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NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

This is that time of year when things start popping at Lendonwood – and we don’t mean just flower-buds (although that’s happening as well!). Springtime launches a number of events and activities at the garden. So, make sure you’ve updated your calendar to include the 2023 **Membership Drive** (March 8), re-opening of the **Welcome Center and Gift Shop** (March 15), **Spring Workday** (March 25), **Art in the Garden** (May 6), **Garden Party** fundraiser (June 3) – not to mention all the different peak bloom times this spring. Let the fun begin!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS THE GARDEN – AND YOU: Membership in Lendonwood is a win-win for you AND the garden. When you get your membership invite, check out all the benefits you’ll receive: unlimited admission to Lendonwood, free admission to many other botanical gardens in North America, this monthly newsletter, and a delicious dinner at the Members’ Meeting in September! Best of all, the garden benefits from your support, helping it keep going and growing. So watch for that letter! If you’d rather join via our web site, you can do that, too! Just click here: <https://lendonwood.com/membership/> and click on “Membership/Payment Form.”

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT LENDONWOOD GARDENS FOR THE 2023 SEASON AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL:

Choose One

\$1,500 & Up Corporate
 \$500 & Up Sponsor
 \$150 & Up Friend
 \$50 & Up Family
 \$30 & Up Individual
(Membership descriptions on reverse)

I want to volunteer at Lendonwood by:

Helping with gardening
 Helping plan and organize special events
 Helping with publicity
 Helping with educational programs
 Helping at Welcome Center

 Donor/Member Name Phone w/Area Code E-Mails

 Address City, State, Zip

My check is enclosed. Tax-deductible contributions payable to Lendonwood Gardens.
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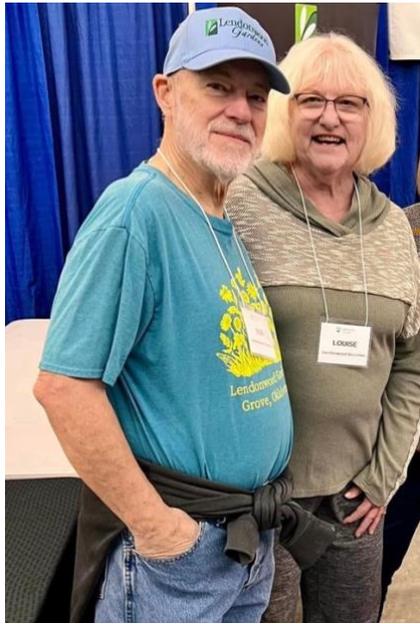
This form found in your membership letter allows you to become a member – AND sign up to volunteer, if you wish!

LET'S WAKE UP THE GARDEN: If you've never witnessed a community workday at Lendonwood, you might be amazed to see the **range of ages** (we've had 80-year-olds AND 8-year-olds) **and skills** (no green thumb necessary). You might also be amazed at **how much fun** it can be! Spring Workday coordinator Jim Reynolds has a list of jobs that surely will include something you'd enjoy doing. We'll have coffee and donuts ready by 8:30 a.m., when we'll form teams to "Wake Up the Garden." Lunch will be provided. See you there!



Oh, the depths some of our Workday volunteers go for Lendonwood! And, no, you won't have to tread water like supporter Judy McHenry here.

HOME & GARDEN FUN: Many thanks to our volunteers who staffed the Lendonwood booth at the Grove Home & Garden Show March 3-5. This event gave us a chance to introduce the garden to people who have never visited or who visited years ago. It also was wonderful to hear the positive comments from longtime supporters. In the process, we also signed up some new volunteers!



Volunteers Bob Shell and Louise Templin worked the Lendonwood booth at the Home & Garden Show and made lots of friends for the garden.



Lendonwood founder Dr. Leonard Miller, right, dropped by and shared a few stories.



Marsha Cleaver of Cleora, left, was the lucky winner of our beautiful Variegated Pothos houseplant. Congratulations, Marsha!



Flowering Quince adds a bit of color to early spring days.

TODAY'S GARDENING TIPS: Are you as ready to get gardening as we are? Even though we still might see some cold weather in March, the time for planning is over and the time for action is beginning! So what to do first? Here are some ideas. Work on your soil if it's dry enough. Apply compost and other amendments when the soil is workable. You'll want to avoid compacting the garden soil, so wait until it's dried out before tilling, planting or even walking in the beds. If you're seeing hosta shoots poking their heads up through the mulch, consider digging up clumps that need dividing, split them apart, and replant.

If your soil is alkaline (you DID do a soil test, right?), apply sulfur around acid-loving plants such as azaleas, hollies, and dogwoods. Use a granular formulation as directed on the box. And March is a good time get a jump on the weeds. The smaller they are, the easier to remove. Also, you may want to thin out old, overgrown brushes and prune the oldest, thickest stems at the base. You could consider thinning out some bushes, such as red-twig dogwood, by about one-third of the stems (the oldest ones) per year.

That's all for now, folks! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Jim Corbridge, President
Lendonwood Gardens