

Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

<http://rhodyman.net/WCV>

July 2021 Newsletter

[PDF of Newsletter](#)

Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

Flower Factory Startsup For 2021 Season



Starting Friday, June 11, the Flower Factory resumed arranging the first flowers of 2021.

Above from the left: Ester Murphy, Nancy Landis, Shirley Harms, and PJ Esbenshade.

Below left: Jerry & Lorna Lawrence are harvesting flowers from Jerry's flower beds behind the greenhouse.

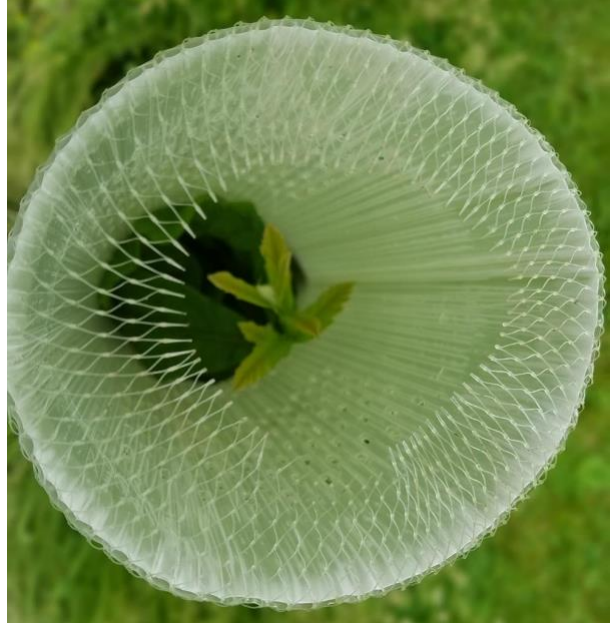
Below right: Jerry and Levi Fisher bringing the day's cut flowers to Bluebird Commons.

The Flower Factory arrangers will arrange them into bouquets for the common areas at Woodcrest and also for the WCV Market Place where bouquets will go on sale to raise money for the WCV Benevolent Fund. They raise over a \$1,000 each year for charity.



Tree Shelters

Tree protection is essential to sapling survival in Pennsylvania. Otherwise they succumb to damage from deer browse and buck rub. Tree shelters increase survival by 30% and increase growth by 300%. 5-foot tubelike shelters are used to protect young deciduous tree seedlings and single-stemmed shrub seedlings from deer and other animals. Nets on top of each shelter prevent birds from falling inside and becoming trapped. When the leaves approach the top the netting must be removed. The shelters we use are left on since they are biodegradable.



Side view and top view of tree shelter with seedling.

New Trees for Fall 2021 Planting

The Arboretum is accepting requests for Honor/Memory trees to be planted in the fall. It already has a request for a Canada Red Cherry, *Prunus virginiana* 'Schubert', to be planted in honor of Audrey Ackerman-Frey.



Canada Red Cherry, Prunus virginiana 'Schubert'

For Honor/Memory Tree info, contact Jerry Lawrence at 717-381-5400 or grlawrence@comcast.net

Trail Crew Waters New Trees

When new trees are planted they are watered-in to insure they have a good start. Then the Arboretum Committee keeps track of the rainfall in the arboretum and makes sure the trees receive enough water. This year April & early May were quite dry for 5 weeks and required supplemental watering. The Trail Crews tractor can haul 25 gallons of water on each run.



Bruce Metzler with tractor and watering setup.

Editor: Steve Henning: acer103@earthlink.net