

The Castle CHRONICLES

SPRING 2006

Cercis canadensis 'Wither's Pink Charm'



ADRIAN BLOOM PROJECT

Great things continue to grow at Yew Dell Gardens, and this coming fall will be no exception. Yew Dell is working with renowned British plantsman and garden designer Adrian Bloom, of the Blooms of Bressingham Company, to design and install a fabulous new garden for the grounds. The best part of all is that on Friday, Sept. 8, Yew Dell volunteers will have the rare opportunity to work with Mr. Bloom and Yew Dell staff to build this new garden in a single day. This outstanding event will be followed on the next day, Saturday, Sept. 9, with a lecture by Mr. Bloom, lunch followed by tours of the best plants and gardens on the ground, and an exclusive plant sale including some Blooms of Bressingham perennials.

The planned new garden will feature a mixture of perennials and shrubs planted in a wide border below the castle wall. The garden and its grass walking paths will form a major connector between the Castle and the new Gheens Bank Barn and Peyton Samuel Head Trust Pavilion. And with plant selection by one of the best in the business, the garden is sure to be a four-season display of some of the finest garden plants for our region.

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Metasequoia glyptostroboides 'Ogon'



Aster oblongifolius 'Raydon's Favorite'



Our Mission

THE MISSION OF YEW DELL GARDENS IS TO CONTINUE THE HORTICULTURAL LEGACY OF THEODORE KLEIN; TO ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION OF THE ARBORETUM, GARDENS & THE EXTRAORDINARY ARCHITECTURAL SETTING; & TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT & ENJOYMENT.

2006 PLANT SALE & GARDEN MARKET

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(9 a.m. for members only)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
1 - 4 p.m.

ADMISSION
\$7 for adults
\$5 for seniors
Free to children six & under
and Yew Dell members

Please join us for the expanded 2006 Plant Sale & Garden Market to benefit Yew Dell Gardens. This event inspires visitors to discover their own creativity with numerous ideas, the latest yard and garden products, experts to answer your gardening questions, demonstrations, and so much more!

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Baptisia Yew Dell Hybrids

Co-Horts Celebrate!

Yew Dell Gardens hosted its 3rd annual volunteer appreciation event at Waldeck Farm on Sunday, Jan. 22. Through the generosity of David Gleason and Helena Grimes-Smith, and the tireless efforts of Terry Miller, the volunteer recognition event was held at Waldeck Mansion just down the road from Yew Dell. We are very thankful for their support of this special event and the nearly 100 volunteers who braved the cold weather to gather for an afternoon of celebration and recognition.

The highlight of the afternoon was the “Volunteer of the Year” award bestowed on Abi Rennekamp. Over the last year, Abi has been involved with the plant sale, plant labeling, and many other activities. Her most ambitious project has been creation of an entirely new database for all of Yew Dell’s plant collections. Her work has given the plant curation program a tremendous boost and has taken it far beyond anything we could have accomplished without her time, talent and dedication. We are grateful for all her efforts and congratulate Abi on her award.

For the first time this year a “Youth Volunteer” award was given to Jeff Pottinger. Jeff has committed every Wednesday after school this past year to volunteer. Other awards were given to “Constant Gardeners” Carolyn Breeden, Susan Freepartner and Judy Reibel, who together as Wednesday Weekly Weeders contributed over 120 hours collectively. Leisa Reynolds was again honored with the “Freelance Gardening” award, and “Trained Tour Guide” awards were given to nine volunteers including Eunice Blocker, Holly Cooper, Belinda Derme, Ken Gustafson, Patsy Harkess, Bonnie Heaton, Weezie Hickox, Mary Rounsavall, and Janet Schweitzer. Past “Volunteer of the Year” recipients Harry Bounnell and Karl Klein were also recognized for their continued tireless efforts and dedication to Yew Dell Gardens. Susan Wilborn, who has been constant in her assistance in the office, also was recognized.

The volunteer recognition event is held annually as our way of saying thank you to all who generously give their time and energy to help Yew Dell Gardens continue to grow and blossom. All together, Yew Dell volunteers contributed more than 6,000 hours, equating to more than three full-time staff positions. Kudos to the Co-horts at Yew Dell Gardens.



Abi Rennekamp claimed the top award at the annual volunteer event as “Volunteer of the Year” for 2005.



Blair Louis, one of the newest board members (l) chatted with Bonnie Heaton (r) in the spacious foyer of Waldeck Mansion.

LG&E Energy Delivers



LG&E Energy Delivery's Leadership Class 2005 clocked over 1,300 hours on the grounds at Yew Dell last year.

This past year brought the first major corporate volunteer project to Yew Dell Gardens. Over the course of several work-days this past summer, the members of LG&E Energy Delivery's Leadership Class 2005, tackled a mammoth list of projects on the grounds. By the time the dust cleared, they had erected some 2,000 ft. of deer fencing, and constructed a half-mile access trail to the beaver pond. But this Leadership Class didn't stop there. They repaired the dam, cleared piles of overgrowth, seeded a beautiful lawn area and painted the newly refurbished tobacco barn and picnic tables.

This highly talented and dedicated group contributed more than 1,300 hours of volunteer time, equipment and limitless expertise. In recognition of their generosity, at a graduation ceremony for the class members, Executive Director Paul Cappiello presented the group with the Golden Berry Holly Award; the first time this prestigious honor has been awarded to a corporate group. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the members of the class and to LG&E for their support of Yew Dell Gardens.



LGE's staff came complete with all the heavy equipment needed to make the painting job a snap!



Calveanthus x 'Heritage Wine'

PLANT SALE & GARDEN MARKET

GREAT PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN – Yew Dell Gardens' Plant Sale & Garden Market will offer everything from the best of the tried-and-true, to some of the newest and most exceptional plants available including the 2006 Theodore Klein Award winners. There will even be a few that you won't be able to find anywhere else. A list of some of this year's offerings is available on the website at www.yewdellgardens.org. However, to whet your appetite, here are a few choice offerings:

- *Fargesia rufa* Green Panda™; new and choice, a clumping bamboo hardy in Kentucky.
- *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* 'Ogon'; a brilliantly gold-needled version of this living fossil.
- *Baptisia* hybrids; highly sought-after seedlings from Yew Dell's own breeding program; not available anywhere else on the planet!
- *Tree Peonies*; exceptional selections gifted to Yew Dell straight from China. Many of these peonies have never before been grown in the U.S.!

WALKING TOURS – Guided tours will provide views of the extensive plant collections on the grounds. This is one of the best times of the year to tour the gardens at Yew Dell.

HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS – Take a seat and learn gardening tips and more from the experts at our educational and fun-filled demonstrations. All visitors are invited to take advantage of this series of imaginative, instructive and complimentary presentations. These hands-on demonstrations such as pruning and planting techniques and bonsai displays by the Louisville Bonsai Society will provide you with practical knowledge and the confidence

required to tackle your own gardening projects - don't miss the fun!

GARDEN MARKET – Come and explore the experience of a bustling open-air market, filled with the region's specialty nurseries, garden-related merchants and more. A "Green Elephant" boutique will also offer unusual and useful items for gardeners. This one-stop shopping resource will provide everything you need to whip your yard into shape for the spring!

GARDEN VENDORS

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GARDEN CAFÉ – Plan to relax near the Walled Garden while enjoying lunch with the delicacies offered in the Garden Café.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES – Children will be entertained by a variety of fun crafts, projects, and a scavenger hunt.

ADRIAN BLOOM

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Over the last several years, Blooms of Bressingham and Mr. Bloom have collaborated on similar garden projects with several other institutions around the country as a way to promote great gardening and great plants; but make no mistake about it, this is a major coup for Yew Dell Gardens. Blooms of Bressingham is a major player in the business of new plant introduction and top-flight garden center management. And Mr. Bloom is known worldwide as an outstanding plantsman and designer.

Mr. Bloom's lecture, sponsored by the Louisville Nursery Association, will treat attendees to outstanding gardens and garden plants and is sure to be a quick sell-out as space will be at a premium. Members will get the first chance to purchase tickets. Watch for your special invitation in August and more information in the next Castle Chronicles. If you are not a member, you may want to consider joining today!

Yew Dell Gardens gratefully acknowledges the many individuals, families, businesses and foundations that support our work through generous contributions. We acknowledge these gifts annually. Please except our sincere apologies for the following names of individuals who were inadvertently omitted during layout of the last newsletter.

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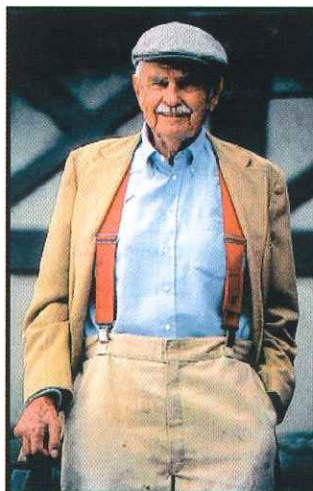
Theodore Klein Plant Awards

Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes



Baptisia australis

false indigo, one of our long-lived North American natives, is grown for its lavender-blue spring flower spikes. In full sun plants will grow to 2.5'-3.5' tall. The plant combines excellent pest resistance with drought and heat tolerance that make it an excellent choice for both the urban and country garden. Breeding programs like that of Yew Dell Gardens have some exciting new plants with incredible flower colors and size characteristics. The seed pods can be attractive, certainly musical, for the cut-dried stem market.



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Nyssa sylvatica

black gum, is a Kentucky native tree grown for its brilliant burgundy, red, orange and yellow fall foliage and tremendous adaptability. Summer foliage on the

better forms is deep lustrous green, changing to beautiful mixed color displays in autumn. Some improved forms include 'Hayman's Red' (Red Rage™) with great glossy leaves and good leaf spot resistance introduced by Mike Hayman of Louisville's Seneca Gardens Arboretum, 'Wildfire' with burgundy new summer foliage, and even contorted and weeping selections such as 'Autumn Cascade'. Cultivars can be found in Louisville's Cherokee Park, White Hall, Seneca Gardens, Yew Dells Gardens and UKREC Botanic Garden Gardens. The picture above is a cultivar selection named 'McNiel's Weeper' after UK Horticulture Professor Dr. Robert McNiel.



Cornus kousa 'Wolf Eyes'

Variegated chinese Dogwood, 'Wolf Eyes', is a shrubby, broad spreading kousa dogwood. It is considered among the best of

the *C. kousa* variegated forms. The creamy white margined leaves hold up well in sun or shade. Blooms of four, pointed white bracts last for several weeks and in late summer the plant is covered with red-orange raspberry-like fruit. 'Wolf Eyes' was discovered at Manor View Farm, Monkton, MD. See at Yew Dell Gardens.



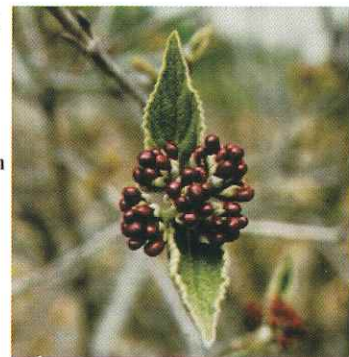
Rohdea japonica –

sacred lily This uncommon, evergreen perennial is one of the most overlooked hardy foliage plants available. Long, strap-like evergreen leaves to about 15" in height form small clumps that increase slowly. The fruit is showy all fall and winter. Best grown in shade, and once established, *Rohdea* is quite drought tolerant. See at Yew Dell Gardens & UKREC.

Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Mohawk'

Mohawk Viburnum has long been one of the gold standards of fragrant garden shrubs. This outstanding selection will grow to approximately 7' tall and wide with foliage of dark glossy green in summer, changing to a rich red-orange in autumn. In spring, rich cherry-red flower buds put on a display for 10-14 days before opening to gleaming white, spicy scented, snowball-like blooms.

This viburnum is perfectly at home in full sun or partial shade and is adaptable to a wide range of soil types. This is one of the great plant breeder Dr. Donald Egolf's introductions known for their flowers and pest resistance; for more information see <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Newintro/mohawk.html>



The Theodore Klein Plant Awards were created to promote superior plants for the Kentucky landscape. The program is sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and Yew Dell Gardens.

For more information on the Klein Awards and for a downloadable version of the 2006 poster, go to UK's Dr. Win Dunwell's web site:

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html>

MEMBER BENEFITS BLOSSOM

Membership to Yew Dell Gardens offers a plethora of perks, but recently, member benefits have blossomed to include discounts to 38 nurseries and garden centers in the region. A complete list is available in the membership section of Yew Dell's website or by calling the office. Remember to bring your membership card when you shop this spring.

In addition to this offering, members enjoy free access to Yew Dell's gardens and grounds - an especially important benefit considering the greatly expanded open hours for 2006. Membership also includes a subscription to "The Castle Chronicles," free admission to hundreds of botanical gardens, arboreta and conservatories throughout the country, and early notice and special discounts to our own educational programs and events.

Take a moment to review the various membership levels and benefits offered, and the attached membership form, then join today. You can also visit our website at www.yewdellgardens.org or call the office at 502-241-4788.

Membership prices are set at affordable levels to encourage people of all ages and income levels to join our efforts to build one of the most exciting botanical gardens in the region. "YEW" can become a member today!

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Yes, I want to show my support to save Yew Dell Gardens by becoming a member today.

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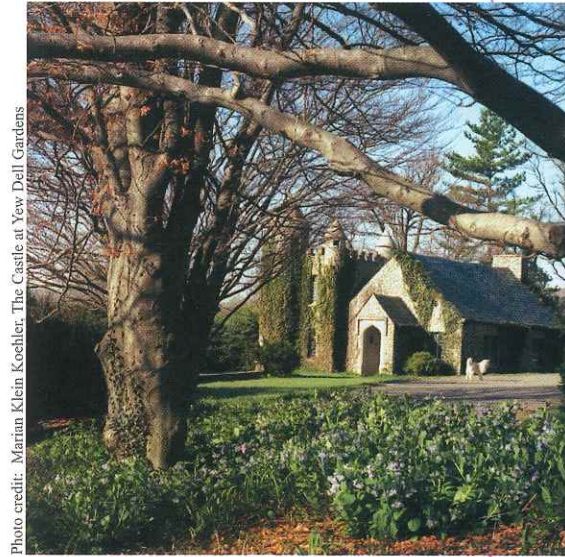


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GLENVIEW GARDEN CLUB

"Town & Country Garden Tour"

Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain or shine)

The Glenview Garden Club will host their annual garden tour featuring six early summer gardens of club members. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Doll's Market. The Glenview Garden Club has raised over \$160,000 to benefit community projects including the restoration of the Walled Garden at Yew Dell Gardens. For more information call 502.896.0800 or visit the regional calendar listing at www.yewdellgardens.org.

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