

THE SUMMER OF HERBS

Lost among all the major changes at Kingwood in the past couple years was the move of our Herb Garden from the top of the Allée to an area north of the Rose Garden; therefore, we have declared this summer *The Summer of Herbs* at Kingwood Center. The move was first contemplated in 2006, and was completed by the summer of 2009.

We wish to thank the Kingwood Herb Society for their generous support of the project, and Kingwood Board member John Fernyak for his donation of materials. Many thanks are also due longtime Kingwood Herb Gardener Glenna Sheaffer who not only orchestrated the move, but is responsible for developing the incredibly diverse and interesting array of herbs that is our Herb Garden.

In celebration of *The Summer of Herbs*, we will be doing herbal demonstrations and tours of the Herb Garden throughout the summer. Details will be posted on our Facebook page and website, or you can call for a schedule. For more details about the move and more pictures, visit www.kingwoodcenter.org and click on "Newsletter" under the Education button.



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NEWS

Director's Report

Kingwood's Dilemma

A few people said to me this spring that they heard we no longer grow tulips. If you visited us in tulip season you know that is far from the truth. While 30,000 tulips is down from previous historic highs it is still a lot of tulips, a lot of money, and a lot of labor, but we are in a dilemma at Kingwood. On the one hand we want to continue to meet visitor's expectations, which are based mostly on what we have done in the past. On the other hand we need to change the way we garden, not only to save time and money but also to be responsible leaders in the world of gardening.

Kingwood's oldest gardening traditions originated in the 1950's when force-of-will often determined gardening techniques. In other words, gardeners did in the garden whatever they had the means to do. Those means typically included lots of pesticides, water, fertilizers, labor, and in general lots of energy consumption. Today, not only have our means changed but so has our ethic. Rather than trying to dominate the earth, gardening is turning toward finding accommodations with the natural world. Gardeners have found that they can find better satisfaction in their gardening while growing plants that need fewer resources, have fewer pests, and are more adaptable to natural growing conditions. It is a more subtle and nuanced approach than the brute force of the 1950's. It takes different skills, and it includes an aesthetic shift. And like anything new and different, some people don't like it.

We are here to please, but we are also here to lead. We are trying to strike a balance. For example, we still grow roses but have been introducing new varieties that require less care. We still have a tulip display, but we purchase fewer and recycle more from year to year. We are bulking up our spring displays with persistent, low maintenance plants that don't have to be replanted every year. We are changing our approach to fertilization by bringing it closer in line with what is needed instead of just what was traditionally done.

We are also trying to learn new things. Time consuming and one dimensional bearded iris beds were replaced by experiments with directly sown annuals. We want to learn how to create engaging annual displays without the expensive of growing transplants in the greenhouse.

Visitors may notice the absence of a few Kingwood



Some of the new plants for our spring displays: Bleeding Heart and pink Carolina Silverbell.



garden icons but overall our regular visitors will find us to be comfortably familiar. Spring will remain a colossal floral display, and annuals will continue to be planted en masse to provide an abundance of summer color. Our garden designs will also remain largely unaffected by new, more naturalistic approaches; however, things are changing, not only because we must but because we should. Usually paradigm shifts like this are contentious, but we are here to lead and to please. By doing both we can adapt to our new financial realities, remain a comfortable and familiar refuge and forge something better.

Chuck Gleaves

In the Garden

The entry to Kingwood Hall got a makeover this Spring with a new foundation planting. The existing shrubs were infested with a difficult to control scale, and had been there for over forty years. Head Gardener Bill Collins' design was inspired by old pictures of Kingwood Hall. Taking cues from the shapes and heights of the plantings in these pictures, Bill created a very refreshing look.

Refreshing might not be the word some visitors use to describe our no-mow areas, but with the staffing cutbacks two years ago, these areas were created to save time and money. Sometimes perceived as messy by visitors, a closer look at these meadows reveals an interesting community of plants that are quite beautiful in flower. We are still learning how to best manage these areas to keep out undesirables such as dandelions and thistle, but this initiative, born out of necessity, has revealed a surprising beauty in the grasses and "weeds" that had made up the turf.

Finally, to the members of the Horticulture Crew who slogged through one of the coldest, wettest springs that then turned into dry, suffocating heat and still got 'er done: BRAVO!!



A new planting for Kingwood Hall.

Horticulture Crew member Becky Worcester models this spring's fashion choice.



Walking paths wind through the new meadow in the West Field.

SHARE THE MAGIC

Did you know that you can now purchase "any day" admission tickets at the Trimble gate booth, or over the phone? It's a great way to share your love of Kingwood, and they mail nicely in greeting cards. At \$5, they are good for regular admission and parking to Kingwood grounds, admitting all occupants of the recipient's car. Call 419-522-0211 ext. 107, or stop by the gate booth when it's open.

Sales Area Spotlight

Recently, there have been many new coneflowers introduced with new colors and flower forms. This summer we will feature several of these newcomers in our sales area. Echinacea 'Daydream' is a fragrant yellow coneflower, while 'Tangerine Dream' has clear orange flowers, and a lovely honey scent. Then there's 'Mama Mia' with large red-orange flowers, and a long bloom season. Don't overlook 'Cranberry Cupcake', a compact plant sporting double cranberry-colored flowers. If you've got a badminton court in your backyard, and even if you don't, you might want to consider the lovely 'Firebird'. Its red reflexed petals give it a "shuttlecock" look. And, last but not least, is 'Milkshake', a vigorous white double-flowered echinacea with a long bloom period. Stop in and check out these great new coneflowers. They're guaranteed to add a lot of color to your summer perennial garden.



Echinacea 'Cranberry Cupcake' for sale at the Greenhouse.

End Of An Era

After twenty-four years in the gardens of Kingwood Center, Don Miller holstered his pruners and hung up his trowel for the last time this June. Hired as a Gardener's Assistant in the fall of 1987, Don quickly advanced to a Gardener position, taking over the Rose Garden in 1988. He remembers feeling very intimidated that first year by the amount he had to learn, but credits Charles Applegate and others for showing him what it took to be a professional gardener. Although he grew up gardening with his parents and grandparents in Danville, he never saw it as a possible career until he saw an ad for a position at Kingwood. He took a chance, and the rest is history.

Don saw a lot of changes to the Kingwood grounds during his time at Kingwood from the Workshop Courtyard to the Terrace Garden to the Herb Garden. After the Terrace Garden was installed in 1993, Don

took on additional duties as the Gardener there, and supervised its growth into the robust garden it is today.

Former Head Gardener John Makley said he was always impressed by Don's efficiency when it came to his gardening tasks, and he said, "There was nobody faster than Don in planting annuals and bulbs. It must have been the gloves he wore." Lorin Martin, Kingwood Superintendent, shared some stories at Don's retirement luncheon that brought smiles to us all.

Don says that although he will miss being in the Kingwood gardens every day, it is the family of co-workers and volunteers he has developed over the years that he will miss the most. Your family will miss you too, Don.



Don with wife Ginny.



Last day with Terrace Garden volunteers.

Volunteer Corner

There are a myriad of volunteer opportunities at Kingwood, but one area we really rely on volunteers to help is in our gardens. This summer volunteers are needed on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 to help with the weeding and deadheading of our annual displays. At the end of September, we'll be looking for volunteers to help take all the annuals out, and then plant tulip bulbs. If you're interested in these, or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities, call Kay Hostetler at 419-522-0211 ext. 106.

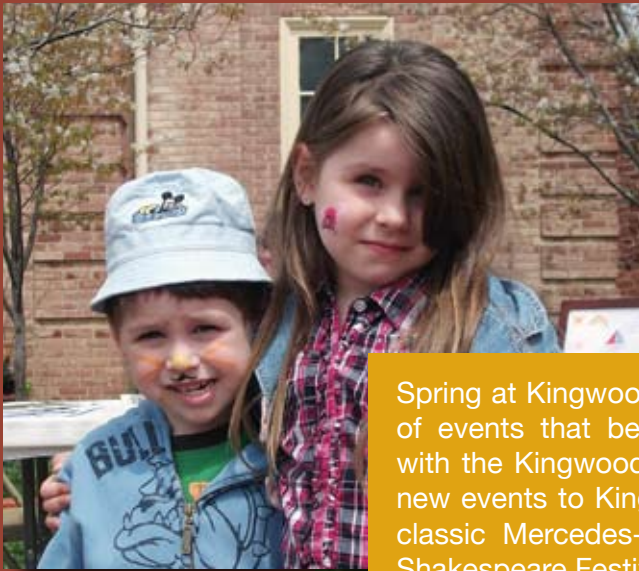
Working Together

This spring, Kingwood Center lent a hand to the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), and volunteers from the Air National Guard on ANG Earth Day to prepare one of many community gardens the NECIC is helping to establish in the North End of Mansfield. Kudos to both groups for the work they do in our community.

We are also excited to have begun a collaboration with OSU Extension and the Master Gardeners of Richland County. The Master Gardener program in Ohio was developed by OSU Extension to help educate gardeners throughout Ohio on best gardening practices. Master Gardeners are provided training from OSU faculty and staff, and in exchange volunteer their time on horticultural projects of an educational nature. Master Gardeners will now be allowed to get volunteer credits for helping us with our educational mission. A win-win for all!

A New Voice

If you've called Kingwood recently, you may have heard a new voice on our answering system. It is that of Kingwood volunteer Amy Crutchfield. Amy is just one of many volunteers who have stepped up to help Kingwood staff continue to serve the public at the level needed to attract admissions, tours, and sales.



Spring at Kingwood not only brought flowers but a multitude of events that began with the Spring Festival and ended with the Kingwood 5K. The spring saw the coming of some new events to Kingwood such as a Concours d'Elegance of classic Mercedes-Benz cars, and Mansfield Senior High's Shakespeare Festival.



A THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We would like to thank Mechanics Bank who helped support our 2011 Spring Festival, and MedCentral Health System who not only supported our Spring Festival, but also was the principal sponsor of the Kingwood 5K.



Summer Things to do at Kingwood

GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

See Kingwood's gardens through the eyes of a professional garden photographer. Rich Pomerantz will share what he has learned from over fifteen years photographing gardens for magazines such as Garden Design and Horticulture through illustrated lectures, and hands-on demonstrations. Students should bring their camera and manual, along with a laptop for editing, if possible. Lunch is included in the fee. Class size is limited.

Friday, July 15 7 AM to 5:30 PM Meeting Hall
Rich Pomerantz \$92 fee, members & volunteers \$87

POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Kingwood's gardens will be the setting for these evenings of poetry led by different local poets each week. Each host will lead a discussion of selected readings from the works of poets who influenced them, and how those poems work to convey emotion and meaning. Meet in Workshop Courtyard.

Thursdays, July 21, 28 August 4, 18, 25 6:30 to 8:00 PM Gardens
John Makley (moderator) \$12 fee, members & volunteers \$9

HYPERTUFA CONTAINERS

Hypertufa is a lightweight concrete mixture that can be molded into all kind of shapes for making containers for planting. Ben Simpson will tell about the history of hypertufa, its various uses, and show participants how to make their own container to take home. Materials are included in the fee.

Saturday, July 23 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Behind Service Building
Ben Simpson \$25 Fee, members & volunteers \$21

RAISING CHICKENS IN YOUR BACKYARD

As food prices rise, more and more people are raising their own chickens for eggs and meat. Matt Wittmer, who has raised chickens for many years on his one acre property, can help you get started. He'll talk about the different types of chickens, where to find them, where to find supplies, how to raise them.

Saturday, July 30 10 TO 11:30 AM Meeting Hall
Matt Wittmer \$9 fee, members & volunteers \$7

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

When one half inch of rain falls on a 1,000 square foot roof, nearly 300 gallons of water will run off of it. If you'd like to capture some of that water for your garden, let Master Gardener and Environmental Consultant Debbie Sickmiller show you how to make a rain barrel that will. Most commercial rain barrels cost more than \$100, but in this workshop you will make a 55 gallon one to take home for much less. All materials are included in fee.

Saturday, September 3 10 to 11:30 AM Exhibit Hall
Debbie & Bill Sickmiller \$55 fee, members & volunteers \$50

Summer Concerts Return

Thanks to the tremendous effort of Eddie Chiudioni with the American Federation of Musicians local 159, the Friday Night Summer Concert Series in the Workshop Courtyard will return this summer. Reduced funding at the national level had brought up some concerns, but the fifty piece AFM Concert Band is now scheduled to kick off the seven concert series on July 8 at 7:00 PM. The concerts are free and admission to Kingwood is free after 6 PM. The Linden gate will be opened at 6 on concert nights. See the back page for a complete listing of the concerts at Kingwood this summer.



Call to Register: 419-522-0211 ext 0

Advance registration & payment required.

Fees include materials and admission for non-members.

GARDEN WALKS

Bill Collins and John Makley will be leading free tours of Kingwood's gardens, and answering any questions about what you see along the way. Meet in front of Kingwood Hall.

Saturdays, July 30 & August 27 10 to 11 a.m.

Sundays, July 31 & August 28 11 to noon

GARDEN EXPLORERS

A series of forays into the dark mysterious world of the garden. Expedition leader John Makley, and members of the Richland County Master Gardeners will take children ages 6-12 on an exciting journey into a garden's heart exploring bugs, dirt, weeds, and pizza. Each week will explore a different topic through hands-on demonstrations, and walks through the Kingwood gardens. Admission and snack included in fee.

Wednesdays, July 20, 27 August 3, 17 10 to 11:30 AM Exhibit Hall
John Makley/ Master Gardeners \$4 fee/session, members & volunteers \$3

BUG PUPPETS

Join Kay Hostetler backstage of the Kingwood Puppet Theatre to make your own bug puppet. The hardest part will be choosing whether to make a Lady Bug or a Dragonfly. Then listen to puppet stories as told by Carol Au.

Thursday, July 28 10 to 11:30 AM Meeting Hall Ages 5 & up
Kay Hostetler & Carol Au \$6 fee, members & volunteers \$5

SUPER SUMMER SATURDAY

Gather the family around the Story Stump and listen to some cool stories from Kingwood story teller Carol Au. Then continue the journey to the Exhibit Hall where there will be some cool snacks, and then some very cool birds from the Bird Sanctuary.

Saturday, August 6 10 AM to 12 PM Meet in front of Kingwood Hall
John Makley/Carol Au \$4 fee, members & volunteers \$3 (Parents are free!)

KALEIDOSCOPE WORKSHOP

The colorful, changing patterns of kaleidoscopes always fascinate children of all ages. Kingwood member and volunteer, Mary Jo Hull will teach children ages 5 and up how to make a kaleidoscope of their own to take home. A collector of kaleidoscopes, she will show the class some of her favorites.

Saturday, August 20 10 AM to 12 PM Exhibit Hall
Mary Jo Hull \$7 fee, members & volunteers \$6



The Music Man

Eddie Chiudioni has been making music happen in Mansfield for over fifty years. Originally from Steubenville, Eddie came to the area in 1958 to teach music. A long time member of the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra, and Director of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra for the past 21 years, Eddie has been bringing music to Kingwood for over thirty years. As Secretary/Treasurer of the AFM Local 159 he began and continues to organize the Summer Concert Series that brings AFM musicians to Kingwood and the surrounding communities. Many thanks to Eddie for all that he has done.



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2011 Hours

GROUNDS:

March & November 8 AM to 5 PM daily

April - October 8 AM to 7 PM daily

GREENHOUSES:

March 1 through October 31

8 AM to 4:20 PM Daily

KINGWOOD HALL:

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Summer Calendar

JULY

2-3 OHIO LILY SOCIETY SHOW

Meeting Hall, Saturday, 2 to 5 PM
Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM

8 CONCERT - THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS CONCERT BAND

Courtyard Garden, 7 to 8:30 PM

9 OHIO DAYLILY SOCIETY SALE

Exhibit Hall, 12 Noon to 3 PM

9 OHIO DAYLILY SOCIETY SHOW

Meeting Hall, 1 PM to 4:30 PM

15 GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

15 CONCERT - THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS CONCERT BAND

Courtyard Garden, 7 to 8:30 PM

20 GARDEN EXPLORERS

First session

21 POETRY IN THE GARDEN

First session

22 CONCERT - STARDUST

Courtyard Garden, 7 to 8:30 PM

23 HYPERTUFA CONTAINER WORKSHOP

27 GARDEN EXPLORERS

Second session

28 CHILDREN'S BUG PUPPETS WORKSHOP

28 POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Second session

29 CONCERT - THE RIBTICKLERS

Courtyard Garden, 7 to 8:30 PM

30 GARDEN WALK

Bill Collins, 10 to 11 AM FREE

30 GARDEN WALK

John Makley, 11 to noon, FREE

AUGUST

3 GARDEN EXPLORERS

Third session

4 POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Third session

5 CONCERT - GOOD COMPANY

Courtyard Garden, 7 to 8:30 PM



6 SUPER SUMMER SATURDAY

12 CONCERT - PERCY HALL DANCE ORCHESTRA

Courtyard Garden,
7 to 8:30 PM

14 OHIO DAYLILY SOCIETY SALE & AUCTION

Exhibit Hall, 12 Noon to 5 PM

17 GARDEN EXPLORERS

Final session

18 POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Fourth session

20 CHILDREN'S KALEIDOSCOPE WORKSHOP

25 POETRY IN THE GARDEN

Final session

27 GARDEN WALK

John Makley, 10 to 11 AM FREE

27-28 MANSFIELD MEN'S GARDEN CLUB FALL HARVEST SHOW

Meeting Hall, Saturday, 2 to 5 PM
Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM

28 GARDEN WALK

John Makley, 11 to noon, FREE

SEPTEMBER

3 RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

3-5 RICHLAND CAMERA CLUB PHOTO SHOW & CONTEST

Meeting Hall, 10 AM to 6 PM Daily

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