

# The Buckeye Treehouse

The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Newsletter

August/September 2024 Edition



*The finished Dr. Steven M. Still Perennial Garden in the sunshine.*

## Transformation of the Dr. Steven M. Still Perennial Garden

And just like that, the transformation of the Dr. Steven M. Still Perennial Garden is complete! With the help of dozens of volunteers, the new Still Garden planting was finished in just three days at the beginning of July. Three *very* hot days. The arboretum staff then laid the flagstone patio in the center of the garden, enabling visitors to wander through the new paths, and view the garden from all sides and angles. The finishing touch was bringing

out our beloved (and very large) agave from the greenhouse to put on display. A re-dedication ceremony was held for Dr. Still and his family at the beginning of August, to commemorate his continued and long-lasting impact on Chadwick Arboretum and the perennial world. The new Still Garden design was created by our Horticulture Operations Manager, Lisa Metcalf. The design features over 100 different species of perennials

and includes all Perennial Plants of the Year from the Perennial Plant Association (PPA), an organization of which Dr. Still was a founding member and executive director. The newly laid sidewalk breaks the garden into quadrants, each of which contains interesting new (and old) cultivars. While we removed many of the large trees and shrubs from the original planting, we added back some new, unique ones.

# Still Garden

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A three-flower maple (*Acer triflorum*) was added to fit in with the collection of trifoliate maples in the garden. The 'Morris Blue' Korean pine (*Pinus koraiensis*) and the 'Cream Ball' false cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*) are new and interesting conifers that have also been added to our collection.

We invite you to come out and visit this renewed garden, and to watch the ways it grows and changes over the years. Finally, we want to give a *HUGE* thank you to the volunteers who have helped at every step of this transformation process, from digging out and taking home the old plants, spreading compost and topsoil, planting, and maintaining the garden. This truly wouldn't have been possible without you!



*Volunteers hard at work installing the Still Garden.*

[Click here to learn more about the history of the Steven M. Still Perennial Garden](#)

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## Welcome to our new Volunteer and Program Manager!



*Anna Williamson, Volunteer and Program Manager*

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As everyone knows, Julia Wilson took a wonderful position with The James, and we were so happy and sad at the same time. She left big shoes to fill. However, we have filled them! Please welcome Anna Williamson to the role of Volunteer and Program Manager. This is her first week on the 'indoor team'. Many of you probably already know Anna, having worked with her these last few years as part of the Horticulture Operations Team (the 'outdoor team'). Anna brings a wealth of horticultural knowledge, knows most (if not all) of you, and I can guarantee she will pick up the 'indoor' knowledge (hello Workday) very quickly. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions and stop on by for a huge congratulations to Anna!

- Dr. Laura Deeter, Director

# September 2024 Volunteer Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <b>CLOSED- LABOR DAY</b>	3 Lane Ave Volunteer Session 9-11	4 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	5 <b>Plant Picnic Talk: Designing a Fall Planter - after Learning Gardens Session</b>	6 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	7
9	10 <b>Plant Picnic Talk: Rain Gardens - after Lane Ave Session</b>	11 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	12 Learning Gardens Volunteer Session 9-11	13 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	14
16	17 <b>Plant Picnic Talk: Weeds - After Lane Ave. Session 11:30am</b>	18 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	19 Learning Gardens Volunteer Session 9-11	20 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	21
23 <b>Cultivar Trials Evaluation week</b>	24 Lane Ave Volunteer Session 9-11	25 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	26 Learning Gardens Volunteer Session 9-11 <b>Volunteer Appreciation Night 5:30-8pm</b>	27 Arboretum North Volunteer Session 9-11	28
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## Upcoming Plant Picnic Talks

- 9/5 Designing a Fall Container - Chadwick Horticulture Staff
  - 11:00a.m. at the **Learning Gardens**
- 9/10 Rain Gardens – Joey Smith, Master’s student
  - 11:00a.m. in **Agriculture Engineering Bldg room 219**
- 9/17 Weeds – Joe Lansing, Master Gardener
  - 11:30a.m. in **Chadwick operations barn** (behind Nationwide 4H Bldg)

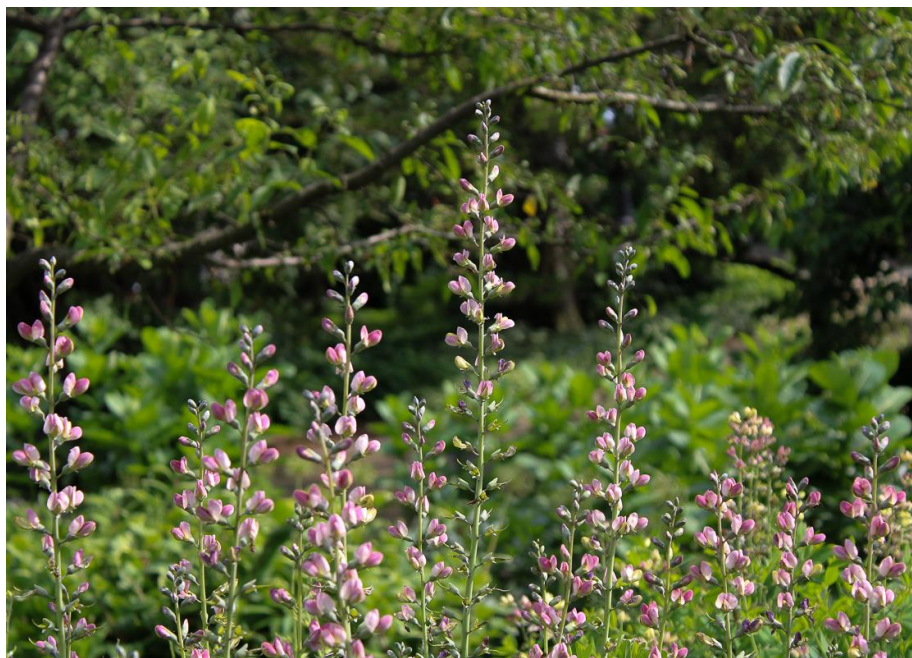
Contact Pam Poeth at [poeth.3@osu.edu](mailto:poeth.3@osu.edu) for more information

## What’s a Plant Picnic Talk?

Bring yourself a picnic lunch to a specific volunteer session and grow your horticulture knowledge with an informal educational talk afterwards! Plant Picnics are open to anyone and begin at 11:00am. Feel free to bring something to share.

Master Gardener Volunteers can count the educational component as Continuing Education for the length of the talk (usually 30 minutes to an hour).

# Volunteer Opportunities in the Garden



*Pink Baptisia blooms by Mashayla Berry*

## Volunteer Sessions

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Lane Ave. Gardens  
CONTACT Joe Stewart: [gardenjoestew@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjoestew@gmail.com)
- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Cultivar Trials  
CONTACT Kathy Krantz: [candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net)
- **\*NEW\* Wednesdays, 9– 11 AM:** Arboretum North  
CONTACT Hope Weber: [jhopeweber@gmail.com](mailto:jhopeweber@gmail.com)
- **Thursdays, 9-11 AM:** Learning Gardens  
CONTACT Chris Tilton: [ctilton@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ctilton@columbus.rr.com)
- **Fridays, 9 – 11 AM:** Arboretum North  
CONTACT Lori Kingston: [lk518@att.net](mailto:lk518@att.net)

## Adopt – a – Bed Across the Arboretum

- With a little training, you can adopt an area of the arboretum to maintain on your schedule. Please reach out to Pam Poeth: [poeth.3@osu.edu](mailto:poeth.3@osu.edu)

**\*\*All Volunteer sessions are weather dependent: rain/snow cancels, as well as temperatures under 40 degrees. \*\***

# Volunteer Appreciation Night

**Thursday, September 26,  
2024**

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lane Ave. Gardens, just  
beyond the trellis entrance

Please join us for an evening celebrating you and all the work we have done together at Chadwick Arboretum this year. Whether you contributed 2 hours or 200, we hope you will join us!

After dinner and music, we will have a short program of recognitions around 7:00 p.m. (Come dressed for the weather!)

Let us know you are coming by 9/13: [RSVP Here](#)

# Looking Forward

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar:



*ArboBlitz 2021 on the South Oval*

## **WestFest**

**Saturday, October 19th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

WestFest is a family-friendly, interactive event that is meant to engage multi-generational audiences in hands-on activities focused on STEM and sustainability.

We will be looking for volunteers to help at our table!

If interested, reach out to Anna Williamson at [Williamson.596@osu.edu](mailto:Williamson.596@osu.edu)

## **ArboBlitz 2024**

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00p.m. -4:00p.m.**

Do you want to make a lasting legacy by planting a tree? Help us plant up to 20 large trees in under 3 hours in collaboration with the Ohio State University's Facilities, Operations and Development team, the Wexner Medical Center and The Tree Advisory Committee.

*Stay tuned for sign-up information!*

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## **The 2024 Volunteer Handbook**

[Our volunteer Handbook](#) contains important information about volunteer policies, forms you need to complete, FAQs, how to park, our yearly events, and volunteer sessions.

If you are an MGCV, you will log your time under Franklin County MGCV Projects on Hands on Connect only. These hours are then passed along to us for our own reporting.

# Parking Updates

Students are back to campus, which means parking can be a little more of a challenge. Please allow yourself a little bit of extra time when coming to volunteer.

## *A new parking procedure is in place for Chadwick Arboretum Volunteers*

Steps:

1. [Fill out this form](#) to be emailed the parking details.
2. Every day that you come to volunteer, re-enter your license plate and code for free parking for the remainder of the day.
3. Park in any **A, B, or C** parking spot anywhere on campus (surface lots only).
4. Park with your license plate facing out, so CampusParc vehicles can see your license plate when driving by.



*Summer interns Hayden, Yasmine, A.J., and Treg during the 2024 Intern Olympics.*