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Extending news and information to UTAS members and friends

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Japanese Maples - More than 50 cultivars available

Japanese Maples (*Acer palmatum*) are some of the most versatile plants in a landscape, prized for their foliage and colors. They may be used as accent plants, specimens, or in a border or a container. There are hundreds of cultivars of these deciduous shrubs or small trees that come in a broad range of sizes, shapes and colors. They tolerate a variety of soil and light, and some, like **'Bloodgood'** or **'Sango kaku'** (Coral Bark Maple) can be 20 or more feet tall. Others, such as **'Shishigashira'** (Lion's Head), are good choices for bonsai. Most are adaptable, and like moist, well-drained soil, some shelter from wind and a bit of sun



'Bloodgood' leaves

protection. We'll have over 50 cultivars, and Lashbrooke Nursery general manager Scott Williams will be on hand to help you select the perfect tree.

According to **Ruth Pardue**, local gardening expert, "One of the best plants for using as a focal point is the Japanese Maple." She says, "Most Japanese Maples are four season plants... For more than 300 years, Japanese Maples have been developed and selected for their beauty and variation of form and color. ...[They] have few insect and disease problems. They are drought tolerant and do best when planted slightly above ground level, 2 to 3 inches." Ruth notes, "The supplier of the Japanese Maples will be wholesaler **Lashbrooke Nursery**.... They possess a wealth of knowledge and their plants are of very high quality." She concludes, "Your purchases at the sale will improve your landscape and also help the UT Arboretum Society. The

Arboretum is one of the great treasures of Oak Ridge." We heartily concur!

Check out our website to see color images



Acer palmatum 'Sango kaku' - Coral Bark Maple

and to find more information using the links provided. Go to www.utarboretumsociety.org and click on the 'Newsletters' button in the upper right corner. Select 'Spring 2009' and you'll be there.



President's Letter

It's already past time for me to be out and about in the yard! Too many other chores; next year I will not let chores stand in the way of enjoying these first days as spring really begins to take hold. I made the same resolution last year, however. Isn't this the best time of year? All of those winter ideas that have been buzzing around in your head can now begin to take shape. It is time to put down some preemergent, zap a few early weeds before they start to leave next year's seeds, fertilize, turn over the garden spot, read catalogues and dream, get serious about that quiet garden nook where the bench and shrubs will create that perfect spot in the shade of the yellow wood tree for summer reading- and maybe dozing if the breeze is right. Funny how these notions just don't jump out during winter; but the succession of blooms from pears, magnolias, cherries, and dogwoods seem to shake loose spring thoughts like the blossom petals blowing all over town.

It's also time to think about the Arboretum. The first work day has already come and gone in the planting beds at the Arboretum office. The second workday was April 1 at 9 am. Hope you made it. And did we ever have a grand celebration on Arbor Day at Glenwood School. Working with the City, we planted a red maple. Josh Collins gave the children some great ideas: make this tree your friend, say hello tree, you're looking pretty in those green leaves, give it a good drink when it is dry. Great advice to have the children think of the tree as their friend. Hopefully it will grow with all their attention and join the other plants UTAS has provided over the years on Arbor Day. **Lee Ann Dobbs** did a superb job of organizing this for the umpteenth year-thanks Lee Ann.

The parking lot at the Arboretum is getting heavy use and soon we will be getting those plants in place to make it even more inviting for our visitors. Mark your calendars for April 24 & 25 for the Spring Plant Sale! Did you read **Ruth Pardue's** wonderful article on Japanese Maples in the March issue of *Visions*? That should really boost attendance at our sale. New board member **Beverly Woods** will be calling soon to ask for your help with the sale. It'll take all of us to handle the crowd if everyone is excited about spring, especially after such a dismal, economically depressing fall and winter. I think plants are the comfort food for the soul. Doesn't it feel good to get your hands in the soil, anticipating the results of your labor? I know I'm already thinking about sites for my new Japanese Maples.

'Georgia, Georgia'- one of my favorite songs by Ray Charles. We'll have Georgia on our minds as we get ready for the Georgia Garden Adventure planned by our tour committee, led by **Dennis Superczynski**. Get your reservation in as we have a limited number of openings. UTAS will sponsor a booth at the fabulous community summer celebration, the Secret City Festival, June 19 and 20. The year is already crowded with opportunity; let's make the most of it!

Tom Row, UTAS President

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Director's Desk

Growing up in suburban Nashville, I spent every free minute in my favorite place: the woods. My woods were vacant, undeveloped lots or, if I hiked a little beyond the subdivision, the back-forty of an old farm waiting to be subdivided. On these excursions I could be a frontiersman, an Indian, a soldier or any one of my favorite movie heroes. I could be anything I could imagine. My time in the woods taught me so much. Since I was short and close to the ground, not many insects escaped my curiosity. I loved poking at ant nests. I learned the characteristics of trees and other plants. Though I did not know their names, I knew leaf patterns, smell, bark patterns, seeds and could tell if wood was good for starting a campfire or making a bow or slingshot. These experiences fueled my curiosity and led me to want to learn more; books were another source of information. There were not many nature or frontier exploration books on the school's library shelf which didn't have my name on the check-out card. My Boy Scout days rounded out this deep tie to the outdoors and set me on the career path that has taken me to where I am today. These early experiences in nature are the foundation of who I am today and, as I expect for many of you, your time outdoors was equally formative in your life experiences.

This takes me to my point: my delight when I see children experiencing, exploring, and discovering nature within the Arboretum's bounds. This is a perfect place for children to come and share in some of the same experiences that we may have had growing up. Studies show that children who engage in outdoor activities are healthier, perform better in school, have better social skills and self-image, and lead more fulfilled lives.

Tennessee's *No Child Left Inside* Coalition wants to promote and support opportunities that encourage children to engage with and experience the outdoors. Concerns about youth detachment from the outdoors, lack of physical exercise and increased health risks led the Coalition to adopt the Tennessee Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and ask Governor Bredesen to formally endorse this document. These children's rights include: walk in the woods, play outside, explore nature, watch wildlife, grow a garden, splash in the water, camp under the stars, learn to swim, climb a tree, and go fishing.

I can see a role for the Arboretum promoting these children's rights, and an opportunity for the Arboretum to gain recognition and support for what we have been providing for nearly 45 years. For example, the wonderment on the children's faces at the Arboretum Society's Owl Prowl when the owls were brought out of their cages is proof enough. Let's keep these ideas in mind when we consider what the Arboretum means to us, and the potential it has to enrich generations of children who need this special place more than ever.

Richard Evans, Director

<http://forestry.tennessee.edu>

Upcoming Events

Plant Sale 2009 Features Japanese Maple



Friday, April 24, 5-7 pm - Members Only - Join or Renew at the Door
Saturday, April 25, 9-3 - Public Sale

Local wholesale vendor, Lashbrooke Nursery, will offer more than 50 cultivars of Japanese Maple, many of them rare, plus a number of west coast conifers.



Support UTAS and find an outstanding variety of high quality plants, including many hard-to-find specimens as well as old favorites. Our regular vendors, Beaver Creek Nursery, East Fork Nursery, and Sunlight Gardens will be there, and we'll have some Crape Myrtles and Dogwoods, too. Shop early for best selection. Membership lapsed?

Never joined? We can take care of that when you arrive at the sale, so come on down!

Friends of UT Gardens Plant Sale

Friday, May 8, 4-6 p.m. & Saturday, May 9, 9-2 at the entrance to the UT Gardens

Featured Plant: Roses A wide assortment of veggies, herbs, annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs will also be sold. Support the Friends of UT Gardens!

Migratory Bird Day: Walk with Jim Evans

Saturday, May 9, 7 a.m. - arrive at 6:45 at the UT Arboretum

Celebrate Migratory Bird Day - Bring binoculars!

Katie Cottrell gives us another opportunity to look for birds as we walk with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officer **Jim Evans**. Jim has led many walks on the Oak Ridge Reservation and at the Arboretum. He is a very knowledgeable birder, and previous walks have turned up some interesting birds. Participants should arrive by 6:45 as the walk will start at 7 a.m. Bring your binoculars and join us!



Georgia Garden Adventure

Thursday, June 4 - Sunday, June 7

Dennis Superczynski is *On the Road Again* and has put together another outstanding garden tour, this time in Georgia. The deadline to reserve is past, so if you haven't already claimed your spot, you'll just have to settle for hearing all about what you missed this year, and pledge to sign up on time next year.

Secret City Festival

Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20

The Oak Ridge Secret City Festival brings two days of fun, food, activities for all ages, arts, crafts, antiques, and lots of entertainment, including a USO Variety Act and a concert by Survivor. UTAS has a booth - stop in and see us or, better yet, volunteer to work a few hours there. It's an easy way to help out and to have a great time while you're at it. Don't forget the **Lavender Festival** in Historic Jackson Square, part of the Secret City Festival, too.

Stumped?

What is that shrub with yellow flowers on bare branches near the Visitors Center (late March)?



It's **Spicebush** (Lauraceae *Lindera benzoin*), a deciduous shrub named for its aromatic flowers, leaves and branches. It flowers along bare branches before leaves appear. Find out more about this and other plants at UTA's website <http://www.discoveret.org/utarboretum/featuredplants.htm>

Email your questions about trees, woody plants, or wildlife to our Green Thumb experts.

View Branches Online

Look for an email reminder from UTAS with a link to *Branches* on our website. There, you can see it in color and link to websites, etc. You can also see what else is up at the Arboretum and UTAS. Just go to www.UTArboretumSociety.org and check it out any time.

Email & Membership Notes

We need your email addresses so that you don't miss out on important information. We never share your email address with anyone else. Please send an email to emily@jernigans.net and we will add you to our database.

If your email address changes, please notify me. You may need to add us to your address book so our emails don't get sent automatically to 'junk' or the trash.

If your mailing address changes, please notify us. The Post Office charges us for every piece of returned mail. Send an email to emily@jernigans.net.

Renew now! Check your *Branches* label for your membership expiration date! You'll get a reminder, or go to www.utarboretumsociety.org and download a form there.

News About Natives

March has reawakened their green thumbs! They resumed their monthly work meetings, starting with upkeep on the Visitor's Center beds. After checking for winter damage, they removed the weeds and applied Preen to the beds in what will be an ongoing effort to minimize weeds.

They cut back the *Caryopteris* and pruned other shrubs damaged during the winter. They are planning a new, stronger structure for the honeysuckle. This group is now also working on the hillside beds containing azaleas, many donated by Huey Sides of Oak Ridge. The new parking area will soon be ready for its plants, and this group will help with that project, too.

Join them at 9 am on the third Wednesday of the month, except in winter, at the Arboretum Visitors Center. Contact **Lee Ann Dobbs** to join this group. 482-6656 or leadob@bellsouth.net



Dr. Will Witte, the Answer Man, and Ruth Pardue, gardener extraordinaire

New Trail Signs & Markers

By Bob Reed, UTAS board member who helped develop the signs



Trail Directional Signs

The expansion of the Arboretum's trail system is nearing completion. One of the final touches has been preparing and installing signs for the new and existing trails. These trail signs supplement the basic trail map available at the Visitors Center and on the Arboretum's web site, providing clear directions for hikers. Additional information on the length of trails and their steepness is being developed and will be available soon on the Arboretum's web site. A set of "You Are Here" signs will be posted soon at several trail intersections giving hikers additional information on their location and options for continuing their hikes.

Another feature being added along the trails is a set of posts indicating the start and end of

each trail and marking increments of one-tenth mile. These markers have already been placed along the Cemetery Ridge Trail and will be installed along other trails as time permits. When you are hiking, you may notice small yellow flags along the edge of the trails. These temporary markers locate the position for the permanent 0.1 mile marking posts.



Trail Marking Post

New Board Member

Debbie Roberts' love of plants and gardening started in high school when she took a forestry class, and started working for a landscape / maintenance company in Alabama where she grew up. She got a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Auburn. She moved to east Tennessee in 2004 and fulfilled a dream of living close to the Smoky Mountains.

She got a job as grower at Ridge Greenhouse and worked with the Oak Ridge Chamber and ORNL. After several projects with the Dogwood Arts Festival and the city of Oak Ridge, she started giving talks to local garden clubs. She saw the need for qualified landscape installers and gardeners to help people fulfill their landscape dreams and maintain their gardens. She started Plant Concepts in January of 2006. The business flourished and her husband, Brandon, joined the business in October 2007, doing irrigation maintenance and back flow testing. They have a son Logan, 3, who enjoys helping out and being outdoors. She is happy to be joining the UTAS board.

Former Featured Plants

Do you remember these Featured Plants from the past? The tradition of having a featured plant at our sale started in 1990 when **Harold Elmore** was Plant Sale Chair. This is the same man whose keen interest in hollies led to the establishment of what we now know as the Harold Elmore Memorial Holly Garden. He is clearly a man who made a difference! **Norm Dobbs** tracked down the plants and suggested that we share the list with our readers. **Eileen Neiler**, **Richard Evans** and **Will Witte** consulted on the history.

1990	Silverbell	2000	Shrub Rose
1991	Hydrangea	2001	Azalea
1992	Mountain Laurel	2002	Virginia Sweetspire
1993	Dogwood	2003	Summersweet
1994	Trio of Southern Beauties: Eastern Redbud, Yellowwood & Sourwood	2004	Fothergilla
1995	Hosta	2005	Hydrangea and Dogwood
1996	Redbud	2006	Magnolia
1997	Butterfly Bush	2007	Viburnum
1998	Ivy	2008	Crape Myrtle
1999	Fringe Tree	2009	Japanese Maple

New & Renewing Members Thanks!

Debbie Allen
 Bill & Lucretia Atterson
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PLANT SALE 2009

Featuring Japanese Maples

April 24 5 - 7 pm Members Only - Join or Renew at the Door

April 25 9 - 3 Open to the Public



Orange Dream

Acer palmatum 'Orange Dream'

UT Vol fan? This one's for you! Unusual, upright bushy form with bright green bark, orange/yellow leaves in spring that turn yellow-green in summer and flaming yellow gold in the fall. Leaf color is well maintained throughout the seasons. Growth is slow, so it's good in containers, and eventually forms a small tree 8-10' tall.

Seiryu - Green Dragon

Acer palmatum 'Seiryu'



One of the only upright plants with delicate threadleaf foliage, 'Seiryu' is one of the hardiest and most vigorous Japanese Maples, reaching 10-12' in a vase-shaped plant. With bright green foliage in spring and summer, it turns a superb gold to crimson in fall. Grows fairly quickly in full sun or bright shade, and is suitable for a woodland border focal point or in a large container.



Sango Kaku Coral Bark Maple

Acer palmatum 'Sango Kaku'

Delicate new leaves are lively green tinged with red, becoming light green in the summer and bright yellow gold with light red overtones in autumn. Sensational coral tone on winter twigs makes a fabulous winter display. It is upright and will eventually grow 20-25' tall and 18-22' wide. Some prune this tree back every spring to stimulate vigorous new growth that is the most brightly colored. Tolerates most soils and is drought tolerant.

Bloodgood

Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood'



Perhaps the best of the large-leaved, deep red-purple cultivars. Excellent leaf color retention. Small upright, rounded head tree maturing to 15-20' with excellent red fall color. Striking specimen.



Shishigashira - Lion's Head

Acer palmatum 'Shishigashira'

Unlike any other Japanese Maple, this bold, striking cultivar has thickly textured, semi-glossy deep green curled, crinkly leaves that maintain their color well into fall, when they turn bright shades of crimson and gold. The clusters of leaves alternate with leafless branch areas, leading to its 'Lion's Head' name. It displays best fall color with more sun. Can grow to 15' tall, yet it is one of the best bonsai trees in the world. Slow growing.

Crimson Queen

Acer palmatum 'Crimson Queen'



Popular red laceleaf with cascading form. Excellent color retention of dark purple-red leaves that turn crimson in fall. Grows slowly to 3-4' in 10 years, will eventually reach 8-10' tall and 12' wide.

Meet some of our other stars

Beaver Creek Nursery, East Fork Nursery, Sunlight Gardens and other vendors will offer more trees, shrubs, garden plants and perennials

Crape Myrtle Pink Velour

Lagerstroemia indica x 'Whit III'

This hardy semi-dwarf (10-14' tall and wide) Whitcomb introduction has bright reddish pink crinkly flowers. These play off its gorgeous, showy burgundy wine new foliage, which then turns purplish-green. Fall color is orange. The flowers remain from late spring into fall. It's very drought tolerant and has high mildew resistance. Use as a colorful accent, a screen, a specimen or in groupings. Won the 2007 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's 'Gold Medal Plant Award.'



Crape Myrtle Raspberry Sundae

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit I' Cultivar

This Crape is special in many ways. Its 6-9 inch flowers are raspberry red with white margins, and are somewhat fragrant. It will grow to 15-20 feet tall and 7-10 feet wide.

The foliage starts out crimson before turning bronze and finally dark green. It has an upright, fairly narrow profile, with fewer than usual side branches, making it a good choice for



screens or informal hedges as well as for specimen or bed groupings and perennial borders. Plant this Crape in heavy loam or clay soil that drains well. It's very drought tolerant, and has the best fall color (orange) of the Whitcomb Crapes. Round seed capsules and attractive bark add to the year-round pleasure this Crape will give you. Moderate mildew resistance, so plant in full sun with plenty of air circulation and do not prune for best results. Deer resistant!

Crape Myrtle Tonto

Lagerstroemia (indica x fauriei) 'Tonto'

Developed at the US National Arboretum,



Tonto is another hardy, adaptable, mildew resistant, easy-to-grow Crape. It likes heavy loam or clay soil, as long as it has good drainage, and does best in full sun. Tonto's 6 inch vibrant, dark fuchsia blooms begin in July and last until

September, and they stand out in a landscape. Its foliage is dark

green tinged with bronze before turning a bright, deep maroon in fall. It keeps its leaves well into fall before they fall to reveal a peeling mottled cream and taupe bark. Tonto is a semi-dwarf, reaching 5-8' both tall and wide, so it may be used in large containers as well as in informal borders, planting beds, or as a specimen. It won the Georgia Gold Medal in 1996, and the Mississippi Medallion in 1999.

Dogwood 'Cherokee Brave'

Cornus florida cultivar

This very popular red-flowered dogwood has excellent resistance to powdery mildew and is quite fast growing. Its larger than usual burgundy red bracts shade to a white center. Spring foliage is red-tinged, and it has brilliant fall color and berries. It likes partial shade, especially in the afternoon.

15-25 feet tall and 15-20 feet wide.



Dogwood 'Cherokee Princess'

Cornus florida cultivar



A heavy bloomer, it produces very large snow white bracts, 5 inches in diameter, on a broad-spreading and dense plant. The

horizontal branches create a layer cake effect. Reasonable resistance to powdery mildew, spot anthracnose, and stem canker. Grows 15-30 feet in both directions.

More Japanese Maples

Baby Lace *Acer palmatum* 'Baby Lace'

The first laceleaf witch's broom form ever developed, its finely dissected leaves are a jumble of pink, red and green in spring. They turn a soft, solid green in summer and back to red in the fall. A slow growing dwarf with round habit, it grows 2-5' tall. Rare.

Katsura *Acer palmatum* 'Katsura'

Katsura is a spectacular plant with bright yellow-orange spring leaf coloration that changes to a bright pale green in summer and back to orange and yellow in autumn.

One of the first to leaf out in spring, Katsura forms a 4-5' sized upright, vase-shaped tree with dense foliage. A good choice for bonsai.

Japanese Sunrise *Acer palmatum* 'Japanese Sunrise'

A witch's broom form of 'Sango kaku' - Coral Bark Maple. Has similar characteristics with a smaller growth habit. Excellent bark coloration with transitions of yellow/green to orange to red throughout the seasons. Leaves in fall are orange and red.

Koto no ito *Acer palmatum* 'Koto no ito'

Deeply divided foliage is larger on young plants and becomes long and thin like fringe as the plant matures. This dainty maple grows to 4-6' in 10 years, eventually reaching from 6-9 feet. Leaves emerge with crimson tinges before turning to solid green in summer. In fall, it turns yellow, burnt orange, and red.

UTAS Membership Application

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Society Friend \$100 Family \$45

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JUST THE FACTS

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Help Wanted

Ongoing

- **Native Plant Group** meets the third Wednesday most months. Lee Ann Dobbs, 482-6656 or leadob@bellsouth.net
- **Plant Collections Committee:** identify existing specimens, select, buy and plant new and or replacement plants, etc. **Lynn Carlson**, lbcarlson@alumni.indiana.edu
- **Choose Your Own Spot!** Let us know what tickles your fancy. Email: utarboretumsociety@gmail.com

Special Events

- **Spring Plant Sale:** help us set up, take down, or work during the sale. We need parkers, cashiers, tally clerks, and plant-knowledgeable helpers. Contact **Beverly Woods**, 482-3212, bwoods800@comcast.net or **Tom Row** 482-9096, tomhrow@bellsouth.net
- **Secret City Festival:** Join fellow UTAS members for a few hours at our booth. **Tom Row**, 482-9096, tomhrow@bellsouth.net

Thanks!

Lee Ann Dobbs coordinated, for the umteenth year, our Arbor Day ceremony. She's ready for someone to relieve her!

Bob Reed for continued work on trail signs.

Fred & Joyce Maienschein have donated reference books for the UTA library.

How to Find Us

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Looking to the Future...

The UT Arboretum Endowment Campaign

A \$3 million endowment campaign has been initiated to secure future funding for the UT Arboretum. The **Rogers Group** has pledged a **\$500,000** Founding Gift to the Endowment. The **UT Arboretum Society** has contributed **\$20,000** to this effort, continuing its longstanding support of the Arboretum.

Now we need to engage everyone to fully achieve our goal. You can assist this effort in many ways:

Become an ambassador for the Arboretum and spread the word about the Endowment:

- Include the Arboretum Endowment in your estate planning
- Help the campaign partners identify potential donors
- Talk about how much the Arboretum has meant to you, your children and the community
- Honor loved ones with memorials to the Endowment

The endowment will fund critical features of a grand vision for the future of the University of Tennessee Arboretum that will include:

- Expanded collections of plants
- Creation of an Arboretum coordinator position
- Improved facilities for public access and enjoyment
- Enhancement of the grounds, displays, and trails
- Perpetuation and care of existing plant collections
- Creation of vibrant education and outreach programs

If you have questions, need information, or wish to share your idea for funding the UT Arboretum Endowment, please contact:

UT Institute of Agriculture Office of Development- Thomas Looney - 865-974-8622

UT Arboretum -Richard Evans - 865-483-3571

UT Arboretum Society -Tom Row 482-9096

To contribute to the Endowment Fund, make your check payable to the University of Tennessee and indicate in the memo line that you want your contribution credited to the UT Arboretum Endowment Fund. Mail it to the UT Institute of Agriculture, Development Office, 107 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996-4502.

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