

The Buckeye Treehouse

The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum Volunteer Newsletter

May 2023 Edition



Celebrating the Earth

With April being Native Plant Month, Earth Day and Arbor Day, Chadwick Arboretum is proud to have celebrated in a big way this year.

In collaboration with the Wexner Medical Center Green Team Employee Resource Group, we distributed 600 trees and over 1300 native perennials to their staff for Earth Day!

This initiative was aimed at educating staff on the importance of planting native

species. With the help of volunteers, the arboretum team was able to successfully distribute the plants almost entirely in one day.

Chadwick Arboretum also participated in the first-ever EcOSU Earth Day Festival at OSU's South Oval. Volunteers hosted a table where they taught hundreds of students how to propagate common houseplants. The volunteers educated students about the arboretum resources while also providing a hands-on

opportunity to learn about propagation techniques. The table was a hit, and the volunteers were pleased to see so many students interested in learning about plant propagation.

Lastly, Chadwick Arboretum hosted an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28th. At the event, the arboretum team presented the Tree Hero Award, the Collaborator's Award, and the

Celebrating the Earth continued...

Aesculus Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Tree Hero Award was given to an individual who has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability across the Medical Campus this year, Lauren Koch.

The Collaborator's Award recognized two teams that has collaborated with Chadwick Arboretum to achieve a common goal, the Waterman Operations Team and the campus Arborists.

Lastly, the Aesculus Lifetime Achievement Award recognized an individual who has made a significant contribution to teaching others about the importance of trees, Stephen Volkmann, the recently retired Landscape Architect for



Interim Director Dewey Mann presenting the Aesculus Lifetime Achievement Award to Stephen Volkmann

Ohio State University.

The event was a wonderful celebration of the achievements of those who have contributed to the growth and success of the arboretum and those who are “speaking for the trees,” across our campus and beyond. It is so important to recognize these people and we are so grateful for the

opportunity to showcase their achievements. Finally, the event wouldn't have been complete without a fun, educational romp through botanical names, poetry, and the importance of trees without Professor Emeritus Jim Chatfield. Jim's Tree-riffic Remarks always leave the crowd smiling and inspired to learn more about the natural world around us.



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

- **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

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.

Lead a group around the Arboretum

Leading groups around our gardens is a rewarding way to connect others to the natural world! Sign up to lead a tour, or reach out to Julia Wilson at wilson.4615@osu.edu if you would like to shadow one.

May 23: 1:00 PM
Arboretum North

Lead an OSU staff group (the Office of the Controller) around Arboretum North, showcasing the beautiful space and what it has to offer.

May 25: 11:00 AM
Lead a homeschool group of varying ages around the Learning Gardens and Green Roof.

New tours are added continuously. SIGN UP HERE: go.osu.edu/chadwickoutreach



Volunteer Opportunities

Arboretum North Pollinator Habitat



Arboretum North Volunteer Sessions and iNaturalist Photos

May

- **Friday, May 5, 12, and 19th: 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

Weekly sessions focused on the design, planting, and maintenance of new and existing pollinator gardens and rain garden, restoration of other planting and wooded areas, and some invasive renewal

- No session May 12th for the Spring Plant Sale

Join a wonderful group doing fantastic work! 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.

iNaturalist Photos

“Apps and websites like iNaturalist allow amateur naturalists to document plant and animal observations. While often considered lower quality than professional surveys, these citizen science records can significantly boost the data available for rare and endangered species.”

[Read this interesting article here](#), then 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cultivar Trials



The Cultivar Trials plants have been growing in the greenhouse for a few weeks now, and thanks to our Greenhouse volunteers, they are looking beautiful and strong. We are so excited to kick off another year of trialing new varieties for breeders across the country!

Interested in learning more? Visit our Cultivar Trials Website [here](#).

- Thursday, May 18: Preparation Day, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 19: Planting Day, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 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.
- Cultivar Trials Data Entry Specialist
- Cultivar Trials "Marketing" Team
- 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](#).

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.

Volunteers are still needed as cashiers and wizards especially.

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

Find the list of volunteer positions open on the following pages.



Help Spread the Word!

36th 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

Note, we accept credit cards only.

Plant Deliveries



Delivery Schedule ***Subject to Change***

Monday, May 8:

8 a.m.: Acorn Farms Perennials

11:00 - Millcreek Perennials

1:00 Smiths Perennials

Tuesday, May 9:

9:00 a.m.: Green Legacy

11:30-1:00 p.m. Thorson's Annuals

2:00 p.m.: Meadow Creek Veggies

Wednesday, May 10:

9:00 a.m. Millcreek Annuals, Herbs and Hanging Baskets

10:00 Bakers Acres Annuals

12:00 p.m. Miller Thyme Herbs

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Acorn Farms Annuals and Hanging Baskets

SIGN UP LINK:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Ud5gbRFIFxA5oi



Plant Sale Critical Need Areas

Wizards:

Saturday, 11 - 1 PM : 1 Volunteer Needed

Cashiers:

Thursday:

3 – 6 PM: 1 Volunteers Needed

6 - 8 PM: 1 Volunteer Needed

Friday:

11:30 – 2PM: 3 Volunteers Needed

2 -4 PM: 3 Volunteers Needed

4 – 6 PM: 6 Volunteers Needed

Saturday:

8:30 – 11 AM: 5 Volunteers Needed

11 – 1 PM: 3 Volunteers Needed

1 – 3 PM: 7 Volunteers Needed

Plant Sale Critical Need Areas

Membership Tent

Thursday:

6-8 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Saturday:

8:30 – 11 AM: 2 Volunteers Needed

1 – 3 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Horticulture Therapy Tent

Thursday:

6 - 8 PM: 1 Volunteer Needed

Friday:

4 – 6 PM: 1 Volunteers Needed

Saturday:

8:30 – 11 AM: 2 Volunteers Needed

11 AM- 1 PM: 1 Volunteer Needed

1 – 3 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Ambassadors

Saturday:

8:30 – 11 AM: 2 Volunteers Needed

1 – 3 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Plant Sale Critical Need Areas

Veggie Tent

Friday:

4-6 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Saturday:

1 – 3:30 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Tag Counters

Saturday

9 AM – 12 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Green Team

Friday

2-4 PM: 1 Volunteers Needed

Saturday:

10 AM-12 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

1 – 3 PM: 2 Volunteers Needed

Auction

Thursday, Friday and Saturday help warmly appreciated

Email Julia Wilson at Wilson.4615@osu.edu with your preferred shifts.