

# GROUNDS COVER

**Volunteer Newsletter**

**October/November 2009**

*The mission of the Chicago Botanic Garden is to promote the enjoyment, understanding, and conservation of plants and the natural world.*

## **“Farm to Fork” Gives Food for Thought**

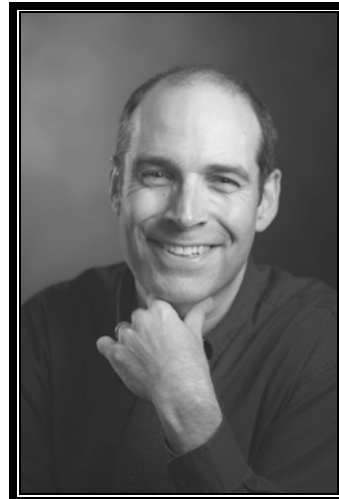
On Saturday, October 3, 2009, the symposium “Farm to Fork: An Agricultural Primer for Foodies,” will be held in the Alsdorf Auditorium at the Chicago Botanic Garden. This unique symposium is a collaboration between the American Institute of Wine and Food and the Chicago Botanic Garden and covers “food-for-thought” topics for responsible consumers wanting to know more about factors influencing our food systems. The “Farm to Fork” symposium features renowned experts presenting six sessions and includes lunch, chef demonstrations, tours of the Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden, and a post-symposium reception. The \$125 fee is discounted to \$100 for Garden Members. Participants can attend the full day or choose the morning-only or afternoon-only sessions. For more information or to register, please see the “Farm to Fork” brochure or contact the School Registrar, at (847) 835-8261 or [school@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:school@chicagobotanic.org).

*Joan Brown*

## **SAVE THE DATE! Regenstein Center Tuesday, December 1 11 am to 2 pm**

Please plan to join us on December 1st for this holiday tradition. Bring your dish to the Regenstein Center at 11 am where volunteers will place it on the appropriate table (appetizers, sides, desserts, beverages). At noon the feasting begins! Select from a mouth-watering array of homemade goodies. Enjoy the company of your friends at the Garden and get into the festive spirit!

Please call (847) 835-8392 to **RSVP by Monday, November 23** or sign up in the Volunteer Office located in the Regenstein Center, Lower Level. See you there!



Geoffrey Baer, Emmy Award-winning producer and program host for WTTW Channel 11 (PBS) will be the keynote speaker on October 8.

## **The Chicago Botanic Garden Hosts APGA 2009 Volunteer Interaction Symposium “Keeping It Lean and Green” October 8 - 9, 2009**

The APGA 2009 Volunteer Interaction Symposium, "Keeping It Lean and Green," was created especially for staff managers and directors of volunteer programs.

A national volunteer management symposium, Volunteer Interaction will be hosted by the Chicago Botanic Garden on October 8-9, 2009. Attendees will broaden their skills, learn new methods, and share ideas that will encourage the volunteers of their organizations to grow and inspire others.

Keynote speaker on Thursday, October 8 will be Geoffrey Baer, Emmy Award-winning producer and program host for WTTW Channel 11 (PBS).

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# CAN YOU HELP?

SIGN UP OR CALL JUDY CASHEN (847) 835-6800 OR LAMETHA LEWIS (847) 835-6803

E-mail [jcashen@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jcashen@chicagobotanic.org) or [llewis@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:llewis@chicagobotanic.org)

We'll try to match your interests and availability for assignments.



\*\*\* **Reminder** \*\*\*

## Weekend Parking Reminder

The weekend staff/volunteer shuttle will continue through Sunday, October 11. The shuttle runs continuously between the south end of the Garden (across from the Horticulture Building) and the Circle Drive at the Regenstein Center on Sunday from 5:30 am until 9 pm. On weekdays, volunteers are encouraged to use Parking Lot #5 when parking their vehicles. The shuttle service will terminate for the year Sunday, October 11 and will resume in April, 2010.



## HallowFest Orientation

**Thursday, October 15 at 3 pm  
Regenstein Center-Fairchild Room**

Volunteers for this event are encouraged to attend.



## HallowFest Pre-Event Setup

**Thursday, October 22  
9 am – 12 pm**

Assistance with pumpkin cleaning; some lifting and bending may be required.



## HallowFest

**Friday & Saturday  
October 23 & October 24  
5 – 8:30 pm**

**Sunday, October 25  
2 – 5:30 pm**

Volunteer assistance is needed in various assignments through-out the Garden. Volunteers are also encouraged to wear 'friendly' costumes.



## Trains, Tricks, & Treats

**Saturday & Sunday**

**October 24 & 25**

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm; 12 – 3 pm  
2:30 – 5 pm**

Greet and direct visitors in the Model Railroad Garden; assist with craft and treat distribution. Must enjoy working with children; volunteers are encouraged to dress in 'friendly' costumes.



## Wonderland Express

**November 27 - January 3**

**9:30 am - 12:30 pm; 12 - 4 pm;  
3:30 - 7 pm**

Volunteers are needed to greet, direct, and assist with special programs. Assistance is also needed for Family Drop-In activities. For volunteers who offer their assistance with this event, event orientation is required.



## Center for Teaching and Learning School Programs through June, 2010

Make a difference by teaching the next generation! Morning opportunities currently available. Contribute as an in-class facilitator.

Must enjoy interacting with children. Classroom training provided.



## Scout Programs through May 2009 Monday - Friday 3 – 6 pm

Opportunities available to facilitate Boy/Girl Scout programs. Help teach the area youth about nature by exploring various topics and gardens. Topics range from ecology to art inspired by nature.



## Little Diggers

**Select Weekday Mornings  
through April, 2010  
8:30 am – 12 pm**

Assist with hands-on nature exploration activities in classes for children and caregivers. Must enjoy working with young children (age 2-4) and be able to stand for duration of shift.



## Dixon National Tallgrass

### Prairie Seed Bank

**Tuesdays 8 am – 4 pm  
Fridays 8 am – 1 pm**

Volunteers will help clean, weigh, count and package seeds of native species. Training provided.



## Horticulture Assistance Special Projects

Assist horticulture staff throughout the Garden with special projects. Some bending and lifting; volunteers should dress for the weather. Contact Volunteer Services for project days and shifts.



## General Office Help Days, hours flexible

Various Garden departments seeking office help. MS Office skills necessary.



**Do we have your current volunteer contact information?**

**Please update your e-mail and emergency contact information for our files. Thanks!**

...APGA Volunteer Interaction Symposium, continued

An optional pre-event of tour of The Lurie Garden in Millennium Park will be Wednesday, October 7. Registration is required for the both the pre-event tour and symposium. For more information on how to register, visit the APGA website, [www.publicgardens.org/web/2009/08/volunteer\\_interaction\\_symposium.aspx](http://www.publicgardens.org/web/2009/08/volunteer_interaction_symposium.aspx)



## Construction Update

An outstanding highlight of this year at the Garden is the opening of The Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center.

Its opening in September was celebrated with special events. As a “thank you” for their work, an open house was held for staff and volunteers. An evening reception was held for the contractors and others who have worked on the project. On September 21, a formal dedication was attended by donors, board members and others who supported the \$30-million building’s creation. Those at the dinner were privileged to hear Michael Pollan, a noted author, as speaker for the occasion.

The Rice Plant Conservation Science Center is especially unique for having two green roof gardens. Visitors may view laboratories closely from the atrium. **Bill Brown**, Vice President of Facilities and Planning, who supervised construction of the project, explained that people will be able to by tram and also walk to the building anytime the Garden is open. “When they do, they will find four interpretive stations on each side of the visitors’ gallery.

A 42-inch monitor is activated by touch and allows them to learn much about the labs as well as about topics of in botany, conservation and ecology. There’s so much that can be learned that a person can spend all afternoon in the building.”

The Chicago Botanic Garden is arguably considered one of the top four botanic gardens in the area of research. Each of them, **Bill** explains, has a specialty. “The Chicago Botanic Garden specializes in plant conservation in its laboratory, making our Science Center unique.”

The Plant Conservation Science Center is gold LEED certified. LEED, **Bill** says, is a system of points that has been established by the U.S. Green Building Council. Points relate to features of the building that involve the use of recycled materials, energy efficiency, storm water management and all manner of things relative to energy saving. “Certification is symbolic of our desire to do the right thing for the environment and for the planet. It will

spread to all construction eventually and ultimately help with important issues such as climate change and greenhouse gases.” **Bill** concludes.

Building materials were selected to have no or low Volatile Organic Compounds, such as paints and coatings, adhesives and sealants, carpet systems and composite wood and agrifiber products. Segregated areas are provided for hazardous chemicals or gases with containment drains and high level of filtration. Careful attention was paid to selection of energy-efficient lighting, mechanical equipment, insulation of exterior walls and roof, windows with low-E and high-performance glass and air lock vestibules at all entrances.

The design limits impact on the land by landscaping the surrounding area with native plants. The 16,000-square-foot green roof garden creates additional open space. A rainwater glen will surround the building to collect rain water draining from nearby parking areas and filter it within the Garden’s plant community. The green roof garden system holds rain water to be used later by the plants. Native plants will be used in landscaping, reducing the need for irrigation by 50 percent, and no potable water is used for irrigation. The building will use 30 percent less water through selection of plumbing fixtures (low-flow plumbing fixtures and valves).

There are now electric gates and a small gate house at the Dundee Road entrance. Volunteers should be reminded that anyone who works on the South End of the campus (i.e., the Maintenance Building, Horticulture, Plant Science Center, etc.) should enter through the Dundee Gate and park on the South End. Anyone who works anywhere else in the Garden (i.e., BWC Admin Building, Visitor Center, Regenstein Center, etc.) should enter through the Lake Cook Entrance and park in lots 2 through 7.

*Jane Lord*



## Don't Miss These Great Fall Events!

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Woman’s Board **Bulb Bazaar**, Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4. Experts will be available to help you make the best selection for your spring garden. Bring your wish list to the Bulb Bazaar. Special member preview hours are from 10 am to 1 pm on Friday, October 2 and will open to the public from 1 to 5 pm. On Saturday and Sunday the hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with the sale.

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Don't miss the **Harvest Festival** on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 10 am to 4 pm! Visit a marketplace in the Fruit & Vegetable Garden with vendors selling a variety of items, including fresh-baked goods, roasted nuts, cut flowers, handmade soaps, and fresh vegetables. Navigate the straw bale maze, guess the weight of the pumpkin and make leaf rubbings. Take home a fall-themed plant, and enjoy chef demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Volunteer assistance is needed on these dates, shift times are 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and 1 to 4 pm.

**HallowFest: A Garden of Good ...and Evil** is a Garden tradition you won't want to miss! Volunteer assistance is needed with registration, "way finding", crowd control, craft stations, the fun-house, photo opportunities, pumpkin decorating and much, much more. Orientation is recommended for those who wish to volunteer and will be held Thursday, October 15 from 3 to 4 pm in the Regenstein Center, Fairchild Room. Please consider helping out on one of these fun family evenings. Pre-event setup will be needed on Thursday, October 22 to assist with pumpkin cleaning; some lifting may be required. Event dates are Friday, October 23 through Sunday, October 25. Volunteer shifts will start at 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and at 3 pm on Sunday. Join in the fun -- it's spooktacular! Admission is \$16 per person including children and tickets may be purchased at the Membership Desk in the Visitor Center or online at [www.chicagobotanic.org/hallowfest](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/hallowfest).

**Trains, Tricks & Treats** - Families are invited to come in costume and trick-or-treat throughout the Model Railroad Garden to celebrate Halloween and the end of the railroad's season at Trains, Tricks & Treats on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. The Model Railroad Garden will be decorated with spider webs, spiders, ghosts, goblins, and pumpkins, as well as seasonal plant materials. Visitors, volunteers, and Garden staff are encouraged to come in costume. Event hours are from 10 am to 4:30 pm, weather permitting. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 2-12. Members save \$1.

**Spooky Pooch Parade** - The Chicago Botanic Garden is making an exciting event even better! The ever-popular Reindog Parade, typically held in December, is being moved to October as a fall parade of dogs in Halloween costumes. The Spooky Pooch Parade is from 1 to 3 pm on Saturday, October 31. For two very special hours only, dogs are allowed in the Garden. Cleverly costumed canines march the parade route to celebrate the season. Spectators are invited to line the parade route for a barking good time. Registration prices are \$14 in advance; \$19 at the door. Parade spectators pay for parking only. Registration forms, complete with the dog-gone rules, will be available at the Information Desk at the Visitor Center, or on our website at [www.chicagobotanic.org/dog](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/dog).



## **A Winter Wonderland Comes To The Chicago Botanic Garden**

It's a special time of year, with the Garden dressed in twinkling lights, beautiful horticultural displays, and quite possibly, a covering of white! Opportunities abound to enjoy children's excited faces and shining eyes by serving as guest greeters and interpreters at several holiday events.

**Wonderland Express** starts on Friday, November 27 and closes January 3. The Regenstein Center will be filled with garden-scale trains that travel in a magical winter landscape past 90 miniature Chicago landmarks surrounded by waterfalls, tunnels, and bridges, all intricately handcrafted with natural materials. Volunteer are needed to greet and guide guests and answer questions in Nichols Hall, the Krehbiel Gallery and the Joutras Gallery. Morning, afternoon, and evening shifts are available.

**Christmas Breakfast with Santa** will be held on December 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 from 8:30 to 10:30 am and **Christmas Supper with Santa** will be held on December 21 and 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. These events include a buffet breakfast or dinner, a visit with Santa, and an exclusive Wonderland Express exhibition viewing before or after public hours. Earlier in the day, Mrs. Claus herself will be sharing hot chocolate and cookies in the Fairchild Room on December 21 and 22 from 11 am to 1 pm and from 2 - 4 pm. Guests for these events can also participate in an exclusive Wonderland Express exhibition viewing. Volunteer hosts are needed to greet and seat guests, and to answer questions at these eagerly anticipated family events. Also, drop-in family activities will be located in Burnstein Hall.

**Special Hanukkah Dinners** on Sunday, December 13, are available at a 4:30 pm family-friendly serving and a more adult-friendly 7 pm serving in Burnstein Hall. Both servings include a buffet dinner, a 6 pm concert by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band in the Alsdorf Auditorium, and Wonderland Express exhibition viewing after public hours. Volunteer hosts are needed to greet and seat guests, help guide them to the concert, and hand out favors.

Tickets for these great events go on sale online via Ticketmaster and at the Garden beginning October 14. Ticket prices are adults \$10; children ages 3 to 12 and seniors over age 62 are \$8; children 2 and under are free. Members save \$2 per purchased ticket.

To volunteer for these holiday events, call **Judy Cashen**, Volunteer Manager, at (847) 835-6800, or email her at [jcashen@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jcashen@chicagobotanic.org). Helping at any of these events is a wonderful way to add more joy to your own holiday season!

*Barbara Sirovatka*

### **Plant Production: Nursery Update**

For **Barb Raue**, Nursery Supervisor, along with **Lorin Fox**, Grower, and **Juan Villalobos**, Production staff, and their team of volunteers, Thanksgiving is not just a national holiday—it's a deadline. Before the end of November, all of the containerized outdoor specimens in the Nursery must be packed into one of seven quonset huts for overwintering. Inside these heated shelters, some plants will be kept at generally cool temperatures just above freezing while other quonsets will be kept at a temperature just below freezing. Moving the plants inside is not the end of the job, however. The quonsets themselves must then be covered with a layer of poly-film, which provides insulation and to reduce the light level inside. These measures ensure that the plants will remain dormant for the duration of the winter.

The Nursery houses an astonishing number of plants—some 14,000—with widely differing habits and requirements, including: Woody plants (trees and shrubs), perennials, native plants, aquatics, new cultivars under development in **Jim Ault's** plant breeding program, specimens for use in **Richard Hawke's** plant evaluation trials, new introductions from Chicagoland Grows (a partnership of the Garden, Morton Arboretum, and a group of northern Illinois nurseries), which develops plants suited to local growing conditions, plants propagated from seed brought back from China, the Georgian Republic, and other exotic locations visited by the Garden's plant collecting experts, **Galen Gates**, Director, Plant Collections and **Boyce Tankersley**, Director, Living Plant Documentation.

**Barb's** volunteers spend the spring and summer months nurturing plants in various stages of growth—repotting, grooming, pruning, weeding—till they have matured sufficiently to transition into one of the display gardens. Some trees are kept “in ground” in the Nursery, where they grow better and faster than they would in containers. Once they have reached the desired size, they too take their place in the Garden.

*Linda Tomchuck*

### **Master Gardener Update-Autumn 2009**

**Attention all Master Gardeners**---The end of the year is approaching—please submit a copy of your volunteer time cards, reflecting your 30 hours and any additional hours you have accumulated by December 15. Also send your log sheet listing the required 10 hours of educational updates to

maintain your University of Illinois Master Gardener certification. Please send your information via inter-office mail to **Jill Selinger**, Manager, Continuing Education You can also drop off your paperwork at the Registrar's office in the lower level of the Regenstein Center, where it will be forwarded to **Jill Selinger's** attention.

Note that the offices of **Jill Selinger**, **Beth Pinargote** and **Amelia Simmons-Hurt** have moved to the Rice Plant Conservation Science Center. The Registrar's office location remains in the Regenstein Center lower level, where **Denise Walsh** and **Gail Burton** are available to assist you.

### **Integrated Pest Management Basics**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a holistic approach to managing plant health care. Using this approach you can grow everything from trees to turf, without excessive maintenance or plant loss and minimal pesticide use. Join **Tom Tiddens**, Plant Health Care Supervisor to learn about the basic components of an integrated pest management program, how the Garden's Plant Health Care Department manages the Garden's grounds based on these principles, and how you can use IPM in your home garden.

**Tom Tiddens**, Plant Health Care Supervisor and Certified Arborist, Chicago Botanic Garden

Wednesday, October 21, 9 – 11 am, Linnaeus Room

**MGT0033** Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

### **Diseases of the Rose Family**

The rose family is the host of a wide range of plant diseases. Jim Schuster will share information about some of the more common diseases of the rose family. Including disease symptoms, timing of each disease, optimal conditions for each disease and cultural recommendations for some common rose family diseases. In addition, he will also discuss problems caused by nature, genetics and humans.

Jim Schuster, Extension Specialist PSEP

Friday, November 13, 10 am – noon, Annex 2

**MGT0043** Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

### **Beginner Internet Search Techniques For Master Gardeners**

Are your computer skills a little rusty or are you not quite staying afloat while trying to surf? This class will walk you through some fundamentals of online-searching, Googling and web-surfing. Learn the difference between a browser, a search engine, and a wiki. If you don't know a .pdf from an FDR, this class is for you.

**Requirements:** *Basic typing*

**Stacy Stoldt**, MLS, Reference Librarian, Lenhardt Library

Tuesday, December 15, 9 – 11 am, Design Studio

**MGT0053** Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

To register for classes, please call the Registrar at (847) 835-8261.

## Who's who in the Garden? A profile of someone you should know



Photo by Min Cai Henderson

### **Boyce Tankersley** **Director, Living Plant Documentation**

One of the busiest people on the Garden staff is **Boyce Tankersley**, Director of Living Plant Documentation.

He oversees such important projects as maintaining records on more than two million plants, verifying accuracy of all plant nomenclature, labeling taxa of permanent and seasonal plants, mapping all woody plants and many perennial plants. Among the many other projects for which he is responsible are the Bloom Cart, collecting herbarium voucher specimens, digital images and DNA samples of the Garden's accessions plants. A team of volunteers is working with Morphbank to provide information on the internet, and the project is funded by the National Science Foundation.

The newest project that **Boyce** is responsible for involves CO<sub>2</sub>, one of the greenhouse gases. "It is one of the things that is driving global warming," he explains. "We're using some formulas developed by the U.S. Forest Service to quantify how much carbon each of our plants soaks up." He plans to create a pamphlet to give people in our region information on the subject.

Another project being undertaken by **Boyce** involves the internet. "We are working on linking the botanical garden data bases around the world together to a central portal on the internet. It's called the PlantsCollection project. We have 16 of the best documented botanic gardens in the U.S. The project has added 70 gardens from the UK and four lead gardens in China. We're very excited about the project."

The most challenging part of his job, **Boyce** says "is to

know that we are never going to get caught up." One thing that has helped most is having the support of volunteers. When he assumed his position in 1998, his area had seven volunteers. Today he is assisted by 81 volunteers. "We have slowly over time added more volunteers as we developed more teams and more projects for them to work on. The information they capture is very accurate, and they allow my staff and me to expand what we do and take on new projects, things that we always wanted to do and now have time for."

Jane Lord

### **Banking on Seeds:** **A Worldwide Concern**

The Garden is presently involved in one of the most extensive conservation programs ever attempted. Begun officially in 2000 by the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, with its "roots" extending back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Millennium Seed Bank Project's international effort aims to collect and preserve 10% of the world's 280,000 flowering plants by the year 2010. The Garden's part in this massive effort, termed Seeds of Success, centers on the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. In addition to climate change, U.S. prairies face threats of development, urbanization, invasive species, and pollution. Covering the Midwest and Great Plains states, the Garden is collecting 10,000 to 20,000 seeds from each of the 1,500 species, a total of 15 to 30 million seeds—all collected by hand!

This tremendous effort by Garden staff, volunteers, and over 30 contract seed collectors is coordinated by **Pati Vitt**, Susan and Roger Stone Curator of the Dixon Prairie Tallgrass Seed Bank, **Emily Yates**, Seed Bank Coordinator, and **Dave Sollenberger**, Seed Conservation Specialist. The overall program is termed *ex situ* conservation, defined as protecting plants outside of their native habitats. In addition to seed banking, which provides for storing frozen seeds in the event the plants disappear, two other strategies: tissue culture, which is the laboratory propagation of rare and endangered species that are difficult to propagate or whose seeds are difficult to store; and genetic analysis, which uses state-of-the-art techniques to direct preservation and restoration activities, are also part of the program.

The Garden's storage facility is the Dixon National Tallgrass Prairie Seed Bank, located in the Rice Plant Conservation Science Center. Following collection, seeds are placed in the quarantine chamber and examined for insect pests and diseases. Seeds are separated from their fruits and other debris, and the 50°, low-humidity environment discourages mold and other fungi. The process provides a safe, short-term storage until the seeds are used for restoration, research activities, or freezing.

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If the seeds are to be frozen, they are brought to the National Tallgrass Prairie Seed Bank Preparation Laboratory for a six-month processing program. First, they are separated from any other plant material, cleaned, analyzed for moisture content, weighed and counted. A 25-seed sample is sent to the Reproductive Biology Laboratory for germination to ensure their viability. The remaining seeds are slowly dried to 15% humidity at 58°F. Following labeling and placement in heat-sealed foil containers, the seeds are placed in the Science Center's Dixon National Tallgrass Prairie Seed Bank at -20°C. As part of the program, samples of stored seeds will be periodically tested for germination capability and rate of viability decline over time. If testing shows a significant decline in seed quality, those seeds can be replaced with a new collection.

Seeds of Success began in 2001 as a formal partnership with the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew. The Royal Garden's seed research and collection activities, extending over much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, were formalized as the Millennium Seed Bank Project in the 1990s. By 2000, the UK seed collection and storage phase was virtually complete, and the second phase, involving partner organizations around the world, began. In the U.S., the Bureau of Land Management established Seeds of Success for the purpose of stabilizing, rehabilitating and restoring endangered land areas. The BLM soon included many partners: botanic gardens, arboreta, zoos, and municipalities. The coordination of this huge activity was documented by a Memo of Understanding by the BLM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, New England Wild Flower Society, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, North Carolina Botanical Garden, and the Zoological Society of San Diego.

The program has recently been expanded to include seed collecting by the National Wildlife Refuge System, an arm of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Garden is presently teaming up with the Volunteer Stewardship of Illinois, a part of the Nature Conservancy, to utilize their citizen conservationists in the Seeds of Success program.

Is this enormous effort worthwhile? Absolutely. The program is based on forecasts that some 150,000 plant species—about 1/3 of the world's flora—face extinction by 2050. In the U.S. alone, about 34,000, or 29%, of existing species are doomed unless action is taken. We are all aware of the importance of plants in our lives. Hundreds of medicinal plants, forming the basis of over 50% of *all* medicinal drugs, are part of this endangered population. We are fortunate indeed to have this program in place, and the efforts of the Garden's "plant security guards," **Pati, Emily** and **Dave**, at the forefront. If working in this worthwhile program appeals to you, volunteers are always needed for cleaning, counting, and

weighing seeds, and entering gathered data. Contact Judy Cashen in Volunteer Services at 847-835-6800 or [jcashen@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jcashen@chicagobotanic.org) for more information.

*Don Gayle*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**



We would like to extend a special thanks to those volunteers who helped with Evenings at the Garden and the Roadside Flower Sale. Your hard work and enthusiasm made these events memorable for everyone involved.



The Chicago Botanic Garden would like to thank Abbott Laboratories, Allstate Insurance, HSBC, Takeda Pharmaceutical and Discover Financial. The groups assisted with various volunteer projects throughout the Garden and we look forward to their continued support.



As you know, the safety of our visitors, our volunteers and our staff is our top priority. Because we want to keep everyone safe, we would like to remind you of some policies regarding parking and vehicular circulation. Anyone who works on the South End of the campus should enter through the Dundee Gate and park on the South End. Anyone who works anywhere else in the Garden should enter through the Lake Cook Entrance and park in lots 2 through 7.

### **"We Give Thanks for our Great Volunteers!"**



English Walled Garden horticulture volunteers  
Marnee Kenny, left and Judy Kleiman, right

As the Garden prepares for the winter season ahead, we give thanks for the amazing support of our hardworking volunteers. Your friendship, dedication and enthusiasm are inspirational to us all. Thank you for all that you do!

## Calendar of Garden Events and Volunteer Activities

October 2009		
Fri. – Sun.	2 - 4	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bulb Bazaar, Regenstein Center, Burnstein Hall, members-only preview Friday, 10 am to 1 pm and open to the public from 1 – 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free. Non-member parking fees apply.
Sat. – Sun.	3 - 4	Harvest Festival, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden, 10 am to 4 pm, chef demonstrations at 1:30 & 2:30 pm. Admission is free. Non-member parking fees apply.
Wed. – Fri.	7 – 9	APGA Volunteer Interaction Symposium, “Keeping It Lean and Green”, Regenstein Center. Registration is required. For more information, visit the APGA website, <a href="http://www.publicgardens.org/web/2009/08/volunteer_interaction_symposium.aspx">www.publicgardens.org/web/2009/08/volunteer_interaction_symposium.aspx</a>
Thurs.	15	<b>HallowFest: A Garden of Good and Evil Volunteer Event Orientation; Attendance Regenstein Center, Burnstein Hall, 3 pm.</b>
Fri - Sun.	23 -25	HallowFest,: <i>A Garden of Good and Evil</i> from 6 to 8:30 pm; admission is \$16 per person including children and tickets may be purchased at the Membership Desk in the Visitor Center or online at <a href="http://www.chicagobotanic.org/hallowfest">www.chicagobotanic.org/hallowfest</a> .
Sat. – Sun.	24 - 25	Trains, Tricks and Treats, Railroad Garden; 10 am to 4:30 pm, weather permitting; fee is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 2-12. Members save \$1.
Sat.	31	Spooky Pooch Parade, Registration prices are \$14 in advance; \$19 at the door. Parade spectators pay for parking only. For more information visit our website at <a href="http://www.chicagobotanic.org/dog">www.chicagobotanic.org/dog</a> .
November 2009		
Thurs.	26	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
Fri.	27	Wonderland Express, 10 am to 7 pm, daily; on December 8 and December 12 the exhibit closes at 3 pm and will be closed all day December 25. Tickets go on sale October 19; adults \$10, children ages 3-12 and seniors (62+) are \$8. Tuesdays through December 23 are free. To purchase tickets and for more information visit <a href="http://www.chicagobotanic.org/wonderland">www.chicagobotanic.org/wonderland</a> .
Coming December 2009		
Tues.	1	<b>Volunteer Holiday Potluck Luncheon, 11 am to 2 pm, Regenstein Center. Please RSVP to (847) 835-8392 by Monday, Nov. 23.</b>
Fri.	11	<b>Hanukkah begins at sunset</b>
Fri.	25	<b>Christmas Day—GARDEN CLOSED</b>

☞ The Grounds Cover Committee ☞

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