



# Branches

The newsletter for members and friends of the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society

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## Butterfly Festival

The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society will present a Butterfly Festival on **Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the UT Arboretum Auditorium and surrounding grounds. It is cosponsored by the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center. The gate will be open at 8:30 a.m., and coffee and donuts will be sold from 9 to 10.

This educational and fun event for all ages features four speakers, two native plant vendors, a chainsaw art demonstration, Alan McBride playing the hammer dulcimer, and several food vendors. A highlight will be the release of 50 butterflies at approximately 2 p.m. in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of UTAS and the Arboretum. We invite children to help release the monarch butterflies, which will be offered at a cost of \$10 per butterfly.



Our keynote speaker is award-winning writer, photographer, and butterfly expert Rita Venable. Her book, "Butterflies of Tennessee," is in its second printing. She will speak twice, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Ann Brown will present a program on pollinators. Ann helps maintain three public Native Plant Gardens in the Chattanooga area. She is an instructor for the Certificate in Native Plants, presented by Tennessee Valley Wild Ones in partnership with Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center and the Tennessee Native Plant Society.

(<http://tennesseevalley.wildones.org/cnp/>)

Local naturalist, photographer, and educator Kris Light will present a talk on "Butterfly Bonanza." Chris Mahoney will discuss hummingbirds. We will have several food vendors, including Razzleberry's.

Chainsaw artist and arborist James Eilola will demonstrate his chainsaw art throughout the day using wood from the Arboretum, and may offer his creations for sale.

\*The Butterfly Festival Committee is currently working on adding more artisans, food vendors, and/or presentations to the festival. More festival details will be provided on the UTAS website/Facebook page closer to the event.

Neal Denton, state extension agent, will preview the festival on WBIR TV.

The speakers will be at the Auditorium and the vendors will be at the nearby Program Shelter.

**The event will take place rain or shine.**



*Image from Willow Ridge butterfly release*

## Director's Desk

*"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual." - Vince Lombardi*

As I sit here pondering my submission for the summer edition of Branches, I am reminded of the fact that I will soon complete five years of service as the Director of the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center/ Arboretum. During the past five years, I feel that we have worked together as a team with a shared vision, focused on achieving the Arboretum's continuing strategic goals of:

- Sustaining the present level of operations
- Enhancing programming efforts
- Expanding community outreach and recognition
- Preserving traditional and historical elements
- Supporting the Endowment Campaign

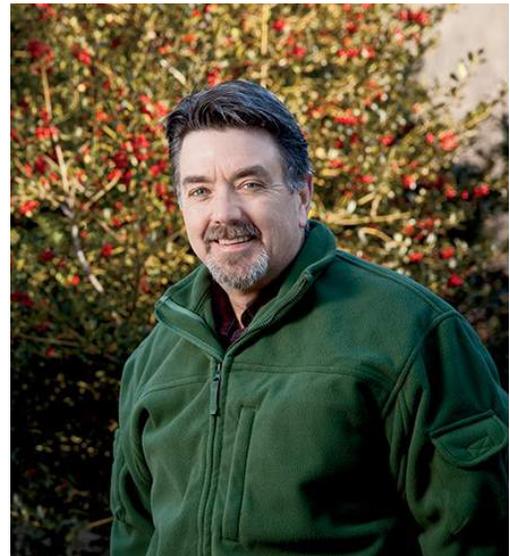
Over this same time period I also believe we have remained true to the original Arboretum Objectives set forth in 1964 that were: 1) to establish a collection of woody plants, including those species and cultivars, and those plants having potential commercial value as a forest species or for landscape development, from which materials may be obtained for breeding and propagation; 2) to provide a place open to the public where individuals or groups may study the woody and associated herbaceous plants which are adapted to the environs of Tennessee; and 3) to provide land and supporting physical resources to facilitate associated plant research programs.

Thinking back over the past five years, I believe that some of the memorable milestones that we have collectively attained were the implementation of the Valley Viburnum Collection in 2011/2012 which is now thriving (along with the addition of the constructed wetlands) and enhancing visitor traffic along the main travel corridor from the parking lot up towards the other existing gardens, trails, and facilities. We also added several new outreach program offerings as part of the UT Arboretum - Lecture Series. In 2013/2014 we were able to secure the remaining funding hurdle to begin the final plans and construction of the new Arboretum Auditorium. Other shared milestones during this time period were several Eagle Scout bridge/stair construction projects focused on enhancing our existing trail system. In 2015/2016 we experienced the grand opening of our new Arboretum Auditorium, which has since been

used to enhance our programming and community outreach efforts. We were also able to complete a full exterior facelift of the Arboretum Visitors Center, which included a new roof and gutters, exterior painting, and a new sidewalk entry facade. A new observation deck will be added to the back of the building sometime this summer/early fall as the final phase of the project.

There are many more milestones that we have achieved together that I do not have column space to list, but just know that the unmentioned ones have also greatly added value to the programs, projects and priorities of the UT Arboretum. We have in effect helped to sustain the legacy of this magnificent place for future generations to explore, experience and enjoy!

Kevin P. Hoyt - Director



Arboretum Visitors Center

## President's Letter

It's June 13, a date approaching the Ides of June. Around the Ides of March, my well-laid gardening plans involved raking, weeding, fertilizing, mulching, pruning, replacing tired perennials with new ones, etc., etc. Julius Caesar was never more confident—or more misguided!—about what he could accomplish than I was. Three months later, I am faced with the reality of what little I have had the time or energy to do. I weed an area, only to have the weeds grow back before I have time to mulch. I buy new plants, only to have them end up half dead before I can get them in the ground. But what I love about gardening is what I loved about my teaching career: every day is a new beginning. The perfect garden is an unattainable goal, which makes my occasional accidental triumphs all the more rewarding. Some years ago, I purchased six calla lilies in assorted colors. My husband Tim and I put them in plastic pots on the back patio. Each season, their foliage would be nice, but we never had one single bloom. We would haul them into the basement to overwinter and then haul them back out to the patio in the spring, only to have another bloomless summer. Finally, a few years ago, I told Tim to just stick them in the ground in the front garden and be done with our thankless efforts. To our amazement, those calla lilies have flourished and are now among our most spectacular plants. (If I could just get them weeded and mulched!) Like my garden, the Arboretum is a constant work-in-progress on a much grander scale. If you have missed the flowering beauty of the beds by the Visitors Center that are lovingly tended by Lee Ann Dobbs and her "Groupies," you should plan a visit. If it's been a while since you saw our world-famous holly collection tended by Dennis Superczynski's Holly Task Force, you are missing something special. If you haven't walked any of our trails lately, you could come hike with Charlie Samuels, who heads up our newly-formed Trails Committee. Want to learn more about monarch butterflies? Then attend the Butterfly Festival that UTAS is planning for July 30. The Arboretum, like each of our private gardens, is a treasure that is being carefully managed by UTAS members who are passionate about preserving and enhancing it. Come out and play with us! ~Janet Bigelow



Janet shows off her calla lilies and butterfly weed.

## Native Plant Committee Report

**The Native Plant Group** has resumed its regular monthly meetings. We will be meeting on the third and fourth Wednesday mornings this spring and summer. In addition to working to maintain the beds around the Visitor Center, and parking lot we have been taking a "little time off" to enjoy visiting each other's gardens. The Carlson, Dobbs, Cushman, Mahoney and Turner gardens have been visited by the members of this very congenial group. We enjoyed seeing the different garden styles that each gardener entertains. We met native plant specialists, gardeners who have a wonderful flair for design, gardeners who love ponds and those who have been challenged by hillsides and deer! We visited with plant collectors, those who enjoy attracting wild-life to their gardens ...and those who do not!

If you would like to join us on a given Wednesday morning, please come by the Arboretum. Don't forget to bring gloves and tools; we will be working to maintain the grounds around the Visitor Center. We will be making sure that the Monarch Way Station will be well planted with milkweed (not the most attractive plant to incorporate into a wild flower bed) to welcome the Monarchs. **Contact Lee Ann Dobbs if you would like more information. 865-482-6656.**



A butterfly enjoying the Visitor Center garden

**UTAS would like to recognize the (Lifers) lifetime members.**



Ann D Arnold  
Tim & Janet Bigelow  
Jim Cortese  
Anna George Dobbins

Elizabeth Elliott  
Sherry Hinton/Mike Fisher  
Amy Fitzgerald  
James C Franklin  
Mary Jeanne French  
Mary Ann Gibbons  
Christine Hamilton  
Mr/Mrs L George Hannye  
Nancy E Hardin  
Jim Hawk  
Ann Hensley  
Jerry Herrmann  
Don & Dina Hess  
Betts Higgins  
Fred & Theresa Holtzclaw

Pat R Hunsicker  
Pat Lincoln  
Ken & Georgia Lister  
Dr/Mrs K F Luckmann  
Sigrid & Carl Ludemann  
Jane Lupton  
Marion Garber & J Louise Markel  
Richard & Polly Mauldin  
Dr/Mrs William McCoy III  
Karen McIntosh  
Sara Mott  
Eileen Neiler  
Katherine O'Brien  
Karen Oland  
Vince Stevens & Mary Palmer

Anne R Patrick  
Hella Peterson  
Ron Prince  
Mark Robinson  
Pat Row  
Marti Salk  
Charles W Samuels  
Royce & Anne Sayer  
William R Sittler  
Linda Smalley  
Peggy Turner  
Carole H Willard  
Willard Witte  
Rose B Wolfe

## *Holly Task Force Committee Report*

The Holly Task Force met on Saturday morning April 2, 2016 for its annual Spring Holly Workshop providing opportunity for volunteers to learn about hollies while helping provide annual maintenance of the Elmore Holly Collection. Dr. Willard Witte led the workshop providing an educational series on fertilizing, mulching, and expert pruning techniques to care for your hollies. Dr. Witte demonstrated a technique for shaping a young holly from its natural bush form to a more conical upright form by placing a garden rake from the outside base of the plant to the top of its leader, then pruning off branches along the side of the rake as it is rotated around the trees perimeter creating a perfectly shaped conical form. Complementary holly information booklets from the Holly Society of America for identifying and caring for hollies were made available to attendees, and Dr. Witte offered free holly plants he propagated from the Korean Holly research study located at the Arboretum. Volunteers for the event included Janet Bigelow, Charlie Jernigan, Lucie Jones, Fran Scheidt, Dennis Superczynski, and Dr. Will Witte. Arboretum Director Kevin Hoyt assisted with activities and provided mulch, garden carts and tools. He also proposed a plan to group related holly species within a large mulched area. This would simplify mowing and allow better positing for signage. A separate workday later this year will be scheduled for this project. Twenty-four members from the Tellico Village Garden Club scheduled a tour of the Elmore Holly Collection on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Arboretum Director Kevin Hoyt hosted the group in the new auditorium prior to the tour where a welcome presentation and refreshments were offered. The group was divided into three separate groups for a walking tour of the holly collection led by Fran Scheidt, Dennis Superczynski, and Dr. Will Witte. Complementary holly information booklets from the Holly Society of America for identifying and caring for hollies were made available to our guests, and Dr. Witte offered free holly plants he propagated from the Korean Holly research study located at the arboretum. The Holly Task Force: Carmen and Josie Gianforte, Fran Scheidt, Mike Stansberry, Dennis & Jan Superczynski, Dr. Will Witte

~Dennis Superczynski Chairperson



*Dr. Will Witte pruning demonstration:  
Before & After.*



*Tellico Garden Club tour*

## Calendar of Events

### Geocaching Workshop for Kids

Tuesday, July 19 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arboretum Visitors Center



Janet Bigelow will be leading an introductory class on geocaching, the worldwide treasure hunting game. We will learn the basics of using a GPS device. **Janet Bigelow** teaches this workshop with help of other UTAS members. To register for more information contact **Janet Bigelow** at 865-675-3822 or [janet\\_bigelow@tds.net](mailto:janet_bigelow@tds.net), or visit the UTAS website, [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org).

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Arboretum Auditorium



This educational and fun event for all ages features four speakers, two native plant vendors, a chainsaw art demonstration, Alan McBride playing the hammer dulcimer, and several food vendors. A highlight will be the release of 50 butterflies at approximately 2 p.m. Gates open 8:30 a.m. Donuts and coffee sold from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. We will post complete details of all the vendors and presenters on our website and Facebook page soon.

### Geocaching Workshop for Adults

Tuesday, August 16 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arboretum Visitors Center



Janet Bigelow will be leading an introductory class on geocaching, the worldwide treasure hunting game. We will learn the basics of using a GPS device. **Janet Bigelow** teaches this workshop with help from other UTAS members. To register for more information contact **Janet Bigelow** at 865-675-3822 or [janet\\_bigelow@tds.net](mailto:janet_bigelow@tds.net), or visit the UTAS website, [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org).

#### To Find Out More About Our Events

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or like us on Facebook.



### Leaf Print Art Workshop

Tuesday, August 23 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UT Arboretum Program Shelter

COST: \$25



Kathy Fahey, a UTAS Board member, will work with participants to create large leaf prints to be used as birdbaths, coffee table art, etc. Although time will not permit us to paint the leaf prints, Kathy will talk about the type of paint needed to finish your project at home. We will eat lunch in our air-conditioned Auditorium and perhaps take a short hike (weather permitting) while the concrete dries. **Snacks, drinks, and all project materials except paint will be provided. Please bring your own sack lunch.** This workshop will fill up quickly, so email Janet Bigelow at [janet\\_bigelow@tds.net](mailto:janet_bigelow@tds.net) to register. She will then contact you with information about where to send your \$25 check. We will maintain a waiting list to fill vacancies, if they occur.

### Fall Meet & Greet and Fall Wildflower Tour

Saturday, September 17 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Arboretum Visitors Center



Kris Light will again lead a fun, educational and easy walk to hunt for the wildflowers blooming at the Arboretum. Kris is an expert naturalist, educator, and photographer. Participants may want to bring a camera to take pictures of the many wildflowers on the Arboretum grounds.

### MOTH...er's Night Out

Tuesday, October 1 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Arboretum Visitors Center



Kris Light will give a short talk about moths in the Auditorium. Everyone then will go outside to wait for the moths to alight on the sheets Kris has prepared in advance. The black lights help attract these creatures of the night.

### Fall Plant Sale

Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8

Arboretum



We'll have more information about the sale in the next edition of *Branches*.

## *Our Spring Plant Sale Was a Big Success!*

Thank you, **Norm Dobbs** for organizing our Spring Plant Sale. Thank you to all who came out to buy plants and support UTAS and the Arboretum. Proceeds from the sale and other UTAS fundraising events go toward the operating expenses, the endowment, and Arboretum funds.



*Kevin Hoyt, Lee Ann Dobbs, and Julie Watts unloading and placing plants under the direction of Vivian Abney, Owner of East Fork Nursery from Sevierville.*

***Save the Date for the Fall Plant Sale***

**Friday, October 7 & Saturday, October 8**

**@ the Arboretum**

See the next edition of *Branches* for more information about the sale.

## Remembering Larry Landau

Lawrence (Larry) Landau, age 92, passed away June 2, 2016. Larry was a UTAS life member and held several board positions over the years. He was vice president 1972, 1978-81; secretary 1977; president 1982-83. Larry was very active in the community as well as being an avid reader, hiker, bird watcher, and woodworker. Several UTAS members shared their fond memories of Larry.



**DICK RARIDON:** "I've known Larry since I was in the Chemistry Division back in the 50's and 60's."

**EILEEN NEILER:** "For a quiet guy who did so much without grand-standing or bragging. A real gem for our community."

**EVERLYN LORENZ** said she admired Larry. He was a quiet gentle person. We was always there to help out at the plant sales.

**NANCY HARDIN** said he was very knowledgeable & very comfortable to work with. She was always glad to have him on any team or board as he always had good ideas to share.

**NORM DOBBS:** "I asked him one time what "drove" him to join UTAS and he replied, with his ever-present smile, that he - like others - was interested in plants and the outdoors. We moved to Oak Ridge in August 1981 and either the next spring (1982) or the next year (1983) attended our first Spring Plant Sale, when there were held down south of the Visitors' Center. I remember Larry vividly lugging Michael Dirr's *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* around and offering to answer questions or look up plant answers in Dirr's "manual."

**RICHARD M. EVANS:** (Arboretum Director Emeritus) "I don't remember when I first met Larry Landau, but it seems like he was always a part of activities around the Arboretum during my 45-year association. There are many vivid memories of Larry working at the plant sales, volunteering to help with special events and participating in most every program hosted by UTAS and the Arboretum. However, it was not his volunteerism that I most admired and appreciated. Larry had the calmest demeanor of anyone whom I have ever met. It seemed that Larry could settle-the-waters in any situation that demanded a calm, thoughtful, and rational solution. I often looked to Larry to be my sounding board for new ideas and for special counsel whenever an issue might arise. Larry was a very special person in many ways."

**WILL WITTE:** "Larry was a "stand-up" person, reliable, pleasant, pleasure to be around. " Will said Larry was a productive member of UTAS for many years and that they interacted mainly at the plant sales.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, 101 W. Madison Ln. Oak Ridge, TN 37830, the UT Arboretum Society, P.O. Box 5382, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5381, the Oak Ridge Playhouse, P.O. Box 5705, Oak Ridge, TN 37830-5705, or to the charity of your choice.

## Adopt a Bench Plaque to Honor a Loved One

Want to honor or remember a family member or special friend? Then take a cue from Janis and Don Williams, who have ordered this bench plaque for Janis' parents, to be presented to them on Father's Day, June 19. In general, plaques measure 2" x 8" (the width of a bench slat) and can be installed on any undesignated bench throughout the Arboretum, except the stone benches. The minimum donation for a plaque is \$500, with the money going to help benefit and maintain the Arboretum. The \$500 donation amount also qualifies you as a Patron. To order a plaque, contact Janet Bigelow at (865) 675-3822 or at [janet\\_bigelow@tds.net](mailto:janet_bigelow@tds.net). You can stop by the Arboretum and obtain a special map from Gayle, the secretary in the Visitors Center, showing the location of all the available benches in the Arboretum. She also has a form for you to write your message on. Join soon with other families who now have "their" special bench in our beautiful Arboretum!



Plaque in honor of Raymond and Kenalene Wymer



Wymer Family members at the newly dedicated bench

## Event Round Up

### Lane Hays Garden Tour

Lane Hays welcomed UTAS members in May to her spectacular garden, located in West Knoxville. It is on the site of an old quarry and borders Fort Loudoun Lake. She has created a spectacular water feature by pumping water up from the lake. Thanks to UTAS Board member Gene Sanslow for organizing this wonderful event.



*Image: Hella Peterson and Gene Sanslow at Lane Hays' Garden Tour*

### 2016 UTAS Sweet Tea South Carolina Garden Tour

On April 5, twenty-two UTAS members boarded a comfortable bus for a three-day garden tour to South Carolina. We headed to Clemson, South Carolina where, after a delicious lunch at Pixie and Bills, we visited the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University. We walked one trail through the garden that represents the different types of vegetation in the state including coastal, piedmont, and mountainous areas. Our next stop was Furman University, where we toured the 30-acre Asia Garden and were treated to an inside tour of the only authentic Buddhist temple in America, a superb example of Japanese craftsmanship. After a short trip to downtown Greenville we ate a delicious dinner at Soby's restaurant. We then traveled to the charming town of Newberry and the hotel where we spent both nights.

The next morning we visited the Bishopville home of Pearl Fryar, an amazing 76-year-old African American whose home garden is filled with stunning topiaries, grown and trimmed into fantastical shapes that Pearl visualizes in his head before turning them into reality. He also designs garden sculptures from metal and other scraps. Pearl has received many awards for his topiaries and for his ongoing humanitarian efforts.

After lunch we traveled to Columbia for a brief stop at the residential gardens in Historic Columbia before arriving at Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens. Renowned horticulturist Jenks Farmer was our host for a tour of the zoo gardens. Jenks was the first curator of the Riverbanks Gardens and he charmed all of us with his knowledge of plants and the gardens, and with his gentle wit. His company, Jenks Farmer, Plantsman, specializes in crinum lilies.

The final day of the tour began with a visit to the beautifully restored 184-year-old Opera House in Newberry. We then visited Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry. We had a short talk on the care of orchids and were stunned by the beauty and variety of the orchids that were for sale. After lunch at Cabana in Newberry we headed for BB Barns Garden Center located in Arden, NC, just outside Asheville. We explored the 7 acres of grounds, including a fantastic gift shop, and most of us ended up with more plants to stow in the luggage area of our bus.

Wonderful restaurants, well-stocked garden shops, and amiable friends rounded out this extraordinary garden tour. Thanks so much to the planning committee for another great UTAS experience!

Tour planners: Emily and Charlie Jernigan, Peggy Mahoney, Hella Peterson, and Gail Hawkins, with valuable assistance from Dennis Superczynski and Faye Beck.

The tour group: Faye Beck, Janet and Tim Bigelow, Lynn Carlson, Gail Hawkins, Lynda and Chuck Haynes, Mary Jellison, Emily and Charlie Jernigan, Joan Johnson, Chris Lee, Maryann Loiacono, Peggy Mahoney, Mary Mishu, Hella Peterson, Pat Postma, Jim Rea, Dennis Superczynski, Dianne Turner, Nyta Wall, Pat Wilson.



*UTAS Garden Tour Group at Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden*

## Event Round Up



**Wildflower Walk at Haw Ridge.**

*Image by Yvonne Dalschen*

More wonderful images by Yvonne of the wildflower walk can be viewed in the online version of *Branches* at [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org)

**Kris Light** lead a well attended wildflower walk at Haw Ridge in early April. Thank you, Kris Light for leading so many great activities for the UT Arboretum.



**Kris Light leading the Wildflower Walk.** *Image by Yvonne Dalschen*

## New & Renewing Members

Karin Adler

Marty Adler-Jasny

Jonathen Hines &

Lindsey Alexander

James A Allison

Fred &

Sandra Anderson

**Sharon Annis**

Ralph & Belinda Aurin

H Ted Ballard, PhD

Tracy Bateman

Vivian Baylor

Faye Beck

John Boggan

Kathy Bracic

Charles &

Marion Burger

Katie Cottrell

Laura Derr

Elizabeth A Dye

Ruth Ewald

Kathy Fahey

Roger & Maria Goetz

Michele &

Chris Goodwyne

Gary &

Carol Grametbauer

**Gayle & Geoff Greene**

David Greenwood

**Doug & Sally Gross**

Carolyn Haerr

J. Robert Ihle

Mary Jellison

**Charlie &**

**Emily Jernigan**

Clara Joan Johnson

Karen Johnson

Lucie Jones

Clarence & Lynn Juneau

Mary Kedl

Eph & Mary Ellen Klots

Joanie Koehn

Manfred O Krause

Barbara Landau

Lynne Lucas

Sharon Lucking

Paul McDonough

**Mary Mishu**

Chet & Jane Morris

Lien Nguyen

Wendy Packan

Susan Pfiffner & Tom

Phelps

**Pat Postma**

**Jim Reca**

Betsy Kay Robinson

William T Rockford

**Gene & Marsha Sanslow**

Fran Scheidt

Steve Seay

Mary Jane Sill

Sandi Langston & John Skinner

Jason & Tina Smith

Ann Miller Stott

Dianne Turner

Doug & Melody Turner

Marie Walsh

Valerie Widgren

Amy Wolfe

Beverly S Woods

\*Society Friends **bold**

## Thank You!

**Spring Plant Sale Volunteers included :** Sharon Annis, Janet Bigelow, Kathy Bracic, Lynn Carlson, Lynn Carrol, Bob & Janet Cushman, Norm & Lee Ann Dobbs, Kathy Fahey, Ken Farrell, Heather Ferragut, Harvey Goranson, Michelle Goodwyne , Gail Hawkins, Lynda Haynes, John & Betty Held, Jeff Holt, Pat Hunsicker, Charlie & Emily Jernigan, Joann Johnson, Shirley Kaiser, Joanie Koehn, Sandra Lee, Sharon Lucking, Peggy Mahoney, James Mee, Gail Nichols, Brian Oland, Wendy Packan, Hella Peterson, Dick Raridon, Susan Reed, Willow Reed, Stan Richards, Tom & Pat Row, Gary & Marti Salk, Charlie Samuels, Gene Sanslow, Don Searle, Mary Sill, William Sirett, Malanie Staten, Randy Stewart, Irene Sullivan, Dennis & Jan Superczynski , Janet Townsend, Doug, Melody & Diane Turner, Nyta Wall, Marie Walsh, Julie Watts, Don Williams. Thank you, **Will Witte**, for answering plant questions and helping buyers choose plants. **A very special thanks to all volunteers who worked more than one shift and one day. Also, special thanks to UT Arboretum Director Kevin Hoyt and his staff.** Without their help our plant sales would not be possible. Thank you **Spring Plant Sale Vendors: Brad Greenwood Designs** (home and garden art), **and Dano's Hot Dogs.** A big thanks to our plant vendors, [Beaver Creek Nursery](#) and [Riverdale Nursery](#), Knoxville; [East Fork Nursery](#), Sevierville; and [Sunlight Gardens](#), Andersonville.

**Fran Scheidt, Dennis Superczynski, Will Witte, and Kevin Hoyt** organized a tour & presentation on the Elmore Holly Collection for the Tellico Village Garden Club.

**Hank Bruno** presented a lecture at the Arboretum Auditorium on Native Plants.

**Gene Sanslow** organized a member's tour of Lane Hays beautiful gardens.

**Dr. Scott Schlarbaum**, Director of the University of Tennessee's Tree Improvement Program gave a talk on invasive exotic insect pests and how they affect our forests.

**Kevin Hoyt, Charlie Samuels, & Emily Jernigan** organized and led the June Meet & Greet and Father's Day Hike.

**Robbie Meyer**, Park Ranger, Manhattan Project National Historical Park presented a lecture on Fireflies.

**Yvonne Dalschen** shared her photos she took at the Kris Light Wildflower Walk in April.

**Janet Bigelow and Emily Jernigan** contributed articles, editing help, and/or images for the Summer *Branches*.

**Marti Salk** collected memories of Larry for this issue of *Branches*.



## Board of Directors

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## UTAS Membership

### Application

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

New      Renewal

Society Friend \$100      Patron \$500

Family \$45      Individual \$30      Student \$15

**Yes, I want to make an additional Contribution:**

UTAS General Fund \$

Elmore Holly Collection Fund \$

*All memberships and contributions are tax deductible.*

**Yes, I'd like to help with Society committees, special events or other needs.** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please send only an electronic copy of the quarterly newsletter, *Branches*.

Mail this form with your check to: UTAS

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## Upcoming Events

### **Geocaching Workshop for Kids with Janet Bigelow**

*Tuesday, July 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arboretum Visitors Center*

### **Butterfly Festival**

*Saturday, July 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Arboretum Auditorium*

### **Geocaching Workshop for Adults with Janet Bigelow**

*Tuesday, August 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arboretum Visitors Center*

### **Leaf Print Art Workshop (Cost \$25)**

*Tuesday, August 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arboretum Program Shelter*

### **Fall Meet & Greet and Fall Wildflower Tour**

*Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Arboretum Visitors Center*

### **MOTH...er's Night Out**

*Tuesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Arboretum Visitors Center*

**The Fall Plant Sale will be held Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 at the Arboretum.**

### 2016 UTAS Sweet Tea South Carolina Garden Tour



Pearl Fryar shows off his topiaries and sculptures



Peace Buddhist Temple at Furman University



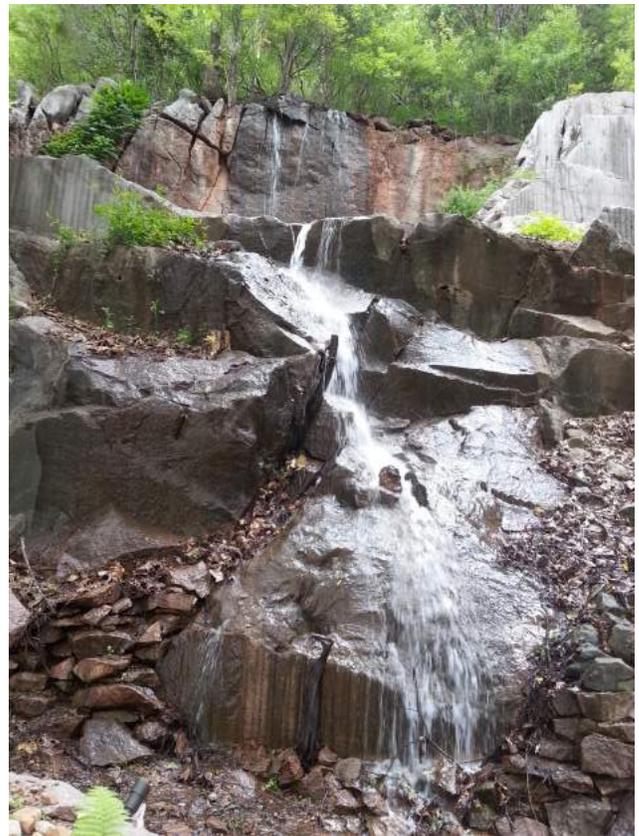
UTAS Co-President Charlie Jernigan matches bamboo at Columbus Zoo!



Tellico Garden Club Visiting the UT Arboretum



*Pete Peterson and Wendy Packan at the Rose Garden, Lane Hays Garden Tour*



*Quarry Water Feature at Lane Hays Garden*

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