



Branches

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

UT Arboretum Annual Meeting **Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraising Event**

Monday, October 15th, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at

Calhoun's Oak Ridge Restaurant Events Center, 100 Melton Lake Peninsula.

The dinner cost is \$30 per person for UTAS members and \$35 for non-members. There will be a cash bar. Dinner reservations are required and can be made through Pat Row at either 482-9096 or at patrow@comcast.net. The deadline for reservations will be Thursday, October 11th. Payment can be made at the door (cash, check, or credit card). Payment is expected for reservations not cancelled on or before October 11th. The music group Elza Gate, featuring Bob Cushman and Pat Parr, will perform during the social hour from 5:30 to 6:30. You can listen to their mountain music and sip a beverage of your choice as you browse our silent auction items and enjoy Calhoun's patio overlooking the water. The buffet dinner begins at 6:30. Please remember that the silent auction is how we raise money at this dinner, and all proceeds go to support the UT Arboretum. Notify Pat Row about your donations to the auction so we can prepare bid sheets.



After dinner and a very brief business meeting we will introduce our special guest speaker, George L. Heinrich, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Florida Turtle Conservation Trust. He will give a presentation on "The Big Turtle Year: Celebrating Wild Turtles Across the United States" that will emphasize the rich diversity, ecology, and conservation needs of turtle species found in the United States.

CRESO (Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization) has helped sponsor our speaker, George Heinrich. CRESO is supported, in part, by the University of Tennessee Forest Resources Research & Education Center. Their research focuses on inventory and long-term monitoring of the population status and activity patterns of selected species in Anderson County, TN, including turtles.

Heinrich will make an additional presentation about "The Big Turtle Year: Celebrating Wild Turtles Across the United States" on October 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the City Room at Roane State in Oak Ridge.

George L. Heinrich is a field biologist and environmental educator specializing in Florida reptiles. His company, Heinrich Ecological Services, is based in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA and conducts wildlife surveys and research, natural history programming, and nature-based tours. A graduate of Memphis State University, his current work focuses on the ecology and conservation for gopher tortoises at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve (St. Petersburg Florida), anthropogenic threats to diamondback terrapins, and distributional surveys of the Suwannee cooter within its southern range. George is an invited member of the IUCN Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group and served twice as co-chair of the Gopher Tortoise Council.

Medicinal Plant Classes at the UT Arboretum

with Kathy E. Burke Mihalcz (owner of Erin's Meadow Herb Farm) See page 5 for details.

Director's Desk

As I sit here at my desk pondering the end of summer, for some reason I have been thinking about the plot of *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country* as it relates to change and the future.



The plot of the movie is focused on change, an unknown future ... and is actually referenced to Hamlet (act 3, scene 1) by several of the characters at the beginning of the film. The movie is still my favorite in the entire Star Trek TV/movie series since it is focused on the future, which is an unwritten page for us in the present and probably contains our innermost hopes and dreams for the future. I believe that we are facing change ... and an unknown but positive future for our organization as we move forward in 2018 and beyond. Although change can be scary for many of us it presents an opportunity for continuous improvement, growth and expansion. Together we have and are experiencing these attributes through our combined ideas, efforts, team work, and volunteer spirit. Incidentally, I have just experienced my best summer in decades ... I am eagerly looking forward to future cool brisk mornings, clear evenings and the "leaves of change" that will soon be felt and seen throughout the UT Arboretum.

Reflecting back on the summer of 2018, it is clear that the combined team work of UT Arboretum Society volunteers and the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center (FRREC) staff have once again brought about positive change for our organization. Some of the highlights that we experienced together in June were another highly successful MOTH'ers Night Out program with Kris Light, the launch of our much anticipated Bug Camp featuring Dr. Jerome Grant, Janet Bigelow and Michelle Campanis, and the continuation of our highly successful monthly hiking series. In July we hosted the one-day Science Camp (again with Kris Light as the key note speaker), and the installation of our new education & outreach signs that have been graciously provided by Strata-G. In August we held our third-annual Butterfly Festival, which again exceeded our expectations and anticipated number of attendees. The crowd of 1,200+ attendees once again presented a challenge to park 300+ cars in the vicinity of the auditorium, Sharp Program Shelter, and adjacent event space. UTAS volunteers and the FRREC staff performed heroically side-by-side to safely handle the heavy traffic flow, shepherd the attendees to the event site, and provide a positive and memorable experience for the huge crowd of children, parents and friends of the arboretum. Another highlight from this past August of worthy mention was the recognition of Yvonne Hitchcock and Bo Duncan as recipients of the UT AgResearch - Branch Station Service Director Award program. These awards are highly competitive and selections

are based on tenure, safety, dedication and meritorious service for UT AgResearch field personnel (see detailed story in Branches on page 8).

As I think about the future of the UT Arboretum/UT Arboretum Society, I remain focused on helping to build our membership base, further enhancing our programming & outreach efforts, maintaining and improving the Arboretum infrastructure, growing the endowment, ... and the *Undiscovered Country* that lies ahead.



Kevin P. Hoyt -Director

September 5, 2018

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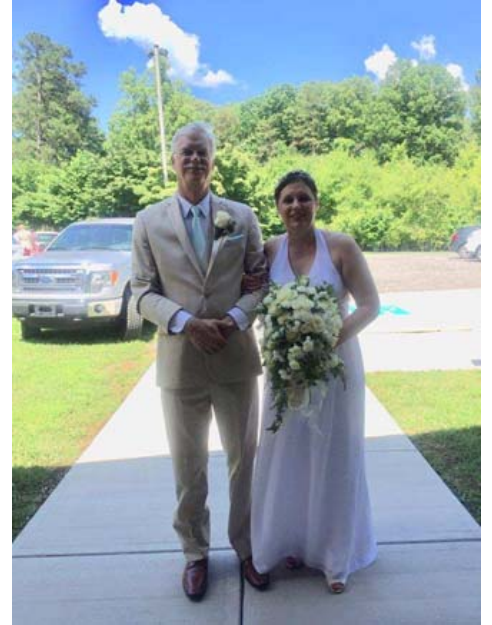
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President's Message

MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE JITTERS!

My daughter Rachel married her fiancé Noel on June 30 at the Arboretum, and I struggled preparing for that supremely momentous event while keeping up with my many volunteer commitments. I just kept telling myself that things would all work out in the end, especially once my three siblings and their spouses arrived to help out. Each of them has been through at least one wedding with their children, and they all pitched in to make their niece's wedding as beautiful as her cousins' weddings were. My husband Tim and I were thrilled that Rachel and Noel chose the UT Arboretum as the location for their special day. The ceremony itself took place under the Sharp Program Shelter, with the reception afterwards being held in the air-conditioned comfort of the Auditorium. Tim found a jazz trio to provide live music, and during the reception, I enjoyed listening to the music and sipping a glass of Benziger wine from a winery in California that some relatives of mine own. I was amazed at how our Arboretum "family" went out of their way to see that the day was amazing. Kevin and his crew worked hard to finish the flagstone walkway that separates the Auditorium patio from the newly-installed rain garden. And he and the crew were out in force on W-Day, grooming the grounds, directing traffic, handling parking, and trouble-shooting in general. Michelle did the gorgeous flowers for the wedding, a job she often did in her former position at Belmont University in Nashville. (Pictured: Tim and Rachel with her beautiful bouquet.) Remember to visit the UT Arboretum often and to consider it as a venue to host a special event in the life of your family or a favorite organization!

~Janet Bigelow



Native Plant Committee Report

The Native Plant Group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings this October and November @ 9 AM. 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.

Contact Lee Ann Dobbs at 865-482-6656 if you would like more information.

Trails Committee Report

The Trails Committee will be **holding a trail maintenance work day on Saturday November 3 from 8 AM to Noon**. If you would like to help at the work day, 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 at 865-603-4310 for more information.





Holly Task Force Committee Report

Please join us for a Holly work day at the UT Arboretum—Saturday October 20, 2018. 9 am—noon. Please bring gloves, pruning fork, rake, pruning shears, black & white newspapers. We plan to do some mulching and pruning, possibly plant several new or replacement hollies.



2018 Christmas Parade Float Volunteers Needed

This year's Oak Ridge Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, December 8 beginning a 6:00 pm. The theme is "A Fantasy of Lights". We have won awards for the Arboretum Society float for 4 out of our 5 years submissions. Let's do it again this year.

Volunteers are needed to help build and decorate the float and walk in the parade.

If you would like to help out, please contact Lynda Haynes at 483-0525, lyndaandchuck@bellsouth.net

Branches Newsletter Help Needed Volunteer Opportunity

UTAS is looking for someone to take over putting together the Branches newsletter three times per year. The UTAS board members help write and get together information for the newsletter.

The newsletter volunteer (or group of volunteers) would be responsible for helping collect and organize information for the newsletter and putting the information all together into the newsletter format.

Please contact Heather at heatherferragut@hotmail.com if you are interested in taking over the newsletter. The next edition goes out in early spring. Thank You!

Adopt-A-Stream Clean up Program



This year's fall clean up session will complete UTAS's second year of participation in the City of Oak Ridge program. We will hold the fall clean up session after this year's first frost.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Stream Project visit <http://stormwater.oakridgetn.gov/adopt-a-stream-program/>

If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Lynda Haynes at 865-483-0525, lyndaandchuck@bellsouth.net

Silent Auction Items Needed



The Silent Auction which will be held October 15th as part of the UTAS Annual Meeting is always popular, and we need donations for this fund raiser. Some items from previous auctions include gardening tools, plants, and bulbs; garden-themed items like birdhouses, fountains, sculptures, books, and wind chimes; gift certificates to area restaurants or garden centers like Willow Ridge; handmade crafts including woodwork or paper good; and beer, wine, and food items. All proceeds go to help support our UT Arboretum.

Contact Pat Row, 865-482-9096, patrow@comcast.net, with your donation information.



Medicinal Plant Class/Lecture Series at UT Arboretum with Kathy E. Burke Mihalczo

Kathy E. Burke Mihalczo, is the owner of Erin's Meadow Herb Farm in Anderson County near Oak Ridge, now in its 24th year. She is a past president of The Oak Ridge Farmer's Market, and a regular contributor on WBIR-TV "Mornings with Fox43" in Knoxville. Kathy has presented programs for the Dogwood Arts Festival, Healthy Living Expo, University of Tennessee Gardens, and The Memphis Botanic Gardens. Visit online www.erinsmeadowherbfarm.com

Plant a Healing Home Garden

Thursday September 27, UT Arboretum Auditorium 6:30-7:30pm

Herbs have a long history of use and are valued for their health benefits and healing properties.

Plants that heal are often very easy to grow and use. Common ailments like coughs, colds, cuts and scrapes, digestive issues, and headaches can be remedied with homegrown herbs made into teas, compresses, soaks, salves, or tinctures.

Learn about some of the best herbs to grow in a healing garden, along with cultural requirements. Planting a healing home garden certainly benefit a family by boosting self-reliance and natural wellness. *plants will be available for sale after the program. Each class is \$10 for UTAS members and \$15 for non-members, please register at <http://utarboretumsociety.org/new-series-of-3-classes-on-medicinal-herbs/> When you register online for the class you will be given the option to either pay online or to mail a check for payment. *The contact person for the event is: Janet Bigelow, 10626 Forest Crest Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. Mail a check to made out to UTAS for \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Boost Your Health and Vitality with Herbal Teas

Tuesday, October 23, UT Arboretum Auditorium 6:30-7:30pm

The connection with health and diet is well known and herbs can play an important role.

One of the best ways to benefit from the properties of herbs is to drink them as tea.

Drink herbal teas daily to aid digestion, boost immunity, restore energy, promote restful sleep, and treat colds and flu. Learn about herbs to boost health, and how to brew tea from both dried and fresh herb. *Teas will be available for sale after the program. Each class is \$10 for UTAS members and \$15 for non-members, please register at <http://utarboretumsociety.org/new-series-of-3-classes-on-medicinal-herbs/> When you register online for the class you will be given the option to either pay online or to mail a check for payment. *The contact person for the event is: Janet Bigelow, 10626 Forest Crest Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. Mail a check made out to UTAS for \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

A Beginner's Guide to Using Essential Oils Safely and Effectively

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Essential oils are very popular and with good reason, but navigating through all the marketing slogans, pyramid schemes, and gimmicky claims can be challenging. Come learn how to make informed choices on using essential oils without the "hard sell" of any particular brand. Information will be presented on what essential oils are, therapeutic properties, safety concerns, and application methods. Each class is \$10 for UTAS members and \$15 for non-members, please register at <http://utarboretumsociety.org/new-series-of-3-classes-on-medicinal-herbs/> When you register online for the class you will be given the option to either pay online or to mail a check for payment. *The contact person for the event is: Janet Bigelow, 10626 Forest Crest Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. Mail a check made out to UTAS for \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Calendar of Events

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Saturday, September 15, start time 9 a.m.

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\$30 per person for members and \$35 per person for non-members – buffet dinner reservations are required and can be made through **Pat Row**, 482-9096, patrow@comcast.net. The deadline for reservations will be October 11, 2018. This is a members meeting, dinner, lecture, and silent auction event all wrapped up into one. Come support the UT Arboretum and enjoy the festivities with fellow nature enthusiasts. All auction proceeds go to support the Arboretum. After dinner and a very brief business meeting, George Heinrich will speak. Pay at the door \$30 member/ \$35 non-member (cash, check, credit card). Payment expected for reservations not cancelled on or before October 11 (More info. on this event is on page 1).

The Big Turtle Year Lecture – George Heinrich

Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at

Roane State Community College (Oak Ridge) - City Room
George Heinrich's lecture will emphasize the rich diversity, ecology, and conservation needs of turtle species found in the United States. Florida. See page 1 for more details. This event is co-sponsored by CRESO, UT Arboretum, & UTAS.

Holly Work Day

Saturday October 20, 9 a.m. to noon @ Elmore Holly Collection

Join the Holly Task Force for a morning of pruning, mulching, and other tasks for the Elmore Holly Collection. Bring gloves, pruning shears, a goose neck rake, and pitch fork if available. Tools and carts will be provided.

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Stargazing Party with Owen Hoffman

Friday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

@ UT Arboretum Auditorium

Former National Park Ranger Owen Hoffman will lead a night sky program with telescopes set up on the weather station hill. (Rain date November 16)

Trail Maintenance Work Day

Saturday November 3, 8 a.m. to noon

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Saturday, November 17, start time 9 a.m. (approx. 1 hour)

Our 3rd Saturday Hike in November is taking place on National Take-a-Hike Day! The hike will begin at the parking lot near the Visitors Center. Please wear clothes appropriate to the weather and boots or good shoes for outdoor walking. This event is free.

Work On UTAS Float for Oak Ridge Parade

December 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @Shop (UT Arboretum)

The 2018 theme is "Festival of Lights". Volunteers needed. Lunch will be provided. So if you would like to help with float decorating, loaning toys, or handing out candy at the parade please contact **Lynda Haynes** at 483-0525, lyndaandchuck@bellsouth.net

Oak Ridge Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

New Year's Day Hike

January 1, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

@Auditorium

Note: There will not be a fall plant sale this year. The next UTAS plant sale will be held in the spring.

Event Round Up

3rd Saturday Hike



Jeff Holt and Hella Peterson led 11 hikers on the 3rd Saturday hike held in August



Leaf Print Workshop



Image: Kathy Fahey explaining how to make the craft

Twenty two participants (including 8 parent/child duos) gathered under the Sharp Program Shelter for the popular leaf print workshop offered by UTAS Board member Kathy Fahey. She was assisted by Lynda Haynes and Charlie Hensley.

Event Round Up

First Children's Summer Camps at UT Arboretum

We held our first ever children's summer programs this year!



We kicked off these new endeavors in June with *Bug Camp 2018!* Jerome Grant from UT Entomology and Plant Pathology and two of his students joined our volunteers for three days of bugs, bugs and more bugs. Our students learned what makes an insect and insect and why you will never see a flying spider –which was a relief to all! They hiked the trails of the arboretum collecting and identifying bugs, made buggy arts and crafts and even had roasted crickets for a snack. After cheering their own hissing cockroach on in the cockroach races, each student was able to take a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach home as a pet and though some parents were a bit reluctant at first all the students were thrilled! Every student left with A Bug Camp T-shirt and their own bag of insect collecting tools. The parents were so impressed by what their children were learning that they wanted to know when we would have bug camp for adults! More camp photos can be found in the Online Branches.



The Science of Nature Camp with Kris Light was a one day science camp held in July to give children a chance to examine nature close up and learn from naturalist and environmental educator Kris Light. The day was highlighted by a nature hike where the children collected samples from the arboretum and then took them back to examine under microscopes.



UT FRREC Employees Receive Recognition Awards

Yvonne Hitchcock and Bo Duncan were recently recognized for their long tenure and meritorious service at the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center (UT FRREC). Both staff members received the complete Branch Station Service Director Award earlier this summer. The award recipient requirements are for non-exempt support staff of a branch agricultural experiment station who in the opinion of the selection committee have contributed most to the attainment of the mission of the branch stations. The selection criteria is based on the reliability, initiative, cooperativeness, implementation, personality, communication, and competence of the nominees and is open to all AgResearch field personnel. The recognition includes a plaque, cash award, and mention in a future UT Institute of Agriculture publication. Both Yvonne and Bo were well deserving of this recognition based on their 30 year-plus service at the UT FRREC, while also meeting the rigorous criteria of the award program and the competition from other worthy UT AgResearch employee nominations.



3rd ANNUAL BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!



On Saturday, August 4, the UT Arboretum Society hosted its 3rd Annual Butterfly Festival, which has grown each year since 2016 to be quite an event. Thanks to excellent publicity provided by Melanie Staten and Michelle Campanis, we had an estimated crowd of over 1,400 people in attendance. The huge draw of the day was, of course, the release of 200 Monarch butterflies at noon. But attendees were also drawn in droves to the children's crafts, the products our artisan vendors had for sale, Ms. Monarch, the native plants grown by Lori McAlister of Tennessee Naturescapes, the mountain music supplied by Boogertown Gap, and the food provided by three vendors. The UT Insect Zoo, manned by Dr. Jerome Grant and his students, was a hugely popular attraction. And this year Dr. Grant added a Butterfly Tent, filled with 25 Painted Ladies and ten Monarchs. Also new this year was the UT Institute of Agriculture tent with information and cool prizes. Our Auditorium was filled to capacity for each of our three speakers: Linda Fraser, Jamie Herold, and Abdullah Almsaeed. Thanks so much to the members of

the Butterfly Festival Committee: Janet Bigelow, Michelle Campanis, Kevin Hoyt, Lori McAlister, Hella Peterson, Marti Salk, Melanie Staten, Dennis Superczynski, and Don Williams. And a special thanks to Kevin's crew, who groomed the fields and prepared the site, helped park countless cars safely, and cleaned up afterwards: Bo Duncan, Yvonne Hitchcock, Jake Wrye, and Ed Yost.



And finally, we could not have a festival without the volunteers who turned out to work a three-hour shift in the August heat! Thank you to volunteers: *Betty Lou Alspaugh David Alspaugh, Janet Bigelow, Rachel Bigelow, Tm Bigelow, Michelle Campanis, Janet Cushman, Dorothy DeVan, Barbara Emery, Gayle Githens, Jerome Grant, Sue Havard, Lynda Haynes, Jeff Holt, Les Hook, Charlie Jernigan, Karla McMaster, Lori Murphree, Anne Parks-Johnson, Hella Peterson, Pat Row, Tom Row, Marti Salk, Charlie Samuels, Don Searle, Randy Stewart, Diana Turner, Melody Turner, Dennis Superczynski, Jan Superczynski, and 15 AWESOME UT Students!*

More Images from the Butterfly Festival can be found in the online version of *Branches*

UT Arboretum Receives New Mower



The UT Arboretum recently received a new Snapper Pro hydro-static mower through funds appropriated from the UT Arboretum Society (UTAS) *operations donation* account. The mower was an addition to the existing 9+ year-old mower fleet which is used extensively throughout the UT Arboretum grounds. This mower was purchased through a competitive bid process based on reliability, ease of service and standardization of the fleet. The UT Forest resources AgResearch and Education Center is extremely appreciative of the continuing UTAS *operations donation* account and uses these funds for the direct benefit of the UT Arboretum.

New water line for the Elmore Holly Garden

Thanks to generous donations from Dr. Will Witte, other UT Arboretum Society (UTAS) members, and the UTAS board, the long-awaited Elmore Holly Collection water line was installed on August 9. This project was led by Dr. Witte and other Holly Task Force members for a number of years leading up to the securing of the required funds to break ground on the project this summer. The water line was ultimately installed by a reputable/low-bid irrigation contractor. The 350+’ water line was tied into the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center main water line service. A single frost-free agricultural spigot, serviced by a 1” line was installed near the center of the collection. A water meter and cutoff valve was also included in the project. The water pressure at the spigot head was better than expected.



DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF DICK RARIDON



Long time UTAS member, former Board Member, former Vice President, and Plant Sale Chairman Emeritus Richard (Dick) Raridon passed away on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018. Read a tribute to him in the Summer issue of Branches at the UT Arboretum website. <http://utarboretumsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/branches/Branches2018Vol49Summer.pdf>

In his memory a number of people have donated to UTAS or to UT for the Arboretum. These memorial contributions enable UTAS to continue supporting the programs and activities of the UT Arboretum, allowing it to remain a dynamic local resource, which Dick loved and devoted much time and energy to. Thank you to each of the following people for their donations in Dick’s memory. *Donations directly to UTAS:* Robert and Kathy Gant, Carol and Gary Grametbauer, Mary Matheny, Ann Mostoller, Mr. C. W. Nestor, Jr., Norton Rose Fulbright, US, LLP, James and Robyn

Repass, Marti and Gary Salk, Beatrice Seravello, Judith E. Van Winkle, and Annetta P. Watson. *Donations to the University of Tennessee Arboretum Endowment Fund:* Janet and Tim Bigelow and Norm and Lee Ann Dobbs.

New & Renewing Members

Renewing Members:

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 Linda and Fred O'Hara
 Marion and Charles Burger

Sherri Parker Lee
 Margarete J. Ohnesorge
 Fred Anderson
 Ann Mostoller
 Lydia Birk
 Leslie Cusick

Mary Mishu
 Harvey Goranson
 Jason and Tina Smith
Edwina Crowe

New Members:

Daniel M. Pajeroski
 Ed Christman

*Society Friends - **bold**

Looking to the Future...

A \$3 million endowment campaign has been initiated to secure future funding for the UT Arboretum. You can assist this effort in many ways. Include the UT Arboretum Endowment in your estate planning. Help the campaign partners identify potential donors. Honor loved ones with memorials to the endowment. The endowment will fund critical features of a grand vision for the future of the UT Arboretum that will include: caring for and expanding plant collections, funding an arboretum education coordinator position, improving facilities, and creating vibrant education and outreach programs. For more information on Planned Giving visit this UT website: www.utfj.org/give-now.

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 UTI-Aadvancement@tennessee.edu. OR UT Arboretum - Kevin Hoyt - 865-483-3571

To contribute to the Endowment: make a check payable to the "University of Tennessee Foundation" and indicate in the memo line to credit your contribution to the **UT Arboretum Endowment Fund**. Mail it to the UT Institute of Agriculture, Office of Institutional Advancement, 114 Morgan Hall, Knoxville, TN 37996.

Membership Information

Renewing Your Membership— Check your *Branches* label for your membership renewal date! You'll get a reminder, or you can download a form at www.utarboretumsociety.org.

Join Our Email List - To receive important notices from UTAS, please email emily@jernigans.net and we will add you to our database. Also notify Emily of any email or mail address changes. **We never share your address.**

Electronic Newsletter Only Option: If you'd like to receive only an electronic copy of *Branches*, send an email to emily@jernigans.net. Confirm that you no longer want us to mail you a paper copy of our newsletter. Be sure to include the email address you'd like us to use.

UTAS Membership Application

Name _____ Phone _____

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New Renewal

Society Friend \$100 Patron \$500

Family \$50 Individual \$35 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*.

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Boost Your Health Tuesday October 24th, 10 a.m.-noon @ Program Shelter

Please Read

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So please disregard previous date/information given in the Summer Branches about the sale.

SEE THE CALENDAR ON PAGE 6 FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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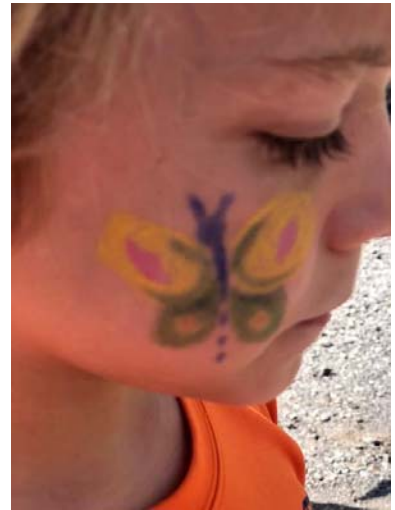
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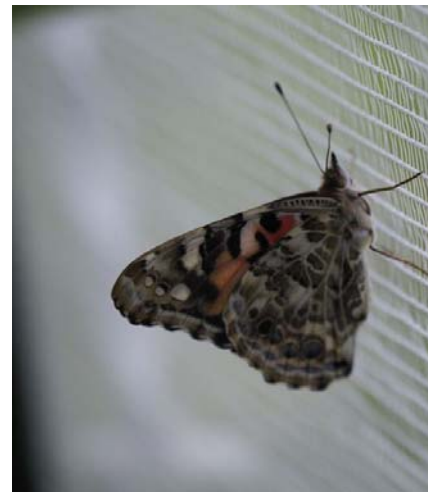
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UTAS Adopt-A-Stream participants received a certificate and sign this past spring for their participation last year in the Adopt-A-Stream Project.

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