Kicking Off the Garden Season Together

As the warmth of spring unfurls around us, we’re thrilled to kick off another exciting season in the gardens here at Chadwick Arboretum. April marks the beginning of a flurry of activity as we eagerly welcome back our dedicated volunteers to join us in nurturing and tending to our beautiful landscapes.

Starting April 2nd, our Volunteer Garden sessions will resume, providing the perfect opportunity for hands-on engagement with plants. Join us as we roll up our sleeves and immerse ourselves in the joy of gardening, cultivating new growth and fostering a vibrant ecosystem together.

In addition to our regular volunteer sessions, we’re delighted to introduce "Plant Picnic Talks" after select garden sessions. These educational sessions offer a unique chance to deepen our understanding of plants, share gardening tips, and connect with fellow enthusiasts in a relaxed and informal setting.

April is also brimming with exciting events, like Arbor Day Celebration and the “Eat This! Earth Day Native Plant Symposium. With the promise of new growth and endless possibilities, let’s embrace the spirit of community, learning, and stewardship that defines Chadwick Arboretum.
Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens

Weekly Garden Volunteer Sessions from 9-11 a.m.

- **Tuesdays:** Lane Ave Gardens, Cultivar Trials, and Horticulture Therapy
- **1st and 3rd Wednesdays:** Various locations, often Arboretum North
- **Thursdays:** Learning Gardens
- **Fridays:** Arboretum North

**New this Year: Monthly Plant Picnic Lunches**

Bring yourself a picnic lunch to a specific volunteer session (April: 11, 16 and 19) and grow your horticulture knowledge with a 20–30-minute educational presentation afterwards! Plant Picnics are open to anyone and begin at 11:00am. Feel free to bring something to share – coffee will be provided. Seating will be in closest picnic area to the gardens: Labyrinth (Lane Ave Gardens), Gazebo (Learning Gardens), and Jones Patio (Arboretum North).

*Note: Master Gardener Volunteers can count the educational component as Continuing Education.*
Arboretum North
Open House for Volunteers

At Chadwick Arboretum North, volunteers work alongside staff horticulturists and student interns to tend these 20 acres that include a 1,000-tree woodland, a research lake, buckeye and willow collections, and native and perennial gardens designed to support pollinators.

Among other activities volunteers remove invasives; weed, divide, and plant the gardens; lead tours; and assist with the annual Fall Open House.

Showcasing Arboretum North, Chadwick’s not-so-small “hidden gem.”

The first session takes place on Friday, April 5 at 9 am and will include tours of the full grounds for MGV interns and new volunteers.

Led by MGV Lori Kingston, lk518@att.net

The 2024 Volunteer Handbook

New to Chadwick Arboretum this year? Welcome!

Our Volunteer Handbook contains important information about volunteer policies, forms you need to complete, FAQs, how to park, our yearly events, and volunteer sessions.

Remember, if you are an MGV, you will log your time under Franklin County MGV Projects on Hands on Connect only. These hours are then passed along to us for our own reporting.
Contact Information

Volunteer Garden Sessions

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Lane Ave. Gardens**
  CONTACT Joe Stewart: gardenjoestew@gmail.com

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Cultivar Trials**
  First bed preparation day: Wednesday April 3
  Save the Date for Bed Planting Day! May 17, 9 -1 pm
  CONTACT Kathy Krantz: candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net
  Or Anna Williamson: Williamson.596@osu.edu

- **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Arboretum North and other locations as needed.**
  CONTACT Hope Weber: jhopeweber@gmail.com

- **Thursdays, 9-11 AM: Learning Gardens**
  CONTACT Chris Tilton: ctilton@columbus.rr.com

- **Fridays, 9 – 11 AM: Arboretum North**
  CONTACT Lori Kingston: lk518@att.net

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**Horticulture Therapy Garden Sessions**

Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m.

First session of the season runs April 16 –June 18. These garden sessions provide a community-based experience for adults with developmental disabilities that enhances well being and meets the goals of our participants – increased social skills, self esteem, and horticultural skills. No experience necessary.

NEW: Non-MGVs are required to watch a 1-hour Good Agriculture Practices video here, using promo code GAP-MGV-2024. (Please report your completion of this to Julia Wilson.)

CONTACT: MGV Joe Lansing
toborjl@sbcglobal.net
Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser
May 9 – 11, 2024

Explore 16,000 plants, bid at auctions, browse vendors, and savor food trucks. Get your tools sharpened while you shop and enjoy educational demos in our Learning Lab. View our event webpage for all details here.

Get involved in this incredibly important fundraiser and have fun!

Sign up to volunteer for as many shifts as you are able! All shifts and tasks are now posted on SignUp Genius. Sign up Here.

Spread the word! Distribute flyers and share information on your social media accounts.

All-Volunteer Plant Sale Training Meeting

April 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center International Room
Pizza provided
RSVP Here

The Perfect Berry Box

Customers at the Spring Plant Sale use an estimated 2,000 boxes each year at our Spring Plant Sale!

In order to collect this many boxes, we need your help! Head to your local grocery store and ask when a good time to pick up sturdy *berry boxes* (like those pictured) would be – often they can save them aside for you or even tell you when a good time each week to come pick them up. Costco is reported to have an area for customers to grab boxes at their convenience.

Boxes can be dropped off at any time to the barn compound. There is a polyhut with a sign on the door that says “Boxes for the Plant Sale go here.”
Questions can go to Lori Kingston at lk518@att.net.
Staff and Faculty Tree and Perennial Plant Giveaways

The Ohio State University Green Team Employee Resource Group is "teaming up" with Chadwick Arboretum to giveaway over 3,670 trees and native plants to staff members throughout Earth Day Week!

Make an impact in gardens across Central Ohio by taking part in this huge initiative. As the famed “Plant Specialists” on campus, your valuable knowledge can help visitors choose the right plant for the right place.

- **Tuesday, April 23: 6:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.**
  Herrick Transit Hub or Plant Sale Site by 4-H Center

- **Thursday, April 25: 6:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.**
  Herrick Transit Hub or Plant Sale site by 4-H Center

- **Friday, April 26: 6:30-9 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.**
  Plant Sale site by 4-H Center

- **Saturday, April 27: 8-11 a.m.**
  Chadwick Barn (includes electronic recycling event)

**Sign Up to Volunteer Here**

**Giveaway Options**

- Allegheny Serviceberry
- American plum
- Arrowwood
- Beech Wormwood
- Black Cohosh
- Black Elderberry
- Blue Giant Hyssop
- Bur Oak
- Button Bush
- Dawn Redwood
- Dwarf Crested Iris
- False Aloe
- False Nettle
- Hairy Wood Mint
- Hoary Mountain Mint
- Hollow Joe Pye
- Monkey Flower
- Norther Pecan
- Ozark Cone Flower
- Panicled Aster
- Paw Paw
- Prairie Violet
- Rattlesnake Master
- Redbud
- Shining Aster
- Showy Tick-Trefoil
- Silky Dogwood
- Sky Blue Aster
- Sneezeweed
- Spring Beauty
- Swamp White Oak
- Sweet Goldenrod
- White Flowering Dogwood
- White Trout lily
- Wild Basil
- Wild Senna
- Willow Aster
Calling all Chadwick Ambassadors!

Lead tours and host tables at upcoming events.

You do not need extensive training to lead a tour or to help at an outreach event—we will guide you.

- **Tuesday, April 9, 2024: 10:00 a.m.**
  Homeschool Group, 50 students K-12
  Lead a tour of the Learning Gardens

- **Monday, April 22, 2024: 4:45 – 7:30 p.m.**
  Eat This Earth Day! Symposium
  Fawcett Center
  Host our table & help pass out plants.

- **Wednesday, May 1, 2024: 3:00 – 7:00 pm**
  We Grow Scientists!
  Waterman Laboratory
  Host an activity table about fun house plants

View more opportunities and sign up:
[go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach](go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach)

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**Monday, April 22, 2024**
4:45 – 7:30 p.m.
Fawcett Center

Ohio State’s Environmental Professionals Network, in collaboration with the Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens and native plant enthusiasts from across the state, proudly invite you to eat and drink from Ohio’s native plants this Earth Day! Discover through your senses, the edible flora of the Buckeye State. Over long periods of history, through the tastes, smells, and eyes of diverse native wildlife and human cultures, both ancient and present, these plants have sustained life.

Event headliners include native plant and garden experts: Nancy Linz, Debra Knapke, and Brad Lepper. In the spotlight are the Asimina triloba (the American papaw), Acer saccharum (the sugar maple), and Vaccinium pallidum (the lowbush blueberry) who will be joined on stage by hybrid chestnuts, acorn flour, and many kinds of native shrub berries.

Interactive Exhibits, Plant Giveaways, and More!

RSVP: [go.osu.edu/epnApr24](go.osu.edu/epnApr24)
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Arbor Day Celebration

You’re invited to a morning filled with educational insights and community camaraderie! Join with fellow tree enthusiasts as we reaffirm our commitment to a growing tree canopy at the Ohio State University.

Rain or shine, your presence is valued in supporting our mission for a greener future. RSVP below.

FRIDAY
April 26
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kottman Hall Patio
2021 Coffey Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

go.osu.edu/arbordaycelebration