

CHADWICK ARBORETUM & LEARNING GARDENS

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Action in the Arboretum

Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Volunteer Newsletter

September 2020

News

I don't know about you, but every time I leave a volunteer session, I feel like *big things* just happened. These 2-hour sessions talking through masks and weeding is still somehow a reprieve.

Looking at my signup lists over the month, though, big things really did happen! Even with limited volunteers per session, you all brought about 200 hours of horticultural excellence to our gardens. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your generosity during this period of mask wearing, reduced staffing, and drought.



Raised Bed Therapy Gardens in Lane Avenue

****Are you a new volunteer to Chadwick Arboretum? ****

Welcome! We are thrilled that you want to join us, and we truly do need you. The Volunteer Management System (VMS) website is where you can view our current volunteer project descriptions, see our volunteer calendar, find sign-up links to volunteer, and more.

Under the Newsletters/Documents tab, you can also find the past newsletters!

Visit: <https://ohio.volunteersystem.org/UniversalLogin.cfm>

Speaking of reduced staffing...Chadwick is about to lose another one! Mary Maloney, our fearless director for 27 years is retiring on September 30th. Our volunteers crafted this special tribute to her:

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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 back 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!”

Volunteer Opportunities

Note: Our Learning Gardens volunteer sessions are full throughout September! Look for October dates to be added to that signup in a week, here: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6rgHfVXoVQwSdjin

1) The Hosta & Lane Ave. Gardens, Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.

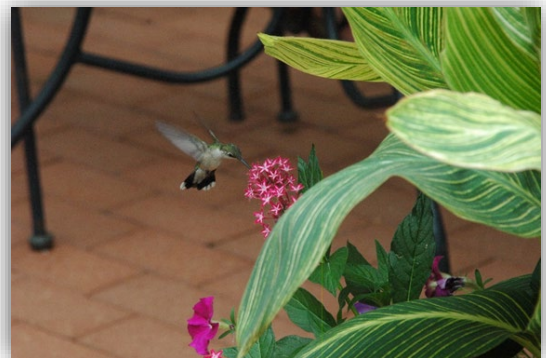
Please sign up using the link below. A date will not show up if it is already full. https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Ohq6Ft9L3e74GN

2) Biodiversity monitoring using iNaturalist

Volunteers can visit Arb. North to make iNaturalist observations for the Biodiversity Project anytime M-F, 8-5. No staff contact is needed! Before starting, read entire Project Description on [VMS](#).

3) Arboretum North Pollinator Habitat Restoration

Due to a conflict with a class doing research on our pollinator hillside over the fall semester, weekly work sessions will be moved to a new day of the week. More info coming soon!



Hummingbird visiting container gardens in front of Kottman Hall

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Upcoming Virtual Events and Education:

- **Plan It Native Landscapes Virtual Conference: September 16 – 18, 2020**

Three half-days of in-depth sessions with regional and national experts like Doug Tallamy! Between sessions, enjoy robust networking opportunities, stimulating roundtable discussions, and a buzzing virtual exhibit hall! \$50 - \$95. [Register here.](#)



Native Plantings in the Lane Avenue Learning Gardens

- **Dawes Arboretum's Annual Bertie's Tea 2020: September 12, 2020, 2:00 p.m.**

Enjoy this celebration and a cup of tea from your own home. Featuring a presentation from horticulture expert **and garden sage Deb Knapke**, Bertie's Tea honors Arboretum co-founder Bertie Dawes and her love of gardening and nature. Donations gladly accepted. [Register here.](#)

- **A Holistic Guide for the Modern Land Steward: September 28, 2020, 12:00 p.m.**

Through personal stories and observations of hundreds of installed projects, Trevor Smith covers a broad range of topics, including regenerative design, green infrastructure, adaptive strategies in the face of climate change, the importance of maintaining your own health and well-being, and ways to challenge the norms in pursuit of authentic results. \$10.00. [Register here.](#)

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Get to know the garden

By: Claudia Winslett, Chadwick Horticulture Apprentice

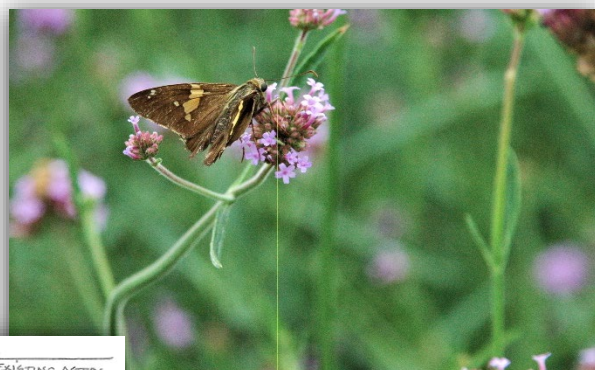
The [Bert & Josephine Kleinmaier Perennial Garden](#) is being renovated into a pollinator garden aimed at increasing biodiversity and beneficial insects around the Arboretum.

Pollinators have become more important as concrete jungles and urbanization become the norm. However, creating a greener space among the large city of Columbus will allow us to keep and maintain a high species diversity. As the city of Columbus continues to urbanize, we can't forget about these important insects that keep our natural landscapes thriving. Creating an environment for them has never been more essential!

New plantings in the Kleinmaier Garden will increase the end of summer blooms at Chadwick for students and staff to study and enjoy during

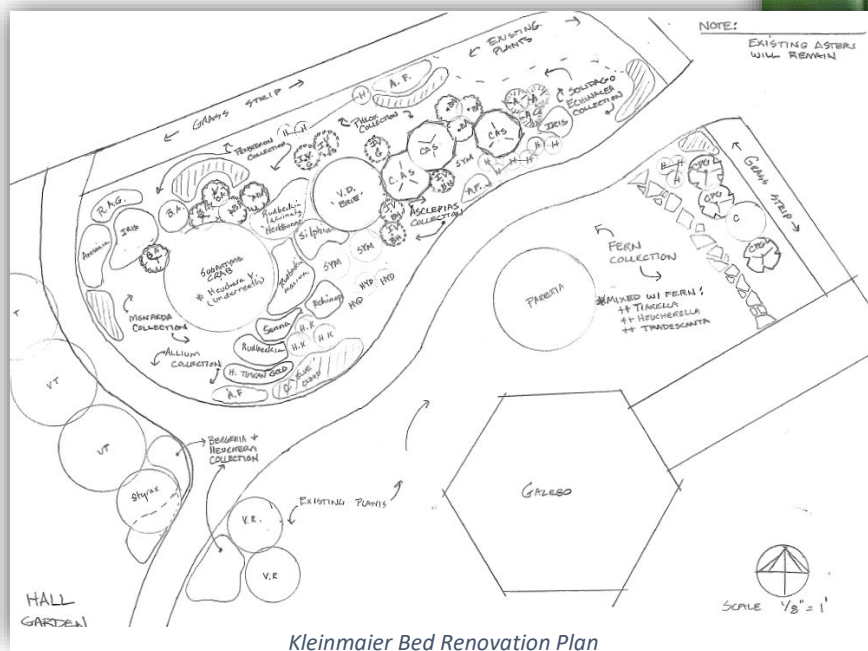


Master Gardener Volunteers Renovating Kleinmaier Beds



Pollinators in action!

the fall semester.



Kleinmaier Bed Renovation Plan

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Featured Resources

Volunteers can stay up-to-date on relevant information with these featured articles and websites.

BYGL (Buckeye Yard and Garden Line) Article: Asian Jumping Worms a Threat to Gardens and Woodlands

"And just because 2020 hasn't been disruptive or unsettling enough, Asian Jumping worms started appearing in Central Ohio gardens this summer, with several dozen positive identifications from locations throughout Franklin County." [Read Mike Hogan's article here.](#)

Project Nature Newsletter: The Monarch Butterfly II

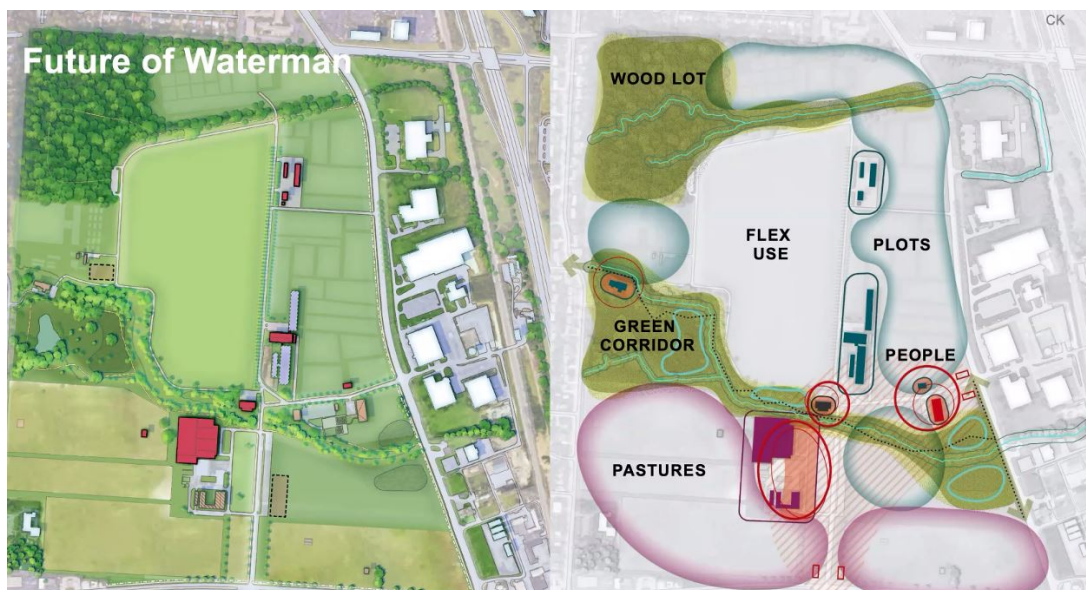
The August edition of the Project Nature Newsletter is a continuation about endangered Monarch butterflies and outlines ways for citizens to help fight this epidemic. Find out how you can help! [Find this article and more here.](#)

Pollinator Habitat: Controlling Invasive Trees

[Watch this 4-minute video](#) that shows a quick and extremely effective method of removing invasive woody species from pollinator habitat! A good watch for our Arboretum North volunteers!

Waterman Farm Update:

Big updates and developments are expected to come to the Waterman Farm area where the new Extension building is located. [Read a little about it here.](#)



Waterman farm blueprints for future renovations including the addition of a new greenhouse

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Blooms

Pam Poeth, Chadwick Horticulturist, has been delicately tending a wonderful cactus and succulent collection that is now on display in front of Howlett Hall. Its bloom will not last long – check it out soon!



Cactus with multiple blooms about to open in front of Howlett Hall



Succulent flower spike blooming in the tropical collection

Other succulents in the tropical collection are also blooming! Check out these unique flowers that differ from traditional annuals and perennials planted throughout the other gardens.