

# Branches

Extending news and information to UTAS members and friends

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## Miss Patricia™ Recommended by the Holly Task Force

~Dennis Superczynski, Chair of the Holly Task Force

*Ilex × latifolia* Miss Patricia™ is a wonderful holly choice for the East Tennessee homeowner, recommended by Holly Task Force members **Dennis Superczynski** and **Dr. Willard Witte**. This cultivar is a dwarf form of 'Mary Nell'. It forms an upright pyramid with small dense foliage and a mature height of 10 feet, with a spread of about 5 feet. It remains relatively small with very glossy green foliage year round and bears an abundance of brilliant red fruit in clusters along the stem. It is heat and drought tolerant. Miss Patricia™ grows thick and high enough for a small or high privacy hedge, or a pool screen. It makes a great corner foundation planting or a specimen plant near the front entrance of a home.

Pictured in April 2015 in the Elmore Holly Collection, this Miss Patricia™ was planted in 2006. Its size and small leaves also make it ideal for adorning with lights for a delightful outdoor holiday season display. See Miss Patricia™ in the Elmore Holly Collection, easily found on the post labeled #36b. 'Mary Nell' can also be found in the collection.



Gorgeous leaves of Miss Patricia™ holly.  
Photo by Jim Resch



Miss Patricia™ in the Elmore Holly Collection, UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge, TN  
Photo by Dennis Superczynski

## Director's Desk

These days when I am enjoying summer I can't help but think about the lyrics and music from songs like the Lettermen's "A Summer Place" (1965), Sly and the Family Stone's "Hot Fun in the Summertime" (1969), and War's "Summer" (1976).

Classic summer hits bring to life some of the good things that summer offers all of us: warm weather, vacations, and just spending time with family and friends. The Arboretum also offers these things to our visitors throughout the summer months. The warm, and sometimes hot, weather brings out a multitude of families, some of whom are on vacation, to enjoy this magnificent place of solitude, reflection, and marvel. Although this summer has started out on the hot and dry side, we are still hosting a multitude of singles, couples, families, and groups on any day throughout the week. Any given weekend sampling of the license plates in our parking lot, which is often filled to capacity, indicates that we are continuing to attract locals as well as people from across these United States.

This summer we launched a new long-term research project, a new educational outreach program, and a potential new demonstration project. The crew and I broke ground on a new bird aviary just beyond the TVA power line. This new aviary is part of a collaborative project partnership with Dr. Todd Freeberg and the UT Department of Psychology (<http://forestry.tennessee.edu/comparative.htm>). We hope to complete the two additional aviaries by mid-September. We also hosted a well-attended educational outreach program entitled "The value of Little Bitty Wetlands" co-hosted by UTAS and the CRESO organization (<http://cresosnake.com/>). I also had the opportunity to host the June meeting of the East Tennessee Association of Professional Land Surveyors to give a presentation on a potential collaborative demonstration project focusing establishing a GPS device test course within the Arboretum (<http://gps.sref.info/course/7a.html>). If this joint partnership project becomes a reality, our clientele will be able to test their recreation and mapping grade GPS devices on this field test course that will be located within the Arboretum grounds. Hopefully I will be able to share more information about this project in the next issue of *Branches*.

Finally, in reviewing my Directors Report from last summer, I saw that I had reported that the call for bids for our proposed auditorium was advertised in May and that I hoped to see a formal groundbreaking by late

summer 2014. Well, despite the fact we did not break ground until early October, and that we experienced an extremely cold and wet winter, the building is nearing final completion. At this point I remain optimistic that we may be able to occupy the facility for future programs and meetings by mid to late August. As I have said many times, we have all contributed to building a lasting legacy for the UT Arboretum. And now, sometime soon, we should realize the grand vision of the Arboretum Endowment Campaign by opening the new UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center / Arboretum Auditorium. It will be our 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 membership base.

Please visit our website: <http://forestry.tennessee.edu>

~Kevin Hoyt, Director

## President's Letter

We are half way through the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and we're off to a great start. And we haven't even had the grand opening of our new Auditorium yet!

The Spring Plant Sale far exceeded our expectations. Although we almost doubled our initial supply of Golden Redbuds, they quickly sold and we had to tell too many Arboretum supporters that we had no more left. While we will not have any of these redbuds at the fall sale because of the growers' need to produce and prepare these plants over the winter, you can count on us having a larger supply next spring!

The response was so positive that we need to find an effective way to continue to bring these kinds of special plants to Oak Ridge without straining our resources around the busy spring sale. We have a great sales team, led by Norm Dobbs, backed by a tremendous group of volunteers, and driven by our vendors who bring a wide assortment of wonderful plants for all of our sales.

I think one option is to form a team, focused on late fall/early winter action, that could plan, select, buy, and pot up next year's special plants before the activities of conducting the sale are upon us. They would collaborate and coordinate with Norm and our vendors.

Let me know if you're interested in helping with this or any other UTAS activity.

~Charlie Jernigan, UTAS President  
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## Upcoming Events

Please check our website, [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org), for updated and additional information on our events.

### Geocaching Workshop for Kids with Janet Bigelow



Tuesday, July 28 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arboretum

This is 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 or 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).

### Urban Tree Care by Kasey Krouse, Urban Forester for the City of Knoxville

Tuesday, August 25 6:30 p.m. Arboretum Shelter

As the Urban Forester for the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mr. Krouse is responsible for the expansion, protection, and maintenance of the City's urban forest and implementing the City's Urban Forest Management Plan. Before joining the City of Knoxville in 2014, he worked as a project manager for Davey Resource Group. A Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist with the International Society of Arboriculture, he has a BS in Forestry from Purdue University.

During this presentation he will discuss the City of Knoxville Urban Forestry program and their attempt to move from a reactive to a proactive urban forestry program. He will also discuss proper pruning, planting, mulching, tree selection, and other arboriculture practices that are pertinent to an urban forestry program.

He will follow up the presentation with a look at trees around the Arboretum and some of the issues they face in an urban forest.

### Full Moon Hike – September 26

Saturday, September 26 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Arboretum

Join us for a moonlit walk in the Arboretum woods. We're still working out the details and will send them out in an email when they are complete. Janet Bigelow is heading up this event.

### Holly Work Day

Saturday, October 10 9 a.m. to noon Elmore Holly Collection

The Task Force will plant about 15 hollies and perform general cleanup and pruning. They need volunteers, please.

Contact Dennis Superczynski, 675-8502, [jandport@tds.net](mailto:jandport@tds.net), for more information or to sign up.

### Fall Plant Sale – Save the Date

Saturday, October 17 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. Arboretum

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

## Plant Sale Volunteers – Thanks!

We appreciate all the volunteers, especially those who worked more than one shift and one day. Also, special thanks go to UT Arboretum Director Kevin Hoyt and his staff. Without their help our plant sales would not be possible. Peggy Mahoney and Joan Johnson were in charge of getting all our volunteers who worked at this sale.

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Kathy Bracic

Lynn Carlson

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## Committee Reports

### The Native Plant Group Has Been Busy!

Lee Ann Dobbs

After focusing the last 11 years on the areas around the Visitor Center and, more recently, the Sides Azalea Hillside, the Native Plant Group has undertaken some special assignments in the last few months. Those familiar areas became less of a challenge when the group adopted a semimonthly work schedule. We needed a change of scenery, so to speak. So we looked for some areas that not only needed attention but would also give the guys in our group an opportunity to use their larger more impressive tools!

We first opened up the back entrance to the Elmore Holly Collection by removing overgrown shrubs and vines that were occluding the view as one approached the hollies from the Heath Cove trails. The added bonus was that removing the overgrowth expanded the vista into the Rhododendron collection.

Two weeks later we were back in the Rhododendron collection removing vines and other vegetation that had been covering the collection. Over 100 cultivars of rhododendron were planted by the Society thirty years ago; most remain today to color the valley in May. We also trimmed the lower and upper Heath Cove trails to make them more welcoming to hikers.

Because our "Grubbing Crew" (so named by Jim Mee) is insatiable, and because they saw the need, they are now clearing a few feet up the hillside on the northern edge of the parking lot. You can now notice the tall healthy pines and oaks that are growing there instead of seeing only privet, honeysuckle and wild rose. They are about halfway finished. Huey, Norm, Dick, and Jim are determined to complete the project.

One of our workdays was extended by a couple of hours when the Arboretum staff hosted a luncheon in our honor. Director Kevin Hoyt grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs while we visited with the five members of Kevin's staff. We exchanged introductions and then we enjoyed spending time with other interesting and hardworking people who help make the Arboretum a more inviting and attractive destination for our visitors.

These are the folks who have already helped this year: **David and Betty Lou Alspaugh, Lynn Carlson, Janet Cushman, Norm and Lee Ann Dobbs, Lynda Haynes, Pat Hunsicker, Joan Johnson, Peggy Mahoney, Jim Mee, Gail Nichols, Dick Raridon, Gene Sanslow, and Huey Sides.**

Although many members have worked on this committee over the years the following six people have been Groupies from day 1: **Lynn Carlson, Janet Cushman, Pat Hunsicker, Joan Johnson, Lee Ann Dobbs, and Dick Raridon.**

To help, contact **Lee Ann Dobbs** at 482-6656 or [leadob@bellsouth.net](mailto:leadob@bellsouth.net).

## The Elmore Holly Collection Happenings

Dennis Superczynski

Spring, 2015 was a welcome arrival for the Elmore Holly Collection following bitterly cold and unseasonal weather this past January and February. The Holly Task Force met on April 25 for its annual spring Holly Work Day, providing an opportunity for volunteers to fertilize, mulch, weed, and perform general grounds maintenance. A small group of volunteers performed extensive maintenance. Thanks go to **Norm Dobbs, Jim Mee, Joanna Partain, Dennis and Jan Superczynski, Will Witte,** and arboretum associate **Yvonne Hitchcock** who arranged equipment needs for the volunteer group.

In the wake of the adverse winter two hollies that did not survive, Oriental holly *Ilex buergeri* (#182) and *I. aquifolium* × *cornuta* (Test Holly) 'Sled Run' (#44.1). Two other hollies extremely troubled with lichen growth were English Holly *I. aquifolium* 'Agustifolia' (#33), and *I. aquifolium* 'Little Bull' (#40). For obvious reasons these hollies are not recommended for planting in our region.

Mark your calendar for the Holly Task Force Fall Work Day on October 10, 2015, from 9 a.m. to noon. The date is scheduled earlier in the fall since the usual November date has proven to be uncomfortably cold for outdoor garden activities. In addition to the usual maintenance activities, 10–15 new hollies will be planted in the collection. A strong support from volunteers will be most appreciated to complete the planned activities.

Following the work day, a special celebration by the Oak Ridge Garden Club will be held at the Arboretum with a donation of a holly to the collection to honor one of their long time members. The holly will be planted in the Elmore Holly Collection this day.

Contact **Dennis Superczynski**, 675-8502 or [jandport@tds.net](mailto:jandport@tds.net), for more information or to sign up.

## UTAS Members' Gardens Featured

UTAS Treasurer **Randy Stewart's** garden was featured in an April 23, 2015, [article](#) in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. Board members and others enjoyed an evening of appetizers, wine, and a tour of Randy's garden in lieu of a board meeting in July.

UTAS member and Holly Task Force curator **Fran Scheidt** and her garden were featured in a June 25, 2015, [article](#) in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. Read about Fran's passion for gardening, flower arranging, hollies, and more.

## Stumped?

*I noticed what I thought was a hummingbird flying around the bee balm in my garden, but on closer inspection, it looked more like an insect. Is that possible?*



You most likely saw a hummingbird moth (*Hemaris*), which is often mistaken for a hummingbird. It is similar in size, hovers in front of the flowers from which it is feeding on nectar, and makes a humming noise as it flits around the garden.

Several species of hummingbird moths occur in the Eastern U.S. Our most common ones are the Hummingbird Clearwing (*Hemaris thysbe*) and the Snowberry Clearwing (*Hemaris diffinis*). They are seen in flower gardens, meadows, and along forest edges. They use a long proboscis that is carried curled up under its head and then extended to harvest nectar from tube flowers such as bee balm, lilac, snowberry, phlox, verbena, honeysuckle, and cranberry bush.

The green caterpillars are well camouflaged with a horn at the rear end and black or yellow spots along their sides. They feed on leaves of such plants as honeysuckle, dogbane, hawthorn, cherries, and plums. Hummingbird moths can fly long distances and are considered migratory.



Snowberry Clearwing Caterpillar  
Photo by Bob Reed



Hummingbird Clearwing  
Photo by Bob Reed

**Bob Reed** supplied the answer to this question and the photos.

Email questions about trees, woody plants, or wildlife to our Green Thumb experts at [utarboretumsociety@gmail.com](mailto:utarboretumsociety@gmail.com).

## View Branches Online

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# New & Renewing Members - Thanks!

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Karen Johnson	

# Plants Can Light Up Shady Areas

Emily Jernigan

In their presentation about creating glowing gardens despite shade, UTAS Plant Collections Chair **Dr. Lynn Carlson** and **Carolyn Kiser**, both of the Knox County Master Gardeners, suggested several things gardeners can do to help these darker areas. Improve the light by limbing up or thinning the crowns of trees shading the beds. Improve the soil by using raised beds to help plants thrive in areas under trees or in other shade. Think of color, texture, and form when choosing plants. They noted that, "Flowers are fleeting, foliage is forever," so do not look only to blooms as a way to draw attention to darker areas. Some of the plants they suggested as good choices for shady areas:

- Ajuga* × 'Burgundy Glow' and 'Chocolate Chip' (Bugleweed)
- Athyrium japonicum* 'Pictum' (Japanese painted fern)
- Asarum splendens* (Chinese wild ginger)
- Aster divaricatus* (white wood aster)
- Astilbe* × *arendsii* 'Peach Blossom'
- Bergenia cordifolia* (pigsqueak)
- Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost' (heartleaf; false Forget-me not)
- Carex flaccosperma* (blue wood sedge)
- Carex hachijoensis* 'Evergold' (sedge)
- Corydalis cheilanthisifolia* (fern-leaf corydalis)
- Deschampsia flexuosa* (crinkled hairgrass)
- Eupatorium rugosum* 'Chocolate' (white snakeroot)
- Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' (Hakone grass)
- Helleborus foetidus* (stinking hellebore)
- Heuchera americana* 'Dale's Strain' and others (coral bells)
- Hosta* 'Paul's Glory' and others
- Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle' (smooth hydrangea)
- Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Little Honey' (oakleaf hydrangea)
- Hystrix patula* (bottlebrush grass)
- Iris pallida* *Variegata*
- Iris siberica* (Siberian iris)
- Lamium maculatum* 'Pink Nancy' (dead nettles)
- Nicotiana sylvesiris* (woodland or flowering tobacco)
- Phormium tenax* 'Sundowner' (flax lily)
- Polygonatum odoratum* (Solomon's seal)
- Polystichum acrostichoides* (Christmas fern)
- Polystichum setiferum* (soft shield fern)
- Pulmonaris saccharata* 'Silver Shimmers' and others (Lungwort)
- Rohdea japonica* (sacred lily)
- Sambucus nigra* 'Black Lace' (elderberry)
- Sedum ternatum* (woodland stonecrop)
- Symphotrichum cordi* (heart-leaf aster)
- Symphotrichum ericoides* (white heath aster)
- Symphotrichum oblongifolium* (aromatic aster)

# Thirteen Lucky Travelers Soaked Up Florida Sunshine & Sites

Emily Jernigan

There was nothing unlucky about the UTAS trip in April to Florida. Thirteen UTAS members met at our hotel in Altamonte Springs after either flying or driving down. We settled in for dinner and one evening before boarding our bus the next morning to head south towards our destination, the [Edison & Ford Winter Estates](#) in Ft. Myers. Our first stop, however, was the [Parkesdale Market](#) in Plant City where we enjoyed their famous Strawberry Shortcake, strawberry milkshake (named "Best Drinkable Dessert" by the Food Network), and other guilty pleasures. Our trip coincided with the end of strawberry season in this area bursting with farms, so we were lucky to get a fresh taste of these delicious treats.



Lucky tourers beneath the gigantic banyan tree at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

We arrived at the [Edison & Ford Winter Estates](#) in time for our catered lunch on the grounds looking out onto the Caloosahatchee River that flows into the Gulf of Mexico. Our tour guides led us through the 20-acre property with historic gardens, the winter homes of Edison and Ford, the Edison Ford Museum, and Edison's Botanic Research Lab. The lab was built in 1928 because Edison, Ford, and Harvey Firestone wanted to find a domestic source of rubber for tires and other industrial uses. Edison and his staff tested over 17,000 plants before discovering a Goldenrod that would work. The lab closed in 1936, and remains virtually untouched since then, giving us a look into the past.

The gardens offered magnificent specimens of tropical plants, including a banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*) planted in 1925 that now covers more than an acre of ground! One of my favorite trees is another huge fig, the Mysore or Brown Woolly Fig (*Ficus drupacea*), planted near the river bank. It features striking above-ground roots.

After checking into our hotel in Venice, we boarded the bus in search of dinner. Little did we know that we were headed for a real adventure. Jeanne, our driver, drove us to the Crow's Nest Marina Restaurant & Tavern. It lies close to the end of a narrow peninsula on the bay. There was over an hour's wait for a table so we decided to find another restaurant, but our bus could not make the turn into the parking lot to turn around. So we drove out towards the parking area



Sunset reflected in the windshield of our bus, stuck in the parking area in Venice.

around the bend at the end of the jetty to turn around instead. It was near sunset and the parking area there was overflowing with cars and people there to watch the sun dip down below the horizon. We were stuck amid the cars with nowhere to go. Good humor prevailed, we called the police to help, and after an hour the sun had set, the parking lot cleared enough for Jeanne to turn the bus around, and all of us went back up to the Crow's Nest for what turned out to be a delicious dinner. Jeanne was cool and calm throughout the ordeal, and we all now have a story to tell about our dinner in Venice.

The [Ringling Museum and Gardens](#) in Sarasota was our first stop the next morning. We found an amazing variety of things to see there – a circus museum, an art museum, the Ringling mansion, and bay front gardens all in a lovely setting right on the Sarasota Bay! We didn't have time to take it all in, so we saw the Circus Museum and then had a guided tour of the gardens followed by lunch in a private dining room. After a quick trip to the gift shop we boarded the bus for nearby [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#), a tropical, urban oasis with varied horticulture displays set on Sarasota Bay. Our guided tour led us through separate gardens of ferns, bamboo, bromeliads, and epiphytes as well as mangroves, banyan trees, and a conservatory. The conservatory was a riot of color and form, filled with an array of orchids and other foliage and blooming tropical blooming plants.



Heading to the Circus Museum

After an uneventful night in Venice, we headed out early to tour [Tropiflora Nursery](#), a premier supplier of bromeliads, succulents, orchids, and other rare tropical plants. They grow over 7,000 different plants and some of us bought rare and unusual plants to take home. Our next stop was [Bok Tower and Gardens](#) in Lake Wales that Dutch



Bok Tower

immigrant Edward Bok created and then donated to the American people in 1929. Famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., designer of Central Park in NYC, created this garden with its views of the 205-foot Singing Tower carillon. After lunch on the grounds at the Blue Palmetto Café, we began our tour of the property. Carillon concerts fill the gardens every day, and we were lucky to be there in time to hear one. We returned for the evening to our hotel in Altamonte Springs.

The next morning we had a guided tour of the [Harry P. Leu House and Gardens](#) in

Orlando. The Leu House Museum is a restored 19<sup>th</sup> century home listed on the national register of historic places, with gardens containing outdoor sculptures. After lunch in downtown Winter Park we walked to the [Morse Museum](#) that has the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany. Many of us considered this to be a highlight of a trip. A short trip took us to the [Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens](#), a fine collection in his former home focusing primarily on American representational sculpture with works by Czech-born American sculpture Albin Polasek.

The final day of the trip was spent visiting City of Winter Park's [Mead Botanical Garden](#) and [Kraft Azalea Garden](#), and wandering through downtown Winter Park, with some of us taking a boat ride around the lake to view some of the lovely homes there. We bid a fond farewell to Florida that afternoon, with everyone feeling very lucky to have seen so many wonderful sites on a 5 day tour!

Thanks go to **Dennis Superczynski** for arranging this trip. **Janet and Tim Bigelow, Bob and Janet Cushman, and Charlie and Emily Jernigan** helped plan the trip.

The lucky attendees were **Debbie Allen, Janet and Tim Bigelow, Charlie and Emily Jernigan, Joan Johnson, Lynda Haynes, Evelyn Lorenz, Joanna Partain, Pat Postma, Irene Sullivan, and Dennis and Jan Superczynski.**

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## Thanks!

**James Newburn**, Assistant Director, UT Gardens filled in admirably for the ill **Dr. Sue Hamilton**, Director, UT Gardens in a talk about gardening trends, colors, and plant introductions.

**Norm Dobbs** organized the Spring Plant Sale and **Kevin Hoyt**, Center Director, and his crew helped out.

**Peggy Mahoney** and **Joan Johnson** called volunteers to work at the Spring Plant Sale.

**John Byrd**, CRESO, **Steve Forbes**, Civil Engineer, and **Andrea Ludwig**, UT Professor, presented "Construction Techniques and the Value of Little Bitty Wetlands" at the Arboretum with help from **Kevin Hoyt**, Center Director.

**Dr. Lynn Carlson** and **Carolyn Kiser**, of Knox County Master Gardeners, talked about lighting up your shade garden.

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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 fulfilled its pledge of a **\$500,000** Founding Gift to the Endowment. The **UT Arboretum Society** has contributed over **\$83,500** to this effort, continuing its longstanding support of the Arboretum. We have received pledges for more than **\$700,000** for the Auditorium. It's now under construction and will open soon.

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: **Robin R. Haefs**, 865-974-5779. Email [UTIAadvancement@tennessee.edu](mailto:UTIAadvancement@tennessee.edu).

UT Arboretum - **Kevin Hoyt** - 865-483-3571

UT Arboretum Society - **Charlie Jernigan** 865-482-4836

For more information on Planned Giving visit this UT website:  
[www.utfi.org/give-now](http://www.utfi.org/give-now).

## 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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Bromeliad growing inside a glass lightbulb shape at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Sarasota, Florida

Check the mailing label for your membership renewal date.



**Upcoming Events**

**July 28 Geocaching Workshop for Kids with Janet Bigelow**

**August 25 Urban Tree Care with Kasey Krouse**

**September 26 Full Moon Hike**

**October 10 Holly Work Day**

**October 17 Fall Plant Sale**



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Costa Rican sculpture enhances display of epiphytes in the conservatory at the Selby Gardens, Sarasota, FL



Randy Stewart gives a tour of his summer gardens.



Rainbow Eucalyptus with Banyan tree in the background, Ringling Bayfront Garden, Sarasota, FL



Tom Row and friend in Randy Stewart's garden



The UTA Auditorium, mid-July, 2015. Almost ready!  
Photo by Nancy Smith



Picnic lunch at the Edison Ford & Winter Estate