

Seasons at Ciener

A Newsletter
for Friends of



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BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Music in the Garden!

Adrienne R. Roethling, *Director of Curation & Mission Delivery*

You may have heard stories of plants thriving to the beat of the drum, or the graceful sounds of the violin or maybe to the hardcore styles of grunge. Whether it's in your own yard or at a ballpark, music and plants complete each other. I believe it was our friend, Pam Beck, who described gardens as Le Quattro Stagioni ... The Four Seasons, creating a harmonious landscape with a crescendo of color, a motif of beauty and of course pure enjoyment throughout the year.

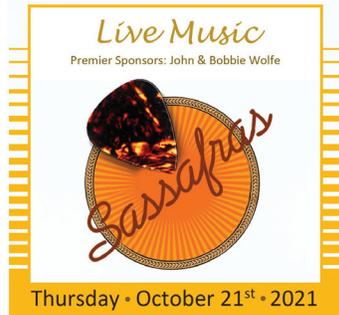
My preferred arena is outside, sitting on the freshly mown lawn, watching the shadows getting longer with the setting sun, among flowers and pollinators, and the sounds coming from soaring birds. Not only does the idea of music sound good for plants but it is also good for the soul. There are two types of festivities that involve music at the garden. The first is the Music at Twilight sponsored by the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce. The other, is our very own, Concert on the Lawn.

Music at Twilight is run by a committee of volunteers and staff with the Chamber and the garden. The goal of the chamber is to offer a free community event. If you choose to enjoy a relaxing evening, there is also the opportunity to purchase food, soft beverages, wine, and beer. The garden happily plays host, but bring your chairs, enjoy the evening, carry out what you bring in and we hope to see you at the next one. What makes this a free event is community partnerships with Kerner Ridge and Arbor Ridge and the hospitality of the garden. The past two events brought out local bands like Exit 180 and Atlantic Coast Highway. We hope to see



you in July and August so check with the Chamber for updates and band announcements.

The Garden kicked off the John & Bobbie Wolfe Concert Series, Concert on the Lawn, back in 2017. The annual Concert on the Lawn is a garden fundraiser with beer, wine, and food sales. Most bands with their eclectic bluegrass sounds, entertained as few as 200 guests and as many as 600. The mountains of North Carolina produce some of the greatest ensembles of musicians and we found one to captivate our audience. Sassafras, a bluegrass band from Wilkesboro, NC will be playing



this time. It'll be quite the exciting experience. Not only are they the first gig after the pandemic, but they are part of our 10 year Celebration. Join us as Ciener Celebrates 10 years on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Tickets are currently on sale. Again, bring your chairs or sit on the lawn, carry out what you bring in and enjoy. All proceeds benefit the future developments of the garden.

If you opt to attend all musical events at the garden, pay attention to the surrounding landscape. The colors bounce from one hue to the next with the changing seasons, the air feels and smells different, and no matter what life brings, the atmosphere of music and gardens combined offers therapy in ways unimagined.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events...

For more information or to register for our events, visit our website,
www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org or call 336-996-7888.

Red Cross Blood Drives . . .



Monday, July 12, 2021, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

Roll up your sleeves and help save lives! Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. Use RapidPass to reduce the time spent at the drive by 15 minutes. Blood donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Also,

blood donations will be tested for sickle cell trait from self-identified African American donors. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Artisans at the Garden . . .



presented by Twin City Artisans

Friday, July 16, 2021, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 17, 2021, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The exhibition and sale will showcase the work of local contemporary artists and craftspeople featuring the works of diverse artists from around North Carolina. All work is crafted by hand. To learn more about Twin City Artisans, visit www.twincityartisansnc.com.

July Summer Thursday Lecture . . .



A Curated Tour of the Garden

led by Adrienne Roethling, Director of Curation & Mission Delivery

Thursday, July 22, 2021, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Come see what's new in the Garden and what's coming to the Garden! FREE to Members of PJCBG/\$5 for non-members. Reservations required. To make a reservation, call 336-996-7888.

Part of our Chip Callaway Lecture Series.





What's New in the Dolores and Wyatt LeFever Garden Gift Shop

Lisa Dunlap, *Gift Shop Manager*

Summer has finally arrived and the Gift Shop is ready with many new items!

We have some unique fountains, large garden spinners, and citronella sticks to keep the bugs away! We still have many of your favorite local products as well like River's Finest jellies and jams, local pottery, Pure Wellness soaps and candles, and jewelry from local artisans.

Don't forget all members of the Garden receive a 10% discount on their purchases and all proceeds from the Dolores and Wyatt LeFever Garden Shop help our Garden grow! So stop by Monday- Friday from 10 am-4 pm or Saturday, July 10th from 10 am- 2 pm.



Welcome New Staff!

We are pleased to introduce the newest members of the Garden staff:

Kristin Hennig, *Programs Officer* – Kristin oversees the adult and children's education programs, volunteer program, and Garden memberships. She has a background in non-profit programming and volunteer management.

Anna Crisp, *Facilities Rental Coordinator* – Anna coordinates rentals of Garden spaces and facilities for private and corporate events. She is a former teacher from Piney Grove Elementary in Kernersville.

Macy Burleyson, *Intern* – Macy is a student at UNCG studying Event Planning. Her primary focus is booking and working event rentals, and she is also helping to develop the Garden's first summer camp (more details coming soon).

we ♥
volunteers!

Volunteer of the Season . . .

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – **Helen Keller**



Our talented and hardworking group of volunteers is one of the great strengths of Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden. Our dedicated volunteers enjoy the beauty of nature, while playing important roles from horticulture to special events and educational tours while they generously give their gift of time to the Garden. Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden recognizes one volunteer each season whom we feel has done an outstanding job.

You can usually find this Volunteer of the Season working outside in the Garden. However, these past few months she has spent a lot of time in the office. She tackled a ten-year old pile of magazines and newspapers that featured articles, information and photographs of Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden, our events and our visitors. She carefully organized them into several albums and now we have a beautiful record of the Garden from 2011. A huge job well done!

Our Volunteer for this season is **Sylvia Tazbir**. Please join us in thanking Sylvia for all that she has done for the Garden. We are truly blessed to have Sylvia as part of our Garden family. As a small token of our appreciation, Sylvia will receive a gift certificate to a restaurant in downtown Kernersville to enjoy!





Building a Collection...Forsyth hybrid daylily!

Adrienne R. Roethling, *Director of Curation & Mission Delivery*

These hot summer days and humid summer nights seem to drag on. Maybe one finds relief in the pool or watching the lightning bugs during the somewhat cooler evenings. A gardener often looks for ways to find beauty, or much needed shade and plants that thrive such extreme conditions. For us, it's the plant collections and how to engage with our visitors and offer summer inspiration. We strive to find the plants that folks want to see, the tulips in spring, followed by iris and peonies, and now, the daylilies.

We are fortunate to have such a large collection of Daylilies. Our friend, Wyatt LeFever, developed, named, and introduced hundreds of varieties. His breeding results include blossoms that are two-toned, much larger, possess a frilled edge or are pleasantly fragrant. Most of his cultivated plants begin with the word Forsyth as he resides in Forsyth County, NC. Wyatt grew up raising bull frogs and quickly became interested in the Koi and Carp industry. Breeding was a familiar hobby where fish were grouped and as a result, a chance spawn occurred between his koi and carp. His son noticed a special carp with fancy fins and said that it looked like a butterfly, shortly afterwards, the "Butterfly Koi" was introduced. In addition to his beloved fish farm, Wyatt also gardened on 3 acres where his plant breeding began.

Most of the "Forsyth Series" daylilies reach maturity in 3 short years. Expect 24" tall and wide with flowering spikes rising just above the leaves. Daylilies begin blooming in late spring and last several weeks into summer. Plant daylilies in full sun in well drained soils. It has been observed that some daylilies may thrive equally well in moist soils. Fertilize with an organic or slow release fertilizer every spring for best results. The American Daylily Society lists 182 registered daylilies hybridized and introduced by Wyatt.

Currently, the garden has approximately 50 different varieties on display. Among the collection of Wyatt LeFever Hybrid Daylilies are...

'Forsyth Dark Eyes Blink' (2003) -Yellow flowers are overlaid with a purple



frilled edge with a dark purple center. It's a very striking color combination.

'Forsyth Enchantress' (2004) -The frilled edge really comes through on the raspberry pink petals with a prominent bright yellow border and throat.



'Forsyth New Sentry' (2004) -Spectacular! A nicely ruffled yellow/gold flower with a large rouge-red eye and picotee. This cultivar is noted for its wide branching and high bud count and has a long bloom season. I (Wyatt LeFever) have been working on red eyes and edges for years and feel that you will like this one! Fragrant!



'Forsyth White Buds' (1995) -Most daylilies produce flowers from green buds. This one is a first, maroon reddish flowers open from pure white buds. The flowers also exhibit a green throat. Flower scapes produce an overabundance of flowers too.



'Wyatt's Cameo' (1993) -A softer color tone with a blend of yellow and melon colored petal and a melon colored ring surrounding a green throat.





July 2021 Garden Tip

Josh Williams, *Garden Manager*

Summer is here! While we can easily beat the heat by turning on the A/C or jumping in the pool, some of our smaller eco-companions may not have that luxury. You have spent a



lot of time making sure your garden is the best pollinator buffet it can be, so be sure to keep them comfortable and healthy while they are visiting.

The biggest relief you can provide to pollinators on searing summer days is, you guessed it, water! All it takes is any kind attractive garden-friendly vessel that holds a little bit of water. Bird baths are a great example. A few other important tips



to keep in mind as you create your 'pollinator oasis':

1. Place water feature in cool shady

area, close to where they do most of their feeding.

2. Make sure to add several hard/rough objects (rocks are great) inside the bowl that break out over the water's surface. This is VERY important, as it gives them something to hold on to and reduce the chance of drowning.

3. Be sure to replace or add water weekly, not only to combat evaporation, but also to keep mosquito larvae at bay.

That's it! Paired with a clear view from your window, a 'pollinator oasis' can allow for a greater understanding to the microcosm of your own backyard.

Membership . . .

Become a Member

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden located, in the Kernersville historic downtown district, is the only such public garden between Raleigh and Charlotte. Memberships help the Garden provide valuable educational opportunities to adults and children and also help in our development of new garden spaces as we continue to grow.

Individual/Family Memberships are \$50 annually. Some Member benefits include a 10% discount at the Garden's Plant Sales and the Garden Gift Shop, free admission to the Garden's Lunch and Learn and Summer Thursday Lectures, preferred registration to outings for members, free subscription to *Better Homes & Gardens* or *Martha Stewart Living* compliments of APGA, discounts to over 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands through the American Horticultural Society – www.ahsgardening.org/rap and more! Join or renew your membership online and your name will be entered into a drawing for our Plant of the Month. Congratulations **Kevin & Penny Parsley**, winners of our June Plant of the Month, *Hemerocallis* 'Forsyth Lemon Drop'-hybrid daylily.





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