

Quarterly Newsletter

April through June 2023

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Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center Expansion & Renovation



The **Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center at The Arboretum** welcomes thousands of guests annually that attend classes, community events, educational programming, and children's activities. As The Arboretum and its service to the community have grown over the years, the current size of the Visitor Center has limited the number and size of programs that can be offered by the staff.

The late Mrs. Oatts helped kick off funding for the expansion and renovation project with a gift of \$500,000 which allowed The Arboretum to develop initial design plans with the highly respected architectural and design firm Lord Aeck Sargent (LAS). A schematic plan for the project is shown above. The updated design provides substantially more meeting, event, exhibit, and programming space, while also maintaining the Visitor Center as a point of welcome and entry for visitors. The plan also links the Visitor Center to outdoor education, event, and gathering spaces.

You can support the effort by making a gift online here <https://uky.networkforgood.com/causes/5050-arboretum-center-fund> and help bring this long-anticipated project to fruition!

One Day for The Arboretum | April 19, 2023

#ONEDAYFORUK

 **GIVING DAY • 4•19•23**

KENTUCKY CAN.



Now in its fifth year, One Day for UK is a celebration of the University of Kentucky. For 24 hours, alumni, friends, faculty, and staff are encouraged to support their favorite UK college, unit, or cause and to spread the word about UK on social media. It is an opportunity to promote UK pride and benefit students, faculty, research, programs and initiatives such as The Arboretum across campus.

Taking place on April 19, One Day for UK is an excellent and easy way to give to The Arboretum Development Fund. Go to <https://www.onedayforuk.uky.edu/giving-day/66798/department/66839> to access The Arboretum's One Day for UK page to find out more information or to make a contribution.

Help The Arboretum win a One Day for UK Challenge!

There are **four ways** you can help The Arboretum win. All One Day for UK Challenges are based on the **total number of donors**, not the amount donated.

- Help us win \$750 by having the most donors who donate ANY amount. Donate as little as \$1 (larger donations also appreciated!) on

Wednesday April 19 from 11 AM to 12 NOON.

This is the POWER HOUR CHALLENGE.

Help us win \$1,000 by having the most individual donors **who make a donation of any amount at any time on April 19.**

This is the UNIT LEADERBOARD CHALLENGE.

- **Showcase your pet and your love for them!** Put your pooch or kitty in UK gear (a hat, a sweater, etc.) and post your photo on Instagram/Twitter/Facebook by **8 PM on One Day for UK.** Include the hashtag **#OneDayforUK** and tag The Arboretum **#UKArboretum**. The winning photo will win \$500 for The Arboretum!

This is the CATS AND CRITTERS CHALLENGE.

- Go to the UK Philanthropy official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UKOfficeOfPhilanthropy> to find the One Day for UK Likes challenge post. Like the photo of The Arboretum and **those with the most likes between Monday, April 17 and noon on One Day for UK (April 19) will win the challenge.**

1st place: \$1,500, 2nd place: \$1,000, 3rd place: \$500.

This is the FACEBOOK LIKES CHALLENGE.

The Kentucky Children's Garden

We are so excited to begin another season at the Kentucky Children's Garden (KCG)! We are hard at work preparing for opening day on **Saturday April 1st**

and we hope you will come see us.

Some of the things we are working on include weaving a wigwam for the Native American Encampment. We create a new covering every year from grasses harvested at The Arboretum. Applied Imagination, creators of the garden-scale train display, are also hard at work to revitalize the entire train display--bridges, tracks, and other features. We are also in the midst of pond clean-up. Each year, we drain the pond to remove debris and other unwanted materials. We save tadpoles and Rocky the turtle (if we see him) and put them back when the pond is re-filled.

While we are in the midst of readying the garden, we have some important updates to share with our visitors. For the 2023 season, the KCG will operate under a different schedule for the hot months of June, July, and August. We will open one hour earlier (at 9 AM) and close an hour earlier (at 4 PM). We hope that this schedule shift will help our visitors, volunteers, and staff to better enjoy the garden. Educational programming will continue at the same times as last year--**10 AM to 12 PM** each day. Our model trains will be back in full steam as well! Trains will run each day from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, **1:30 to 2:30 PM** and **3 to 4 PM**. You can find this information in the graphic below and on our website <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/gardens/childrens/hours-and-fees>

KENTUCKY CHILDREN'S GARDEN

OPENS APRIL 1, 2023

April, May, Sep & Oct: Open Wednesday - Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm
June, July & Aug: Open Wednesday - Saturday | 9 am - 4 pm

Educational Programming: 10 am - 12 noon
Model Trains: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, 3 pm - 4 pm

Cost: \$4.00 per person for everyone age 2 and above



The individual 2023 daily admission price will rise to \$4 for visitors ages two and above. You can purchase a **membership for the 2023 Season** for \$100 (the same price as in 2022), with a 10% discount for **Arboretum Friends**. We will also offer \$5 off the price of \$100 if you were a previous seasonal member and if bring your card with you to purchase your 2023 KCG membership--and you can receive one or both discounts! If you are interested in supporting The Arboretum and becoming an **Arboretum Friend to obtain the 10% KCG season membership discount**, learn more on our website by [clicking here](#).

Seasonal membership provides for up to five admissions per visit to the garden. Your "family" can include grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends of your children--any five people in your group who are ages two and above. Children under the age of two years may visit the garden free of charge.

The KCG 2023 season membership form is available on our website at <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/content/kentucky-childrens-garden-membership>. You will need to download the form, fill in the information, and mail to us with payment (check, Visa or MasterCard accepted). Alternatively, you can download the form and complete it at home, then bring the form and payment to the Visitor Center. We regret that we cannot take credit card information over

the phone and the form must be completely filled out.

Thank you for your support of the garden as we strive to continue to offer an educational and fun experience in the midst of rising operational costs.

2023 Volunteer Opportunities

Many volunteer opportunities have started for 2023. Check our website <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/volunteer> to download, fill out, and return a 2023 Volunteer Waiver and Release, a Volunteer Information and Emergency Contact Form, and a UK Standard Media Release Form to us. This is required for all new **and** returning volunteers. If you have questions, please send an email to Arboretum@uky.edu.

Join us in fostering a love of science, nature, learning, and crafting in children in our community by **volunteering at the Kentucky Children's Garden (KCG)**. We need individuals to fill roles such as greeters, train volunteers, event volunteers, and field trip volunteers. To become a volunteer, **a background check and training session are mandatory**. Training sessions are conducted via Zoom and you have only to attend one session. **One training session remains, Tuesday April 11, 2023 starting at 6:30 PM**. Give us a call on (859) 257-9339 to talk to Dawn Bailey, Education Coordinator, or send an email to Arboretum@uky.edu to sign up for the April 11th session.



Exploring The Arboretum with Janet James

On a frosty January 2020 day, I found myself standing in The Arboretum with my camera on a tripod taking the first of 2,300 photographs of the exceptional collection of native trees, shrubs, and vines there. Because I wanted to learn to identify Kentucky native trees, and The Arboretum's Arboretum Explorer database needed more visual representation, I endeavored, with the native plant curator's blessing, to photo-document nine seasonal characteristics of each of their 120 native tree species: the whole winter tree, bark, terminal bud, individual enlarged leaf, whole summer tree, flower, autumn leaf, fruit and leaf scar. After selecting a healthy, mature specimen of each, I made the circuit around the grounds several times a week to observe amazing changes in them over many months. I thought (inaccurately) the project would take about a year. After all, I am an English major and knew nothing about trees!

That winter, when each tree showed their bare "bones," the overall structure without a dressing of leaves, I enjoyed photographing their variety of form, the texture of the bark, and the shape of the crowns.

Winter Form and Bark



Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentuckea*)



Wild black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)



Parsley hawthorn (*Crataegus marshallii*)

Sunny days are typically rare in Central Kentucky winter though. In between the times the sun did shine enough for whole tree and bark pictures, I photographed terminal buds, hustling to photograph all the species before they burst open as spring approached. It was a delight to discover the incredible assortment of buds that trees produce.

Terminal Buds



Acer rubrum



Acer saccharum



Aesculus glabra



Carya glabra



Juglans cinerea



Liriodendron tulipifera



Magnolia macrophylla



Quercus ilicifolia

Next, I turned to the unique reproductive parts of the trees, magnifying them with a macro lens. I selected only a few fragile flowers per day, then rushed home to shoot them. It felt like a botanical treasure hunt to discover blossoms as they emerged, from the tiny hazelnut female flower to the grand magnolia.

Tree Flowers



Catalpa speciosa



Fraxinus quadrangulata



Cercis canadensis



Aesculus glabra



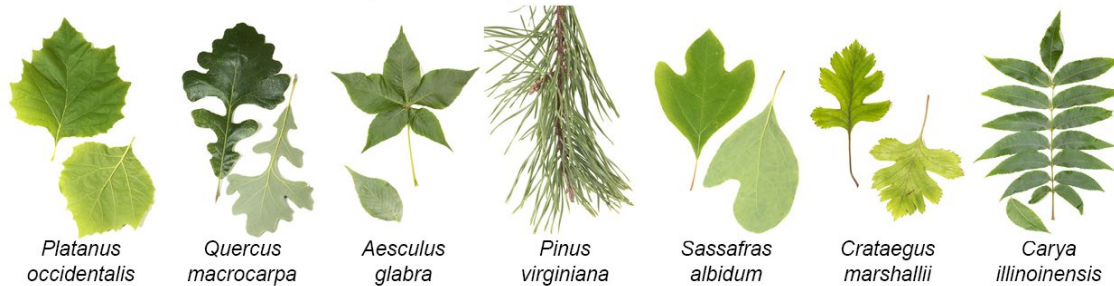
Fagus grandifolia



Juglans cinerea

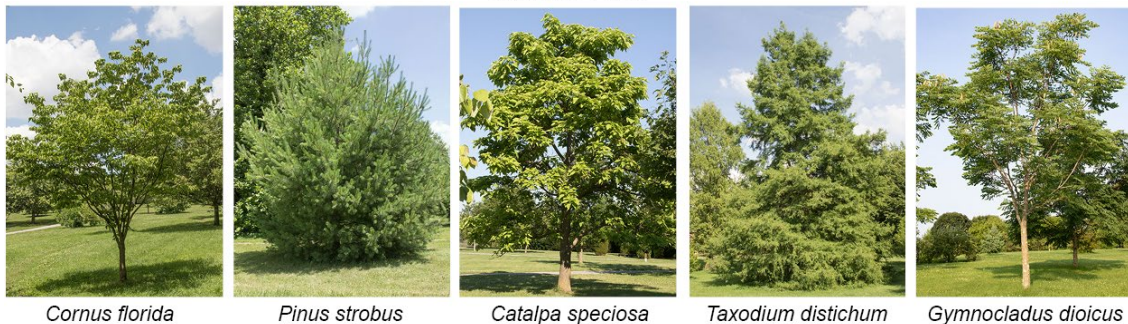
I attached the leaves I collected, simple and compound, to an easel to photograph. One challenge in photographing leaves was the race against insects. Almost as soon as the leaves appeared on many trees, insects worked at chewing them up; I often had to search for photogenic examples without holes or blemishes.

Simple and Compound Leaves and Needles

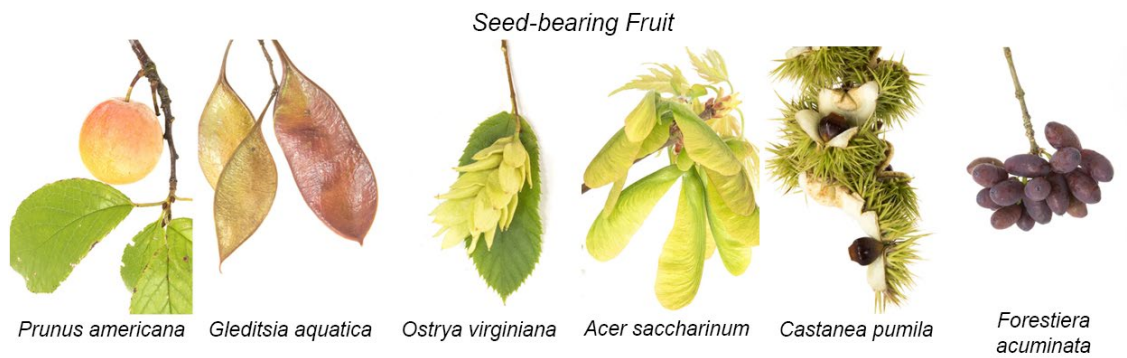


As the bare trees transformed into their full, verdant glory, I photographed the full and leafy summer version. Success required a calm day because the slightest wind caused blurring of leaves in photographs.

Summer Form



I watched remarkable seed-bearing fruit mature on the trees from April on: nuts, pods, drupes, clusters, samaras, capsules, cones, berries, and pomes. Like the trees and the insects who favor them, it was often difficult to secure perfect specimens to photograph before animals and humans found them.



A tree from a distance can be a beautiful color in the fall, but its leaves are often very worn out at closer inspection, so it was challenging to find suitable ones. I superimposed an image of a leaf scar on each leaf photo in the photos below.



Being outdoors immersed in an urban forest for two years, witnessing surprising changes in the trees, and capturing those images was so rewarding, I decided to continue the process with shrubs and lianas (also referred to as vines). My hope is that the photographs of the native trees, shrubs, and lianas--the woody plants--at The Arboretum on the Arboretum Explorer database will help people and further educate them about the native plants of Kentucky.



Janet James (above photo) is a retired teacher, photographer, and Kentucky Master Naturalist. Over the past decade, she raised funds for conservation efforts through her Nature's Eye photo greeting card business.

The Arboretum thanks Janet, not only for writing this article, but for her thousands of photographs which readers can find on The Arboretum's website <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/> (go to "Arboretum Explorer" tab) or by going directly to the Arboretum Explorer database at <https://uky.arboretumexplorer.org/>

Educational Programming

Information about our Educational Programming is available on our website, at <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/calendar> and may appear earlier than in this quarterly-transmitted newsletter.

APRIL



The photo above shows a previous birding adventure at The Arboretum.

Spring Migration Bird Walk - April 1

Join experienced birders Dan Patrick and Pearl Jameson **Saturday April 1, from 8 to 10 AM** as they explore The Arboretum grounds looking for the birds that visit our urban tree canopy. Learn to identify various species by sight and sound and where to look for them in our landscape and natural areas. Since this walk will take place during spring migration, we'll be keeping our eyes (and ears) peeled for migratory birds in their showy mating plumage. Expect to see both resident and migratory birds including various warblers. All levels are welcome and our leaders will start the walk with a brief introduction to binocular use. Several pairs of binoculars will be available for use during the class – please let us know when you register if you will need to borrow a pair.

Advanced registration required – Send an email to Arboretum@uky.edu with the following information to register: contact name, phone number, email address and if you will need to borrow a pair of binoculars.



SPRING BIRD WALK

at The Arboretum

April 1 | 8AM – 10AM

Pre-registration required!

Trees in Flower: Botany and Ecology - April 12

Almost all the trees in our forests and humanized landscapes are members of the flowering plants, the dominant group land plants. Obvious in many cases - the flowers of cherries, apples, redbuds, and magnolias are a major reason for their popularity. But the flowers of other trees are not always so obvious. Trees hold their flowers high off the ground, and many species have tiny, inconspicuous flowers that often escape our attention. Sometimes as we are sweeping them off our sidewalks and cleaning them out of our gutters, we may

not even recognize them as flowers.

Rob Paratley will lead this workshop on **Wednesday April 12, from 4 to 7 PM**, as we explore different trees' flower types and discuss how their flowers function as sexual organs as well the roles they play in pollination - as both advertising and restaurant. We will answer such questions as, "Why are the flowers of tulip-poplar and magnolia large and have so many flower parts? Why do so many trees have such tiny inconspicuous flowers? Why do most trees flower in the spring, sometimes very early in the season? How do the flowers of some trees assist pollinators in orienting themselves as they approach a flower? Why do we need to plant trees of different genders if we want fruit set in hollies, persimmon, and ashes? Why do the offspring of apples, cherries and most fruit trees hardly resemble the desired traits of the parent?"

This workshop will begin with an indoor component at The Arboretum Visitor Center that includes an introduction to flower morphology and the different types of tree flowers. Afterwards, we will take a walk outside to get up close and personal with tree flowers in the Walk Across Kentucky Native Plant Collection.

Advance registration required – Send an email to Arboretum@uky.edu with the following information to register: contact name, phone number, and email address.



You may see male flowers such as these on the Tree Flowers program walk. Photo above shows Chinquapin oak (Quercus muhlenbergii).

Earth Day at The Kentucky Children's Garden - April 22

Join us at the Kentucky Children's Garden on **Saturday April 22** as we celebrate Earth Day by making reusable bags from used t-shirts, planting something to take home, and other educational and fun activities about how to be a good steward of the earth's resources. Special crafts and activities will take place from 10 AM – 1 PM, and the garden will remain open until 5 pm. Regular admission rates apply; \$4 per person ages two and up, free for KCG members.



MAY

Spring Plant Exchange - May 6

BRING A PLANT, TAKE A PLANT!*

SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

Bring items for the exchange at 8:30 AM.

The exchange starts at 9 AM.

The exchange takes place at the overflow parking lot.

*** Garden tools and books also welcome.**

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Urban Soils Workshop - May 6

Join Dr. Hannah Angel and Native Plants Curator Jess Slade on **Saturday May 6 from 10 AM to 12 PM** to learn about the soil beneath your feet and how you can care for this living ecosystem to create a healthier landscape above ground.

We will begin this workshop by introducing soil biology, chemistry, and physical properties. Then we will walk to several sites within The Arboretum for hands-on opportunities to see (and feel) our native and urban soils and learn about their connection to the plants growing in them. Participants will learn how to take a soil sample and identify characteristics of the soils on their own property, how to improve these soils over time, and how to select plants that will grow well in our urban environment.

Advance registration required – Send an email to Arboretum@uky.edu with the following information to register: contact name, phone number, and email address.

Addie's Day at The Kentucky Children's Garden - May 20

Join us for Addie's Day in the Kentucky Children's Garden on **Saturday May 20!** This is a FREE admission day thanks to our generous donors. Activities will include a craft, giant bubble wands, a STEAM activity, and each child will plant something to take home. Special crafts and activities will take place from 10 AM – 1 PM, and the garden will remain open with free admission until 5 pm.

ADDIE'S DAY

in the Kentucky Children's Garden

MAY 20, 2023

FREE ADMISSION

From 10 am - 1 pm, come and enjoy a craft, a STEM activity and giant bubbles.



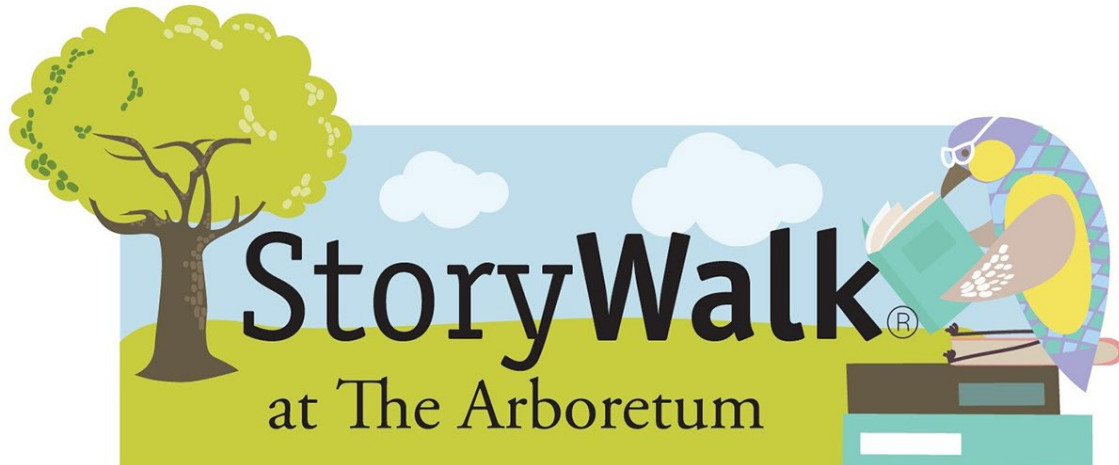
JUNE

Out of the Tropics: Kentucky Plants with Rainforest Kin - June 1

Details about this **June 1, 4 PM to 7 PM** workshop are not yet confirmed, but it should be very interesting!

Check out <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/calendar> for information as it becomes available.

APRIL - MAY - JUNE



Children love reading a story related to plants or weather as they follow the **StoryWalk** through The Arboretum's Ornamental Horticulture Gardens. These stories, chosen by Dawn Bailey, our Education Coordinator, and our partner, the Lexington Public Library, not only encourage reading, but help children connect and learn about the environment around them. The StoryWalk is also a great activity if you visit with children when the Kentucky Children's Garden isn't open.

The **StoryWalk** panels will display:

- **April** - *Nerdy Birdy* - by Aaron Reynolds
- **May** - *The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng* - by Sophia Gholz
- **June** - *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This* - by Steve Jenkins

If you want to see book titles for July and beyond, check our website here

<https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/content/storywalk-0> under Education.

Arboretum Advisory Board & Friends Elections

This is the third in a series of articles by Andy Mead about volunteers and their service to The Arboretum. Arboretum staff thank all our volunteers for their efforts!

Congratulations to Zinnah Caluag and Kent Barker, each elected to serve a two-year term on The Arboretum Advisory Board at the recent Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.



Arboretum Friends and Advisory Board members Kent Barker (left) and Zinnah Caluag (right).

Some Arboretum volunteers help run trains in the Kentucky Children's Garden. Some deadhead and pull weeds amongst the various ornamental horticultural gardens. **Zinnah Caluag** has done the former. **Kent Barker** has seen his share of the latter. But their service to The Arboretum now rises to another level. They

serve on **The Arboretum Advisory Board**, getting updates on major projects and fundraising, learning about an issue that has sprouted up, a problem that needs to be solved. Along with their fellow board members, they advise the Chair of the UK Department of Horticulture and the Director of The Arboretum, and thus the University of Kentucky, on all aspects of Arboretum operations and programs.

The composition of the Advisory Board reflects the unique concept of The Arboretum as a joint enterprise of UK and the City of Lexington. A co-chair and four of its members are appointed by the university president. A second co-chair and four members are appointed by the mayor from applicants to LFUCG's Boards and Commissions process.

Kent and Zinnah currently are the two members elected by Arboretum Friends, a group of people who give time, money, or both to The Arboretum. They were elected in 2020 to two-year terms (extended to three years because of the pandemic) and re-elected to serve two-year terms at The Arboretum's Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Brunch on February 11, 2023. Both have long associations with The Arboretum, and have served on the board of Friends of The Arboretum, the predecessor of Arboretum Friends. Let's meet them:

- **Zinnah Austria Caluag** was born in the Philippines and came to the states when was nine years old. She has worked more than 20 years at a local pharmaceutical company. When the pandemic hit, she decided to complete a college education that had been interrupted years earlier. She is a student at Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC) with the goal of obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and Learning from the University of Louisville. One of her extracurricular activities at BCTC says a lot about her approach to life: She joined Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society, learned how it provides students with professional and personal development, as well as scholarships, and now is a candidate to become an international officer.

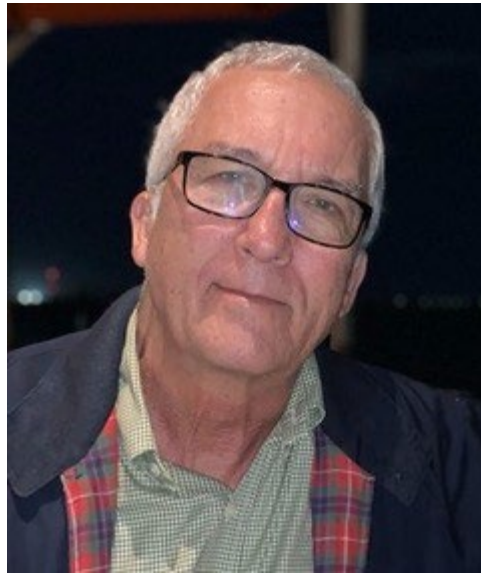
Zinnah is a volunteer service-dog-in-training volunteer because "I get the advantage of being around dogs and doing something for the community." Her first puppy, in 2018, was a yellow Labrador retriever named Basil. She is now working with one of Basil's puppies. She has also volunteered at McConnell Springs Park near downtown Lexington and at the Three-Day Event at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Being a student has cut down on the more conventional kinds of volunteer work she was doing at The Arboretum, so service on the Advisory Board allows her to stay connected. "It's nice to be able to collaborate and and hear from people from different parts of the city and UK and help The Arboretum fulfill its mission," she said.

- **Kent Barker** has a bachelor's degree in business management. Before retiring in 2014 he was a market manager at the international manufacturing company Parker Hannifin's Lexington facility, which makes O-rings and seals. He is heavily involved with the Lexington Sister Cities Commission, a non-profit organization that maintains programs with Deauville, France; County Kildare, Ireland; Shinhidaka, Japan; and Newmarket, England.

He currently is chair of the program with Newmarket, a center of Thoroughbred racing where the Jockey Club was formed and he has visited all the cities four or five times at last count. "Every year we do a Sister Cities adult trip," he said. "All the cities are so unique and interesting, and all our visits have been unbelievable." Kent also volunteers at VisitLex and the Lexington Opera House. In his spare time he takes horticulture classes.

Even after years of involvement with The Arboretum, serving on the Advisory Board has given him a new and broader perspective. "What is so interesting with being on the board is you really get the best of what The Arboretum is about, the challenges they have. And you get the opportunity to express some thoughts, especially on fundraising. It's amazing how much The Arboretum has to support itself with fundraising."



Andy Mead, a retired Herald-Leader reporter who specialized in environmental issues and is a former Arboretum Advisory Board member, provides his assistance with writing articles.

Arboretum Advisory Board Members

University appointees:

- Stacy Borden - term ends 6/30/2026
- Ellen Crocker - term ends 6/30/2026
- Krista Jacobsen - term ends 12/31/2025
- Tressa Neal - term ends 6/30/2026
- Chris Sass - co-chair - term ends 12/31/2026

LFUCG appointees:

- Jeremy Brann - term ends 1/1/2025
- Councilmember Hannah LeGris - co-chair - term ends 12/31/2024
- Mary Beth McCormac - term ends 12/21/2023
- Tina Nance - term ends 1/20/2025
- Amy Stout - term ends 1/1/2026

Arboretum Friends representatives:

- Kent Barker - term ends 2/11/2025
- Zinnah Caluag - term ends 2/11/2025

WAKY Plant Collection Development

While most of our plants have been sleeping, our native plants team stayed busy this winter with outdoor projects including invasive species management, pruning, mulching, and propagation. This season, we managed more than seven acres of wintercreeper in The Arboretum Woods and Walk Across Kentucky native plant collection. We are starting to see signs that this management is working, including some native ephemerals emerging through the treated wintercreeper carpet! We plan to track changes in the woods vegetation over time and adapt our management work based on what we find. To begin this monitoring process, we installed six 10 x 10 meter vegetation monitoring plots in the woods--a collaboration between The Arboretum, UK's Department of Forestry, and the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves. Baseline data is in the process of being collected and changes in the vegetation will be documented for years to come.



Above left, white trout lilies emerging from wintercreeper carpet; above right, Arboretum Woods vegetation monitoring plots.



Above left, Thursday morning volunteers mulching tree circles; above right, swamp milkweed (Aesclepias incarnata) growing in the UK Horticulture Research Farm greenhouse.

With the help of our dedicated Thursday morning volunteers, we finished mulching tree circles throughout the collection (which helps to protect our trees from mower damage and compaction) and are working to get our trails mulched in the coming months. Our team spends rainy days working in the greenhouses at UK's Horticulture Research Farm and currently have over 70 taxa that were collected in 2022 growing or sown in the greenhouse or outdoor nursery.



Photo above shows jack-in-the-pulpit (Arisaema triphyllum) growing in the UK Horticulture Research Farm greenhouse.

If you haven't visited The Arboretum since the disastrous windstorm in early March, you might wonder how our trees were affected. Unfortunately, we did lose a number of trees in The Arboretum Woods, most significant of which was the loss of most of a veteran blue ash (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*) tree. We were able to keep the paved WAKY path open continuously and most of the trails through the woods have been reopened. We are still cleaning up from the storm but are thankful that it didn't impact us as badly as it could have been.



Above left, windstorm damage to veteran blue ash (Fraxinus quadrangulata); above right, more wind storm damage in the woods.

Call for Wheelbarrows!

Do you have a used wheelbarrow at home that you no longer need? We would love to add it to our collection and use it to help us mulch trees and trails across The Arboretum. Please email Jessica.slade@uky.edu to coordinate pick up or drop off. Thank you!



Horticultural Gardens and Displays

If you have recently walked in the Ornamental Horticulture Gardens, or through your neighborhood, you have probably noticed that the evergreens are not so green right now. Many are brown or have lost all their leaves. They were damaged during the below zero temperatures and high winds just before Christmas. Many of our plants have experienced colder temperatures without damage, but the strong winds, combined with negative wind chills, took their toll, especially on the broad-leaved evergreens.

Most of the conifers you love and see in your neighborhoods or at The Arboretum are only marginally hardy for our climate. Cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*), Japanese cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*), Leyland cypress (*x Cuprocyparis leylandii*), heavenly bamboo (*Nandina domestica*), and Atlas cedar (*Cedrus atlantica*) are favorites of many but often struggle in our climate. In Kentucky, about every five to ten years we have an exceptionally bad winter, and they suffer severe dieback or are killed to the ground. In my 13 years at

The Arboretum, I have replaced some cherry laurels three times. I often think it may be time to try something tougher. I have planted yews and plum yews in shadier places and been pleased. Foster holly also has impressed me through this last cold snap, and you will probably see more of it at The Arboretum in sunny locations. Look around your neighborhood and The Arboretum and see what did well.

Gardens and plants are constantly changing. Losing favorite plants is tough, but it is also an opportunity to try something new or bring back an old favorite.



Photo above shows damage to Schipkaensis Cherry laurel (Prunus laurocerasus 'Schipkaensis') hedge near the Flight 5191 Memorial Rose Garden due to December 2022 cold temperatures.

Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Brunch





Attendees at the Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on February 11, 2023 had an opportunity to re-connect with friends, learn about plans for the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center expansion and renovation, and see images of the stained glass artwork being created by Laura Mentor for the Visitor Center project.

Pictured at the top and moving clockwise: the event in Gorham Hall in the E.S. Good Barn; Marvis Hartman, Dean Emeritus Scott Smith, and John Hartman at the brunch; Laura Mentor shows a photograph of her work thus far (a barred owl is shown on the screen); Jess Slade with outstanding Native Plants volunteers Jane Madden and Jerry Weisenfluh; outstanding Kentucky Children's Garden volunteers Graham Rowles, Mary Beth McCormac, Education Coordinator Dawn Bailey, and Jerry Goerz.

Plan Your Visit

- Starting April 1 and continuing through October 27, the Visitor Center will be open **Tuesday through Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM.**

- The Kentucky Children's Garden will open for the 2023 season on Saturday April 1st. **Admission must be purchased in the Visitor Center.**

Stay Connected!

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. If you know of someone who would like to receive it, please ask them to send an email to arboretum@uky.edu to let us know they wish to be added to our listserv.

The Arboretum [website](#) continues to be our primary resource of information and contains a wealth of information.



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