

# Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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December 2021 Newsletter

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*Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees*

## Preparing Pollinator Garden



Thanks to Shirley Harms and her 2 grandsons who cleared the east “Spruce Island” in preparation for planting the new pollinator garden next spring.

## Unknown Soldier Memorial

Residents Marc Spiridigliozzi and Paul Cunningham, on behalf of the veterans group of Woodcrest Villa, met with the WCV Arboretum & Nature Trail Committee to explore the possibility of placing a memorial garden with a

marker commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arboretum. The committee welcomed the veterans group’s proposal.

On Nov. 29, Marc and Paul visited the Arboretum to explore possibilities for the memorial garden.



Paul Cunningham, Marc Spiridigliozzi, and Jerry Lawrence in the Arboretum.

## Flower Factory in Craft Show



The Flower Factory had a table filled with beautiful dried flower bouquets at the WCV Holiday Craft Show to raise funds for the MHC Benevolent Care program. P.J. Esbanshade & Shirley Harms gathered and dried the flowers. Nancy Landis & Pat Carpenter joined P.J. and Shirley to make dried flower arrangements. Being resourceful they gathered the containers at Community Aid and Good Will. They raised \$130 for the Benevolent Care program. Thanks to everyone who stopped by.

## Thanks For Contributions

Thanks to everyone that contributed for the purchase of 96 plants to form a pollinator garden designed to attract butterflies, birds and bees. The plants are from [prairienursery.com](http://prairienursery.com). The funds contributed will pay for the plants and the mulch for the new garden.

## 7 New Trees in Arboretum

On Nov. 29 & 30, Tree of Life planted 7 new Honor/Memory Trees for a total of 19.



*Planting new Blue Atlas Cedar*

### New Honor Tree

Canada Red Cherry – *Prunus virginiana*  
‘Schubert’ .....Audrey Ackerman-Frey

### New Memory Trees

Sugar Maple – *Acer saccharum* ‘Green  
Mountain’ ..... Ronald V. Straley

Red Maple – *Acer rubrum* ‘Sun Valley  
..... Gerald W. Burkhardt

Red Maple – *Acer rubrum* ‘October Glory’  
.....Ronald O. Schaar

Littleleaf Linden – *Tilia cordata*  
‘Greenspire’ ..... Phillip E. Bomberger III

Weeping Cherry – *Prunus subhirtella*  
‘Double Pink’ Lt. Col. Charles Southwood

Blue Atlas Cedar – *Cedrus atlantica glauca*  
..... Robert B. Belser, DDS

## Year in Review

**January:** 7 Honor/Memory trees had been planted in the Arboretum in 2019 & 2020.

**February:** Chesapeake Bay Foundation offered the WCV Nature Trail & Arboretum free seedlings and other young plants.

**March:** 27 residents planted over 200 plants in Arboretum & along Trail. 4 new Honor/Memory trees were planted

**April:** Jerry Lawrence was nominated by MHC for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Trail crew has new 35-gallon water tank.

**May:** 110 attend the Arboretum dedication. A new Memory Tree & 3 rhododendrons were planted. Trail crew has new lawn mower.

**June:** Flower Factory resumes supplying flowers to WCV Market Place to benefit Benevolent Care fund and to decorate the common areas at Woodcrest.

**July:** Trail Crew, Arboretum, and Flower Factory participate in Activities Fair. Trail crew continues checking trail for poison plants.

**August:** Trail crew repairs trail after tropical storm Fred brought heavy rains. Swarr Run had minor flooding.

**September:** Picnic table added to Arboretum. Dennis resigns as Secretary/Treasurer. David Suh becomes new Treasurer.

**October:** Bruce Metzler assumes role of Secretary. A new experimental wild flower area is prepared.

**November:** Planted 7 new Honor/Memory Trees. A second new wild flower garden bed is prepared.

**December:** 12 new Honor/Memory trees were planted in 2021 bringing the total to 19 trees.

### Information & Contributions

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