

NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

All of us at Lendonwood are looking forward to a new season at the garden – the promise of cooler temperatures, maybe some rejuvenating rain, and colorful fall foliage. We hope you'll come enjoy the garden in this beautiful season.

NEW MURAL HIGHLIGHTS GARDEN'S KOI FISH: Thanks to local artists Nancy Harper and Sandi Strom, we have a new mural depicting Koi fish painted on the fence just north of the garden's Koi Pond. This beautiful addition brightens up a nearly hidden corner of the garden and underscores the popularity of the colorful fish. Come check it out!



Nancy Harper, left, and Sandi Strom put the finishing touches on their artwork

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS: Lendonwood could not exist without the support of our volunteers and loyal members – so we're delighted to recognize them at our annual dinner meeting on Sept. 13, at the garden. To all of our hard-working volunteers, whether working hands-on in the garden or at the Welcome Center, we thank you! And to all the members who have supported us along the way, many thanks!

MONARCH WAYSTATION RIBBON-CUTTING: Completion of the Monarch Waystation was celebrated on Sept. 1 with a ribbon-cutting organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Supported by a Grove Rotary grant and other generous donations of time, effort and funds, the butterfly garden already has attracted several types of pollinators and interested visitors. Interpretive signs and a paved walkway encircle the garden designed to support the endangered Monarch as well as other butterflies.



Lendonwood Board members and Chamber Ambassadors celebrate the Monarch Waystation

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE SEPT. 24: Lendonwood's annual plant sale promises something for everyone. There will be irises, daylilies, Japanese maples, succulents and more! Where possible, photos will be posted to show the plants in bloom and handouts on planting tips also will be available. And, of course, our volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. All proceeds go to support the maintenance of the garden.

SPEAKING OF AUTUMN...: If autumn is nearing, it must be time to plan the Fall Workday – we call it “Putting the Garden to Bed.” We need all the help we can get to help the garden settle in for a long winter’s nap, so please **save the date of Saturday, October 29, for Fall Workday**. Really, it’s fun – and a wide range of small and big tasks! More info coming later!

FALL FOLIAGE EXTRAVAGANZA: Another benefit of helping on Fall Workday? You’ll likely get to see Lendonwood’s fall foliage on full display! Depending on the weather, of course, the Japanese Maples usually are in their glory from **mid-October to mid-November**. Our many varieties show off multiple colors, from orange to burgundy, yellow, green and red. Don’t miss it!

NEWLY PAVED WALKWAYS IN PLACE: Thanks to the generosity of longtime supporters Chris and Don Hoose, we continue to add paved walkways for better accessibility throughout the garden. The latest additions are stamped-concrete paths on the south side of the Japanese Pavilion, which make wheelchair access to the Pavilion much easier. These are just two of several walkways made possible by the Hooses – not to mention their contribution of a golf cart for visitors who need just a little assistance to enjoy the garden. Thank you, Chris and Don!



Checking out the new walkways with donors Don Hoose, left, and Chris Hoose

“MADE IN OKLAHOMA” TREASURES AT THE GIFT SHOP: We are so pleased to highlight items that are “Made in Oklahoma” in our gift shop – and most are made in our immediate area. Just a few examples: pottery by Susan Barbee, wood bowls and fence-post vases by Bill Koch, carved wooden items by Jim Reynolds, artworks by Nancy and Jerry Harper, and more! (Pssst...Christmas is coming sooner than you think!) Come see us!

TODAY’S GARDENING TIPS: Just in time for the plant sale, September is a good month to **divide your irises and daylilies!** (If you have some to donate for the sale, just let us know!) It’s a good idea to divide these plants every three to five years, to help ensure consistent blooming. Fortunately, it’s fairly easy to divide them, as both species have shallow root systems.

For **irises**, just use a small spade to dig under and lift the rhizomes (the fleshy roots). Gently break apart the rhizomes, leaving “fans” of green foliage attached. Trim the “fans” to about six inches tall. Plant rhizomes singly or in groups of three with the fans outermost, one to two feet apart, depending on size. Allow enough room behind rhizomes for outward growth. Dig a shallow hole 10 inches in diameter and 3-4 inches deep. Make a ridge of soil down the middle and place the rhizome on the ridge, spreading roots down both sides. Fill the hole with soil and firm it gently. Water thoroughly.



Now, for **daylilies**, loosen the plant from the soil with a spade, work your way around the plant, and gently pry it from the ground. Divide the lifted plant into pieces by cutting through the crown (the point where the root meets the stem) with a spade or sharp knife. Each piece should have at least one fan or eye (sprout). Replant or share as soon as possible. Spread the roots of the plant out and cover with soil so that no more than 1 inch of soil covers the crown. Firm the soil and water thoroughly.



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

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