

NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

Happy New Year, everyone! Hope your holiday season was filled with warmth, joy and great expectations for the New Year. As for Lendonwood, we're hoping to see even more visitors (including you!) in 2023, more volunteers to help us maintain our beautiful garden and greet people at the Welcome Center, rejuvenation of the Azalea Garden, continued improvements of our irrigation system, seeking ways of repairing the Koi Pond, and developing a plan for plant replacement/enhancement. Whew! That should keep us busy!

GOOD NEWS FOR LENDONWOOD AND HUMMINGBIRDS: We were pleased to learn that Lendonwood was selected for a grant of \$2,000 from Grove Rotary this year. This award will help us get started on a new project, the Hummingbird Waystation, as another learning experience at the garden. Inspired in part by our popular Monarch Waystation, the new garden will expand upon an existing hummingbird bed (built in honor of Grove's "Hummingbird Lady," Ellie Womack). The expanded garden will include interpretive signage, add many hummingbird-friendly nectar plants and feeders, install viewing benches, and more. Total cost of the project is estimated at about \$4,500, but \$2,000 will give us an excellent start! (We'll be seeking donations and other grants to make up the rest.) Many thanks to Board member and volunteer Ela Johnson for drafting the initial design and plan.



Beautiful Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are frequent visitors to feeders and flowers

AND SPEAKING OF BIRDS...: Visitors are always amazed at the birdlife all around them as they stroll along Lendonwood’s pathways. Even in winter, you’re sure to spot some beautiful birds, such as cardinals, woodpeckers, blue jays, juncos, hawks, and many more. During migration, you may see orioles, robins, warblers, sparrows, cedar waxwings, to name a few. In fact, Lendonwood recently was named among the “5 Best Birdwatching Hikes in Oklahoma” by the Step Outside organization. So bring your binoculars and check out our feathered friends in the garden!



Photo by Todd Patrick

A snowy landscape in Lendonwood a few years ago



Photo by Pauline Hale

Cedar waxwings can quickly strip a Yaupon Holly of its red berries

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2023: If you're filling in your 2023 calendar right about now, don't forget these Lendonwood dates! We'll notify you of any changes throughout the year.

2023 Scheduled Events and Highlights

March – April color: Daffodils, crocus, redbuds, flowering cherry trees

March 15: Welcome Center re-opens for 2023

March 25: "Wake Up the Garden" Spring Workday

April – May color: Azaleas, rhododendrons, peonies, dogwoods, hostas

May 6: Art in the Garden

May – June color: Daylilies

June 3: Garden Party fundraiser (in the garden)

July – August color: Assorted annuals

September 12: Lendonwood Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (and Annual Meeting)

September 30: Annual Plant Sale

October 28: "Put the Garden to Bed" Fall Workday

October – November color: Fall foliage

November – December color: Evergreen trees and shrubs

November 30: Welcome Center closes for winter season

December 6: Angel of Hope Memorial Ceremony

TODAY'S GARDENING TIPS: In January, most of us are thinking longingly of spring, but there are a few things we could be doing for our gardens this month. For example, you could do some pruning (as appropriate) of shrubs and trees while they're dormant. In winter, you can see all the branches, making it easier to shape and identify damaged or diseased areas that

should be removed. (However, leave most spring-flowering plants alone until after blooming.) You also should check your outdoor plants and apply additional mulch as needed. Some plants may require additional staking because of heavy winds and ice. Inspect your trees and shrubs for bark damage from voles, rabbits or deer – and take protective measures. If it should snow, you may want to knock heavy snow from your plants and outdoor structures to avoid damage. Most importantly, do enjoy the change of pace created by the changing seasons!

That's all for now, folks! Have a wonderful New Year!

Jim Corbridge, President
Lendonwood Gardens