

The Buckeye Treehouse

The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Newsletter

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Cultivating Success at the Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser

Springtime at Chadwick Arboretum was marked by the tremendous success of the recent Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser. With the dedication and hard work of approximately 130 volunteers, totaling an impressive 800 volunteer hours during the sale itself, the event surpassed all expectations. The plant sale not only generated crucial funds for the arboretum but also showcased the vibrant community spirit that thrives

within our organization.

One of the highlights of the fundraiser was the exhilarating live auctions, featuring four exciting bidding sessions. The auctions captured the attention of enthusiastic attendees and raised an impressive total of \$7,054. The items up for auction included coveted treasures such as a majestic monstera houseplant, rare lilacs, and stunning magnolia trees.

These one-of-a-kind offerings added an element of excitement to the event and further contributed to the success of the fundraiser.

In addition to the auctions, the Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser introduced a new educational component. Led by Co-Chair Brenda Allinger, six educational demonstrations provided visitors with valuable insights into various gardening techniques and practices.

This unique offering allowed attendees to not only purchase beautiful plants but also acquire knowledge and skills to nurture them effectively. The educational demonstrations were met with great enthusiasm, demonstrating the value of ongoing learning within our vibrant gardening community.

The impact of the Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser was far-reaching. The event attracted 118 new and renewing Chadwick Memberships, reflecting the growing support and engagement of our community. A remarkable total of 14,732 items were sold, with Chadwick Arboretum accounting for an impressive 10,000 of those.

This high demand is a testament to the exceptional quality and variety of plants available. Ultimately, the net sales for the entire sale amounted to an outstanding \$134,833, highlighting the overwhelming success of the fundraiser in supporting the ongoing initiatives and projects here.



Allen Fabian and Bob Mersy selling their beautifully handcrafted hypertufa containers.

The Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser was not only a significant financial success but also a celebration of our dedicated volunteers, passionate gardening enthusiasts, and the incredible community that

supports Chadwick Arboretum. Together, we have cultivated a thriving environment that fosters learning, appreciation for nature, and the continued growth of our beloved arboretum.



Matt Shannon, the talented musician on Thursday night, and volunteer Kathy Watson checking in flowers to match her shirt!

Chadwick Arboretum Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser		
		Total Earned at Chadwick Arboretum Spring Plant Sale (all vendors included, gross)
\$	144,575	
\$	104,418	Total Chadwick Arboretum Earned from sales, vendor fees, auction and membership (net)
\$	7,054	Auction Earnings, all three days
\$	4,875	Membership Earnings
\$	1,812	Hort Therapy Earnings (net)
\$	30,043	Vendor Sales (net)
\$	7,587	Largest Outside Vendor Sales: Dannaher Nursery
\$	6,163	Largest Student Vendor Sales: PPGSA Native Plants
\$	1,284	Fire Sale
\$	(54,945)	Expenses (fence, tents, reception, food, etc)
\$	48,475	Net Funds Raised For Chadwick Arboretum

Additional Stats	
118	# of new members who joined or
397	# of transactions Thursday Night
802	# transactions Friday
444	# transactions Saturday
\$ 87.95	Average Sale

Auction Stats		
\$	2,186	Thursday Night Silent & Live Auctions
\$	1,736	Friday Live Auction
\$	3,133	Saturday Live Auction
\$	7,054	Total Auction



Volunteer Handbook

No matter how long you've been a volunteer here, please take some time to flip through the new handbook by clicking on the picture of the cover to the left.

You can also find it (and much more info) on our [Current Volunteer webpage](#).

The Sandy and Andy Ross Endowed Director of the Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens:

Dr. Laura Deeter



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Laura Deeter as Professor in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), Department of Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS), and the Sandy and Andy Ross Endowed Director of the Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens effective August 15, 2023, pending Board of Trustees approval.

Dr. Deeter earned a B.S. and Ph.D. in Landscape Horticulture from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Most recently, Dr. Deeter has served as Professor in the Division of Horticultural Technologies at the Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) on our CFAES Wooster campus. Laura began her career within CFAES as a Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant on the Columbus campus in 1995, moving to the CFAES Wooster campus in 2000, to serve as Assistant Professor in the Division of Horticultural Technologies at ATI. Dr. Deeter was promoted to Associate Professor in 2008, and Professor in 2014.

Dr. Deeter has been awarded the ATI Distinguished Teaching Award three times, the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Perennial Plant Association Teaching Award, the American Horticulture Society Teaching Award, Perennial Plant Association Service Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Landscape Association, and Professor of the Year from Instructure.

As Professor in HCS and the Sandy and Andy Ross Endowed Director of the Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, Dr. Deeter will:

- teach undergraduate courses in the areas of landscape design and management; propagation; and courses in woody and herbaceous plant identification; as well as mentoring undergraduate students.
- serve as advisor for arboretum operations and planning including oversight for plant collection(s) and garden planning.
- lead arboretum initiated educational programming and connect departments/units/faculty with teaching, Extension, & research opportunities using the arboretum.
- develop opportunities and programs to maximize the use of the Chadwick Arboretum as a living classroom within the campus and the broader community.
- mentor undergraduate interns and Chadwick Arboretum staff.
- maintain and build connections with existing and new donors, collaborators, and volunteers including the Master Gardeners.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Laura Deeter on this new role as Professor in HCS and the Sandy and Andy Ross Endowed Director of the Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens.

Volunteer Opportunities

In the Garden



Volunteer Sessions

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Lane Ave. Gardens
CONTACT Joe Stewart: gardenjoestew@gmail.com
- **1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9 – 11 AM:** Cancer Survivors Plaza
CONTACT Hope Weber: jhopeweber@gmail.com
- **Thursdays, 9-11 AM:** Learning Gardens
CONTACT Chris Tilton: ctilton@columbus.rr.com
- **NEW!! Fridays, 11 AM. – 1 PM:** Tree Mapping
CONTACT Shayne Packet: ctilton@columbus.rr.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

****All Volunteer sessions are weather dependent: rain/snow cancels, as well as temperatures under 40 degrees. ****

TOUR GUIDE TRAINING

Leading groups around our gardens is a rewarding way to connect others to the natural world and to Chadwick Arboretum. We feel it is one of the **most important** ways we engage with the public every year.

We are hosting tour guide trainings this month to help you get started or refresh your knowledge.

Remember, you do not need to be an expert! Often, tour groups are simply looking for a nice walk through the gardens.

Check out the current training options on our tour sign-up form here:

go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach



Calling all Chadwick Tour Guides!



Grab your hats and come out to help us lead a few tours this summer! You do not need to be an expert to lead a tour – just give it a try! Some of our June tours include:

1) Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (only 45 minutes)

Fellows Riverside Gardens Group (from Youngstown, Oh)

Learning Gardens

50 people (3-4 tour guides desired)

2) Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m

Four Seasons Garden Club

Lane Ave Gardens

25 People

3) Thursday, June 22, 2023

Fairfield County Master Gardeners

Cultivar Trials and Learning Gardens

55 people (3-4 tour guides desired)

SIGN UP/LEARN MORE: go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach

Volunteer Opportunities

Arboretum North Pollinator Habitat



American Yellowwood tree in full bloom and tour group enjoying a walk around the Arboretum North Lake. Thanks Temple George and Katie Seay for the photos!

Arboretum North Volunteer Sessions Friday Mornings in June

This June, we will focus on installing two 60-square-foot Plant by Numbers pollinator gardens designed by Deb Knapke and coordinated by OSU's Denise Ellsworth, maintaining the new "Welcome Bed" by the entrance to Arboretum North, and conducting a tour guide training of the area. With lots to do, we hope you'll join us!

June 2, 9, 16, and 23: Regular volunteer sessions

June 16: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

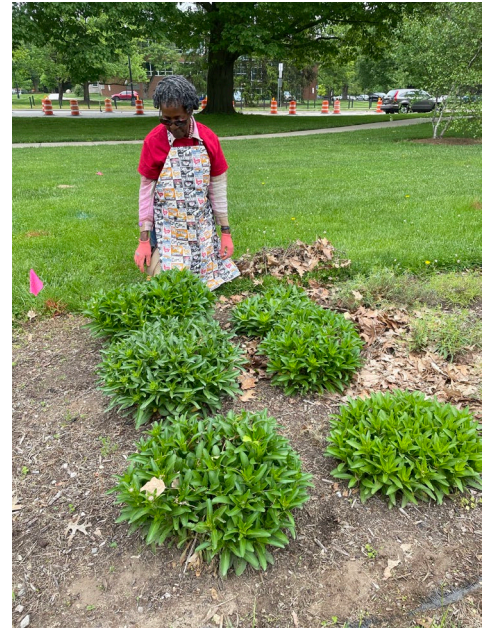
- A tour guide training will also take place at 10:00 AM Arboretum North for **any** volunteer interested in learning how to lead a tour of this area. You do not need to be a regular Arb North Volunteer.

Please RSVP to Wilson.4615@osu.edu or here: go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach

Sign up to be on the separate e-mail list by contacting Lori Kingston: lk518@att.net or show up any Friday from 9 -11 AM, weather dependent.

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Cultivar Trials



Finishing touches on the Cultivar Trials beds after being planted and Denise Fields doing some final cleanup from fall before.

We are celebrating two events that happened in the Cultivar Trials in May– the Cultivar Trials plants were planted, and we have an irrigation system! Goodbye, constant watering, hello fast-growing weeds!

Interested in getting involved? Here are some things you can do:

- Evaluate the varieties once a month as an "Evaluator."
- "Adopt" the beds in the Cultivar Trials that you are willing to maintain throughout the growing season.
- Open Volunteer Sessions, every Tuesday morning, 9:00 - 11 a.m. in the Cultivar Trials beds. Begins May 23rd, 2023.

Sign up for these opportunities [here](#).

Recertification Time

Important reminder!

Go to Recertification 2023

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Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum

Paperwork not started

An important step in staying an active volunteer at Chadwick Arboretum requires annual “recertification” paperwork. You only need to complete this now if you are NOT a MGVS. (They already did theirs!)

This requirement is set by OSU Extension’s Board, so you will notice the wording on the forms will be for Master Gardener Volunteers. It will ask you if you’ve completed your volunteer and continuing education hours (last year) – simply say “YES” to these questions.

Find the link to the recertification forms on your “Volunteer Home” page on Hands on Connect here:

<https://osu.handsonconnect.org/volunteer-home>

While you are there, don’t forget to **log your hours** so far this year!



Seen at the Plant Sale: Sean McKay and Jeff Harriman at the Veggie Tent and Gail Santner at Horticulture Therapy Booth. Thank you Kathy Watson for the beautiful photos!

Get to know our summer interns



KJ Kim (standing) and Jacob Snider (wheelbarrow)

Jacob Snider, Associate of Science

FROM: Canal Winchester, Ohio

MAJOR: Environmental Science, 3rd year

CAREER GOALS: Working for ODNR or some governmental agency

FAVORITE PLANTS: White Flowering Dogwoods and Aloe Vera (He loves to grow aloe at home and use it!)

Why he chose to intern at Chadwick Arboretum:

Last year, I was a research assistant studying how abiotic stress affects soybean aphid populations on different varieties of soybeans. So, I am trying out variety of jobs so I can get a better idea on what I'd like to do in my career. I've always wanted to work outside, and Chadwick is amazing.

During the school year, I would sit in Chadwick – it was one of my favorite places to go to during classes to escape. It was a good discovery and helped me escape the hecticness of OSU.

His hobbies:

Planting at home, running, crocheting, but I don't have a lot of time to do anything much because I'm taking classes part time right now too!

Summer Plans:

I'm going to Stone Labs on Lake Erie at OSU to take a water quality class this summer for a week! I'm very excited about it because it is super beautiful there.

Interesting Facts about him:

I currently live with my Grandma in Worthington and I commute between her house and my parents house.

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KJ Kim (standing) and Jacob Snider (wheelbarrow)

KyeongJae Kim

FROM: Cleveland, Ohio

MAJOR: Sustainable Agriculture, 4th year

NEXT STEPS : Grad School in the fall

FAVORITE PLANTS: Garlic because I love growing it and pulling out the garlic scapes (and eating it raw)!

Why he chose apply to the Chadwick Arboretum internship:

I heard about this from a former intern who highly recommended it. With COVID as my first year here at OSU, I would come over to Chadwick all the time and walk through, sit in the Learning Gardens, hang out by Hort Therapy beds, and get my work done to escape from the dorms. My room had no windows, so I could come here and get some fresh air.

This internship also helps me with my career goals. I would really like to consult in different rural communities about soil management and preservation. I love soil!

His hobbies and passions:

I like reading. I go to the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch every Saturday!

I love riding the bus, too. I go hard for public transportation, and I will always choose to walk if the destination is 3 miles or less away. In fact, I probably wouldn't get a car even if I could because I wish more people used the bus. (Funny thing about me though is that I have a terrible sense of direction!)

I also love cooking. My favorite is soup because I really enjoy putting all the ingredients into one pot and knowing it's always going to be good.

I started out as a Math major here at OSU before deciding on Sustainable Agriculture because I love math! I initially thought about a career in math education, so I would really like to be a TA in Grad School.