

Winter Color at BGO

From February 28 through March 2, the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks will be bursting with dramatic color as the Orchid Show and Sale takes over the Event Hall. Sponsored by the Garden and the Orchid Society of the Ozarks, the show and sale has quickly become a popular and well-attended annual winter event.

On Friday evening, February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00, the Garden and the Society will host a reception. Attendees get a first look at the orchid displays that have been judged by national judges and a first crack at buying the gorgeous orchids that Society members offer for sale. The reception includes light refreshments and drinks.

On Saturday, March 1 the show and sale continues from 9:00 to 5:00 and on Sunday, March 2, hours are 9:00

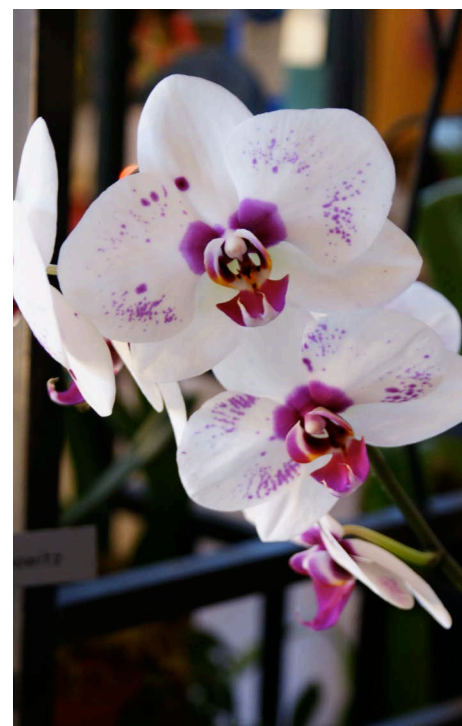
to 4:00. In the past years, the sale has sold out early so orchid enthusiasts are encouraged to come early and buy favorites quickly.

In addition to the show and sale, orchid enthusiasts may attend classes offered by Society members. This year's classes will include basic care, repotting and photography and will be offered on both days in the conference room.

Reception admission is \$10 in advance at www.bgozarks.org or 750-2620.

Admission to the show on Saturday or on Sunday is \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

The Orchid Show and Sale is a great way to liven up the dull gray of winter with gorgeous flowers, educational classes and a little social mingling.



From the Director

Looking back on 2013, the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks' sixth season was a programming and financial success. Our numbers continue to grow:

Botanical Garden attendance exceeded 80,000:

- 42,000 paid guests toured the Garden
- 11,000 attended wedding, receptions, events, or meetings.
- 10,650 area students attended nature classes taught at the Garden.
- 3,500 students from four counties attended Butterfly and Earth Days at the Garden.
- 1,840 members were admitted to the Garden.
- 3,700 attended the concert series

and Firefly Fling.

- 1,100 attended classes and educational programs.
- 2,500 shopped at the Farmers' Market.
- 2,480 preschoolers attended the 24 Little Sprouts programs.
- 2,400 Fayetteville residents visited the Garden free on Saturdays.

In 2013, the Garden had revenues of \$539,219 on a budget of \$502,500. These funds will enable the Garden to make improvements and carry out deferred maintenance in 2014. The maintenance and operations of the Garden are wholly supported by admissions, memberships, facility use rentals, events, sponsorships, and donations. Donations are absolutely the largest source of support for the Garden. In 2013, there were a record num-

ber of generous gifts to the Garden.

The Garden depends on this generous support as the means to fulfilling its mission to provide educational, entertainment, and recreational opportunities for students, residents, and Garden visitors by increasing their appreciation of the native and natural ecosystems of the Ozarks. Support of the Garden by members, sponsors, and donors is an investment in the quality of life in Northwest Arkansas. The Garden will continue to grow and expand with continued support. Last September at the annual membership meeting, a revised Garden Master Plan was approved which take the Garden through 2028. The next several years should be very exciting at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. Come visit your Garden and Learn. Play.Grow.

Coming to BGO in 2014

In November of 2005 Scott Starr and I used orange paint to lay out the walkways for the Shade Garden, the first garden to be installed. In the background the building has its new roof but the walls are yet to be added.

Our garden continues to grow. Since I am impatient, the rate of growth is not as fast as I would like but it is steady and sustainable. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you what we have planned for the coming year here at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks.

The biggest change coming this year will be the completion of the loop trail running from the gatehouse, along the stream, behind the Butterfly House to the Educational Cottage, finally ending at the chicken house behind the vegetable garden. The first phase of the trail began in 2011 when the Yates' family donated funds in memory of Mary Yates for constructing the boardwalk through the stormwater detention pond. Another donation last fall allowed us to finally finish the project. The new trail more than doubles the strolling space in the garden and opens up opportunities for the gardeners to add new plantings throughout the six plus acres of existing garden space. The trail opens up access points into each of the gardens from their back side, providing another viewing perspective. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for a shady stroll during the hot days of midsummer. Instead of concrete the new trail expansion will consist of crushed granite which provides a pleasing all-weather surface.

Two new gardens are planned along the outer trail. The first, near the wooden bridge across Hilton Creek, is the Boxwood Garden. This small garden space will be encircled in a hedge of assorted boxwood species and cultivars that will allow visitors to see first hand the mature characteristics of these slow growing shrubs. The garden will also be an ideal location for

setting up various events during Earth Day, Butterfly Days and other events when we have educational stations scattered throughout the garden.

The second garden – the Butterfly Plant Garden – will be an adjunct to the Butterfly House and Butterfly Walkway and located next to the Educational Cottage and Bardwell Insectorium. This garden will showcase native plants that serve as larval food for the caterpillars in addition to nectar plants that nourish the adult butterflies.

Though fencing is not as exciting as other garden projects, it is none the less important. This winter I hope to complete deer-proofing the



existing garden. The most noticeable addition will be the completion of the decorative fence between the parking lot and the garden area south of the entrance pavilion. This, coupled with the completion of two 6 foot tall woven wire fence sections, should go a long way toward alleviating the damage deer do each season inside the garden. While deer can jump a 6 foot tall barrier, fencing should be enough to discourage easy access and keep all but the most adventuresome animals from paying us an unwanted visit. To supplement the fencing, the gardeners also routinely spray flower beds with Liquid Fence to discourage feeding on shrubs, annuals and tulips.

Another planned addition is the first of what will be a Playhouse Village between the Reading Railroad and the Educational Cottage. Charles

Richardson, my right hand volunteer, and I are planning a Lincoln log playhouse that visitors of any age can assemble using the stackable timbers. My hope is that the village will grow each year and showcase a number of unique, interesting and whimsical structures for this part of the Children's Garden.

Last but not least, the expansion of the plantings at the BGO Arboretum will continue. Since 2006 when the first plantings were made, over 850 species and cultivars of trees and shrubs have been added to the BGO plant collection. The Arboretum expansion this year will focus on adding to the maple and magnolia collec-

tions but other plant groups won't be slighted.

While growth may be painstakingly slow for some, I challenge you to think back just a few short years when the BGO was just a grass pasture with a sign. We continue to grow and expand thanks to the efforts and support of our members and volunteers. Come see us soon and thanks for your continuing support.

By Gerald Klingaman
Director of Operations

Annual Plant Sale
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Winter & Early Spring

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Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 am – Succulent Café with Susan Regan and Lissa Morrison in the greenhouse. Participants will select and plant succulent containers. Class will be held in the Greenhouse. Class is limited to 12 and cost is \$35 members/ \$40 nonmembers in advance Friday, February 28 at 6:00 pm – Orchid Show Reception; \$10 at the door. Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2 – Orchid Show and Sale: Saturday hours are 9:00 to 5:00 and Sunday hours are 9:00 to 4:00. \$5 at the door.

Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 – Oaks: Queens of the Ozarks: Gerald Klinga man will give guests a picture of how important and beautiful these trees are. Program is free.

Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 am – Organic Gardening for Beginners: Master Gardener Tiffany Selvey will introduce participants to the basics. \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers

Tuesday, March 18 at 4:00 and 5:30 pm – Rain Barrel Workshops with Katie Teague and Jane Maginot. Participants may purchase one barrel at one or both sessions. Cost is \$30 per session.

Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 – Daylilies for Beginners with Dolores Stamps, Master Gardener and Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society member; \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers

Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 – Composting Made Simple: Master Composters from WC Master Gardeners will educate participants on the basics and some extras in making and using compost. \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers

Saturday, April 5 at 9:00 Bird Walk with Joe Neal, FREE

Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 – Your Grandmother Grew That: Heirloom Plants for Today's Gardeners with Master Gardener Joyce Mendenhall; \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers

Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 – New Iris Society program

Friday and Saturday, April 25-26 Annual Plant Sale

May 1 at 9:30 and 10:15 – Little Sprouts begins

May 6 – Earth Day at BGO

May 13 – Greening of the Garden

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