

Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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October 2021 Newsletter

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Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

7 Tribute Trees Ordered

7 Honor/Memory trees have been ordered for Fall planting in November. They are:



'Sun Valley'
Red Maple,



'October Glory'
Red Maple



Blue Atlas Cedar,



Sweet Bay
Magnolia



'Greenspire'
Littleleaf Linden,



'Double Pink'
Weeping Cherry,



Canada Red Cherry.

Picnic Table in Arboretum

About 2 months ago we ordered the picnic table. It finally arrived. Facilities removed a couple trees that were a hazard to the site for the table, and on Sept. 11 it was assembled in place.



Assembling the table were left to right: John Carpenter, Dave Warfel, Jim McCoy, Jerry Lawrence, and Steve Henning (not shown).



Members of the Woodcrest Arboretum attended the ArbNet virtual conference which originated at Morton Arboretum in Chicago. ArbNet is the association of arboreta and the accrediting body for arboreta. The Woodcrest Arboretum received a scholarship and gathered as a group to watch the conference presentations. Doug Tallamy from the University of Delaware was the keynote speaker. He lives in Oxford, PA. Here are some things Dr. Tallamy mentioned:

- Non-native plants aren't inherently bad. They may be used as nectar plants for pollinators and for historic, cultural, or esthetic reasons.
- Non-native plants can be extremely invasive.
- Butterflies are the primary pollinators for a great many vegetables & herbs such as celery, lettuce, peas, beans, the cruciferous vegetables such as cabbage & broccoli, and the mints which include many popular spices.
- Butterflies come from caterpillars.
- Caterpillars are essential for almost all birds. They need caterpillars to feed their young.
- A unique native plant is essential for almost any caterpillar to complete its life cycle.
- The term native plants means plants native to the area which attract insects already nearby.
- More native plant gardens can create stepping stones for insect and bird species to migrate to new habitats and survive.
- Holes in plant leaves can be a good thing. A beneficial insect may be using the leaf such as a caterpillar or leafroller butterfly.
- Leaf litter is essential for some caterpillars to overwinter. The chrysalises often get rolled up in or are attached to some of the leaves. So please don't disturb leaf litter under native trees in the arboretum until mid-May.
- Most "butterfly garden" plants are nectar plants, and even non-native plants such as Butterfly Bush can be good nectar plants. They usually aren't able to complete any caterpillar's lifecycle to become a butterfly.
- Not all non-native plants are invasive. As examples Crabapple, Flowering Cherry, Redbud, & Ginkgo are not native.
- Some native plants are invasive such as Canada Goldenrod and Common Milkweed.

Dennis Good steps down and David Suh steps up.



One of the founding members of the Nature Trail committee, Dennis Good, left, is resigning as Secretary/Treasurer on October 1, and David Suh, right, is taking over as Treasurer.

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Since Dennis, Jerry Lawrence, Shirley Harms, and Lew Kauffman founded the committee, it has taken on additional responsibilities including the Flower Factory and the Arboretum. During his tenure as Secretary/Treasurer, Dennis has taken responsibility for all financial details, purchased the bronze plaques and other supplies, and wrote entertaining minutes. He is a real wordsmith, and has come up with the wording on many plaques. **Thanks Dennis!**

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