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LONDONWOOD SETS SPRING WORKDAY TO 'WAKE UP THE GARDEN' MARCH 25

Lendonwood Gardens is seeking volunteers to help "Wake Up the Garden" on Saturday, March 25. The spring workday typically draws about 70 volunteers of all ages and abilities to join in the community effort to prep the eight-acre botanical garden for the tourist season. Lendonwood is located at 1308 Har-Ber Road in Grove.

This workday carries special meaning as Lendonwood is celebrating its 20th birthday this year, said Jim Reynolds, coordinator of the event. "We especially want the garden to shine for this milestone year, so we invite everyone to come out and have fun helping out."

Reynolds said volunteers do not have to be experienced gardeners, just have a desire to support the garden. "We are so grateful for everyone who comes out, including Grove Rotarians, youth groups and other community members."

Several thousand visitors stroll through Lendonwood each year, coming to enjoy colorful azaleas, rhododendrons, Japanese maples, daylilies, hostas, dogwoods, peonies and many more plantings. Popular stops include the Oklahoma Garden, featuring plants that thrive in the state's climate. Other highlights are the Japanese Pavilion, Koi Pond, Hummingbird Garden and the Angel of Hope Statue and Garden.

Reynolds said the spring workday offers a wide range of activities for volunteers. This year, one major effort will focus on spreading mulch over the garden's many flower beds. Teams also will tackle other projects, such as fence and walkway repairs, trimming shrubs, picking up downed branches, and re-sealing benches. They also will paint new garage doors, stain fences, build a split-rail fence, and plant annuals, as well as many other jobs.



Volunteer Suzanne Knott of Grove transports garden debris during last year's Spring Workday at Lendonwood Gardens. This year's "Wake Up the Garden" Spring Workday will be held on Saturday, March 25, at the eight-acre botanical garden in Grove. Volunteers are invited to join in the effort to help tidy up Lendonwood for the tourist season.

“There really is something suited for just about everyone, from light tasks to heavy-equipment operation,” Reynolds noted. “It’s also a great way to enjoy the company of old friends and make new ones. There’s always a lot of camaraderie as we have fun serving the community.”

Volunteers are asked to gather at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts by the barn at the back of the garden. Supplies for the various projects will be available on site, although volunteers should bring their gloves and wear comfortable work clothes.

Harp's Food Store is providing donuts for the event and Grove Dental Associates is donating bottled water to keep workers hydrated. Lunch will be provided by Arvest Bank in Grove and Lendonwood board members, with cookies donated by Grandwood Assisted Living.

The workday usually concludes at about 2 p.m., but any amount of volunteer time is appreciated, Reynolds said.

In case of inclement weather, “Wake Up the Garden” will be held on Saturday, April 1.

For more information about the March 25 workday, contact Lendonwood Gardens at 918-786-2938.