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Tulip Tulipa 'Flaming Prince'

“EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS.”

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Chicago Cub fans . . . weekend golfers . . . gardeners . . . We all have one thing in common, and that thing is optimism.

For Cub fans, there's always next season.
For golfers, a hole-in-one might be just around the corner.
For gardeners, there's always next year.

Fortunately, we all also have short memories!

The past winter was a doozy. The polar blast of Christmas 2022 left cherry laurels standing like so many vertical brush piles all around town and across the region. And then winter decided to go south for a while and left us with blooms galore in the middle of February. Gardening in the Ohio Valley is not for the faint of heart.

Fortunately, we've got you covered. The Big Bloom will be a big blast all through this spring and early summer with thousands and thousands of bulbs selected by our brilliant garden manager, Sayde Heckman, for an unusually long display season. The Online Plant Market is bursting with new additions to help you fill all those holes left by the bitter cold. And if you just can't shake the blues of the past winter and what it did to your garden, treat yourself to a delightful distraction with our newly minted Garden to Table chef dinner series – the kickoff event featuring our good friend, chef Anoosh Shariat. This is one you don't want to miss!

Meanwhile, our Energizer Bunny staff has been busy prepping Yew Dell for the new season. Renovations to the old Log Cabin, rehab of garden spaces, expansion of our nursery operation and improvement of the hiking trails . . . not to mention the upcoming Fairy Day and Thursday concert series. This would be a good time to make sure your membership is up to date.

And last but not least . . . there's that biggest of all, project – the Castle Gardens campaign. We're hip deep in design documents, cost estimates, and implementation plans and it is going to be fabulous. We're at the 70% point of our \$5 million fundraising goal. Now all we need is you! If you've already given, Thank You! If you've not already signed on to help us with the most ambitious garden project in our history, now's the time to be part of something truly special and transformative for Yew Dell. I hope you'll join us.

Happy Gardening!

Paul Cappiello



To register and for more information,
Scan the QR code or go to
www.yewdellgardens.org/classes-events



Don't delay – tickets are limited!

All listed programs are scheduled to be
in-person unless otherwise noted.



CLASSES AND EVENTS

TOOL SHARPENING WITH PAUL CAPPIELLO AND CARL HEIMERDINGER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 • 6:00PM - 7:30PM

MEMBERS \$40 • NON-MEMBERS \$50

Get your gardening tools ready for spring planting! Executive Director, Paul Cappiello, and Heimerdinger Cutlery President, Carl Heimerdinger, will work their magic on spades, hoes, pruners, and other hand tools essential to a new gardening season. Bring a few of your ailing tools with you, and Paul and Carl will try to rescue as many as time allows.



LET'S GET GROWING SERIES

Join Emma Stidham, mom, wife, and horticulturist with more than 15 years of experience in vegetable gardening, public gardens, and retail sales, as we continue our Vegetable Garden Planning series. In this comprehensive step-by-step guide to planning a vegetable garden over an entire season, each quarter will focus on timely topics to get your garden from start to finish. We'll go from seed catalog to fall harvest in the four workshops. Note that each workshop has a separate registration fee.

SPRING SESSION: VEGETABLE GARDEN PLANNING GUIDE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 10:30AM - 12:00PM

MEMBERS \$40 • NON-MEMBERS \$50

For the spring season, Emma will highlight bed preparation, soil and fertilizer information, planting techniques, and pests in the garden.



MUSHROOM HIKE AT YEW DELL

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 9:00M - 10:30AM

MEMBERS \$25 • NON-MEMBERS \$35

Curious about the mushrooms growing on your land or in the woods? What exactly do they do? How do they relate to the plants around them? This is the hike for you! Our friends from the Bluegrass Mycological Society will lead a walk of our gardens and trails to identify what we have growing, while giving an overview of the fungal kingdom and the field of mycology. You'll learn their important role in our forests and fields and how we can use them for food, medicine, and improving the world around us.



SPRING FLORAL WATERCOLOR PAINTING

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 • 12:00PM - 2:00 PM

MEMBERS \$45 • NON-MEMBERS \$55

Let your creativity bloom in this Spring Floral Watercolor Painting class with Hanna Barnhart, the artist behind Owen & Mae at Mellwood Art Center! In this class, you will learn the basics of using watercolor, plus Hanna's techniques to create a unique floral painting to take home with you! Materials will be supplied by the instructor, and no prior knowledge or experience is needed. This class is perfect for beginners and for anyone who wants to learn new skills.



THE BOTANY OF DERBY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 • 6:00PM - 7:30PM

MEMBERS \$35 • NON-MEMBERS \$45

It may be "The Run for the Roses," but there are multiple plants involved in the Kentucky Derby. In this relaxed workshop, Alissandra Ayala, a biology graduate student from University of Louisville, will fill us in about hay, pecans, mulberry leaves, and other plants (including roses), and how these botanical treasures contribute to the most exciting two minutes in sports. Hands down, you'll never look at Derby quite the same way! We'll include a Kentucky Colonel mint plant with your ticket, so you can start growing your Derby Garden!

GROWING AN HERBAL TEA GARDEN

SUNDAY, MAY 7 • 1:00PM - 2:30PM

MEMBERS \$30 • NON-MEMBERS \$40

Join Kentuckiana Herb Society Chairman, Jo Ann Hughes, as we learn about herbal tea gardening. Jo Ann will talk about herbal teas, recommend herbs and flavor combinations, discuss how to dry/preserve, and provide growing tips such as containers versus in the ground. We will include a tasting of teas brewed from herbs grown right here at Yew Dell and an herbal tea plant grown in our nursery!

MARTHA LEE KITCHEN REOPENS MARCH 25!

**Don't forget about lunch! Our on-site café
reopens soon with a delicious menu!**

Big Bloom 2023

From visiting the gardens frequently to signing up for a workshop, there are many, many ways to enjoy Big Bloom this year!

BIG BLOOM SERIES

THURSDAYS: APRIL 13, MAY 11, AND JUNE 8 • 5:30PM - 7:00PM
MEMBERS \$75 / NON-MEMBER \$105 • TOTAL FOR THREE TOURS

Get a behind-the-scenes look at our Big Bloom re-envisioned! Join Garden and Arboretum Manager Sayde Heckman on this three-part series to learn how the displays came together, her focus on variety and diversity in bulb selection, and what we've learned season after season. You'll see daffodils, alliums, tulips, and hyacinths rolling out in waves throughout the spring season in an explosion of different colors and blooms while learning something new, each time.

BIG BLOOM STROLL

THURSDAYS: APRIL 27, MAY 25, AND JUNE 22 • 6:00PM - 7:00PM
MEMBERS \$30 / NON-MEMBER \$40 • FOR EACH STROLL

Take a stroll through the re-envisioned Big Bloom! Garden and Arboretum Manager Sayde Heckman will lead the tour through daffodils, alliums, tulips, and hyacinths rolling out in waves over the spring season. Expect to be blown away by Sayde's latest floral experiment!

GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS WITH MURPHY'S CAMERA

SATURDAY MAY 20 • 10:00AM - 12:00PM
MEMBERS \$30 • NON-MEMBERS \$40

Murphy's Camera is back for another Garden Photography Basics workshop. Based upon the success of the fall session, Ayrica Bishop, Murphy's Camera Education Coordinator, returns to focus on Yew Dell's gorgeous spring flowers. We'll start with an overview of camera basics such as framing and lighting, then take a walking tour of the gardens with docents spotlighting Yew Dell's history and highlighting their favorite garden spots. You'll see the gardens in a whole new way while capturing amazing images!



TAKE A HIKE WITH US

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 • 1:00PM - 2:00PM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

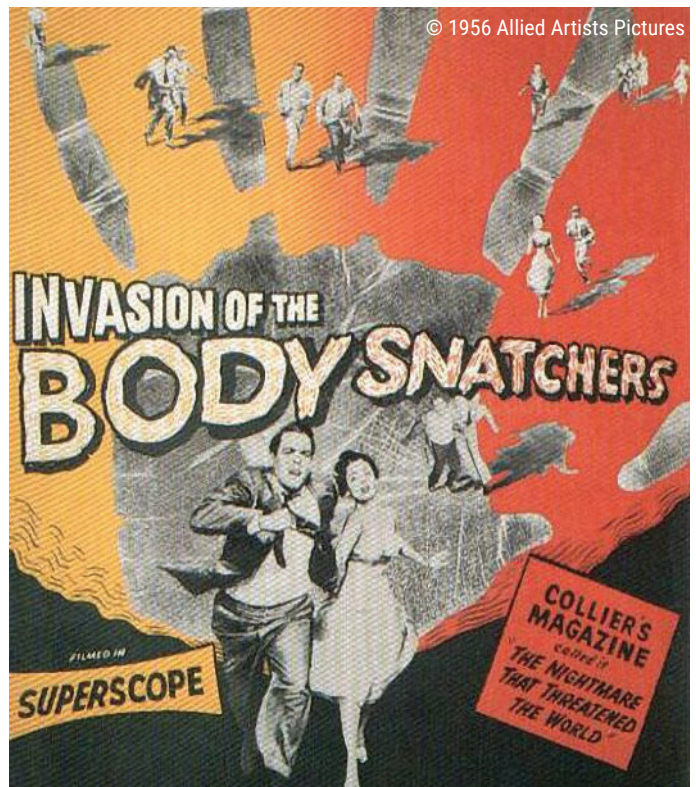
Back by popular demand for #nationaltrailsday, Brad Kessans, Yew Dell's own Facilities and Trail Guru, will guide participants along our one-mile Woodland Trails loop. The hike will include seeing the new lake which was installed to be a water source for the nursery and has also become a new home for local wildlife AND a spot to enjoy a reflective view of the Castle. You can look forward to botanical, geological, and historical nuggets of information on this easy hike. Rain will cancel.



BAD SCI-FI MOVIES AND REAL PLANT SCIENCE: INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS (1956)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 • DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM • MOVIE STARTS AT 7:00PM
MEMBERS \$20 • NON-MEMBERS \$25

Our film series – Bad Sci-Fi Movies and Real Plant Science – continues with the classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956). After watching this film, learn from our Horticulture Team about how plant spores (alien or otherwise!) and seed pods really behave. Bring your best “would plants really do that?” questions for our team to answer.





ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 5:00PM - 9:00PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 10:00AM - 4:00PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Thanks to the LG&E and KU Foundation, our grand-daddy of all plant sales returns for Spring 2023! Come and enjoy:

- Awesome collection of plants to get your garden growing
- Martha Lee's Kitchen will have a festive spring menu
- New items from the Garden Gift Shop
- Horticulture Staff and Volunteers on site to answer gardening questions

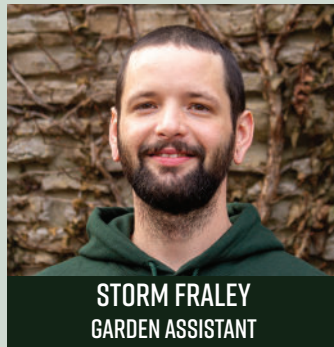
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MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

Over the year, we will introduce you to the newest additions to the Yew Dell family.



STORM FRALEY
GARDEN ASSISTANT



CHILDREN IN THE DELL

SATURDAYS, JUNE 3 THROUGH JULY 29 • 10:30AM - 12:00PM
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Join us each Saturday in June and July for Children in the Dell! This summer, we'll focus on children's garden-themed books for our hands-on activity for adults and children to enjoy together.

BOURBON & BOTANICALS

THURSDAYS, JULY 6 THROUGH AUGUST 31

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM • GARDEN TOUR BEGINS AT 6:00PM • LIVE MUSIC BEGINS AT 7:00PM
SERIES AND INDIVIDUAL TICKETS TO BE RELEASED SOON!

Thanks to our sponsor, Kentucky Artisan Distillery, Bourbon & Botanicals is back for another summer of fabulous music! We will email an announcement when tickets are released — so be sure your membership is up-to-date and that you receive our Garden eNews.



Yew Dell's Garden to Table Dinner Series

Join us for this exciting new effort that will allow us all to explore the most local of food and the best chefs around — all in unique settings you'll not find anywhere else!

Thursday, April 20 • 6:30PM - 9:00PM
\$125


Spend the evening enjoying a progressive dinner hosted in three unique venues across Yew Dell's award winning gardens and architecture. You'll enjoy a seasonal meal and wine planned and prepared by one of the Louisville area's most celebrated and beloved chefs, Anoosh Shariat, and dishes featuring items grown on site.


Don't miss this chance to help us kick off this fabulous celebration of great gardens and fabulous food!


During my undergraduate studies we always heard, but didn't quite understand, "Horticulture! The ART and SCIENCE of growing plants!" And as we all know, both art and science involve learning a whole lot through trial and error. As gardeners, sometimes our designs don't work out as intended and we have a tendency to kill an awful lot of plants. But we learn a great deal along the way. Where I'm going with this is that at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, we have learned a lot from gardening mistakes, – and we love to share our mistakes so we can save you the hassle of learning the same, hard way!

Over the years, we've struggled off and on with some challenges with our Big Bloom displays. Disease challenges have led us to reinvent the Big Bloom designs and create more sustainable displays.

Here are a few takeaways you can use in your garden to make growing bulbs much easier!

 **Avoid Monoculture:** Planting greater diversity insures that the occasional disease problem won't wipe out your whole display all at once. If you plant 10% each of 10 different types of bulbs, you're not likely to lose them all to a single disease or insect problem.

 **Crop Rotation:** The same practice used in vegetable/crop production can be utilized in annual/tropical plants. It keeps pests at bay naturally – whether that's insects, fungi, or viruses. Rather than planting the same variety in the same place year after year after year, changing up your plantings each year can reduce buildup of crop specific insect or disease pests.

 **Tulip Hybrids:** The large flowering cultivars that we typically think of during spring are among the most susceptible to disease problems and don't love our heavy Kentucky soils and widely variable spring weather.

With this season's Big Bloom you'll notice a couple of things:

1. Blooms over a longer period of time. Planting just a small number of varieties means that one of those dreaded freezes in the middle of bloom time can do in a whole year's display. Adding many varieties that bloom at different times means that even if we lose one variety to a freeze or other cause, there are still plenty of others to provide a show.
2. Diversity, diversity, diversity. For 2023, we planted more than **50 varieties** of bulbs from **10 different genera** to provide the longest possible bloom season, a viable hedge against insect or disease pests, service more pollinators, and create unique color combinations throughout the season.

	March Early Spring	April Mid Spring	May Late Spring	June Early Summer	July Mid Summer
Daffodil	Yellow	Yellow			
Tulip	Pink	Pink	Pink		
Hyacinth	Purple	Purple			
Bluebells		Blue	Blue		
Trout Lily		Orange	Orange		
Camas		Green	Green		
Allium			Dark Green	Dark Green	
Spider Lily				Red	Red
Frittilaria			Light Green	Light Green	
Foxtail Lily				Orange	Orange

Big Bloom flowering time chart showing both the season of bloom and the diversity of bulb types planted – a 5-fold increase in general compared to just 2 years ago.

CASTLE GARDENS

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Join Our Campaign!

We have raised
\$3.6 million for our
project to transform the
area around Yew Dell's
iconic castle.

Help us hit our goal!



Members and supporters: **NOW** is
the time to pledge your support!

Scan the QR Code to learn
more about the Castle Gardens
Campaign Project!

Naming opportunities are available and donations of \$2,500 and more
will be acknowledged on permanent signage in the garden.

To take part in this exciting project, contact us at **502-241-4788** or **Development@YewDellGardens.org**

Image Credit: Land Morphology



Mission Moments

Whether it is bulbs blooming, bees buzzing, or birds building a nest – Spring is the symbol of new beginnings. After celebrating our 20-year anniversary, we hope you also see this season as a chance to reconnect and discover what Yew Dell has to offer as we work to:

“spark a passion for plants and gardening through accessible science and inspiring beauty.”

This mission is the foundation of our day-to-day work. And we plan to back up that claim throughout the year as we highlight our guiding pillars of:

COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

INSPIRATION

HORTICULTURE SCIENCE

SUSTAINABILITY

Through our quarterly newsletter content, varied social media, monthly Garden e-News and, of course, through all our virtual and on-site programming, we'll profile the dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and talented staff who make it all happen. We'll offer a constant supply of whys, whens, and how-tos, to help you get the most out of your own garden. We'll deliver inspiring Mission Moments to help us all better connect to our gardens and the natural world around us. And this year we're even starting a cut flower market so you can bring home a piece of Yew Dell from your next visit!

As we embark on a jam-packed garden year, all of us at Yew Dell look forward to seeing you in the gardens, along the trails, or at a garden event.



WHAT SPARKS OUR PASSION?

JILL TINIUS - GUEST SERVICES & RENTAL COORDINATOR

Growing up in the South Carolina lowcountry, I had the pleasure of a flower-filled life since birth. But I think my real spark was when my sister moved to Sonoma County, California. We spent summers at farmers markets, vineyards, and farms, working, enjoying, and learning. My heroes quickly became farmers who inspired me to try it myself in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. My first garden was a delightful mess of 8' tall tomato plants, cucumber vines sprawling about, 12' tall sunflowers, and one of those mixed cut flower packets. After that summer, it was clear that the rest of my life would be dedicated to being a steward of the land and reaping the rewards of fresh vegetables and flowers.

I'm excited that Yew Dell is letting me share my passion with the addition of a cut flower garden and providing arrangements for sale this upcoming season!

'23 THEODORE KLEIN AWARDS



Each year a panel of Kentucky green industry professionals hunkers down and battles it out to see which plant nominees are deemed the Theodore Klein Award winners. These awards started back in 1999 and now add up to the go-to collection of woody and herbaceous garden plants for the region.

For a link to past winners, see www.yewdellgardens.org/Theodore-Klein-plant-awards



Japanese Zelkova
Zelkova serrata 'Village Green'

This 40'-60' tall shade tree creates a strong, vase-shaped specimen with deep green summer foliage and brick red fall color. It is a widely adaptable and long-lived tree for use as a lawn specimen or street tree.



Japanese Flowering Cherry
Prunus x yedoensis 'Akebono'

A stunning, 20'-35' tree that bears pale pink spring flowers that smother the branches. An excellent selection for a sunny location, it is fairly adaptable to a wide range of soils and offers nice yellow/orange fall foliage color.



Oriental Spice Bush
Lindera angustifolia

Stunning and durable large shrub best known for its brilliant red and orange fall foliage color. Excellent for screening or as an accent specimen. Long-lived, adaptable, and deer-proof.



Upright Juniper
Juniperus 'JN Select Blue' Star Power™

This is one of the fastest-growing upright junipers for the landscape. Star-like, blue-green needles provide a fine texture while blue cones add a touch of colorful interest. Durable, deer-proof, and easy to grow.



Blue Star
Amsonia 'Starstruck'

This fabulous, compact growing sun perennial is prized for its sky-blue spring flowers, dense and high quality summer foliage and glowing golden fall color. It makes a good cut flower and is not browsed by deer.



Fairy Wings
Epimedium 'Spine Tangler' and 'Sandy Claws'

These two outstanding selections form low, spreading, semi-evergreen shade plants with unique, spine-edge leaves and delicate spring flowers. 'Spine Tangler' offers yellow flowers held above foliage to about 8" tall while 'Sandy Claws' grows to about 15" tall with white/yellow flowers. Highly resistant to deer/rabbit browse.

A LETTER FROM THE NURSERY BY JACOB STIDHAM

Share your plant journey with us!



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Any parent loves to see their child grow and develop into their own person. Sometimes it is awkward to see them turn into little carbon copies of you, but as they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!

When we look at the Yew Dell nursery as a parent, we can draw many of the same similarities. We love to see reports of our “children” growing and developing in your garden. And what flattery it is when you take an idea from Yew Dell and grow it in your own garden!

Here is the problem though. We don’t get many pictures of our kids when they move away. Sure, every once in a while someone comes in and shows us a picture of a shriveled-up plant and asks us what happened. Most of the time it was left on the driveway too long and they forgot to water it.

I can say this because it happens at my house way too often. I’m a do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do kind of gardener.

Can we be troublesome and ask you to share more pictures of our kids with us?! The live ones of course, not the ones you killed.

For those that partake in the brave new world of social media, you can post a picture and tag us @YewDellGardens. Or how does #YewDellGrown sound? Shy away from the social media? I don’t blame you. A picture by email works too. I’ll give bonus points to anyone who prints a picture, finds an envelope, and remembers how to mail it! You can connect with us using any of the methods listed above.

We watch our community come and enjoy Yew Dell for what makes this place special. We would love to get a glimpse of some of the ideas and plants you take away from here that make your garden special to you.




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Membership

Treat yourself and support Yew Dell with a 2023 membership!

Your Yew Dell membership gives you free admission throughout the year, discounts on programs, and first alert to our most popular programs like our Bourbon & Botanicals concert series, and much, much more!

But as a member, you are also part of a select group of community members who choose to support this magical place and insure its growth into the future. It also makes a great gift!

**Make a Difference –
Join or Renew Today!**



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



Our 2023 Volunteer Season is underway. We invite volunteers of all talents and interests to join our volunteer community. Families, Friends, Groups, Master Gardeners, Beginning Gardeners, Tour Guides, Special Events, Scouts, Fairy House Builders... There's so many possibilities!



Scan the QR Code For Information On Volunteering!



Calling all Creatives! We are looking to spruce up our The Grace and Clara Marie Gettelfinger Fairy Forest this year in conjunction with Fairy Day 2023! We are looking for volunteers to design and construct fairy houses to house fairies for the season. If you are interested in bringing some whimsy to the Fairy Forest, visit the Volunteer Page by scanning the QR code.



Fairy Days



Sunday, June 25 • 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Included With Admission



Join us for Fairy Day! Elves, dwarves, gnomes, and pixies are also included in the summery fun with the fairies.

- ✦ New Fairy houses placed in the Fairy Forest
- ✦ Gnomes Adventure on the Woodland Trails
- ✦ Fairy and Elf Crowns hands-on activity
- ✦ Horticulture Team hands-on activity in the Horticulture Center
- ✦ Special treats for purchase in Martha Lee's Kitchen



THE BUDDING GARDENER

A GUIDE FOR GARDENERS OF ALL AGES

Be part of our BIG BLOOM! What colors do you see while visiting the gardens? Color this page, post it on social media, and tag us! We will select a winner that will then be shared in our next newsletter!

Be sure to tag us to be entered in the contest!

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