TRILLIUM TREASURES 2016

Trilliums normally take from five to eight years to flower when propagated from seed, thus few nurseries carry them, and when they are sold they are frequently prohibitively expensive. If you ever find flowering-size trilliums that are not pricey, question if they were dug from the wild, something we strongly discourage.

For the third time in six years, we again offer the rare opportunity to purchase plants that have already reached flowering size for a price that is much less than you would ever pay. This year we are offering more species than in the past. The price for these treasures range from $15 to $20 per plant, and we require a minimum order of five plants.

To place an order visit www.bbgardens.org/trilliums by no later than Monday, March 28. Plants will be available for pickup on April 7, 8 and 9. Questions? Please contact John Manion, Kaul Wildflower Garden curator, at jmanion@bbgardens.org.

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Our Mission
Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens promotes public knowledge of plants, gardens & the environment; & receives, raises & administers resources for these purposes.

Our Vision
The vision of Birmingham Botanical Gardens is to be one of the nation’s preeminent botanical gardens.

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Dear Friends:

I hope you’ve taken advantage of our (so far) mild winter weather to get a little ahead of things in your garden. What? You haven’t? Well, you’d better get going because spring isn’t just around the corner, it’s coming at us full force! Truth be told, I’m a little behind, too. I had planned to have all of last year’s plants in the ground before now, but I’ve been delayed by a flurry of plant shuffling (transplanting, dividing, mind-changing and rearranging) in a few of my borders. Plus, there are always a few plants that prove irresistible, but for which I struggle to find their rightful place. To my (gardener’s) way of thinking, this planned procrastination is perfectly fine!

Regardless whether or not your home nursery is empty, make plans to join us at the Spring Plant Sale at Brookwood Village on April 14-17. We’ll have everything you need, and we hope to have a few things you just can’t resist, too. See all the details on page 8. And don’t miss Earth Day at The Gardens on April 23, when we’ll celebrate the importance of trees (which too many people simply take for granted).

We’ll soon wrap up the construction work in the Garden Center, funded through a city of Birmingham bond offering. We’re grateful for (and proud of) our 53-year partnership with Birmingham’s Park & Recreation Board, and can’t wait to unveil the numerous upgrades throughout the building. You’ll really appreciate the changes. And speaking of changes, last month we welcomed Penney Hartline as our Vice-President of Development. Many of you likely know Penney, who brings to us both deep and broad non-profit fundraising skills. We’re honored to have her as part of our winning team.

Penney’s coming on board is among a number of positive changes our organization has undertaken to strengthen our structure at the board and staff levels, and to set the stage for continued growth. You – as a member, a volunteer and a donor – are the most important part of that growth and I encourage you to dig a little deeper if you can to make that growth possible. Please go to our new, mobile-friendly website and learn about all that we do: I bet you’ll be pleasantly surprised. Making a donation to support our many activities and programs has never been easier (or more important).

I’ll close with a nod of appreciation and a bow of respect to Board Chair Brian Barr, the leadership team of the board and all of our directors who give their time, expertise, passion and financial support freely to The Gardens. Most of them operate quietly behind-the-scenes but without them our organization – and more than 200 non-profits in the Birmingham area – could not function, and our community would be a far lesser place.

See you in The Gardens,

Fred Spicer
Chief Executive Officer

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE MARCH 1

The last time our basic rates were raised was in 2001. As of 2015, the economic realities have caught up with us. While The Gardens has done a good job of keeping our costs down internally and giving you the best services we can for your money, other factors are simply out of our control. Everyone’s costs have gone up in the last 14 years.

For The Gardens, these include printing, postage and many others. We have done as much as we can to hold off an increase for over a decade, but now it is a necessity.

This step allows us to continue giving you the level of service you have come to expect and will ensure that high-quality educational programs and services continue for all.

When does the new rate take effect?
March 1, 2016

How much are dues going up?
Trillium “Individual” level will increase from $45 to $50 per year.
Hydrangea “Family” level will increase from $60 to $70 per year.
Magnolia level will increase from $125 to $145 per year.
All other levels will not experience an increase at this time.

To renew your membership today:
bbgardens.org/membership
The Gardens welcomes new Vice President of Development Penney Hartline

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens introduces Penney Hartline as its new Vice President of Development.

Penney joins The Gardens after more than a decade of non-profit work, serving the Junior League of Birmingham, McWane Science Center, United Way of Central Alabama, Friends of Emmet O’Neil Library, STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading), VOICES for Alabama Children, Mountain Brook Schools, Altamont School, Linly Heflin Unit and Independent Presbyterian Church among others.

Penney will manage the many aspects of fund development for Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. She’ll oversee all events and associated fundraising efforts, including Antiques at The Gardens, Spring and Fall Plant Sale, Flicks Among the Flowers, Dirt Dash, Spencer Lecture. She’ll also be responsible for donations, individual and corporate giving, planned giving and membership opportunities.

If you’re interested in learning more about ways that you can be a part of The Gardens, contact Penney at phartline@bbgardens.org.

Six New Members Elected to Board of Directors

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens has announced its 2016 Board of Directors. Brian Barr of Brasfield and Gorrie returns for his second year as chair, while Beverley Hoyt assumes the role of chair-elect while also serving as chair of operations.

Wally Evans serves his first term as treasurer and Paul Jones returns for his second term as secretary. John Miller serves as chair of development, while Charles Goodrich serves as chair of governance and John Smith T serves as chair of education. J. Turner Inscoe is the chair of government relations and B. Hanson Slaughter continues to serve as past-chair.

There are six new members for 2016: Norm Davis of Trufund Financial Services, Chris Hastings of Hot & Hot Fish Club, Peyton King formerly of Elegant Earth, Lee McLemore of Country Club of Birmingham, Randall Woodfin, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Birmingham, and Junior Board Chair Laura McCraney. Six 2015 board members will rotate off: Mary Boehm, Maggie Brooke, Elizabeth Broughton, 2015 Junior Board Chair Amanda Foshee, Clarke Gillespy and Scott Walton, who had served as treasurer for the Board of Directors since 2007.
Good Things Growing…
In The Gardens
Fred Spicer, chief executive officer

Yaupon, *Ilex vomitoria*, and its cultivars are among the most common landscape plants in our area, and for very good reasons: utility, durability, flexibility, close nativity and beauty. The species is a large, dioecious multi-stemmed shrub or, over time, a larger-scaled small tree, with small, remotely toothed, spineless broadleaf evergreen leaves and gray twigs. Numerous (15+) male and female cultivars have been selected for varying degrees of dwarfness, narrowness, pendulousness, small tree-like stature, leaf shape and fruit color (red or yellow). These diverse forms make the plant useful in many cultivated situations: foundation plantings, hedges of assorted heights, specimens, accents and focal points, modest screens and human-scaled canopies [right], textural contrasts, and pops of winter fruit color.

Yaupon (from yopun, a Catawban word roughly meaning “small tree”) is an easy plant to propagate and grow in the nursery, and once out-planted it establishes quickly and grows reliably for many decades with little to no care. These traits make it quite user-friendly – undemanding and inexpensive – at every stage in the marketplace and after. It abides heavy pruning, poor and compacted soils, urban sites [below, top], extreme drought and flooding. Insect and disease issues are virtually unknown. In fact, you’d be hard-pressed to find a more tenacious yet generally amenable plant.

Not historically native to the Birmingham area, yaupon is roughly concentrated in the coastal plain from east Texas along the Gulf Coast and through north-central Florida, then north in a thinning coastal band to Virginia (some sources say Maryland, too, and dubious old records indicate eastern Long Island). Local plants in wild places in our area are gifts from the birds, who readily take the shiny fruit from cultivated female plants, expanding the species range northward. Weeping varieties appear to come (at least partially) true from seed, which is unusual. Both male and female flowers are excellent bee fodder.

Yaupon is naturally found in acid, pine flatwoods, sandy uplands, even swampy habitats in sand or heavy clay, in higher pH soils (like in the Black Belt) [left, bottom], and even in thin, rocky soils. Exposed in full sun, it thrives, growing dense and twiggy; it also tolerates all but the darkest shade, but is progressively less dense with less light. Still, these broad tolerances make it challenging to find a location in which yaupon doesn’t grow handsomely, and cannot be successfully used. Interestingly, it’s the only native North American plant whose leaves and twigs contain caffeine. The specific epithet *vomitoria* was attached to this plant in error: the storied Black Drink consumed ceremonially by Native American men was composed of varied ingredients, some of which (but apparently not yaupon) are natural emetics.
HEROES AMONG US!
Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Luncheon held to Celebrate Our Garden Heroes

Taylor Steele, volunteer coordinator

What defines a hero? Many people often talk about soldiers, firefighters and fictional characters with supernatural powers as heroes. But what is a hero really? Does heroism always involve physical strength, or are there other qualities that define being a hero?

Our Garden heroes are volunteers with extraordinary physical or mental powers, far beyond the range of normal human ability, who use their powers to promote The Gardens’ mission of education.


The Gardens’ volunteers were honored with a luncheon at West OXmoor Community Center in December, with top volunteers recognized with fitting awards. Categories and recipients for 2015 volunteer awards:

Ida C. Burns Volunteer of the Year: Chris Boles

An overall outstanding individual whose continual volunteer service in many areas of the organization has had significant impact on Birmingham Botanical Gardens. “The Herb Army (Chris’s first volunteer experience at The Gardens, following her Master Gardener class many years ago) is so very proud to have her named the Volunteer of the Year. We see her amazing enthusiasm and dedication to the Gardens every week. She currently is involved in many diverse projects and activities at The Gardens, and strives to involve others in the tasks of supporting and maintaining an educational, beautiful and welcoming place for the Birmingham Community.” - Donna Taylor, The Herb Army

Educator of the Year: Janet White and Carol Washington

Given to a volunteer who does an outstanding job with educational efforts promoting public knowledge and appreciation of plants, gardens and the environment. “Always a smile and a brief moment to chat about travels or funny stories, then it’s on to being a Discovery Field Trip docents as they then bring smiles and opportunities to children.” – Ellen Hardy, education coordinator

Plantsperson of the Year: Larry Stephens

Given to an exceptionally talented volunteer who generously shares plant knowledge and skills with others who volunteer on a regular basis propagating, caring for, and/or maintaining plants for The Gardens. “Larry has volunteered in the Kaul Wildflower Garden almost every Tuesday and Thursday for nearly six years! He enjoys sharing his extensive plant knowledge with others, is diligent, conscientious and a hard worker. There’s no task Larry is unwilling to do!” - John Manion, Kaul Wildflower Garden curator

Volunteer Partner of the Year: YouthServe, Inc.

Given to an organization that has partnered with our volunteer organization to multiply our efforts and achieve our mission. “YouthServe, Inc. has been a key player in supporting The Gardens’ service-learning and student leadership initiatives for three years. YouthServe, Inc. has been instrumental for us to connect with youth in the Greater Birmingham Metropolitan area. They also continue to support The Gardens with many service learning projects over the past four years including our annual plant sales.” - Taylor Steele, volunteer coordinator

Brand Walton, Jr. Unsung Hero of the Year: Federated Garden Clubs of Alabama, District III

Given to a volunteer who has benefited the organization by working independently and/or “behind the scenes” in an essentially non-public role for a number of years. “This award winner has been around for a very, very long time. Eighty six years to be exact! They were doing gardening and beautification well before most of our parents and grandparents were even born.” - Jason Kirby, library archivist
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Sakura Cherry Blossom Festival
March 19

Spring Plant Sale
Preview Party & Members Sale
April 14

Spring Plant Sale
April 15-17

Earth Day at The Gardens
April 23

Spencer Lecture
May 3

Visit www.bbgardens.org for more information.

Hours of Operation
Birmingham Botanical Gardens is open daily from dawn to dusk every day of the year.

Check out our new pedestrian entrance on Cahaba Road.

ADMISSION: Admission and parking are FREE.

Library Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday | 9 - 4 p.m.
Saturday | 10 - 4 p.m.
Sunday | 2 - 5 p.m.
205.414.3920

To register or to read class descriptions visit www.bbgardens.org/classes or call 205.414.3950.

PHOTO-TALK
Instructor: Hank Siegel
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Every 3rd Sunday | 2-4 p.m.
Free, $5 donation suggested
Ages 12 and up

YOGA WITH LINDSEY
Every Wednesday | 11:30 a.m. only
1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursday | 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.
2nd Thursday | 8:30 a.m. only
Members $5 | Non-members $7

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF NATIVE PLANTS
Instructor: John Manion, Kaul Wildflower Garden Curator, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Saturday, March 5 | 8:30-4:30 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $80 | Non-Members $90

FLORA PHOTOGRAPHY
Instructor: Hank Siegel
Saturday, March 12 | 9-1 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $60 | Non-Members $75

GROWING NATIVE TREES FROM SEED – OAKS, HICKORIES AND OTHERS – PART II
Instructor: Henry Hughes, VP of Education, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Saturday, March 12 | 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
$40 Members | $45 Non-Members

HERBAL REMEDIES FOR GARDENERS
Instructor: Antonia Viteri & Cameron Strouss
Saturday, March 12 | 2-4 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $15 | Non-Members $20

Look for additional classes on the next few pages.
**SUSHI WITH KELLY VIALL**
Instructor: Kelly Viall
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Friday, March 18 | 6-8 p.m.
Members $30 | Non-Members $35

**INTRODUCTION TO BOTANY - SCIENCE OF PLANTS**
Instructor: Tom Diggs, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Plant Biology, University of North Georgia, Gainesville
Saturday, March 19 | 8:30-4:30 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $80 | Non-Members $90

**GRAFTING NATIVE FRUIT TREES – PART I (ELECTIVE)**
Instructor: Pete Halupka, Harvest Roots Farm & Ferment
Saturday, March 26 | 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $40 | Non-members $45

**A NORTH ALABAMA ADVENTURE: CANE CREEK, THE DISMALITES AND TRILLIUMS!**
Trip Leader: John Manion, Kaul Wildflower Garden Curator, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Location: North AL
Friday, April 1 & Saturday, April 2
Members $165 | Non-Members $185

**UP CLOSE & PERSONAL: MACROPHOTOGRAPHY**
Instructor: Hank Siegel
Saturday, April 2 | 9-1 p.m. & Saturday, April 9 | 9-1 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $100 | Non-Members $120

**RIPARIAN FLORA AND FAUNA (FIELD TRIP/CANOE PADDLE)**
Trip Leader: Randy Haddock, Ph.D., Field Director, Cahaba River Society
Sunday, April 3 | 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, April 10)
Location: Cahaba River near Montevallo, AL.
$70 Members | $80 Non-Members (includes canoe rental & associated equipment)

**ESTABLISHMENT AND AESTHETICS OF THE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE GARDEN (MEMBERS-ONLY)**
Instructor: Mickey J. Lollar, Curator and Education Programs Director, Berry Library & Museum
April 7 | 6-8 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
FREE • Members-Only Class

**SPRING IDENTIFICATION OF NATIVE WOODY PLANTS**
Instructor: Fred Spicer, CEO, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Saturday, April 9 | 8:30-12:30 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
$40 Members | $45 Non-Members

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS: WHAT’S THIS BUTTON DO?**
Instructor: Hank Siegel
Saturday, April 30, 2016 | 9-noon
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Members $50 | Non-Members $60

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**SAVE THE DATE**
**EARTH DAY AT THE GARDENS**
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Free Admission • 11-4 p.m.
For the full schedule visit www.bbgardens.org/earthday.

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& The Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens present
**Roots: Stories about the Nature of the South**
Friday May 13 • 6:30 p.m.
Formal Garden at Birmingham Botanical Gardens
$10 per person
Register online: bbgardens.org

Arc Stories features true, personal stories told live in front of an audience by the people who lived them. If you haven’t ever experienced an Arc event before, this is one you don’t want to miss.

For more information on Arc Stories visit www.arcstories.com

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Dr. William Welch
“Re-Designing the Landscape - Some Rosy Ideas.”
Tuesday, May 3 | 6:30 p.m.
Free Admission • Limited Seating
For details and reserve your seat visit www.bbgardens.org/spencer.
Children’s Summer Camps

Programs are designed to actively promote your child’s natural sense of creativity and discovery with fun learning experiences in the unmatched setting at Birmingham Botanical Gardens! This summer, we are offering exciting opportunities to grow and discover through gardening, nature exploration, art, cooking, yoga, children’s literature and imagination while making new friendships.

Each camp is limited to 20 children except preschool camps, which are limited to 15 children. Teachers are certified or otherwise qualified. For more information, contact Education Program Coordinator Ellen Hardy at 205.414.3953 or ehardy@bbgardens.org.

Register online at www.bbgardens.org/summercamps or 205.414.3950.

Certificate in Native Plant Studies

Classes, Field Trips & Volunteer Opportunities

Registration & further information about the program, including course descriptions & certificate requirements, can be found at www.bbgardens.org/plantstudies or call 205.414.3950.

All classes held at Birmingham Botanical Gardens unless otherwise noted.

All are welcome to register for any of the classes.

The Secret Life of Bugs
Instructor: Lisa Dolensky
June 6-10 | 9-1 p.m.
$160 Members* | $200 Non-Members
For children entering grades 5-6

American Girl® Girls Just Like Me
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Spring Plant Sale to be held April 14-17

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens’ largest annual plant sale fundraiser will be held at Brookwood Village in the Macy’s upper parking lot in Birmingham on April 14-17, 2016. Over 100,000 plants will be available for purchase, many of which have been nurtured by volunteers at The Gardens. More than 7,000 plant enthusiasts attended last year’s sale.

The Spring Plant Sale furthers The Gardens’ mission of promoting public knowledge & appreciation of plants, gardens & the environment while providing consumers seasonally appropriate planting advice from experts & satisfaction from supporting a worthwhile cause with each purchase.

The public sale will be held Friday from 9 – 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 – 5 p.m. & on Sunday from 11 – 3 p.m. Admission to the public sale is free. Numerous opportunities to volunteer are available & can be found at www.bbgardens.org/springplantsale.

The annual Preview Party will kick things off on Thursday, April 14, at 5 p.m. Admission to the Preview Party is $45 in advance & $50 at the door. The Preview Party provides guests a chance to shop early & enjoy great food & wine. The Members-Only Sale is free to members from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Brookwood Village is located at 780 Brookwood Village Birmingham, Alabama 35209

For more information about the Spring Plant Sale or to purchase tickets to the Preview Party, call 205.414.3950 or visit www.bbgardens.org/springplantsale.

Thyme to Read

April 5: Lost Antarctica by James McClintock

May 3: Mister Owita’s Guide to Gardening by Carol Wall

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GARDENING “TIPS” CALENDAR

MARCH

- FRUITS & NUTS - Continue strawberry & grape plantings. Bud apples & peaches. Start planting blackberries. Remember, if weather conditions prevent prompt planting, heel the plants in by placing the root system in a trench & covering the soil.
- SHRUBS - Fertilize shrubs (except azaleas & camellias) according to a soil test. Late plantings may be made, particularly if they are container-grown. Watch shrubs for harmful insects.
- ROSES - Watch new growth for aphids. Begin a spray or dust program. Begin fertilizing.
- ANNUALS & PERENNIALS - Tender annuals may be planted in South Alabama. Check garden centers for bedding plants.
- BULBS - Plant gladiolus every two or three weeks if a long blooming season is desired. Plant tuberous begonias in pots. Plant dahlias.
- MISCELLANEOUS - Check & repair sprayers, dusters, & lawn mowers. Control lawn weeds with chemicals. Delay pruning of fruiting shrubs such as cotoneasters, pyracanthas, & hollies until after flowering.
- VEGETABLE SEED - Plant hardy crops recommended for January & February. After danger of frost has past, plant tender vegetables.
- VEGETABLE PLANTS - Plant cabbage, onions, lettuce, broccoli, & Brussels sprouts in North Alabama: plant tomatoes & peppers in lower South Alabama.

APRIL

- FRUITS & NUTS - Season for strawberry planting continues. Start spray program for all fruits. Plant raspberries & blackberries & continue budding apples & peaches.
- SHRUBS - Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering. Fertilize azaleas & camellias. When new growth is half completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.
- LAWNS - Planting continues. New lawns may need supplementary watering. Also, fertilize at 3- to 6-week intervals. Keep ryegrass cut low, particularly if over planted on bermuda lawns.
- ROSES - Watch for insects & diseases. Keep old flower heads removed. Plant container-grown plants from nurseries or garden centers.
- ANNUALS & PERENNIALS - Plant early started annuals or bedding plants from nurseries or garden centers. Divide mums or root cuttings. Dig & divide dahlias.
- BULBS - Plant gladiolus, fancy-leaved caladiums, milk & wine lilies, & ginger & gloriosa lilies. Feed bearded iris with superphosphate & spray for borers. Avoid cutting foliage of narcissus or other bulbs until it has turned brown naturally.
- MISCELLANEOUS - Spray camellias, hollies, etc., for scale insects. Carefully water new plantings of shrubs & trees. Pinching out tips of new shoots promotes more compact shrubs.
- VEGETABLE SEED - Plant tender vegetables such as beans, corn, squash, melons, & cucumbers. Plant heat-loving vegetables in lower South Alabama.
- VEGETABLE PLANTS - Plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, sweet potatoes, & parsley

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