

# The Buckeye Treehouse

The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Newsletter

April 2023 Edition



## Jumping into Spring

Hello, Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens volunteers!

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we welcome the month of April. We have tons of exciting volunteer opportunities lined up for you this month, so get your gardening gloves ready.

First, and maybe most importantly - our volunteer sessions in the gardens will kick off on Tuesday, April 4th in the Lane Ave Gardens, where we'll be doing important tasks to get the garden ready

for the growing season. Be sure to see page 3 for the list of volunteer sessions, dates, times, and who to contact to get added to the garden leader's e-mail list.

We're also looking for volunteers to lead students on tours of the arboretum on Friday, April 7th and potentially April 14th, 2023. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and love of nature with others. We have a list of tours and outreach events [posted on our sign-up form here](#).

Read on to find out more information about volunteering at our Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser this year, too!

Finally, mark your calendars for our [Arbor Day Celebration](#) on Friday, April 28th, where we'll be hosting our annual Tree Hero Award Ceremony, hearing "Tree-riffic" Remarks from Professor Emeritus Jim Chatfield, and other fun activities. We can't wait to see you there.

# Tours and Outreach Events

Outreach events across campus are a fun way for us to promote Chadwick Arboretum while providing hands-on learning opportunities that students may not have encountered before. These events give us the chance to engage with students, faculty, and staff face-to-face and share our knowledge about the importance of plants and nature in our daily lives. Whether we're hosting a table at the Sustainability Fair or participating in a Wellness Event, we're always thrilled to meet new people and spread the word about our work at Chadwick.

Tours are an important activity for the arboretum, as they allow visitors to experience our gardens and learn about the plants and trees that call them home. Our trained volunteer tour guides play a crucial role in making these tours possible. This year, we will be offering training for new tour guides in June.



*The Sustainability Fair with Volunteer Karen Middendorf*

If you're interested in becoming a tour guide or simply want to learn more about what it entails, feel free to reach out to Julia Wilson at [wilson.4615@osu.edu](mailto:wilson.4615@osu.edu). In the meantime, we welcome volunteers to shadow tours at any time to get a feel for what it's like to be a guide. Don't let training hold you back from trying – often times our younger groups are just looking for nice walk outside.

**Friday, April 7: 10:00 AM**  
2nd and 3rd grade students would love to learn about trees and plants of Ohio at our Learning Gardens.

**Thursday, April 13: 12 PM**  
The Academic Advising Assoc. at OSU would like to bring their staff for a tour of the Lane Ave. Gardens.  
**See the full list and signup here:**  
[go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach](http://go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach)



## New Volunteer Handbook

No matter how long you've been a volunteer here, please take some time before the season begins to flip through the new handbook. You can click on the image to open it or find it on our [Current Volunteer webpage](#).

As we align with OSU Extension's Master Gardener program, there are new policies and practices in place for Chadwick Volunteers. Namely:

- Complete "Recertification Documents" annually on Hands on Connect
- Understand new policies on using power equipment & golf carts.
- Becoming a long-term volunteer now involves references and an interview.



# Volunteer Opportunities

## In the Garden



### Volunteer Sessions beginning April 4, 2023

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Lane Ave. Gardens  
CONTACT Joe Stewart: [gardenjoestew@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjoestew@gmail.com)
- **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Cancer Survivors Plaza  
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)

### iNaturalist Biodiversity Monitoring

- Take photos of any living or previously living plant, insect, fungi, or animal and upload to our [iNaturalist project](#).  
CONTACT Temple George [curiousmonkey55@gmail.com](mailto:curiousmonkey55@gmail.com)

### Adopt – a – Bed Across the Arboretum

- Can't attend regular garden sessions? With a little training, you can adopt an area of the arboretum to maintain on your schedule. Please reach out to Pam Poeth for more information:  
[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.

## Earth Day Native Plant Giveaway

*With OSU Medical Center*

Last year, Chadwick Volunteers and the OSU Medical Center "Green Team" joined forces to give away nearly 1,000 native trees to OSU Staff members for Earth Day.

This year, the Green Team has opted to give away about 1,500 native perennial plugs and Chadwick Arboretum will help package and distribute them. Will you help?

### Preparing plugs for distribution

Monday, April 17: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Giveaway native plants at Howlett Hall Turn-Around

Wednesday, April 19: 11:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sign up Here:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3l6DEOoEa0dLhhc](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3l6DEOoEa0dLhhc)





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## Arboretum North Pollinator Habitat



### Arboretum North Volunteer Sessions and iNaturalist Photos

#### April

- **Friday, April 7, 9:30 AM:** “Open House” for volunteers interested in Arb. North
- **Thursday, April 13, 5:30 PM:** “Open House” option 2 for volunteers
- **Other tasks in April, among others**
  - Continued work on invasive removal in 1,000 native tree collection
  - Plant a Specialist Bee garden in the new “Welcome Garden”
  - Weeding/maintaining the Jones Patio and Encore House beds
  - **Thursday, April 20, 3:00 pm:** Planting the new 4-H Garden Bed with Earth Justice Theater Students

Join a wonderful group doing fantastic work! Sign up to be on the separate e-mail list by contacting Lori Kingston: [lk518@att.net](mailto:lk518@att.net) or show up any Friday from 9 -11 AM, weather dependent.

**Did you know that at one time the North Arboretum had the most diverse and largest collection of Willow tress in the United States?** Corkscrew, Nut Yellow and Blue Arctic willows are commanding our attention now as they leaf out that early spring green color. Take your camera and contribute to iNaturalist project we have there called the [Chadwick Arboretum North Bio-Inventory](#). Questions? Contact Temple George at [curiousmonkey55@gmail.com](mailto:curiousmonkey55@gmail.com).

# Volunteer at the Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser

Come volunteer at our biggest event of year! We have a lot of fun raising funds for Chadwick Arboretum while also creating a truly unique, educational, community event.

Sign up to volunteer on our new website, VolunteerMatch. Since it is new to us, you'll need to create an account.

Sign up for the sale:  
<http://www.go.osu.edu/PSVolunteer>

Sign up for Pre-Sale Activities:  
[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3Ud5gbRFIFxA5oi](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Ud5gbRFIFxA5oi)

Make sure to check out the [Plant Sale Volunteer Manual](#) for all the various details.



***Help Spread the Word!***

## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser**

**May 11 – 13, 2023**

Visitors can peruse a selection of about 16,000 new and tried and true edible and ornamental plants as well as plant containers, garden tools, native plant kits, and more. Proceeds from the event benefit the OSU Chadwick Arboretum, student organizations, and local businesses.

**[go.osu.edu/springplantsale](http://go.osu.edu/springplantsale)**

Note, we accept credit cards only.