

Friends of  
  
Boone County  
Arboretum

Annual Report  
2010

# Conserving Nature, Improving Quality of Life

## A Letter From the Director, Kris Stone

As the first and largest arboretum established in Northern Kentucky, Boone County Arboretum offers a welcomed sanctuary from the busy, growing suburban areas that now surround us. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful treasure in our community, and grateful that the Boone County Extension Service and Boone County Fiscal Court were willing to make such a dream become a reality just over a decade ago. The arboretum's events, programs, and educational value enrich the lives of many throughout the year.

Visitors can stroll through a world class collection of plants that highlight a sampling of the wonderful diversity that do well in our area. While doing this, they can find in-depth information on a particular plant's cultivation requirements by reading its detailed plant label. Many classes are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics that are relevant to the horticultural needs of local homeowners.

Through Friends of Boone County Arboretum, we offer various events that attract many visitors as well as recruit new volunteers who are willing to help advance the arboretum. Events such as the Dogwood Dash, Plant Sales, and special programs transform the way visitors perceive and utilize the arboretum.

Boone County is also home to one of the largest school districts in the state of Kentucky and the arboretum offers exceptional educational value to the children and families that visit. Regularly scheduled field trips from both local and regional schools stay in high demand. With the help of volunteer tour docents, our message reaches thousands of individuals each year. The children's garden remains an invaluable resource for children of all ages, especially since we are the single greatest connection many children will have to the natural world as our population becomes increasingly more urbanized.

This year was an exciting year as we revamped the children's garden and planned for a new outdoor amphitheatre. We also started developing concepts for a new memorial garden that will complement our recently launched Tribute and Giving Program. A collections committee has been formed to enlist horticultural experts from all over the region. These knowledgeable people will help us make the collections of our arboretum - your living museum of plants - an even more amazing resource for all things educational in the world of horticulture.

I extend my thanks and gratitude to all of our wonderful members, volunteers, and the amazing staff of the arboretum. I would also like to express gratitude to the local Boone County Cooperative Extension and Boone County Fiscal Court, as both agencies support the continued operation of the Arboretum.

# Friends of Boone County Arboretum

## Board of Directors

### 2010

**Catherine Baker**

Elected Friends Member

**Ed Bowmann**

Elected Friends Member

**Cathy Flaig**

Boone County Fiscal Court Rep.

**Mary Alice Gruden**

Elected Friends Member

**Alvera Kincart**

Elected Friends Member

**Mike Klahr**

Boone County Extension Horticulture Agent

**Laura Kline**

Volunteer Coordinator

**Denny Mathis**

Boone County Extension District Board Rep.

**Linda Padgett**

Boone County Extension Council Rep

**Kris Stone**

Arboretum Director

**Jan Taylor**

Elected Friends Member

**Vicky Tewes**

Elected Friends Member

**David Whitehouse**

Boone County Parks Director

The mission of Friends of Boone County Arboretum is to create community awareness and participation at the arboretum by involving individuals, families, schools, sporting groups, community organizations, garden clubs, and other interested parties through memberships, donations and active volunteerism.

# Friends of Boone County Arboretum

## Officers

2010

**Marea West**

President

**Denny Mathis**

Vice-President

**Martin West**

Treasurer

**Janet Samples**

Secretary



# Friends of Boone County Arboretum

## Staff

**Kris Stone**

Arboretum Director

**Josh Selm**

Arboretum Curator

**Mike Klahr**

Boone County Extension Agent for Horticulture

**Laura Kline**

Volunteer Coordinator

# Public Outreach

## Volunteer Program

Each Tuesday, starting in April and running through the end of October, the Friends of the BCA participated in Dig in the Dirt work days. Water, refreshments or lunch were provided for all participants. Throughout 2010, there were 28 scheduled work days and 522 volunteer work hours completed.



## School Involvement

Over 800 students across Boone County came to the arboretum for a morning lesson in the food chain, evergreen trees, streams and more. Only through volunteer help were the staff at the arboretum able to offer this important free service to the school community.

## Fundraising Efforts

In 2010, the Friends of Boone County Arboretum held the first annual tea fundraiser. Volunteers came together to put on an authentic English tea for lucky ticketholders. Over \$900.00 was raised. The Dogwood Dash 5K race was also held and had over 200 participants.



Original centerpiece for the tea

## Membership

In 2010, purchased memberships were on the rise. We welcome all new members as they either join the organization as first time supporters or renew their continued patronage.



Longtime members Len and Catherine Baker help out with the Halloween activity.



2010 President of Friends of Boone County Arboretum, Marea West



Dedicated Volunteer and Member, Vicky Tewes

## Website Traffic

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	1795	2760	14106	48650	1.48 GB
Feb 2010	1649	2223	8538	41821	1.38 GB
Mar 2010	3189	4527	16515	78701	2.97 GB
Apr 2010	4719	6963	18119	100934	3.91 GB
May 2010	3990	7371	20179	83899	3.03 GB
Jun 2010	3205	5968	18722	65916	2.21 GB
Jul 2010	2730	6360	19399	56630	1.88 GB
Aug 2010	2038	2818	11642	46888	1.66 GB
Sep 2010	2125	2956	17079	61342	2.12 GB
Oct 2010	2366	5945	23224	60312	2.12 GB
Nov 2010	1723	5952	16210	44324	1.59 GB
Dec 2010	1529	5841	17718	36333	1.28 GB
<b>Total</b>	<b>31058</b>	<b>59684</b>	<b>201451</b>	<b>725750</b>	<b>25.62 GB</b>

# Financials

**Total Receipts: \$17,095.44**

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Membership	\$1,734.74
Donations	\$2,024.77
Miscellaneous	\$3,474.78
Dogwood Dash 5K	\$6,615.60
Classes	\$403.00
English Tea	\$1,335.00
Plant Sales (spring/fall)	\$1,507.55

**Total Disbursements: \$9,680.27**

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Printing and Promotional Items	\$885.17
Annuals/Roses	\$1,026.58
Miscellaneous	\$1,702.69
Memorial Garden/Benches	\$2,527.00
Costs for Fundraising Events	\$2,615.11
Children's Garden	\$923.72



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