



CZBG

Garden Gazette

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Welcome to this month's
Horticulture Volunteer Newsletter!

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Save the Dates

Thursday, May 2 - 12:30-2:00

Horticulture Education Session,
Herbal Medicine, **Safari Lodge**

Saturday, May 11 - 9:00-12:00

Plant Sale, **Bowyer Wetland**

Saturday, May 11 - 9:00-11:00

Gardening for Wildlife Station
Training, **Location TBD**

Saturday, May 18

Public Gardens Day, **CZBG**

Thursday, June 6 - 12:00-2:00

Horticulture Education Session,
Gardens of England by Steve Foltz,
Safari Lodge

Saturday, June 8 - 9:00-1:00

Pollen Nation Celebration & Plant
Sale, **Bowyer Wetland**

Saturday, June 22

Pollinator Carnival, **CZBG**

Digging Into the Gardens!

Cheers to another year of beautiful spring blooms! Witch Hazel, Forsythia, Viburnum, Hellebores, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips, and Snow Drops - Oh My! Many thanks to all of you who helped plant this year's bulbs— it truly was a gorgeous spring display and we could not do it without you!

As the cherries and magnolias give way to the redbuds and dogwoods, we approach late Spring and, with it, the fury of gardeners everywhere with so much to do and what seems like so little time in which to get it done! The month of May brings our transition from spring blooming tulips to summer and fall blooming annuals. During the next few weeks, we will be primarily focused on changing over the display beds from tulips to annuals. This will involve digging tulips, amending and tilling beds, laying out and planting annuals, and top dressing annual display beds. The tiny plugs that you planted into flats at the Fidelity Greenhouse will make their great migration back to Mother Zoo where they will find their new home within the garden. Many thanks to all who helped with this endeavor— together, we have potted over 40,000 annuals for use in our gardens. As the next few weeks unfold, here is what we can expect our tasks to look like:



- ◆ **Digging & Selling Tulip Bulbs** – digging, bagging, and selling tulip bulbs to the public on “digging days” throughout May.
- ◆ **Up Potting Annuals** – potting fast growing annuals into larger containers to maintain plant health while they await planting in the garden.
- ◆ **Planting Annuals** – Annual planting typically begins around Mother's Day (sometimes a little earlier.) During this time, we will plant over **40,000 annuals in 45+ display areas**. The transition from spring bulbs to summer annuals takes about 6 weeks to complete, if the weather cooperates.
- ◆ **Mulching Annual Display Beds** – once planted, annual display areas will be mulched with pine fines.
- ◆ **Summer Display Containers** – planting annuals in decorative pots for summer container trials.
- ◆ **Perennial Plug Potting** – potting perennial plugs in the nursery as they arrive.
- ◆ **Public Gardens Day** – nation-wide event highlighting the importance of public gardens for communities, wildlife, and conservation.

Coming up in June— Pollinator Carnival, Pollen Nation Celebration & Plant Sale, Perennial Plugs, and more!

Congratulations, Scott Beuerlein!



Congratulations to our very own Scott Beuerlein, *Manager of Botanical Garden Outreach*, on receiving the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati's **Building Community Award** on May 1st. This annually presented award recognizes individuals within the Greater Cincinnati area whose life and/or work embody the mission of this fine organization *to build community through gardening, education, and environmental stewardship*. Also receiving this honor is *Cincinnati Parks' Land Management and Urban Forestry Manager*, Dave Gamstetter.

Twilight 'n Tulips—a Blooming Success!



As you may know, this year's annual botanical garden fundraiser changed from the *Tulip Luncheon*, a mid-day event, to *Twilight 'N' Tulips*, an after hours event hosted in mid-April. The weather couldn't have been better and this outdoor evening event recruited a diverse audience of garden supporters- *nearly 400 guests mingled through the gardens on this magical evening!* Changes from previous years included: a champagne toast on the Centroid Lawn, 30-minute staff guided garden tours, garden booths for *What's Blooming*, *Plant Trials*, *Browse*, *Animal Enrichment*, and *Garden Hotspots* with information about plants and their pollinators. After being dazzled by the gardens and enjoying a casual dinner-by-the-bite experience, guests attended a presentation by Dr. Mark Plotkin, a renowned ethnobotanist who has studied plant use by traditional healers in tropical America for thirty years. A special thank you to everyone who helped to make this night a **BLOOMING SUCCESS!!**



Plants for Pollinators Challenge

Join us in planting for pollinators! The Plants for Pollinators Challenge is an initiative of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's Pollen Nation program. This public engagement campaign aims to increase pollinator habitat in the urban landscape by inspiring people to plant for pollinators and register their gardens.

This first year, our goal is to register at least 500 pollinator gardens in Greater Cincinnati. For more details or to participate in this initiative, please visit www.cincinnati-zoo.org/plant-for-pollinators.

Join Us For Public Gardens Day

When: Saturday, May 18

The Botanical Garden is excited to celebrate Public Garden Day on May 18! We will be joining hundreds of other public gardens across the country in a nation-wide effort to highlight the importance of public gardens for communities and wildlife during National Public Gardens Week, a public awareness campaign through the American Public Garden Association. Stay tuned for ways that you can help with this event! For more information about National Public Gardens Week visit <https://www.publicgardens.org/programs/national-public-gardens-week/about-national-public-gardens-week>



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Garden Beauties

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



Signs of Spring and Joy

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for few more horticulture volunteers to help at the Gardening for Wildlife Station. This station offers an amazing opportunity to engage visitors with plants and get people excited about gardens, the value of plants for other wildlife, and steps they can take to promote wildlife in their own backyards. The Gardening for Wildlife Station is not only the welcome wagon of the garden, but a prime location to transfer information from the gardens to everyday people.



If this sounds like an opportunity that you would be interested in, please attend the Garden Cart Training on Saturday, May 11 at 9am – location TBA.

If you are interested in attending the Gardening for Wildlife Station training and/or becoming a station volunteer, please contact Deb or Tosh so we can add you to the mailing list.