

## NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

### Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

Well, we're still waiting on that "rejuvenating rain" promised in last month's newsletter! However, the temperatures HAVE cooled somewhat, making it more pleasant to enjoy and work in the garden. And, of course, we're hoping for a beautiful display of fall foliage. So make plans for several visits to Lendonwood in the coming months!

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE CONTINUES:** We had a successful plant sale on September 24, but the selling continues! Last year, we ran out of certain plants by the end of the day, so this year, determined to not let that happen again, we may have over-corrected a tad! As a result, we had lots of beautiful plants left over. So, many were placed on our sale racks (on the Welcome Center's back porch and behind the Oklahoma Garden) – where they continue to entice buyers. Many thanks to all our volunteers and donors who gave plants, prepped them for sale, and worked at the event.



**This little girl couldn't have been happier with her selections at the plant sale**



**Volunteers Wanda Koger, Shirley Daggett and Pat O'Connor check out the low prices of plants on the sale rack**



**Buckets of plants line the sale rack behind the Oklahoma Garden – waiting for some lucky buyers**

**WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS:** And to underscore that fact, we invited all for a tasty dinner in the garden on Sept. 13. At the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting, we were pleased to honor our hard-working volunteers with their choice of beautiful new Lendonwood caps or visors. The annual meeting mainly consisted of an overview of the “State of the Garden” and election of officers for the coming year. Onward!



**Volunteer gardeners at the event included Sheri Smalley, Belinda Petree, Nancy Kopp, Chris Lietzke, Barbara Sparks and Melba Dagy**



**Welcome Center volunteers included Pat O'Connor, Wanda Koger, Carol LaRue, Shirley Daggett, Louise Templin, Jane Baranowski, Jena Bolt, Sydney Mosburg, Marilyn O'Grady and Nancy Harper**



**The current slate of officers was re-elected for 2022-23, including Jim Corbridge, president; Jim Reynolds, vice president; Michele Norwood, secretary; and Margie Murphy, treasurer**

**CAN WORK BE FUN?**...Why, yes, if it's workday at Lendonwood! Our "Put the Garden to Bed" fall workday is coming right up – Saturday, October 29. There's a project for everyone, from kids to elders – plus, **food is involved!** No gardening expertise is required, just a willingness to pitch in. Tasks range from cleaning benches to repairing fences, picking up twigs and branches, covering stream with leaf netting, repairing walkways, mulching flower beds and more. Volunteers should gather at the maintenance bar at 8:30 a.m. for donuts and coffee as work teams are formed. Lunch will be provided by Lendonwood board members. The workday is usually completed by about 2 p.m. So come one, come all! There's a job with your name on it!



**Volunteers of all ages and abilities can pitch in to "put the garden to bed"**

**CHRISTMAS AT THE GIFT SHOP:** Unique gifts and décor are available at the Gift Shop, including some beautiful hand-crafted Christmas items. Volunteer Chris Lietzke created and donated several shadowboxes – just perfect for mantel or table displays in the Christmas season. Other seasonal merchandise includes garden flags, welcome mat inserts, and ladies' shirts. Come soon for best selections!



**Volunteer Chris Lietzke crafted these beautiful Christmas shadowboxes on sale in the Welcome Center**

**TODAY'S GARDENING TIPS:** It's that time of year to think beyond winter to next spring! Yes, it's time to purchase and plant spring bulbs like daffodils, irises, tulips, crocuses, snowdrops, grape hyacinths, anemones and many more. Bulbs are available right now at garden centers and on-line. Be sure to consider the amount of sunlight where you want to plant; the correct zone for the plant's optimal success; soil makeup (you may want to test the soil through the area extension office, amending as appropriate); and following available planting instructions (e.g., check how deep to plant each bulb type). Happy planting!

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

Jim Corbridge, President  
Lendonwood Gardens