

# SPRING

2024



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GARDENS.



**“SPRING IS THE TIME OF PLANS AND PROJECTS.”**

**-LEO TOLSTOY**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

*Gardeners up!*

While Kentucky Derby 150 might be getting a whole lotta hype this year, think about it. The fastest two minutes in sports? Two whole minutes . . . Why, we've got an entire season lined up in the garden where we practice the slowest of the performing arts. As all gardeners know, slow and steady wins the race every time . . . at least in the garden.

In this Spring newsletter, we continue our **Mythbusting in the Garden** series to help you spend your garden time and money wisely. We've got the 2024 crop of **Theodore Klein Plant Award winners**—the annual list of the best plants around, all curated by the best plant pros around. The **Yew Dell Plant Market** is bursting at the seams with a fantastic new greenhouse and more plants than ever. There is the newest edition of our **Secret Garden Party** series, expanded hours for **Martha Lee's Kitchen**, and a few fabulous additions to our program list. Did I mention our wildly popular Thursday night music series, **Bourbon & Botanicals**?

But of course, the biggest news is the official start of construction of the **Castle Gardens** project. While there are always

plenty of reasons to visit during spring and summer, this will be the year to come early and come often to keep track of the ongoing work.

So put down those julep cups, grab a trowel, and dig in. It's gonna be quite a spring!

Happy Gardening!

*Paul Cappiella*



Scan the QR code to register & for more info.  
**Register right away**—classes will fill quickly.  
Don't delay—early enrollment is suggested!  
*All listed programs are scheduled to be in-person unless otherwise noted.*



# CLASSES AND EVENTS

## SUNDAY DROP-IN PLANT WALKS

SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT OUR REGULAR SEASON • 1:00 PM  
INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Join our horticulture team for a lively walk-and-talk about what's going on in the garden. This is a great opportunity to pick up new ideas for your own garden, ask questions, and see the gardens through the eyes of the staff members who keep it all in tip-top shape.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY – SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING!

MONDAY, APRIL 8 • 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Come and enjoy 95% totality, eclipse-themed scavenger hunts, and fun cosmic-themed food, snacks, and drinks for purchase from Martha Lee's Kitchen. And thanks to our friends at Eclipse Bank, we'll have free eclipse glasses for the first 100 guests!

## BOTANICAL BODY POLISH WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

MEMBERS \$35 / NON-MEMBERS \$45

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn from instructor Tonya Tate, creator of Nature's Bath, famous for its luxury, all-natural skin care solutions. You'll learn about the benefits of different salts and essential oils, then each participant will blend a personalized body polish with their chosen salts, essential oils, and botanicals. What a lavish treat for yourself or a loved one!



## NURSERY OPEN HOUSE – A RARE AND SPECIAL BEHIND-THE-SCENES EXPERIENCE!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Get a first-hand look at thousands of plants being produced for our garden displays, upcoming sales, and trial projects. And our spring ephemerals production will be in full spring swing! Guided by Director of Horticulture and Facilities, Jacob Stidham, and Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, Jeff Margreiter, you'll be hard pressed to find two more knowledgeable plant pros anywhere.

**Bonus sneak preview for our Spring Plant Sale on April 26 and 27!**

## THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF PLANT/INSECT MUTUALISMS- VIRTUAL

MONDAY, APRIL 22 • 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

MEMBERS \$25 / NON-MEMBERS \$35

For **#EarthDay2024**, Julia Kachanova, University of Louisville PhD Biology student, leads this discussion of the amazing and surprising ways plants and insects have evolved together for pollination, protection, and seed dispersal, and how both parties benefit from the interactions.



## PERFECTING THE ART OF CONTAINER GARDENING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 • 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

MEMBERS \$75 / NON-MEMBERS \$85 • INCLUDES CONTAINER MADE IN WORKSHOP

It's not rocket science, but there are a few essential tricks of the trade that will help you get the most out of your containers. Plant selection, potting mix, container size, irrigation strategies . . . Our talented horticulture staff members, Chelsea Hicks and Storm Fraley, will guide you through the ins and outs and separate the facts from myths to help you plan and keep your containers looking great all season long.

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH MENU

SUNDAY, MAY 12 • 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Bring your Mom – and the other special women in your life – to Yew Dell for Mother's Day! As part of your visit, enjoy special Mother's Day brunch & bar items for purchase at Martha Lee's Kitchen.



## THE NATURAL HISTORY OF ROSES

TUESDAY, MAY 14 • 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

MEMBERS \$25 / NON-MEMBERS \$35

What would the Kentucky Derby be without roses? For that matter what would the perfume industry be, and what would gardens be without roses? Join Noelle Visser, University of Louisville Biology PhD student, for this engaging look back at of the development of roses from antiquity through advances in breeding and right up to the Run for the Roses!

## GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS WITH MURPHY'S CAMERA

SATURDAY, MAY 18 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MEMBERS \$30 / NON-MEMBERS \$40

By popular demand, Ayrica Bishop, Murphy's Camera Education Coordinator, will guide participants on the basics of taking photographs, using Yew Dell's plentiful blooms as subject matter. You'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 some favorite garden spots. You'll see the gardens in a whole new way while capturing amazing images!

## B-MOVIE: WEREWOLF OF LONDON (1935)

SATURDAY, MAY 18 • DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM • MOVIE STARTS AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS \$20 / NON-MEMBERS \$25

Back by popular demand, we are rolling out a B(otanical)-Movie. This time, we'll screen Werewolf of London (1935) about a botanist who collects a Tibetan flower that only blooms in moonlight; it also happens to be temporary antidote for werewolfism. Afterward, we'll sort out the "would plants really do that?" while learning about plants that bloom at night, the significance of May's Flower Moon cycle, and our favorite carnivorous plants.

*Come early to purchase dinner and bar service from Martha Lee's Kitchen, and walk the gardens.*



### THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PLANT ANATOMY – FLOWERS & FRUIT

SUNDAY, MAY 19 • 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MEMBERS \$40 / NON-MEMBERS \$50

A banana is a berry but a strawberry isn't? Who knew? This class offers a great way to develop a deeper understanding of the flowers you grow and the fruit you eat. Garden and Arboretum Manager, Sayde Heckman, and Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, Jeff Margreiter, will take you on a magical mystery tour of the terms and the structures as you dissect (literally) and discuss this fascinating topic.



### GUIDED HIKE FOR #NATIONALTRAILSDAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 • 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Botany, geology, history . . . you'll find it all along Yew Dell's hiking trails. And there's no better guide than our own Brad Kessans, crack naturalist and our overall trails guru. From the plants of the pollinator meadow to panoramic views of Kingfisher Lake, Brad will help you see Yew Dell's natural areas in a whole new way. Terrain is a relatively easy trail walk of approximately 1 mile.



### GARDEN FAIRY DAY – 2024!

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 • 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Calling all fairies, gnomes, dwarves and elves . . . join us to kick off Fairy Month at Yew Dell with this day devoted to the all the petite pixies that inhabit the gardens. Visit new fairy houses in the Fairy Forest, a gnome adventure along the woodland trails, fairy forest scavenger hunts, and guided, hands-on activities. And Martha Lee's Kitchen will be stocked with special treats for this special day in the garden.

### FATHER'S DAY BARBECUE

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 • 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Bring your Dad – or other fatherly figures in your life – to Yew Dell for a barbecue lunch at Martha Lee's Kitchen! As part of your visit, take some time to bird watch and hike along the Woodland Trails.



### SECRET GARDEN PARTY!

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 • 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM • TWO TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE

MEMBERS \$120 / NON-MEMBERS \$130

Our wildly popular series makes its 2024 return with this magical and mysterious garden event. We'll start you off at Yew Dell and will then whisk you away by shuttle to a nearby gem of a garden, nursery and cut flower farm for scrumptious food, delightful drink and engaging tours of the gardens, greenhouse and grounds. Don't call and ask about the location. We ain't talkin'!

*This event has limited space and will sell out quickly so get make your reservations right away!*



### THE NATIVE PLANTS OF YEW DELL

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 • 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

MEMBERS \$40 / NON-MEMBERS \$50

Take a walk on the wild side with Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, Jeff Margreiter, as he leads you on a tour of the native plants of the arboretum, gardens, and natural areas, and many plants in the collections you may not even realize are natives. The walk will finish with a deep dive into the botanical history of our woodlands, a look at invasive plant issues, but also a positive outlook on how many native trees are established and turning the area back into a typical Kentucky hardwood forest.



### MYTHBUSTING – MINDFULNESS IN THE GARDEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

MEMBERS \$45 / NON-MEMBERS \$55

Myths about mindfulness and meditation persist: "The goal of meditation is to stop your thoughts." "You must sit in an uncomfortable position to practice mindfulness." "It takes a lot of time. . ." This workshop is an opportunity to shift from myths about mindfulness to a restorative shift in wellbeing as we explore meditation practices with curiosity and kindness. Karen Newton, Wellbeing & Resilience Integrator, and Yoga/Meditation Teacher, Emily Smith, will guide a variety of meditation forms, including walking, sitting, eating, and listening, with Yew Dell's soothing grounds and gardens as the backdrop.



## ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE 2024!

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 • 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

For more than 20 years, this has been the garden event of the season. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, tropicals and more (*if you think we put everything up on our online Plant Market site, think again...*) Yew Dell staff scour the planet for the best, the newest and the most tried-and-true to save you the trouble of doing it yourself. And the vast majority of plants for sale were **grown right here** in our on-site nursery. We'll have our industry leading staff here to answer questions and help with recommendations. Our **Garden Gift Shop** staff will have special new offerings for the home and garden. And **Martha Lee's Kitchen** will be here to keep you fueled up throughout the day.



## Don't Lose Your Spot In Our Upcoming Events!

Scan the QR Code to sign up for our monthly Garden eNews and to receive notifications on when tickets will be released.



### BOURBON & BOTANICALS

THURSDAYS, JULY 11 THROUGH AUGUST 29

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!**

This wildly popular event is back for 2024; and, with a brand-new performer line-up, our ever-popular garden walks, great food and drink, and the incomparable setting, this is destined to be another record year.

Make sure your membership is up to date as members get first crack at series tickets. And watch our Garden eNews blasts and Bourbon & Botanicals event page for ticket release dates and performer list.

**These tickets always sell out fast!**

### OLDHAMFEST 2024! – BLUEGRASS EDITION – SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, JULY 20

What do you get when you bring together Yew Dell, our friends at 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens, the hiking trails that connect the two, and throw in a fantastic slate of bluegrass music? Just what's shaping up to be the most awesome event of the summer season! Beyond the music you'll be able to enjoy a wide variety of foods, 3rd Turn's fantastic brews, educational offerings and a whole lot more.

**Sign up for our Garden eNews for more information!**

### CHILDREN IN THE DELL

SATURDAYS, JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 27 • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Join us each Saturday in June and July for these drop-in sessions that will focus on children's garden-themed books and hands-on activities for an informal education experience. We look forward to seeing kids and their adults get excited about plants and nature each week.

- Drop-in activity is included with admission
- Different book titles will be covered each week so plan to come often

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Like construction, gardening has to start from the ground up—and sometimes below! Plants can be sassy, especially given the heavy, compacted clay soils that make up most of our region. But as we wait for the risk of a damaging freeze to end, our horticulture staff spends the early months of spring by preparing the grounds and amending the soil for this year's displays.

Our horticulturists and the Klein family alike have been fighting this same soil since the establishment of Yew Dell Farms in the early 1940s. A patchwork landscape of soil structures exists in the gardens now. In some areas, the soil is dense orange clay. In others, you hit limestone inches below the surface. This story rings true for many gardeners and often requires the soil to be built back up with amendments. Amendments can be added with composts made with composted manure, leaves, or fine pine bark.



*Clay soil that many gardeners see in their yard.*



*Soil with compost added for a new display garden.*

While you don't need to get out that rototiller every year, it is important to mix these amendments initially to ensure your time and money don't run off in the next heavy rainfall. Plus, mixing the existing soil with the compost encourages soil microbes and microorganisms to spread throughout, improving the soil structure overtime. Improved structure means access to better drainage, proper aeration, and increased area for nutrient uptake giving way for happy roots.

Happy roots make happy plants make happy gardeners. All of this is thanks to simply adding more organic matter.

## Busting Plant Myths

### Mulch Volcanoes

Volcano mulching is that inexplicable practice of piling mulch in mountains at the base of trees—sometimes a foot or more of mulch. Nobody knows where this practice came from but let's just settle this one early. Volcano mulching is bad for trees. It kills trees. It costs you unnecessary amounts of money. And whether you know it or not, if your front yard trees are volcano mulched, your neighbors are probably tsk tsking to themselves as they walk past your house on the evening stroll.

Mulches can be quite beneficial for plants of all kinds but 1"–2" of mulch is plenty.

A foot or more of mulch piled up around the base of a tree provides a place for bark-gnawing rodents to thrive. It offers a perfect environment for any number of pests and diseases to congregate. And mulch volcanoes also encourage trees to send roots out into the mulch mound which leads to weak and sensitive root systems.

Lose the mulch volcanoes. Your trees, and your wallet, will be much happier!



## NOTES FROM THE NURSERY BY JEFF MARGREITER



Having started my position as Greenhouse & Nursery Manager in June in 2023, I missed out on the exciting but incredibly busy and hectic spring growing season. So far in 2024, tens of thousands of seeds, cuttings, and plugs have been ordered to grow in our permanent and newly created garden beds, as well as to sell through the nursery and online Plant Market. A panoply of propagules is set to arrive in quick succession, and we in the nursery will be ready to grow with efficiency and care.

I would like to highlight some of the plants that we currently have in collection and newcomers that I am thrilled to grow for Yew Dell and provide for purchase.



Two of our lovely, native *Lobelias*, the cardinal flower (*L. cardinalis*) and great blue lobelia (*L. siphilitica*) will be great additions. I have observed these species in their natural environments to be stunning and adaptable. Both can tolerate a broad spectrum of sun exposure, flowering in shadier spots and handling the harsh summer heat if soil conditions are consistently moist. I find the blooms of these two to be exemplars of pure, fully-saturated vibrancy.



We certainly intend on adding novel varieties to our purchase orders, but some plants are just too well-performing and popular not to bring back year after year. *Stachys monieri* 'Hummelo' is a standout amongst an already popular and ubiquitous plant family (*Lamiaceae*-Mints). Well-behaving mounds of soft foliage are a bright Granny-Smith-apple green, and late summer is highlighted by this species' profusion of ample rose-lavender blooms.



I cannot fail to mention one of my favorite members of the sunflower Family (*Asteraceae*), *Aster laevis* 'Bluebird'. Around a dozen pots of this species, held over after last year's Fall Plant Sale, were planted in a section of the winding beds leading to the Pavilion. With a manageable, shrubby habit, this aster becomes draped with clusters of violet-blue flowers, providing a great late-season nectar source for many pollinators.

Spring will be a challenging, yet incredibly enjoyable and rewarding time of year for us in the Yew Dell Nursery. Amongst the extensive variety of botanical options we will showcase this year, we hope everyone is able to find a plant (or three) that can provide that spark to make gardening a lifelong hobby!

## Busting Plant Myths

### Planting Tomatoes Early

Oh, the race to the first tomato of the season. The competition can get pretty steep but is first really what matters?

Tomato plants need two critical things—warm soil and plenty of toasty sunshine (ok, they need water too, but you get that.) Warm soil is essential for good root growth. Early planting just sets back your plants, and they end up yielding later rather than earlier.

Tomato fruits need heat too. The heat of July is what gives a tomato its sugars and the billion or so other compounds that separate a summer tomato from a winter water balloon. If you run out to the garden center in April and buy one of those 3-gallon tomato “transplants” that already has half a dozen fruits on the vine, don't get too excited. A tomato off the vine in May doesn't taste like much. Yield isn't only about quantity—quality is key. And as every good gardener knows, you can't rush quality.



# '24 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 more information about current and past winners, scan the QR code.*



**Peking Lilac**  
*Syringa reticulata* subsp. *pekinensis* Great Wall® ('WFH2'), Beijing Gold™ ('Zhang Zhiming')

A durable, 35'-tall Asian species best known for masses of white, fragrant flowers in early summer, and mahogany-colored, peeling bark. At home in any reasonable soil and full sun. Beijing Gold™ offers creamy yellow flowers while Great Wall® was selected for upright, uniform growth and vigorous bloom.



**Hybrid Magnolia**  
*Magnolia* 'Sunsation'

This late-blooming hybrid of a Kentucky native tree explodes with fragrant spring blooms of yellow with pink/green highlights after most frost danger. Growing to 40' tall, it forms a uniform, upright specimen with distinctive gray bark. Plant in full sun and water through dry spells.



**Korean Spice Viburnum**  
*Viburnum carlesii* 'Select S' (Sugar 'n Spice™), 'Compactum', 'Aurora'

Dense 4'-6' shrub prized for fragrant spring flowers that start pink/red in bud and open to white. Fuzzy, green summer foliage turns to wine/red/orange in fall. Drought tolerant and easy to grow. Notable selections include 'Compactum' (3'-4'), 'Aurora' (deep red buds) and Sugar 'n Spice™ (heavy flowering.)



**Korean Pine**  
*Pinus koraiensis*

Uncommon 60'-tall evergreen with a loosely upright outline. Fine textured, four to five-inch-long, blue/green needles provide a soft feel to the entire plant. Plant in full sun in all but very dry or very wet soil and it will reward with years of mostly trouble-free growth.



**Little Blue Stem**  
*Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Standing Ovation'

Outstanding, 3'-4'-tall native grass forms erect clumps of blue/green foliage, turning blue/purple in fall. Clouds of wispy seed heads top the plant in late summer and fall. While many Blue Stem forms have a hard time standing up in the garden, 'Standing Ovation' stands tall.



**Woodland Phlox**  
*Phlox divaricata* 'Blue Moon', 'May Breeze'

Well-behaved, Kentucky native that forms loose mats of fine-textured foliage covered with fragrant, blue/lavender to rose/pink spring flowers. Deer resistant and easy to grow. 'May Breeze' has white flowers that age to pale purple. 'Blue Moon' is the best of the blue selections.



# Castle Gardens Update

## Construction Begins!

Well, you've been hearing about it . . . and this spring it's finally happening! This season will bring official groundbreaking on the fabulous Land Morphology designed Castle Gardens.

In truth, we've already broken ground.



Our staff and volunteers have been busy installing a new entrance path as part of the reorientation of the visitor experience.



We're adding new landscape lighting and we've transformed the Garden Cottage (stone house below the Lower Pavilion) into a stunning new venue for bridal parties to prepare for their big event.



And we've been transplanting key plant specimens to the nursery for safe keeping during construction.

We'll keep you posted on progress through newsletter updates, social media posts, and you can also simply come out often to check out the progress for yourself!

And if you haven't joined the effort to support this magical project, **now is the time!** We have less than \$700,000 left to raise to hit our \$5 million goal and still have a few naming opportunities left! All gifts of \$2,500 and up will be recognized on the project's permanent donor recognition.

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

Scan For More Info!



Expanded hours and new additions!

# Martha Lee's Kitchen



Make plans to join us for lunch and snacks every day the gardens are open. Whether you're looking for a quick cup of coffee or tea on a chilly morning, lunch overlooking the meadow, or a snack for the kids, Martha Lee's is ready with fresh sandwiches, salads, soups and snacks . . . all served in a setting that can't be beat.

## EXPANDED HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM



To preview the seasonal menu please scan QR code or visit the Martha Lee's Kitchen page at [yewdellgardens.org](http://yewdellgardens.org)

## Plan ahead for Mother's Day & Father's Day:

Why not bring the mothers in your life for a special treat on Mother's Day when our regular counter service will be augmented with a special menu and brunch cocktails to celebrate the day! And don't forget about the Dads! For Father's Day, come out for a barbecue lunch and enjoy bird watching and hiking on the trails.



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# Busting

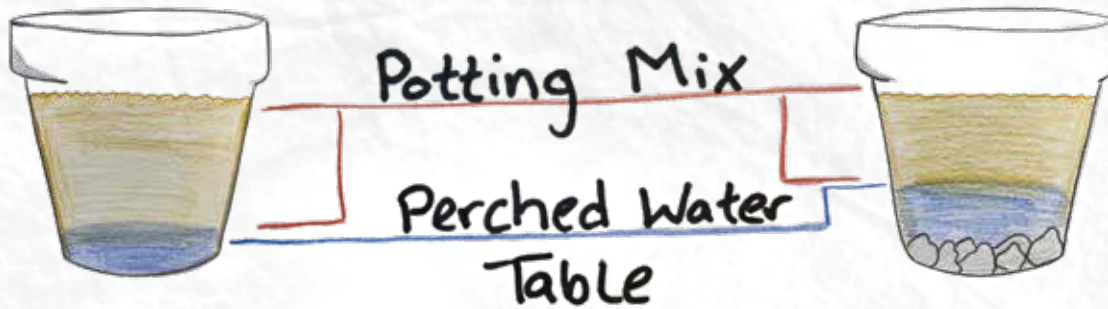
# Plant MYTHS

## Gravel At Bottom of Pots

By: Dr. Paul Cappiello

Gravel. Broken pot shards. Glass marbles . . . as long as gardeners have been plunging plants in pots to get ready for Derby week, they've been putting pretty much any big, bulky, and coarse material in the bottom of the pot – "to improve drainage." The problem is, it does exactly the opposite!

Water is held in a potting mix due to capillary action – the balance between positive and negative charges on the surface of the potting mix particles and the polar ends of water molecules. The narrower the pores in the mix, the more tightly the water is held in place. When the weight of a continuous column of water exceeds the ability of the charges to keep it in place, water drains out the bottom of the pot. That's why fine-textured topsoil in a pot drains very poorly.



Take two pots – one with gravel at the bottom and one without. Both pots will end up with a layer of saturated mix at the bottom of the pot – what's called a **perched water table**. Putting a layer of coarse gravel at the bottom of your pot displaces that perched water table and as a result, significantly shrinks the volume of potting mix available to your plant's roots.

This is also why it's better to use tall pots instead of short, wide ones. The longer column of water in the taller pot shifts the balance in favor of drainage rather than retention.

So the answer is . . . no gravel in the bottom of your pots!

Scan the QR code to see a very cool video demo of this principle in action.



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# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 volunteer season has raced out of the gates and now is a phenomenal time to join our team! Volunteer orientations are scheduled monthly through October; and we invite volunteers of all ages, interests, and skill levels to join. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, there's a place for you. There are numerous ways to donate your time and talents!

**Gardening • Tour Guides • Administration • Special Events • Trailblazing • Scout Projects • and more!**



Our fairy volunteers are at it again! Many new volunteers are working alongside our Fairy Forest Committee to spruce up the Fairy Forest for Opening Day and Month. Get ready to discover up to **twenty charming new houses** in the Grace and Clara Marie Gettelfinger Fairy Forest this season. These whimsical homes will be on loan to Yew Dell from June through October. With the Fairy Forest ever-evolving this year, make plans to come welcome the fairies back from their winter migration this spring!

[Scan the QR Code For Information On Volunteering!](#)



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**Barret Birnsteel**  
Treasurer

And a special thank you to outgoing board president, Lisa Barr, who has led the board through Covid, our largest-ever capital campaign, and an unprecedented amount of growth. Thank you, Lisa!

## Take The Garden Home With A Flower Arrangement

Our cut flower operations are moving and growing! We had a successful first year of supplying the gift shop and our events with beautiful cut flowers. We are excited for this upcoming season with stunning new varieties. Come by and visit the new garden, located next to our greenhouses. And plan to pick up a bouquet next time you visit!

For questions about our flower arrangements, please call 541-241-4788 x1003.

Happy Spring!

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# THE BUDDING GARDENER

A GUIDE FOR GARDENERS OF ALL AGES



If you visited Yew Dell last autumn or during our annual Yuletide at Yew Dell celebration, you no doubt saw the tremendous variety of decorations pulled right from the gardens. From dried flower wreaths and holiday ornaments to suncatchers and garlands, many visitors saw inspiration to try their own decorations. But to get the most out of dried arrangements later in the season, ***you have to start planning now***. Planning and planting the right varieties will help make sure you have the right materials to harvest at the right time.

So we asked our Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, Jeff Margreiter, and Yew Dell resident cut flower guru, Jill Tinius, to recommend a few annuals and perennials we'll have available this spring in the Plant Market that are perfect for cutting and drying . . .

## For Drying:

- Ornamental Onion *Allium* 'Millenium'
- Stonecrop *Hylotelephium spectabile* 'Autumn Joy'
- Russian Sage *Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Sage Advice'
- Rough Goldenrod *Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks'
- Short's Goldenrod *Solidago shortii* 'Solar Cascade'
- Hollow Joe Pye Weed *Eutrochium fistulosum*
- Feather Reed Grass *Calamagrostis* 'Karl Forester'
- Globe Thistle *Echinops ritro*
- Violet Yarrow *Achillea millefolium* 'Balvinviolet'

## For Pressing:

- Ferns (all)
- Phlox (all)
- Hellebores (all)
- Smooth Aster *Symphyotrichum laeve* 'Bluebird'



And if you want to take your dried flower craft to the next level, check out our Garden Gift Shop. Our staff looks forward to helping you find creative ways to use your dried flowers.



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