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NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter – aimed at sharing **quick updates** on what’s happening at the garden. We know you don’t have a lot of time for detailed messages, but still may want to stay current on garden news. Our goal is to provide the **latest info** from me, along with occasional tidbits from other board members and volunteers. And we’ll always close with a **gardening tip** or two. Hope you enjoy the newsletter, but feel free to let us know if you’d like to “unsubscribe.” Here we go!

MONARCH WAYSTATION RIBBON-CUTTING: We had great plans for a special Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting on Aug. 4 to mark the installation of interpretive signs at our Monarch Waystation. Wouldn’t you know we’d get a downpour that morning and had to postpone. We’ll let you know when the new date is; you’re welcome to come join us for the celebration! This is a little unusual for a Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting, but we’re hoping our butterfly friends will attend as well. Many thanks to Board member Melba Dagy for her hard work on planning, designing and planting the butterfly-friendly flower bed. Also, hats off to Grove Rotary, which provided a grant to help pay for the bed, as well as to Goldner Dock Construction, which donated all the sign posts, and to Kathi Sikorski, who designed and produced the signs. And, of course, thanks to board members like Ray Geis, Roger Endo and John Dunsworth who built the walkway and installed the signposts! The Waystation looks great!



Monarch Waystation

MEMBERSHIPS ON THE RISE: We are delighted with the increase in memberships in Lendonwood. At this point, mid-year, we are ahead of the END of last year, with about 180 members! I can't tell you how much that means for the future of the garden. Member support makes it possible for us to exist. We receive no tax dollars from local or state entities, although the City of Grove helps us with part of our water bill. Thank you to all our members for your support!

GIFT SHOP GEARING UP FOR FALL: If you haven't checked out the merchandise at the Lendonwood Gift Shop, you're missing out! Right now, we're bringing in new fall items (garden flags, door hangers, and more), but also have an amazing selection of artworks by local artisans. Examples include gorgeous turned bowls by Jay woodworker Bill Koch, unique glass decorative glass bottles by Lorrie Howard, intricate wire ornaments by Jill Whitman, and beautiful clay pottery by Susan Barbee. We're also bringing in some very attractive garden-oriented shirts by Sabaku Artwear of Tucson. Come by and see us!

SPEAKING OF THE GIFT SHOP...: Shirley Daggett, manager of the Welcome Center and Gift Shop, could really use a few more volunteers to welcome visitors and accept entrance payments and merchandise purchases. If you have a few hours available, maybe just once or twice a month, please contact Shirley at 918-397-0529 or sidaggett@gmail.com. It's fairly straight-forward and Shirley will be glad to provide training!

NEW LIFE FOR A SPECIAL FLOWER BED: Thanks to the generosity of the Lakeside Garden Club of south Grand Lake, we'll be able to renovate a key flower bed at the front of the garden. The club donated \$700.00 to purchase plants for the space, located just outside the Welcome Center. Melba Dagy has great plans for the bed, and we look forward to a grand new view to the garden!



Donation for Bed Renovation

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL PLANT SALE: Mark your calendar on Saturday, September 24, for Lendonwood's annual plant sale. Who knows what great treasures await? Past sales have offered beautiful and unusual irises, daylilies, Japanese maples, succulents and more.

TODAY'S GARDENING TIP: Want to plant a Japanese maple or two? First of all, consider the timing. It's best to plant most trees in the fall, when temperatures are cooler and the roots have a chance to get established before winter. In the case of Japanese maples (we've learned a thing or two about those trees, with so many varieties in the garden), look for protection from afternoon sun and drying winds. Prepare the soil with organic material, such as garden compost, as well as bone-meal and rock phosphate for good root growth.

That's all for now, folks! Come see us at the Garden!

Jim Corbridge, President
Lendonwood Gardens