

ARBORETUM UPDATE!

Spring 2014



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Letter from the Manager



Grass has finally made an appearance outside of my office window for the first time in months. The Arboretum has transformed from a sea of white to a sea of brown, but will soon be adorned in lovely shades of green. Spring will be here before we know it and the plant growth on the grounds will be mirrored by growth in the Arboretum's programming and master plan development.

The Zorniger Education Center will feature an ambitious schedule of programming this spring. We kicked off the year with the 2014 Miami Valley Orchid Society's annual Spring Orchid Show. Over 1600 visitors braved late winter snow storms to bask in the splendor of blooming tropical

orchids, representing species from around the world. The 2014 Leave No Child Inside Summit brought educators together to explore opportunities to increase access to nature and encourage children to play in the woods. The Miami Valley Quilt Network has sponsored: "Five Rivers MetroParks: Magic in Fabric" during the months of March and April. Art quilts depicting MetroPark scenes will be on display in the Huffman Gallery. Don't miss this opportunity to view a special quilt depicting Cox Arboretum's very own Monet Bridge. We round out spring with our annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 25 followed on Saturday, April 26 by the annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale.

Visitors gazing through the glass of the Huffman Gallery will be able to witness the renovation of two of the most popular features at the Arboretum, the Crabapple Allée and Clematis Arbor. Over 100 Kousa dogwoods were delivered to the Arboretum in early March and will soon be planted as part of the Allée renovation project. Architects Earl Reeder and Associates have presented a preliminary design for the new Clematis Arbor that is sure to be a favorite with future brides and grooms. The renovated Allée and updated Arbor will fulfill yet another master plan design element as we bring the artistry of renowned landscape architect Francoise Goffinet to life.

The Cincinnati design firm Human Nature has been selected to develop a schematic design for the long awaited Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. One of the most notable projects on the firm's resume was the Hills and Dales MetroPark renovation. Design elements for the Center will include facilities for the popular Five Rivers MetroParks' Forrest Foster Tree Program and Cox Arboretum MetroPark's very own native plant and wildflower propagation program.

Rounding out our plans for spring will be the ongoing expansion of the Magnolia and Lilac collections at the Arboretum which have been made possible by a generous gift from the Niehaus Family. The pastel blooms from our fall planting of magnolias and the sweet aromas from the lilacs on the grounds will surely erase the recent memories of what will be recorded in the record books as one of the snowiest and coldest winters on record. Spring weather will arrive in due time, so slip on a comfortable pair of shoes and come out to the Arboretum to experience the splendor of nature and don't forget to climb the tree tower for a spectacular view of thousands of blooming bulbs!

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Introducing the 2014 James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation Board



Jennifer Hann Harrison – President
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I have fond memories of gathering fall leaves at Cox Arboretum for my 4th grade class project. As an adult, I enjoy visiting the Arboretum and seeing it change with the seasons. It is such a beautiful asset to our community, and it gives me great pleasure to work with my fellow board members and leaders from Five Rivers MetroParks for the betterment of the Arboretum.

Frank Scott – Immediate Past President

Vice President, Senior Investment Advisor Wealth Management - PNC Bank

I joined Cox Arboretum Foundation Board to help advance the work of prior trustees in keeping this beautiful, restful place a wonderful part of our community that I have personally enjoyed for over 25 years.



Bob Zikias – Board Treasurer
Vice President and CFO - Cox Media Group Ohio

I wanted to be able to represent Cox, and for as long as I've been in Dayton I have always loved the Arboretum.

Mandy Goubeaux

Director, Strategic Initiatives - DPL Inc.

Cox is a very special place for my family. As a Board member, I want to be a part of planning for the Arboretum's future, ensuring it is still a special retreat for generations to come.



Elise Hafenbrack
Account Executive - Chisano Marketing Group

I am very happy to serve on the Foundation Board and support its mission, programs and master plan. I have been enjoying Cox Arboretum for over 35 years. My fondest memories are with my sons, it was our favorite place to go - we would pack a picnic lunch, go hiking and watch the fish.

John Haley
Community Volunteer

All who know the Cox Arboretum know it is unique. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Foundation Board with the extraordinary civic leaders who, in concert with Five Rivers MetroParks leadership, bring their diverse backgrounds to work toward the common goal of supporting and improving this important asset in our community.

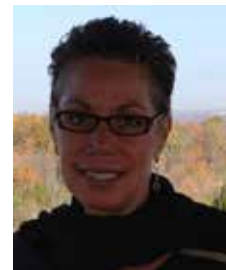


William R. Love
Partner (retired) - Woolpert, Inc.

I was involved in Cox Arboretum many years ago. When I retired in 2004 we moved south, returning in late 2012. A friend suggested I get involved again. What wonderful advice. I enjoy working with the Arboretum team at this exciting time.

Kimberly Robinson
Community Volunteer

An avid gardener and active community volunteer, I was initially drawn to the Arboretum by the breadth of programming and diverse community outreach activities.

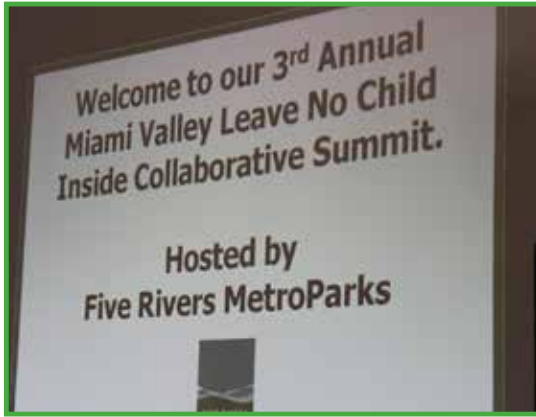


Jeff Siebenthaler
President - The Siebenthaler Company

I believe in the arboretum's mission, and am more than happy to help support the education and enjoyment that Cox provides to the Miami Valley.

Leave No Child Inside

On February 22nd Five Rivers MetroParks held the third annual “Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Summit” at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. This program is a Chapter of the Ohio Leave No Child Inside Collaborative and has been



active since 2008. The goals of the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Chapter are to create areas that children can play outdoors independently, are mentally and physically healthy and understand that they are a part of nature and will want to protect it. The Summit is focused on helping teachers, caregivers, and parents help children connect with nature, whether it's in a school setting, helping garden, visiting a park, or going to a festival.

This year's speakers were Five Rivers MetroParks Executive Director, Becky Benná, who shared the importance of administration support, along with former and current principals, Stephanie Owens & Amy Allen, of Primary Village South Elementary in Centerville who shared

the challenges and victories they faced in accessing nature to build great students with their outdoor classroom. Roberta Paolo & Jody Maher, of Granny's Garden School shared the practical tips on gardens at schools and Sue Cope of the Miami County Park District shared how children can connect with nature through festivals, school, and rocks.

On June 6-7 Five Rivers MetroParks will be joining Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside to host a workshop on June 6 followed by a Traveling Symposium on June 7. The June 7 session will begin at Cox Arboretum MetroPark and include a bus trip to several area locations.

For registration information please visit the Five Rivers MetroParks website at www.metroparks.org.



Miami Valley Quilt Network Exhibit



In 2013 the Miami Valley Quilt Network was commissioned to create quilts inspired by features located within Five Rivers MetroParks. These beautiful quilts are now on display in the Zorniger Education Center at Cox Arboretum through April 23rd. After they leave Cox Arboretum, they will be displayed at Wegerzyn Gardens in May/June and Carriage Hill in July/August. Six new quilts will be added to those shows.

Whether you are a quilter or simply an admirer of beautiful artwork, be sure to stop by the Arboretum to see these amazing pieces of art. Among the quilts are two prominent features found at Cox Arboretum along with a third quilt featuring a popular scene often found on the grounds of the Arboretum on a warm, sunny day.

Many of the quilts will be available for purchase through the Miami Valley Quilt Network following their last exhibit.

Garden Store News

The transformation of the Cox Arboretum Garden Store is underway! We are continually adding more products to the store including one of our most popular new products - Audubon Premium Shade Grown Coffee. Audubon Premium Shade Grown Coffee is grown under a canopy of shade trees, providing wintering habitat that is critical to many species of migratory birds and to preserving the rich biodiversity inherent in tropical rainforests. This coffee has been so popular that we sold out of our first shipment and have quickly replenished our inventory. Another new product line in the Garden Store adding to our plant selection are Bonsai Trees. These beautiful mini trees make great gifts and are a wonderful addition to any home.



If you enjoy being in beautiful surroundings and assisting people, the Garden Store may be the perfect place for you. Garden Store volunteers play a vital role in daily operations where responsibilities include welcoming customers, answering questions about merchandise and the Arboretum and completing sales transactions. Retail experience is a plus but not required, we will train you on simple cash register transactions and opening/closing procedures. Volunteer shifts are available during the week and on the weekends.

To get involved or for additional information please contact Janet Metter at 937-277-4133 or janet.metter@metroparks.org

Cox Select Plant Pick-Up

This year's Cox Select member plant is the Kousa dogwood tree, chosen in honor of the newly transformed Allée. The Kousa dogwood is a small to medium, deciduous flowering tree that grows 15-30' tall, with white bracts resembling flowers that appear in late May and June. Following the flowers in late summer are 1" pinkish red fruit that stay until fall. The tree is available for pick up by members at the Lilac, Cherry, Magnolia, and Founders Society levels starting April 26th at the Wildflower Sale through May 10th at the Reception Desk.



April 2014

26 Saturday

Wildflower and Native Plant Sale 10 am - 2 pm INSIDE the Huffman Gallery

For more information and to see a complete listing of available plants please check out our website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org.

Perennial Program

If you look up perennial in the dictionary you will see it is defined as *“lasting or active through the year or through many years,”* so we thought it more than fitting that the Cox Arboretum Foundation planned giving program be named the “Perennial Fund.” The Perennial Fund was established for families who are dedicated to furthering our mission through planned and charitable gifts that help secure the financial stability of the Foundation. The fund ensures that Cox Arboretum MetroPark continues to be an oasis for the community in the present and for future generations.



There are many ways to make a gift that will help maximize your charitable benefits. The options may offer varied estate, gift or income tax benefits giving you the ability to give more to your family or charity. For more information on planned giving options, visit our website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org under the Contribute section or contact Beth Redden, Director of Development at 937.277.4369. We also encourage you to talk to your financial advisor or attorney about planned giving options.

Member Recognition



This year during the Five Rivers MetroParks Employee Recognition, the 2013 Joan and Bob Siebenthaler Bridge to the Community Award was presented to longtime volunteer and Cox Arboretum Foundation member Liz Bolender. Liz was responsible for the Arboretum’s first Rock Garden, doing meticulous educational research and connecting with area experts to begin collecting suitable plants for the garden. Today her original small group of volunteers has grown to be one of the Arboretum’s largest and self sustaining volunteer

groups. Along with volunteering and chairing the Rock Garden Group, she also served on the Cox Arboretum Associate Board and helped raise funds for the 1979 Visitor Center Building Campaign and Zorniger Education Campus. We greatly appreciate Liz’s dedication and support to Cox Arboretum MetroPark! To read Liz’s entire nomination letter please visit the Member section of our website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org.

New Members

Evan Abla, Sarah Baudry, AJ Brooks, Meaghan Chinn, Kathleen Frazier, Vicki Hertzberg, Brianna Murphy, Peter and Laura Price, Bill Reiley, Kevin Schultz, Christina Silas, Susie Snyder

New Members as of November 2013 - February 2014

Founders Society

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The Founders Society is a group of individuals who are committed to the long-term goals of Cox Arboretum, and give an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

Tribute

In memory of Martha Arnott

Mr. John Buehler
Mr. Harold Buehler
Mr. Thomas Buehler
Ms. Patricia A. Collins
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In memory of Bob Ballard, Jr.

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In memory of Dorothy and Merritt Culp

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In memory of Leo Elwood Phillips

Ms. Sharon P. Bakay
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In memory of Boris and Kay Sokol

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Kress
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Newsock

In memory of Eleanore Brunhouse Taylor

Mr. Floyd Taylor

In memory of Rebecca Frances

“Penna” Love Drew Taylor

Mr. Floyd Taylor

Tribute gifts given November 2013 - February 2014

Tribute Program

Have you ever been strolling the grounds of the Arboretum and noticed plaques on benches and by trees? These trees and benches are part of our tribute program. A tribute gift offers a thoughtful way for individuals or groups to honor loved ones whether it is in celebration of a milestone such as a birthday or anniversary, or in memory of a friend or family member who has passed.

Tribute benches are located throughout the Arboretum and there are three tree types to choose from listed below. With each tribute gift comes a plaque with an inscription from the donor's specifications. If you would like more information on the tribute program please contact Brenda Cox, Development Coordinator (937) 277-4839/brenda.cox@metroparks.org or visit our website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org.



Espresso Kentucky Coffeetree
Gymnocladus dioicus 'Espresso'



White Fringetree
Chionanthus virginicus



Rainbow Pillar Serviceberry
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'Glenn's Upright'



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Park Hours

APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31

8am - 10pm

NOVEMBER 1 - MARCH 31

8am - 8pm

Visitor Center Hours

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Saturday - Sunday 11am - 4pm

DONATE NOW

Have you visited the Foundation website recently? If you have you may have noticed a new updated look. This winter while plants went into dormancy and animals went into hibernation or moved further south, the development staff was hard at work updating the content of the website along with adding an option to donate online. Visitors to the website can now make a donation or join or renew their Foundation membership with one click. Visit the website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org and let us know what you think of the new look.



You're Invited

Arbor Day Celebration
Zorniger Education Center
Friday, April 25, 2014
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Join the Cox Arboretum Foundation in celebrating Arbor Day 2014 and learn the importance of trees and the impact they have on your daily life. The event will begin in the Fifth Third Room with refreshments (featuring Audubon Coffee, sold at the Garden Store) and a short program. Following the program, we will go outside to participate in the planting of the annual Arbor Day tree.

Please RSVP by April 18th to brenda.cox@metroparks.org / 937.277.4839.