

# Branches

*Extending news and information to UTAS members and friends*

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## Fall Plant Sale-

Saturday, October 7, 9-3

Sharpen your shovels! Our Fall Plant Sale will be on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. **Dogwood** is again the featured plant, and we'll have several varieties from our stock. We've invited Beaver Creek Nursery, Sunlight Gardens, Nantuckett Farms Nursery and Farmhouse Nursery as well.

We're inviting you to **join our sale**, too. For the first time we're giving you the opportunity to donate any of your plants to the sale. All proceeds will go to UTAS, making this a way for you to thin your plants and donate to a great cause. Just price your plants and bring them to the UT Arboretum Program Shelter on Friday, October 6th. If you want any unsold plants returned, please tell us when you deliver your stock.

**Bargain Plants:** We'll offer 'left-over' UTAS plant stock at reduced prices, so come early to get your "green light" specials. Call **Norm Dobbs** at 482-6656 if you plan to donate some plants or have questions about this Sale. **Dick Raridon** is, once again, in charge.

## Outdoor Drama

The Battle of King's Mountain-

One of the 'Overmountain Men' visited the UT Arboretum on the evening of Saturday, July 29th. Mike Dahl, local storyteller and friend of Richard Evans, dressed as a Revolutionary War militiaman as he recounted the tale of the pivotal 'Battle of King's Mountain.'

Participants were encouraged to come early and either bring a picnic or purchase hot dogs and fixings offered by the Anderson County 4-H Club. Hosting an 'outdoor drama' was a first for the UT Arboretum and UTAS and it proved to be very successful. Over 160 guests sat in the natural amphitheater area, just west of the Program Shelter, to hear Mike spin his tale. This event drew many first-time visitors to the Arboretum. History buffs, DAR members, and those with genealogical ties to the Overmountain Men were apparent among the crowd as they engaged in animated discussions and shared their own knowledge of the King's Mountain saga.

As Mike brought the story of these brave men to life, his audience was drawn in by his hand-sewn costume and 1770-style Virginia rifle as well as by his words. His wife, Fran, was also dressed in period costume. Proceeds from this



event benefited UTAS and ultimately the UT Arboretum, totaled \$585. More importantly, the event brought many newcomers to the Arbore-

tum, and helped make many others aware of its presence here in Oak Ridge. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, and we hope to have more events like this in the future. **Norm Dobbs** and **Richard Evans** set up this terrific show.



## President's Letter

I hope you have all had a good summer, and have managed to keep your plants alive despite the heat. Please take the time to read about the many events that UTAS has initiated this year, and about our plans for the remainder of 2006. We're experimenting with ways to attract more visitors to the UT Arboretum. By raising the profile of the Arboretum in our area, we hope that more people will want to help us sustain it. As others join us in appreciating its value as a research facility and as a beautiful place to visit, we think it will be easier to obtain the funding necessary to secure its future.

We had another very successful Spring Plant Sale this year, even with the elimination of the Sunday afternoon sale. As a result of this and other fundraising efforts, UTAS was able to make a \$17,500 contribution to the UT Arboretum. This represents half of our annual commitment we've made to UT for the operation of the Arboretum. We recently received a plaque honoring UTAS's membership in the University of Tennessee Benefactors Society. It is on display in the Visitors Center at the Arboretum. Members of the Benefactors Society must have donated a minimum of \$100,000 to the University, and over the past 41 years UTAS has contributed much more than that. We are well on our way to reaching the next level.

The weekly Oak Ridge Observer newspaper has given me the opportunity to be a guest columnist twice a year as an advocate for the UT Arboretum. My initial article appeared just before our Spring Plant Sale in April and my next article is scheduled for September. I will promote our Fall Plant Sale and use this opportunity to educate the readers of the benefits and needs of the UT Arboretum.

I want to direct your attention to the first-ever "Outdoor Drama" which we helped host on Saturday, July 29th. This event attracted many newcomers to the Arboretum. Many of these first-time visitors were impressed with the Arboretum's attractions, and were planning to return. This is exactly what we want: frequent visitors to the Arboretum and eventual UTAS members and volunteers. Both Richard Evans and I agree that we need to hold more events of this nature. Now our challenge is to find some "encore" events that will attract the type of audience that turned out to see Mike Dahl. If anyone has ideas along these lines, please let us know.

In closing let me say something about the UT Arboretum Endowment campaign which the University of Tennessee has endorsed and kicked-off. In addition to raising funds and obtaining contributions to support the near-term operational needs of the UT Arboretum, attainment of the \$3 million endowment campaign goal will both secure the Arboretum for future generations and allow for enhanced facilities and additional staff at the Arboretum. More news about this campaign will be forthcoming. Please continue your membership in UTAS, help us attract new members, volunteer to help us conduct successful events at the Arboretum, and seriously consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the UT Arboretum Endowment Fund. We appreciate those of you already helping with these endeavors.

Norm Dobbs, UTAS President  
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## Director's Desk

When you think of the UT Arboretum, what visions are conjured up in your mind? Is it the collections of tree and shrubs? Is it the blended landscape of pastoral scenes and forests? Is it a particular trail-way within a tunnel through towering trees? Or is it a special place, a favorite bench, over-look, or nook where you may retreat for some quiet reflection? Your first thought might not be of a specific place or scene in the Arboretum, but of an experience. Perhaps it was the time you visited with a good friend or a child; the time you saw a fawn suckling or turkey strutting; the time you were on a guided walk, at a program, or with the staff where you learned something new. It might even be something more basic, tangible, and personal, like a disease-resistant dogwood gracing your yard that you know exists due to UT's research programs.

I contemplate these things because they are at the heart of what drives the many decisions surrounding the allocation of effort and resources to Arboretum development and programs. These decisions require a steady focus on the primary mission of research and education blended with public service objectives, all taking place within a real-world environment of constrained budgets and future uncertainties.

Although the natural features of the Arboretum - its soils, animals and forests - can exist on their own, the things we have created within this landscape depend on our will and generosity. The "conjured visions" of the Arboretum you may hold so dear are there waiting for others to see, experience, and enjoy. It is our challenge to preserve and sustain what has thus far been created and to build an even greater and more precious resource for the future on this foundation. Today, we take on this challenge - a campaign for the very future of the Arboretum.

As members of the UT Arboretum Society, you have a lead role in this effort. The Society and the University have established a joint campaign to create a \$3 million Arboretum Endowment Fund. You have heard something about this, and you will see this effort take shape and gain momentum as the campaign goes forward. Society volunteers have been instrumental in efforts to step up Arboretum programs and events to gain broader support for the Arboretum. As the endowment fund grows I believe we will see our "conjured visions" mature into tangible gifts that will secure and sustain the future of the Arboretum.

See our web site for more information:  
<http://forestry.tennessee.edu>

~Richard Evans, Director

## Kris Light Ramble

Oak Ridge teacher and naturalist Kris Light led a "ramble" at the Arboretum on Saturday morning, May 13th. Approximately 27 people attended this event, including one couple who delayed their return home to Huntsville, AL, after

reading about this walk. Kris introduced the "ramblers" to the many Spring wildflowers along the Arboretum's Marsh Rd. Kris offered her nature photos and note cards for sale after the walk and made a donation from her sales to UTAS. **Lee Ann Dobbs** organized this event.



## Hypertufa Demonstration



*Susan Conlon Morgan of HGTV*

More than 50 people gathered under the shelter on the evening of July 13 to learn more about making hypertufa troughs from HGTV's Susan Conlon Morgan. Susan mixed Portland cement, peat moss, and perlite or sand as she demonstrated the techniques of making these unique planters. Despite a strong thunderstorm, her audience paid close attention as she demonstrated the various stages of production. She also brought samples of leaf molds made by UTAS member Fay Beck as another example of plant crafting with cement products. Norm Dobbs has made a

number of hypertufas, and was able to add some information based on his experiences. **Fran Scheidt** coordinated the workshop.

## Preschool Dogwood Planting

In May the Oak Ridge DoubleTree hotel donated a dogwood to the Oak Ridge Preschool as part of its North American "Teaching Kids to Care" tree-planting program. In partnership with the National Arbor Day Foundation, DoubleTree also gave 95 seedlings to the preschoolers. **Emily Jernigan** represented UTAS, speaking about the need to take care of all trees as we planted the new dogwood in front of the Preschool building.

## Bird Walk

On May 6th the Arboretum Society held a bird walk at the UT Forest Resource Center. Approximately 20 cheerful faces arrived promptly at 7 a.m. Jim Evans and Jason Mitchell led the walk, and their extensive knowledge of birds gave the participants new insights into the appearance, habitats, and calls of many local species. We observed vireos, warblers, tanagers, and many other birds.

The highlight of the morning was a flock of wild turkeys. We first saw a female sitting high in a tree, which isn't so unusual for a



turkey, but then most of us don't see very many wild turkeys. A little later in the morning we saw a large tom turkey with his tail spread, strutting for his lady fair. Everyone got a very good look at him since he was too interested in impressing the female to even care that we were there.

Maybe next spring we'll have another bird walk and see some of their offspring! **Katie Cottrell** was in charge of this activity.

## Festival on the Green



*Dick Raridon, Lou Arnold, Will Witte*

UTAS participated in celebrating the 2006 "Rites of Spring" at Farragut's 4th Annual Festival on the Green. This family-oriented event is held annually at the Village Green Shopping Center, and is a fitting finale to the month-long Dogwood Arts Festival. Visitors could purchase *Cornus florida*, the star of East Tennessee spring, at the UTAS tent, as well as magnolias and a variety of shrubs and perennials. Ann Arnold spearheaded a project for UTAS volunteers to provide planting materials and lessons for children on how to plant seeds. **Dennis Superczynski** led this event.

## Cumberland Forest Visit

UTAS Board members and their guests visited UT's Cumberland Forestry Experiment Station in Morgan County on the evening of August 11. After we enjoyed a BBQ supper we were given an overview and tour of the Station. Richard Evans, Director, Mark Young, Research Associate, and Martin Schubert, Farm Manager showed us around. A highlight was a visit to the Hornyhead Branch Restoration Project that won the 2006 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for its bank stabilization demonstration project. **Marie Walsh** headed this activity.



## Fundraising & Program Ideas Wanted

**Dick Raridon** heads a new committee that will discuss new fundraising ideas for UTAS. Our organization faces many challenges in this area, and we are in need of some different ways of generating funds to support the Arboretum. If you have suggestions, please pass them on to Dick at raridon@hotmail.com. Please do the same with ideas for programs you'd like us to consider.

## Native Plant Group

The Native Plant group continues to meet on the third Wednesday of the month to maintain the areas surrounding the Visitors Center. We are challenged by changing sun exposures, dry weather conditions and browsing deer, and we still enjoy working with the plants and visiting with each other. If you would like to become a "groupie" contact **Lee Ann Dobbs** at 482-6656.

## Holly Update

The Elmore Holly Collection is all dressed up. In April, Fran Scheidt and Will Witte matched all 218 aluminum labels to their appropriate hollies. Richard Evans and his crew then installed them. These permanent labels represent a significant gift from UTAS to the Arboretum.

No "Holly Work Day" is scheduled this fall as the collection is in good shape. There will be one next spring.



## Upcoming Events

### Fall Wildflower Walk

*Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m.*

Kris Light, Oak Ridge teacher and naturalist, will introduce participants to spectacular fall woodland wildflowers commonly found in East Tennessee. Tall purple and gold flowers will put on a very different show from the dainty, ephemeral flowers that delighted visitors on her early spring ramble.

Participants should meet in the parking lot of the UT Arboretum, 901 S Illinois Ave. (Hwy 62) Oak Ridge. Kris will offer her nature photos and note cards for sale after the walk. Contact **Lee Ann Dobbs** for more information.



### Night Noises

*Saturday, September 9 at 7 p.m.*

Owls and more will be on display at the UT Arboretum Visitors Center. The evening event will begin with a program presented by Kathy Strunk and Katie Cottrell of the Clinch River Raptor Center, featuring owls found in East Tennessee. They will bring live birds for display and will give information about their natural history. Kathy and Katie have been co-directors of the Raptor Center for over twenty years, and have given hundreds of programs in East Tennessee on birds of prey.

John Byrd will then lead a walk on the grounds of the Arboretum to listen for owls and other 'night noises.' John recently retired after 31 years of teaching biology, and he is presently serving as a science consultant for Anderson County Schools. For the past 17

years he has coordinated the Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization (CRESO), which is supported by a grant from the Department of Energy and involves high school students in long-term biological studies. Some of their work is done at the UT Forest Resources Research & Education Center. One of the studies is a bird-banding project conducted at the UT Arboretum by Kathy Strunk, who is also part of the CRESO project. **Please bring a flashlight!**

### Annual Meeting

*Tuesday, November 7*

Mark your calendars for the evening of Tuesday, November 7th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Ridge. Our guest speaker is **Carol Reese**, the always-entertaining Ornamental Horticulture Specialist and University of Tennessee Extension Agent from Jackson, TN.

Carol's slide show will inspire you as she shares her passion for the "aberrants" of the plant world ... all the coolest, weirdest woodies she's run across. You'll see forms that are variegated, weeping, golden, purple, contorted, or just plain gorgeous. Best of all, these are proven to perform well in our area. If you've heard Carol's presentations before, you know she sprinkles her solid information with humor, amusing stories and fascinating snippets of natural lore. Her talk is guaranteed to have you in stitches and laughing out loud. See you there.

## Stumped?

*What are the most common owls in East TN? Which is the largest?*



The most common owls are screech, barn, barred, and great horned, in order of size. Least common are the barn owls. The great horned owl is 18-25" tall with a wingspan of 36-60." The little screech owl is only about 9" tall with a wingspan of 22." They are, however, fierce hunters. **Katie Cottrell** provided this answer.

*Email your questions about trees, other plants, or wildlife to us at [UTAS@discoveret.org](mailto:UTAS@discoveret.org).*



## Editor's Note- Email

The Arboretum Society is picking up the pace of our activities. Although *Branches* is a good way to keep you informed about upcoming events, it cannot accurately reflect changes or newly scheduled events. Our web site is more timely, and email is the best way to communicate with you. Therefore, **we need your email addresses** so that you don't miss out on important information.

We never share your email address with anyone else. Additionally, when we send out an email, members see only their own address so we do not share this information even within our membership.

If you're not receiving email reminders from us and would like to, please send an email to [emily@jernigans.net](mailto:emily@jernigans.net) and I will add you to our database. If your email address changes, please notify me of that. You may need to add us to your address book so our emails don't get sent automatically to 'junk' or the trash.

## Membership Renewals

**Check your *Branches* label for your membership expiration date!**

It's almost time for most of our members to renew their memberships. Although we are now on a rolling renewal system – your membership is good for one year beginning the month you join or renew, rather than for a calendar year - most members renew in December or January. So look for a reminder letter when your membership is nearing its expiration date. We value you, and hope you will stay with us.

## New and Renewing Members - Thanks!

Mary F. Alford  
 Marcia Baranyi  
 BJ & Brian Baxter  
 Larry & Carol Ann Brown  
 Larry & Debbie Bryant  
 Babs & Ken Carter  
 Ed & Meredith Clebsch  
 Townsend Collins  
 Carolyn Crowder  
 June Crowe  
 Susan Donnelly  
 Karen & Mark Downing  
 Olive Gaines  
 Emory Valley Garden Club  
 Judi Gray  
 Katharine Andes Greer  
 Susanna Harris  
 Jon Hetrick  
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 Bruce & Sally Suttle  
 Robb Turner  
 Lucky Vogt  
 Nyta Wall  
 Jeanette Wenzel  
 Paul & Rose Whalen  
 John & Peggy Wheeler  
 Valerie Widgren  
 Beverly S. Woods

## Volunteers Needed



*Will Witte and Ruth Pardue, Fall 2005 sale*

The **Fall Plant Sale** is Saturday, October 7, from 9-3. If you'd like to help set up on Friday, or work the day of the sale, contact Dick Raridon, [raridon@hotmail.com](mailto:raridon@hotmail.com), or Norm Dobbs, [nadobbs@comcast.net](mailto:nadobbs@comcast.net).

**Donate your plants** to UTAS at the Fall Plant Sale. Contact Norm Dobbs, [nadobbs@comcast.net](mailto:nadobbs@comcast.net) or 482-6656.

We have two **board vacancies**.

The **Annual Meeting** is Tuesday, November 7. If you can help, call Lee Ann or Norm Dobbs, 482-6656.

If you are familiar with the Arboretum and are interested in serving as an occasional **'tour guide'** for groups visiting the Arboretum, Contact Richard Evans, 483-3571.

The **Native Plant Group** meets on the third Wednesday of most months. Contact Lee Ann Dobbs, 482-6656 or [leadob@comcast.net](mailto:leadob@comcast.net), to join.

## ~ New York, New York ~

# What a Wonderful Town for a Garden Tour

*Dennis Superczynski organized UTAS' 2006 Garden Tour to the New York City area. Twenty-two members and guests were treated to nine public and private gardens, and even got in some shopping and a Broadway show. Dennis shares the highlights below.*

Perhaps the first thoughts that come to mind when thinking about a visit New York are the Broadway plays, superb restaurants, museums, Central Park, and the "Today Show." So it's no surprise that the 22 guests on the UTAS Spring Garden Tour enjoyed these activities in Manhattan. We spent most of our time there visiting nine fascinating gardens, however. So now let's take a stroll through the places we visited in May 2006.



In the Bronx, Wave Hill Garden & Cultural Center was originally built as country home in 1843 overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. It is now a spectacular public garden that has retained its original paths and structures to develop a landscape that enhances the property's magnificent vistas. The New York Botanical Garden, also in the Bronx, offers a more formal garden setting on a 250-acre landscape encompassing 50 gardens and plant collections. Allow plenty of time to visit here, and lunch at the Garden Café is a must.

Traveling east into Long Island, Oyster Bay overlooks Oyster Bay Harbor off the Long Island Sound and is home to Suzy Bales' private garden. Suzy is author of several popular books on gardening and writes regularly for Family Circle. Her garden has been featured in House Beautiful, Better Homes and Gardens, and Horticulture. Our guests were invited to a private tour of Suzy's garden and it was no wonder it received by far the most votes for the favorite garden visited. Our tour began in the lush, formal, crescent-shaped perennial and Rose Garden overlooking the Long Island Sound that led into the Lilac and Peony Walk. We saw magnificent springtime displays where pink lilacs darkened into blue and purple tones, and clumps of peonies surrounded each group of lilacs. It was pure delight. The property featured a walled area beside the carriage house where a Flagstone Courtyard was installed and the spaces between the paving stones were perfect pockets for low growers: herbs, bulbs, and assorted perennials. We were delighted to have had the opportunity to personally visit this private garden most often seen only in Suzy's gardening books and garden spots on TV, or in magazines. This garden was reason enough to join the UTAS tour.

Also in Oyster Bay, not far from Suzy's garden, is the Planting Fields Arboretum & Coe Hall House Museum. This 409-acre estate was originally a 1920's Gold Coast Estate and has a rich history of possessing some of the greatest horticultural treasures on Long Island. Here Vincent Simone, Director of Office of Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation, treated us to a personal tour of gardens designed by renowned landscape architects Lowell & Sargent and the Olmsted Brothers. A tour of Coe Hall, the estates grand manor house rounded out our visit providing insight on the rich history of Planting Fields.

Not far from Oyster Bay, Old Westbury Gardens was one of my personal favorites. It's easy to see why it is considered one of the most beautiful English-style country estate gardens in North America. It features formal terraces, a Walled Garden and a Reflecting Pool. A tour of Westbury House, the stately three-story mansion was equally enjoyable. Don't miss this one next time you visit Long Island.

Our garden path continued to the North Fork of Long Island to the Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. We joined Mark Bridgen, Director of the Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension, receiving insight on their research programs and the principals of tissue culture. Lovely side trips included shopping at Peconic River Herb Farm, a fresh seafood luncheon overlooking Peconic Bay, and a wine tour and tasting at Raphael Vineyard.

Our guests loved the opportunities to tour private gardens. They awarded the Bud & Ruth Gehrich Rhododendron Garden in Huntington, Long Island, the 2nd most 1st place votes for gardens visited. Bud & Ruth are very active members of the Holly Society of America and Azalea-Rhododendron Society. Rhododendrons stole the show at this time of year, although magnificent azaleas, wildflowers and, of course, hollies populated their hillside beneath a thick canopy of oaks, tupelos, and hickories.

After we thought we had seen it all, our final garden visit on Long Island at Bayard Cutting Arboretum proved us all wrong. This public state park, utilizing plans conceived by Fredrick Law Olmstead, was donated in memory of William Bayard Cutting and proved to be "an oasis of beauty". We admired the knowledge and stamina of our guide Brian Feils, Director of Bayard Cutting Arboretum, as he delighted us with a walking tour of the grounds. Walking stick in hand, he pointed out the long histories of the conifer, dwarf evergreen, rhododendron, azalea, holly, and oak collections.

We returned to New York and Manhattan for some fun in the Big Apple. But a group of plant people couldn't pass up the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. And it is "Botanic", not "Botanical" as garden staff will tell you. This distinguished garden within New York City delighted our guests. Two favorites are the Japanese Hill-And-Pond Garden and, my personal favorite, the Shakespeare Garden.



When all the votes were cast, this was the order of favorites this year:

- Suzy Bales' private garden
- Planting Fields Arboretum & Coe Hall House Museum
- New York Botanical Garden

Annual garden tours are provided as a membership benefit for the education and enjoyment of University of Tennessee Arboretum Society members. Although we visit many public gardens, we also offer an opportunity to enter some private gardens seldom open to the public. Profit from the tours, if any, is used to support the University of Tennessee Arboretum.



## UTAS Resources

### Board Members

Katie Cottrell	Richard Raridon
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Jeff Holt	Marti Salk
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Emily Jernigan	Don Searle
Joann Johnson	Dennis Superczynski
Evelyn Lorenz	Marie Walsh
Diantha Paré	

**Branches Editor** Emily Jernigan

### Help Wanted

We're looking for two new board members to fill in the unexpired terms of Betts Higgins and Ken Carter. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Norm Dobbs. [nadobbs@bellsouth.net](mailto:nadobbs@bellsouth.net)

If you'd like to join the 'mailing team' please let me know. This job entails getting Branches, membership renewal letters, etc. ready to mail. It's just a few hours 4-5 times a year. [Emily@jernigans.net](mailto:Emily@jernigans.net)

### Thanks

Betts Higgins and Ken Carter resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Betts has been part of the UTAS team for many years, involved in everything from the plant sales to the Secret City festival and the Dogwood Arts Show booth. Ken recently joined the Board, bringing a helpful, fresh perspective to the organization. We will miss both of them, although they intend to remain active as their time permits.

### Welcome

Marti Salk has joined the Board. A Life Member, Marti has a PhD in plant ecology and works in the Environmental Sciences Division of ORNL.

### How to Find Us

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### Looking to the Future...

#### The UT Arboretum Endowment Campaign

The University of Tennessee, the UT Arboretum Society, and other partners have set a goal of building a \$3 million UT Arboretum Endowment. This endowment will fund critical features of a grand vision for the future of the University of Tennessee Arboretum that will include:

- Expanded collections of plants
- Creation of an Arboretum coordinator position
- Improved facilities for public access and enjoyment
- Enhancement of the grounds, displays, and trails
- Perpetuation and care of existing plant collections
- Creation of vibrant education and outreach programs

This campaign has been in the planning stages about six months. The UT Institute of Agriculture Development Office, Arboretum Director, Arboretum Society President, and several UTAS members have worked in partnership to move this important endeavor along and lay a foundation for success.

Within the next few months you will be hearing more about these early efforts, and some exciting announcements will be forthcoming. However, it is now time to engage everyone in this endeavor to fully achieve our goal. There are many things you can do:

- Be an ambassador for the Arboretum, and "talk-up" the Endowment Campaign.
- Share you ideas on who might be potential contributors to the Endowment.
- Provide introductions and open doors for the University and Society to approach potential contributors.
- Consider including the University of Tennessee Arboretum in your estate plans. You may qualify for a gift that will produce lifetime income for you and your loved ones, or you might want to honor loved ones with memorials.

If you have questions, need more information, or wish to share your idea for funding the UT Arboretum Endowment, please contact:

- UT Institute of Agriculture Office of Development (Rhodes Logan) – 865-974-1928
- UT Arboretum (Richard Evans) – 865-483-3571
- UT Arboretum Society (Norm Dobbs) – 865-482-6656

Or for more information on Planned Giving visit this University of Tennessee website

[www.utalumni.utk.edu/givetout/planned\\_giving/index.shtml](http://www.utalumni.utk.edu/givetout/planned_giving/index.shtml)



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