Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser Recap!

We are delighted to share the highlights of our recent Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser, which took place from May 9th to May 11th. Thanks to the incredible dedication and hard work of all 200 volunteers, this year's event was a phenomenal success.

Together, we raised a total of $154,653 (gross) from all vendors, with $92,843 earned directly by Chadwick Arboretum from sales (net).

The excitement was palpable throughout the three-day event, bolstered by engaging activities and community participation. Our auctions, which featured unique and coveted items, brought in an impressive $6,587.

Additionally, Allen Fabian and his wonderful team of hypertufa artists were a hit, contributing $5,066 in net earnings. Vendor sales were robust, with Scioto Gardens Nursery leading the outside vendors at $8,311, and PPGSA Native Plants topping the student vendors at $5,159. Our Fire Sale alone brought in $3,379.

Membership earnings added another $3,705 to our funds, while our horticultural therapy crew generated $760 in net earnings.
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We also welcomed 97 new or renewing members, and the event saw a tremendous turnout with 354 transactions on Thursday night, 853 on Friday, and 455 on Saturday.

Numbers aside, we can all also be proud of the wonderful educational content we provided this year! When it wasn’t raining, we had incredible turnout to our “Learning Lab” demonstrations led by Brenda Allinger and George Peach. We also all worked extra hard to provide learning opportunities as they arose, answering customer’s questions and providing garden inspiration.

Despite the rain, parking issues, and all the other little challenges that come from creating a massive pop-up plant sale such as this, we truly created a unique and special event for all – again - this year. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Your enthusiasm and hard work truly made a difference!
### June 2024 Volunteer Calendar

**What’s a “Plant Picnic Lunch?”**

Bring yourself a picnic lunch to a specific volunteer session and grow your horticulture knowledge with an informal educational talk afterwards! Plant Picnics are open to anyone and begin at 11:00am. Feel free to bring something to share.

Master Gardener Volunteers can count the educational component as Continuing Education for the length of the talk (usually 30 minutes-1 hour).

View larger calendar online here

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Contact Information

Volunteer Garden Sessions

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

- **Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Cultivar Trials**
  CONTACT Kathy Krantz: candkkkrantz@sbcglobal.net
  Or Anna Williamson: Williamson.596@osu.edu

- **NEW: Every Wednesdays, 9 – 11 AM: Arboretum North**
  CONTACT Hope Weber: jhopeweber@gmail.com
  Or Zoe Eads-Scofield: eads-scofield.1@osu.edu

- **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
Adopt a Bed and Evaluate the Cultivar Trials

Plant breeding has been an essential practice for centuries, dating back to the dawn of agriculture when early humans first began selecting and cultivating plants with desirable traits. Over time, this practice has evolved from simple selection to sophisticated scientific techniques, all aimed at enhancing the beauty and performance of plants. Whether it's creating flowers with more vibrant colors, longer bloom times, or greater resistance to pests and diseases, plant breeders have continually pushed the boundaries of horticulture. This rich history of plant breeding has not only resulted in the stunning diversity of ornamental plants we enjoy today but also in varieties that are more robust and better suited to our changing environments.

Want to get involved in our Cultivar Trials Research this year? Sign Up Here: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YlV5kL0Vi1ORcG](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YlV5kL0Vi1ORcG)

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.
Recycle your #6 plastics into a new bench!

Throughout June, Chadwick Arboretum is helping the Green Team Employee Resource Group at OSU create a locally-made bench from plastics! This bench will be placed at the Earth Day Park by Medical Campus.

To help build the bench, sort through your plastic pots, trays, and other hard-to-recycle items to find ONLY #6 plastics, clean them, drop them off ANYTIME to the barn compound behind the 4-H Center.

Note: We will have a horticulture plastics recycling in July, so save your other pots for later!

#6 Plastic Recycling Drop Off
June 1 – 30, 2024, anytime

Chadwick Arboretum Hoop House
(Where Plant Sale Boxes were stored previously)

2201 Fred Taylor Drive

Tours and Outreach

Leading tours at Chadwick Arboretum is such an important way that we connect our gardens to the greater community and helps us reach our mission.

Our goal is to increase our pool of trained volunteer tour guides to be able to accept every tour request that comes our way.

Will you join us this year?

View all current tour and outreach opportunities, including a newly scheduled TOUR GUIDE TRAINING: Go.osu.edu/ChadwickOutreach
MEET OUR ASSISTANT MANAGER OF GROUNDS AND HORTICULTURE

ADRIAN SPEELMAN

He/Him

BACKGROUND:
I graduated from OSU in Sustainable Plants Systems in Horticulture in 2020 and worked at Chadwick for 2 years. I then got a Parks Manager role with the Village of New Bremen and was there for 3 years.

FAVORITE PLANT:
The Oakleaf Hydrangea is my favorite plant - the leaves share a resemblance to oak trees, but the bark has nice exfoliating/peeling characteristic to it. It’s like having a mini-oak tree that you can put anywhere in your garden, and also has really nice flowers.

HOBBIES:
Watching different TV shows with my wife (I got married in 2022) and reading books. My brothers and I will game online once or twice a week to hang out, since we all live across the country.
MEET OUR OFFICE ASSISTANT

MASHAYLA BERRY
She/They

MAJOR:
4th year Studio Art Major

CAREER GOALS:
To combine my passion for photography and the environment by being a wildlife or marine photographer.

FAVORITE PLANT:
I'm a big sucker for flowering plants and my favorite is tulips; more specifically Parrot tulips.

HOBBIES:
I take lots of photos. I like puzzles, Lego sets, and brain teasers. I read, listen to a lot of music, watch lots of TV; my favorite genres are horror and animation. I collect little trinkets, figurines, crystals, and I also spend lots of time with my friends, family, and animals.
MEET THE INTERNS

TREG SIBERT
He/Him

MAJOR:
Sophomore of Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability

CAREER GOALS:
Working with sustainability initiatives at the municipal and state level.

FAVORITE PLANT:
snapdragon (aka antirrhinum). This annual was a major part of my childhood and I would plant them each year with my mom in our landscaping.

HOBBIES:
Reading, doing yoga, and walking down high street with my friends.
MEET THE INTERNS

HAYDEN BELLEVILLE
He/Him

MAJOR:
4th year Natural Resource Management

CAREER GOALS:
Human/wildlife conflict research & management, or working in a native plant nursery

FAVORITE PLANT:
Blue lupine for its beautiful color, unique leaves and fun seeds

HOBBIES:
Natural photography, drawing, zoology, plants, and reality tv (favorite: Survivor)
MEET THE INTERNS

KENT THOMAS
He/Him

MAJOR:
Senior at Sustainable Plant Systems/Horticulture Science

CAREER GOALS:
I want to work in outdoor urban agriculture.
I’m also interested in working in a hydroponics facility, specifically in an urban environment

FAVORITE PLANT:
In general, I like plants with complex flowers like lilies, asters, hydrangea, red hot pokers.
I’m also a big fan of large trees like metasequoias and oaks.

HOBBIES:
I like reading and writing. I’m also getting into mixology!
MEET THE INTERNS

AJ SWEIGART
He/Him

MAJOR:
4th year Forestry and Wildlife

CAREER GOALS:
To reconnect and educate people with nature at zoos, parks, and natural spaces.

FAVORITE PLANT:
Cherry trees because of the blossoms. Also, hibiscus because I've always had them growing at my house.

HOBBIES:
Cooking, hiking, fishing, music and animal husbandry.
MEET THE INTERNS

YASMINE SKALLI
She/Her

MAJORS:
4th year Social and Environmental Geography and Arabic

CAREER GOALS:
Work in the field and participate in community work for a few years before getting my PhD or law school.

FAVORITE PLANT:
Spider plants, because it was the first plant I've ever owned. I also really like paw paw trees because I like the fruits and I love a good native plant.

HOBBIES:
Photography, reading, writing, and connecting with my community.