

# Branches

*Extending news and information to UTAS members and friends*

Issue No 21 - Winter 2011

## UTAS President's Message

Tom Row is tired of the cold and ready for spring. We have lots of events planned, both indoors and outdoors, starting in February, so come on down!

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## Stumped? Ask us!

Are there any plants that bloom in the middle of all this cold weather? I need a break from all this gray!

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



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## Director's Desk Richard Evans

Richard Evans discusses the many ways the Arboretum serves the public, including numerous Boy Scout Eagle projects that have literally altered the Arboretum's landscape.

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## Tour: Philadelphia International Flower Show

Dennis Superczynski has put together another fantastic tour, this time to Philly for "Springtime in Paris." **Reservations due February 11.**

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## Upcoming Events

- Feb 19 Tools & Landscape Ideas Workshop
- Feb 21 Lecture: Local Earthquakes
- Mar 4 Arbor Day
- Mar 9-12 Tour to the Philadelphia Flower Show
- Mar 19 Father/Daughter Hike
- Apr 2 Holly Work Day
- Apr 15 & 16 Plant Sale

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## Seed Saving Project

The Native Plant Group collected dried seed heads from plants before they prepared the Arboretum's Visitor Center beds for winter by cutting back the perennials. After a thorough drying, the seeds were separated from the chaff and packaged for distribution.



*River Oats seeds harvested by the Native Plant Group from the beds around the Arboretum Visitor's Center.*

Director Richard Evans suggested that the seed packets would be a good giveaway at community events like Ag Day and Field Day. We prepared 200 packets of seeds for distribution. Various

quantities of purple coneflower, threadleaf blue star, river oats, ornamental okra, black-eyed susan, joe-pye weed, wild blue indigo, and cardinal flower made up the collection.

The smallest and most labor intensive seeds were those of the cardinal flower; the *Baptisia* (wild blue indigo) had the largest and most easily harvested seed pods. The threadleaf Amsonia (*Amsonia hubrichtii*) had seeds resembling broken pencil leads that were encased in tough slender pods. Some seed heads were mostly fluff and should come with a disclaimer that the Arboretum is not responsible if the seeds are not viable!

## Trilliums Donated & Planted

On a cool, sunny morning in November, Richard Evans and several UTAS volunteers got a lesson in the fine art of planting trilliums. **Craig Voris**, a grower of nursery-seed propagated *Trilliums* from Loudon, TN, graciously donated more than 50 8-year old *Trillium cuneatum*

rhizomes to the Arboretum, and showed us how to plant them correctly. Richard and UTAS volunteers planted them in four locations: on the bank south of the Valley Road; on both the lower and upper Heath Cove Trails; and on the Cross Roads Trail, south of the North Forest Loop Road. UTAS volunteers for this event included: **Lynn Carlson, Janet Cushman, Lee Ann and Norm Dobbs, Lynda Haynes, Pat Hunsicker and Irene Sullivan.**



*UTAS volunteers enjoying time outdoors at the Arboretum, learning about the finer points of successful Trillium planting from expert, **Craig Voris**, a professional grower who donated the plants. Come by the Arboretum and check out the fruits of their labors.*



## President's Letter

The start of another year! We had Russians visiting Oak Ridge in December and they arrived without their winter gear as they had been told Tennessee is very *nice* in December! It seems like it's been snowing ever since, and we're dreaming of spring.

If you visit the Arboretum this spring, we'll greet you with plenty of color. The plantings around the new parking lot and the Azaleas given by **Huey Sides** will have beautiful blooms, as will the gardens in front of the Center. We have a dedicated group of members that provide the labor that goes into these garden areas, led by **Lee Ann Dobbs'** team and **Lynn Carlson's** Plant Collection team. Lynn's team is also working on an outstanding expansion to our viburnum collection.

We have almost completed our calendar of events for 2011. Check our web site, [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org) and *Branches* for more details. We will have two lectures at Roane State, our regular Spring and Fall Plant Sales, Bird Walks, Holly Collection Work Days, and the Owl Prowl, among many other events. Want to get out and loosen up your muscles? Join us for work days at the Holly Collection and share a Saturday morning learning about these beautiful plants. Our collection is excellent, and we'll be happy to share our knowledge as we do the maintenance needed to keep the collection one of the best in this region. Our Bird Walk is an annual favorite, and the Owl Prowl this past year had an enormous attraction. **Katie Cottrell** and her group brought a great horned owl and released the recovered bird during the event! **Kris Light's** three programs promise to be tremendously interesting as always.

This year UTAS, the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge will witness the passing of the baton. **Richard Evans**, longtime Director of the Forestry Research Center, will be retiring in June. We'll have a reception for him at the Center on June 21 from 4 – 6 p.m. While he will be helping with the transition to a new Director for some months following his retirement, we want to give you and the many people that appreciate the tremendous amount of work he has accomplished at the Center the opportunity to come by and wish Richard and Carol the best. Put June 21 on your calendar now and look for more details later. See you at the Arboretum!

~Tom Row, UTAS President  
[tomhrow@bellsouth.net](mailto:tomhrow@bellsouth.net), 865-482-9096



## Director's Desk

In what ways does the UT Arboretum serve the public? Being a resource for learning and research through its connections to the University of Tennessee, the overt display of experimental projects, and the ever present students traipsing about may come to mind. Or, you might put a higher personal value on the Arboretum's aesthetic attributes: the open vistas, forested landscapes, trails, and places for quite repose. Certainly, you would associate the many public programs offered by the Arboretum and UT Arboretum Society each year – bird walks, plant sales, special lectures, professional meetings, etc. – as being an obvious public good. Perhaps you have contacted the Arboretum staff with a question: What plant is this? What is this insect? How do I prune? We serve the public as a go-to source for answers to your specific problems. However, there other ways we serve the public that may go unnoticed.

Over the years I have taken great pleasure in seeing many groups use the Arboretum for planned activities, usually on the weekends. These users could be part of a Boy or Girl Scouting group, a hiking club here for a few hours of walking and communing with nature, or a small church group getting together for a shared brotherhood experience. The Arboretum affords the public these opportunities just by its presence. In a more structured way, the Arboretum also serves individuals and groups who come to us with specific needs.

For example, do you know the Arboretum has provided the venue and directed the efforts of over 25 Boy Scouts who completed their Eagle Scout public service projects here? There are few trails within the Arboretum that have not been improved by the work of an Eagle Scout to-be! These projects have included refurbishing signs, building bridges and steps, installing trail conservation structures, rerouting trails, and the complete construction new trail segments. The Eagle Scout project is meant to be the capstone experience in Scouting – where a Scout plans and implements his project as a demonstration of skills learned through Scouting and then applied to public service. The Arboretum takes great pride in being a part of these efforts and lending its resources to this cause – another of our many ways of serving the public.

See our website for more information:

<http://forestry.tennessee.edu>

~Richard Evans, Director



## Upcoming Events

### Landscaping Maintenance - Tools and Ideas

Saturday, February 19 9 a.m. The Arboretum Shop Building

Jeff Holt will lead this workshop that will help you get ready for spring with all kinds of tips and ideas. This will be held indoors at the Arboretum's shop building. Follow the signs when you arrive.

### Earthquakes: Does East TN Have an Earthquake Hazard? A Lecture by Dr. Robert Hatcher

Monday, February 21 7 p.m. City Room, Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge

Dr. Robert Hatcher, UT Professor of Tectonics and Structural Geology, will fill in the cracks of our earthquake knowledge. This lecture is free and open to the public, and UTAS will accept donations that will be used to support the Arboretum.

### Arbor Day/Tree City Celebration

Friday, March 4 10 a.m. Arboretum

The Society cosponsors the annual Arbor Day observance with the City of Oak Ridge. This year, Linden Elementary School will host the program and UTAS will provide the school with a tree that they have chosen. This is held in conjunction with the Tree City Award that Oak Ridge has received for the past 23 years. This means that there are students who participated in some of these Arbor Day activities who are now about 30 years old and may even have children of their own helping dig the holes the way their parents did! Lee Ann Dobbs coordinates this effort.

### Tour: Philadelphia International Flower Show, Springtime in Paris

March 9-12 Get your reservation in ASAP



The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society 2011 annual garden tour will host its guests at the Philadelphia International Flower Show. This year's show features Paris, the beautiful City of Light and the capital of art, fashion, food, and love, from March 9-12 at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The tour will be three days with an optional fourth open day to visit the historic city of Philadelphia at your own pace. See separate article for full details. Dennis Superczynski heads the group that plans these tours.

### Father/Daughter Hike

Saturday, March 19 9 a.m. Arboretum

Jeff Holt's event was very popular last year, so he's giving a repeat performance. Jeff will lead about an hour's hike at the Arboretum, giving fathers and daughters an opportunity to spend some time together outdoors. Wear clothes appropriate to the weather and outdoor walking shoes. Jeff Holt is an experienced forester and outdoor enthusiast.

### Holly Work Day

Saturday, April 2 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Holly Collection, Arboretum

The Elmore Holly Collection will look its spring best, with your help. Join the Holly Task Force for a few enjoyable hours outdoors. Learn more about hollies from some experts and help the Arboretum, too. A light luncheon will be served. Contact Dennis Superczynski, 865-607-8512, or jandport@tds.net.

### Plant Sale Features 'What's Hot'

This year's Spring Plant Sale will feature a group of plants that many people are very excited about right now. These up-to-the-minute selections will get your green thumbs itching. Find out more in the next *Branches*. Norm Dobbs chairs the plant sale.

### Stumped?

Are there any plants that bloom in the middle of all this cold weather? I need a break from all this gray!



According to the Featured Plants page on the Arboretum website, <http://forestry.tennessee.edu/featuredplantsjan.htm>, Vernal Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*) blooms in January near the creek below the Visitor's Center. Vernal Witch Hazel, "...is a native of the Ozark and Ouitchita Mountains. Its very fragrant flowers vary in color from yellow to purplish-red and usually bloom in January or February. The common name Witch Hazel purportedly comes from the belief that witchcraft allowed the crooked stems of the shrub to be used for divining water. The flowers of our native American Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) have 4 yellow strap-shaped petals and are less showy than those of Vernal Witch Hazel. Witch Hazel belongs to the plant family *Hamamelidaceae*. The only other genus in this family native to the U.S. is Sweetgum (*Liquidambar*)." You can also find colorful berries on the Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*), Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), and Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). Of course, the Elmore Holly Collection is simply brimming with berries. So take a walk out at the Arboretum - being outdoors and seeing the winter colors will cheer you up!



Elmore Holly Collection: Holly Berries in Ice - Photo by Charles Samuels and used on the cover of the *Holly Society Journal*.

## Committee Reports

### Plant Collections Committee 2010 Recap

The UTAS Plant Collections Committee has had a busy year, both with ongoing maintenance and planning for current and future woody plantings to beautify the Arboretum.

For instance, walk the trails and find the improved signage, courtesy of member **Bob Reed**. You'll be able to easily identify trees and shrubs of interest, both in the open and the natural areas of the Arboretum. There are many new hybrid azaleas on the bank above the staff parking lot, too, acknowledged with a wooden sign as a generous donation from the **Huey Sides** family of Oak Ridge.

Our biggest focus this year, however, has been to start on the landscaping around the new parking lot. With lots of help from Arboretum staff, we have used the plant material in the greenhouse and donations from members to transform the berm around the lot from bare to potentially beautiful. Keeping these and other new plantings alive through the dry part of the late summer required a Herculean effort from Arboretum volunteers.

Here, for instance, you will find many of the magnolias that were the subject of our first planning project, and many of the plants donated by **Riverbend Nursery** in Nashville. Major donations from members and from **Sunlight Gardens** provided yuccas and hardy geraniums, winter jasmine, sand cherry, and a few surprises. We are looking forward to seeing how it all looks after a winter of establishment.

Be sure to come out this spring and look over the changes made in the past year - you'll be delighted!

~Lynn Carlson

### Plant Collections Committee 2011

The UTAS Collections committee has compiled a list of several activities for the 2011 growing season. Our interest in the parking area continues, although for the coming year we may just allow already installed items to grow before adding more. We'll hope that no additional watering will be needed!

We have continuing maintenance projects, such as clearing pest species from the dam area near the Visitors Center, and revisiting the azalea plantation for cycle 2 of the rejuvenation pruning done in 2009.

Our most exciting new project is to plan a new planting of viburnums along the valley road, to feature new and improved cultivars suitable for landscaping purposes. This project is in its earliest planning stages, but expect to hear more about it soon.

The Collections Committee has a lot of the fun of putting together new plantings for the Arboretum. If you'd like to be a part of this ongoing effort, call or email the Chair, **Lynn Carlson, 693-5402** [lbcarlson@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:lbcarlson@alumni.indiana.edu)

### Native Plant Group

The Native Plant Group would like to schedule two work days a month in the coming year. It is their goal to have the beds around the Visitor's Center and those on the Azalea Hillside always looking well-maintained. More help is always appreciated; if you are interested in joining our group, please contact **Lee Ann Dobbs**, [leadob@bellsouth.net](mailto:leadob@bellsouth.net), 482-6566, to join in.

## Holly Society of America Visits the Elmore Holly Collection: Entrance Rededicated

In November, 65 members of the Holly Society of America were present at the UT Arboretum to honor their former Past President and Board of Directors member, the late Harold L. ('Mr. Holly') Elmore. This event was coupled with the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Holly Society of America, held at the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Ridge. Arboretum Director **Richard Evans** arranged a rededication ceremony at the new entrance with a welcome address, followed by speakers UTAS President **Tom Row**, Holly Task Force member **Fran Scheidt**, and Holly Task Force Chairperson and Holly Society Meeting Coordinator **Dennis Superczynski**. Harold's, daughter **Susan**, and his son **Tom** spoke about Harold's enthusiasm for hollies and his zest for life in everything he did. The large crowd heard about the history of the collection and Harold's long time connection with hollies.



*The Holly Society of America at the Rededication of the Elmore Holly Collection At the UT Arboretum*

Afterwards, refreshments were served and Holly Society members meandered through and admired the collection begun by Harold Elmore in 1984. UTAS and Holly Society members **Emily Jernigan**, **Joann Johnson**, and **Jan Superczynski** provided the refreshments.

The Elmore Holly Collection now contains more than 200 cultivars of holly, including Native American, Chinese and Oriental, Hybrid, Tennessee, English, European, Western Asian Hollies, all grouped by species. The Holly Society donated two new hollies to the Tennessee Collection: 'Memphis Belle,' given by the Holly Society Southeastern Chapter, and 'Arthur Bruner,' given by the National Organization.

The L-shaped stone structure, hand laid by UTAS volunteers with help from professional stone mason **Ted Rosner** of Staten Island, New York, provides a stone pillar for plaques that designate the garden as the Elmore Holly Collection and as an official Holly Arboretum by the Holly Society of America.

Following the rededication ceremony, a dinner was held at the Oak Ridge Doubletree Hotel where guest speaker UTAS President **Tom Row** engaged Holly Society members and guests with his presentation, *Oak Ridge, a Community of Volunteers from Birth: Why the Arboretum and the Holly Garden Came to Be*.

**Dennis Superczynski**, UTAS Holly Collection Task Force Chairperson and 2010 Holly Society Annual Meeting Coordinator

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org) and download a form there.

## Weddings at the Arboretum

Plan a wedding with the UT Arboretum as the perfect backdrop. Go to [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org) and click on 'Weddings' or call 865-483-3571 for more information.

### UTAS Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Society Friend \$100    Family \$45

Patron \$500    Individual \$30

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All memberships and contributions are tax deductible.)

Mail this form and a check to:

UTAS

P.O. Box 5382

Oak Ridge TN 37831-5382

## New & Renewing Members-Thanks!

Richard & Edith Allshouse  
 Nancy Basford  
 Terry & Betty Anne Domm  
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 Kenneth Farrell  
 David Flitcroft  
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 Donald Snyder / Mary Sisson  
 Phil & Doris Sklad  
 Betty & Fred Sloop  
 Melanie Staten  
 Irene Sullivan  
 Joble & Ken Taulbee

## Fall Plant Sale Volunteers-Thanks!

Board member **Beverly Woods** did an outstanding job of recruiting these helpers for our sale. We appreciate her efforts, and those of the volunteers.

Lynn Carlson  
 Janet & Bob Cushman  
 Lee Ann & Norm Dobbs  
 Lynda & Chuck Haynes  
 Jeff Holt  
 Pat Hunsicker  
 Emily & Charlie Jernigan  
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 Don Searle  
 Barry Shupe  
 William Sirett  
 Dennis Superczynski  
 Peggy Turner  
 Marie Walsh  
 Suzi Whisnant

## UTAS, UT Arboretum & the Holly Society of America: Close Ties

UTAS and the Arboretum have several connections to the Holly Society of America (<http://www.hollysocam.org/>). The Elmore Holly Collection is designated as an official Holly Arboretum by the HSA, and they held their annual meeting in Oak Ridge in the fall of 2010.

**Dennis Superczynski** is a longtime HSA member and currently serves on their board as Treasurer. **Emily Jernigan** is Editor of the *Holly Society Journal*. In that capacity, she recruited new UTAS Board member **Charles Samuels** to submit one of his Elmore Collection holly photographs for the cover of the second volume of last year's *Journal*. His closeup of the ice-covered berries is a stunning reminder that hollies shine bright even in the coldest weather. Former UTAS board member and active volunteer, **Fran Scheidt**, served as Editor of the HSA Journal in the past. Emily also used photos taken by Oak Ridge historian, **D. Ray Smith**, of the Elmore Collection Dedication Ceremony in the *Journal*.



## 'Springtime in Paris' Tour at the Philadelphia International Flower Show, March 9-12

The 2011 University of Tennessee Arboretum Society garden tour will be at the Philadelphia International Flower Show. This year's show features Paris, the beautiful City of Light and capital of art, fashion, food, and love, from March 9-12 at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The tour will be three days with an optional fourth open day to visit the historic city of Philadelphia at your own pace.

You will **make your own travel arrangements** to arrive at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown on Wednesday, March 9. The hotel is located at 1201 Market Street, connected to the Philadelphia Convention Center and the flower show.

The following morning, we will meet our tour guide for a private tour of the exhibits before the show opens to the general public. This tour features admission to the show, a celebrity flower arranging demonstration, 10% off purchases at the Flower Show Shoppe, and all-day access to the private members lounge at the show.

On Friday morning, a charter bus will take our group to visit Longwood Gardens. We will explore the highlights of Longwood's diverse gardens and be introduced to the Longwood heritage and the story of how one man's vision turned Longwood into the world's premier horticultural display garden. Following luncheon at the Café of the Terrace Restaurant, we board the bus for a short ride to visit the Barnes Foundation Art Museum and Arboretum, before it closes its doors in the Merion location forever this July. Here we will enjoy a docent-led tour of the Galleries, learn about the history of Dr. Barnes, his collection and the Foundation as well as the philosophy of the unique art arrangements, called ensembles.

Saturday is an optional open day where you are free to revisit the flower show or tour historic Philadelphia.

The UT Arboretum Society has blocked reduced group room and event rates with the Philadelphia Downtown Marriott Hotel. The rates for 3 nights (Wednesday thru Friday, March 9-11) is \$949.26, and 4 nights (March 9-12) is \$1,211.9 per room, single or double occupancy including tax. **Reservations must be made individually, by tour participants, no later than February 10, 2011 by calling Marriott at 1-800-228-9290 or 1-215-625-2900, using reference # M-4MET5W.**

The tour is limited to 40 participants and will be "first come, first served." To reserve, please complete the attached registration form. The form must be received no later than January 10, 2011, with a non-refundable \$60 per person deposit in the form of a check made payable to UTAS. **After early registration, reservations will be accepted until February 10, 2011, when accompanied by full payment.** Please send to PO Box 5382, Oak Ridge TN 37831-5382, Attn: "Springtime in Paris Garden Tour." **Full payment must be received by February 10, 2011, for all registrants.** The tour includes four one day passes to the Philadelphia Flower Show, bus transportation to Longwood Gardens and The Barnes Foundation, admission to all attractions and gardens, continental breakfast daily, and luncheon at Longwood Gardens. The cost of the tour is outlined below. A \$50.00 discount is available to UTAS members. If not a member, and you wish to join, please complete the membership application found in Branches or downloaded from our website, [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org), with your remittance.

### Tour Cost Per Person

\$325.00 Flower Show & Tour fees  
 -\$50.00 Less UTAS member discount  
 \$275.00 Cost less member discount

### Reservation Form "Springtime in Paris Garden Tour"

Call Dennis Superczynski, 675-8502, to make sure that space is still available before registering for the tour!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional members in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with your full payment by February 10, 2011 to

UTAS, P.O. Box 5382, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5382

## Welcome, New Board Members

**Ken Farrell** is a materials scientist, retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory. A native of England - the Old England - he grew up raising plants and rabbits for the kitchen table during the years of the great war. He and his dad 'farmed' two areas, their back yard and a rented public garden allotment. Everything was done by hand, no tillers or mowers. Most of the vegetables were grown from seeds held over from the previous year's crops. A transition to propagation from woody cuttings occurred when he found to his everlasting delight that the tree branches he was using to stake up peas took root. Since arriving in Oak Ridge in 1964, he has run the gamut of raising wildflowers from self-collected seed, through grafting and caring for hundreds of dwarf fruit trees, to his current phase of growing native shrubs for donation to local charitable organizations. His other avocation is walking.

We welcome **Pat Hunsicker** back to the Board. She recently served for three years and, after a couple of years off, has agreed to resume her Board responsibilities. Pat has lived in the Oak Ridge area for more than 50 years. She is a retired ORNL mouse geneticist and is active in many local organizations, including Planned Parenthood and her church. Her UTAS membership dates back many years, and she has volunteered with the Native Plant Group since its inception.

**Peggy Mahoney** grew up in western North Carolina, attended UT and TN Wesleyan College, married a local guy, and moved to Oak Ridge in 1968. She and her husband, Mike, raised two daughters in Oak Ridge. She had a career in banking and retired from Security Trust Federal in Knoxville after heading the Mortgage Loan Division. Her hobbies are antiquing, travel and gardening. She has visited many fine gardens in Europe, and her favorite was Vita Sackville West's famous gardens at Sissinghurst. Her interest in the Arboretum goes back to the early 1960s when her father-in-law, Charles Mahoney was active on the Arboretum Board. The Arboretum is her favorite place to walk and she thinks Oak Ridgers are fortunate to have such a wonderful asset to enjoy. She notes that she looks forward to becoming an active member of the board.

**Irene Sullivan** has been a UTAS member for some time. She has helped with the plant sales and traveled on some of our tours. She's a member of the Native Plant Group and is eager to assume a more active role in UTAS.

Tune in next issue to learn more about **Charles Samuels** and **Brenda Kimmel**.



# UTAS Resources

## Board of Directors

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## Help Wanted

### Ongoing

- **Native Plant Group** meets the third Wednesday most months, and will start meeting twice a month this year. **Lee Ann Dobbs**, 482-6656 or [leadob@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:lbcarlson@alumni.indiana.edu)
- **Choose Your Own Spot!** Let us know what tickles your fancy. Email: [utarboretumsociety@gmail.com](mailto:utarboretumsociety@gmail.com)

### Thanks!

**Ted Ballard, Amy Fitzgerald, Jeff Holt, Eileen Neiler and Dick Raridon**, outgoing Board Members who all contributed to our Board's work and will be missed.

**Norm Dobbs** chaired our very successful Fall Plant Sale.

**Katie Cottrell** organized the Owl Prowl, maybe our best ever!

**Pat and Tom Row**, and **Lynda and Chuck Haynes** headed up the Annual Dinner committee.

**Dr. Mark Fly** of UT Knoxville spoke at our Annual Dinner.

**Everyone** who donated items for our Auction.

**Craig Voris**, Loudon, TN, *Trillium* grower who donated 50+ plants to the Arboretum and demonstrated planting techniques.

## 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 over **\$30,000** 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

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*Kennedy Looney, daughter of Tom Looney, Director of Development at the UT Institute of Agriculture, accompanied her dad to the 2010 UTAS Annual Dinner. She seemed to enjoy 'taking notes' for her dad!*

## Upcoming Events

- February 19 *Landscape Maintenance - Tools & Ideas*
- February 21 *Local Earthquakes Lecture*
- March 4 *Arbor Day*
- March 9-12 *Philadelphia International Flower Show Tour*
- March 19 *Father/Daughter Hike*
- April 2 *Holly Work Day*
- April 15 & 16 *Spring Plant Sale*