

Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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October 2020 Newsletter

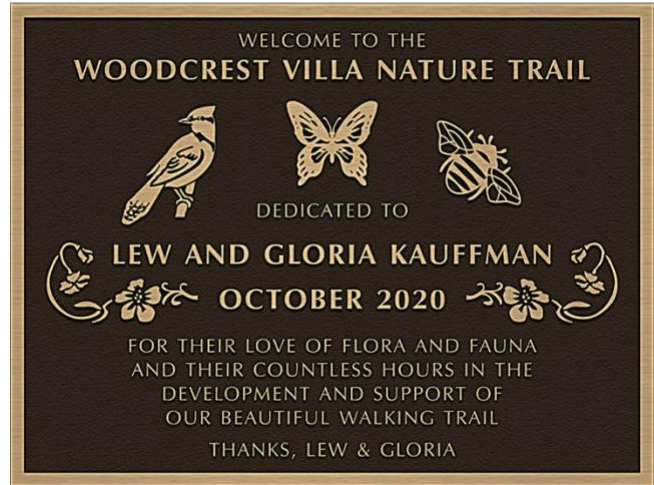
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Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail Is Dedicated To Lew & Gloria Kauffman

On September 19, 2020, Lew's son and daughter-in-law, daughter, and wife asked Lew to go on a walk on the Nature Trail. Lew didn't know what was going to happen next. The Nature Trail Committee and representatives of Woodcrest and invited guests were assembled on the portion of the trail near the chain-link fence at the end closest to the bridge to greet the Kauffman family as they came around the corner.



Lew was greeted by applause and Jerry Lawrence yelled "Surprise!" After the shock wore off, Jerry proceeded with introductions of those present. After the introductions, Lew's son and daughter unveiled the plaque and Lew's son read the plaque.



After the unveiling of the plaque, Jeremy Van Sant proceeded with the dedication of the Nature Trail to Lew & Gloria. After saying "Being the center of attention is not Lew's style," Jeremy continued. "It is a place where time can be spent simply reflecting on the goodness of God's creation. So in the end this is not a small insignificant project. This is a valuable place that will prove meaningful for many, many years to come." Lew is a "humble, quiet man bringing his gifts and his abilities to the Lord. The result is something worth commemorating. I am glad we are doing that today. Thank you Lew for your work on this trail. Woodcrest Villa is the better as a result of your faithful work on this."



Our president and CEO, John Sauder was unable to attend, but he sent the following message:

“Lew, today we honor your incredible labor of love in creating the trail. You will humbly say others helped you. You are right, but you were the one with the vision to create the trail. You put in hundreds if not thousands of hours working on the trail. Today one can easily enjoy a walk in the woods. There are benches if one needs to rest. There are bird houses and ornaments along the way. There are hiking sticks if needed and you have put small logs along the edge to frame most of the trail. I walked the trail a few days ago and found fresh wood chips to insure the trail does not get muddy. I have heard many residents comment on how they love having access to the trail.

So Lew, thank you for your vision and countless hours of hard work for creating and maintaining this beautiful trail for many to enjoy. May you be blessed for having blessed others.”

-John Sauder, President, Mennonite Home Communities

Jeremy concluded by saying: “We would be remiss if we didn’t thank the trail committee who arranged this special ceremony. You know I often think we don’t pause enough today to commemorate and celebrate moments like this one. So thank you for your hard work on all aspects ...” Then Jeremy offered a prayer.

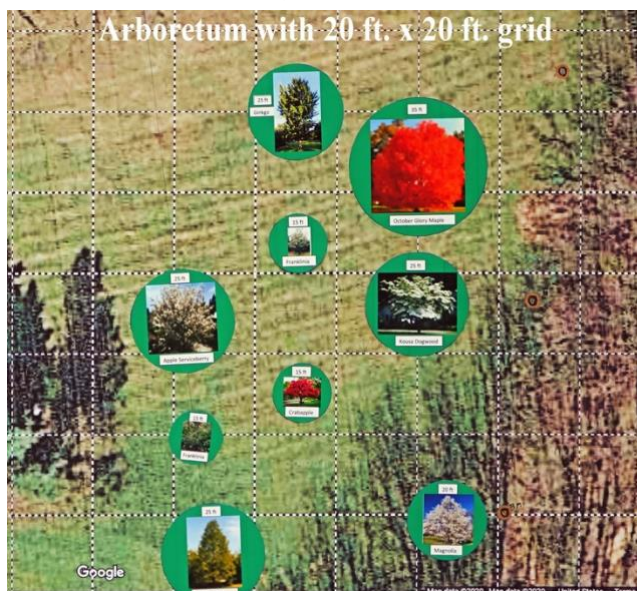
The dedication can be viewed on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/120eIN3jBS0>



7 Trees To Be Dedicated

Preliminary Arboretum Plan



Our first two Honor/Memorial Trees were planted last November. Tree of Life Services, who plants the trees recommends planting the five new trees after

they go dormant in late October or Early November. Hence, we hope to have a Dedication Service for all 7 trees in November. We will announce a date so that loved ones can be invited to attend. Of course, all Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

Thanks for the donations

Thanks to many generous donations, we will have a wide assortment of new small trees and flowering shrubs along Swarr Run, on the edge of the woods in the arboretum, and along the trail. Rhoda Martin of Herbal Springs Farmstead near Ephrata offered us native plants at clearance prices. If you would like to help fund the purchase of plants for the riparian buffer and the trail, mail a check to

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