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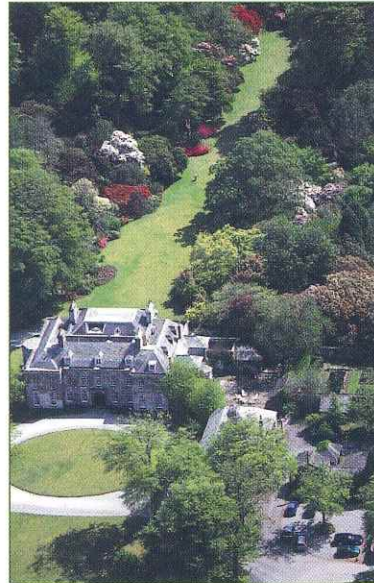
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YEW DELL GOES INTERNATIONAL: SPRING 2010!

Well, you've been asking and we've been planning. Spring 2010 will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit some of the most spectacular and storied gardens and estates of southern England on a trip guided by Yew Dell's executive director, Paul Cappiello.

The 9-day tour will begin in London in late March; timing that will allow us to enjoy the best of the late winter and early spring garden, including Himalayan magnolias and rhododendrons, the last of the hellebores, camellias, pieris and more. Check our website or call the office for more details. Space is limited so be sure to sign up soon!

(Itinerary and more on page 6)



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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.



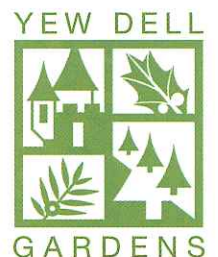
Orange-barked Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum 'Bihou'). This outstanding specimen offers bright yellow-green summer leaves that turn a rich red-orange in the fall. As the fall foliage drops, the bark transforms to a brilliant orange that lasts the entire winter. This is an extremely rare plant that was only recently imported from Japan.

TWILIGHT IN THE GARDEN

It's hard to believe that summer is already fading away. And at Yew Dell, that means we are eagerly awaiting amazing fall colors and preparing for the biggest event of the year, ***Twilight in the Garden***. On **Saturday, October 10th**, prepare to be awed by pristine gardens, a gourmet dinner and cocktails, fabulous silent and live auctions and a gathering of new and old friends. Every year, Yew Dell brings you a fantastic evening under the stars. Take a look at just a few of the items on the auction block: An 18'-tall copper beech tree planted by Theodore Klein himself, a 'Bihou' orange-bark Japanese Maple (left) that's impossible to find in this part of the country, and a magical week spent at the incomparable Maison Rose in France. Can't squeeze France into your busy schedule? It's OK; take a trip to Cabo San Lucas instead!

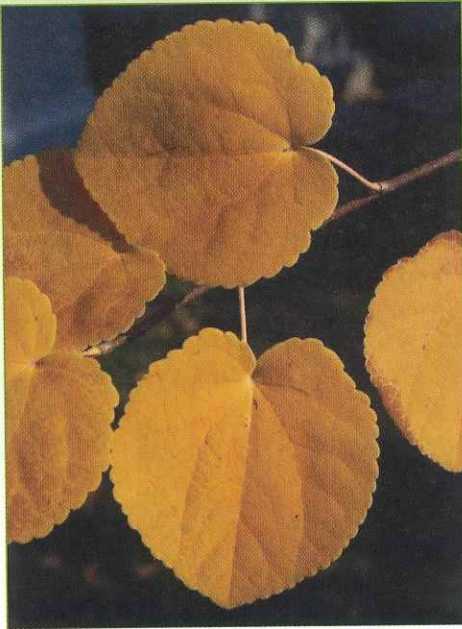
As Yew Dell's most important fundraiser, ***Twilight*** helps support our ongoing garden research, educational programs, and community involvement. So join us for ***Twilight*** and bid on these items and many more to help support Yew Dell's contributions to your life and landscape.

Tickets and full table reservations are available. Call 502.241.4788 to reserve your spot today!



Director's Letter

ALL OF A SUDDEN, WE'RE COOL...WHO KNEW!?



Cercidiphyllum japonicum Katsura Tree

For those of us who have spent much of the last few decades banging away on growing plants, building gardens, and generally making the world a greener place, it's awfully gratifying to now bear witness to the collective and global jumping on to photosynthetic bandwagons near and far. Believe me, when in the past I announced to friends and relatives that I had been awarded a Fellows Award from the International Plant Propagators' Society or received such enigmatic honors as the Cross Commodity Publication Award from the American Society for Horticultural Science, the chuckling and ribbing has been about as well hidden as Cyrano de Bergerac's considerable proboscis. No, make no mistake, plants are now cool, and getting cooler by the minute.

But these days, some have sought the lazy man's path to greenness. Sorry, placing a blue recycling bin prominently in the office kitchen does not a green company make, and the same goes for all of us at home. Fortunately, the garden offers us all some of the easiest ways to truly contribute to the comeback of all things green. Composting yard and kitchen waste not only keeps unwanted bulk out of landfills, but did it ever make any sense to wrap up our leaves in tidy plastic bags for trash pick-up, and then drive to the garden center to purchase compost for the garden? Why do we continue to plant the forever-thirsty impatience in the driest soil in our gardens? Why do we insist on growing plants that require a constant spray of magic mystery slop to keep pests at bay? It seems simple and obvious, but likely the easiest and most effective thing we can all do to make our gardens greener, is to simply follow the old adage, right plant in the right place.

Over the coming months, we'll be working hard to bring you tips for greener gardens, results from plant trials, and information on other ways to enjoy your garden more while working smarter and leaving a lighter environmental footprint for coming generations. But in the mean time, take pride in being a garden geek. We've waited too long to let the opportunity to be cool to pass us by!

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.



PLAYING FAVORITES...

We thought you might be interested to know what plants Yew Dell's own staff and volunteers would say are some of their favorites. It seemed an easy enough request, but when the results came in, it was clear that choosing only one was a challenge.

Paul Cappiello, Executive Director

Daphne xburkwoodii 'Gold Dust'; variegated burkwood daphne

This plant has become a favorite in the sunken rock garden. It will grow 3' tall x 4' wide. Rather slow growing, it is grown for its spring (mid to late April) pale pink sweetly fragrant flowers, and fine-textured, gold-edged leaves. 'Gold Dust' needs a moist, well-drained soil in sun to part shade. It's a bit difficult to grow but well worth the effort. We are rooting cuttings and hope to have some available for next year's plant sale.



that offers outstanding foliage color throughout the growing season. Since mimosa can be quite invasive, we grow it only as a cut-back shrub. Each winter, we cut back the plant to 2-3' tall, removing the flower buds and thereby eliminating any flowers and seed. And the subsequent vigorous foliage growth is spectacular. See our best specimen growing along the Red Barn path.

Abi Rennekamp, Loyal Volunteer (So loyal in fact, we let her choose two favorites)

Fagus sylvatica 'Klein Copper'; purple-leaf European beech



European beech makes an outstanding specimen tree in its own right. But 'Klein Copper' sets the bar one notch higher. Spring foliage emerges a mixture of bright new-penny copper and deep burgundy. The color holds well into the summer and eventually fades to a deep, rich purplish-green. This is a tree for large open lawns

and deep rich soils. Our specimen is located in the arboretum.

Jo Anne Fischer, Garden Manager

Indigofera amblyantha; Asian false indigo

This 8' tall, fountain-like shrub provides delicately fine texture for the summer garden. From late April through first frost, plants produce an abundance of pink candle-like blossoms along every stem. Tolerant of sun and part shade and any soil except extremely wet, it will perform admirably in almost any garden in our region. It also makes a great addition to large mixed container plantings. Our specimen is planted next to the Rock House.



Hydrangea quercifolia 'Shannon'



Oakleaf hydrangea is a staple in the Kentucky landscape, but you've not seen the best until you've seen 'Shannon', a Theodore Klein selection, in full bloom. Rather than the typical 4-sepaled white flowers, 'Shannon' offers double flowers with more than 20 sepals/flower. As they age, the basal sepals turn a rich mahogany, giving the entire plant a unique and beautiful appearance. Plant in partial shade

in rich soil for best growth. Yew Dell's specimen is growing along the drive across from the Serpentine Garden.

Adam Parman, Summer Intern, Student at University of Kentucky

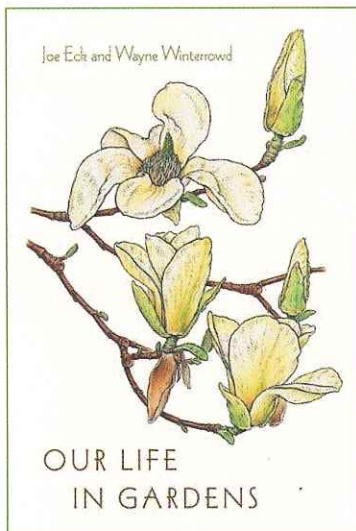
Albizia julibrissin 'Summer Chocolate'; purple-leafed mimosa

Many of us grew up knowing mimosa as a lacy, green-leafed, sprawling tree with powder-puff pink summer blossoms. 'Summer Chocolate' is a stunning burgundy-leafed form



Upcoming Garden Education & Events

BOOK SIGNING: OUR LIFE IN GARDENS, BY JOE ECK AND WAYNE WINTERROWD



Renowned garden designers and authors Joe Eck and Wayne Winterrowd will unveil their latest book, *Our Life In Gardens* at a book signing & lecture on Sunday, September 13. Joe and Wayne have consulted on many local gardens and the book is a highly personal account of over 30 years of experience in the making of their own private garden, North Hill, in Vermont. Garden historian Mac Griswold calls North Hill "one of the best private gardens in North America." *The New York Times Book*

Review claims "the pleasures revealed in this beautiful book are countless". The book includes valuable information on garden design and on the cultivation of rare and unusual plants.

Reservations are required.

September 13, 3pm

TWILIGHT IN THE GARDEN

Yew Dell's annual event featuring outstanding live and silent auctions, 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. **Tickets & Table Reservations are still available—contact us today!**

October 10, 6pm; \$175/person

BOO DELL

Calling all ghouls and goblins! Yew Dell and the Oldham County Library have teamed up again to offer this day of fun, trick-or-treating along the Trail of Treats, a jack-o-lantern contest, and the return of Mr. Magic (2pm). Come in your Halloween best and bring the kids along for a spooky afternoon at Yew Dell. *Texicans will have BBQ available for the grown ups!*

October 24, 11:30-2pm; Free Admission; Parking \$5 per car

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Terrariums offer a creative and fun way to have a miniature landscape right in your home for the winter. Stick around after the 2nd Saturday volunteer work day and let Yew Dell's Garden Manager, Jo Anne Fischer, guide you through building your own

terrarium. Keep it for yourself, or use as a gift for the holidays. We'll supply the terrarium, 5 plants and all of the other items you'll need. **Lunch is optional** and space is limited. Don't delay; reservations must be received by **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4.**

November 14, 12:30-2:30; \$45/\$55

HOLLY DAYS

What could be better than a wreath or centerpiece made from fresh greenery harvested from Yew Dell Gardens' own trees? Jules Klein and Garden Manager, Jo Anne Fischer will lead workshops to help you celebrate the holidays in style. Wreath workshops—10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm; Topiary/centerpiece workshop from 12pm - 2pm. Get ready to create your own work of art that will be the envy of the neighborhood.

December 5; \$30/members, \$35/non-members; price is per workshop and covers one piece. Additional fee of \$10/piece applies if you'd like to make more than one wreath, topiary or centerpiece.

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 LOUISVILLE BACH SOCIETY CHAMBER GROUP

Since 1964, The Louisville Bach Society has entertained audiences throughout the Louisville area. Here's a chance to enjoy an intimate evening with the LBC Chamber Group in the incomparable setting of Yew Dell's Gheens Barn! The Louisville Bach Chamber Singers will be performing works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Handel, Paulus, Orban & Lauridsen.

September 17

WHISKEY BENT VALLEY BOYS

Their first appearance at Yew Dell, The Whiskey Bent Valley Boys promise to take you back through the hills of old Kentucky with their authentic Bluegrass sound. Come prepared to hear all your bluegrass favorites and have a foot stompin' good time.

October 15

HARRY PICKENS TRIO

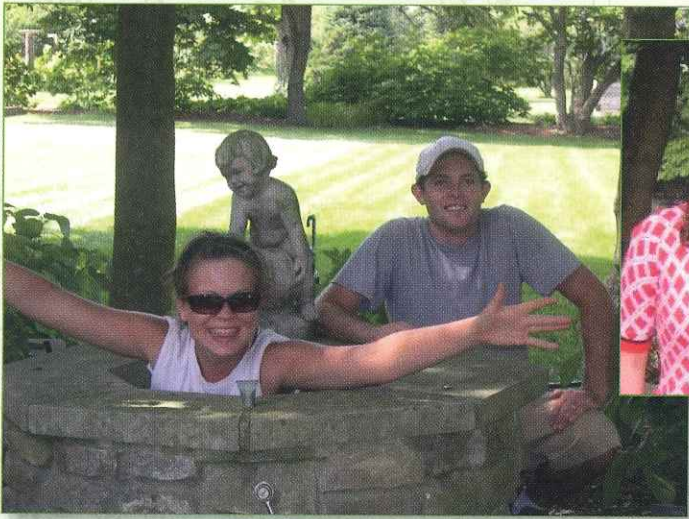
Harry, an internationally known jazz pianist and composer will perform a wide range of pieces with bass player, Chris Fitzgerald and drummer, Jason Tiemann.

November 19

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

Advanced registration required for all charge events

MEET THE INTERNS



The Bulldogs in the Bluegrass program brings in students from Yale University to work at various non-profits and corporations in Louisville as part of the greater effort to attract young talent to visit and stay in Louisville.

If you were wondering why Yew Dell looks even better than usual this year, we can't take all the credit. Thanks to several generous donors, this summer, Yew Dell hosted four hard-working interns: Carmen Trimpe from Western Kentucky University contributed greatly to the success of the 2nd Annual Sculpture Show; Adam Parman from the University of Kentucky & Hannah

Rochau from Yale University worked as horticulture interns with Garden Manager Jo Anne Fischer; and Tanya Fridland, also a student at Yale University, did more than we ever thought possible in the marketing department. We wish them well back at school and have our fingers crossed that they'll come back soon!



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

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- 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
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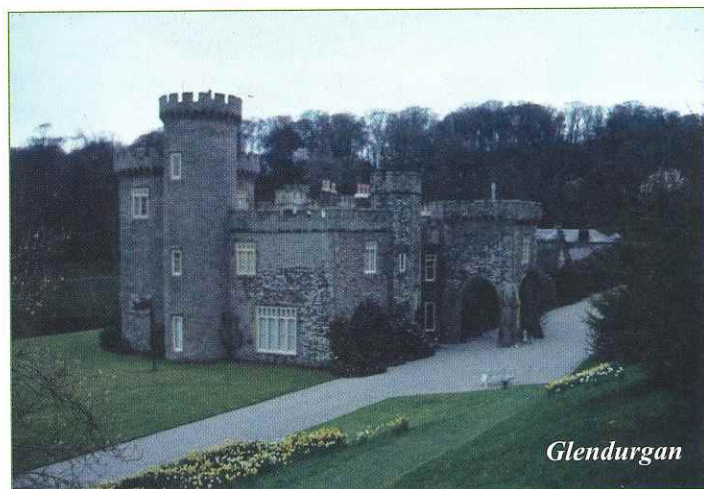
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Yew Dell membership offers a wealth of benefits including **admission** all year long, **discounts** on all Yew Dell classes, lectures and workshops, **invitation** to member-only events and **early admission** to the annual **Plant Sale and Garden 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.

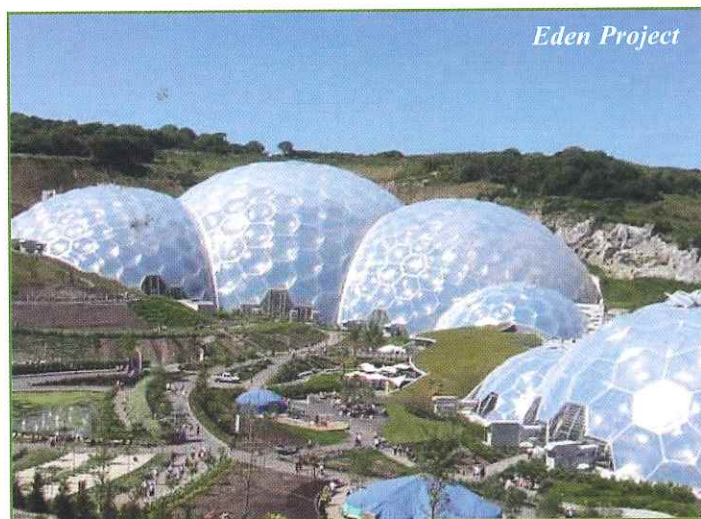
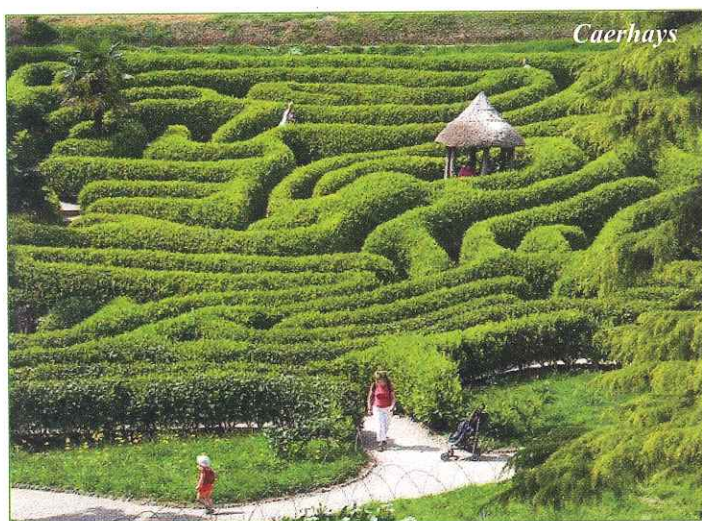
YEW DELL HAPPENINGS

ENGLAND CONTINUED FROM COVER



The trip will begin with a special tour of the incomparable **Kew Gardens** and will wind its way through the southwestern countryside, making stops at the **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum**, boasting one of the most spectacular woody plant collections in the UK. The village of Salisbury and its iconic cathedral will offer a jumping off point for a stop at Stonehenge, the historic Capability Brown landscape at Stourhead and a drive across the moors. Our southwestern

destination will be the Cornish countryside and visits to some impressive plant collections; **Trewithen, Glendurgan, Killerton, Caerhays** and more. We'll even spend the better part of a day at the **Eden Project**, a world-renowned conservatory. We'll conclude the tour at **RHS Wisley Garden**, recognized as one of the best display gardens in the western world. Visit YewDellGardens.org for more information.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Saturday Volunteer Work Days—second Saturday of every month April - November, 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.

September 12

October 10

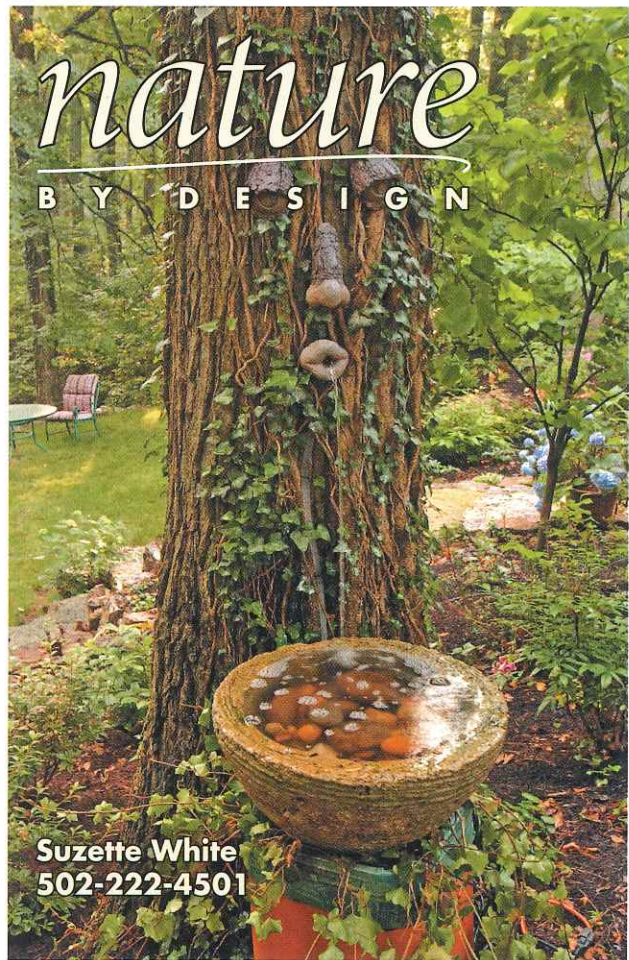
November 14 (Be sure to register early for the Terrarium Workshop immediately following!)



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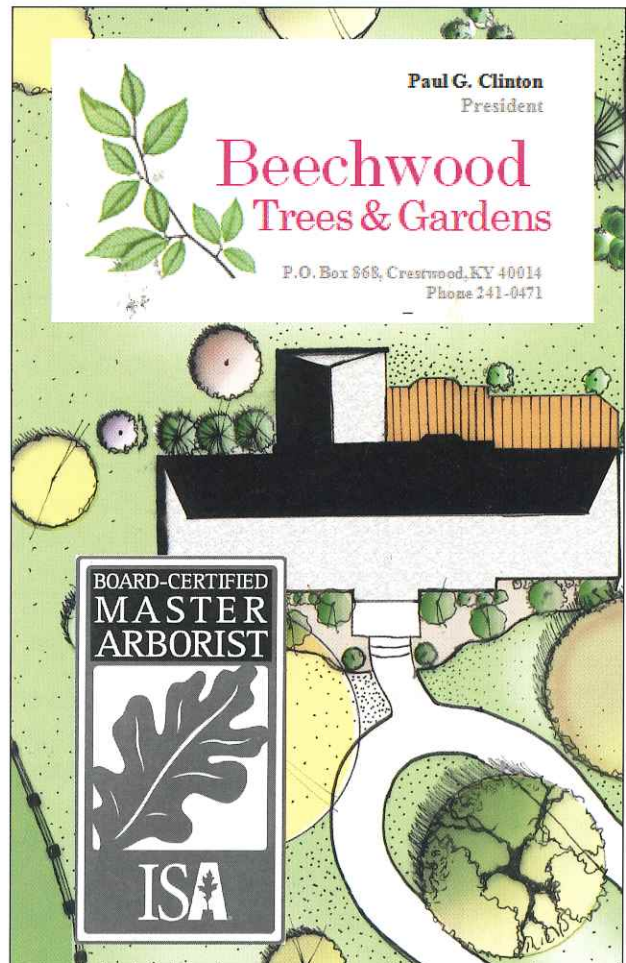
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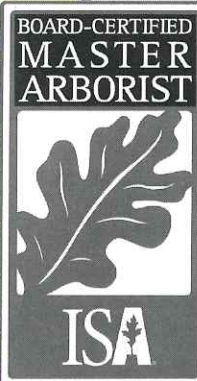
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Save the date for Twilight in the Garden 2009

Saturday evening, October 10, 2009

You won't want to miss the opportunity to take home this 6"-caliper specimen, planted by Theodore Klein himself. It will be harvested from Yew Dell's own nursery just for this year's Twilight auction. The spring foliage emerges a mix of copper and burgundy and fades to a deep green/red as the summer progresses. This is a long-lived tree for rich, moist, well-drained soil.



Fagus sylvatica var. atropurpurea; purple-leaf European Beech

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