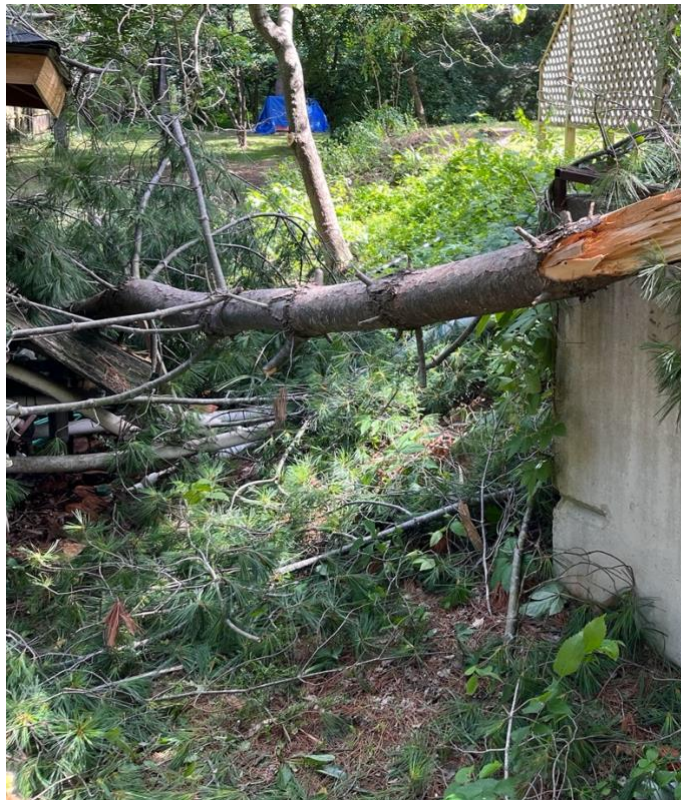


## NOTES FROM LENDONWOOD

### Hello, Friends of Lendonwood!

Not content with raining on our Garden Party, Mother Nature sent us another reminder in mid-June of just who's in charge! Like many around Grand Lake, Lendonwood suffered some damage from a violent windstorm on the night of June 17. On the plus side, we've enjoyed a changing panorama of blooms, garden tours, new plantings, and new merchandise in the Welcome Center.

**BLOWING IN THE WIND:** As they say, it could have been worse. Four trees at Lendonwood were damaged by severe winds recently. Only one, a smallish Red Bud, was lost within the fenced area. Three other large trees were damaged in the wooded area on the west side of the garden. Unfortunately, a large branch from a pine tree near the Koi Pond fell and broke a water pipe near the pumphouse, sending water into a neighbor's yard. Thanks to Board member Ray Geis, who managed to turn off the water and repair the pipe!

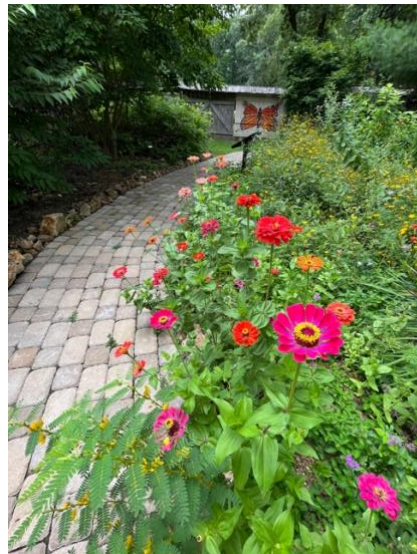


Hidden under that debris are broken water pipes that sent water for several hours into a neighbor's yard. The pipes are fixed now and we appreciate our neighbor's patience!

**SEASONAL BLOOMS:** Blink your eyes and new flowers are blooming at Lendonwood. Daylilies still are making a colorful display, but you'll also see beautiful Stargazer Lilies, Bee Balm, Zinnias, Rose of Sharon, and many others. Come visit the garden every couple of weeks to see what's new. That's another good reason to buy a membership so you have unlimited visits!



Stargazer Lilies show off stunning colors along the main walkway near the Oklahoma Garden.



We join the butterflies in loving the nectar plants in the Monarch Waystation. Colorful Zinnias line the walkway around the Waystation toward the butterfly mural.





Pure white flowers, like this Rose of Sharon near the Oklahoma Garden, can offer a lovely change of pace in a garden.

**TOURING LENDONWOOD:** It's always a delight to show off the garden for group tours. This time, we welcomed a family reunion of people from Kansas City, Springfield, MO, and Dallas. They enjoyed the colors and textures of an unexpected treasure in the Grand Lake area. And we enjoyed getting to know them. We hope to welcome other groups, including bus tours, throughout the seasons. For tours who might need golf cart transportation through the garden, we have those available.



A family reunion brought these visitors to Lendonwood from far-flung points. So glad you enjoyed the daylilies and other highlights of the garden!

**GARDEN PARTY FOLLOW-UP:** Thank you so much to everyone helping us make up for a challenging fundraiser, thanks to an ill-timed rainstorm. It's not too late to show your support by sending a contribution via our website or by mail. You can go to our website at [lendonwood.com](http://lendonwood.com) and check out our home-page where you can click on "DONATE" to make a contribution. OR you can send a check to Lendonwood Gardens, P.O. Box 450542, Grove, OK 74345. Many thanks!

**NEW PLANTS IN THE GARDEN:** Garden plants have finite life spans, so we have to be prepared to replace them as needed. Two of our Board members and volunteers, Melba Dagy and Ela Johnson, have been busy planting flowers and shrubs throughout the garden, with the help of other volunteers. Examples of Melba's plantings include Hellebores, Pulmonaria, Ferns, Campanula, Hostas, Brunnera, Camellias, Peonies, Heuchera, Columbines, Japanese Anemones, and Toad Lilies. These plants tend to like shade or part shade – perfect for many parts of Lendonwood. Ela has been concentrating on plants for the expanded Hummingbird Garden, such as Mexican Petunias, Weigela, Honeysuckle, Foxgloves, Salvia, Penstemon, Lavender, Agastache, Delphinium, Clematis and more.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Upcoming special events will be arriving before we know it. First up will be our **Members Meeting and Volunteers Appreciation Dinner** on Tuesday, September 12. On this occasion, we officially honor our volunteers and hold our BRIEF annual meeting of members for the election of officers.

Then comes our **Annual Plant Sale** on Saturday, September 30. We expect to have irises, daylilies, succulents, Japanese maples and more – at amazingly low prices. All proceeds go to support Lendonwood. If you have plants, bulbs, or starts that you'd like to donate for the sale, contact Pauline Hale at [Pauline.Hale@colorado.edu](mailto:Pauline.Hale@colorado.edu).

Hard to imagine in these warm days, but we're already planning on Lendonwood's "**Put the Garden to Bed**" fall workday on Saturday, October 28. We welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities to get the garden ready for its long winter nap.

Then, just as winter approaches, we host the **Angel of Hope candlelight vigil** in memory of lost loved ones, especially children. The public is invited to join us in this memorial event on Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m. at the Angel of Hope Garden on the west side of Lendonwood.

**WHAT'S NEW AT THE GIFT SHOP:** New shipments are coming in to the Welcome Center all the time. Come check out the new Sabaku women's shirts, some paintings by artist Nancy Harper, and a variety of beautiful woodwork by well-known artisan Bill Koch of Jay.

### **TODAY'S GARDENING TIPS:**

We know it's tough to get out in the garden when temperatures soar about this time. And, in fact, we don't even advise working outside in your garden in the heat of the day. The best time

is early in the morning: it's as cool as it's going to get, you'll enjoy the quiet beauty of early morning, you may hear birdsongs, and you're done before it gets too hot.

Especially critical in hot weather is getting enough water to plants. Pay attention to your potted plants; they are prone to wilting without adequate moisture. Keep an eye on any young trees; they really need frequent watering as they get established.

What time of day should you water plants? We recommend watering potted plants in the late afternoon or whenever they are wilting. For lawns and beds, you should set your irrigation system for early morning.

As always, spend some time in the early morning weeding your garden. Somehow, weeds flourish regardless of hot weather! It's important to stay ahead of the weeds before they set seeds.

One more thing for mid-summer: Check out any tall flowering plants, like hollyhocks, balloon flowers, bee balm and others – and see if they need to be staked to keep them upright. It's always a shame to see these beautiful flowers lying on the ground.

That's all for now, folks! Happy Summer!

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