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Words from the Director

Reflections and Projections

By Ted Bilderback, Director

In the university culture, a new year always brings administrative mandates for reports of the previous year's activities, successes, awards, and an opportunity for evaluation of future direction of a program. My approach is always to first look at the previous year's calendar.

Reflecting on the JCRA's 2012 calendar leaves me a bit breathless. A year ago in 2011, the JCRA held 87 events. Well, the 2012 calendar shows 105 events that were sponsored or cosponsored by the JCRA. The events included the usual 17 Friends of the Arboretum Lectures, 12 Plantsmen's Tours, 24 children's programs, Gala, Birdhouse Competition, JCRA Plant Sale, Poinsettia Open House, plus seven Field Days, and hosting horticulture and green industry meetings. Also, we held 30 workshops, including three propagation workshops, a Japanese maple grafting workshop, three wreath-making workshops, several photography events, hypertufa and cast concrete leaf workshops, and a beekeeping workshop, just to mention a few.

We received several accolades for our "A Passion for Plants 2.0" Spring Symposium, and our events for the year were topped off by our 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Ruby McSwain Education Center featuring all the previous interim directors (Bryce Lane and Kim Powell) and directors (Bob Lyons, Denny Werner, and myself) except for J. C., and we were fairly certain that he was here somewhere. In addition to celebrating the McSwain Center's 10th anniversary, we celebrated the dedication of the new Lath House. The new dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Richard Linton, Ph.D., presided

and recognized our donors Mitzi Hole and Mike Stallings. Also recognized were Frank Harmon for his award-winning design, Chuck Friedrich of Carolina Stalite, Johnson Concrete for donating planting bed and paving materials, Paige Moody of Arbor Enterprises for walk and wall installation, and the JCRA Master Plan Committee for the interior walk design and eye for aesthetic details. Donations received during the 10th Anniversary Celebration were deposited in the Endowment for

Excellence fund that will support the JCRA into the future. During the Lath House dedication, Ross Williams, executive director of the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association stepped to the podium and present a \$2,500 check as the first payment of a \$12,500 challenge for matching donations for the Endowment for Excellence. By the week's end, another \$7,000 had been donated in matching funds to meet the challenge.

Richard Linton also presented the very first J. C. Raulston Distinguished Leadership Award during the celebration. The award criteria is for an individual who has made significant contributions in "planning and planting for a better world" (J. C.'s

famous letter salutation) which in definition is someone who has helped diversify the American landscape. In addition, the award recognizes the expertise and leadership given by the selected individual to further the mission of the JC Raulston Arboretum. The first recipient of the JC Raulston Distinguished Leadership Award was Tony Avent. Tony certainly exceeds the criteria in magnitude. Thanks Tony for your support, expertise, and contributions over the many years!



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To continue the theme on reflections and accomplishments in 2012, take a walk through the Arboretum in 2013. I have been told by many visitors, and I agree, the gardens look fabulous! It was a leap of faith that we would find the funding to hire a new research technician in 2012, but we took the jump and hired Lizzi Lathers in July. Lizzi has been a fantastic addition to our staff and to the garden's appearance. Caring for the JCRA collections is a big job, and many hands make a big difference. We have also benefitted from our summer interns who have continued working a few hours around their classes each week during the school year. With Tim Alderton's fast-paced enthusiasm, plant expertise, and outstanding work with volunteers and interns, and Lizzi's energetic eye for design, botanical knowledge, and creativity, the talented and willing student interns, and, of course, the army of dedicated JCRA volunteers, the gardens really have never looked better.

Wise projections for the future require evaluation of past program accomplishments and approaches. One thing missing at the JC Raulston Arboretum has been a strategic marketing plan. This is obvious since we even refer to the JC Raulston Arboretum as the "biggest secret" in Raleigh. Being on the Visit Raleigh Web site as a "Top 50" places to see while in Raleigh with a streaming video link is a good thing, and being presented with a Sir Walter Raleigh Community Appearance Award October 9, 2012, was very gratifying, and one might assume that most of the local avid gardening public have visited the JCRA and possibly have attended events at the JC Raulston Arboretum.

Beverly Hurley (editor of *Triangle Gardener* and Gala committee member) has agreed to help us develop a strategic marketing plan. Background information was gathered through two focus group sessions in January 2013. The marketing plan guidance for the next step is part of the Board of Advisors charge for 2013.

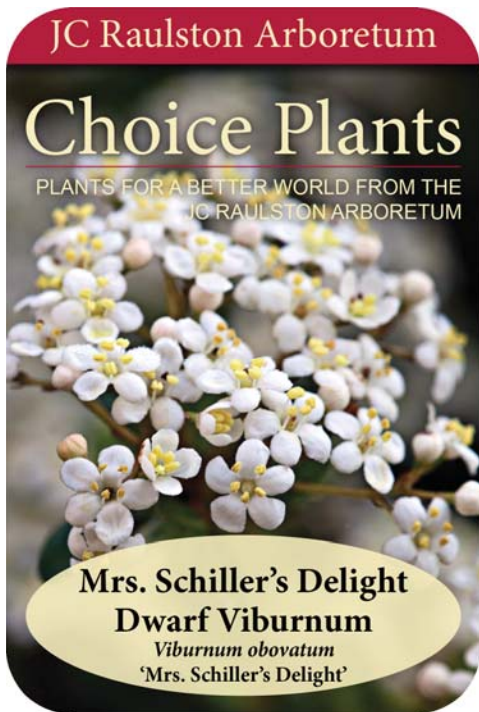
A legitimate question would be: What could be accomplished with a marketing plan and then its implementation? Well, obviously increasing revenues would be one of the goals. However, the benefit for marketing is a tricky question. Since we do not charge an entrance fee, just attracting more visitors simply increases the wear

and tear on our gardens and facilities. With greater exposure to the community, we would hope to increase memberships and public rentals of the auditorium and gardens. Our Children's Program, led by Elizabeth Overcash, offers our community a valuable educational opportunity. Children and their parents experience how plants function in an urban landscape environment. These can be life-long lessons and help build an appreciation and knowledge of nature and science from an early age. Along the way, we hope these families will become JCRA Friends of the Arboretum members and support our staff and programs.

We also anticipate that a marketing plan will increase our occupancy and therefore revenues from rentals. The JC Raulston Arboretum provides a pleasant atmosphere and unique experience for groups seeking a special location to schedule staff and client conferences and workshops. The highly aesthetic garden environment is a favorite location for many university and public groups to conduct their meetings and greater exposure could expand our groups of clients scheduling meetings at the JCRA. The York Auditorium in the McSwain Center offers a space that can accommodate 100 people with tables and chairs or 200 people with chairs only, or it can be divided into three soundproof rooms, each section with a capacity of 30 to 50 people, depending upon the section and set-up needs. Flexible set-up arrangements, free wireless Internet, audio-visual capabilities, and access to a kitchen all set in the jewel that is the JC Raulston Arboretum, make the York Auditorium one of the best rental spaces in Raleigh.

The JCRA also has no less than 10 garden spaces that can be reserved for events. For example, there are approximately 25 weddings held in the Klein-Pringle White Garden each year. Chairs, tables, and, in some gardens, electrical service can be provided upon request, and set-ups for these events are provided by our undergraduate student assistants. Details and rental charges can be found on the JCRA Web site at http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/reserve_a_garden/reserve_a_garden.html.

Another exciting project for 2013 is the JCRA Choice Plants program. The Choice Plants program is a cooperative



Flowering Shrub



Choice Plants
PLANTS FOR A BETTER WORLD FROM THE
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The late Dr. J. C. Raulston was known for reminding us to "Plan—and Plant for a Better World." Choice Plants are superior selections for the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic from the JC Raulston Arboretum landscape trials.

**Mrs. Schiller's Delight
Dwarf Viburnum**
Viburnum obovatum 'Mrs. Schiller's Delight'

'Mrs. Schiller's Delight' is a tough but beautiful native plant for any garden. It makes a small, neat mound without any pruning and is topped in spring with masses of white flowers. Very drought tolerant once established.

Light	Height/Width	Flowers	Planting Instructions
sun to part shade	averages 2'-3' tall x 3'-4' wide	white spring	
Growth Rate	Hardiness	Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water before planting Dig hole three times the width of pot Backfill and plant 1"-2" above soil level Water and add more soil if needed Mulch plants
slow to moderate	USDA Zone 6	drought tolerant once established	

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marketing program with the Johnston County Nursery Marketing Association. The JOCO committee has been meeting with JCRA staff for the last two years. Approximately 10 plants growing and performing well at the JCRA were selected and decisions made regarding what size containers to take to retail for each plant. The plants chosen are not frequently seen in landscapes or produced in the industry. The JOCO marketing committee has been working with retail garden centers in the Raleigh area as the exclusive point of sale in 2013 for the program. In September, *Heteropterys glabra*, redwing, was the first selection distributed to retailers in the Raleigh area. Redwing is a vine that has red, wing-like samaras and yellow flowers and blooms nearly all summer long. Another plant available in garden centers this spring is *Viburnum obovatum* 'Mrs. Schiller's Delight', which is sparsely available in the nursery industry and very under-utilized. In the JCRA, this dwarf viburnum flowers nearly all year long. Three additional plants were added to the program in 2013. Look for these plants in your favorite Raleigh garden center. Every plant will have a Choice Plants tag. The front of the tag provides a picture of the plant and the back provides information about the plant, including size, hardiness, and growing preferences. A QR code is also provided as a link to the JCRA Choice Plants Web page where there is a description of the program and information on each plant.

We've already completed one major garden project this spring. A new accessible walkway from the back entrance of the Japanese Garden down the hill in Asian Valley was installed, thanks to Mark Weathington's successful Stanley Smith Grant proposal.

My reflections from 2012 are that we invested in our staff, adding a new technician and hiring a new children's program coordinator, and those investments began paying dividends almost immediately and provide a glowing projection for the future. We also look forward to implementing a focused marketing strategy at the JCRA in 2013. Wow! I am excited! ✨

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What's New at the Arboretum?

By Mark Weathington, Assistant Director and Curator of Collections



Liu Gang with *Acer longipes* subsp. *catalpifolium*



Camellia azalea



Ilex fargesii var. *fargesii*



Daphne odora 'Hewreb' (Rebecca™)



Schefflera minutistellata

One of the highlights of J. C.'s old newsletters was the incredible list of new plants that had been acquired since the last newsletter appeared. The list was a constant source of amazement and a steep learning curve for gardeners all over; it was certainly one of the first places where the old adage "the more you learn, the more you learn how much there is to learn" hit home for me. In tribute to those old lists, I've compiled an abbreviated list of some of our accessions from 2012. Unfortunately, the entire list of 1,100+ new taxa (types of plants) is too long to print in our newsletter since Chris Glenn, newsletter editor, will not allow me to use J. C.'s technique of printing in six-point font with no margins. Many of the taxa listed arrived as seed or very small rooted cuttings. It may be several years before they show up on the grounds.

As always, maples were high on our list of plants to acquire and we managed to bring in about 50 new ones. One we were especially excited to find is *Acer longipes* subsp. *catalpifolium*. We found large, unlabeled trees growing in the Chengdu Botanic Garden in China, and our guide knew just what they were. The trees were approaching 40' tall with smooth, grayish-red bark. The foliage was quite large, easily over 8" long, and were mostly unlobed or slightly tri-lobed. We never found the plant growing wild on Emei Shan, despite our best attempts, but luckily the trees in cultivation were loaded with the large, wide-spreading fruits which are currently germinating in our greenhouse. Another exciting addition is *A. pauciflorum*, a plant that was grown previously at the JCRA and which represented probably the first plant of this species to be grown in the West, according to John Grimshaw.

Two groups that we have been actively collecting are *Aucuba* and *Osmanthus*. We acquired 19 different selections of the former and about 10 of the latter. I have been

especially interested in some of the different species of *Aucuba* beyond the typical *A. japonica* and was excited to find *A. obovata*, a distinctly different aucuba with long, obovate leaves. *Osmanthus* additions included some named Chinese forms, dwarf forms, and variegated selections. Meeting the self-proclaimed "Osmanthus King" in Guanxian was exciting as well.

Continuing the theme of evergreen shrubs for southern gardens, *Camellia* and *Ilex* (holly) were groups we also collected in 2012. Among the 16 or so camellias we obtained were a couple of species that we had long been interested in growing. *C. azalea* has been an intriguing species to camelliaphiles since it is a summer-flowering camellia that loves high heat. It is of questionable hardiness, but is being used to breed repeat flowering camellias for results similar to the Encore azaleas. The foliage is the unsung feature of this unusual camellia due to its waxy texture and blunt tip. Another interesting camellia germinating in the greenhouse is *C. mairei* (collected as *C. omeiensis*), a lovely species with deep red flowers from Emei Shan. Hollies are such a diverse group that they never cease to amaze me. I was blown away by *Ilex fargesii* var. *fargesii*, a shrubby species with long, very narrow foliage, when I first saw it at Quarry Hill Botanic Garden in California. Among the other 17 new hollies include a selection from one of my favorite holly species, *I. integra*. We're calling this unnamed selection Suzuki Curly in honor of the original source and the fact that all the leaves curl around for a delightful texture. We're not sure yet if this selection is male or female.

Other groups collected during 2012 include *Magnolia* (33 taxa), *Illicium* (nine taxa), *Mahonia* (six taxa), and *Daphne* (eight taxa). The daphne selections include quite a few species such as *D. cheriton*, *D. schytleri*, and *D. stageck* (all three from plantsman Panayoti Keleidis of Denver Botanic Garden), but also include some knockout cultivars like the brilliant *D. odora* 'Hewreb' (Rebecca™).

While the focus of the Arboretum is on woody plants, herbaceous material was added to the collections as well, including about 80 different ferns, 15 new *Rohdea*, 25 *Crinum*, and 14 *Aspidistra*.

Although we often increase our holdings in particular groups, the individual additions are often among the most exciting. Species like *Euchresta japonica* with brilliant blue fruits and *Schefflera* aff. *minutistellata* from the Nanling Mountains in China are interesting to put into landscape trials and will hopefully add to the palette of available plants for southeastern and mid-Atlantic gardens, while cultivars such as *Ginkgo biloba* 'Weeping Wonder' and *Salvia glabrescens* 'Danielle's Dream' add form and color to the landscape.

A few other new accessions that have me excited include:

Abelia × *grandiflora* 'Radiance'
Abies guatemalensis
Acanthus 'Morning Candle'
Acer albopurpurascens
Acer carpinifolium 'Esveld Select'
Acer longipes subsp. *catalpifolium*
Acer tutcheri
Adiantum hispidulum 'Mount Haleakala'
Agastache 'Blue Boa'
Agathis dammara
Anemia tomentosa 'Tucuman'
Araiostegia pseudocystopteris
Ardisia japonica 'Maruyama Sunago'
Arisaema wilsonii
Aspidistra crispa 'Gold Lancer'
Aucuba japonica 'Daisuke's Tiger'
Aucuba japonica 'Little Angel'
Bosenbergia 'Satin Stripe'
Buddleja skutchii
Buxus sempervirens 'Borderline'
Calamagrostis brachytricha
Camellia mairei
Carex 'Spark Plug'
Carpinus japonica 'Silver Lace'
Carpinus shensiensis
Celtis africana
Cephalotaxus mannii
Ceratozamia kuesteriana
Chengiopanax sciadophylloides
Cistus 'Mickie'
Cleyera integrifolia
Conradina canescens 'Alabama White'
Crinum bulbispermum 'Jumbo'
Cyclamen × *drydeniae*
Cyrtomium falcatum 'Plasticity'
Delosperma 'P001s' (Fire Spinner™)

Dendropanax dentiger
Dichroa febrifuga 'Suzuki White'
Diospyros kaki 'Nishiki Gawa'
Epimedium baieali-guizhouense
Eriobotrya japonica 'Biwa'
Fendlera wrightii
Ficus palmata
Haberlea rhodopensis
Helleborus × *ballardiae* 'Raulston Remembered'
Hemiboea flaccida
Hibiscus syriacus 'Buddha Belly'
Hydrangea aspera subsp. *strigosa* 'Golden Needle'
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Ice Crystal'
Ilex cornuta 'Masashi's Gold'
Ilex editicostata
Juniperus barbadensis var. *luceyana*
Lagerstroemia 'Piilag-III' (Red Rooster®)
Litsea pseudoelongata
Magnolia 'Eternal Spring'
Magnolia sapaensis
Magnolia yuyuanensis × *M. insignis*
Mahonia chochoco
Mahonia ilicina
Microcachrys tetragona
Monnina xalapensis
Myrica cerifera 'Blue Candles'
Myrsine divaricata
Paeonia suffruticosa 'Sahohine'
Physostegia correllii
Pinus densiflora 'Low Glow'
Populus monticola
Primula sieboldii 'Drag Queen'
Prunus mume 'Sabashi-ko'
Pyrenaria spectabilis
Quercus inopina
Quercus turbinella
Rhododendron japonoheptamerum var. *japonoheptamerum*
Rhododendron tsurugisanense
Rohdea japonica 'Washit Aka Kuma'
Salvia glabrescens 'Shi Ho'
Schinus gracilipes
Schizophragma hydrangeoides 'Ivory Majik'
Stewartia villosa var. *kwangtungensis*
Styrax japonicus 'Evening Light'
Styrax japonicus 'Fragrant Fountain'
Ternstroemia gymnanthera 'Golden Bear'
Ternstroemia impressa
Ternstroemia sylvatica
Tilia americana var. *mexicana*
Torreya californica 'Spreadeagle'
Torreya nucifera 'Gold Strike'
Tupistra pingbianensis
Tutcheria hexalacylaria
Vaccinium nummularia
Viburnum acuminatum subsp. *blandum*
Weigela 'Kolmagira' (Rainbow Sensation™)



Dionaea muscipula



Stenanthium densum



Drosera capillaris



Dionaea muscipula



Agalinis aphylla



Dangerous Prey

By Tim Alderton, Research Technician

In the several years that I've lived in North Carolina, I have spent only a little time exploring the varied natural areas found throughout the state. This past May and again in November, I ventured into one of these areas, the Croatan National Forest in Carteret County. While visiting relatives in the area, I wanted to see some of the most unearthly of plants—plants that eat rather than are eaten.

Late May and June brings on the flowers of the most famous carnivorous plant, *Dionaea muscipula*, the Venus flytrap. I ventured along Pringle Road, north of Cedar Key, where I read that populations of the federally protected plants still prospered in the most northeasterly part of their range in the relative wilderness of the longleaf pine savanna. Controlled fires lit periodically and the occasional blaze from a lightning strike provided the open habitat needed by *Dionaea muscipula* and other carnivorous plants growing in the seasonally wet depressions in the expanse of pine savanna. Driving along Pringle Road, stopping periodically when a spot of color from wildflowers or blackened brush from recent burns caught my eye, I managed to locate one of the populations of the hungry plants.

In a recently burnt area, remnants of brush resprouting leaves revealed the identity of some of the overbearing neighbors of the little carnivores. Young leaves of *Vaccinium*, *Lyonia lucida*, and *Clethra alnifolia* emerged from the bases of charred twigs, preparing to retake the open ground once covered by their vegetation. *Dionaea muscipula*, on the other hand, took advantage of this open canopy to flower and set seed while the good times lasted. Small clusters of $\frac{3}{4}$ " white, five-petal blossoms stood atop 8"–12" scapes, rocketing from 3"–4" rosettes of fresh green, miniature bear traps growing among the charcoaled stems and venturing into the nearby *Aristida stricta* (wire grass). The grassy foliage of *Stenanthium densum* also took advantage of the new-found sunlight to erect its own tall raceme of white, six-tepal stars with protruding stamens tipped in burnt ochre pollen. Other neighbors in this location included

Sphagnum; a wiry, pastel blue colored *Lobelia nuttallii*; florescent orange-flowered *Polygala lutea*; the prostrate marching stems of *Vaccinium crassifolium*; and the fragrant foliage of *Myrica cerifera* var. *pumila*.

My second trip into the Croatan in search of predatory plants came in early November. John Henderson, an amateur nature photographer from Cedar Key, promised to show me at least six of the resident carnivorous plants species growing only a few miles from his home. With his topographical map of the southeastern Croatan in hand, we jumped into his Jeep and drove up Pringle Road. His map detailed locations previously found and noted with mileage marks and descriptions of what one would find at each. Only a few hundred yards beyond my own May discovery, we stopped to see another location offering a home to *Dionaea muscipula*.

Walking a few hundred feet off the road through a thin scattering of *Pinus palustris* and passing tufts of *Liatris*, as well as a few plants formerly known as *Aster* and young shoots of *Arundinaria gigantea*, we came upon an area where low depressions or ruts allowed for moister conditions than that of the surrounding open pine savanna. With close inspection, John began pointing out nickel- and quarter-sized rosettes. Tiny, pale green, tennis racket-shaped leaves covered in red hairs tipped in orbs of sticky glue sometimes held minuscule arthropods trapped in the adhesive jewels: *Drosera capillaris*, the first of three sundews species found that day. Upon even closer inspection, a second species, *Drosera brevifolia*, began to appear. Very large rosettes growing only to the size of a nickel and sticky, red, ping-pong paddle-shaped leaves nearly lacking petioles helped to distinguish these patient hunters. Pale yellow mats of *Sphagnum* in places surrounded the tiny, red rosettes of *Drosera*, highlighting both plants in this unique habitat. Sometimes only inches away, hiding at the base of clumps of grass, with green rosettes of leaves tipped in blood-red jaws, *Dionaea muscipula* waited for the unsuspecting insect prey to land and trigger the leaves to close.

A few feet further, on slightly higher ground, a disheveled, deep purple-blue blossom of *Gentiana autumnalis* stood out like a beacon from the surrounding tan blades of *Aristida stricta*. Scanning the area for other interesting plants, my eyes brought into focus another tiny jewel. A single, glossy yellow flower of *Utricularia subulata* glistened atop a wiry stem poking up from a patch of bare ground, marking the presence of a subterranean network of trapdoors waiting to capture minute worms and invertebrate in the moist soil. Yet another predator of sorts grew in this location as well. Pink, ½", trumpet-like blossoms held on wiry branching stems hid the thieving nature of *Agalinis aphylla*. *Agalinis*, a genus of hemiparasites, prey on other plants, tapping into their roots to steal nourishment, but are not totally dependent on them as they themselves can still photosynthesize. This location also contained the creeping *Vaccinium crassifolium*, a late flowering *Polygala lutea*, and resprouting *Gordonia lasianthus*.

After spending thirty or forty minutes at that location, John and I got back into the Jeep and traveled only about two miles to our next stop on Millis Road. Climbing up a low bank into another open pine glade brought into view a depression about 300' long by 40' wide, spotted with traps of water-filled *Sarracenia*. Two species grew in the perpetually wet soil, the most apparent of these *Sarracenia flava*. Hundreds of now browning, 18" tall, trumpet-like, tubular leaves stood among the grasses and other bog plants. A few still showed the summer's chartreuse tubes with varying degrees of burgundy red veins radiating up the leaves and onto the hood, still waiting for unsuspecting insects to venture into their water trap. Scattered around, remnants of parachute-like seed heads were only memories of the bizarre, yellow, spring blossoms. The second species, *Sarracenia purpurea*, formed several patches near its taller cousin. The dense clusters of 6" tall, green-veined, red pitchers appeared fresh as spring, despite the fall appearance of *Sarracenia flava*. One loner flowered, holding a red spaceship-shaped blossom on top of a 10" scape.

Looking beyond the very apparent *Sarracenia*, John again pointed out the tiny rosettes of *Drosera*. Two species grew in the small open patches of the boggy soil. *Drosera capillaries*, with the tennis

racket leaves, grew here as it did in the previous location on Pringle Road, but it was joined by the third species of the day, *Drosera intermedia*. The leaves of *D. intermedia* grew longer, thinner petioles and appeared more like a badminton racket than the tennis rackets of *D. capillaris*. Also, the rosettes grew to an enormous quarter to fifty-cent piece size.

Growing alongside *Sarracenia* and *Drosera*, the versatile *Coreopsis gladiata* sent up a few thin, 10" stems topped in 1½", golden yellow daisies with a dark brown center. In the muck of the bog, pipe cleaner stems of a *Lycopodiella* maneuvered their way around the clumps of grasses and *Sarracenia*. In the middle of an almost entirely herbaceous community of this bog, a solitary clump of *Myrica cerifera* anchored the wet soils. A few small clumps of bushy, glossy black-fruited *Ilex glabra* were the only other woody to venture in to the wet expanse. On the bank of the depression, pale blue inflorescences of *Ionactis linariifolius* loosely covered the open, needle-like foliage of the 8" tall plants. On the relative high ground, a lone *Gentiana autumnalis* held an unblemished blossom of a rich blue funnel with a white throat brushed with mashed pea green and flecked with speckles. As John and I prepared to leave, I looked down and noticed the late flowers of a spiral orchid. The leafless, 8" tall stalk held nine white blossoms on a twisted stem. We would later find out that this orchid, *Spiranthes longilabris*, which was identified with the help of several people in the native plant community, happened to be federally endangered and had not been recorded in Carteret County. This concluded my second visit to the Croatan looking for elusive predators of the plant world.

I found remarkable the number of familiar garden plants growing within sight of the carnivorous plants that I had gone to see. *Myrica cerifera*, *Clethra alnifolia*, and *Ilex glabra* connected the plants in our gardens to the wild predatory plants' world, strange neighbors that one would never expect to see cohabitating within our own gardens. Others, like the recovering *Gordonia lasianthus*, challenge the gardener to grow them in conditions like their inhospitable home in the intermittently wet/dry pine savanna, where they flourish despite recurrent fires. Within several yards of these two locations, other

familiar landscape plants grew not in the lush ways we are accustomed to in our own yard, but as wild, hardy cousins, able to take the stressful conditions found in the pine savanna. The ubiquitous *Ilex vomitoria*, *Pinus taeda*, and multiple species of *Quercus* were growing as scrubby shrubs to 40' trees. *Pinus palustris*, though less common in landscapes, provides the main canopy of the surroundings where some trees, I have read, are over one hundred years old, though their smaller size makes them look much younger due to the extreme conditions of the savanna.

Take time this spring and venture into the wild, whether in the woods behind your home or in the distant lands traveled on your next vacation, and look to see what remarkable plants you can find. Maybe you'll see familiar plants, but hopefully you'll see some remarkable treasures like the carnivores of North Carolina. 🌸



Planting the Seeds for Development

By Anne M. Porter, Director of Development

So Many Thank-yous ... So Little Time

As my wonderful colleague, office mate, and friend, **Judy Morgan-Davis**, compiles the donor information for the 2012 annual report included in this newsletter, it reminds me again of just how many people and organizations give so generously of their time, talents, and treasures to the JC Raulston Arboretum. Thank you for your generous contributions benefiting the many fine programs, collections, and gardens that make the JCRA an important community resource and a nationally recognized arboretum.

The following are some of the accomplishments in 2012, thanks to the support of many friends of the JC Raulston Arboretum.

- Completed the new Lath House and continued the on-going Master Plan design.
- Collected new plants. **Mark Weathington** visited China and Japan to collect new plants that will be researched and trialed at the JCRA, and then introduced to the public if found outstanding.
- Developed the JCRA Choice Plants program that will enhance partnerships with green industry growers, nurseries, and garden centers. (Many of these are already available in local garden centers.)
- Hired **Elizabeth Overcash** as coordinator for the JCRA children's program. Elizabeth added more than 20 new programs, tours, and events for children and their families.
- Hired a new research technician. **Lizzi Lathers** has taken on the responsibilities of increased plant propagation and garden development, maintenance, and appearance.
- Added new and improved educational signage and plant labeling throughout the garden.
- Became a part of the North American Plant Collection Consortium's multisite *Magnolia* collection.

- Initiated the Grow the Endowment for Excellence initiative. A strong endowment will provide a secure financial future for the Arboretum.
- Offered more than 40 outstanding lectures, symposia, workshops, flower shows, and events for the whole family, including new programs that encourage family participation.
- Received the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Community Appearance from the City of Raleigh.

These are just a few of the 2012 highlights. I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit soon and visit often in 2013. There is always something in flower and something exciting happening at the JC Raulston Arboretum. Our staff and our outstanding volunteers are always happy to meet and talk with you—especially to say *thank you!*

Your gifts really do make an important impact on the JC Raulston Arboretum, and we sincerely thank you and deeply appreciate your continued advocacy and support.

Gala in the Garden: Sunday April 28, 2013



Nope.... It's *not* the first Sunday in May. Yep.... The 22nd Gala in the Garden is changing to the last Sunday in April, so mark your social calendars for Sunday, April 28, 2013, for Raleigh's Garden Party—the Gala in the Garden at the JC Raulston Arboretum.

The Gala is the Arboretum's main fundraising event of the year, and it provides critical unrestricted funds that support daily operations, staff salaries, plant collections R&D, garden maintenance, and so much more.



We are very pleased that **Mike and Sandie Worthington** (Worthington Farms in Greenville, North Carolina) have accepted the roll as Gala honorary co-chairs. Mike is the 2nd vice chair for the JCRA Board of Advisors, and Sandie and Mike have supported the Gala for many years.

We are also thrilled that **Sally Linton**, wife of the new dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (**Richard Linton**, Ph.D.), has accepted the role of Gala event chair. The Lintons moved to Raleigh in September, and during his first week, they helped the Arboretum celebrate the dedication of the new Lath House and the 10th anniversary of the Ruby C. McSwain Center. Sally and their children have also supported and enjoyed the Arboretum's Children's Program.

Please save this date and join us for fabulous fun, food, friends, and an extraordinary botanical and non-botanical silent auction—and yes, there will be NC State Howling Cow Ice Cream again. In the words of our director, **Ted Bilderback**, "Our Gala in the Garden has become a harbinger of spring and summer gardening." And indeed it has and will continue to be!

If you would like more information on sponsorship opportunities, donating to the auction, or general event information, please contact me, Anne Porter, at (919) 513-3826 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu or visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/gala/>.

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Roy Dicks samples the delicious food at the 2011 Gala

Where There's a Will—There's a Way!

Recently, I learned of a sad story, but one that I hear so often. A beloved family member suddenly passed away, but left no will. The brother (also the court appointed executor) had to make all the decisions about his sister's estate. Being a loving brother, he wanted to honor his sister and distribute her sizable assets to worthy organizations that she had loved and supported during her lifetime. He eventually learned of several organizations, including the JCRA, and gave generous contributions in his sister's memory.

If you have a will, then there is a way: a way that this situation can be easily avoided with a few simple steps and a little thoughtful planning; and a way that is easy and an excellent way to leave a lasting legacy.

Including a bequest to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc., to benefit the JC Raulston Arboretum also means:

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- You can modify your gift to address changing circumstances.
- You can direct your gift to a particular purpose. (Be sure to check with us to make sure your gift can be used as intended.)
- Under current tax law there is no upper limit on the estate tax deduction for your charitable bequests.

Example Bequest Language

Bequest of Cash

"I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc., of Raleigh, North Carolina, for the benefit of the JC Raulston Arboretum. I specify this sum for the JCRA Endowment for Excellence." *(example)*

Bequest of a Percent of the Estate

"I devise and bequeath _____% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, for the benefit of the JC Raulston Arboretum. I specify this sum for the JCRA Endowment for Excellence." *(example)*

Contingent Bequest

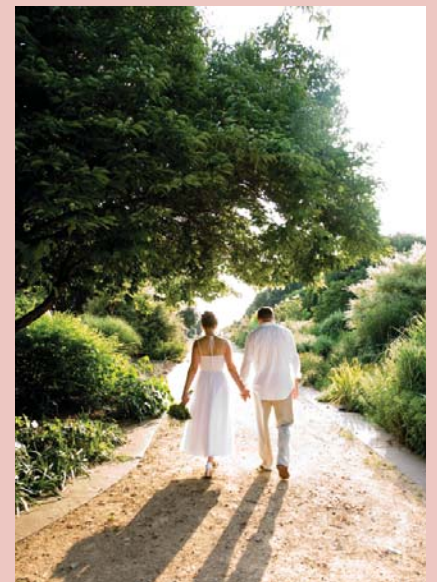
"If my brother John Doe survives me, I devise and bequeath 20% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to John Doe. If John Doe does not survive me, then I devise and bequeath 20% of my residuary estate, whether real or personal property and wherever located to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, for the benefit of the JC Raulston Arboretum. I specify this sum for the JCRA Endowment for Excellence." *(example)*

For more planned giving information, visit the JCRA's Web site, or contact the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' gift planning specialist, **De Teague**, at (919) 513-2950 or de_teague@ncsu.edu.

For more information on this or other giving opportunities, please call or e-mail me, Anne Porter, at (919) 513-3826 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu or visit <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/>.

Private Events

For your next family reunion, business meeting, wedding or special dinner, please consider the JC Raulston Arboretum. Everyone will enjoy the inviting surroundings. For more information, contact Faye Koonce at (919) 513-7457 or faye_koonce@ncsu.edu. We welcome the opportunity to serve you.



Membership Makes a Difference

By Anne Porter, Director of Development

Members Making News

The JC Raulston Arboretum is extremely fortunate to have so many talented friends and donors. If you are a member making news or know of one, please let us know so that we can share it with our Arboretum friends.

Tony Avent received the very first J. C. Raulston Distinguished Leadership Award on September 21, 2012. Tony exemplifies the criteria for this award. He has made significant contributions in “planning and planting for a better world” by helping to diversify the American landscape through new and underused plant introductions and/or promotions of these plants to the public or green industry. Tony has contributed significant expertise, counsel, and resources to further the mission of the JC Raulston Arboretum, and he demonstrates leadership and dedication to NC State University and the JC Raulston Arboretum. Congratulations, Tony! You have set the bar very high for the next recipient of this special award.

Ted Bilderback received the State Distinguished Service Award presented by Epsilon Sigma Phi, and **Debbie Hamrick** received the State Friend of Extension Award presented by Epsilon Sigma Phi. Well done and well deserved, Ted and Debbie! And thanks to Epsilon Sigma Phi for recognizing such dedicated service to our very important state Extension Service.

Rick Bylina (husband of **Carrie Joy Bylina** who plays in the Joy Recorder Ensemble) wrote a new mystery novel. He’s included the JC Raulston Arboretum in it. We’ll look for it soon, Rick!

At the 2013 NCNLA Green & Growin’ Show, a number of our members received the following awards on January 17, 2013. We are so proud of you all. Keep up the great work!

The Oakland Award (outstanding service to the landscape industry) was presented to **Scott Makey**, Old Millstream Nursery and Landscape.

The Kim Powell Award (outstanding contribution to the horticulture industry) was presented to **Joe Neal**, Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University.

The Bill Wilder Outstanding Young Nurseryman Award (recognizes young men and women for outstanding service in horticulture who also offer inspiration for others starting out in the field) was presented to **Danielle Stephenson**, Stephenson’s Nursery.

The Grower of the Year Award (recognizes an NCNLA member that exhibits a high level of professionalism in the management or ownership of a nursery in North Carolina) was presented to **Rick Crowder**, Hawksridge Farms.

The D. S. Copeland Award (outstanding contribution to the nursery industry by a

candidate working directly in the nursery industry) was presented to **Jeff Gragg**, North 40 Nursery.

The Libby Wilder Award (recognizes outstanding contribution to the nursery or landscape industry by a female) was presented to **LaRue Powell**, Powell’s Nursery

The Lifetime Honorary NCNLA Membership Award (recognizes a lifetime contribution or achievement in the nursery and landscape industry) was presented to **Randy Hefner**, Hefner’s Nursery; **Richard Currin**, Currin’s Nursery; and **Linda Bailey**, Piney Ridge Nursery.

Members Corner

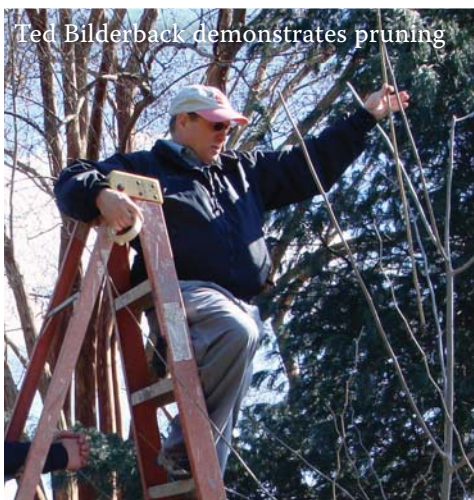
Featuring pictures, stories, and testimonials from JCRA members.

Transitions

From **Charlotte Presley**, JCRA Volunteer and Member since 1989

“Give away, removed, died, transplanted, dead (too wet?), rabbits ate, voles ate, squirrels dug up, wrong color, reverted, did poorly.” These are a few of the descriptions that I have written beside plant entries in the garden journal that I’ve been keeping since 2002. Curious how these words dominate and one ought to be discouraged. Where are the words “gorgeous, wow, robust, divide, share with friends?”

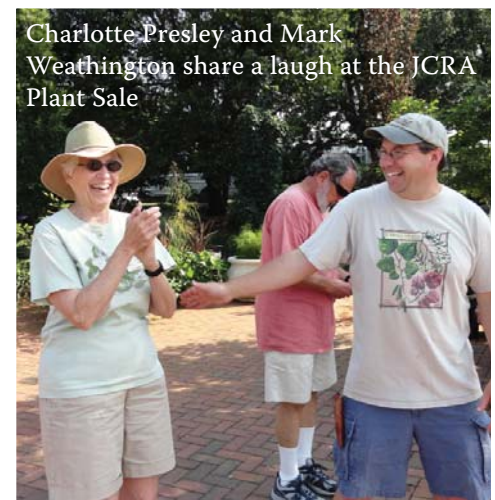
As I sit at my desk looking out at one small area of the garden, I can see many plants



Ted Bilderback demonstrates pruning



Debbie Hamrick at the 2012 Gala



Charlotte Presley and Mark Weathington share a laugh at the JCRA Plant Sale

that have come to me via the JC Raulston Arboretum. For instance, the lacecap hydrangea, *Hydrangea serrata* f. *acuminata* that morphs through so many exquisite colors each season, the *Thuja occidentalis* 'Holmstrup Aurea' that glows all year and asks for nothing, the *Osmunda regalis* var. *spectabilis* that is both regal and spectacular.

These plants entered my garden as small container plants and have all managed to exceed my wildest expectations. How do I honor them? (Apparently not with glowing adjectives written next to their names in my journal.) I honor them by giving back to the JCRA—volunteering for many years, spreading the word about the Arboretum, and helping to support ongoing programs at the garden.

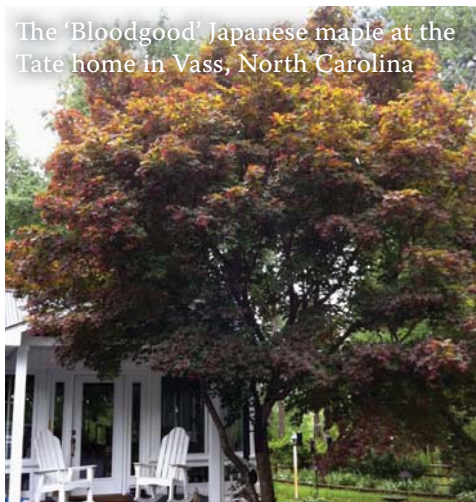
Most recently, I've been returning a few special plants to the JCRA as my husband and I look forward to moving to a smaller home with a smaller you-know-what. It's comforting to know that these plants will continue to be nurtured in the garden where my horticultural journey began.

Hmmm ... wonder if there's a dwarf *Hydrangea serrata* available—how about bonsaiing a golden *Holmstrup thuja*?

Making Garden Friends

From **Anthea Tate**, JCRA Member since 1984

The first year that I attended a North Carolina Association of Nurserymen (NCAN), now the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association (NCNLA), meeting was 1970. The association was



The 'Bloodgood' Japanese maple at the Tate home in Vass, North Carolina

meeting on the NC State campus in Kilgore Hall, I believe. I accidentally got into the nursery business because Fox Hollow Nursery was across the road from my home, and I went over there to pull weeds because the nursery people had left and the landscaper was too busy to look after the hundreds of plants. I showed up at the meeting as ignorant of nursery production as possible. After the speakers, my husband and I were strolling through the exhibits and I met **Fred Cochran**, Ph.D., who was a professor in the Department of Horticultural Science. He was so pleasant and helpful in answering the few questions I asked. He had a 'Bloodgood' Japanese maple in a one-gallon can sitting there, which he picked up and gave to me. He told me he grafted it himself and would like for us to have it. That was the first generosity I experienced from an NCAN member, and during my 20 years at Fox Hollow Nursery, I found it was characteristic of nearly all the NCAN people with whom I enjoyed business and friendship.

When the Old Becomes New: A Forgotten Gem Reexamined

From **Pat Brothers**, for Atlantic Avenue Orchid & Garden (a JCRA Members Benefit Program provider)


Cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*) is a European native dogwood that was probably brought to the United States before 1800. It was cultivated for thousands of years in Europe and was well known to the Greeks and Romans, both for its edible fruit and its extremely dense wood. Nowadays, it is virtually unknown here, and undeservedly so.

Cornus mas is a large shrub or small tree, reaching 20' at maturity with an equal spread. Its natural form is shrubby, with multiple trunks, though it can be trained into a tree form. The late winter flowers are small, yellow clusters which are both abundant and showy. The shaggy, gray bark on mature trees is also an excellent winter feature. The leaves are glossy green which, while not as showy in the fall as our native dogwood, will offer some yellow, purple, and red tones. The berries are bright red and reasonably tasty if picked when very ripe. They make excellent jams and can even be fermented into a tasty liqueur, or so say the Romanians. Birds and other wildlife like them as well.

Once established, Cornelian cherry is pretty undemanding and pest free. It likes rich, well-drained soil but will tolerate lesser conditions. Afternoon shade is beneficial, though it will take full sun. The yellow flowers and exfoliating bark show up well against a dark green backdrop or silhouetted against gray winter skies. The small Queen Anne's lace-like flowers grace the landscape in early February.

Several cultivars have been selected both for flowering and fruiting. 'Golden Glory' flowers beautifully and has a good form. 'Elegant', 'Pioneer', and 'Redstone' have larger fruit. Trees are self-fertile but will have more abundant fruit if two different cultivars are present. **Mark Weathington** recently reassigned the JCRA's introduction 'Spring Glow' as a selection of *Cornus officinalis*.

Consider adding a Cornelian cherry to your landscape. It will bring both beauty and a bit of history to your yard.

Pat Brothers is an avid gardener with an extensive knowledge of plants. She enjoys helping customers at Atlantic Avenue Orchid & Garden. A benefit provider to the Arboretum for many years, Atlantic Avenue Orchid & Garden is happy to expand their discount to Arboretum members this year to 20% off any regular plant purchase. They offer a wide selection of sought after plants on nearly six acres on Atlantic Avenue in north Raleigh. For more information, please visit <http://www.atlanticavenuegarden.com>. For a complete list of benefit providers, visit http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/join_and_support_us/membership/benefit_providers/benefit_providers.html. 



Cornus mas 'Pioneer'

A Year in Review

The JC Raulston Arboretum is pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report, recognizing our donors, members, and volunteers. We extend a sincere thank you to all the individuals and organizations that supported the JCRA in 2012. Your support makes possible the continued growth and development of our gardens, plant collections, and educational programs. Plants and gardening nurture the human spirit and enhance our quality of life. We are honored that you have chosen to support this special arboretum as it continues to fulfill its mission of excellence in research, teaching, and public outreach.

Membership Makes a Difference

Through annual membership gifts, these Friends of the Arboretum support: a community resource garden that is free and open to the public every day of the year, a research garden that supports one of North Carolina's most valuable industries, and horticultural programs and classes that enrich the educational experiences for everyone. Sincere thanks to each and every member!

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Susan Grayson
Judy Belle Halgren
Judy Harmon
Ann Howell
Margaret Jordan
Cheryl Kearns
Patricia Korpik
Linda Larkins
Sarah Leach Smith
Mary Leonhardi
Ira Love
Rudolf and Friederike Machilek
Robert Mackintosh
Sarah Marano
Diane McDaniel
Sandy Morgan
Bob Davis and Judy Morgan-Davis
Elaine Pace
Tylila Pinkham
Mike Pittman
Charlotte Presley
Becky Rosser
Douglas Ruhren
Dianne Schaffer
Nancy Simonsen
Ann Swallow
Robert Thornton
Fred Turner
Betsy Viall
Dee Welker
Ralph Whisnant
David White
Amanda Wilkins
Dora Zia

Other Contributions of Hours

Rosanna Adams
Judy Allen
Linda Anderson
Susan Bailey
Alexandra Balaban
Debbie Beach
Angelia Beasley
Marilyn Bensinger
Anna Berry
Lisa Bohlen-Admire
Penelope Booze Foss
Vandy Bradow
Mark Bruno
John Buettner
Claude and Mary Caldwell
Lynn Canada
Jared Chauncey
Kathy Clark
Joan Cobb
Linda Crocker
Kathy Crosby
Julie Cubeta
Genelle Dail
Lucy Danks
Ellen Darst
Stephen Davis
Kelly Del Tufo
Cathy DeWitt
Maureen Donini
Sylvia Drew
C. J. Dykes
Suzanne Edney
Don Edwards
Eric Eibelheuser
Kathryn Field

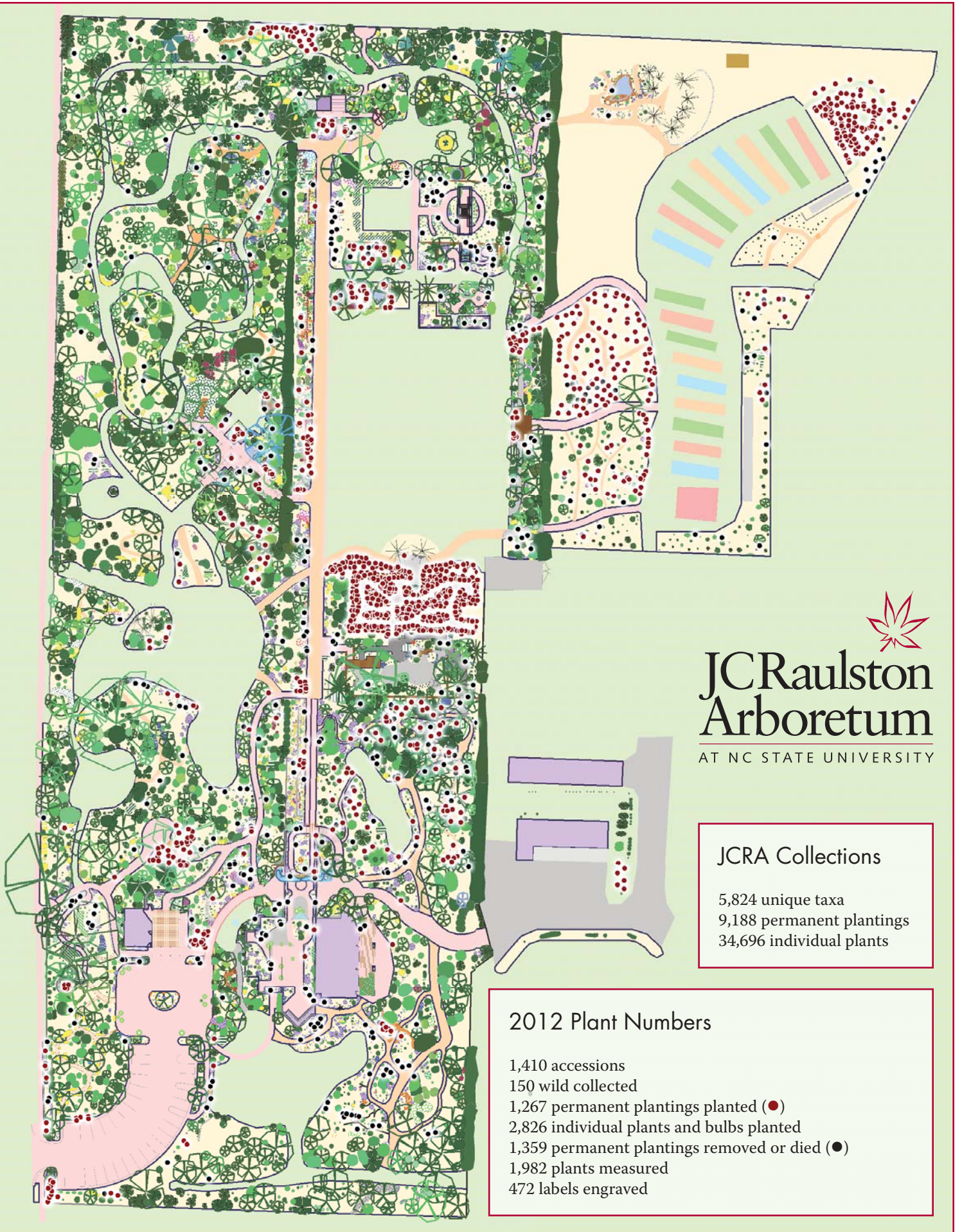
Julia Flores
Roland Flory
Jens Geratz
Bill Gernon
Liza Gettles
Elizabeth Guzyski
Gail Harris
Barbara Harvey
Robert Hauver
Cynthia Heinlein
Cynthia Herlong
Norfleet Hoggard
Ilene and Lawrence Holmes
Marty Howard
Gail Ingram
David Josephus
Barbara Josselyn
Sheila Kellogg
Barbara Ketchum
Elaine Keys
Malissa Kilpatrick
Jennette King
Stephanie Lauck
Rebecca Lee
Alison Martin
Elena Matthews
Colin McCarty
John McGregor
Thearon and Vanette McKinney
Verna Medeiros
Guy Meilleur
Philip Meilleur
Rita Mercer
Ronald and Melissa Mitchell
Frank Moore
Jacquie Ossi
Lauren Ossi

Richard Pearson and Joan Robertson
Linda Peele
Sharon Penn
Lily Philbrook
Sharon Pickle
Leon Pope
Glenda Potter
Nancy Preslar
Jacqueline Quinn
Martha Ramirez
Christine Ramsey
Kathe Rauch
Cynthia Rayno
Dana Reynolds
Beth Ricketts
Judy Ryan
Mary Lou Shanklin
Debra Singer-Harter
Ben Steele
Rachel Strauss
Kaitlyn Stubblefield
John Suddath
Christine Thomson
Erwin Trager
Lisa Vargues
Coco Wang
Jay Warfield
Dennis Werner
Lynn Wilhelm
Erica Winston
Stephen Wise
Qian Wu
Abby Wunch
Yue Zeng

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Kathleen Thompson, Kathryn Fields, and Monika Coleman participate in the plant swap during the Volunteer Potluck Dinner



JC Raulston Arboretum

AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY

JCRA Collections

5,824 unique taxa
 9,188 permanent plantings
 34,696 individual plants

2012 Plant Numbers

1,410 accessions
 150 wild collected
 1,267 permanent plantings planted (●)
 2,826 individual plants and bulbs planted
 1,359 permanent plantings removed or died (●)
 1,982 plants measured
 472 labels engraved

Children's Program Update

My, How Your Children Have Grown in a Year!

By Elizabeth Overcash, Children's Program Coordinator

As a parent, I hear this all the time about my two daughters. It's true, children grow quickly and that's how I feel about the children's program here at the JC Raulston Arboretum. I was filled with excitement as I started last February—and still am! The first task was becoming familiar with colleagues and the Arboretum itself since so much had changed from my days as a student. After answering the normal new job questions like, "Where can I find a pencil?" and the interesting questions like, "Where are we going for lunch today?" I started focusing on what had happened so far with the Children's Program and where we could go.

Seed Viable and Ready to Grow

The journey has been great, but we haven't reached our destination yet! This past year, programs started slowly, but the participation was huge. This assured me that there was interest in what had been started here at the Arboretum.

Seed Planted

My focus this past year was primarily aimed at raising awareness of the Arboretum among families in the area through free events and establishing programs for younger children. Events like the Spring Egg Hunt and the Summer Solstice Ice Cream Social brought over 680 children and parents to the Arboretum. I can't count how many times I heard someone say at those events that they lived close by and that it was their first visit to the Arboretum.

Seed Watered and Sprouted

Our major program this past year was the series of Garden Storytimes presented from May until October. At each storytime, we presented a new garden theme to children ranging from ages three to five years old. We read books and then created

a take home craft that was related to the garden theme. By the end of the season, there were several who were regulars with their parents and grandparents.

How will we grow in the next year? The plan is to continue to build on the success of the Garden Storytime with a new lineup in 2013, and also branching out to the next age group by offering educational programs. These programs will be offered as special, on-demand events to area homeschool groups and youth groups like Y-Guides and Scouts. The Egg Hunt is now an annual children's program event, as is the Take a Child Outside week activities in September. There are also ideas in the works to allow families to enjoy the gardens together this summer.

Thanks to all of our members whose support of the Children's Program is vital. Your participation, donations, and publicity of the programs help to ensure what was once a seed turns into a beautiful bloom one day!

Got Scouts or Y Guides? We Have Badges!

Programs can be selected from our past and current events lineup and scheduled exclusively for your group. Or, do you have a badge your troop or tribe would like to earn in the gardening or horticulture study area? Help us create a program! We recently created a program for local Girl Scout troops to earn their Flower and Gardener Badges. It all started with a troop leader's e-mail request.

Contact Elizabeth Overcash, children's program coordinator, at (919) 513-7007 or elizabeth_overcash@ncsu.edu to arrange a program for your group.



Exploring the Winter Garden on our Children's Winter Walk



Roland Flory leads participants during On a Quest



Gathering eggs and knowledge on the 2nd Annual Egg Hunt



Emily Reece demonstrates watercolor techniques to the participants of the Family Art Workshop



Everyone made friends with worms during the Worms, Worms, Worms Workshop

Volunteering

Volunteer News

By Barbara Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator

In 2012, two of our volunteer leaders have moved on to other roles at the Arboretum. Rosanna Adams was our garden leader for the Lath House. Now that the new Lath House is completed and planted, Rosanna will be helping in other areas. Bob Davis oversaw our water gardens and did a wonderful job keeping them operating and looking great. Bob would like to be a tour guide, so look for him leading tours through the Arboretum.

Another volunteer, Betsy Viall, has been greeting and helping visitors on Sunday afternoons in the Bobby G. Wilder Visitor Center. Betsy has decided to be a substitute volunteer when she is needed.

We want to thank Rosanna, Bob, and Betsy for their many volunteer hours and support of the Arboretum. We are glad they will continue to help us out in other ways.

I'd like to thank everyone who has donated their no longer needed garden books to the Arboretum. We offer these books in our Visitor Center for a small donation. Funds help support our volunteer programs.

New Volunteers

We continue to bring on some great new volunteers. Here are those who have signed up in the past six months.

Susan Bailey – Photography
Kathy Clark – Gardening
Stephen Davis – Photography
Julie Flores – Gardening
Jeff Forshee – Construction
Rhonda Gardner – Gardening
Julie George – Gardening
Robert Hauver – Photography
Sarah Himmelfarb – Visitor Center
Norfleet Hoggard – Visitor Center
Elaine Keys – Photography
Sarah Leach – Children's Program
Michael Maher – Construction
Linda Peele – Gardening
Sharon Penn – Photography
Aster Philbrook – Gardening
Lily Philbrook – Gardening
Nancy Preslar – Gardening
Dana Reynolds – Children's Program
Dan Ruehlman – Gardening
Debra Singer-Harter – Gardening
Ben Steele – Children's Program
Rachel Strauss – Gardening
Stephen Wise – Gardening
Abby Wunch – Special Projects

Volunteers at Work

Three new volunteers, Linda Peele, Kathy Clark and Nancy Preslar enjoy getting the beds prepared for the annual plant display.



Laurie Cochran, Julie George and Lucy Gardiner just finished working in the Asian Valley and take some time out to pose for a picture.



Our new Lath House looks wonderful thanks to volunteers Fred Turner, Judy Ryan, Sarah Marano, Jim Schlitt, Kathy DelTufo and Rosanna Adams.

