Lendonwood Gardens

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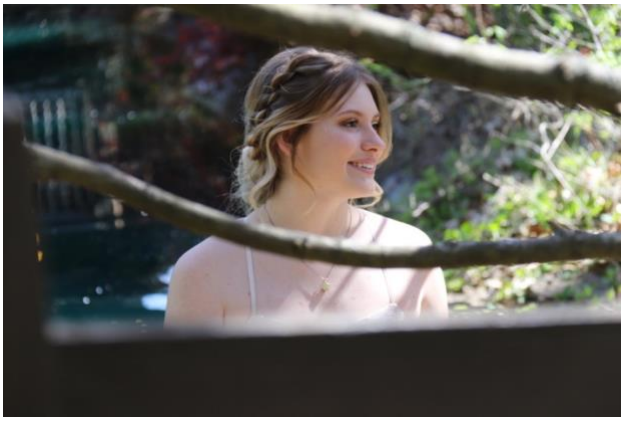
NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

We know things get busy in the garden when spring rolls around – but all on one day?? Yes, that can happen, this time on Saturday, April 8. First of all, it was a beautiful day on Easter weekend, so lots of visitors could be expected. We also had a wedding scheduled – from 1 to 4 p.m. AND it was prom day for Grove students and families wanting to take memorable photos in the garden. Below are a few pics from a *busy* day at Lendonwood.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our sincere thanks to everyone who has joined Lendonwood Gardens this year. We are still receiving membership forms, so there's still time to show your support for the garden. You can mail your form and check to P.O. Box 450542, Grove, OK 74345, or you can join online. Just click here: https://lendonwood.com/membership/ and click on "Membership/Payment Form." Don't forget that a major benefit of membership is our participation in the Reciprocal Admissions Program, which allows you to show your membership card at more than 340 botanical gardens in North America for free admission and other discounts.

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IT TAKES A COMMUNITY: "Wake Up the Garden" spring workday on April 1 drew about 70 members of the community, including Rotarians, Scouts, Interact members, high school students, and more. We're so grateful for the turnout of volunteers, who had lots of fun giving back to the community. Many much-needed maintenance projects got completed, such as repairing the wooden fence, staining the Pavilion railings, clearing downed branches, weeding flower beds, and general cleanup. Thank you, volunteers! We couldn't do it without you.

After coffee and donuts (breakfast of champions – and Lendonwood volunteers!), everyone paused for the traditional group photo.

Board member Jamie Perryman brought his tractor for heavy-duty work.

Volunteers cleared many flower beds – and had fun doing it!

Jobs were available for all ages and abilities.

Clearing silt and leaves resulted in much clearer, free-flowing water in the stream.

Rotarian Tom Sanders paid close attention to staining the railing at the Japanese Pavilion.

Rotarian Eric Pedersen negotiates for a second hot dog at lunch. All agreed he had earned it!

COLOR IN THE GARDEN: This time of year, you'll find something new blooming every week. Recent color includes peonies, red buds, dogwoods, tulips, and more. We urge visitors to come back several times to see what's in bloom. (And, if you do that, you might as well become a member! You'll save money!)

A gorgeous peony in full bloom!

Another peony just showing a hint of color to come.

COMING UP: Don't forget that Art in the Garden is coming right up – on Saturday, May 6. There will be artists and artisans setting up booths throughout the garden with items for sale or display from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Don't miss it!

TODAY'S GARDENING TIPS:

As you know by now, April brings all types of weather, so take advantage of the beautiful days to get some gardening tasks done. For example, finish up cleaning out your flower beds. Divide perennials as needed. Check out your mulch situation; remove some mulch so that plants can push up to the sunlight, but place more mulch where needed around tree and shrub roots. Consider fertilizing some of your perennials. Finish pruning rose bushes.

That's all for now, folks! Hope you had a beautiful Easter weekend!

Jim Corbridge, President
Lendonwood Gardens