

The Castle Chronicles

SPRING 2009



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SCULPTURE IN THE DELL 2009 FEATURES GARDEN ART FROM AREA SCULPTORS

Make plans now to visit Yew Dell Gardens to take in the *2nd Annual Sculpture in the Dell* show. This year's edition features 20 artists from across Kentucky and southern Indiana. Approximately 60 sculptures in a wide range of materials and styles will be displayed throughout the gardens and grounds in venues chosen specifically for each piece, and to give visitors ideas on how to site sculpture in their own gardens. A special highlight this year, the show will include two Barney Bright bronze pieces recently cast from Mr. Bright's original molds. We've also added pieces from three local high schools so art lovers in the area can get a first glimpse of a few of the area's up and coming artists.

Last year's show was a huge hit, bringing in more than 4000 visitors over the two months of the event. The show will run through August 2. Plan to visit the show this summer...and bring your check book. You never know when you'll see a piece you just have to have for your garden. And of course, all the pieces will be for sale!



Ivy Bell, bronze by Wyatt Gragg

Our Mission:

The mission of Yew Dell Gardens is to continue the horticultural legacy of Theodore Klein; to encourage exploration of the arboretum, gardens and the extraordinary architectural setting; and to provide opportunities for education, enrichment and enjoyment.

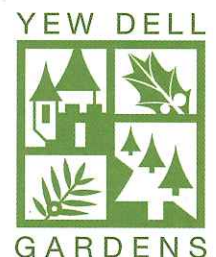
NEW WOODLAND POND AND TRAILS OPEN

As if the expanded gardens, plant collections, classes and programs weren't enough, this Spring, Yew Dell opened yet another new resource on the grounds. The fully rehabilitated woodland pond will form the centerpiece of a 20-acre outdoor environmental education facility with over a mile of sustainable trails and several outdoor teaching spaces. The project has been supported by the Glenview Garden Club, the Garden Club of America, PNC Bank, E.ON-US and Watermark Construction, in addition to Yew Dell's outstanding volunteers.



A section of the new trail system leading to Yew Dell's reconstructed pond. More than a mile of hiking trails will wind from the castle steps, through the meadow and woods, to the new pond, providing a beautiful place for a quiet walk or outdoor environmental education programs.

Fifty years ago, a simple farm pond was built on the property to provide water for livestock on the Klein family farm. But over the years, the pond's earthen dam failed and the area became badly overgrown. Now, through the hard work and generosity of many Yew Dell supporters, the pond has been rebuilt and now forms a beautiful woodland respite as well as a wonderful resource for education programs.



Director's Letter



Baptisia blue hybrid; one of the many new Yew Dell hybrid seedlings under evaluation in the nursery.

Four-hundred years ago, Galileo Galilei took a recently-invented bit of technology—the spy glass—turned it toward the heavens, and changed forever the way we think about the stars. Just a handful of years ago, a small group of Kentucky gardeners purchased a chunk of Oldham County land, set out to build a botanical garden, and along the way, changed forever the way we think about Kentucky gardens.

On the way to becoming the region's botanical garden, Yew Dell has made a habit of sticking its collective nose out there to take risks and try new things. New plants are tested right out in the open (rather than behind some barbed-wire-enclosed back 40 like most botanical gardens) where visitors and staff can observe and evaluate plant performance. We built our most significant building project, the Gheens Barn and Peyton Samuel Head Trust Pavilion, without a master plan for the property—gasp!...allowing us to preserve and reuse a wonderful old historic structure and at the same time, proudly proclaim education as the driving focus for the institution.

For 2009, the fun and the new will continue. We've opened our new woodland pond and trail system to provide a place to learn about and appreciate Kentucky's natural spaces. Our Sculpture in the Dell show features artists from our own community. Ever-expanding plant production facilities will allow us to develop, grow and evaluate more plants for gardens and natural areas across the region. Surely, if Galileo is out there, he must

be looking down through that clunky old telescope, and enjoying every minute of it!

All of us at Yew Dell invite you to come take a class, enjoy a lecture, experience a stroll through the gardens. It is the best way to enjoy all that has been done, and to get a glimpse of what is still to come.

Happy Gardening!

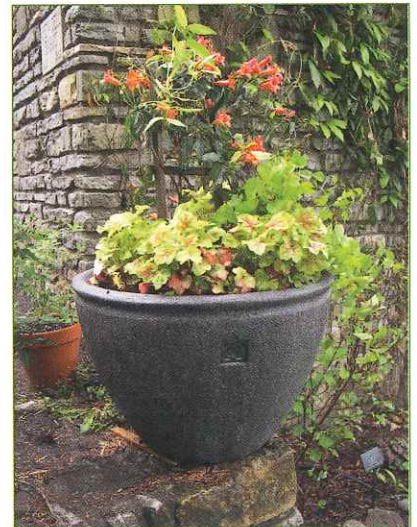
Paul Cappiello, PhD
Executive Director

THE PERFECT GIFT

Purchase of a memorial bench or set of chairs has been and continues to be an excellent way to remember a loved one, mark a special occasion, or honor a valued friend.

Now we've added a new opportunity—purchase a special memorial/honorary container to adorn the grounds. These containers are beautiful and weather proof and can be left on the grounds all year long.

Call 502.241.4788 for information.



NEITHER ICE, NOR WIND, NOR STORM-DAMAGED TREES...

The last 18 months have tried the patience of even the most stable-minded of gardeners. The tornado activity in February 2008, hurricane Ike remnants in October, and then the kicker, the ice and wind storm this past winter, have left many of us wondering if we'll ever again have a big old tree in the yard. Yet out of this mess has emerged some excellent information. From Paducah to Pikeville, we've had plant people taking notes on what survived and what didn't, and the developing lists can help us all as we move forward on replanting trees around our communities.

The storm-damaged trees fall into several categories based on the type or extent of damage. Some trees are just weak wooded and broke apart in the wind and weight of ice. Here you would list species such as willows (*Salix*), pines (*Pinus*), birches (*Betula*), and poplars (*Populus*.) Others were damaged as a result of their weak architecture. Species such as lindens (*Tilia*), and callery pears (*Pyrus x calleryana* 'Bradford' and related varieties) form very narrow branch angles that are

inherently unstable and blew apart in the storms. Finally, there are species that were simply nuked by the storms. Chinese elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*) was absolutely devastated across the state to the extent that it is unlikely to show up in Kentucky nurseries anytime soon!

Other than natural constitution, many other trees showed damage due to existing trunk decay or poor placement. In my Louisville Highlands neighborhood, many large old red oaks (*Quercus rubra*) blew over because of poor root systems. Having been planted in those nasty tree tombs between the street and sidewalk, they only developed limited root spread and when the trees blew over, it was easy to see why.

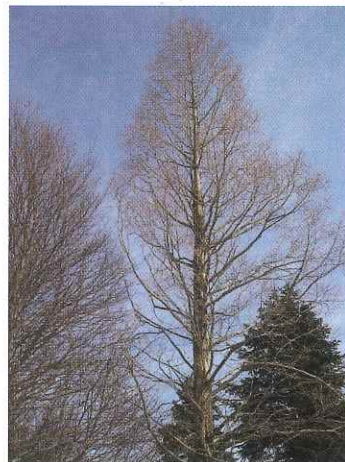
Fortunately, there is a long list of trees that performed admirably through all three storms. So for your spring or fall planting, take a gander at the lists below. If you had different experiences, let us know. The list will be updated as we get more information.



Ginkgo biloba



Picea orientalis



Metasequoia glyptostroboides



Nyssa sylvatica

Trees showing heavy damage during 2008/09 storms

Acer (maple) – red, silver, Norway, sugar
Betula (birch) – especially *Betula nigra*; river birch
Cladrastis kentuckia – American yellowwood
Fagus grandifolia – American beech
 (well-pruned specimens were fine)
Fraxinus – Ash
Ilex – hollies (many tall varieties bent over or uprooted/snapped)
Magnolia grandiflora – southern magnolia
Magnolia virginiana – sweetbay magnolia
Pinus strobus – white pine (and most other pines)
Prunus serotina – black cherry
Pyrus calleryana – callery pear ('Bradford' and its cousins)
Ulmus parvifolia – lacebark elm
Ulmus pumilla – siberian elm
Tilia cordata – littleleaf linden

Trees that generally held up well during 2008/09 storms

Abies – fir (just about all species)

Acer palmatum – Japanese maple
Amelanchier species – serviceberry
Carpinus betulus – European hornbeam (and *C. caroliniana*)
Carya illinoensis – pecan
Cornus florida – flowering dogwood
Fagus sylvatica – European beech and cultivars
Ginkgo biloba – Ginkgo, maidenhair tree
Gymnocladus dioica – Kentucky coffeetree
Magnolia acuminata – cucumber tree magnolia
 (and *M. macrophylla*/*M. tripetala*)
Metasequoia glyptostroboides – dawn redwood
Nyssa sylvatica – black gum
Ostrya virginiana – hop hornbeam
Picea – Spruce (all species)
Quercus – oaks (most did fine except those with decay or structural problems)
Taxodium distichum – common baldcypress (and *T. ascendens*)
Tilia tomentosa – silver linden
Zelkova serrata – Japanese zelkova

Upcoming Garden Education & Events

SCULPTURE IN THE DELL

Last year's Sculpture show was so popular that we decided to make it an annual event! Come stroll the gardens, take in the garden art, and possibly take home just the right piece for your own garden. Sponsored by Wiltshire Pantry, Oldham County Educational Foundation and Ellen and Hendrik van Nagell.

May 30 - August 2, regular admission and hours



Greenhaven Tree Care arborist Robert Rollins teaching class participants the fine art of tree transplanting.

GARDEN DESIGN WORKSHOP— ON THE ROAD IN LOUISVILLE

Join us for a new twist on the garden design workshop. We'll spend the day touring several fabulous Louisville-area gardens. But this is more than just a garden tour. Each stop will involve a detailed critique and design analysis of the garden led by Yew Dell Executive Director Dr. Paul Cappiello and other area experts. Includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Limited enrollment so sign up early!

June 11, 9am - 3pm, \$75/\$85

SUMMER CAMP

How would your kids like to spend a week at Yew Dell, exploring the gardens, learning about nature, creating art projects, discovering plant folklore and more? What a great way to spend part of summer vacation! Sorry parents, this is for kids only—ages 6 to 14.

June 22 - 26, \$250

WHAT'S IN A NAME? TRADEMARKS, CULTIVARS, GENUS AND SPECIES.

Plant names and relationships can tell gardeners volumes about plant cultural needs and garden traits. Don't miss the rare opportunity to learn the art of untangling plant names and making sense of what's on the labels of plants in nurseries. Includes lunch.

July 1, 10am - 3pm \$45/\$55

GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Join former Southern Living photographer Joseph De Sciose for a wonderful opportunity to learn how to take beautiful garden and plant photos. The workshop will include classroom presentation and hands-on instruction on everything from equipment to composition and technique. Bring a camera and tripod if you have them, and plan to be amazed by your own photos. Program includes boxed lunch.

July 25, 9am - 3pm \$75/\$85

AN EVENING OF FRESH HERBS AND HEIRLOOM TOMATOES

Join Yew Dell staff and a host of others for this celebration of the best of the summer garden. Mark Williams of Slowfood Bluegrass will be offering cooking/preparation demonstrations and samples. We'll have local farmers and producers showing off, providing samples and selling the best of fresh herbs and heirloom veggies. We guarantee you'll go home with a new appreciation for all the possibilities for your fresh harvest.

August 11, 5:30 - 8pm \$10/\$15

To register, visit: www.yewdellgardens.org,
or call 241.4788

Advanced registration required for all charge events

NEW PLANT WORKSHOP

Yew Dell has made its name as a place that collects and evaluates some of the best of the newest plants coming onto the market. This day-long workshop with Dr. Cappiello will offer attendees a close-up view of the best of the best. Includes lunch.

August 20, 9am - 3pm; \$50/\$60

HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY DR. JB'S CLEAN FEEDER

Don't miss our second annual event scheduled during the height of the hummingbird migration through Crestwood. Learn the tricks of attracting hummingbirds to your garden and feeders. Talk with nationally recognized hummingbird photographer Russ Thompson about capturing the perfect snapshot. Watch experts catch, band and release hummingbirds. Hummingbird feeders and plants will be available for sale.

August 29, 1 - 4; regular admission

TWILIGHT IN THE GARDEN

Yew Dell's annual event featuring outstanding live and silent auctions, and dinner and cocktails among some of the best gardens and plants in the region. A year's worth of planning culminates in one fantastic evening that you won't want to miss. Enjoy Yew Dell at its finest while supporting the continued growth and success of all that is Yew Dell Gardens. Sponsorship opportunities available—contact us today!

October 10, 6pm; \$175/person

Yew Dell Gardens 2009 Concert Series

Join us for a glimpse of the gardens and some wonderful music. Concerts will be held the third Thursday of every month through November, beginning at 7:00pm in the Gheens Barn. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended as the performances will have limited seating.

All tickets are \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Featured Performers

THE HARRY PICKENS TRIO

Harry, an internationally known jazz pianist and composer will perform a wide range of pieces with bass player, Chris Fitzgerald and drummer, Jason Tiemann.

June 18

BOURBON BAROQUE

Enjoy Baroque in the Barn... Bourbon Baroque performs music of the 17th and 18th centuries on the instruments for which the music was composed. Come hear the organic sounds of period instruments in a sanctuary of natural beauty

July 16, August 20

LOUISVILLE BACH SOCIETY CHAMBER GROUP
September 17

YEW DELL'S PLANT SALE & GARDEN MARKET



Happy shoppers at Yew Dell's 7th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market. The event was sponsored by E.ON-US and the Louisville Nursery Association.



Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' in the Adrian Bloom garden

GLENVIEW GARDEN CLUB TOUR

June 6 & 7; 10am-5pm both days

Enjoy early summer in 6 fabulous Louisville-area gardens. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at *Doll's Market, Digs, The Plant Kingdom* and *Boone Gardiner*. Box lunches may be pre-ordered for an additional \$15.

For ticket information call 502-896-0800 or email Betsy177@bellsouth.net.

USE YOUR IRA TO SUPPORT YEW DELL GARDENS

Through 12/31/2009, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 allows tax-free distributions, up to \$100,000, from Traditional or Roth IRAs, directly to charitable organizations. As the market ticks up a bit, this might be a good time to consider investing in Yew Dell by taking advantage of this opportunity. Contact us for details.

MEMORIAL/HONORARY DONATIONS

January 1 – April 30, 2009

IN HONOR OF;

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MEMBERSHIP

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

- Virginia Bluebells (\$35/single membership)
- Silver Cloud (\$50/family membership)
- Weeping Katsura (\$150 - \$499)
- Golden-Berried Holly (\$500 - \$999)
- The Dell Society (\$1,000 & above)
- Other Donation

Contact me about volunteer opportunities at Yew Dell
Membership purchase also available on the Yew Dell Gardens website (www.yewdellgardens.org)

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Yew Dell membership offers a wealth of benefits including **admission** all year long, **discounts** on all Yew Dell classes, lectures and workshops, **invitation** to member-only events and **early admission** to the annual **Plant Sale and Garden Market**. Members also receive discounts at area nurseries and garden centers and coupons and gift certificates for plants and garden supplies—membership pays for itself several times over! And starting this year, we are offering all our \$150 and up members, a **special plant dividend** available only at our annual plant sale. We're even offering guest passes for your friends and family members. Check the website for complete details.

YEW DELL HAPPENINGS



YEW DELL'S PLANT SALE & GARDEN MARKET



A proud gardener showing off his very first garden project. The Plant Sale event included a variety of engaging activities for kids and families.

TOP: The Plant Sale didn't only include Yew Dell's plants. Twenty vendors from across the region offered specialty plants and a wide array of garden goods.



Volunteers from Watermark Corporation, working on trail construction near the newly rehabilitated woodland pond.



Plant Sale volunteer Fran Tiller, Yew Dell Garden Manager Jo Anne Fischer, and board member Blair Louis, setting up for the Plant Sale and Garden Market.



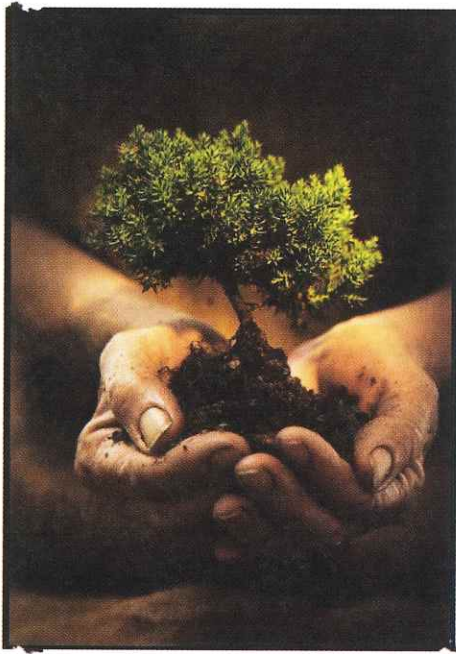
Houston visitors enjoying music, gardens and libations at Yew Dell's Hair of the Dog, post-Derby party.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Saturday Volunteer Work Days—second Saturday of every month, 9am-noon

Plan to be there at 9am sharp to enjoy Yew Dell Garden Manager, JoAnne Fischer's **tip of the month**, a 15-minute bit of plant and garden information that will offer a great learning opportunity for gardeners of all levels.

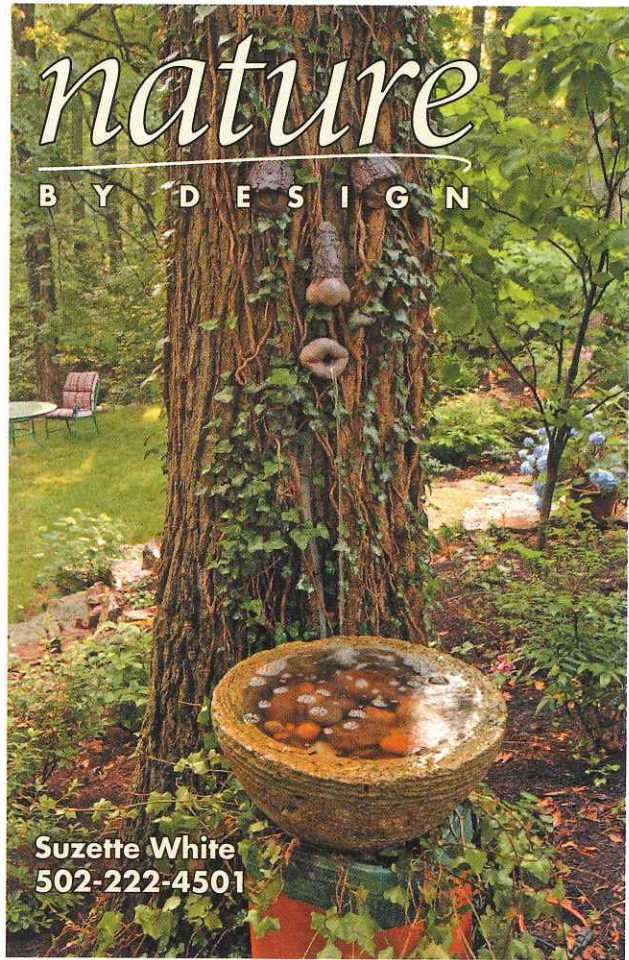
June 13	September 12
July 11	October 10
August 8	November 14



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Volunteer Abi Rennekamp labelling plants in the gardens. Abi is a past volunteer of the year and has worked tirelessly to insure Yew Dell's plants are accurately labelled and inventoried.

Paul G. Clinton
President

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P.O. Box 868, Crestwood, KY 40014
Phone 241-0471

DESIGN

BUILD



Save the date for Twilight in the Garden 2009

Saturday evening, October 10, 2009

Enjoy a fabulous evening of cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions, all among some of the most beautiful gardens in the region.

Sponsorship opportunities still available.



Acer saccharum

Yew Dell Gardens is a partnership project of the Garden Conservancy, a national, non-profit organization founded to help preserve America's exceptional gardens.

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