

The Buckeye Treehouse

The Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Newsletter

October 2025



Celebrating the Life of Dr. Steven Still – October 5, 2025

Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens was honored to host the Celebration of Life for Dr. Steven Still on October 5, 2025. Family and friends gathered under the shade of the hackberry in the Learning Gardens to celebrate the incredible and impactful life of Dr. Steven Still, Landscape Horticulture professor and former director of Chadwick Arboretum.

Dr. Still's impact reaches far and wide, from founding the Perennial Plant Association to

authoring the Manual of Herbaceous Ornamental Plants, still used in classrooms to this day. Friends and family, though, shared the small, everyday stories that illustrate Dr. Still as not only a great professional and academic, but as an incredible father, grandfather, mentor, and friend. Former students noted the personal impacts he had on them, which helped catapult their careers in horticulture. Former Chadwick Director, Mary Maloney, spoke of his

unwavering love and support for Chadwick Arboretum, and the many ways in which he brought the gardens to life over the years of his tenure at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Still's named garden, The Steven M. Still Perennial Garden, was recently rejuvenated in the summer of 2024. You can read about the original garden design and installation, as well as the renovations [here](#).

Volunteer Appreciation Night

We had a wonderful evening celebrating our volunteers during our Volunteer Appreciation Night on September 25. Despite the drizzly weather, we enjoyed delicious food, lovely music, and great company.

Recap of Recognitions:

The True Buckeye Award: Lynn Giljahn

The Golden Trowel Award: Gail Walter

The Mary Maloney Award: Samra Shy

The L.C. Chadwick Award: Mark DeBard

Horticultural Therapy Volunteer of the Year: Tom Mamula

The Mary Maloney and Jenny Pope Horticultural Therapy Founders Award: Jennie Mamula



Look at this hard-working group of volunteers! Photo from 2023 Plant Sale. I don't have a picture from the event yet!

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
—Helen Keller*

Gathering for this celebration of our volunteers is one of our most important events of the year. It's the time to reflect on the invaluable contributions of our volunteers and recognize the progress that has been made at the arboretum. Volunteering at Chadwick is not just about pulling weeds – it's about creating an

environment in which we can spread our mission of supporting education, research, and enjoyment of horticulture. We truly couldn't do it without our incredible volunteers.

- Anna Williamson, Volunteer & Program Manager



Plant Sale 2026 Kick-Off Meeting

Its time to start getting excited! Our Spring Plant Sale & Auction Fundraiser will take place the weekend after Mother's Day in 2026 on May 14, 15, and 16.

Interested in joining the Plant Sale team for 2026? Come to the Plant Sale 2026 Kick-Off Meeting and learn what its all about!

When: Wednesday, November 5, 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Where: Howlett Hall Rm 116, 2001 Fyffe Ct.

What: Chairs will recap numbers and feedback from 2025 sale; attendees will have opportunity to discuss planning.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

THE NEWEST BUCKEYES

We're so excited to introduce you to our new team members: Rachel and Jim!

They've already gotten to work making amazing impacts in the gardens. Make sure to say hello next time you're in the arboretum! Read their profile below to learn a little more about them.

Rachel Tutera
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Where is your hometown?

New Rochelle, New York

Education/career background?

Alfred University, and Imajored in Fine Arts.

What is your role at Chadwick Arboretum?

I am the Assistant Horticulturist.

What brought you to Chadwick Arboretum?

A love of plants and caring and teaching about plants. I want to pass that passion onto others and also be around people who have that same passion for plants.

What do you like to do for fun?

Improv, yoga, gardening, travelling. My favorite place I've travelled to is Zion National Park.

What's your favorite plant?

I really love ferns!



Jim (left) and Rachel (right).

Jim Priest
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Where is your hometown?

Perrysburg, Ohio

Education/career background?

Capital University, majoring in Biology.

What is your role at Chadwick Arboretum?

I am the Assistant Manager of the Arboretum

What brought you to Chadwick Arboretum?

After working many years in retail horticulture, primarily with The Andersons and Oakland Nursery, I was ready for a change in the focus of my career. I am excited to be a part of the team that is collaborating to rebuild the grounds and facilities that we are fortunate to maintain.

What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy cooking, reading, my 4 cats, and gardening both indoors and out. My wife and son and I are currently planning a trip to Belize in Central America.

What's your favorite plant?

I don't necessarily have a favorite plant, but I am particularly fond of Flower-of-an-hour (*Hibiscus trionum*) because of its classic flower design and brief bloom time.

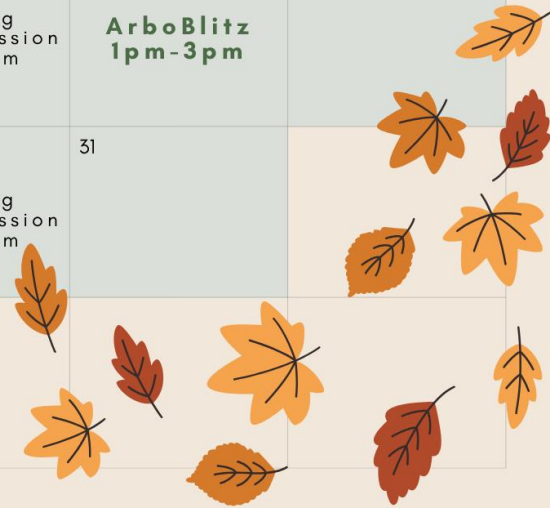
Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities & Events



OCTOBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Arb North Session 9am-11am	2 Learning Garden Session 9am-11am	3	4
5	6	7 Lane Ave Session 9am-11am	8 Arb North Session 9am-11am	9 Learning Garden Session 9am-11am	10	11
12	13	14 Lane Ave Session 9am-11am	15 Arb North Session 9am-11am	16 Learning Garden Session 9am-11am	17	18
19	20	21 Lane Ave Session 9am-11am Hypertufa Class 2-Day Workshop	22 Arb North Session 9am-11am	23 Learning Garden Session 9am-11am	24 ArboBlitz 1pm-3pm	25
26	27	28 Lane Ave Session 9am-11am	29 Arb North Session 9am-11am	30 Learning Garden Session 9am-11am	31	
			November 5 Plant Sale 2026 Kick-Off 5:30PM - 7PM			



**• FRIDAY, October 24: ArboBlitz 2025
1PM – 3PM**

Help us plant 20 trees on OSU’s campus in honor of our Tree Campus USA certification!

Location: The Hansford Quad by Denney Hall, W. 18th Ave, Columbus, OH 43210

Sign up to volunteer here:
go.osu.edu/arboblitz25

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Asters blooming in Lane Avenue Gardens. Photo by Rachel Tutera

Volunteer Corner

Non-MGV Chadwick Volunteers: Make sure to log your hours on [Hands on Connect!](#)

Your time is invaluable, and logging your volunteer hours helps us accurately track impact at the arboretum!

If you have any questions or need help accessing your account, please reach out to Anna Williamson at Williamson.596@osu.edu.

Volunteer sessions in the gardens will continue through the first week of November.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Tuesdays, 9-11 AM: Lane Avenue Garden**
CONTACT Joe Stewart: gardenjoestew@gmail.com
- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Cultivar Trials**
CONTACT Kathy Krantz: candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net
- **Wednesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Arboretum North**
CONTACT Bruce Wall: wallbrucea@gmail.com
Help us tackle invasive honeysuckle and phragmites throughout October and November!
- **Thursdays, 9-11 AM: Learning Gardens**
CONTACT Chris Tilton: ctilton@columbus.rr.com



To become a Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer, visit our website and fill out the [‘Become a Volunteer Today’ application!](#)

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The Chadwick Arboretum Pumpkin. Painted by Rachel Tutera.

Hypertufa Workshops

In this 2-day workshop, Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Allen Fabian will teach you how to create beautiful hypertufa containers. All materials, gloves and handouts provided. Please come dressed in your garden clothes.

Dates:

- October 21 & 22 – 3 SPOTS LEFT.

Learn More & Register Here:

<https://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu/events>

Cultivar Trials

Its that time of the year! Help us remove the annuals from the Cultivar Trials on **Tuesday, October 28** between **9am – 11am**.

3rd Annual Winter Sowing Workshop



Wildflower in Arb North.

Join volunteer Joe Carter for a workshop all about processing and sowing native seeds over winter. We will use seeds collected at the arboretum

All are welcome, and no registration required. This event is rain or shine.

When: November 12 9am – 11am

Where: Chadwick Operations Compound, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr.

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Keep Planting Forward

The Mary Maloney “Keep Planting Forward” Endowed Fund provides support for Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, particularly in staffing. The intention of the fund is to allow a recent graduate to come on board Chadwick Arboretum with the intention of learning new horticultural skills, put their degree to practical use, and developing leadership skills in recent graduates. This allows the individual to not only improve their practical knowledge but potentially take advantage of the benefit of furthering their education through graduate school as a full-time employee

If you are interested in donating directly to this fund, please use the gift fund number **GF484207**.



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