



Branches

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



Meet Our New Education Program Director

The UT Arboretum and Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center is happy to introduce Michelle Campanis as its new Education Program Coordinator. This position has been established to support expanded programming for both the university and local community in our new auditorium.

Michelle brings a unique combination of plant knowledge and event planning experience to this position. Being a lifelong tree and plant lover, choosing to major in agriculture came naturally to her. After graduating from the University of Tennessee with a major in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, Michelle had the opportunity to intern at both the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and the Chicago Botanic Garden. At the Arnold Arboretum, Michelle was a propagation assistant and had the unique experience of working with the curator of the arboretum's historic bonsai collection which dates from 1787. At the Chicago Botanic Garden, Michelle worked in both the Fruit and Vegetable Garden, as well as the Japanese Island Garden. In 1986 Michelle was chosen as the Martin McClaren Horticultural Exchange Scholar by the Garden Club of America and the English Speaking Union. This gave her the opportunity to reside in England where she spent time working at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew and also attended the English Garden School of Design at the Chelsea Physic Garden. Upon her return from England, Michelle taught plant science, basic botany, and floral design at the Norfolk County Agricultural High

School in Massachusetts. She and her family lived in Tempe, Arizona and Agoura Hills, California before returning to Tennessee. Since 1996 she has worked for Belmont University in Nashville, both on the landscaping staff and more recently as an event manager. While at Belmont, she also helped develop both study abroad and service learning programs for Belmont students to Pine Ridge Lakota Indian Reservation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

A lover of the great outdoors, Michelle is an avid hiker, camper, and cyclist. She is anticipating being able to share her love of plants and the outdoors as she develops programming for the UT Arboretum and Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center. Michelle's parents met while working at Oak Ridge so this is truly coming full circle and she looks forward to the opportunity for developing new relationships in our community.

Big Summer Events Coming to the UT Arboretum

Check out the [calendar on page 5 for more information](#) on these special events and other exciting summer events.

Comedy Comes to the UT Arboertum - June 11, 5 PM to 7 PM -Limited Seating (Adults Only Event) - Knoxville Improv Comedy Troop, Einstein Simplified will perform. (Wine & Cheese will be served) Tickets \$30 per person.

UT Arboretum Butterfly Festival – July 29, 10 AM to 2 PM at UT Arboretum (Family Event) Butterfly Festival Activities: Butterfly Release, Speakers, Plant Vendors, Artisans, Kid's Crafts, UT Insect Zoo, and more!

Director's Desk

"From drought to Flood(s)" ... is what has been going on in and around the region these past 6+ months, and as such, both of these weather-related anomalies have impacted the UT Arboretum. Last year's drought sparked wide-spread forest fires throughout the south and Tennessee, but it has also impacted many of our native trees, shrubs, and ornamental plants that were never touched by the flames of the devastating fires. The UT Arboretum grounds have been showing the impact of the 2016 drought as evidenced from the loss of several large Tulip Poplars, Norway Spruce and Hollies over the past several months. In speaking with the Tennessee Division of Forestry - Forest Health Specialist about this situation at our recent Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods field day, I was informed that their monitoring efforts are detecting the mortality of many different kinds of trees throughout Middle/East Tennessee. Moreover, the crew has recently had to cut down several dead specimen trees in the arboretum, and we will be forced to remove several more in the next several weeks. Hopefully the wet spring that we are experiencing will provide enough moisture to recharge the dry soil conditions to reduce further tree mortality in the Arboretum.

Speaking of the wet spring ... we have in fact greatly benefited from above average rainfall the past several months as evidenced by the beautiful full leaf out of our deciduous trees, *candle growth* of our conifers, and the non-stop growth of the grassy areas in the Arboretum. However ... our trails, roads, and riparian areas have also been impacted by several above-average rainfall events over the past 4 - 6 weeks. One rain event in particular earlier this month flooded the Visitors Center parking lot and damaged the Arboretum gravel road/trail system in several places throughout the property. We have since repaired most of the damage and will continue to address the rest of the impacted areas throughout the coming weeks.

You may have noticed that the UT Arboretum Society and the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center have continued to partner together on many new educational outreach programs over the past couple of years. We will now be able to take those efforts to the next level with the long-awaited hiring of the *UT Arboretum Education Program Coordinator*. After a long application and search committee process that began last fall, we have now hired that person and her name is Michelle Campanis. She has been on-board since

the beginning of May and has set up her office in the UT Arboretum Visitors Center. We expect even more educational outreach programming as a result of Michelle's hiring, along with increased revenue-generating events in the UT Arboretum Auditorium. And finally ... now that we have both our magnificent auditorium and long-awaited education program coordinator ... we can begin to plan the launch of our environmental education and science programs/camps for next summer.

The combined team efforts of our members, staff, researchers and partners will be the catalyst to drive positive change, support our research mission, launch innovative education programs, provide a much needed revenue stream opportunity, and ultimately help forge our future growth.

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President's Letter

I hope this summer issue of *Branches* finds everyone with lush, green gardens with plenty of native trees, shrubs, and flowering plants to attract bees and butterflies. Our rainfall has been more than abundant and has reversed some of the effects of last year's terrible drought. The only thing I regret so far this spring is the frequency with which we have to mow the grass!

The UT Arboretum Society has had a very busy year so far, with superb (and free!) lectures by experts on a variety of topics. But now that spring has arrived and summer is almost upon us, we have turned our attention to an important *raison d'être* for UTAS: fundraising. For seven months, from April through October, we have scheduled one fundraiser per month, with all of the proceeds after expenses going to support the important, exciting work of the Arboretum. We encourage you to mark your calendars for any or all of the fundraisers coming in the summer and fall.

WHAT WE HAVE RAISED SO FAR: The spring season was kicked off in April with our annual **spring plant sale**, our major fundraiser for the year. Thanks to Norm and Lee Ann Dobbs, the sale ran like clockwork and earned over \$10,000. In May, two Board members, Heather and Erik Ferragut, organized our first ever **garage sale** and donated all the profits to UTAS! The successful sale raised almost \$800 and, we hope, might become an annual event.

FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS: On June 11, we are having a wine and cheese party before the comedy group **Einstein Simplified** puts on what promises to be a hilarious performance. If you have not yet purchased tickets, do so quickly as the event is likely to be a sellout! On July 29, our 2nd annual **Butterfly Festival** is sure to attract a large crowd. Once again, we will release 100 Monarch butterflies. On August 22, Board member Kathy Fahey will offer her superbly well-organized **workshop** on how to make concrete leaf prints. And in September, we hope to have an **outdoor concert** featuring the Mt. LeConte Jug Band. Our **annual dinner and silent auction**, to be held this year on October 16, will feature Katherine Aalto, a *New York Times* best-selling author and authority on Winnie the Pooh and the Hundred Acre Woods! And our fundraising efforts for the year will conclude on October 21 with the **fall plant sale**.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Many of these fundraisers are new experiences on the part of the UTAS Board, and we would appreciate your input and constructive suggestions about how to improve each one. With the recent arrival of Michelle Campanis, the new Education Program Coordinator, we are poised to expand our fundraising efforts even more in the near future as we profit (literally!) from her extensive experience as an events coordinator. So come out this summer and fall to enjoy all that UTAS has to offer!

~Janet Bigelow

Native Plant Committee Report



The Native Plant Group meets twice a month to maintain the beds surrounding the Visitor Center and the Sides Azalea Hillside. They weed, prune and mulch to keep the area attractive for visitors. There is a core group of 10 UTAS members who have been meeting on the first and third Wednesday mornings of every month March through November. Anyone who enjoys gardening and has a couple of hours to spare would be welcome to join the group. You will find the morning enjoyable and satisfying as you work alongside other volunteers who are knowledgeable gardeners.

If you would like to be included on our roster please email Lee Ann at leadob@bellsouth.net or call 482-6656.

Trails Committee Report



A work session was held this past Spring and another will be scheduled for Fall. Work was done on the White Pine trail, "No Named" trail, and the Scouts worked on the Oak-Hickory Trail. Trees were trimmed, steps rebuilt, and other trail maintenance projects were completed. Thank you to Stuart Row, Tom Row's son, who brought his Boy Scout troop to help. Special thanks to Kevin Hoyt and UT Arboretum Staff for preparing and staging materials for the trail maintenance projects. The committee currently consists of Don Williams, Charles Samuels, Tim Bigelow, Samuel Peyton, and new member, Ted Ragsdale. If you would like to help, know some teens that would like to volunteer for service hours, or might know of a group or organization that can help us with trail maintenance please contact Don Williams at donrwilliams54@gmail.com or call Don at 865-603-4310 for more information.

Holly Task Force Committee Report



Fifteen UTAS members showed up on April 1 to the Holly Work Day to spread newspapers and mulch around large groupings of hollies to cut down on the need to mow between the plants. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the April Holly Work Day a huge success: Susan Elmore, Jim Mee, Dennis & Jan Superczynski, Janet Bigelow, Charlie Jernigan, Willard T. Witte, Gail Nichols, Fran Scheidt, Lucie Jones, Liz Elmore, Karen Thatcher Elmore, Tom Elmore, Lee Ann and Norm Dobbs,. Not pictured: Tom Elmore.



Dr. Will Witte and Fran Scheidt, caretakers of the Elmore Holly Collection, discuss the plants currently at the Arboretum, as well as make plans for future expansion of the collection.



Members of Harold Elmore's family assist Dennis Superczynski, Holly Task Force leader, with spreading mulch at the recent Holly Work Day. Left to right: Dennis, Susan Elmore, Karen Thatcher & Tom Elmore, and Liz Elmore.



Hummingbirds

5 informative hummingbird online resources:

Hummingbird Gardening In East TN
by UT Institute of Agriculture Extension

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/documents/w305.pdf>

DIY Container Gardening for Hummingbirds

<http://www.birdsandblooms.com/gardening/small-space-gardening/diy-container-garden-hummingbirds/>

17 best ideas about Hummingbird Houses on Pinterest

Contains information on hummingbird houses and perches.

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/hummingbird-house/>

Threats to Hummingbirds

Includes tips on how minimize threats in your own backyard

<https://www.thespruce.com/threats-to-hummingbirds-386488>

Designing A Hummingbird Garden: 15 Ways to Keep Them Coming

https://www.bbg.org/gardening/article/designing_a_hummingbird_garden

Calendar of Events

Einstein Simplified Comedy Event

Sunday, June 11th, 5 to 7 PM,
UT Arboretum Auditorium



Come enjoy the fun as a well-known Knoxville area comedy improv group entertains us with original, unrehearsed improv. If you like Second City and Saturday Night Live, this show is for you! Ticket Cost \$30. This includes light hors d'oeuvres, a ticket for one glass of wine (other beverages will be available) and the live show. We will have a cash bar and wine will be available for sale. Gates open at 4:30. Social hour, with drinks and cheese & crackers will be from 5:00 – 6:00. The show starts promptly at 6:00 and will end about 7:00 p.m. For more information on Einstein Simplified check out their [Facebook](#) page. For information on this event, call 865-776-8227. The preferred method of ticket sales is online at the UT Arboretum Society website

<http://utas.brownpapertickets.com/>

If you are not able to purchase online, you can send a check to: 10626 Forest Crest Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 made out to the UT Arboretum Society. Please put "Einstein Simplified" on the memo line. For information call 865-776-8227

When Good Trees Go Bad: Walk & Talk

Thursday June 15th, 6 to 8 PM,
Arboretum Auditorium

Lecture and walk to be led by Jeff Holt.



Butterfly Festival

Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Arboretum Auditorium

The UT Arboretum will host its 2nd Annual Butterfly Festival. There will be lectures in our Auditorium by two noted butterfly experts, Rita Venable and Kris Light. At 12:00 and again at 2:00, attendees can purchase a Monarch butterfly for \$10 for a mass release. Food will be available from several local vendors, and artisans will offer their crafts for sale. Children can visit the popular UT Insect Zoo and do craft activities in the Program Shelter. Make plans now to attend!



Total Solar Eclipse Event

Thursday, August 10, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

UT Arboretum Auditorium

We are excited to announce Janet Ivey, from the PBS series *Janet's Planet* will be at the Arboretum to help prepare kids and adults for the coming Solar Eclipse. Ms. Ivey is dedicated to educating youth through her online programming and TV. *Janet's Planet* airs on 140+ public television stations nationwide and has received 11 Regional Emmys and 5 Gracie Allen awards. <http://janetsplanet.com/>



Leaf Print Art Workshop

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

COST: \$25



Kathy Fahey and Lynda Haynes, UTAS Board members 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. **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 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 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Haw Ridge Trails . Kris Light will again lead a fun, educational and easy walk to hunt for the wildflowers blooming in Fall. Kris is an expert naturalist, educator, and photographer.



EVENTS COMING IN SEPT & OCT

Mt. Le Conte Jug Band Concert

Concert & Food Vendors. (September -Date TBD)

Soils lecture by Mac Post

September 19 – 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM @Auditorium

Holly Work Day

Saturday October 14th – 10 AM to Noon

Annual Dinner/Membership Meeting/Silent Auction

October 16 from 6 PM to 9 PM, Oak Ridge Elks Club \$30

Lecture/Book Signing by Kathryn Aalto

Tuesday October 17, 7 PM to 8 PM

Fall Plant Sale -October 21 from 9 AM to 2 PM

Owl Prowl –October 28 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

For More Information on UT Arboretum Events please follow us on Facebook(UT Arboretum Society) or visit us at our Website www.utarboretumsociety.org

Event Round Up

UTAS Adopt-A-Creek Spring Clean Up Day

UTAS is participating in the City of Oak Ridge's Adopt-A-Creek Program. Scarboro Creek is our adopted creek, and it runs through the UT Arboretum property along Illinois Avenue. The creek will be cleaned and a visual assessment performed twice a year; the first clean-up was held in March. A total of 7 large bags of waste was retrieved from the water and the banks of the creek. Most of the waste was contributed to litter being tossed from cars and trucks traveling on Illinois Avenue. UTAS members participating in this first clean-up session were David Alspaugh, Chuck Haynes, and Lynda Haynes. The second cleanup session will be held in the fall.



Spring Wildflower Walk



On April 9, 54 people showed up on a gorgeous spring afternoon to walk and talk with noted naturalist Kris Light, who led our annual spring wildflower walk at Haw Ridge. The crowd was so large that Kris used some flags to indicate the plants she was talking about and a microphone to make herself heard at the back of the line. Over 40 different wildflowers were identified, and Kris supplied interesting information and stories about each one. Kris does two loops at Haw Ridge in the shape of a giant figure 8, and people who need to leave after the first loop can easily find their way back to the parking lot. The trails are easy, and the pace is leisurely. If you have never done a wildflower hike with Kris, consider joining us on Saturday, September 2, from 9:00 - 11:00 at Haw Ridge for her fall wildflower hike. More pictures from the event can be found in the online version.

Kris Light

MOTH ers NIGHT OUT

On May 20, naturalist Kris Light presented her annual MOTH-er's Night Out program. She began her lecture with a slide show of her excellent pictures of moths, followed by time outside looking at the moths that were attracted to the sheets and black lights she had rigged up. Kris has an intriguing slide of a Hebrew moth, a small white creature with black markings that appear to look like a smiley face. One landed on the sheet that evening and stayed there "smiling" while everyone admired its beauty. Kris' knowledge and enthusiasm are contagious, and many of the attendees came with cameras to capture the nighttime beauties. An added attraction this year was a presentation by Kris' husband Kenny, who demonstrated robotics principles with his homemade devices. Both children and adults were captivated by the explanations he offered. Kris will be a featured speaker and artisan at our 2nd Annual Butterfly Festival on July 29 and will also lead a fall wildflower walk on September 2. She is a huge asset to UTAS, and we appreciate so much how freely she gives of her time to share her love of nature with everyone.



Kris Light presenting on Moths on a sheet outdoors.



Kris's husband Kenny demonstrated robotics principles at MOTHers Night Out.

SAVE THE DATE!

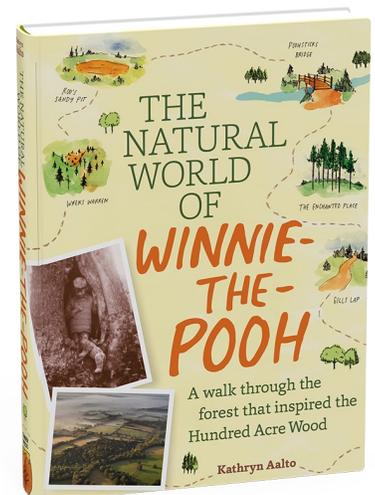
Monday, October 16 - UTAS 2017 Annual Meeting

We have an exciting speaker coming for our annual meeting!



Kathryn Aalto is a landscape designer, garden historian, writing lecturer, and New York Times' bestselling author. For the past twenty-five years her focus has been on places where nature and culture intersect: teaching literature of nature and place, designing gardens, and writing about the natural world. At our annual meeting she will tell us what we can learn from studying the intersection of nature and culture based on her book *The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh*.

A. A. Milne's classic tales, *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner*, have delighted readers for nearly a century. The story's characters -- Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, and the rest of the gang -- are famous, but how much do we know about the setting, the Hundred Acre Wood? Find out at the UTAS annual meeting.



UTAS Annual Meeting & Dinner at the Oak Ridge Elks Club will be \$30.00.

More details will be provided closer to the event.

Boy Scout Troop 46 Completes Service Project at the UT Arboretum



Stuart Row, Boy Scouts of America Scoutmaster - Troop 46, coordinated a service project at the UT Arboretum on April 15th. A small contingent of his scouts, and their dads, refurbished the trail tread stairs leading from the Oak Hickory Trail Bridge up and into the adjacent forest trail interpretive area. The work day was focused on hauling new chip aggregate in buckets up the stairs and then spreading/re-compacting the tread surface. This project is part of a long-term initiative by the UT Arboretum Society - Trails Committee to improve and update the Arboretum trails, support infrastructure, and signage.

Boy Scout Troop 40 Completes Eagle Scout Projects at the UT Arboretum



Boy Scout Troop 40 dismantling old Marsh Area pole bridge (left) and new replacement bridge (right).



Micah Cravens from BSA Troop 40 in Knoxville completed his Boy Scouts of America "Eagle Scout" project in the UT Arboretum this past March. He and members of his troop rebuilt the deteriorated pole bridge in the Marsh area and installed much-needed "new" foot boards & hand rails to the Oak Hickory Trail Bridge. Both of these projects are part of the ongoing effort to improve and update the Arboretum trails, support infrastructure, and signage.

Micah Cravens and his parents (left) proudly pose on the newly refurbished Oak Hickory Trail Bridge

In Memory of Catherine Gorder (1924-2017)



Catherine Frances Carroll Gorder, a resident of Oak Ridge for over 70 years, died March 23, 2017, at age 92. Cathy was born in Rutherford, North Carolina. She attended Montevallo College in Montevallo, Alabama, graduating in 1943 with a degree in Home Economics with a concentration in chemistry. While finishing her degree, she was recruited for a secret job by Tennessee Eastman who took an interest in her chemistry background. Unbeknownst to her, she was soon to become an Atomic City girl. She arrived by train in Knoxville, was treated to a steak dinner at Regas, and bused to her new home in the Secret City where she started work as a chemical lab analyst. She continued to work for Tennessee Eastman through the end of the war and worked at Y-12 Analytical Laboratory until retiring in August 1953 to start a family, having married Winfred Arthur Gorder on December 15, 1951.

Cathy was a member of UTAS and a passionate master gardener who always had room for just one more plant in her garden. She loved native wildflowers and ferns and was always on the lookout for the newest perennials of the coming year. She spent long hours designing her large garden overlooking the Cumberland Mountains. She loved the many beautiful birds visiting her garden-becoming an enthusiastic backyard bird watcher. Cathy was intellectually active, always in the know about current world affairs, history, and politics and an avid reader of periodicals and books of all subjects.

In lieu of flowers, her family asked people to plant a flower or tree or to send donations to UTAS in her memory. Those who sent donations to UTAS include John and Betty Gorder and Ronald and Pamela Gorder, all of Gilbert, AZ; and Duane and Connie Easterly of Seattle, WA. With the donations received, UTAS was able to have an Appalachian Spring dogwood tree planted along the Valley Road in the Arboretum, a fitting memorial for her for all to see when they visit.



New & Renewing Members

Karin Adler
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Linda Best
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Amy Wolfe
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*Society Friends are in bold

Thank You!

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

Spring Plant Sale Volunteers included : David & Betty Alspaugh, Janet Bigelow, Kathy Bracic, Lynn Carlson, Hope Cohn, Edwina & Rebecca Crow, Norm & Lee Ann Dobbs, Terry Domm, Kathy Fahey, Ken Farrell, Erik and Heather Ferragut, Harvey Goranson, Gail Hawkins, Susan Haydek, Lynda Haynes, Jeff Holt, Pat Hunsicker, Charlie and Emily Jernigan, Lisa Laforest, Evelyn Lorenz, Sharon Lucking, Peggy Mahoney, James Mee, Brian & Karen Oland, Hella Peterson, Dick Raridon, Susan Reed, Stan Richards, Gary & Marti Salk, Charles Samuels, Gene Sanslow, Don Searle, Dave Snider, Randy Stewart, Irene Sullivan, Dennis & Jan Superczynski, Doug & Melody Turner, Marie Walsh, Julie Watts, and 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.

Thank You **Lynn Faust** for presenting Fireflies and Glowworms lecture this past March.

Thank you **Randy Stewart** for giving members a tour of your greenhouse and garden.



Thank You **Dr. Henri Grissino-Mayer** for presenting his lecture "The 2016 Wildfires in the Southeastern U.S.: What comes next after Gatlinburg?" this past April.

Thank you to **Marti and Gary Salk, Lee Ann Dobbs, Janet Bigelow, Gene Sanslow, Lynda Haynes, Heather and Erik Ferragut** for their donations for the yard sale to benefit UTAS. The sale was a success and over \$700 dollars was raised to support the Arboretum. Left over items were donated to Holiday Bureau and put away for the silent auction.

Thank you **Robbie Meyer** from the National Park Service for presenting on fireflies this past May.

Thank you **Kris Light** for hosting our Spring Wilflower walk and MOTH er's night out in May.

Thank you **Dave Buckley & Josh Grainger** for hosting Tree Identification Lecture in May.



Thank you to **Jim Harless** for providing us with some of his beautiful Fall photos from the Arboretum. More of his photos can be found in the Online Version of Branches Photo Gallery.

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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, and more. You can also see what else is going on at the Arboretum and UTAS. Just go to www.utarboretumsociety.org and check it out any time.

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Online Only Branches Photo Gallery



**Images from the Spring
Wildflower Walk at
Haw Ridge**



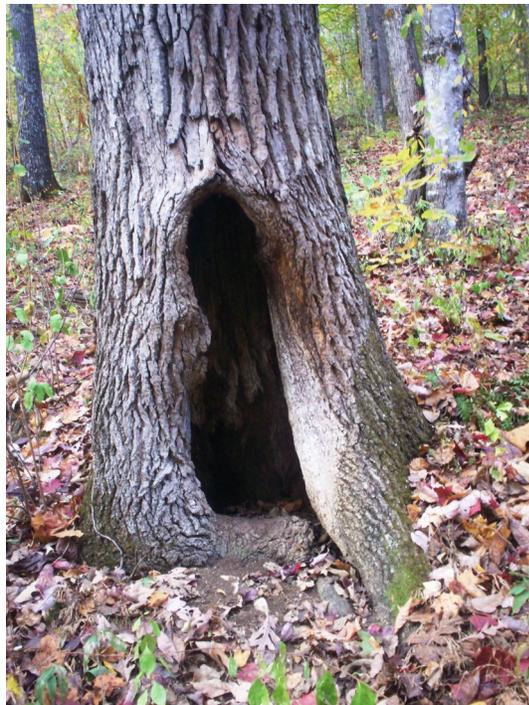
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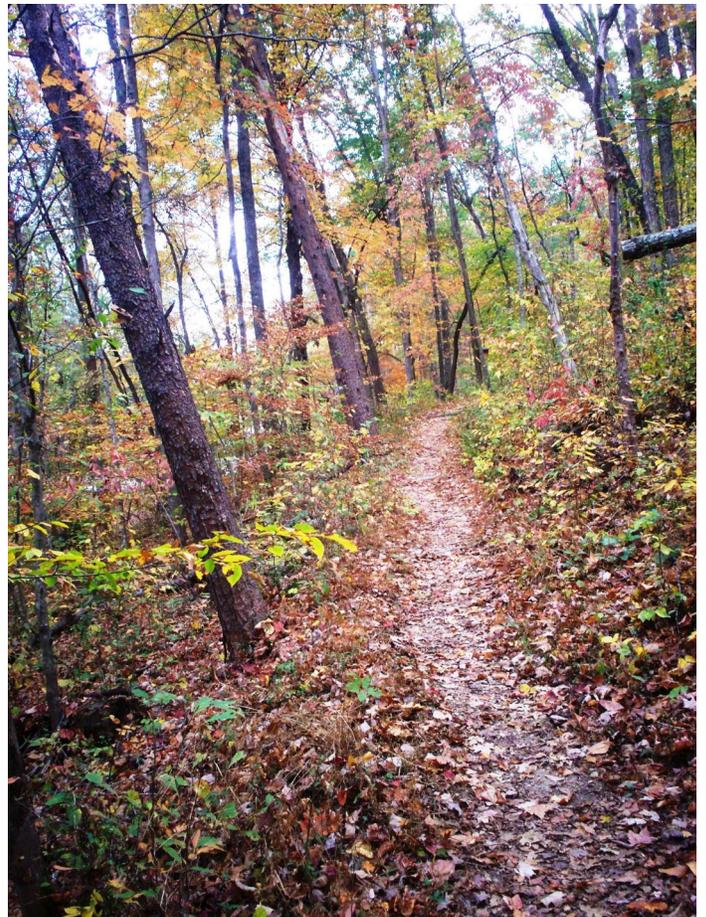
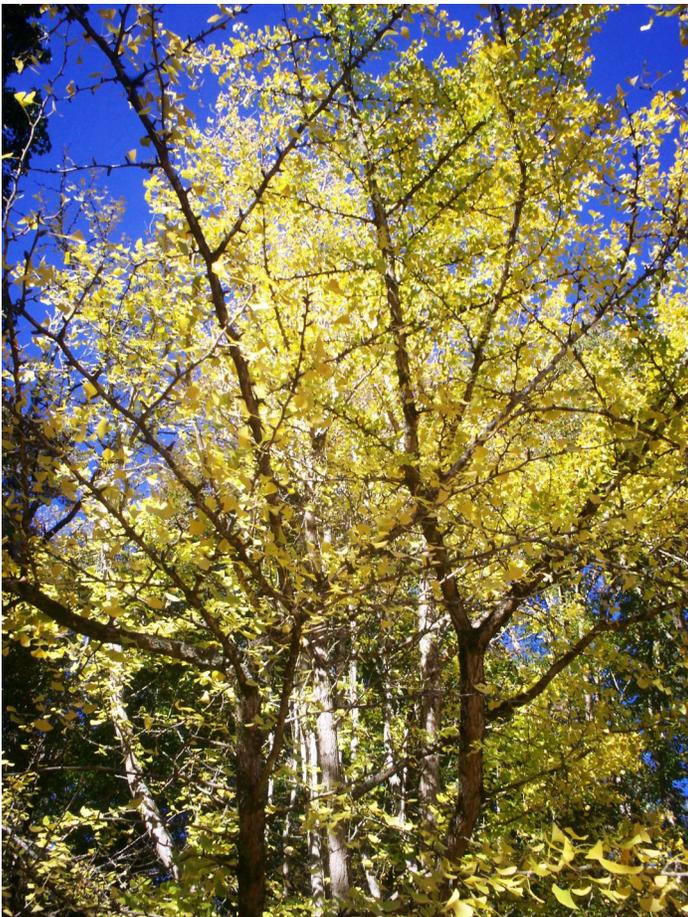
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