A Celebration of Trees
Arbor Day
Friday, April 30, 2021
10:00 a.m.

“We have made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when we plant shade trees under which we know full well we will never sit.”
—Elton Trueblood
We gather on this Arbor Day
To honor friends who come our way
Grateful to the Earth are we
For all the grandeur of the Tree
Seasons come and seasons go
The Arbor does not cease to grow
Mother Nature will bestow
Her blessings on dear O-hi-o.

Oh! Come let’s sing Ohio’s praise,
And songs to Alma Mater raise;
While our hearts rebounding thrill,
With joy which death alone can still.
Summer’s heat or Winter’s cold,
The seasons pass, the years will roll;
Time and change will surely show
How firm thy friendship O-hi-o.
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Dr. Dewey Mann, Interim Director, Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens

Arbor Day Poem Recitation
Pam Poeth, Horticulturist

Tree Campus USA Certification
Presented by Kathy Smith to University Landscape Architect and Chair of our Campus Tree Advisory Committee Steve Volkmann. For the tenth consecutive year, this prestigious award is presented to The Ohio State University. Special thanks to Chadwick Arboretum, OSU Tree Advisory Committee, and FOD Grounds Crews and Arborists.

Dedication of Trees
Dedication of the 10 trees planted at Chadwick Arboretum this past year.

Presentation of Awards
Pam Bennett
Lists and bios of all recipients can be found on the following pages.

    Lorax Awards
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    Tree-rrific Remarks
    Dan Herms

Closing Remarks
Pam Bennett

OSU Tree Advisory Committee
Steve Volkmann, Steve Schneider, Mary Maloney, David Hix, Andrew Neil, Tyler Sirak, Lauren Koch, Kathy Smith, Dan Struve, Jim Chatfield, Kyle Dues, Phillip Knopp, Julia Wilson, Pam Bennett

OSU Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Staff
Dewey Mann, Pam Bennett, Pam Poeth, Julia Wilson, Lina Sasaki, Anna Williamson, Liam Schlueter, Zoe Eads-Scofield, Olivia Bianco
Awards Recipients

Lorax Awards

Chris Ahlum – Chris is the President of Ahlum & Arbor, a business specializing in tree preservation. Their services include tree pruning, tree removal, plant health care, and consultations on various difficult and challenging tree situations, as well as GIS inventory management. Chris serves on multiple boards and committees in the arboriculture community.

Olivia Bianco – Olivia has been a part of the Chadwick team since August 2018, her first semester on campus. She is an Administrative Assistant who manages the membership database, collects mail and email for Chadwick, and keeps the in-office tasks running smoothly. She is applying to veterinary school this semester and hopes to become a veterinarian.

Graham Cochran – Graham is CFAES Associate Dean for Operations, primarily responsible for providing strategic leadership, including risk management, accountability, strategic planning, and associated resource allocation.

Zoe Eads-Scofield – This is Zoe’s third year working at Chadwick. She graduated in December with a B.S. in Agriculture. She majored in sustainable plant systems with a specialization in horticulture and an entomology minor. She has deep experience in greenhouse production and previously worked for the annual trials under William Barnhill. This season she is looking forward to helping incorporate more edible landscapes within the gardens.

Cathy Ferrari – Cathy, a lifelong gardener, earned her Master Gardener certificate in 2016. She has worked on several projects that involve monitoring and preserving trees at Chadwick Arboretum. Her favorite project was to help restore the native garden immediately north of the 4-H building.

Rosalie Hendon – Rosalie is Environmental Planner for the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department and is the project manager of the Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan, which seeks to increase the tree canopy throughout the city.

Nancy Linz – Nancy has degrees in Horticulture from The Ohio State University and The Pennsylvania State University. She is a national flower judge for the Garden Club of America and very active in their horticulture, conservation, and native plant initiatives. In 2018-2019 Nancy worked with Hope Taft to pass legislation designating the month of April as Ohio Native Plant Month, and this year she led the effort to pass Senate Resolution 109, making April 2021 National Native Plant Month.

Pam Poeth – Pam graduated in 1985 from OSU with a B.S. degree in Horticulture. She worked most of her career doing Landscape Design and Installation. Currently, at Chadwick, she is the Horticulturist in charge of operations and maintaining the gardens at the Arboretum.
Adrian Speelman – Adrian was a student employee and Horticultural Assistant for the Arboretum. He helped lead the maintenance in the Lane Avenue gardens over the past year and worked on growing many of the trees from seed that are in our compound.

Hope Taft – As First Lady of Ohio, Hope transformed the Governor’s Residence into a living museum to preserve the property’s rich heritage and created a showcase of Ohio histories for educational purposes. This project included the Ohio Heritage Garden, Ohio’s botanical garden of native plants, which is designed to replicate the major ecosystems of the state.

Drew Todd – Drew has always strived to improve the quality of life for people in urban areas through the implementation of Ohio’s Urban Forestry Assistance Program. After 33 years, Drew retired from ODNR and became the City of Hilliard to be their City Forester for 6 more years, until his retirement in 2019.

Anna Williamson – Anna started working at Chadwick Arboretum during the summer of 2019 as an intern. She really enjoyed working with plants and decided to stay at the Arboretum and work with the Accessions & Mapping team to get hands-on experience with GIS mapping and plant record keeping. During 2020 she began working with the operations team again and became the lead employee for the Cultivar Trials. She is currently growing plants to be displayed in the Arboretum’s trials garden this summer.

Collaborator’s Awards

Enrico Bonello – Enrico is a chemical ecologist who studies interactions among trees, fungal pathogens, and insect pests at The Ohio State University. He is especially interested in harnessing basic knowledge to help devise new tools and policies to effectively manage invasive alien forest pathogens and insects. As part of these efforts, he has established an international USDA Forest Service-sponsored project involving collaborators in the U.S. (New Hampshire) as well as in China, Italy, and Sweden to test the utility of sentinel plantings of key tree species as early warning systems. Trees in sentinel plantings essentially function as baits (or as “canaries in the mine”) for unknown pathogens and pests that could become invasive if introduced in a given country. As part of this project, the Chadwick Arboretum has been a highly valuable partner by offering land, facilities, and personnel to help set up the OSU sentinel planting.

Jake Boswell – Jake is Associate Professor and Graduate Chair of the Landscape Architecture program at OSU’s Knowlton School. For the last 14 years, Jake has introduced landscape architecture students to Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens through his classes and facilitated the Arboretum’s use in classes across the landscape program’s curriculum. For the last two years Jake has worked with the Arboretum to test a series of floating concrete islands in Chadwick Research Lake designed to reduce harmful algal blooms.
Denise Ellsworth – In Denise’s role directing pollinator education programming for the OSU Department of Entomology, she relies on partnerships to help reach clientele across the state. Entomology and Chadwick have partnered on in-person and virtual workshops, from the One Day Insect University to the Living Landscape and Spring Authors speaker series. They also work together on the iNaturalist biodiversity project and on creating and enhancing pollinator habitat in Chadwick. This is a win-win from Denise’s perspective; both organizations offer resources and enthusiasm and create good things.

Aesculus Lifetime Achievement Awards

Dan Herms – The countless hours Herms spent as a Horticulture major studying plant material in the Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens provided him with the foundation on which he built his career working in and serving public gardens. Upon completing his M.S. thesis research in Secrest Arboretum, he transitioned to the Dow Gardens in Midland, Michigan, where he directed their pest management program for 13 years and completed his Ph.D. research. In 1997, he returned to The Ohio State University as a faculty member in the Department of Entomology, where he worked on numerous research and outreach projects in Chadwick and Secrest Arboreta, including the establishment of the Ohio Phenology Garden Network. He is now working to develop a new arboretum at Davey Tree Expert Company, where he is Vice President of Research and Development. He was the 2019 recipient of the L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboriculture Research from the International Society of Arboriculture and is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Entomological Society of America.

Dan Struve – Dan was a faculty member in HCS for nearly 32 years before he retired in 2012. He began his tenure at OSU the year Chadwick Arboretum became a reality, and he donated many trees from his research program (oaks, persimmon, pawpaw, hickories, magnolia) for planting in the 1000 Native Trees area. With assistance from Megan Blake, he offered locally sourced native trees and shrubs for the Spring Plant Sale. For several years he offered natives for the Fall Plant Sale, donating more than half of the gross sales to Chadwick. Dan also donated trees for the plant sale auction. He gave many lectures to Chadwick students and participated in many Arbor Day celebrations.

Mary Maloney – Written by a friend and volunteer: How does one describe what Mary Maloney has meant to Chadwick Arboretum and to us, the volunteers? It is sort of like “solving a problem like Maria” in The Sound of Music. It isn’t that we can’t say no to Mary when she asks, it’s that we don’t want to say no. She inspires us. She makes you feel like you have worked a miracle when all you did was turn on the water, pulled a weed, or picked up a piece of trash as you walked through the gardens. With limited staff and a group of volunteers, Mary has moved mountains.

When it was time to install the Steven M. Still Garden, Mary amassed a group of volunteers and we planted it in one day. When the Green Roof was ready to plant,
she called on the volunteers and we showed up for her. But Mary didn’t just sit and watch
us work. She worked with us to build a better Arboretum. She was there planting bulbs on Lane Avenue one Saturday morning or planting trees during ArboBlitz or, yes, picking up trash as she walked through the gardens. But this is not a one-way relationship – we are a family, not just volunteers. When one of us is sick, Mary is there. When someone in our family dies, Mary is there. When we need a shoulder to cry on or a friend to laugh with, Mary is there. Thank you, Mary, from all of us for your inspiration, love, and support, not only for Chadwick Arboretum but for your family of volunteers. We look forward to seeing you in the labyrinth or at the lake in the early morning hours enjoying the place of respite that you built. We know you will “Keep Planting Forward.”