties of common garden species to a few we're sure you've never seen before, you'll see everything from annuals and tropicals to herbs, perennials, wildflowers, shrubs and trees. And if it's all a bit overwhelming, no worries. Our **top notch staff and volunteers** will be on hand to help sort through it all and help make sure you go home with plants that will work.

As has become our tradition, Friday night (April 26) from 6-8:30 pm is our **members only sale and party** where our members get first crack at all we'll have for sale. Enjoy a few nibbles, a glass of wine or a cold brew and check out the Louisville Bonsai exhibit. Make sure your membership is up to date ahead of time! And for those who have not yet taken the membership plunge, make this the reason to finally join. You can become a member online, in person or over the phone before the sale or show up Friday night and buy your membership at the door.

On Saturday April 27 we'll open the doors (10am-3pm) to the **general public** for a day of plants, plants and more plants. **Don't forget members get in at 9 am!**

Whether you plan to come Friday or Saturday, look for the plant list on our website homepage or on Facebook.

HORTICULTURE APPRENTICES MOVING ON...



We've been blessed this last year to have two outstanding hort apprentices working with us on everything from grounds to greenhouse, programs and plant walks and just about everything in between. For their special projects they tackled major planning for our growing **plant evaluation** program. **Issac Lechner** tackled the design concept work while **Isabel Branstrom** took on developing the plan and logistics for our expanding plant evaluation program.

Issac will be moving to the Asheville, NC area where he will manage the azalea garden and staff at the famed **Biltmore Estate**. Isabel will be farm manager of the **Blenheim Hill Farm** in upstate New York where she will manage production of produce and cut flowers for the venue farm, enhance ornamental plantings on the grounds and ship some of their produce to the farm's farm to table restaurant in New York City.

We're sad to see them go but are delighted that they are heading out to follow their passions and carry the Yew Dell banner!

2019 Spring - Early Summer Events and Classes

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



Hounds on the Grounds – Every Sunday!

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

You read that right! We are welcoming our furry friends to the garden every Sunday we are open. So grab a leash, your “pick-up” bags and come out and spend some time with your favorite four-footed companion.

The Big Bloom!

Date: All spring long! We figure the tulips to be at peak in April but we're at Mother Nature's mercy!

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

Plan to hit the gardens several times this spring as we fling open the gates for our first **Big Bloom!** Last fall, a mega crew of staff and volunteers added more than 14,000 bulbs to our already growing show. Masses of daffodils, tulips and a host of others will adorn the grounds whenever they feel in the mood! Check our Facebook page and website home page for bloom progress updates.



Magnolia sieboldii 'Colossus'



Yew Dell Yoga

Om Sup Owner/Instructor, Annie Button

**Every Wednesday - Beginning April 10 through October 30; 10 - 11 am
Rain or Shine!**

\$10/\$15 - Member/Non-member

Enjoy the zen aura of Yew Dell on a whole new level with Yoga in the Dell. Om Sup Yoga will be hosting classes in the serenity of the gardens. Individuals of all experience levels can be challenged as much or as little as they like. Each class sequence is inspired by the alignment and methodologies from the Ashtanga, Hatha, Sadhana, Lionflow and BowSpring lineages. Rain or Shine. When the weather is grumpy classes will be held in the Gheens Barn or Lower Pavilion.

Hypertufa Workshop

Tuesday, April 23; 6-7:30 pm

\$35/\$45 - Member/Non-member

Create the perfect horticultural masterpiece for your garden or patio. Yew Dell's Director of Marketing & Events and no-holds-barred gardener Jackie Gulbe will guide you through the process of creating your own hypertufa planter. Hypertufa containers are the perfect home for low maintenance plants like succulents and cacti and they are cool looking. Making this creation before the Plant Sale gives you the perfect opportunity to come back and shop for plants to fill your new Hypertufa creation. *Limited to 15 participants.*



Spring Plant Sale – Friday Night Members Only Pre-Sale

Friday, April 26; 6-8:30 pm

Free for Members (Not a member? You can buy a Membership at the door or in advance Online!)

This member only event was such a hit last year that we are going to do it again! Enjoy first shot at the best plant offerings around, music, grab a beer or a glass of wine and a few bites and make an evening of it. Come early. The best plants go fast!

Plant Sale Saturday – for members and not yet members!

Saturday, April 27; 10 am – 3 pm

Members get in at 9 am on Saturday!

(Not a member? You can buy a Membership at the door or in advance online!)

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

Plants, plants, plants... this is your shot at some of the best plants the region has to offer. From perennials to shrubs, trees, tropicals, succulents and more, we'll have a great selection to get your garden in shape just in time for Derby. Plant sales, snacks and the most knowledgeable plant staff around can help you pick the perfect plants to spruce up your garden.

Jefferson's Bourbon and Botanicals - Music Series Thursday evenings this summer!

May 9 through July 25;

Music 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

What's better than music in the garden? How about music, food, bourbon, wine, beer... and some cool plants too? Join us Thursday evenings for weekly concerts, refreshing libations and simple snacks. And for a dose of garden up close and personal, come out at **6 pm** for a pre-concert **plant walk** led by our top-notch horticulture staff!

Artisan Day

Sunday, May 19; Noon – 4 pm

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

Join us for this inaugural event featuring the Anchal Project, a Louisville based non-profit social enterprise that addresses the exploitation of women by empowering them to create textiles and wearables in order to support themselves. In addition to the Anchal products other local artists will be on-hand with jewelry, wood creations, weaving and fabrics etc. We hope you'll come out and support this leisurely opportunity to shop, support and learn from this talented group of people.



Garden Sculpture Tour

Executive Director, Paul Cappiello

Date/Time: May 22, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

\$95/\$110 Member/Non-member

Starting on Yew Dell's grounds, we'll hop on a mini coach and head out to see some of the best examples of sculpture incorporated into garden settings. From large pastoral landscapes to intimate, in town gardens, we'll talk sculpture, garden design and the all-important logistics required to pull it all together. Each of the 3 private garden sites is stunning in a different way and all will send you home ready to tackle your own project. Includes coach transportation, snacks/drinks and a garden lunch.

Limited to 20 participants so sign up early. This one will sell out quickly.

Children in the Dell – Reboot! For ages 5-10

Saturdays, June 8 through August 17; 10:30 am – Noon

Regular Admission/FREE for Members! No Pre-registration necessary!

We are taking a new approach to this popular children's program.

In addition to eliminating pre-registration, Children in the Dell is adopting a new informal format. Just bring the kiddos any time during the designated hours and our talented educators will enlighten you and your children with the wonders of nature. Each session will offer some new nuggets of knowledge that kiddos can expand upon in a self-guided way in the garden. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian.



Cutting Propagation for the Home Gardener

Instructor: Garden Manager, Sayde Heckman

Wednesday, May 29; 6 – 7:30 pm

\$20/\$30 Member/Non-member

Starting new plants from stem cuttings is one of the great joys of gardening. Sayde will take the group through the general principles and practices and then you'll hit some specific plants to snip, dip and take home. You'll even stick some cuttings in Yew Dell's mist propagation greenhouse to pick up after they've rooted. Bring hand pruners if you have a pair. Limited to 20 participants.

Fairy Forest Awakens

Sunday, June 2; Noon – 4 pm

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

Help us celebrate the arrival of the fairies! Have your little ones wear their fairy finest and let their imaginations run wild. The garden will provide the enchantment - a parade, the lore of fairies, crafts and fairy activities. No matter your age, if you love the whimsy of Yew Dell, this is the event for you.

Summer Pruning Workshop

Instructor: Nursery/Greenhouse

Manager, Jacob Stidham

Wednesday, June 12; 6 – 7:30 pm

\$15/\$25 Member/Non-member

Pruning is one of the best combinations of art and science in the garden. Join Jacob on this informal and hands-on workshop to explore and refine your summer pruning technique. From Yew hedges to specimen trees and even some cut back perennials, you'll go home with a newfound appreciation of the craft of pruning. Bring hand pruners if you have 'em. Limited to 20 slots.

Art In Nature Summer Camps

with Louisville Visual Art

Ages 7-12

Instructor: Debbie Rutledge

SESSION I

Monday – Friday, June 17-21; 9am-1pm

SESSION II

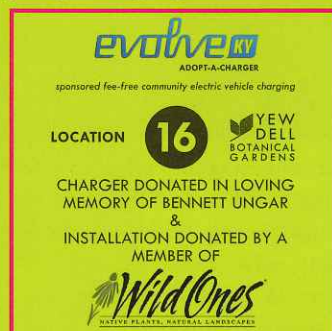
Monday – Friday, July 8-12; 9am-1pm

\$210/\$230 Member/Non-member

Yew Dell and Louisville Visual Art's summer camp is back! The nature art summer camp will give children 7-12 the opportunity to explore the wonders of our botanical gardens through a creative lens. Imagine creating art in a castle or along our woodland trails! Artists will tap into their creative genius with guided curricula and help from the great outdoors. The natural world offers the opportunity for children to draw, design, paint, sculpt and create their way toward beautiful works of art.

RECHARGE at Yew Dell

We have partnered with Evolve Kentucky to offer Oldham County's first electric car charging station! So come out and get charged up during regular business hours!



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Theodore Klein Plant Awards – 2019

Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes

Athyrium hybrid
'Ghost' Lady Fern



A vigorous, clumping fern with gracefully upright arching fronds in a light grey/green. Works best in filtered light to medium shade in any reasonable soil. Works well in the garden as a single specimen or in large masses.

Penstemon hybrid
'Dark Towers' Beardtongue



This burgundy foliaged selection grows to 2-3' tall and bears white blooms on straight, erect stems in summer. It works best in full sun in most soils and is quite drought tolerant. Excellent pollinator plant.

Carex oshimensis
EverColor® Series Sedge Selections



Growing to 10-16" tall and wide with arching, grass-like foliage, this series of evergreen sedges can be used in full sun to part shade and both in garden beds and containers. Glossy foliage varies from deep green to gold and variegated forms come in combinations of green, yellow and white providing designers a wide range of options. Highly resistant to deer browse.

Spiraea thunbergii
'Ogon' Thunberg Spiraea



A gold foliaged spin on a classic shrub. Growing to 5' tall and 6' wide with delicately textured, soft yellow leaves, it works well in full sun to light shade and most soils. Tiny white flowers cover the stems in early spring. Deer resistant.

Quercus 'Nadler'
Kindred Spirit® Oak



One of the best of the columnar oak hybrids. Growing to 60' tall, this hybrid of English Oak and Swamp White Oak is adaptable to many soils, rapid growing and highly resistant to powdery mildew that bothers some other columnar oaks.

Hydrangea arborescens
Invincibelle® Spirit II
Smooth Hydrangea



A wonderful, deep pink flowered form of our Kentucky native hydrangea. Flowers on new growth so it blooms even after winter pruning. Excellent 3' tall option for full sun or light shade and most soils.

A TRIO OF PLANT PICKS FOR YOUR 2019 GARDEN - a few gems from our ongoing evaluation work



Cornus kousa 'Rutpink' Scarlet Fire®

After more than 45 years of dogwood breeding **Rutgers University** introduced this outstanding selection of the **Chinese dogwood**. While most so called red or pink bracted *Cornus kousa* selections fade quickly to what we call a wishful pink, 'Rutpink' comes out **deep rose/red** and retains its color even in warm springs. And being a kousa dogwood, it is far more tolerant of full sun and challenging soil conditions than is our native flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*.) It's also highly **resistant** to both powdery mildew and dogwood anthracnose. Plants will mature to about 20' x 20' with a slightly arching branch arrangement, late spring blooms and excellent **deep red fall foliage** color. Give it full sun or light shade and supplemental water during dry spells.



Disporopsis pernyi

While it's a bit of a taxonomic tongue twister, the evergreen fairy bells (also called evergreen Solomon Seal after its much more common Kentucky native cousin) has become one of our very favorite shade plants. Almost entirely unknown in American gardening, it forms a slowly spreading mat of 12" tall, deep and glossy green foliage. Spring blooms (white) hang from the branch ends like dainty bells. This Asian gem is truly evergreen down to about 10°F. Below that point it will die back to the ground and re-emerge the following spring. While the evergreen fairy bells will grow in dry shade they don't grow very fast. For best performance give plants a nicely amended soil and even moisture. It has taken us a long time to build up our stock but we'll have this one available for our spring plant sale.



xMangave Hybrids

Just a few short years ago this group of plants didn't exist anywhere on the planet. Fortunately, a group of enterprising plant geeks realized that our obscure little native *Manfreda virginica* (rattlesnake master/false aloe) is closely related to the Agaves. Of course you know the Agaves – those tequila producing spiny fellas from southern climates around the globe. Well if you cross a Kentucky *Manfreda* with just about any Agave, voila! you end up with an *xMangave*. These Agave look-alikes form medium sized rosettes of strap like foliage in a wide array of colors from green to blue and yellow with variegation in white, yellow and red. In late summer they send up a 4-5' tall stalk with delicate pink/orange blooms that hummingbirds love. And thankfully they grow about 5 times faster than pokey old Agaves. Plant in containers and grow in full sun for the growing season. Bring inside for the winter. We've been fortunate to get our hands on a few of the choicer forms and Nursery Manager Jacob Stidham has been pushing them like crazy to have them ready for Plant Sale weekend. You'll want to get here early!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, March 23, Yew Dell staff and volunteers gathered to recognize all of the hard work and accomplishments of 2018. If you read the list below you will see that we have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who give us one of their most valuable resources... their time. THANK YOU to each and every one of you!



600+ Volunteer hours
Debby Levine



Youth Volunteers of the Year:
Girls Scouts from Troop 2221
Carly Graves
Lainey Simpson
Sophie Gnadinger
Vivian Westbrook



Tour Guide of the Year
Carolyn Embry



Volunteer of the Year
Blake Stasick

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Susan Lancaster	Andrea Eisenbrei
Martin Rivers	Amel Sakanovic
Karl Klein	Ruth Nix
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Wes Krupiczewicz	Linda Probus
Tim Baker	Patsy Harkess
Larry Nix	Bruce Murray
Lulu Johnston & Rehab	Dub Butler
	Fran Pullias

50+ Volunteer hours

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Miriam Klein	Becky Scarboro
Sharon Sengelaub	Jacquelyn McGrail
Carolyn Embry	Susan Freepartner
John Embry	Jay Paxton
Anne Greenwood	Walter Novotka
Molly Hensel	Kathryn Pasquenza
Blake Stasick	

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Garden Adoption Program (GAP) is an effort to get volunteers involved in the ongoing maintenance and beautification of our display gardens. Through this program volunteers will work closely with Sayde Heckman, our Garden Manager to learn, grow, stay curious and see the seasons change in their adopted garden! The gardens available for adoption are: The Main Entrance Garden, Glen Shade Garden, Event Lawn Garden, and Pavilion Garden

Weekly Workdays - 10 am-noon

Tuesday: Arboretum Workdays
Wednesday: Garden Workdays
Thursday: Nursery Workdays

Volunteer Orientation:

Second Saturdays March-November 9 am-10 am

Second Saturday Workdays

Second Saturday March-November 9 am-12 pm

GROWING YOUNG GARDENERS

GARDEN MINDED FUN!

Find the gardening words listed at the bottom of this page in the Gardening Tools Word Search grid. The words can read forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately and many letters may be used in more than one of the gardening words as they intersect. When complete, read the left over letters starting at the top left and reading down to the bottom right to learn an interesting gardening tip.

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What season is it best to go on a trampoline?
Spring time

What do you call a rabbit with flees?
Bugs Bunny

What goes up when the rain comes down?
Umbrellas

What month of the year is the shortest?
May (only 3 letters)



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Mr. and Mrs. John Clark IV

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We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.

YPLANT SPOTLIGHT

Yew Dell is excited to introduce **YPLANT!** We get many extraordinary donors, members and volunteers who grow our mission each and every day. Late last year, several of our dynamic young professionals came together to form **YPLANT**, our **Young Professional Leadership And Networking Team**. Currently serving on the board are Fahr Juneja, Lily Scannell, Amanda Gettlefinger, Mason Moffett, Colleen Clines, and Amel Sakanovic. They bring a mix of backgrounds from the nonprofit, corporate, and plant sectors but have a love of Yew Dell in common. From exchanging their wedding vows here to being our very first horticulture apprentice to seeking out a rewarding volunteer experience, each has found meaningful connections to Yew Dell and wants to help connect others to our mission. YPLANT members are working to provide new outreach, volunteer, and learning opportunities at Yew Dell geared towards young professionals and families. While new, the group has gotten right to work to inspire the next generation of nature lovers and plant geeks, forging new partnerships with community businesses and nonprofits, revamping our technology, brainstorming new programming ideas (like our Turn Over a New Leaf series) and even helping with our Twilight gala planning. We're excited to continue to see what this amazing group comes up with! Thank you to the YPLANT board for all you do!



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