

ARBORETUM

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS TRIALS AND DISPLAYS AT THE ARBORETUM

Rick Durham and Shari Dutton, UK Department of Horticulture

Since its inception, The Arboretum has been involved with the All-America Selections (AAS) program. The non-profit AAS organization was founded in 1932 to promote new garden flowers and vegetables varieties judged impartially to have superior garden performance in trials throughout North America. New noteworthy varieties are called AAS Winners, and they are selected in the trial process at over 80 sites.

Four categories of plants are grown: ornamentals from seed, ornamentals from vegetative cuttings, edibles (fruits and vegetables from seed), and herbaceous perennials. The Arboretum participates in trials for the first and the last categories. Ornamentals from seed trials for many years were under the direction of Sharon Bale and, since 2011, Rick Durham. The herbaceous perennials trials were started by AAS in 2016, and they operate under a three-year trial period.

The process: seed companies contract with AAS to enter new varieties in trials, comparisons to the new varieties are selected, seeds are germinated and plants are grown at participating trial sites. At UK, Staff Horticulturist Shari Dutton begins this work in Horticulture's greenhouses.

As the plants grow in the greenhouse and throughout the season in The Arboretum's gardens, the trial judge team (Durham, assisted by Dutton and Arboretum Horticulturist Jesse Dahl) visually evaluates the AAS trial



May 2017: Garrett Hamilton, Ben Browning and Shari Dutton plant the 2017 All-America Ornamental Seed Trials at The Arboretum.



2017 All-America Selections Ornamental Seed Trial begonia entry. The entry is on the right, the first of three comparisons is on the left.

entry against comparison entries also being grown, with regard to bloom characteristics, disease resistance, plant habit and other traits. Most trial entries are evaluated for only one year although herbaceous perennial trials will extend over three seasons.

Unique to the AAS program is that unbiased plant experts critique suitability for the

home garden and landscape over a variety of conditions. Entries receiving high marks by a majority of judges across North America are declared AAS Winners. In most cases, these varieties will perform well throughout North America and are very reliable varieties for home landscapes.

This year the ornamentals from seed winning displays are near the entrance and along either side of the walkway leading to the Home Demonstration Garden. The edibles (fruits and vegetable from seed) winners are in the back of the Home Demonstration Garden in the Accessible Garden area or along the curved path outside the Herb Garden. All AAS winners are labeled with their name and year they were selected.

Jesse Dahl is quite creative with the AAS display. In 2013 his design was awarded second place by AAS among gardens that draw between 10,000 and 100,000 visitors each year. In 2014 The Arboretum's AAS demonstration design reached first place in the same category. Jesse's reputation of developing attractive display gardens has given recognition for The Arboretum through the AAS Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Please plan to visit the AAS display and trial areas this summer as they are off to a great start! For more information about the AAS program, visit the AAS web site at www.all-americaselections.org.

STAFF & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Director's Message

Molly Davis

Please extend a big welcome to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Vaughan. Carol started working here on April 29, the day we celebrated the 26th annual Arbor Day event—what a day to start! Right away, Carol experienced working outside and dodging occasional showers (rain is an Arbor Day tradition), of having masses of visitors to welcome to the event, and of being expected to know the answers to all kinds of questions sent her way. She did admirably! Carol has taken on responsibility for ensuring that people who want to volunteer, or who are already “seasoned” volunteers, are fully incorporated into The Arboretum. The goal is to ensure that those who want to volunteer are provided with all of the information and training they need to perform important tasks. Carol regularly works Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and you may also see her at special events. Welcome, Carol!

In the Spring issue, we mentioned some Arboretum friends who had recently passed away. We do this in a spirit of giving thanks and honor to those people whose service, commitment and generosity have greatly

contributed to these 100 acres. If we have missed some passings of note, we welcome your informing us.

We share with you three recent passings. Walter Leonard has been a fixture at The Arboretum for many years; his favorite place to sit in the afternoons was outside our front door. Richard Gift was a Friends lifetime member who was also a neighbor to our grounds. Becky Faulconer left her legacy of artistry and public involvement for staff and Arboretum friends alike; her “Lexington Sketches” annual calendar will be sorely missed by us and the community.

If you want to hear from us more often than this quarterly newsletter, we can accommodate your wish! Each month we prepare an email that highlights events upcoming during the month, expresses our specific needs for volunteers, and tries to make sure that if it is happening during the upcoming weeks at The Arboretum, you know about it. You can join this group by adding your name to the list receiving our Eblast. Send your name and email address to

janet.cabaniss@uky.edu.

and request to be added to the list. You can be removed at any time, just by sending that request to the same address.

Environmental Education Certifications

Katie Morrison

This winter, children’s education staff members Jackie Gallimore and Katie Morrison completed coursework to become certified Environmental Educators in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The goal of the course is to “promote an informed and knowledgeable citizenry with the skills and attributes necessary to effectively and constructively solve existing environmental problems, prevent new ones, and maintain a balanced and economically healthy environment for future generations.” Knowledge gained from this class will enable Katie and Jackie to create more educational and well-rounded programming in the Kentucky Children’s Garden and throughout The Arboretum.

At right, congratulations newly certified Kentucky Environmental Educators Jackie Gallimore and Katie Morrison!



2017 student staff (L to R): Ross Owen, Garrett Hamilton, Ben Browning, Ryan Welleford and Madeleine Wamsley.



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FRIENDS OF THE ARBORETUM NEWS

The Benefits of Friends Membership

Janet Cabaniss, Membership Coordinator

For most of us, it happens once a year – that letter from The Arboretum explaining that your annual membership is about to expire and offering reasons for immediate action to renew it. The letter lists some really good benefits for being a member of Friends of The Arboretum (FOA).

One important and frequently used benefit of membership is at a participating local retail garden center, you are eligible to receive 10 percent off of your purchase, which most of us know can add up to a substantial amount.

There's a second very important benefit. This is the savings traveling members can realize when they visit public gardens and arboreta elsewhere that charge an admission. Because The Arboretum is a member of the American Horticultural Association (AHA), you, as a member of the FOA, are eligible to participate in the AHA's Reciprocal Admissions Program.

This means that by showing your active membership card, the visited garden will waive or significantly reduce the cost of admission. If

your card is marked "single" membership, one person receives the entry benefit. If you hold a "family" membership, two (and sometime more) members are admitted, at the discretion of the visited garden.

We hope that you will think fondly of these savings when renewing your annual membership. Such benefits are an enticement, although certainly not the only reasons to be a member. Thanks for your support of The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky.

Hello, Friends!

Nancy McNally, Friends President

During this very busy summer season, I hope you are enjoying all the beauty of the walks, roses and gardens at The Arboretum! If you are among our many volunteers, thank you! Opportunities to volunteer continue all year long!

New for Friends members this year is our

Friends on the Farm Tomato Celebration

on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the UK Horticulture Research Farm (also known as UK South Farm). This is a special event for Friends at which they can enjoy fresh tomato and other hors d'oeuvres, wine and summer drinks. We invite you to attend this exclusive Friends of The Arboretum event where you will see the varied and interesting operations of UK South Farm while enjoying the company of other members and tasting some delicious food and beverages. UK South Farm is located at the corner of Man O'War Boulevard and Nicholasville Road. A controlled entrance gate on Man O'War at Emmert Farm Lane provides access; there is a stoplight to help you turn into the entrance. Simply pull up to the gate and it will open automatically. We welcome you and your guests (up to four) to join us. We will send invitations via e-mail to which we request your response.

If you are not a Friends member and want to be sure not to miss the celebration, please join now! You can find information on The Arboretum web site (arboretum.ca.uky.edu) under the Friends tab or visit the Visitor Center and pick up a blue membership envelope

The Friends of The Arboretum present

2017 Party for the Pumpkins Fall Family Festival

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 2 to 6 p.m.

There will be pumpkins everywhere—on display, in crafts and activities for the entire family.

Stay tuned for further details. Hope to see you there!



Shown above are some of the memorable moments from the 2016 Party for the Pumpkins. All photos by Sally Horowitz.

to join. This is our Year of Friendraising, and we are making a special effort to welcome new members.

As always, I thank you for your generous support of The Arboretum and the many benefits offered to Friends of The Arboretum. If you are traveling this summer, please take advantage of our reciprocal agreement benefits de-

scribed above. And please be sure to support our participating garden center partners who offer 10 percent discounts to Friends.

See you at The Arboretum!



ON THE GROUNDS

What's Going on in The Arboretum Woods?

Michael Patton, Native Plants Team

The Arboretum Woods is said to be one of the last remnants of Inner Bluegrass forest. This is evident based on the presence of centuries-old trees – blue ash (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*), chinquapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) and bur oak (*Q. macrocarpa*). Constant attention has been required to manage the ever-increasing number of invasive species found in this Bluegrass woodland. Amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) once covered the entire woods, but over an eight-year period the mature plants have been eradicated. Following the removal of honeysuckle, the amount of wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*) lying dormant has become visibly apparent.

Wintercreeper, native to East Asia, thrives in our environment. This can be seen by going for a walk in The Arboretum Woods, where wintercreeper carpets most of the forest floor. The Walk Across Kentucky staff have been working to eradicate this invasive by spraying large swaths of wintercreeper with triclopyr (an organic compound that is used as a systemic herbicide and fungicide) at the time of year when most of our woodland native plants are dormant and can remain unaffected by the herbicide. The sprayed sections experience a large-scale dieback of non-native liana, allowing wanted native species in the seedbank, like wild ryes (*Elymus* spp.), southern trillium (*Trillium cuneatum*), blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*) and yellow jewelweed (*Impatiens pallida*), to emerge and thrive.

The Woods are one of the crowning glories of The Arboretum. We encourage you to visit and experience their quiet and beauty, no matter the season. If you would like to help keep down the invasives – wintercreeper and the honeysuckle among others – you could join the longstanding group that did much of the work during the eight years discussed above. The Native Plants volunteers volunteer Thursdays year round from 10 a.m. to noon and welcome participants. At any rate, do not miss seeing the Woods!



April 2017: Non-sprayed (left side) and sprayed wintercreeper in The Arboretum Woods. Spraying took place in late February 2017.



Southern trillium in the Woods.

New Collection Garden in the Kentucky Children's Garden

Katie Morrison, Lead Educator

Because The Arboretum is an educational garden open to the public, and visitors are not allowed to remove any items, be they flowers, rocks, leaves or pawpaws! This prohibition holds true for the Kentucky Children's Garden (KCG) as well, with one special exception: the KCG now offers a Cutting Garden. This garden provides an opportunity for **children** to take something home with them by allowing them to cut a flower to keep. The Cutting Garden is located at the top of the garden by the Arbor Day tree. It features colorful annuals—bachelor's buttons, marigolds, cockscombs, cosmos, scarlet clover, nastur-



New Collection Garden in the KCG.

tiums. The next time you visit the KCG, come see the Cutting Garden and allow the younger ones in your party to take home a pretty flower to remember their fun day in the garden.

Which Milkweeds Are Best for Your Monarch Garden?

Adam Baker

Graduate student Adam Baker and Professor Dan Potter (UK Department of Entomology) are partnering with The Arboretum to evaluate eight species of milkweed for their conservation values in Monarch Waystations and butterfly gardens. They are comparing

milkweed varieties' relative attractiveness to egg-laying monarch butterflies, the suitability of each milkweed type as food for their caterpillars and how each milkweed species performs in Kentucky gardens. Results of this research are intended to help land managers and pollinator enthusiasts choose the milkweed species best suited to their gardens and ultimately to add valuable pollinator habitat to the landscape.

Research on the highly endangered monarch is being done at The Arboretum for the conservation and preservation of the species. Getting good results depends on Baker and Potter having knowledge of the condition of all plant material and insects in the research plots. Thus it is vital that no materials be removed by visitors. You can help the monarchs the most, and do the best to ensure their survival, by planting a good stand of milkweed and other native flowers at your home!



Adam Baker and Dan Potter examine plants in the milkweed research plots.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteer of the Quarter

Sylvia Ahrens

If you want to know where giving a gift of membership to Friends of The Arboretum can lead, just ask **Hugh Huffman**. Shortly after being presented with a family membership, Hugh began volunteering (August 24, 2006) and has delighted in time spent helping with the Walk Across Kentucky ever since. He has earned Extension Master Gardener status, and his chemistry knowledge helps and enriches these volunteer activities.

An analytical chemist, Hugh was born in Alabama. After getting a degree at UK, he worked in several parts of the country before landing back in Lexington. Besides time spent at The Arboretum, he works the help line for the Ag Extension Office, sits on the Dean's Development Council of Arts and Sciences, serves on the Chemistry Alumni Board at UK and plays handbells at his church.

Hugh was drawn to the Walk Across Kentucky section of The Arboretum, a two-mile adventure into the Commonwealth's diverse environment. The Walk highlights the flowers, trees and plants of the seven regions of Kentucky and is a unique learning experience for the whole family. As a volunteer, Hugh helps with planting, pruning, weeding and conducting the controlled burns needed to care for certain areas. He calls the Walk Across Kentucky "The Jewel of the Bluegrass" because of its rich variety and



unique collections. Some of his favorite plants include shooting star, Solomon's Seal and the infamous *Tripsacum dactyloides* (Eastern Gamagrass to the rest of us). He finds beauty in every part of The Arboretum as well as in every season.

Hugh urges everyone to consider volunteering, no matter age or gardening know-how. His experience at The Arboretum includes wonderful comradery, a marvelous sharing of knowledge, the fantastic feeling of accomplishment and a whole lot of fun (think spreading a giant mulch pile using a race of dueling wheelbarrows!). Volunteering is great for families and children to connect with nature and all it has to offer.

Extension Master Gardener, the Walk Across Kentucky caretaker, and Volunteer of the Quarter, Hugh Huffman, we congratulate you! Thank you for your time and expertise!

Volunteers Welcome!

Carol Vaughan, Volunteer Coordinator

The Arboretum is fortunate to work with volunteers who are dedicated and diligent, and who assist with maintaining and promoting The Arboretum. Their contribution includes the addition of positive energy to the overall experience of visitors to The Arboretum.

The Arboretum welcomes volunteers year-round. The volunteer process begins by each potential volunteer attending an orientation conducted by The Arboretum's volunteer coordinator. Orientation includes information on areas of opportunity for service as well as completion of an application consisting of a volunteer agreement, waiver and release. Once an application is finalized, it is reviewed and then referred to the appropriate Arboretum staff person who oversees the volunteer's area(s) of interest. Arboretum staff contact volunteer applicants and establish initial meetings which hopefully result in a long and fulfilling relationship known as "volunteering at the Arboretum!"

Future orientation dates:

- All Wednesdays in July and August from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 5 and Tuesday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Please plan to attend if you are interested in more information on volunteering at The Arboretum.

KCG Volunteers Make a Difference!

Jackie Gallimore, Children's Education Coordinator

The generous help of volunteers goes a long way towards making everything we do in the Kentucky Children's Garden (KCG) possible. There are so many ways, big and small, that volunteers help.

On days the garden is open to the public, you will find a volunteer at the front gate welcoming guests with a smile. They do a wonderful job of making sure everyone knows where to go and of inviting guests to play and explore! Inside the KCG, dedicated volunteers help to keep the model trains running smoothly every day. They clean, maintain and repair the trains and take the time to interact with kids and parents so that each train run is special.

Beyond daily operations, volunteers help with almost all of our programs. No event, field trip or outreach effort could happen without them. During these special events, you can find a volunteer teaching kids to plant seeds or helping them craft something to take home. They know how to make each experience enriching and fun for everyone. Even behind the scenes, volunteers are here every step of the way as they prep materials, install the monthly StoryWalk and maintain the garden.

I am grateful to them, and it is a joy to be in the company of so many wonderful, passionate and committed people. Next time you visit the KCG, be sure to thank the volunteers for all of their hard work and donated time. If you are interested in joining as a volunteer in the Kentucky

Children's Garden, please contact Jackie Gallimore at (859) 257-9339 or:

Jackie.Gallimore@uky.edu



Jerry Goerz and Zinnah Caluag operating the model trains in the KCG on Addie's Day.



FAMILY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Celebrating the Seasons – Sizzling Summer

July 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Discover the joy and wonder of the summer season with the whole family in the **Kentucky Children's Garden!** At this event, there will be booths with hands-on activities hosted by local organizations and volunteers. These will center on the themes of summer, water, fruits and veggies and Kentucky. During this event, admission to the KCG allows guests access to all of the planned activities until 1:00 p.m. The KCG remains open until 5 p.m. once the event ends.

Coming October 6: **Amazing Autumn!**

Storywalk

A New StoryWalk story is installed at the beginning of each month. July's story is "Water is Water" by Miranda Paul. The StoryWalk is a service of the county libraries in Jessamine and Fayette counties and consists of a series of display boards installed throughout the Home Demonstration Garden paths. It features an illustrated story written by a children's author that you can read to your child as you visit the gardens. Or, if you are like some of us, you can just read the story to yourself and enjoy the illustrations as you also enjoy the plants around you!

August's story is "What's in the Garden" by Marianne Berkes.

September's story is "Do All Bugs Have Wings?" by Suzanne Slade.

Insect Safari

September 1 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly night of insects, spiders and science! The bugs begin at 7 p.m. when the University of Kentucky Entomology Department presents insect-themed games, activities and displays. Brave souls of all ages can also try their "hand" at the live insect petting zoo, where they will find tarantulas, scorpions, giant roaches and other creatures. Then, when darkness falls, UK's insect specialists will lead you onto the trails of The Arboretum for a nighttime insect safari. Be sure to bring a flashlight! Cost: \$1 per person, cash only.

KCG SUMMER & FALL HOURS

Summer Hours

May 31 - August 27

Wednesday - Saturday:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

CLOSED: Monday and Tuesday

Fall Hours

August 31 - October 29

Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

CLOSED: Monday through Wednesday and on UK home football game days (September 9, 23 and 30; October 7 and 28).

Daily in the KCG

Each day the KCG is open, there is **educational programming** at

10:30 a.m. (except Sunday), 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The model trains run from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (except Sunday), 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Pricing

Daily admission is \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of up to five people. Children UNDER 2 are free.

Season Membership is \$90 for the public, \$75 for members of Friends of The Arboretum.

KENTUCKY CHILDREN'S GARDEN (KCG)

KCG Volunteer Orientation

July 1 from 10 a.m. to noon

For new and returning Kentucky Children's Garden volunteers. This training will take place in the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center. Returning volunteers need only stay for the first hour. An orientation and background check are required to volunteer in the Kentucky Children's Garden.

KCG gets a Tree Sweater

Donna Pizzuto

At the beginning of the Kentucky Children's Garden season, a group of volunteers known as the Tree Sweater Gang (TSG) added some whimsy to the area. Tree Sweatering is a worldwide art among fiber artists and crafters that uses colorful knitted and crocheted pieces to cover a portion of a tree in a public space. Why? Sometimes to make a social statement or support a cause, but also for fun, for a creative outlet, and to use up leftover yarn! Tree Sweaters are environmentally friendly; they are easily removed and cause no damage to the trees.

Since 2009 around town, the TSG has actively created among themselves flat pieces and then sewn them around the tree trunk and branches. We invite you to check out the five decked-out trees in the children's garden, each with unique styles and colors, and each the result of its artists' inspirations. Many were inspired by a German folk tale, "The Little Pine Tree Who Wished for New Leaves."

At left, the Tree Sweater Gang: (clockwise from top right) Jennifer Hiers, Mary Kelly, Tonya Vance, Donna Pizzuto, Diana Baker, Rita Foster and Lisa Steele.



SUMMER CALENDAR

Adult events, classes and programs meet at the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Please preregister by calling (859) 257-6955. The following symbols are used to identify our programs and events:

F - Family-oriented event or opportunity **M** - Members, Friends of The Arboretum **V** - Volunteer opportunity

July

1 [Saturday]

Kentucky Children's Garden volunteer orientation, 10 a.m. to noon. Please contact Jackie Gallimore for more information at:

Jackie.Gallimore@uky.edu **V**

4 [Tuesday]

Visitor Center closed. Happy Independence Day! The Arboretum grounds close at 6:00 p.m. for your safety and to accommodate the community fireworks display.

5, 12, 19 & 26 [Wednesdays]

Volunteer Orientation, 9 to 9:30 a.m. for new or returning volunteers. Each Wednesday in July and August. A brief orientation is required before you can volunteer. **V**

5 [Wednesday]

Garden Heroes, 9 a.m. -to noon. Help Arboretum staff care for the grounds by weeding, mulching, removing invasives and other tasks. **V**

6, 13, 20 & 27 [Thursdays]

Native Plants volunteers, 10 a.m. to noon. Help the Native Plants staff care for the Walk Across Kentucky Collection by planting trees, shrubs and perennial plants, maintaining mulched trails, tending the grounds by weeding, mulching, removing invasives and other tasks. **V**

7 & 21 [Fridays]

Docent-guided tours of the Home Demonstration Garden at 11 a.m. Groups of 5 or more must preregister. \$3 per person.

14 [Friday]

Sizzling Summer in the Kentucky Children's Garden, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$3 per person. **F**

July (continued)

18 [Tuesday]

Teacher Workshop Learn how to use The Arboretum to meet Next Generation Science Standards! During this workshop, you will be certified in Project Learning Tree and Project Wild curricula. Please contact Jackie Gallimore for more information.

August

1 [Tuesday]

Urban Forestry Initiative (UFI) and No P on My Lawn workshop, 6 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for this dual-topic workshop (free and for the public) on tree care and nutrient management. The workshop will start indoors (for the first hour) and continue outdoors. For more information, please contact:
s.walling@uky.edu or
grace.coy@uky.edu.

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 [Wednesdays]

Volunteer Orientation, 9 to 9:30 a.m. for new or returning volunteers. Each Wednesday in July and August. A brief orientation is required before you can volunteer. **V**

2 [Wednesday]

Garden Heroes, 9 a.m. to noon. Please see July description. **V**

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 [Thursdays]

Native Plants volunteers, 10 a.m. to noon. Please see July description. **V**

4 & 18 [Fridays]

Docent-guided tours of the Home Demonstration Garden at 11 a.m. Groups of 5 or more must preregister, \$3 per person.

August (continued)

16 [Wednesday]

Friends on the Farm Tomato Celebration, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the UK Horticulture Research Farm. See article on page 3 for further information. **M**

September

1 [Friday]

Insect Safari, 7 to 9 p.m. Please see description on page 6. **F**

1 & 15 [Fridays]

Docent-guided tours of the Home Demonstration gardens at 11 a.m. Groups of 5 or more must preregister, \$3 per person.

4 [Monday]

Visitor Center closed for Labor Day Holiday.

6 [Wednesday]

Garden Heroes, 9 a.m. to noon. Please see July description. **V**

6 & 20 [Wednesdays]

Volunteer Orientation, 9 to 9:30 a.m. for new or returning volunteers. A brief orientation is required before you can volunteer. **V**

7, 14, 21 & 28 [Thursdays]

Native Plants volunteers, 10 a.m. to noon. Please see July description. **V**

Future Dates to Note:

October 14 [Saturday] Party for the Pumpkins Fall Family Festival. **F**

October 21 [Saturday] Friends' Fall Plant Exchange (free for **M**).

November 15 [Wednesday] Friends' Annual Meeting. **M**





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