Looking Forward: Focus on Education
Jackie Gallimore, Children’s Education Coordinator

Since The Arboretum was established nearly 27 years ago, the array of educational programs it has offered to the public has varied widely, running the gamut of imaginative, fun and interesting programs to appeal to many ages and many types of people. In addition to these programs, UK faculty and local K-12 teachers have incorporated The Arboretum’s plant collections and landscapes into their courses, allowing our acreage to be used as a living classroom. All of these efforts have helped to fulfill The Arboretum’s mission to “showcase Kentucky landscapes and serve as a resource center for environmental and horticultural education, research and conservation.”

We are now engaged in looking carefully at our educational programs with the past in mind, respecting established programs and questing for improvements in the future. An important part of this quest is to obtain input from the people we serve. We have designed an educational survey which was introduced in the previous newsletter and has been discussed subsequently on our website, in eblasts and other newsletters from The Arboretum, at all times asking for your input so that we know the preferences of our audience. If you have not yet participated, please do so by using the link: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2gl1RAHP23dPGkZ

Alternatively, our website contains this link and you can click on it there to take the survey.

To assist further in putting together the right expanded educational offerings for the needs of our audience, we are forming an Arboretum Education Committee, which will include Horticulture, Education, and Plant and Soil Sciences faculty, as well as non-formal and formal educators. The committee will be charged with assisting with data review from surveys and focus groups as well as with helping to draft plans and advising The Arboretum staff’s education team. We look forward to incorporating the committee’s expertise into our education expansion process.

This winter, with the input of Arboretum staff and the Education Committee and using information gathered through our surveys and focus groups, we will formulate a plan for upcoming programming and educational priorities. Our goal is to pilot several new programs in the summer of 2018. Additionally, we hope to create an education and interpretation master plan for The Arboretum that will guide us during the next several years.

As we ponder The Arboretum’s heritage and look to its future, we are grateful for the support that special individuals, the university, the local government and the community have shown to make our 100 acres a place of distinction. It’s a large and important task that we have set for ourselves – to suggest a plan to connect all ages of the Lexington community and beyond to this special place by revitalizing its educational offerings. We ask for your continued support and input as we continue to journey toward this goal.
Director’s Message

Molly Davis
As you read this in 2018, I am pleased to report that 2017 was replete with change, growth and progress on many fronts. The Arboretum community together mourned the passing of Marcia Farris, who personified for many years the desire of many to establish an arboretum and botanical garden on UK’s campus in the midst of urban Lexington. Phyllis MacAdam, long-time friend of Marcia and Friend of The Arboretum, provides a personal tribute to Marcia below.

What you hold in your hands (or possibly read online) is a first for us—our first quarterly newsletter of 2018 combined with our annual summary of the past year. Arboretum staff provide within (starting on page 14) an overview of each of their respective areas of responsibility; Friends president Nancy McNally, in concert with other Friends leaders, provides an overview of the many ways Friends are involved at The Arboretum (see pages 10 -13); the Advisory Board co-chairs also provide an update (see page 11). Rest assured, plans to improve what we provide are never far from our thoughts. Visions of spring do indeed dance in our heads!

Thank you to all Friends for your support and efforts on behalf of The Arboretum, and to all Arboretum staff whose talents and dedication make this the best 100 acres in Lexington.

Tribute to Marcia Farris
Phyllis MacAdam
The Arboretum and the horticultural and educational communities lost a champion this fall, and I lost a dear friend. Marcia Farris, Director of The Arboretum from 1999 to 2014, died in late October. The beautiful Arboretum we enjoy today is a testament to Marcia’s leadership and grit. She was involved with The Arboretum from its earliest stages, quietly but forcefully advocating that these 100 acres of valuable UK land be reserved for a public garden. She was a founding member of Friends of The Arboretum, which formed in 1992, served as chair of the Friends Education Committee, and was Friends Board President for two terms.

In 1999 Marcia was named Acting Director and in 2000 she became full-time director. With no structure at The Arboretum grounds, her first office was in the basement of the Ezra Gillis Building on UK’s main campus. Important meetings were often held around her dining room table at home. With no funds for Arboretum staff, she depended on volunteers whom she recruited from among her wide circle of friends, neighbors, and fellow gardeners. Not until the completion of the Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center in 2002 did she have an office onsite, and not until 2004 was she able to begin hiring much-needed full-time staff.

Dedicated to the mission of The Arboretum as “a showcase for Kentucky landscapes and a resource center for environmental and horticultural education,” Marcia oversaw the expansion of the Home Demonstration Garden, the design and development of the Rose Garden and the Rain Gardens, the paving of the Walk Across Kentucky, the selection and installation of garden sculptures, a quarterly offering of classes and workshops, and so much more.

Under her watch, numerous programs became popular community events: plant exchanges; Arbor Day; Bird House Dis-
Happy New Year! What an active year 2017 was for Friends who participated in numerous special events, children’s and adult classes, and seasonal activities at The Arboretum.

The Annual Friends meeting took place on November 15, 2017, at the E. S. Good Barn and was well attended. Dr. Krista Jacobsen, Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticulture shared some innovative experiences she and her students had building local sustainable food systems internationally.

Welcome to our newly elected Board Directors-at-Large Kent Barker, Carla Creager and Charlotte Haney (serving her second term) and we sincerely thank retiring directors Susan Daole and Janet Raider for their years of service and faithful contributions to the Friends Board and The Arboretum.

The 2016-17 Annual Friends Report is available as a pdf. If you are interested in receiving a copy via email, please email Nancy McNally at nancyjmcnally205@gmail.com.

Thank you for continuing your Friends membership with which you provide financial support to The Arboretum and its mission. Please enjoy your member benefits this coming year. When planning your spring gardens, do support our local garden center partners who offer member discounts. Also, for traveling members, remember to carry your FOA member card. The Arboretum’s membership in the American Horticulture Society (AHS) allows you free or reduced entrance fees at nearly 300 botanical gardens and arboreta across the country and the Cayman Islands. Please help the Friends continue to grow with a gift of a Friends Membership or introduce a new neighbor or business associate to the Arboretum with a Friends Membership.

Friends members are the very core of our important Arboretum volunteer roster and we thank you for your invaluable time and energy. Please consider the many volunteer opportunities offered as 2018 progresses. If you want to be informed about Arboretum opportunities, please sign up for our monthly eblast.

Planning is already under way for an exciting and productive 2018. Thank you for your continued interest and support!

Marcia and Phyllis in Costa Rica.
Volunteer news

Volunteer of the Quarter

Janet Cabaniss

Who is Lisa Collins? In addition to being a wife and mother, she’s the Assistant Dean for Academic Administration in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE), where The Arboretum is administratively located. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in history of higher education and has worked at UK for over 35 years. Lisa’s administrative background and position give her a unique perspective of understanding the possible programs, funding sources, community interfaces, and overall difficulties encountered in running The Arboretum. She held the important position of co-chair of The Arboretum’s Advisory Committee from 2009 to 2014 and chaired the 2013 search for a new Arboretum director when Marcia Farris retired.

Lisa’s long and intense involvement with The Arboretum left her with a “take-home message from [her] years on the Advisory Committee [of] how this tremendous place [does] so much with such a tiny budget. It continues to astound me how The Arboretum can be so successful and have such growth with such a small financial base.” Furthermore, “The Arboretum is a valuable resource to the people in this community and of course beyond, as evidenced by the addresses listed in the guest book from all over the world. Thanks to the vision the founders had, and thanks to the dedication of the Friends of The Arboretum, Arboretum staff, and some 400 volunteers, The Arboretum is hands down the most important community asset in Fayette County.”

Lisa invests in the prosperity and future of The Arboretum with her time and money. In addition to volunteering, she has participated for years in UK’s payroll deduction program. Payroll deduction allows UK employees to allocate a set amount each pay period to a chosen philanthropic gift fund. These donations can add up quickly, and they provide a painless way to give to your favorite cause. Lisa said it best: “I know I am contributing to the growth and success of The Arboretum. My small donation is a way for me to stay connected to an amazing place that will always have my heart.”

Lisa’s interest and enthusiasm in The Arboretum makes hers an important story that our readers need to know. Her combined gifts of time, talent and capital contributions amply qualify her to be The Arboretum’s Volunteer of the Quarter.

Kentucky Children’s Garden (KCG) Volunteer Refresher and Orientation

Do you enjoy working with children in the outdoors? Our volunteers make a huge difference in what we are able to accomplish each year in the Kentucky Children’s Garden, and they get to help connect children in our community to nature! We have daily opportunities, including being a greeter or a model train conductor, and regular teaching opportunities that include field trips, outreach and events.

We invite new and returning volunteers to join us for a Volunteer Refresher and Orientation. Returning volunteers need only stay for the first hour. In order to volunteer with the Kentucky Children’s Garden you must consent to a background check. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian in order to attend and volunteer.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Calling ALL volunteers! Whether you volunteer through Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners, as a Friend, as a Kentucky Children’s Garden greeter, in the Adopt-a-Plot program or with the Native Plants Team, we want to say thank you by inviting you to a casual brunch on January 20, 2018. Please see calendar listing for more details.

Thank you, Isaac!

This past fall, Isaac D’Souza and friends installed gutters and a rain barrel onto the Nature Center in the Kentucky Children’s Garden to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements. The barrel filled up quickly, helping us conserve rainwater by providing a reserve for watering plants in the garden.
Calendar (January through March)
All programs meet at the Visitor Center. Contact Jackie Gallimore at 859-257-9339 or by email at Jackie.gallimore@uky.edu to pre-register (if required) and for availability information.

Friday, January 5

**2018 Bur Oak Society Nominations Requested**
The selection committee is accepting 2018 nominations for the Bur Oak Society. The society honors individuals who, "through their professional expertise, have made significant and continuous contributions to the development and growth of The Arboretum." Since its inception in 2003, dozens have been honored who shared their knowledge and talents. Please send nominations, detailing your reasons for support, by email to Janet.cabaniss@uky.edu. 2018 recipients will be announced at the first 2018 Founders lecture Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 6, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Owl Night Hike**
Learn about the owls of Central Kentucky and experience them in person on a night hike! Members of the Central Kentucky Audubon Society will share their knowledge as we hike through The Arboretum and into the woods where we will try to call in these mysterious birds. We will depart from the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m. Bring binoculars and flashlights. Recommended for ages 7+. This program is completely outdoors; make sure to dress warmly.

**Suggested donation: $3 per person or $5 per family, CASH or CHECK ONLY.**

Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m. to 1:00 P.m.

**Celebrating the Seasons - Winter Wonderland**
It’s never too cold to explore nature and have some fun outside! Enjoy hands-on winter-themed activities, make some crafts and play with snow (we will make fake snow if there is none on the ground)! Activities will be indoors and outdoors (weather permitting) so be sure to dress warmly.

**Cost: $2 per person, CASH or CHECK ONLY.**

Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**
Please let us take this opportunity to say thank you to our faithful volunteers! If you haven’t received our invitation via our monthly eblast, please let us take this opportunity to make you aware of plans to celebrate volunteers at the E. S. Good Barn. Please R. S. V. P. if you plan to attend by calling us at (859) 257-6955 or by sending an email to: Arboretum@uky.edu.

**Cost: FREE for all who volunteered in 2017!**

Monday, February 19, 10 a.m. to noon

**Great Backyard Bird Count**
Join The Arboretum and the Central Kentucky Audubon Society and participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, a citizen science project of Cornell University’s respected Lab of Ornithology. A short introduction to basic bird ID and some free bird-watching apps, Merlin and eBird (please download in advance) will be provided. Next, we will hike to count and record the birds that are present in The Arboretum. Our efforts, combined with the research from groups across the country, will help scientists track migratory patterns. Recommended for ages 7+. Bring binoculars and smart phones and make sure to dress warmly.

**Suggested donation: $3 per person or $5 per family, CASH or CHECK ONLY.**

Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

**2018 Bur Oak Society Induction & Friends of The Arboretum Founders Lecture**
Gluck Equine Research Center Auditorium, 1400 Nicholasville Road. See page 3 for further details.

**Cost: donation requested.**

Weekdays, February 12 to March 2, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Glories of the Garden Art Exhibit**
Exhibit at the Visitor Center (open to the public).

Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m. to noon

**KCG Volunteer Refresher and Orientation**
See page 4 for details.

Sunday March 4, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Glories of the Garden Artists’ Reception**
Free and open to the public.

Wednesday mornings in March

**Little Sprouts** (Pre-Registration Required!)
Session 1: 10 to 10:45 a.m.  Session 2: 11 to 11:45 a.m.  (maximum 20 children)  (maximum 20 children)
Each session has a special theme that begins with a story and hands-on exploration. Next, we will rotate through crafts, science experiments and planting stations. Last, we get outside and explore nature on a short hike (weather permitting; make sure to dress warmly)! Recommended for ages 3 to 5.

- March 7 - Animal Friends
- March 14 - Seeds and Sprouts
- March 21 - Flower Power
- March 28 - Get Ready to Garden

**Cost: $3 per child per session, CASH OR CHECK ONLY.**

Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Kentucky Children’s Garden opens for 2018**
See page 6 for details.
Kentucky Children’s Garden Field Trip

Registration now open

The Kentucky Children’s Garden offers fun and educational field trips for grades K-2. During field trips, classes rotate through 5 to 8 volunteer-led learning stations in the Kentucky Children’s Garden. Stations can include planting a seed, learning about the butterfly life cycle, a seed transportation demonstration or even a bit of free play around the pond and pioneer cabin. Each field trip is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and gets kids into nature. For more information, visit our website: http://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/content/field-trip.

Grade Level – K-2;
Number of students – 50-115 per field trip

Cost: $3 per person

Starting April 2018

New FREE Field Trip!

Trees and Carbon Storage: How You Can Help Reduce the Effects of Climate Change

During this field trip, students will visit The Arboretum to learn how trees can help reduce the effects of climate change. They will tour the grounds to learn about plant conservation and ecosystem services as well as use professional forestry tools to measure the amount of carbon stored by the trees at The Arboretum. A pre-activity introducing the carbon cycle and a post-activity including adopting a tree at your school will be provided. Thanks to the generous support of the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education and Kentucky State University Center for Environmental Education, the course can be offered free of charge to participating students on a first come-first served basis through June. Reasonable transportation costs from your school to The Arboretum are included. There is incentive to indicate student interest promptly so that your students enjoy the cost waiver.

Grade Level – 6-12;
Number of students – 15-50 per field trip

Dates: contact Jackie.gallimore@uky.edu to schedule a trip and to learn details of scholarship agreement

Cost: Free through June. After June $3 per person.

Become a Kentucky Children’s Garden Member!

The Kentucky Children’s Garden is a wonderful way for young children and families to connect with the joy and wonder of nature. By becoming a member, you not only support the Kentucky Children’s Garden, you and 4 guests gain unlimited access to the garden throughout the season. Additional member benefits include a monthly newsletter, free admission to the event series “Celebrating the Seasons,” a 10 percent discount at our gift shop and an invitation to the annual KCG Member Appreciation Party. Memberships are $90 ($75 for Friends of The Arboretum). Membership applications are available at the Visitor Center or at:

http://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/

KCG Interns Wanted!

The Kentucky Children’s Garden is seeking two enthusiastic hard workers for an 8-month paid internship starting March 2018. Interns in the Kentucky Children’s Garden work with children ages 2 to 6 and their families to facilitate nature play, teach nature-related lessons, and help with garden tasks, all in a beautiful outdoor setting. As part of the learning experience, interns will attend short classes and complete papers and projects. Interns may receive class credit in fall semester 2018. To apply, visit the jobs portion of our website or email your resume and cover letter to Jackie.gallimore@uky.edu. Questions should also be directed to this email address. Applications are due February 10, 2018.

We’ll Soon be Hiring for 2018!

Each year, The Arboretum hires seasonal staff to work on the grounds, in the Visitor Center and the Kentucky Children’s Garden. We are seeking motivated, hard workers who have a passion for plants and people. Interested parties should check the jobs portion of our website in late winter for employment opportunities:

http://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/Jobs.
Give a gift & support The Arboretum

Year-round, The Arboretum provides a perfect answer to a variety of gift-giving needs. Gifts in honor or in memory of a friend or family member are fully tax deductible, as are memberships in Friends of The Arboretum. While not tax deductible, season membership to the Kentucky Children's Garden provides a perfect gift for those with children. The forms below can be used to make such gifts, or you can call us at (859) 257-6955 if you have questions.

This is a Tax Deductible Contribution from:
Name: 
Address: 
City, State & ZIP: 
Phone: 
Email: 

Please note that a certificate will be mailed to you to give to my intended recipient. The recipient must bring this certificate to The Arboretum in March 2018 (or the time of their first visit to the KCG) to activate their Season Membership. I also understand a Season Membership card will not be mailed to me.

Kentucky Children’s Garden (KCG)
2018 Season Membership
Cost: $90 / $75 for Friends of The Arboretum

Name: 
Address: 
City, State & ZIP: 
Phone: 
Email: 

Please return this form and payment to:
Kentucky Children's Garden
Attn: Dayna Baston
The Arboretum
University of Kentucky
500 Alumni Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

Best wishes for 2018!
The Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center will reopen January 2, 2018.
We are pleased to present as a continuing part of this publication the second Arboretum Annual Report to our many constituents—Friends of The Arboretum; donors; UK faculty, staff and students; Kentucky Children’s Garden members, neighbors and visitors. Our goal is to provide a snapshot of all that happened at this special place on UK’s campus in the heart of Lexington, Kentucky. You will find information about our plant collections, the work of our staff, Kentucky Children’s Garden activities and much more. This place, of course, wouldn’t be possible without the generous support of the University of Kentucky’s Physical Plant Division; the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment; the UK Department of Horticulture; and a host of generous people and groups who donate to The Arboretum. A complete list of donors can be found starting on page 23.

College of Agriculture, Food & Environment
The Arboretum is a partnership between the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and the University of Kentucky (UK). Administratively, The Arboretum is a unit within UK’s College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) in its Department of Horticulture. Dr. Robert Houtz, department chair, is responsible for The Arboretum’s administration, under the leadership of Dr. Nancy Cox, dean of the College.

Friends of The Arboretum Board of Directors
The Friends of The Arboretum Charter of Organization, in support of the University of Kentucky-Lexington Fayette County Arboretum, was established in 1992 and was most recently amended November 21, 2007. The Friends is a volunteer-led organization that supports The Arboretum. Its Board of Directors is composed of four elected officers, the immediate past president, ten directors-at-large, the chair of the UK Department of Horticulture, and The Arboretum’s director. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 4:00 p.m. at the Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center. Anyone may attend.

Arboretum Advisory Board
The 2014 amended agreement between the University of Kentucky and the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government provides for an 11-member Advisory Board. This board’s role is, as its name states, advisory in nature. The Board is composed of the mayor of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the president of the university, or their designees, as co-chairs; four members appointed by the president of the University; four members appointed by the mayor; and the president of the Friends of The Arboretum. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 4:00 p.m. at the Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center. Anyone may attend.

2016-17 YEAR IN REVIEW
The Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center viewed from the Shawnee Hills Meadow.
Visitors to The Arboretum

Visitors to The Arboretum are encouraged to sign their name, home city and state in our visitor’s register located at the entrance to the Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center. We annually evaluate the array of visitors who come here to visit. From fall 2016 to fall 2017, there were 2,662 total individual sign ins. We are confident this represents only a fraction of the total visitors as sign in is not mandatory and the Visitor Center is not open every hour that The Arboretum is open. We have some facts to share which may interest our readers.

Forty-four U.S. states along with two U.S. territories, Guam and Puerto Rico, were represented in the register. It is easiest to tell you the six states not represented—Hawaii, Mississippi, Nevada, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming. If you visit The Arboretum with visitors, we encourage you to sign-in. We would like to let you know at the next reporting that we’ve had visitors from all 50 states!

An average of 19 U.S. states and territories were represented in any given month.

Twenty foreign countries were represented by a total of 56 sign-ins. Visitors from Sweden, Germany, India, South Africa, Canada, Venezuela, Brazil, Burma, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Japan, Italy, Australia, Ghana, Senegal, Croatia, Scotland, France and Israel enjoyed our grounds.

The five states (not including Kentucky) which had the greatest representation (ranked by number of months) were Florida, Illinois, Michigan (all at 11 months) and California and New York (both at 10 months).

We hope you will agree there is always something interesting to see on the grounds and that out-of-town visitors represent a great way to make others aware of this place.

A Living Classroom

The grounds of The Arboretum provide many opportunities for education in formal and non-formal settings. As part of the University of Kentucky, we encourage faculty, staff and students to visit, learn and use our collections for teaching and research. Documenting the use of the grounds for formal and non-formal education is critical to our mission and our future. Of course, we operate without a gate or other physical mechanism that would provide a way to monitor visitation. We rely upon the cooperation of visitors, teachers, faculty and staff to inform us when they use The Arboretum for course or class work. We have been using all available methods (email, website, Facebook, etc.) to communicate this to educators and appreciate those who let us know this information. Our Collections Technical Advisory Group (faculty and staff in UK’s College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and other experts) has suggested some changes to this system and we look forward to implementing them in 2018.

Over the course of 2017, starting February 3 and through December 7, at least 640 college students from the University of Kentucky, Bluegrass Technical and Community College and Eastern Kentucky University used the grounds for courses including Biology, Ecology, Dendrology, Forest Ecology, Horticultural Entomology, Landscape Architecture and Horticulture Professions. We say “at least” because not every instructor or teacher is aware of our need for documentation and thus these are only those classes we have recorded in our system.

In addition, 424 students and community members from programs including 4-H Horticulture Club, Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife, Millcreek Elementary Academy for Leadership and Glendover Elementary Science and Social Studies incorporated the grounds into their studies from May 8 through November 2, 2017.

A golden afternoon in the Walk Across Kentucky collections.
Volunteers
Volunteers represent a critically important component part of our operation. They help with countless tasks, projects and events, providing approximately 10,000 hours each calendar year.

Staff spent time at the close of 2016 and in 2017 planning improvements to the volunteer process and the way volunteers are incorporated after they express an interest. We are striving to establish a system in which volunteers enjoy performing useful work and know how much they are valued and appreciated.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
A Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is scheduled for January 20, 2018, at the E.S. Good Barn on UK’s campus. We encourage everyone who helped in any way, large or small, during 2017 to attend—R.S.V.P. by calling (859) 257-695 or by sending an email to The Arboretum’s email account: Arboretum@uky.edu.

We hope to see YOU there!

Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners
Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners participate in many educational projects and demonstration gardens throughout Lexington and Fayette County. The Arboretum is indeed fortunate to benefit from their assistance in three critically important areas—the Demonstration Vegetable Garden, the Demonstration Herb Garden and at the annual city-UK Arbor Day celebration. Each project is managed by a committee and a chair or co-chairs under the overall management of Fayette County Extension Horticulture agent Jamie Dockery. Thanks to the Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners! More information about the work of the Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners is provided on page 16.

Friends of The Arboretum
The Friends of The Arboretum spend many important hours volunteering in a myriad of ways. Their history of support of The Arboretum is legend and this place wouldn’t be possible without their support. Nancy McNally provides an overview of Friends’ activities from November 2016 through November 2017 starting on page 11.

Arboretum Advisory Board
The Arboretum continues to thrive because of its committed financial supporters and volunteers, strong community attachment to The Arboretum, and the enthusiasm of its staff members. This widespread support gives us confidence in the future of The Arboretum’s educational mission.

The Arboretum staff, along with dedicated volunteers, have continued to grow educational areas and programs in 2017. Jesse Dahl and his crew have made whole improvements to the Fragrance Garden, including new plantings, an arbor, and a path. The new path creates a much-needed connection between the Walk Across Kentucky, the Fragrance Garden, the Home Demonstration Garden, and the Flight 5191 Memorial. A University of Kentucky Donovan Award provided significant support for this project. The Walk Across Kentucky continues to gain new secondary trails that allow visitors to more closely explore native plant areas. Jackie Gallimore and Emily Ellington are in the midst of developing an educational plan for The Arboretum that will consider educational programs for all ages and levels of knowledge. The audience for the Kentucky Children’s Garden is growing along with the development of these new educational programs. The Friends organized the third Party for the Pumpkins fall festival with significant help from the Department of Horticulture, and it was a huge hit with families.

As co-chairs, we are pleased to work with the members of The Arboretum Advisory Board, a group of committed folks representing Lexington and the University of Kentucky, who bring a variety of experiences to our discussions and work. We value strong relationships and communications with The Arboretum director and staff members as well as with the Friends of The Arboretum Board members.

Thank you to everyone who supports The Arboretum by volunteering, with your financial gifts, and by using The Arboretum as a place to learn. Your sustained support is essential to the continued growth of this important resource for education and renewal. The Arboretum is truly the best 100 acres in Lexington, and it would not happen without you.

Arboretum Advisory Board members (left to right) Tim Brooks, Ned Crankshaw, Jessica Nicholson, Andy Mead, Linda Horton, Warren Denny, Nancy McNally, Tom Barker, Dewayne Ingram and Rob Paratley.
Throughout 2017, the Friends of The Arboretum played a prominent role in the exciting activities and daily operations of The Arboretum. We helped welcome new staff, new Friends to the Board, introduced new volunteers to the many opportunities available, and have been part of the new and evolving Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center CAMPAIGN. With the generous support of Arboretum staff and the UK Department of Horticulture, we hosted our first Friends on the Farm—Celebrating Tomatoes event at the UK South Farm in August. All Friends were encouraged to invite guests, introduce them to The Arboretum and to South Farm and enjoy fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. We look forward to many more “friend-raising” events.

The third Party for the Pumpkins Fall Family Festival was held October 14, 2017, and it was a great success! With proceeds from these and other events throughout the year, the Friends made substantial financial contributions to the Visitor Center CAMPAIGN and supported The Arboretum staff and their programs.

We appreciate all contributions from the Friends of The Arboretum members. Membership dues are essential to maintaining The Arboretum and help support ambitious educational programs for students and adults. Friends members are the core of our volunteer roster. Our members volunteer invaluable hours working with the staff in the garden, in the Kentucky Children’s Garden and at school outreach programs. Friends serve as exemplary role models to students and the community. One of our goals for the next year is to sizably increase our membership base. I encourage all of you to help us grow by giving an annual Friends membership as a gift or introduce a new neighbor or business associate to The Arboretum with a Friends membership.

A big thank you goes to the Friends Board of Directors for their leadership and active participation in making this such a memorable year. We all truly value the opportunity to interact and learn from our outstanding Arboretum staff. Starting below is a month-by-month description of how the Friends contributed their time, energy and financial support to the growth and success of The Arboretum in 2017.

Thank you Friends for a great year. We appreciate all you do as we look forward to a successful and growing 2018 at our beautiful Arboretum!

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**Friends of The Arboretum**

Our Annual Meeting was held November 15 at the E. S. Good Barn. We had a good review and discussion on the past year for the Friends and The Arboretum and plans going forward. There was an update on the CAMPAIGN, reports from The Arboretum staff, and the Friends voted on new Board of Directors members. Dr. Jeff Wheeler, UK Enologist, spoke to us on “Wine at South Farm” and surprised us with tasting samples to enjoy with our light appetizers.

Friends volunteers were guests at the KCG end of the year celebration lunch hosted by Jackie & staff.

**December 2016**

Friends participated in the Winter Solstice event with a lively group of young visitors and families.

The Friends gave Arboretum staff holiday gift and treat bags before their holiday winter break.

**January 2017**

It was cold! The Friends Board met and discussed plans for a successful and productive 2017.

**February 2017**

Inductees to the Bur Oak Society in 2017 were Neville Crawford, Joe Dietz, Todd Rounsaville and Amy VanMeter. We were pleased to recognize their many years of dedication, support, and outstanding contributions to the success and growth of The Arboretum. The evening’s program was provided by Michael Hayman of Louisville, who spoke on “Building a Neighborhood Arboretum.”

A group of longtime Friends and Arboretum supporters collectively known as the "Tea Ladies” joined together for a Valentine’s Day traditional English tea party at the home of Dawn Bazner. Delicate sweet and savory treats were served. We thank them for supporting the Friends while celebrating their special friendships over afternoon tea.

The Friends also hosted a hot soup lunch buffet for Arboretum staff to say thank you for a job well done—all year long!
March 2017
The Blue Grass Trust 2017 Antiques and Garden Show at the Kentucky Horse Park is a great opportunity for Friends to support The Arboretum and encourage visitors to pay a visit. Over three days, we see hundreds of people and appreciate the chance to be among beautiful flowers and antiques!

The Friends Board and the Advisory Board co-hosted a farewell open house at the E.S. Good Barn for long-time staff member Todd Rounsaville. Since 2011 he had been the Curator of Native Plants. Everyone wished Todd their best wishes in his new role at Polly Hill Arboretum on Martha’s Vineyard, MA. We recognized Todd for his many contributions to the Walk Across Kentucky, The Arboretum Woods and our outstanding native plant collections.

April 2017
Activities centered around the 2017 Party for the Planet and Arbor Day event at the end of the month. Friends and volunteers participated the “Celebrating the Seasons” event in the KCG. Arbor Day offered many volunteer opportunities throughout April, including planning, set-up and event day activities. This is such a great time to share the educational programs and environmental features of The Arboretum with our community. Our congratulations to Molly and the staff for an excellent event.

The 2017 Birdhouse Display and Auction started in April. The birdhouses were on display during the Arbor Day celebration with auction bidding and fan voting as part of the day’s event. It continued until the May 7 reception and close of the silent auction. More than 70 birdhouses were placed throughout the gardens and each one was a unique and creative addition. We thank our artists of all ages for their participation. This year’s Birdhouse Display contributed over $1000 to the Visitor Center CAMPAIGN. Thank you to everyone on the Birdhouse Committee who made this a memorable occasion.

May 2017
Adopt-a-Plot volunteers started to work in their new area—the Rose Garden. The may 13 Spring Plant Exchange had a great turnout for the “run for the plants.” Thank you to the many Friends who support this twice-a-year event and the UK Horticulture Club who generously donate plants for the sale.

June 2017
The Friends presented our annual Patriotic Band Concert on June 24 featuring the Central Kentucky Concert Band. It was a perfect night for music at The Arboretum and we had an enthusiastic audience of close to 300 guests.

July and August 2017
Summer was in full swing every day! The KCG enjoyed high attendance, offered numerous creative activities many volunteers assisted the KCG staff. The gardens and walks looked fabulous this year and the Adopt-a-Plot volunteers can be proud of their contributions. Planning and promotions were under way for the first Friends on the Farm Tomato Celebration August 16 at UK’s South Farm. The 3rd Party for the Pumpkins Fall Family Festival in October sponsor requests were sent, activities were planned and pumpkins were growing!

October 2017
Our Fall Plant Exchange started off a full month of activities. We had good attendance and a hearty group of plant enthusiasts participated. The Friends volunteers assisted the KCG team with area school field trips. The schools responded with great interest and many students were introduced to the natural wonders of The Arboretum.

The third Party for the Pumpkins Fall Family Festival was held October 14, 2017. Many UK students volunteered to assist and decorated pumpkins for display. We were pleased to welcome numerous—and new—visitors and families to The Arboretum for the afternoon’s festivities. Thank you to the Department of Horticulture and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment for their generous support. We so appreciate the The Arboretum staff for their support and their creative help. We hope everyone had a great time!

November 2017
The Annual Friends meeting took place November 15, 2017 at the E. S. Good Barn and was well attended. Dr. The mouth-watering English tea served at the home of Dawn Bazner.
Krista Jacobsen, Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticulture shared some innovative experiences she and her students had building local sustainable food systems internationally.

Welcome to our newly elected Board Directors-at-Large Kent Barker, Carla Creager and Charlotte Haney (serving her second term) and we sincerely thank retiring directors Susan Daole and Janet Raider for their years of service and faithful contributions to the Friends Board and The Arboretum.

The Home Demonstration Garden was the perfect setting for the pumpkin walk at the October 2017 event.

We were so glad to see Arboretum Friends and supporters Dorotha Smith Oatts and Karen Angelucci on the pumpkin walk at the 2017 Party for the Pumpkins.
Collections and Features

Curation Across the Arboretum
Emily Ellingson, Curator & Native Plants Collection Manager

The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky, displays ornamental plants in addition to the natural landscapes of Kentucky. As both the Curator and Native Plants Collection Manager, I am responsible for both inventorying all woody plants, shrubs, and vines in The Arboretum, including those in the horticultural demonstration gardens and Kentucky Children’s Garden, and managing the Walk Across Kentucky. Arboretum Horticulturist Jesse Dahl and I are working toward the ultimate goal of having every woody plant on the grounds (trees, shrubs and vines) inventoried, accessioned, tagged and mapped. The process of inventorying the horticultural collections began in early 2017 and will continue through the next year. Once this information is in our plant records database (called IrisBG) we can update Arboretum Explorer for everyone to view the woody plants across The Arboretum.

Walk Across Kentucky
Emily Ellingson, Curator & Native Plants Collection Manager

Over 4,000 accessions representing over 900 taxa are held by The Arboretum and displayed in the Horticulture Display Gardens and Walk Across Kentucky Collections.

Collection update
Our collection is dynamic, with new plants being added and old plants removed nearly every week. There are a variety of reasons for removing plants from the landscape and the database, an action that we call "deaccessioning." The most obvious of these reasons is that plants die, but plants are also removed when they have significant health problems, when they are victims of vandalism or theft and even when they are not appropriately sited and there is a more suitable plant that can replace them.

This year, our staff and dedicated native plant volunteers have focused on maintaining the collections we have, while adding a number of species to the collection that were not previously present. A few of these species include hairy-jointed meadowparsnip (Thaspium barbinode; 2017-0012), Aaron’s rod (Thermopsis villosa; 2017-0020), black chokeberry (Aronia melanocarpa; 2017-0033, -34, -35), hairy beardtongue (Penstemon hirsutus; 2017-0036), flaxleaf whitetop aster (Ionactis linariifolius; 2017-0039), and whorled mountain-mint (Pycnanthemum verticillatum; 2017-0043).

Plant collection trips
A goal of the Walk Across Kentucky is to showcase the seven physiogeographic regions of Kentucky using regionally appropriate and wild-collected native plant material. This year, the native plant crew collected plants across private property in the Bluegrass and Kentucky River Palisades, including a trip to Shaker Village. With help from the Shaker Village Assistant Preserve Manager, Laura Baird, we collected 15 accessions, including two species new to the Arboretum: rock elm (Ulmus thomasii) and the Kentucky threatened softleaf arrowwood (Viburnum molle). We have also planted 32 ferns and moonworts that were collected from private property in Jessamine County. Collaborators from across the state continue to share information, resources, and plant material with us, for which we are very grateful.

Collections Committees
The staff Collections Committee began in the fall of 2016 and is comprised of the director, curator, horticulturist and members of the grounds crew and native plant crew. The Collections Committee meets monthly to communicate about issues on the grounds and discuss current and future projects.

In December, 2017, this committee hosted the Collections Technical Advisory Group at The Arboretum. The Collections Technical Advisory Group is a group of individuals with expertise in the areas of horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, forestry, sustainability, water, landscape architecture, and arboriculture. The purpose of this group is to bring together these various disciplines into a cohesive assemblage of experts that can be called upon, individually or collectively, for advising purposes. Individuals will also serve as a sounding board for larger collections plans and projects and can advise and connect The Arboretum with other applicable resources. Likewise, The Arboretum will strive to continue to be a meaningful resource to these experts and our greater UK and Lexington community.
Collections and Features

Herbarium

In October, we received a used herbarium cabinet from the Ronald L. Jones Herbarium at Eastern Kentucky University. The herbarium recently replaced their old cabinets and we are thankful for the donation of a cabinet. The cabinet will serve as a repository for the plant specimens that we make to document our collection and wild-collected plant material. Since herbarium specimens need to be protected from damaging insects, light, and temperature conditions, this cabinet will help us maintain quality specimens and responsibly grow our collection for documentation and research purposes.

Plant Label Components

The components of a plant label reveal several facts about a plant. The number in the upper left is the accession number. An accession is a plant or plants that were acquired from the same location on the same date that have the same propagation history. The accession number consists of the year it was accessioned, a number, and possibly a letter if there is more than one plant from the same accession group. The right-hand corner indicates the plant’s location in The Arboretum. The name includes the scientific name with the common name underneath it. If a plant is collected from the wild, which many in the Walk Across Kentucky are, the county it was collected from will be designated below the name.

Irrigation for the Collection

This fall we received funding from UK’s PPD to purchase pipe and rent equipment to install two irrigation mainlines into the collections of the Walk Across Kentucky. These areas previously had no ready access to water, so all water had to be trucked in using water tanks to water new plantings and trees. Overall, Jesse Dahl and Allen Dyer installed two hydrants and 900 feet of mainline piping.

(Both photos) Frostweed (Verbesina virginica) responds to the first hard freeze by releasing water from its stems that freezes into ribbons of ice. This plant can be found in the Shawnee Hills.
Collections and Features

Horticulture Display Gardens
Jesse Dahl, Horticulturist

The Horticulture Display Gardens are our cultivated garden areas and include the Home Demonstration Garden, the Rose Garden, the Fragrance Garden, the Demonstration Vegetable Garden, the Demonstration Herb Garden, and display beds near the parking area and Visitor Center.

Planting Projects

The Annual Display Beds were filled with over 9,000 spring flowering bulbs, 2,000 spring and fall annuals and over 6,000 summer annuals. Dragons Breath Celosia, and Mojave Purple Red Straw-flowers are two of the selections that really stood out and last the entire season.

The Iris display that was and planted and is maintained by the Bluegrass Iris Society really starting to flourish. Around 20 new cultivars where added to the collection

Thanks to Jamie Dockery and the Fayette County Extension Office, we were able to add a collection of Hardy Hibiscus and accent perennials. These colorful plants with flowers the size of dinnerplates make an awesome addition to any yard or garden.

The display features seven cultivars of hardy hibiscus as well as hundreds of accenting perennials.

Phase 2 of the Shade Garden was completed this summer with the installation of a sprinkler system. Four stone benches were relocated here during demolition for the new campus Student Center. Eight shrubs were planted, as well as 400 new shade-loving perennials. We hope to have the trails remulched, and add hundreds more perennials in spring 2018.

The Fragrance Garden was renovated this summer thanks to a successful grant proposal to the Herman Lee and Nell Stuart Donovan Memorial Endowment. The purpose of the program is to finance the beautification of UK’s campus with projects that will be benefit the cultural enhancement of students and we are grateful to the judging committee that determined our application met the requirements of the program thus allowing the creation of a new feature. The project entailed removing existing vegetation, constructing a cedar pergola, planting dozens of shrubs, over 50 rugosa roses and hundreds of annuals, herbs, and perennials. We think you will agree it is a delightful addition to the gardens.

Phase 2 of the Rose Garden was completed this year and consisted of plantings in areas to the south of the stone wall. Four trees, 50 flowering shrubs, approximately 100 perennials and 200 hardy disease-resistant roses were added. The plantings include a collection of Earth-Kind Roses, a selective program through Texas A&M University that tests and promotes roses that require minimal care.

Another project in the vicinity of the Rose Garden is a newly installed crushed limestone path that connects the Fragrance Garden and the Flight 591 Memorial. then connects to the Walk Across Kentucky. The path has received heavy usage since its construction and was much needed.

Thanks to a generous gift from Shooting Star Nursery, hundreds of unusual and unique perennials have transformed the peony beds into a Peony Border.

Our goal is to provide a longer season of interest and a colorful front to the Rose Garden. Next year as they mature we will see if we met our goal.

This year, thanks to an ongoing renovation of the rose gardens, we combined the garden adopt-a-plot and rose adopt-a-plot into one Adopt-a-plot program. Over 20 groups and individuals adopted a bed in the rose gardens. Volunteers were tasked with weeding and deadheading the roses throughout the growing season. The adopt-a-plot volunteers far exceeded expectations and the rose gardens are developing and showing their true beauty.

For many years The Arboretum has participated in the All American Selection (AAS) Trials and Displays. Since 2011, UK faculty member Rick Durham has directed the program. He judges the plants and helps with the layout of the trials. Plants are grown on campus by UK Department of Horticulture Staff Horticulturist Shari Dutton and planted in mid-May in the garden. As they mature they are evaluated and compared to other varieties currently on the market. We also participate in the ornamental plant trials and herbaceous perennial trials. We also display past AAS winners in the gardens. These consist of fruits and vegetables, and ornamentals.

The summer 2017 quarterly newsletter featured the AAS trials and displays and the work of Rick Durham and Shari Dutton.
In the UK Sustainability Challenge Grant-funded Wet Meadow, last fall (2016) we planted 2,500 native grasses and wildflowers and four bald cypress trees. We installed pavers to connect the asphalt path to the restroom concrete apron. The Wet Meadow was designed to capture stormwater from the parking lot and allow it to percolate through the soil. It is a joint effort of The Arboretum, the UK Department of Landscape Architecture, UK Physical Plant, UK Horticulture Club and UK Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

**Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners**

**Demonstration Vegetable Garden**
Ellyn Katen, Chair

The Demonstration Vegetable Garden at The Arboretum consists of multiple organically cultivated raised-bed gardens planned and maintained by a committee of 24 Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners. Volunteers work Monday and/or Thursday mornings during the growing season. Last fall Arboretum staff renovated the garden. Old fencing was removed, the garden area was enlarged and new raised beds were constructed. This provided us a much larger space and the opportunity to grow different vegetables, especially some that require a larger growing space.

In early spring, seeds are started and transplanted; during summer, the garden is maintained and harvested; and beds are cleaned up in the fall. In 2016, over 750 pounds of produce were harvested and taken to local food pantries. Signage and educational materials welcome Arboretum visitors to participate and ask questions.

The Extension Master Gardener volunteers in the Demonstration Vegetable Garden harvested almost 640 pounds of produce for the 2017 season, slightly less than in 2016. We made good use of the doubled size of the garden by adding larger areas of corn, sweet potatoes, cabbage and squash. Our plans for 2018 include adding significant amendments to the soil in our beds, getting new straw for our straw bale garden, and starting fungicide treatment earlier to try to head off disease early in the season.

Members of the Demonstration Vegetable Garden are:

- Clare Farnau
- Faith Fiene
- Sandra Fitz
- Kathy Heineman
- Ann Henry
- Debbie Johnson
- Geri Johnson
- Erwin Jones, Jr.
- Ellyn Katen
- Mary Krautter
- Scot Lemaster
- Anne Lowe
- Emily Mayberry
- Janet Peters
- Michael Reymann
- Jennie Scruggs
- Nan Starkweather
- June Talbert
- Dave Uckotter
- Marguerite Waddell
- Joan Werner

**Demonstration Herb Garden**
Nancy Davis, Chair

The Demonstration Herb Garden is planned and maintained by a committee of 17 Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners who work Monday and/or Thursday mornings from April through October. The garden contains annual and perennial herbs and is divided into five sections: the knot garden, culinary herbs, herbal breads and teas were served. The following month, July, we held a Food for Thought class in the demonstration kitchen at Extension and had 40 attendees interested in “The Many Uses of Herbs.” Each category of herbs was described, and demonstrations were offered of an insect repellent pot and how to dry and preserve herbs. Lavender cookies, herbal breads and teas were served.

The following month, July, we held a Food for Thought class in the demonstration kitchen at Extension and had 40 attendees who enjoyed cooking, drying and preserving demonstrations.

In September, we began to prepare for the winter. Tender perennials were dug and moved to the UK greenhouse for safe keeping. We closed the garden in mid-October with the anticipation that the weather will be mild and our many remaining herbs will greet us in the spring.

Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners who cared for the Demonstration Vegetable Garden in 2017 posed for a group photo in their beautifully organized shed.
Members of the Demonstration Herb Garden are:

- Sharon Curry
- Nancy Kolacz
- Dana Caudill
- Vange Lear
- Linda Corridoni
- Brenda Owen
- Nancy Davis
- Patricia Petro
- Carla Eastin
- Linda Richardson
- Barbara Elliott
- Susan Stith
- Beverly Freedman
- Susan Stivers
- Marilyn Gall
- Karen Witt
- Mary Hicks

Garden Tours

In 2017 we offered docent-led tours of the Horticulture Display Gardens at 11:00 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month. Each tour highlighted plants or features of interest for the time of year.

We thank volunteer docents Marcia Farris, Laura Ferrell, John Hartman, Sharon Sheahan and Mary Witt, who invested time in 2016 by participating on tours led by Horticulturist Jesse Dahl and who stood ready to lead tours in 2017. Due to limited participation in 2017, we want to evaluate the times and types of tours that we offer in 2018 so that we met the needs of our visitors and also value our faithful volunteers’ time and interests.

Collections and Features

Research Projects

Research projects conducted by UK faculty and staff support the research and conservation components of our mission. A number of projects are ongoing at The Arboretum, including the following:

Home Demonstration Garden Milkweed Study (UK): Dr. Daniel Potter and Graduate student Adam Baker are evaluating eight species of milkweed for their usefulness in Monarch Waystations and Butterfly Gardens.

Milkweed Study (UK): Christina Pappas, Assistant Director of the Kentucky Office of State Archaeology, is working with The Arboretum to collect samples of different milkweed species to test prehistoric processing techniques and understand the traces these plants may leave in textiles.

Pollinator Studies (UK): Dr. Daniel Potter and graduate student Bernadette Mach have partnered with the Arboretum and a total of 374 other sites around Lexington and Cincinnati to evaluate 75 species of flowering trees and shrubs to determine which landscape plants are the most attractive to pollinators, and what kinds of pollinators are attracted to specific plants.

Pine Sawfly Population Genetics (UK): Dr. Danielle Herrig, a postdoctoral scholar in the University of Kentucky Lennin Lab, has been collecting pine sawfly from The Arboretum since 2012. These sawfly are used to study the origin of biodiversity.

Decomposition Studies (UK): Dr. Mary Arthur’s Forest Ecology class has been doing decomposition studies in The Arboretum Woods. They investigate the changes in decomposition rates of leaf litter due to the effects of invasive species, such as wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*).

Integrating Field Trips into the Classroom (UK): Meg Gravil is a Ph.D. candidate in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education in the College of Education. Her dissertation focuses on integrating field trips to the Kentucky Children’s Garden (KCG) into the classroom. In 2018, she plans to create pre- and post-field trip packets for teachers and complete research on their effectiveness in the classroom. In the past, she assessed how the KCG met early childhood and Next Generation Science Standards.

We are making a research proposal form to document current and future research projects, facilitate communication, and create the best space possible for ongoing research.

The Pollinator Garden in the Home Demonstration Garden is a popular area both for pollinators and for visitors who can see plants favored by various pollinators and take home ideas to use in their home gardens.
The Kentucky Children’s Garden

Jackie Gallimore, Children’s Education Coordinator & Katie Morrison, Lead Educator

The Kentucky Children’s Garden (KCG) is The Arboretum’s 2-acre fun-packed oasis of learning and exploration. It is designed to help families introduce young visitors to the natural world and inspire them to learn more.

The KCG season of operation is mid-March through October, which offers visitors the opportunity to see and observe this special place as it changes throughout the year. While visiting, children are encouraged to enjoy self-directed natural play, which forges a connection with the natural world. They can help water the vegetable gardens, cool off in the misters near the garden entrance, wade in the stream built to mimic Kentucky creeks, gaze at the garden train as it makes its way along the tracks, participate in dramatic play at the pioneer cabin or learn about animals and their habitats.

Educators are always present and willing to work with individual children. Through daily programming, they invite visitors to learn how to plant and harvest vegetables in raised garden beds, listen to stories about nature, make a craft to take home and lead nature walks to discover what is blooming. Educators are also always willing to show a child or family what they are working on in the garden, which could be anything from weeding to watering to starting the trains.

We offer daily admission for children and accompanying adults (children under age 2 are admitted free of charge) as well as season memberships. There are two free admission days each year: Arbor Day (late April) and Addie’s Day (mid-May).

In May 2016, she earned her bachelors of science degree from UK with a major in Natural Resources and Environmental Science. At the end of last year, she was promoted from Education Assistant to Lead Educator and has excelled at connecting children and families to nature in her new position.

This year the Kentucky Children’s Garden, with the support of the Department of Horticulture, provided two internship positions to UK students: Ryan Welleford and Madeleine Wamsley. Throughout the year, they each facilitated nature play, taught programming, attended classes, became certified in early childhood environmental education curriculum, designed, planted and maintained their own themed raised beds, weeded (A LOT!) and completed an intern project of their choosing.

We could not do half of what we do without the help of our passionate volunteers. They helped us greatly in the 2017 season by manning tables at outreach and events, running our model trains, teaching during field trips, assisting us with projects in the garden and warmly greeting guests as they entered the Kentucky Children’s Garden. During the 2017 season, 572 volunteer hours were reported to the Kentucky Children’s Garden.

**We listened to your feedback!** Based on results from our 2016 survey, we made a few changes. The top two responses for suggested improvements in the garden (which we could accommodate) were more shade and more benches. Both of these were achieved this season, with more benches placed around the garden and three shade sails placed over the dig pit and stream. Another suggestion was to adjust the first train time to accommodate morning nap times. In response to this, we moved forward our first program time from 11:00 to 10:30 and our first train time from 11:30 to 11:00. Additionally, we installed a Cutting Garden where children may cut a flower to take home with them. This is the only place in The Arboretum where visitors are allowed to pick a part of a plant. Last, we installed a potting bench and sink where we could wash and prepare samples of fresh produce from our raised garden beds.

A Kentucky Children’s Garden visitor displays a proper watering technique.

In 2017, the Kentucky Children’s Garden (KCG) season was March 30 through October 29. We served 17,950 visitors while open to the public, had 214 seasonal members, hosted 509 students on field trips, reached 2,258 participants with daily programs and held three events in the Celebrating the Seasons series.

We had wonderful staff members again this year. Our Lead Educator, Katie Morrison, completed her second year with us.

2017 Horticulture Intern Ryan Welleford teaching a lesson in the Kentucky Children’s Garden.
We also implemented a new event this year, Celebrating the Seasons. We hosted three events in this series while the children's garden was open: Spring has Sprung, Sizzling Summer, and Amazing Autumn and will host another, Winter Wonderland, on Saturday, January 13, 2018. These events were in addition to three free events—Arbor Day, Addie’s Day and Countdown to Kindergarten; Daily Programming—125 programs were created for this season; Birthday Parties and Field Trips. In total, the Kentucky Children’s Garden served 17,950 people during Celebrating the Seasons and regular hours.

Often times we are asked what we do in the winter when the Kentucky Children’s Garden is closed. We are busy assessing data from last year and preparing for next year and beyond! Look forward to these changes in the 2018 season: Celebrating the Seasons Events will take place on Saturdays instead of Fridays. We will also be offering a new type of daily programming on Wednesdays: Science Experiments! Join KCG staff in investigating the natural world through developmentally appropriate science experiments. Last, the Kentucky Children’s Garden now offers a library for visiting families. Borrow a book to read during your visit and return it before you leave. This will be located in the back of the children’s garden, near the Cutting Garden.

In conclusion, we had a great (and very eventful) 2017 season and hope you did too. We would like to offer a huge thank you to every family who visited us in the 2017 season. The garden would be a much less special place without all of you.

Daily Programming

The KCG offers programming three times a day (except for Sundays when we offer two because we are not open in the morning). The type of programming offered depends on the day of the week. On Wednesdays we offer an activity, Thursdays are craft days, Fridays we present Story Time, Saturdays are Sow-It-Saturdays (where we plant, harvest and taste fruits and vegetables) and Sundays are Nature Hikes. Each program is tied to a monthly nature theme. Over the 2017 season, we created 125 programs and served approximately 2,258 guests.

Celebrating the Seasons

Celebrating the Seasons is a new event series that took the place of First Friday Fun Days. Its purpose is to celebrate the joy and wonder of the seasons. During each event, children and families are invited to learn about the season by visiting one of our many booths hosted by volunteers and community organizations. These include demonstration stations, crafts and plant giveaways. This year, we offered three events in this series: Spring has Sprung, Sizzling Summer and Amazing Autumn. Admission for these events is the same as our daily admission fee, $3 per person or $10 for a family of four or five. This event is free for Kentucky Children’s Garden members.

Field Trips to the KCG

Guided field trips for grades K through 2 were offered in the spring and fall this year. During field trips, classes rotate through 5 to 8 volunteer-led learning stations in the Kentucky Children’s Garden. Stations can include planting a seed, learning about the butterfly life cycle, a seed transportation demonstration or even a bit of free play around the pond and pioneer cabin. Each field trip helps teachers meet Next Generation Science Standards and gives exposure to nature. In 2017, approximately 509 students were reached with field trips.
The Kentucky Children's Garden (continued)

In addition to guided field trips, small groups (up to 50 students) are welcome to visit the KCG while we are open to the public. Group leaders can facilitate nature play while in the garden, and their groups are welcome to participate in our daily programming. In 2017, approximately 24 small groups (preschools, homeschool groups and small private schools) visited for self-guided field trips.

Additional Programming

Little Sprouts
In March, a month of special programs for preschool nature enthusiasts was offered in the Visitor Center. Three sessions involving reading stories, doing hands-on activities and going on nature hikes were offered twice on the same day.

Junior Master Gardener Camp
In June, we offered a week-long, gardening-themed summer day camp for children ages 8 through 12. With the help of Arboretum staff and Master Gardener volunteers, each camper participated in hands-on garden-themed activities and service projects while using The Arboretum and UK’s South Farm as a living learning lab. At the end of the week, the campers became certified Junior Master Gardeners.

Junior Master Gardener campers and teachers (Fayette County Extension Master Gardeners Debbie Johnson and Jeanna Jordan; and Jackie Gallimore) visited UK’s South Farm.

A train going into the tunnel in the Kentucky Children’s Garden!

A young visitor enjoys the stream in the Kentucky Children’s Garden.
Throughout 2017, staff and volunteers represented The Arboretum at 17 different community events, reaching almost 6,000 people. Among these events were several science fairs held in Lexington area schools, including the District Science Fair at Bryan Station Middle School—attended by an estimated 1,000 students, parents and community members. Here Arboretum staff demonstrated the Arboretum Explorer database and tree ring analysis. Other highlights included Reforest the Bluegrass 2017, in which staff led activities around “Wacky Plants” and seed-starting techniques. During Touch-a-Truck at Keeneland, a benefit for the Child Development Center of the Bluegrass, some volunteers represented The Arboretum to a crowd of an estimated 2,800, engaging attendees with chia pet activities and tree cookies. Increasing outreach in 2018 is a goal.

**Arboretum Explorer**

Students and visitors alike continue to find Arboretum Explorer a useful tool to “explore” The Arboretum’s plant collections and more. The public is able to access this information (http://uky.arboretumexplorer.org or from a link on our website) at their desktop, on their mobile device or at a specially installed computer inside our Visitor Center. We are in the process of adding plant information from the Horticulture Display Gardens to Arboretum Explorer so that all woody plants in our collections will be available to view.

**Glories of the Garden**

The 2016 Glories of the Garden juried annual art show took place February 13 to March 3. This exhibit provided a showcase for artists to share their original nature-themed pieces with an interested audience. A portion of all sold artwork sold benefits The Arboretum.

**Arboretum StoryWalk**

The StoryWalk is a partnership between The Arboretum, the Lexington Public Library and Jessamine County Public Library. A series of outdoor interpretive panels each display a page of a children’s book. The panels begin outside the Dorothy Smith Oatts Visitor Center, meander through the Home Demonstration Garden and end at the Kentucky Children’s Garden. Each month, we install a new children’s book that has an environmental theme. In 2017, the following books were featured:

- April - *Who Will Plant a Tree* by Jerry Pallotta
- May - *Fabulous Frogs* by Martin Jenkins and Tim Hopgood
- June - *Lift Your Light a Bit Higher* by Heather Henson
- July - *Water is Water* by Miranda Paul
- August - *What’s in the Garden* by Marianne Berkes
- September - *Do All Bugs Have Wings?* by Suzanne Slade
- October - *My Leaf Book* by Monica Wellington
- November to December - *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen

**Arbor Day & Party for the Planet**

Thanks to the support of Kentucky Utilities and other sponsors, The Arboretum hosted the Party for the Planet in April 2017 culminating in the 26th celebration of Arbor Day on April 29. The Party included the first Celebrating the Seasons event on April 7. On Arbor Day, over 1,000 tree seedlings were given away by four exhibitors—a very fitting way to celebrate Arbor Day.

**Addie’s Day**

Addie’s Day is a free, fun day for the whole family in memory of Adelaide Kennedy McReynolds. This special day includes free admission to the Kentucky Children’s Garden, as well as activities throughout The Arboretum. In 2017, 1,292 people visited the Kentucky Children’s Garden on Addie’s Day.

**Bluegrass Area Woodturners**

The 11th annual Bluegrass Area Woodturners' display (Re)turned to The Arboretum featuring a silent auction of turned items made by the group from wood fallen within the grounds, occurred June 6 to 24, 2017. A portion of all pieces sold benefits The Arboretum.

**Solar Eclipse Celebration**

The Arboretum hosted a Solar Eclipse Celebration on August 21, 2017. Over 1,200 community members joined us to watch this captivating celestial event. The first 100 participants were given solar glasses and after that, we handed out 50 pairs of “sharing glasses” so that everyone had an opportunity to view the eclipse. With the help many volunteers, activities included making pinhole cameras, solar clocks and shade drawings as well as a demonstration on the science behind solar eclipses.

Of course, the star of the show was the eclipse itself. At maximum coverage, hundreds of visitors strewn across the grounds viewed the sun barely peeking out from behind the moon. The temperature went down from a blazing sunny afternoon to a tolerable one and if you listened closely, you could hear crickets beginning to chirp. Even the trees got in on the action, showing little crescents in their shadows.

**Insect Night**

During September, in partnership with the University of Kentucky Department of Entomology, 377 participants spent an evening viewing collections of large insects, petting insects and touring The Arboretum to see what nocturnal bugs they could find on a nighttime hike.
Gifts to The Arboretum

It is our pleasure to present to you a listing of donors to The Arboretum for 2017. Accuracy is our goal, as we have no intention of attributing a gift to an account for which it was not intended by the donor.

This 2017 report contains records for a short period of time in 2016—October 1 through December 31. These gifts are reported here as well as a listing for 2017, up to September 30, 2016. Our goal is to provide our donors a sense of all that has been contributed during each operational year.

Gifts to The Arboretum come from many sources and we have many gift and endowed accounts to which they can be attributed. We apologize if some items are not correct and we urge you to contact us if you find a mistake in what follows.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution in 2016 and/or in 2017.

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Dr. John H. Saunders
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In Honor of Ms. Molly Davis
Ms. Maggie Hall & Mr. William Biles
In Memory of Mrs. Mamie Woodie Denison
Mrs. Lynn C. Weak

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Robert L. Houtz
Chair, UK Department of Horticulture
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Ms. Mona J. Shaeffer

In Memory of Eleanor Y. Smith
Mrs. Connie T. Oleson

In Memory of Ms. Jennifer Price Smith
Dr. Clifton & Mrs. Renee Price Smith

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Blue Hawaii 5.0 Ageratum in the Pollinator Garden.
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Drs. Mark P. Whitaker & Ann Elizabeth Kingsolver
Mr. Sidney C. Kinkead, Jr.
Mrs. Ashley Kirkwood

Jesse Dahl’s “Dinoroar” created for the Party for the Pumpkins was popular with visitors of all ages!
Tree Tribute Program

The Arboretum’s Tree Tribute Program provides a way to celebrate and honor important people and events. Tribute gifts are a special way to remember those individuals who make a difference.

The following trees were dedicated in 2017:

- In Memory of Garland R. Dever, Jr. (Cladrastis kentukea) in the Appalachian Plateau Region of the Walk Across Kentucky
- In Memory of Christopher R. Daniels (Fagus grandifolia) in the Appalachian Plateau Region of the Walk Across Kentucky

Given in loving memory by:

- Ms. Marie E. Dever
- Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hanks
- Mrs. Karen Van Sanford
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Walton
- Mr. Wayne T. Burns
- Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walton

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- Dr. David & Mrs. Louise Booth
- Ms. Diane Brunn
- Mr. Rick Bryant
- Mr. Charles & Mrs. Diane Busby
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President Elia Capilouto
Mayor Jim Gray

VIP MEMBERS

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- Corporate - $5,000
- Club/Organization - $1,000
- Individual/Family - $800

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