



YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Hemerocallis 'Glowing Quasar'
Daylily

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

You Can Get There From Here...

Having lived in Maine for ten years I'm well accustomed to the standing Maine joke – "sure I can give you directions but ya can't get theya from heeya!" Unfortunately I think many people feel that way about gardening. They see a great garden and can't fathom the idea that they could ever do anything similar . . . or for that matter can't fathom the idea of keeping one little succulent alive in a pot on the porch! Well we're here to help.

If you find extensive gardens and endless plant collections a little overwhelming, fear not. We're working to add ways for gardeners of all levels, black thumb to green, novice to pro, to move successfully from point A to point B in the garden. Later this year we'll launch a **new plant database** that will give visitors (and those sitting at home) the ability to peruse our plant collections information. On your phone, tablet or laptop you'll be able to read in our staff's own words what's worked and what hasn't. And you'll be able to locate plants anywhere in the garden. It'll be a long and gradually unfolding project but we think you'll like what you see.

We're also expanding our **QR Code** interpretation on the grounds. A quick scan with your smart phone will bring you information on our history, architecture and horticulture.

If it's first hand plant info you're looking for, join us for our **members-only Fall Plant Sale** on September 26 when you'll have a chance to shop with the assistance of our talented and knowledgeable horticulture staff. We'll have amazing plants grown and produced right on the grounds – all tested and proven right here in Kentucky.

Finally, in the spirit of bringing you the best in garden education programs, plan to join us on October 4th when we will offer a day-long garden workshop with our friends at **Fine Gardening Magazine!** And that, if nothing else, will get you from heeya to theya!

Happy Gardening!
Paul Cappiello
Executive Director



ON THE COVER: **HEMEROCALLIS 'GLOWING QUASAR'** DAYLILY

Hybridized and introduced by John Rice of Thoroughbred Daylilies (Paris, Ky.) this is one of our favorite tetraploid daylilies in the garden. It can be found on the Castle Terrace at Yew Dell.

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

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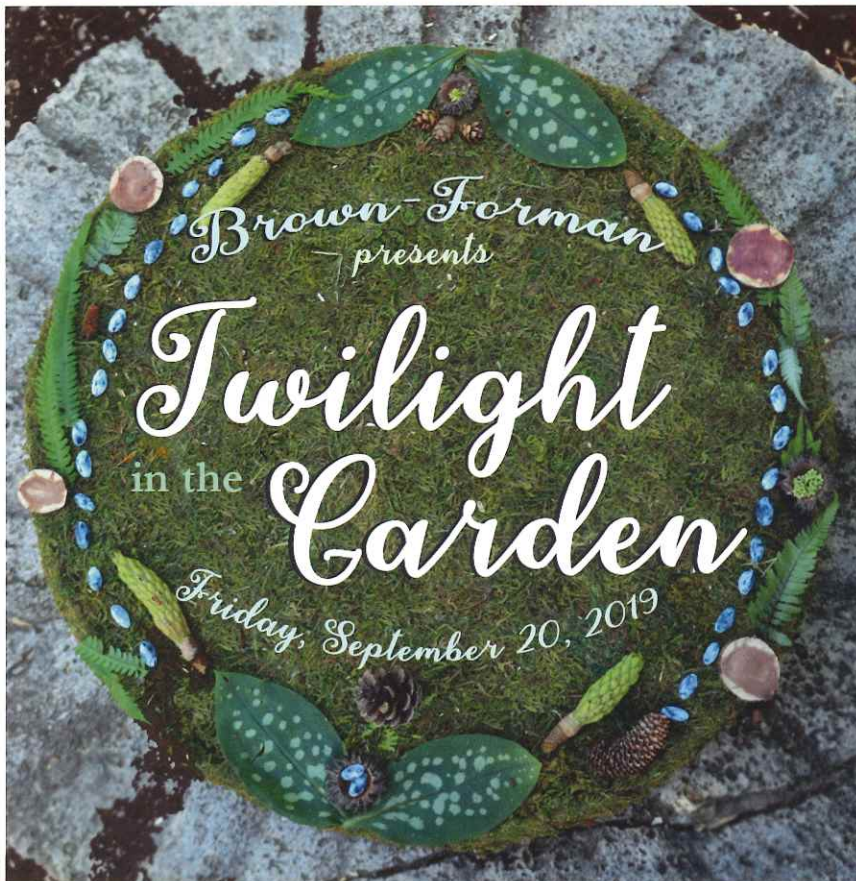
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Twilight in the Garden

A night in the enchanted forest

Friday, September 20, 2019*
6:00pm • \$200/person

Enjoy an enchanting evening of cocktails, magical entertainment, a delicious dinner, and a limited live & silent auction led by auctioneer Trey Morris. All proceeds support Yew Dell's programming and mission.

To purchase tickets, full table reservations or become a sponsor, please call Aimee Conrad-Hill at 502.241.4788 or visit yewdellgardens.org.

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2019 Summer - Early Fall Events and Classes

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

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

Now 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.

Tropical Plant Extravaganza at Brian's Botanicals

Thursday, August 22; 6 – 8 pm

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

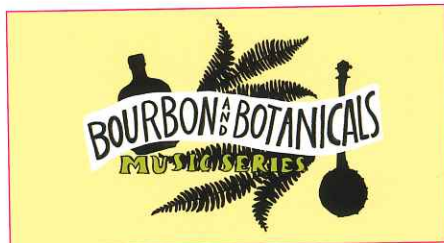
Join Garden Manager Sayde Heckman for this immersive evening of awesome tropical plants at Brian's Botanicals. Brian Williams is known far and wide for his collection and breeding of unique tropicals for our gardens. Tour the collection with Sayde and Brian, learn about rare and new introductions, enjoy a few refreshments, just try not to buy a car full of plants to take home! This program will take place at Brian's Botanicals (6350 N. Preston Hwy, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 – just south of 265)

Second Annual Member's Plant Sale

Thursday, September 26; 6 - 8:30 pm

Free – but members only!

Last year's event was such a huge hit we decided to make it an annual event. Plan your visit to choose from a great assortment of plants produced right here at our growing nursery. Enjoy a cold beer or a glass of wine, a few bits to nibble, and meet up with garden friends. Yew Dell horticulture staff will be on hand to help you shop and plan. Make sure your membership is up to date!



Bourbon & Botanicals Sponsored by Kentucky Artisan Distillery the Home of Jefferson's Bourbon

Thursdays in July!

Regular admission/ Free for Members!

Plan to join us for the last of our Thursday night music series! Grab a chair, your friends (furry ones welcome too) and come out for a leisurely evening of awesome entertainment. Enjoy a plant walk at 5:30 – music starts at 6:30 pm. Adult libations, wraps and snacks are available for purchase. On July 18 check-out **Hot Brown Smackdown** (Bluegrass/Soul) and on July 25 we will close out the series with our **first-ever Contra dance** featuring - **Hot Coffee Breakdown** with Contra Dance Caller Chet Gray!

Twilight in the Garden A Night in the Enchanted Forest

Our most important fundraising event of the year and a great party too!

Friday, Sept. 20; 6 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

For more information, see page 3.



One-Day Garden Workshop with Fine Gardening Magazine

Friday, October 4

Details TBA

Quick... Pull up your calendar and mark this one down right away! We were delighted when our good friends at Fine Gardening magazine called to ask if we'd partner with them on a day-long garden workshop at Yew Dell. Of course we jumped on it. Participants will enjoy a day of lectures and plant tours with a great group of presenters. Watch your email – and make sure your membership is up to date. We'll email details and registration info to members before it goes out to the general public.



Container Bulb Workshop

Saturday, October 5; 10 - 11:30 am

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

Spring bulbs are always a treat... but only if you plan ahead! Now is the time to plan and plant the perfect container bulb display for next spring's show. Learn how to create a succession of bulb bloom in a container that you can place any place you like when it starts to bloom next spring. Each participant will plant and take home one approximately 12" container planted with 3 different types of bulbs selected by Yew Dell horticulture staff.

BOO DELL at Yew Dell

Don't Miss Boo Dell at Yew Dell!

Saturday, October 26; 10 am – 2 pm

Regular Admission/FREE for Members!

Mark your calendar for Yew Dell's annual fun fall family event! Bring the whole family in costume... if they are game. Visit with local businesses along the Trail o' Treats, enjoy a hay ride and have a few laughs with Mr. Magic! It's a great way to spend a fall day at Yew Dell.



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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 being a member!

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

ENTHUSIASM FOR EPIMEDIUMS

Sayde Heckman, Garden Manager

Being the Yew Dell Garden Manager comes with certain expectations. No matter that I've only been in my position for a short time, most visitors seem to think I have all the answers. Little do they know that I'm still learning, myself. After all this is a great big world with a gazillion plants! But I love a challenge and the opportunity learn and teach at the same time. So, I invite you to ask those tough questions (What weed is this? What plant did this leaf come from?) just remember, like all gardeners, I'm still learning too! What's the toughest question of all for me to answer? That's easy. What's your favorite plant? Now that really is a tough one.

As a plant lover this question is always the hardest, but at this moment, 9:44am on a Thursday, the answer is, *Epimedium*.

Epimedium (barrenwort) is an amazing group of plants. They thrive in full to part shade, don't mind dry soils and make a great ground cover. Their semi-evergreen foliage looks great almost year round. Of the dozens of forms in the Yew Dell collection, here are my 4 favorites – today!



Epimedium grandiflorum 'Yubae'
Planted in 2007, this is the largest specimen I have encountered, measuring to a height of 15". The broad, heart shaped leaves have slightly serrated margins. The blooms are dainty and a blush pink color.



Epimedium xyoungianum 'Niveum'
Planted in 2014, this specimen is smaller, measuring only 6" in height. The foliage is an asymmetrical heart shape and is slightly serrated. The best part of this selection is the robust pure white blooms in the spring.



Epimedium xversicolor 'Sulphureum'
Planted in 2009, this specimen is about 10" tall and creates a dense ground cover. The foliage is broad and egg shaped with a smoother margin than other Epimediums. The blooms are a beautiful yellow and cream color. In the early spring the new foliage displays a stunning red variegation which later fades to green.



Epimedium 'Pink Champagne'
Planted in 2015, this specimen measures in at 10" tall. The foliage is a narrow heart shape with pronounced serrations on the margin. The blooms are dainty and display a striking pale and bright pink color. In the early spring the new foliage displays a remarkable red mottling with a pinkish margin which later fades to green.

ORGANIZED GARDENING... REALLY?

Jacob Stidham, Greenhouse & Nursery Manager

It seems to be ingrained in human culture. Saving things; pictures, stamps, yearbooks, and even your kid's baby teeth. When spring rolls around next year, you are undoubtedly going to go to your local garden center or annual plant sale and ask what that plant was you bought there last year. Although you remember it bloomed yellow, grew about one to seven feet tall, and had a slight lean to the left, we people in horticulture sales will still be befuddled.

It sounds simple, but saving and recording the specifics of plants in our gardens seems to be one of the greatest challenges for many garden folk and plant geeks. I wish I could tell you exactly what month and year we planted our phenomenal *Magnolia macrophylla* (Big Leaf Magnolia) in our garden in Shelbyville, but all I can narrow it down to is the spring of 2014 or 2015. That amazing coleus we had in our containers last year? My wife Emma and I would bicker back and forth over the cultivar for hours! And 'Empress Wu' Hosta... Oh, what a hosta. The biggest hosta in cultivation. Was it 2014 or 2015 when we planted it? And which year was it that 'Empress Wu' got shredded by a hail storm on April 25th? The date easily remembered because we were out to dinner for Emma's birthday when that storm went through! None of it was written down though. This is such a great example of "do as I say and not as I do!" If you want to put a giant smile on the face of your favorite garden center or plant sale associate think about the following:

1. Just save all of your tags in the kitchen junk drawer wrapped in a rubber band. They will be so much more valuable than that charger cord for the iPhone 3GS you threw away in 2012.
2. Take those tags and bury them just below the soil surface next to the plant and find them when needed. Bring out your inner Indiana Jones.
3. Be a professional! Database or spreadsheet that stuff. What it is, where it came from, when you planted it, did it die, did it thrive, did the Japanese beetles make you want to use a flame thrower, or was it simply the right plant in the right place?

Or, just do as I do and try to remember.....



WELCOME OUR NEW APPRENTICES!



If you've been out to Yew Dell this season you may have already seen... or even met... our two newest horticulture apprentices. They both started in early May and quickly jumped into the thick of things - from tornado clean up to nursery production, planting of annuals and a whole lot more.

Lori Carlos is a recent wildlife ecology graduate of the University of Maine where she spent several years working in the University's greenhouses. Her horticultural passion ranges across just about all possible facets of the field but she hopes to work on a project that combines her passions for wildlife management and horticulture.

Jeffrey Fox is a recent graduate of the University of Louisville where he majored in music composition and biology. He first connected with Yew Dell through UofL's Honors Mentorship program that connected him with Yew Dell director Paul Cappiello. Jeffrey ended up working on a Yew Dell history podcast about Theodore Klein for another UofL class and then completed a horticulture internship at Dow Gardens (MI) in 2018.

Welcome Lori and Jeffrey. We're looking forward to having you at Yew Dell for the coming year.

WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S 2019 YALE BULLDOG!



Growing up in Wisconsin, Saul Roselaar spent many summers helping his parents pick raspberries and tend to their garden. Even more frequently he could be found hiking, camping, or kayaking anywhere across his home state. He now attends Yale University where he is studying Ethics, Politics, and Economics. Saul is excited to combine his love for the outdoors and his penchant for analysis through the Database and Special Projects Internship at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens. In his (limited) free time, Saul can be found reading a book or flame working glass.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY



If you think estate gift plans are just for the very wealthy, think again. Planned and estate gifts, that are so essential in providing that lasting support for places like Yew Dell, can be arranged at any budget level – and there are many options and wide flexibility.

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!

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



MOLLY HENSEL

June's Volunteer e-Newsletter Spotlight

"If you don't think you like weeding or other maintenance activities at your home, come out to Yew Dell, join an established group or adopt a garden and see what a joyful reward it can be working alongside other volunteer gardeners." -Molly Hensel



Mayor's Give-A-Day

Yew Dell volunteers gave back to the community for Mayor's Give-A-Day of Service by participating in an off-site project along Harrods Creek Trail. Thanks to Jacquelyn McGrail and Carolyn Embry for teaching us how to properly identify and remove invasive plants in a wooded area!



Caroline Moeller

Before graduating, seniors from KCD high school shadow businesses and organizations in the community for a week to gain real world experience before going off to college. KCD senior, Caroline Moeller, decided to shadow our horticulture staff after learning about Yew Dell through the corpse flower event!



Volunteer Garden Tour

Volunteers took an amazing tour of Wes Krupiczewicz's garden and historic home and Debby Levine's terraced shade garden. Thank you, Wes and Debby, for opening your home to Yew Dell volunteers and providing such a memorable experience!



Tours

Thanks to our tour guides for providing visiting groups with an engaging experience! Here's Dave Keller, who's been a Yew Dell tour guide since 2014, guiding the University of Louisville's Women's Club in early June.



Fairy Forest Awakening

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the inaugural Fairy Forest Awakening. We are grateful for the Girl Scouts, Yew Dell volunteers and everyone else who contributed to its success! We had nearly 1,000 visitors, over 50 volunteers, and signed up 36 new members at the event. Job well done!



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Workdays (March-November):

10 am-12 pm
Tuesdays: Arboretum
Wednesdays: Garden
Thursdays: Nursery

Volunteer Orientation: Second Saturdays 9-10 am.

Go to the Volunteer Page on Yew Dell's website or e-mail Lindsay Duncan at lindsayd@yewdellgardens.org to sign up!

Second Saturday Workdays

9 am-12 pm
March-November

Stay tuned for upcoming Fall Bulb planting and Fall decor workdays and Boo Dell!

E-mail Volunteer Coordinator Lindsay Duncan to sign up!

GROWING YOUNG GARDENERS

NEW PLAYSCAPE ADDED FOR THE KIDDOS!

Yew Dell is excited to announce that we're building a natural playscape in our arboretum. Thanks to a grant from our wonderful friends at the **Oldham County Community Foundation**, Yew Dell was able to purchase and install 3 outdoor instruments that will provide children and families with wonderful opportunities to learn about rhythm, movement, and sound. We've already installed a pedestal pipe, chime fence, and thunder drum. Thanks to our wonderful volunteer, Tim Baker, we are developing plans to add stumps, boulders, and other natural materials to create natural playscapes. We hope that you have fun exploring this area and seeing it develop and grow.

IN THE WOODS

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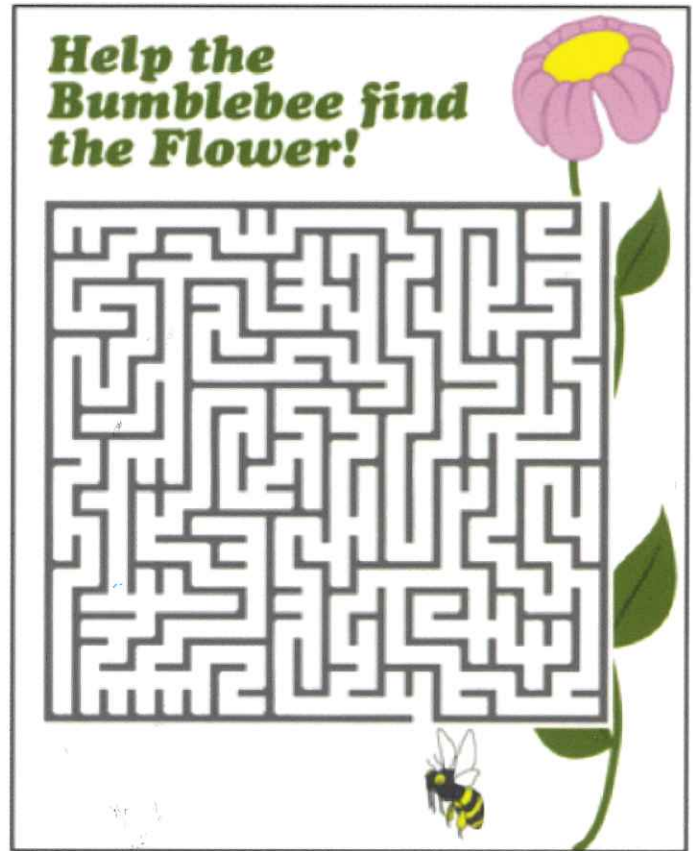
Answer on page 11

TO MAKE YEW LAUGH...

Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm?
Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears!

What did the tree say to the math teacher?
Gee, I'm a tree! (geometry)

Why did the tomato turn red?
Because it saw the salad dressing!



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We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.*



Lois U. Davis had a real zest for life and it was contagious to the people she called friends. Two of her friends, Loretta Shearer and Susan Bentley, fondly describe Lois as an extraordinary person who both feel lucky to have known. The women met Lois through her husband Lawrence, a physician who was a mentor to Loretta and Susan when they were starting out as doctors. Lois eventually came to befriend both women and introduced them to each other. Susan and Loretta describe her as a warm, humorous person with a wide array of talents and interests – from travel, to teaching, to jewelry making to music. Lois excelled at all she set her mind to.

Lois, also an avid gardener, was an early fan and member of Yew Dell. Loretta and Susan recalled hearing about the botanical garden for the first time from Lois. She would call them when Yew Dell had an event or live music and tell them they needed to come out with her to this special place.

When Lois passed away, Loretta and Susan initially wondered what would be the best tribute to someone so remarkable and with so many different passions. Her friends thought such a special person needed a special place to be remembered. Lois often gifted trees and plants when her friends lost loved ones and they thought the gardens at Yew Dell seemed a fitting place to memorialize Lois. They chose a shady spot in our fern garden along the beech path for their friend's memorial bench because ferns were Lois' favorite plant. Loretta shared "When we go out to Yew Dell, we think about Lois and talk about our memories of her. When we sit on her bench, I can really feel her presence there."

During her lifetime, Lois fell in love with Yew Dell and brought many friends out to support it. We at Yew Dell are thankful for Susan and Loretta for choosing our gardens as a place to memorialize Lois and for their ongoing support of the Lois U Davis Memorial Fern Garden.

Answer for page 9 word jumble "IN THE WOODS": *Bushes*



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