

CHADWICK ARBORETUM & LEARNING GARDENS

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An Ode to the Tuliptree

By Jim Chatfield, Professor Horticulture Educator and Professor Emeritus at OSU Extension

Leeree-oh-den-dron too-lip-if-er-ahh, trippingly on the tongue

Liltingly, nimbly a dance across Nature's green stage, a dream to be

An Asian cousin, others 70, 80 million years old

Today we plant anew, a giant someday to accrue

Leaves of tulips, blooming in the sun

Flowers of tepals, petals yellow-green, daubed with orange

Relatives magnolias blooming now in all their glory

Tulipwood trunks growing up, above the maples above the oaks

Canopy giants nurtured in forest soil of fauna and flora

Microbial glue binding and flowing freely

Leer-ee-oh den-dron too-lip-if-er-ahhhhh!



Jim Chatfield gave away a gallon of maple syrup to a lucky audience member, volunteer Sherrill Massey

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Can you tell from this poem that our Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 29 was a joy to attend? The weather was perfect, the poems were beautifully spoken, and the cake was delicious!

Jim Chatfield was - as always - a fantastic speaker, touching on thoughts of tree flower timing, the importance of trees and protecting them, and of course, of the late Dan Struve who we all missed so much this year.

This wraps up another busy month for all of us. Some numbers for you to feel good about:

- **53:** The number of volunteer *hours* it took to bag, tag, and organize tree seedlings for giveaway across campus on Earth Day
- **86:** The number of [Backyard Wildlife Plans](#) currently *submitted* to Chadwick Arboretum
- **140:** The number of volunteers *signed up* to help with the [Spring Plant Sale and Auction](#)
- **978:** The number of tree seedlings *given away* in April
- **1,006:** The number of new trees *planted* on campus in 2021
- **9,000:** The number of annuals *growing* for the Cultivar Trials



What a beautiful cake, thank you JoAnn Wesner!



JoAnn Wesner, Steve Volkmann, and Mary Maloney enjoying some cake and conversation.



Jen Heller, Director of Development, retired on Arbor Day itself! A true tree hugger, Jen was named a "Chadwick Arboretum Collaborator" because of all her tireless work in fundraising for the arboretum.

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MGVs: A Note on Logging Your Hours and using Hands on Connect with us

Master Gardener Volunteers should log all their hours on the **Franklin County** portal of Hands on Connect.

The exception to this is if you volunteer with Chadwick doing a project that is not approved for MGV hours. You will know if a project is approved if it is listed in a FCMGV newsletter, email, or on their HOC portal.

However, you will still want to monitor **Chadwick's** Hands on Connect portal, as we use this to create sign-ups for volunteer opportunities, like Cultivar Trials Planting Day.

If you work in the Cultivar Trials, **please keep track of where you are volunteering your time** somewhere, whether it is in the green house, doing evaluations, adopt-a-bed, or garden work days. We will ask you for this information at the end of the growing season instead of having you enter it on Chadwick's HOC.

We appreciate each and every hour you spend with us, thank you so much for being willing to lend us your time and talents!



Mark Reisch with his new tree seedling.

****Volunteer Parking Updates****

Parking and driving into the Chadwick barn compound is now **restricted** due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Franklin County.

Foot traffic to the barn is not restricted though– please get your parking pass at the Ag. Admin kiosk and park behind the 4-H Center instead.

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Upcoming Chadwick Arboretum Events

Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser

Members-Only Night: Thursday, May 12, 2022: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Over 10,000 curated selections of new and unusual perennials, annuals, Ohio native plants, heirloom and organic vegetables, specialty herbs, and more can be found at our most important fundraiser of the year. This event takes place outside of the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, at the corner of Lane and Fyffe. (Scroll down for information on volunteering at this event.)

Premium Tree and Shrub Auctions:

- Thursday, May 12 begins: 4 pm (Silent Auction)
- Friday, May 13, 2022: 4 p.m. (Live Auction)
- Saturday, May 14, 2022: 10 a.m. (Live Auction)

More Info: go.osu.edu/SpringPlantSale



Packaging hundreds and hundreds of trees



Thanks to the volunteers who came out during the lunch hour to pass out trees

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Volunteer With Us:

1) Volunteer at the Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser

We are still in need for some major tasks - check out our current **"High Need"** areas:

- Auction Team
- Horticulture Therapy Booth
- Wizards
- Members Reception servers

Please share the Volunteer Sign Up Form with your friends and family! We are incredible grateful for your support and willingness to show up for Chadwick Arboretum's most important fundraiser - and most FUN event of the year.

Sign up here: go.osu.edu/PSVolunteer



2) Cultivar Trials

There are several ways to be involved in the Cultivar Trials projects! Here is a listing of everything, noting that we will still hold regular volunteer work sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 once the plants are in the ground on May 20. (No sign ups needed for that.)

Links to the correct project are below. These work best if you sign in to Hands on Connect first, and then click on the links provided.

Cultivar Trials Bed Preparation Day

Wednesday, May 18

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meet the day prior to our BIG planting day to layout the beds, including bed numbers, plant labels, fertilizer, and markings; prep the beds for planting. Sign up on Hands on Connect under the project called, ["Chadwick: Cultivar Trials Preparation"](#)

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Cultivar Trials Planting Day

Friday, May 20

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Assist with laying out plants, planting, quality control of plants, labels, and placing in beds. Bring your own trowel or soil knife, if possible. Lunch and drinks will be provided, bring a lawn chair and we will sit outside together. Sign up on Hands on Connect under the project called, "[Chadwick: Cultivar Trial Planting Day](#)."

Cultivar Trials Evaluator Training Day and First Evaluation

Thursday, June 16

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Do you have an eye for what makes a great plant? This is a fantastic research opportunity for you!

Cultivar Trials Evaluators attend training in June, and then evaluate each cultivar in the trials monthly from June – September. Each evaluation typically takes approximately 1-2 hours per month. We set the evaluation date for the same time frame for the Springfield evaluations, so it is very important to do your evaluation either on the "evaluation date", two days before, or two days after. However, it is entirely up to you when you come within that time frame.

You must evaluate each month for your data to be included in final report, and your final evaluation will be posted on our website at the end of the year! If you are interested in being an evaluator, you can express interest under the Hands on Connect project called, "[Chadwick: Cultivar Trials Evaluator](#)."

Cultivar Trials Adopt-a-Bed

Sign up anytime

A bed assignment will be given to you after planting day on May 20.

The Chadwick Arboretum Cultivar Trials get the "High Maintenance" treatment of care. If you choose to "adopt" one or two beds, you will tend to a specified bed weekly to take care of to your plant babies. A list of general care guidelines will be given to you, depending on species. You also will ensure that the bed just "looks good" for all visitors.

If you need help with your bed (for vacation, feeling ill, or whatever the case) volunteers are asked to email Anna Williamson so she can have other volunteers attend to it.

Bring your own tools; there will be a container available for plant debris. You can sign up in the Hands on Connect project called, "[Chadwick: Cultivar Trials: Adopt a Bed](#)."



Volunteers really cleaned up the weeds out of the Cultivar Trials beds this week. Wow!

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Weekly Garden Volunteer Sessions

Please note, we always cancel weekly garden work sessions due to rain.

- **The Lane Ave. and Hosta Specialty Garden**
Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.: Garden Maintenance
Questions? Email Joe Stewart at Gardenjoestew@gmail.com
- **Cancer Survivors Plaza**
First and Third Wednesdays of the month, 9-11 a.m.:
Garden maintenance
Questions? Email Hope Weber at jhopeweber@gmail.com
- **The Learning Gardens**
Thursdays 9-11 a.m.: Garden maintenance
Questions? Email Chris Tilton at ctilton@columbus.rr.com
- **Tree Mapping and Inventory**
Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Identifying, measuring, and mapping trees
Questions? Email Mike Heys at keelhaul1949@gmail.com
- **Pollinator Habitat at Arboretum North**
Fridays 9 -11 a.m. Invasive removal, path laying, and more.
Questions? Email Lori Kingston at lk518@att.net
- **iNaturalist Biodiversity Monitoring at Arboretum North – Training Date!**
Saturday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.

Come for a tour and a tutorial on the iNaturalist app. Meet in the parking lot behind the 4-H building. CONTACT: Temple George, curiousmonkey55@gmail.com



Cultivar Trials Greenhouse Volunteers



More bagging and tagging!

Thank you, Volunteers!