

Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum



Residents Making WCV Even Better



This plaque marks the dedication of the Nature Trail on September 19, 2020. It is mounted on a stone along the Trail. A video of the dedication ceremony is posted on [YouTube](#) (see story on page 4)

Flower Factory

The Flower Factory is a group of Woodcrest Villa residents that raise cut flowers from seed and then create arrangements for public areas and the dining rooms in Woodcrest Villa. They start in February planting seed in the resident's greenhouse. Then, in May they transplant the seedlings into beds in the area where residents raise vegetables for the dining areas. For cut flowers they grow *Antirrhinum* (snapdragons), *Echinacea* (coneflower), *Eustoma* (lisianthus or prairie gentian), *Dahlia*, *Helianthus* (sunflowers), *Rudbeckia* (black-eyed susans), and *Zinnia*. For



Flower Factory Crew Members (left to right): Gail Alexander, Mary Ann Finkbiner, Ester Murphy, Nancy Landis, Bev Trauger, Barbara Smith, Shirley Harms, and Jerry Lawrence.



Gail Alexander and Priscilla Esbenshade arrange flowers.

cut green foliage plants they grow the ornamental grass *Panicum* "Frosted Explosion" and the sedge *Cyperus* "King Tut." The Flower Factory is an example of how a senior living campus can engage residents in an activity that benefits all residents. Thanks to Jerry Lawrence and the Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory volunteers, floral arrangements appear on every corner for residents to enjoy. Jerry grows and gathers the flowers, and the team arranges in a beautiful variety of vases. Bouquets are also sold in the Villa Marketplace store to benefit the Mennonite Home Communities Benevolent Care program. It's a labor of love that benefits all residents.

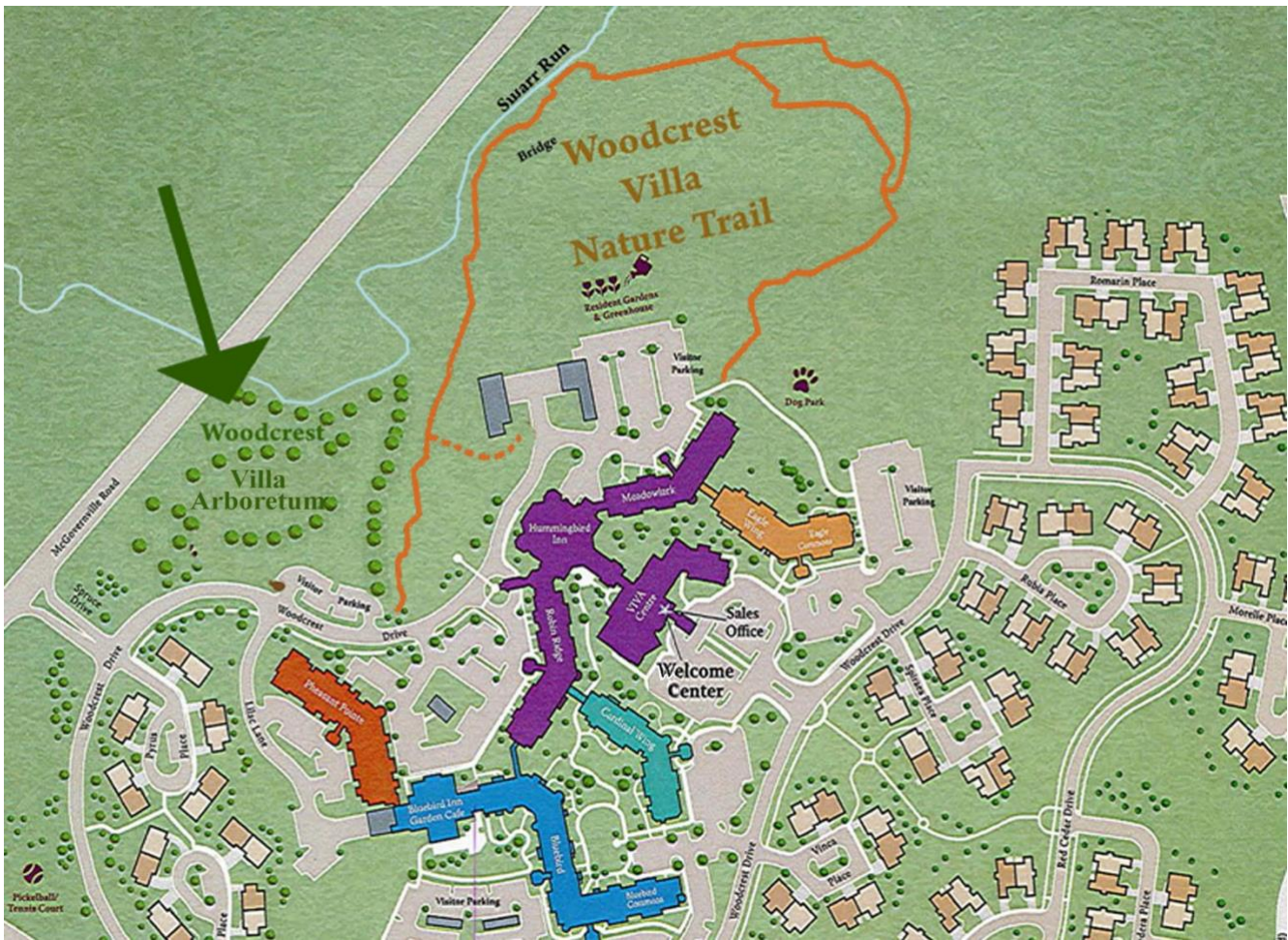
The trail was featured in an article in the Winter 2019 issue of Soaring. [Click here to see a copy.](#)

For more information contact Shirley Harms at 717-735-2505 or grams.sh26@gmail.com.

Nature Trail & Arboretum

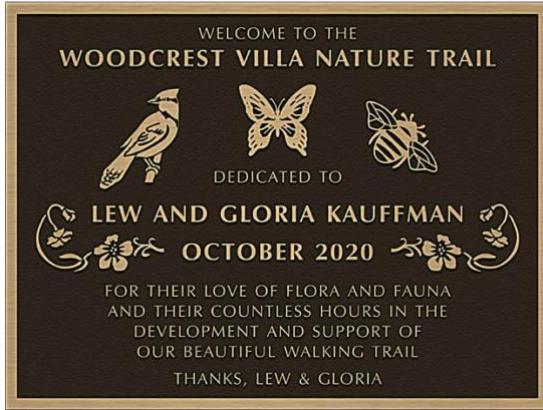


The Nature Trail crew has completed an extension to the Nature Trail that comes out at the visitors parking lot across from Pheasant Pointe. Besides maintaining the trail, they are improving the Arboretum.



Nature Trail and Arboretum Mission: To promote the propagation of trees and gardens on the Woodcrest Villa campus in order to provide shelter and food for wildlife while serving as a living tribute that benefits present and future generations. In addition, to educate residents about the different varieties and shapes of the species selected for the Arboretum.

Nature Trail



The Woodcrest Villa (WCV) Nature Trail was dedicated to Lew & Gloria Kauffman on Saturday, September 19, 2020.



Dennis Good, Jerry Lawrence, Jim McCoy, Lew Kauffman, and John Carpenter at Trail Dedication (left to right)

Several Woodcrest Villa (WCV) residents combined their love of the outdoors with their skills to create a nature trail on campus. The charming "Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail" is a half-mile long with two access points. Lew Kauffman, Dave Fatora and Jim McCoy were the three key forces behind this enjoyable addition. The route is surrounded by nature's beauty and it is completely cleared and protected with wood chips. The "Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail" is half-mile long with, two access points. They were joined by other residents to build and maintain the trail. The trail is completely walkable, and was extended to near Pheasant Pointe.

After moving to WCV in 2013, Lew started the Nature Trail and it was completed in 2020. The committee has marked the "Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail" with white blazes and installed signs at the trail-heads. WCV installed a footbridge over a gully partway through the trail so that hikers won't have to walk onto the maintenance road. In 2020, Lew asked Jerry Lawrence to take over responsibility for the trail.

Right is map showing the path of the trail through natural areas on the campus.

The trail was featured in an article in the Summer 2017 issue of Soaring. [Click here to see a copy.](#)

For more information on the Nature Trail contact Jerry Lawrence at 717-984-2760 or grlawrence@comcast.net



Map showing Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail

Memory/Honor Arboretum

Jerry Lawrence started the Arboretum in 2019 with the planting of 2 trees. Besides trees, flowering shrubs were planted.



The Arboretum has a program where trees can be planted in Memory or to Honor a specific person. The cost of \$1,000 includes the planting of any one of the recommended trees above or another tree provided is approved by WCV Nature Trail Board. It also includes a cast bronze plaque similar to one illustrated.

The following species of trees are recommended for planting because of their shape, seasonal display of color, pest resistance and fruit:

- Brandywine Red Maple
- Green Spire Linden
- Sugar Maple
- Blackgum 'Wildfire'
- Winter King Hawthorn
- Skyline Honeylocust
- Cherokee Princess Dogwood
- Sweet Bay Magnolia
- River Birch

These trees will provide such things as fall color, food for wildlife, spring flowers, food for birds, and red foliage.

Other species of trees may be considered at the request of the donor(s), however the WCV Nature Trail Board reserves the right to decline requests for trees other than those listed above. All plantings become the property of Woodcrest Villa and the Mennonite Home Communities.



The application for a Memory or Honor Tree & Plaque is below and can be [downloaded in PDF form](#).

Click Here for [Application to Plant a Memory or Honor Tree](#)

For more information contact Jerry Lawrence at 717-984-2760 or grlawrence@comcast.net

The Arboretum was featured in an article in the Winter 2020 issue of Soaring. [Click here to see a copy](#).

A video of the dedication ceremony for the WCV Arboretum is at: <https://youtu.be/Tyugb3h2BY4>

A slide show showing the development of the WCV Arboretum is at: <https://youtu.be/FaQoLd6FTAQ>

Help Wanted



Pictures of the planting party in the Arboretum on Oct. 24, 2020.

The committee invites Woodcrest Villa residents to volunteer to help with any of these projects.

- To volunteer for the Flower Factory, contact Shirley Harms at 717-735-2505 or grams.sh26@gmail.com.
- To help in the Nature Trail & Arboretum, contact Jerry Lawrence at 717-984-2760 or grlawrence@comcast.net
- To help pay for plants for the arboretum, contact Dennis Good at 717-490-8782 or good4you2162@comcast.net

There are certain items the committee needs donations to buy including:

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| • Benches | • Mulch | • Shrubs | • Trees |
| • Bulbs | • Plants | • Tools | • 6' stakes |

If you can help obtain any of these items, Jerry Lawrence at 717-984-2760 or grlawrence@comcast.net

Monetary donations can be made to the Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail and sent to:

Dennis Good, Woodcrest Villa Trail Board Treasurer, 216 Vinca Place, Lancaster, PA 17601

If you would like more information on cash donations or obtaining an honor or memorial tree and plaque, contact Dennis Good at 717-490-8782 or good4you2162@comcast.net

Photo Album





IN HONOR OF
LLOYD S. FREY
 WWII VET, BIRD LOVER, TRAIL BLAZER
 BY HIS WIFE, AUDREY ACKERMAN-FREY
 APPLE SERVICEBERRY
 AMELANCHIER X GRANDIFLORA

IN MEMORY OF
Eugene Bare
 DAWN REDWOOD/METASEQUOIA

**Woodcrest Strong
 2020
 Staff Appreciation**
 FLOWERING CRAB APPLE/MALUS



Slippery Elm
Ulmus rubra
 Ulmaceae
 Elm Family



Documents and Downloads

These documents and more may be downloaded from the Flower Factory, and Nature Trail & Arboretum website at <http://rhodyman.net/WCV/>

[Donation Form \(pdf\)](#)

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[Dedication of the Arboretum \(YouTube Video\)](#)

[Slideshow Story of the creation of the Arboretum \(YouTube Video\)](#)

[Presentation - WCV Nature Trail, Flower Factory & Arboretum \(pptx\)](#)

[Presentation - WCV Nature Trail, Flower Factory & Arboretum \(pdf\)](#)

[Printable copy of this website \(pdf\)](#)

[Native Trees of Lancaster County \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Arboretum Article in Winter 2020 *Soaring* \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Campus Map with Nature Trail & Arboretum \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory Article in Winter 2019 *Soaring* \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory Sisters in Spring 2020 *Soaring* \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Memory/Honor Tree & Plaque Form \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail and Arboretum Policies \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail Article in Summer 2017 *Soaring* \(pdf\)](#)

[Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail Map \(pdf\)](#)

[Little Conestoga Blue/Green Corridor Project\(pdf\)](#)

Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum Memory or Honor Tree & Plaque Application

Name(s) of Donor(s) _____

Please indicate donor(s) relationship to Woodcrest Villa (WCV)

- Resident
- Friend of WCV resident
- Family member of WCV resident
- WCV staff member
- WCV Board member

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Requested Tree: _____
(Select tree species from selected list in agreement)

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____
(If honoree passes away, the plaque can be replaced with a memorial plaque for an appropriate fee)

Text on plaque: (Text is limited to # characters/spaces per line; maximum 3 lines)

Check payable to: Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail
Memo line: Arboretum

Please mail this form and check to: Dennis Good
Woodcrest Villa Trail Board Treasurer
216 Vinca Place, Lancaster, PA 17601