



CZBG

Garden Gazette

July 2019

Jumping Into July!

Welcome to this month's
Horticulture Volunteer Newsletter!

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Save the Dates

Twilight Tuesdays
Tuesdays in July, **CZBG**

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day, no garden work, no Education Session

Thursday, July 11
Part 1, 12:30-1:15, Self-Guided Learning Session-History of the Local Floral Industry, **Delhi Historical Society**
Part 2, 1:30-2:00, Gems of the West Flower Show

Thursday, July 11, 6:30-9:30
Cocktails for Conservation, **CZBG**

Saturday, July 13
Bowyer Plant Sale, **Bowyer Wetland**

Wednesday, July 17
Macy's Festival "Dollar Day", no garden work

Thursday, August 1, 12:00-2:00
Horticulture Education Session, **Safari Lodge**

Thursday, August 9, 6:30-9:30
Wild About Wine, **CZBG**

Saturday, August 17, 6:30-9:30
"Honey, Honey" Bee Event, **CZBG**

Thursday, August 29, 9:00-5:00
Plant Trials Day Symposium, **CZBG: Frisch's Theater**

Mid-Summer is here and we have already accomplished so much! The annuals for our display beds have been planted and top-dressed with pine fines. Summer Annual Trials have begun – *be sure to take note of your favorite annuals as the season progresses!* Many of the entrances and event spaces around the zoo have been cleaned up and weeded. We have made incredible headway potting plugs and bumping up perennials in our nurseries, both at the zoo and at Bowyer Wetlands. Meanwhile, the Gardening for Wildlife Station has been bustling with activity this season. So what's next?



More Weeding – not only will we tackle the weeds in our areas, but also throughout the grounds.

Hardwood Mulching – once beds are weeded, we cover bare areas with hardwood to prevent weeds from returning this season and to make the landscape look a bit more finished.

Perennial Planting – planting new perennials in areas where perennials have failed.

Potting & Bump Ups – we will continue to pot plugs as they arrive. We will also pot plants that are tight in their containers into larger nursery pots.

Staking and Spacing Plants – plants that are bulking up in the nursery will need to be staked and/or spaced to allow for new growth.

Preparing for Fall – currently we are starting fall seeds, choosing tulips, and ordering plastic to cover the Quonsets.

Upcoming: Horticulture Volunteer Pizza Party & Plant Trials Symposium



Don't forget to take a minute to enjoy the summer blooms – our bottle brush buckeyes, Sweetshrubs (calycanthus), Southern Magnolias, cone flowers, and bee balms have been putting on a great show this month... just to name a few!



Stay Safe!

Whether you are working in the gardens, at the Gardening for Wildlife Station, at Bowyer Wetland, or for a Garden Event, please keep these things in mind to stay safe out there this summer:

- ◆ Hydrate.
- ◆ Take Breaks.
- ◆ Eat a Snack.
- ◆ Only take on what you can handle.
- ◆ Let someone know if you are not feeling well.
- ◆ Let someone know if you are over-fatigued and need to leave early.
- ◆ Practice safe tool use and storage.



Another Successful Pollinator Carnival

Many thanks to those who helped with this year's Pollinator Carnival!



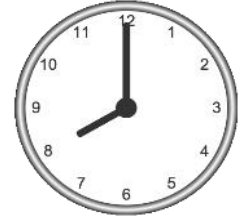
Despite the questionable weather, over 100 families worked their way through the pollinator stations to complete their Pollinator Passports and earn a milkweed plant to attract pollinators in their own backyards.



For nearly five years, Pollinator Carnival has been an event beloved by visitors of all ages. Not only are the educational games exciting and informative, but the overarching goals of local-level action and conservation efforts have become increasingly important. Thanks to all who helped engage visitors with Plants for Pollinators and actions that can be done at home to promote pollinator populations.



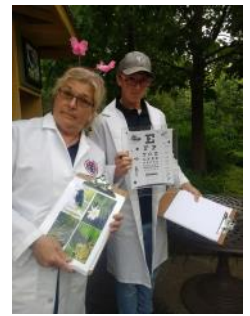
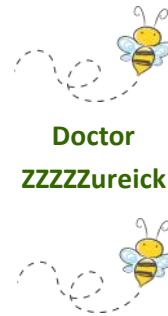
Early Start Time Begins!



After a mild June, the summer temperatures have finally started to creep up. To avoid working during the hottest part of the day, we will transition to our 8 am – 11 am gardening schedule beginning July 1st. We understand that not everyone can make it at 8 am – *and that's okay!* Just join the group when you arrive. Understanding that some volunteers travel quite a distance to get here, we will do our best to leave the volunteer message the evening before the volunteer day.

Remember, it is always a good idea to double check in the morning in case something changes at the last minute. If the weather is predicted to be poor, you may want to wait until after 7:30 am to head toward the zoo—any changes/cancellations to the hotline message will be made by 7:30 am. Thank you for your flexibility – see you in the gardens!

Celebrity Sighting



Nursery Construction Update



Construction of the new Horticulture Nursery is underway! At the end of June, we raised two hoop house frames between the Horticulture and Facilities offices. We still have a way to go to finish the job, but the transition has begun!



Don't forget to register your garden in the Plant for Pollinator Challenge!

<http://cincinnatizoo.org/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators/>

CZBG Connect

Check out the CZBG Connect Website for the CZBG Volunteer Newsletter (all Zoo departments) and other exciting zoo happenings. The link for the CZBG Connect website can be found on the MVP homepage.

www.myvolunteerpage.com