



CZBG

Garden Gazette

October 2019

Autumn in the Air



Leaves are falling, and the sky is turning the azure tone of Fall. Early evenings are filled with golden light, reminding us that short days approach swiftly and a cooler season is just around the corner. Soon, the air will be crisp, and we will be welcoming the autumn hues of red, orange, and yellow.

The shifting days of Fall mark a transitional point between the long, active days of Summer and the quiet, reflective days of Winter. Ambitious Summer projects are laid to rest while we prepare for the cold of Winter and the hopeful Spring beyond. In the garden, we spend our days tying up the loose ends from the busy Summer season while planning for the upcoming chill and following Spring display.

Here is what to expect as October unfolds at CZBG:

Garden Maintenance – general fall garden clean up, light leaf removal, and mulching bare areas for winter.

Tulip Bulb Planting – in mid-October, we will begin the process of changing our seasonal display beds over from annuals to spring-blooming tulips. This process usually takes 4 to 6 weeks and involves: pulling annuals, digging tropicals, tilling & amending soil, laying out & planting bulbs, netting the beds to prevent wildlife from feasting on our hard work, and placing hoops along the edges of beds to prevent compaction during our busy Festival of Lights season. This year, we will be planting **120 thousand tulips** in over **50 display beds** – ***and will need all the help we can get!***

Tropical Processing – once the tropicals have been removed from our beds they will need to be processed, and in some cases repotted, before they make their journey to the Fidelity Greenhouse for winter.

Nursery – moving potted plants to their cold-season homes and preparing the nursery for winter.

Upcoming: More Tulips, Festival of Lights Preparations, & the Native Plant Symposium



Welcome to this month's
Horticulture Volunteer Newsletter!

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Save the Dates

Thursday, October 3

Volunteer Education Session, 12:30pm—2pm, UC Herbarium

Thursday, October 10

Zoo Brew, 6:30pm—9:30pm, CZBG

Thursday, October 15

Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony, 5pm—8pm, Peacock Pavilion

Thursday, November 7

Volunteer Education Session, 12:30pm-2pm, Rose Seeger: Green City Resources, Safari Lodge

Saturday, November 9

Native Plant Symposium, 9am—5pm, Frisch's Theater

Saturday, November 16

Festival of Light begins, CZBG

Soon to Open – Hops!

The Zoo's new craft beer garden, near soon-to-be Roo Valley, is scheduled to open



just in time for Zoo Brew on October 10th. The beer garden will not only offer a selection of beverages from local breweries, but also feature a variety of new food items – sure to be a fantastic place to relax and take in the views!

This Month's News



Tree Carnival Fun!



Start Time Back to Normal



Remember to Log Your Hours on MVP!

Just a friendly reminder, as we approach the last few months of our gardening season, to log your hours on MVP. Logging your volunteer hours helps us recognize individual contributions, quantify tasks completed, and update our volunteer rosters at the end of the season. Logging your volunteer hours also helps us to attain valuable grants for CZBG. If you need help logging hours, please let Tosh, Sabrina, or Mollie know and we will do our best to assist you.

www.myvolunteerpage.com

Many thanks!

CZBG Connect

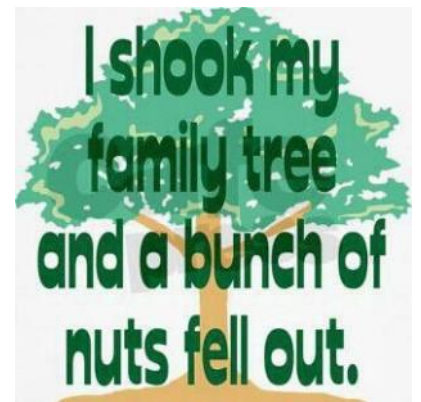
Check out the CZBG Connect Website for the CZBG Volunteer Newsletter (all Zoo departments) and other exciting zoo happenings. The link for the CZBG Connect website can be found on the MVP homepage.

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A Special Thanks

A special thank you to the volunteers at the Gardening for Wildlife Station for all that you have done to inspire our visitors with plants every day. Your dedication, as the spokes-people of our gardens, is truly appreciated, and as the season for the Gardening for Wildlife Station comes to a close, we want to say thank you for another amazing year!



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

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

August and September at a Glance

New Entrance on Erkenbrecher

Check out the New Entrance, Ticketing Kiosk, and Welcome Center designed to ease the flow of pedestrian traffic into the zoo and enhance visitor experience as part of the CZBG's *More Room to Roam* campaign.



New Planting at CREW

Visit CREW and see the new landscape! This landscape features a variety of plants native to the US. Several of the specimens within the planting were grown within the CREW facility. This renovation also allows for the construction of specialized micro-habitats, perfect for some of the specimens in the collection.



Top Voted Annuals by Volunteers

The votes are in! The most loved annuals by volunteers this year were:

- ◆ Zinnia Zesty Fuchsia (not pictured)
- ◆ Begonia Solenia Apricot
- ◆ Fan Flower Whirlwind Blue Improved
- ◆ Impatiens SunPatiens Vigorous White Improved



REDS Project



We completed not one, but **two** REDS Projects this year. The first, at the beginning of August, involved upgrading a baseball field and installing a diverse, welcoming landscape in St. Bernard, just a few miles from the zoo.

The second project, in mid-August, involved upgrading a baseball field, upgrading & installing new landscape, and creating a memorial garden in Bellevue, Kentucky.



St. Bernard

Bowyer Plant Sales End for the Season

Many thanks to those of you who have helped make this year's plant sales at Bowyer Wetland so successful. Thanks to you, we were able to host six sales, promoting plants far beyond what we had been capable of in previous years. **Your dedication is much appreciated!**



Bellevue, KY



St. Bernard



A Glimpse of Zoofari



A Colorful, Vibrant Entry



The King of Beasts Guards the Tent



Tosh and Lynn Bring Extra Pizzazz to the Bromeliad Wall

