

Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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November 2021 Newsletter

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Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

London Planetree

Also called Sycamore or Buttonwood Tree, our London Planetree stands out with its large size (17' tall) and attractive bark. It was just planted this year.



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Bruce Metzler is new secretary

When Dennis Good resigned as Secretary/Treasurer on October 1, David Suh, took over as Treasurer. Now Bruce Metzler has taken over as Secretary in addition to leading the Trail Crew.



The Trail Crew has picked up a couple new members: Richard Benson, Dean Baker, and Ken Kreider. The Trail Crew's main priority is the safety of the Nature Trail and the Arboretum. This involves removing hazards, repairing weather damage, and watering new trees during the first year when there is no rain.

New Wild Flower Garden Coming

We need contributions to buy an assortment of 96 plants to form a pollinator garden designed to attract butterflies, birds and bees. They are from prairienursery.com. They will be planted next spring in the east "Spruce Island" on the south edge of the Arboretum. Due to recent shortages we will be placing the order early to assure we get the plants we want.

It includes: 22 different plants: Columbine, Sullivant's Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, New England Aster, Crooked Stem Aster, Stiff Coreopsis, Purple Prairie Clover, Pale Purple Coneflower, Purple Coneflower, Tall Joe Pye Weed, Sweet Joe Pye Weed, Meadow Blazing Star, Prairie Blazing Star, Dense Blazing Star, Bergamot, Marsh Phlox, Downy Phlox, Orange Coneflower, Ohio Goldenrod, Ironweed, Palm Sedge, Little Bluestem, and Prairie Dropseed.

To contribute for the purchase of the Wild Flower Garden plant assortment, make contributions out to: 'WCV Nature Trail & Arboretum' Use WCV mail to send contributions to David Suh at Pheasant Pointe 202. If you have any questions contact Jerry Lawrence at: 717-984-2760 or grlawrence@comcast.net.

Experimental Wild Flower Rain Garden for Butterflies, Birds & Bees

Steve Henning is clearing and preparing the west “Spruce Island” on the south side of the Arboretum to plant a wild flower seed mix as an experiment. The [blend of seeds](#) is designed for a rain garden, meaning it will only be watered by rain and can tolerate drought. The seed mix includes 14 annuals, 2 biennials, and 9 perennials. All of them should reseed themselves if this experiment succeeds. The challenge will be having wild flowers rather than the obnoxious weeds like we had this past summer.

The annuals include: African Daisy, Baby Snapdragon, Baby's Breath, California Poppy, Cornflower, Garland Chrysanthemum, Indian Blanket, None-so-

Pretty, Plains Coreopsis, Red Poppy, Shirley Poppy, Sulphur Cosmos, Sweet Alyssum, Wild Cosmos & Yellow Prairie Coneflower. Two biennials include Evening Primrose & Sweet William. The perennials include Bird's Foot Trefoil, Black-eyed Susan, Blanket Flower, Blue Flax, Gloriosa Daisy, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Shasta Daisy, Siberian Wallflower & White Yarrow.

Information & Contributions

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7 new honor/memory trees will be added to the Arboretum in November.

