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Extending news and information to UTAS members and friends

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We Welcome the Hoyts

By Emily Jernigan

Kevin Hoyt has what he calls a 'dream job' as director of the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center and Arboretum. He began his new job in early July, and is spending six months with his predecessor, 39-year Director Richard Evans, as a mentor while he transitions into the job. Kevin has a lot to manage: an 11,500 acre field research laboratory based in Oak Ridge at the [UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center and Arboretum](#). Besides the Oak Ridge Forest, he oversees the Cumberland Forest in Morgan and Scott Counties, and the Highland Rim Forest in Franklin County. All this is in addition to the Arboretum with its 2,260 acres, more than 2,500 native and exotic woody plant specimens, research projects, trails, and at least 30,000 visitors a year. Whew!

Kevin feels right at home on the UT campus. He graduated with his B.S., M.S., and Ph. D. Degrees from the UT Institute of Agriculture. A certified forester, he brings experience in industry as well as

research to the job, and looks forward to spending more time working more with public outreach and education as well as research.

Kevin and his family moved into the Director's home at the Arboretum in August after it was renovated. His wife, **Lisa**, and his daughters, **Brianna** and **Olivia**, are delighted to be settling in to their new home in Oak Ridge. Brianna is a senior at Oak Ridge High School, and Olivia started seventh grade at Jefferson Middle School. The family loves exploring the Arboretum's trails and learning about the various collections. Richard Evans says he feels very happy to see children living at the Arboretum again, learning about the outdoors in a place where his children once did the same thing. Kevin has always lived in subdivisions and says that having no immediate neighbors has been something of an adjustment, although they can get to many stores in just four minutes - he timed it! He was surprised to find the tall Dawn Redwoods (*Metasequoia*) in the Marsh Area of the Arboretum when they went there for Charlie Samuels to photograph them.

The Hoyt family enjoys the recreation and cultural opportunities they are discovering in Oak Ridge, and Brianna and Olivia are happy to make new friends in Oak Ridge's outstanding schools. Kevin looks forward to learning more about the woody ornamentals and other Arboretum plants, and to getting to know UTAS members and attending the Society's numerous events. He's also excited about the planned Auditorium and the possibilities for growth and expansion it will bring. Please help us welcome the Hoyt family to Oak Ridge and the Arboretum.



Lisa, Olivia, Kevin and Brianna Hoyt
Photo by Charles Samuels



President's Letter

Fall is approaching. After an exceptionally dry summer we received that welcome rainfall that came in gallons instead of the more desirable steady rains that we needed during the summer. We are back to normal on our yearly rainfall average, but our plants would beg to differ. Everything suffered during the late summer drought, and although recent rainfall helped and nature has an exceptional way of recovering, we all need to assure that our plants are properly put to bed for the winter.

Our new Director, **Kevin Hoyt**, is settling in. He has worked with our staff to complete renovations to the residence on our property that will be his home for years to come. He has also been very busy here and at the other locations in the state that he is responsible for, spending many hours in the field and getting to know the personnel. He is filled with enthusiasm and energy. Stop by the office and chat with him to find out where he is going and what you can do to help at the Arboretum.

We are developing an exciting new collection. **Lynn Carlson** and her team will move into the planting stage for our new **Viburnum Collection** that will be located in the valley east of the new parking lot. They have a large number of plants ready to be placed in the new collection area. A workday for this fall will give you a chance to be a part of this showcase collection.

I want to repeat something I wrote last issue. UTAS members have received a letter from Dean Brown encouraging you to seriously consider a contribution to the **Endowment Fund** for the Arboretum. Our future looks very bright, and I hope most of you will be a part of making things like a new auditorium, extra staff, enhanced programs and increased visibility for the Arboretum happen. We're well on our way, and we want you to join us in this important venture. You can be part of this major step for the Arboretum. Think seriously about the impact the new auditorium can have on the viability and future of the Arboretum. Science camps sponsored by the many large corporations in our city, community events, programs, lectures...the possibilities are wonderful. Be a part of it by considering how your estate planning can make this happen.

Don't forget our Plant Sale: Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m..

~Tom Row, UTAS President

tomhrow@comcast.net, 865-482-9096



Director's Desk

"Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation." This quote by Ronald Reagan, the Great Communicator, sums up my view of the future as I succeed Richard Evans in taking over responsibility and the leadership of the AgResearch Forest Resources Research and Education Center.

As I follow in the footsteps of this highly regarded leader, I plan to sustain his legacy and life's work, and look to a future that will surely be filled with change, challenges and opportunities. During the past few months I have begun to learn about the UT Arboretum and the importance of this magnificent resource to Oak Ridge and to the greater regional community. It truly is a place that provides opportunities for research, education and outreach in the present, and for sound sustainability and stewardship practices to ensure its preservation for the future.

I have attended my first two Arboretum Society Board meetings, and have enjoyed getting to know some of the board members and learning about individual committee work plans. I will continue to learn more about future UTAS plans and goals, and am looking forward to the Annual Meeting. Tom Row asked if I would invite **Bryan Burhans**, CEO/Director of the American Chestnut Foundation, to be the speaker for the event. Bryan has accepted and will give a presentation on the background and history of the Foundation, their current research projects, and the future plans for planting Chestnut orchards within the Appalachian Region.

On a personal note, I want everyone know that my family has successfully moved into the Director's house, and we are now settling into our new home. My wife **Lisa**, and my daughters **Brianna** and **Olivia** are excited about the move and love our new home "in the woods." I must say that after living in a subdivision the past 15 years, the seclusion and beauty of the surroundings are a welcome change.

In closing, I am humbled and honored to be following in Richard's footsteps, and am grateful for the mentorship I will continue to receive from him for the rest of this year. I am excited and optimistic about the future, and am ready to confront the issues and seize the opportunities that await us.

See our website for more information:

<http://forestry.tennessee.edu>

~Kevin Hoyt, Director

Upcoming Events

Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, October 8 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arboretum

Plant Sale chair **Norm Dobbs** has put together another great event this fall. Come out to the Arboretum and find an assortment of plants to spruce up your landscape.

Fall is the ideal time to add plants to the landscape because of milder temperatures and more dependable rainfall. Roots established during the winter months will anchor a stronger plant that will be able to withstand the heat and wind of the following summer.

[Beaver Creek Nursery](#), [East Fork Nursery](#), [Sunlight Gardens](#), as well as Society members and friends will offer numerous high-quality plants. **Razzelberry's Ice Cream Lab and Kitchen** from Oak Ridge will be on site selling sandwiches and ice cream. Proceeds from this and other Society plant sales go to support and secure the future of the UT Arboretum.

Owl Prowl with Katie Cottrell

Saturday, October 22 6:30 p.m. Arboretum

Keep your eyes open for this very popular event! You never know what kinds of wild creatures you'll find at night in the Arboretum, so mark your calendars for October 22.

Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Tuesday, November 8 6 p.m. Elks Club, Oak Ridge

The annual Membership Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Elks Club in Oak Ridge. Please mark this date on your calendar. This will be the first opportunity many of you will have to meet **Kevin Hoyt**, our new Center Director.

We're looking for items to put in our **Silent Auction**, and hope you have something to donate. Popular items in the past have included overnights at B&Bs or inns; gardening items like tools or bulbs; garden-themed items like bird houses, fountains, sculptures or wind chimes; gift certificates to area restaurants or garden centers like Willow Ridge; books; handmade crafts, including woodwork, crochet or paper goods; and wine and food items. Please find some items to donate to support our Arboretum. Contact **Lynda Haynes**, 483-0525, lyndaandchuck@bellsouth.net or **Pat Row**, 482-9096, patrow@comcast.net with your donation.

Learn about Chestnuts at Annual Dinner

Tuesday, November 8 6 p.m. Elks Club, Oak Ridge

Our speaker this year is **Bryan Burhans**. Bryan currently serves as the president and CEO of **The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF)**, <http://www.acf.org>. It is headquartered in Asheville, North Carolina. Bryan received an Associate of Science degree in Wildlife Technology from The Pennsylvania State University, DuBios Campus; a B.S. in Wildlife Science from The Pennsylvania State University; and an M.S. degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from Frostburg State University. Before coming on board with TACF, Bryan was Director of Land Management Programs for the National Wild Turkey Federation; Wildlife Scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and Research Assistant with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Bryan lives with his wife and 16-year-old son in Asheville and originally hails from Pennsylvania.

Holly Work Day

Saturday, November 12 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arboretum



Dr. Will Witte shows proper pruning techniques at a Holly Work Day.

Come for all or part of the day and spend some time outdoors in the company of other plant lovers. Learn more about hollies, pruning, planting, etc., from people who know a lot about it. **Jan Superczynski** will provide a light lunch. Bring gloves, shovels and pruners if you have them. Contact **Dennis Superczynski** for more information: 675-8502, jandport@tds.net.

Historic Charleston House & Garden Tour

April 11-15, 2012 Save the Date!

Save The Date for the UTAS Spring Garden Tour to the Old & Historic District of Charleston and area gardens.

The tour is April 11-15, 2012, sponsored by UTAS in cooperation with the [Historic Charleston Foundation](#).

This bus tour will feature five fantastic days and four nights at the [Marriott Renaissance Hotel](#) in the Charleston Historic District. Begin with a horse-drawn carriage tour for an introduction to The District. Wear comfortable walking shoes for the Glorious Gardens Tours, a part of Historic Charleston Foundation's Annual [Festival of Houses & Gardens](#). The tour will also feature a picnic lunch at a private house or garden and a wine reception at a private garden in the Old & Historic District. You'll have ample free time for shopping or browsing shops and art galleries.

Outside Charleston, our chartered bus will transport us to an Ashley River Plantation tour, beginning with a guided tour of the gardens of [Magnolia Plantation](#). This will be followed with a guided tour of [Middleton Place Gardens](#).

More details and registration information will follow in the next issue of *Branches*.

Dennis & Jan Superczynski, UTAS Garden Tour Co-coordinators

A Growing Opportunity

Are you interested in being a 'foster parent' to a dozen or so young trees? We're looking for several volunteers to take a dozen or two seedlings and grow them for about 2 years. This would allow UTAS to produce plant stock to sell at future plant sales. UTAS would buy the seedlings or liners and supply you with the pots. Your responsibility would be to pot up the plants and give them the TLC (fertilizer, water, repotting, etc.) they need to grow into sale-worthy plants. If you're interested in this proposal, call **Norm Dobbs** at 482-6656 or email nadobbs@bellsouth.net. If enough people volunteer, we'll order the plants early next year and begin this trial project.

Wanted: Plastic Plant Pots

Ken Ferrell is looking for used plastic pots, 1, 2, or 3gallon sizes, to be used in UTAS Spring and Fall Plant Sales. He pots up plants and donates them to UTAS, so send him an email if you can help out. Contact **Ken Farrell**, p-k-f@comcast.net.

View Branches Online

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

Email & Membership Notes

We need your email addresses so that you don't miss out on important information. We never share your email address with anyone else. Please send an email to emily@jernigans.net and we will add you to our database.

If your email address changes, please notify me. You may need to add us to your address book so our emails don't get sent automatically to 'junk' or the trash.

If your mailing address changes, please notify us. The Post Office charges us for every piece of returned mail. Send an email to emily@jernigans.net.

Renew now! Check your *Branches* label for your membership expiration date! You'll get a reminder, or go to www.utarboretumsociety.org and download a form there.

New & Renewing Members-Thanks!

Sharon Annis

David Flitcroft

Lucie Jones

Brenda Kimmel

Joanna Partain

James J. Reca*

Mary Sisson & Donald Snyder

Dennis & Jan Superczynski

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UTAS Membership Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Society Friend \$100 Family \$45

Patron \$500 Individual \$30

Contribution \$ _____ (All memberships and contributions are tax deductible.)

Mail this form and a check to:

UTAS

P.O. Box 5382

Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5382

Committee Reports

Plant Collections

The new viburnum planting is still on track for installation in early November. All the plants for the first phase are either in the greenhouse or on order (via **Debbie Roberts** at [Plant Concepts](#)—thanks, Debbie!) for the end of October.

The next bit of work is some site preparation: part of the valley still requires some fill dirt and removal of a large tree—both are tasks for the staff and heavy equipment, when they have time. Then we can hope to stake out the locations of beds and individual plants, and actually plant during the fall season.

We may be calling for volunteers to help with staking, and later planting—watch your email for updates, and volunteer if you are interested.

Lynn Carlson, Plant Collections Committee Chair
lbcarlson@alumni.Indiana.edu

Native Plant Group

This group keeps the beds and other areas around the Visitor's Center spruced up. The group usually meets in the morning on the third Wednesday of the month, March through November. Contact **Lee Ann Dobbs**, leadob@bellsouth.net, 482-6566, to join in.

The Elmore Holly Collection Happenings

The next Holly Work Day is Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Please come for all or part of the day and help us weed, mulch, and get the hollies looking their best as they head into the winter season. You can also learn about pruning and other techniques from Dr. Will Witte and other knowledgeable holly enthusiasts.

Dennis Superczynski, Holly Task Force

Stumped?

What are those trees on Marsh Road at the Arboretum with thorny trunks and seed pods?



Those are Honey Locusts (*Gleditsia triacanthos*) and now is a good time to notice their seed pods. According to the Featured Plants section of the Arboretum website (<http://forestry.tennessee.edu/featuredplantssept.htm>), "Honey Locust belongs to the plant family Fabaceae (the bean or pea family). The large pods, which are yellowish now, turn brown as fall progresses and may persist into winter. The pods are sweet and eaten by cattle, hogs, and wildlife (thus the name "honey" or "sweet"), and the rattling of the seeds in the pods is said to resemble the singing of locusts (thus the second part of the common name).

The conspicuous thorns on the trunk and limbs are modified branches—they occasionally bear leaves. These have likely evolved over geologic time as protection against large herbivores. In the past, the very hard thorns have been used as nails, for carding wool, and as pins for closing sacks. The durable wood has been used for railroad ties, fence posts, and pallets. A number of thornless varieties have been developed for shade and ornamental use."

Email questions about trees, woody plants, or wildlife to our Green Thumb experts at utarboretumsociety@gmail.com

*Suggested changes to the UTAS bylaws approved by the UTAS Board on August 9, 2011. Bylaws committee: Marti Salk, chair; Pat Hunsicker; Emily Jernigan; Charlie Samuels. Words or letters in **bold** indicate insertions.*

Members will vote on the suggested changes at the Annual Dinner on November 8, 2011. Please review them before the vote.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ARBORETUM SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I -- Name: The name of this organization shall be the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society, Inc. The name may be abbreviated "UTAS."

ARTICLE II -- Purpose: UTAS is a volunteer organization dedicated to furthering the objectives and programs of the University of Tennessee Forest Resources Research and Education Center and Arboretum Project located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, as such objectives and programs exist on the effective date of these bylaws. The primary purpose is to promote interest and participation in the study and enjoyment of trees, shrubs, and other plants.

ARTICLE III -- Membership: Membership shall be obtained upon application and payment of annual dues. Membership shall be of six classes, as follows: Student, Individual, Family, Society Friend, Patron/Corporate

Membership shall be for a 12-month period. Membership shall be renewed upon payment of dues. Dues for each classification of membership shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

The life member classification has been retired. Life members shall, however, retain their membership designation and shall not be required to pay subsequent dues. **The Board of Directors may also extend honorary memberships.** No dues are to be paid by honorary members.

ARTICLE IV -- Officers: Officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.

President: The President shall be the executive head of the Society. The President's duties shall be to preside at meetings of the Society, the Executive Board, and the Board of Directors; to sign documents on behalf of the Society; and to appoint Chairpersons for all committees and Leaders for all task forces with the approval of the Board of Directors. The President may be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of presidential duties. In the absence of the President, for whatever cause, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Society, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Board; engage in correspondence at the direction of the **President or** Board of Directors; **ensure that the UTAS membership roster is maintained and kept current**; and perform other duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall prepare a budget for approval by the Board of Directors; keep accurate accounts of all moneys, including dues, contributions received by the Society, and all disbursements; and pay all bills. Status reports will be available for meetings of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall present a written report to the membership at **the Annual Meeting**. An accounting of the funds of the Society shall be performed in alternate years or with the change of personnel in the office of Treasurer.

Past President: The immediate Past President shall serve as a Director and member of the Executive Board through the term(s) of his or her successor.

ARTICLE V -- The Board of Directors:

Composition: There shall be a governing board composed of the officers of the Society and the Directors. There shall be not more than twelve Directors elected from the membership. The representative from the District IV Federated Garden Clubs of Tennessee shall serve as an ex officio director. The Director of the University of Tennessee **Forest Resources Research and Education Center's Arboretum Project** shall serve as an advisor to the Board, but shall not be a director.

Duties: The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Society. It shall **establish procedures for authorizing** expenditures and recommend expansion or curtailment of activities. It shall have the function of hiring or terminating those who might be employed by the Society.

Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet at least six times per year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or a majority of officers or directors.

Quorum: A majority of the members serving on the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Ex officio **directors or advisors** shall not count toward a quorum.

ARTICLE VI -- Election and Terms of Office: All officers and Directors shall be elected at the **Annual Meeting** by a majority of votes cast by members in good standing. Officers shall be elected for a term of one year. Directors shall be elected to serve three-year terms or as required to fill any vacancies that may exist on the board. Terms of officers and Directors begin on January 1 of the next calendar year. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, **including officers**, may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Any officer or director who misses three consecutive board meetings without communicating with the President or other members of the board shall be considered to have resigned.

ARTICLE VII -- Executive Board: The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President of the Society. The Executive Board shall act on behalf of the Board of Directors when urgent conditions arise between Board meetings or as specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors. Expenditures in excess of an amount set by the Board of Directors cannot be approved by the Executive Board, but must be approved at a regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors. At the next regular Board Meeting the Executive Board shall report its actions for ratification by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII -- Financial Administration: Fiscal Year: The fiscal year for UTAS shall be 1 January - 31 December.

ARTICLE IX -- Meetings of the Membership: The **Annual Meeting** for all members shall be held in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Special meetings of the Society may be called at the discretion of either the Board of Directors or the Executive Board. The location and time of the **Annual Meeting** or any special called meeting of the membership shall be announced in writing at least 20 days but no more than two months before the meeting and sent to all members by mail and/or email. The place and date of the meeting shall be selected by the **entity calling the meeting**.

ARTICLE X -- Committees and Task Forces: The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint committees or task forces deemed advantageous to the functioning of the organization. Committees and task forces are not authorized to act on their own in the name of the Society. A report may be made by the chairperson of each committee or task force to the membership at the **Annual Meeting**.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members recommended by the President and elected by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer as well as candidates for any director positions to be filled on the Board. All candidates must be members in good standing of the Society. A current list of members shall be made available to the Nominating Committee. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor, provided the prior consent of the prospective nominee has been obtained.

Article XI -- Dissolution of the Society:

Means of Dissolution of the Society: A decision to disband the Society must be made by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a meeting of the membership called by either the Executive Board or the Board of Directors. The location and time of meeting shall be announced in writing at least 20 days but no more than two months before the meeting and sent to all members by mail and/or email.

Distribution of Funds on Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all monies, securities, and any other property of whatsoever nature - whether real, personal, or mixed - that may at that time be owned by or be under the control of the Society shall be turned over to the Arboretum Endowment Fund administered by the University of Tennessee to use or dispose of in its absolute discretion.

ARTICLE XII -- Publications: A journal or newsletter shall be mailed or sent by email to all members on a periodic basis. The Board of Directors may approve such other publications as it may deem appropriate.

ARTICLE XIII -- Amendment: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at the **Annual Meeting** or at a special meeting of the Society, provided the membership has been notified by mail and/or email in writing of proposed amendments no less than 20 days but no more than two months before the meeting is held.

ARTICLE XIV -- Miscellaneous: All meetings of the membership of the Society, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Board shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, provided that in the event of a conflict between said rules and these bylaws, the bylaws shall control to the extent of such conflict. The President may appoint a parliamentary advisor.

ARTICLE XV-- Effective Date: The effective date of these bylaws shall be November 8, 2011.



UTAS Resources

Board of Directors

Officers

President: Tom Row	Evelyn Lorenz
Vice-President: Charles Samuels	Peggy Mahoney
Secretary: Lynda Haynes	Debbie Roberts
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Ken Farrell	<i>Ex Officio</i>
Stacey Fuller	Kevin Hoyt
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Emily Jernigan	

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Help Wanted

- **Ken Ferrell** needs 1, 2 or 3 gallon plastic pots for growing plants he'll donate to UTAS. See article on page 3.
- **Norm Dobbs** is looking for a few volunteers to nurture seedlings, provided by UTAS, for about 2 years. These would then be sold at Plant Sale. See article on page 3.

Ongoing

- **Native Plant Group** meets the third Wednesday most months. **Lee Ann Dobbs**, 482-6656 or leadob@bellsouth.net
- **Plant Collections Committee**: identify existing specimens, select, buy and plant new and or replacement plants, etc. **Lynn Carlson**, lbcarlson@alumni.indiana.edu
- **Choose Your Own Spot!** Let us know what tickles your fancy. **Email:** utarboretumsociety@gmail.com

Thanks!

Kris Light conducted two Wildflower Walks at the Arboretum.

Brenda Kimmel has had to resign from the board due to unforeseen circumstances. We appreciate her service.

How to Find Us

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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 recently fulfilled its pledge of a \$500,000 Founding Gift to the Endowment. The **UT Arboretum Society** has contributed over \$40,000 to this effort, continuing its longstanding support of the Arboretum.

Now we need to engage everyone to fully achieve our goal. You can assist this effort in many ways:

Become an ambassador for the Arboretum and spread the word about the Endowment:

- Include the Arboretum Endowment in your estate planning
- Help the campaign partners identify potential donors
- Talk about how much the Arboretum has meant to you, your children and the community
- Honor loved ones with memorials to the Endowment

The 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

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- **Thomas Looney** - 865-974-8622

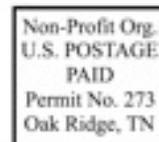
UT Arboretum -**Kevin Hoyt** - 865-483-3571

UT Arboretum Society -**Tom Row** 482-9096

To contribute to the Endowment Fund, make your check payable to the University of Tennessee and indicate in the memo line that you want your contribution credited to the UT Arboretum Endowment Fund. Mail it to the UT Institute of Agriculture, Development Office, 107 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996-4502.

For more information on Planned Giving visit this University of Tennessee website:

www.utalumni.utk.edu/givetout



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 Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5382
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Plant Sale October 8
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 The Red Wagons are ready, and we'll
 have experts to help you select the best
 plants for your needs. Razzleberry's Ice
 Cream Lab and Kitchen will offer
 sandwiches and ice cream. Come on
 down!*

Check the mailing label for your membership expiration date.



*Ready for shopping and learning about plants at
 the UTAS Plant Sale*

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