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A Newsletter for Friends of
Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden

Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future

BY ADRIENNE ROETHLING, DIRECTOR



Each new season brings an opportunity to reflect on the past. A lot has happened in the last five years. Let's begin five years ago before I reflect on a new season here at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden. It's been five years since we've added the Japanese Garden highlighting another element to Inspire, Enlighten and Connect you to the World of Plants. The Monarch butterfly is now on the Endangered Species list allowing us the opportunity to help rebuild their population and it has also been almost five years since we received the Dancing Cranes Sculpture. You might be wondering what we have been doing for the last five years.

The Japanese Garden Vignette was added in 2018 and reflects both Paul and Karen Ciener, as it was one of their favorite styles of gardening. Paul Ciener especially took an interest in Bonsai trees where Josh has taken that on as a personal challenge. Soon, you will be able to visit our collection but, in the meantime, enjoy over 65 different varieties of Japanese maples, Asian inspired sculptures and displays as you enter through the bamboo wall.



Japanese Garden Vignette, August 2018

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*Scouts planting Discovery Garden,
May 2020*

The Discovery Garden was added in 2019. This is a pollinator friendly area just before the Japanese Garden Vignette and consists of native, nectar rich and annual plants. There are over 10 species of milkweed and butterfly weed and thanks to Boy Scout Troop 600 of Oak Ridge, we are now officially designated as a Monarch Waystation. If you haven't visited in a while, please stop by as the monarch activity has been hopping. Over the last 3-4 weeks, there have been well over a dozen successful stages of the Monarch metamorphosis. That is just from the ones we have found. The entire garden has become a food station with zinnias, milkweed and butterfly bushes at every turn. You can follow along with the life cycles on our social media pages.

In 2018, we received the Dancing Cranes sculpture, a gift from Mr. Joseph Bryan, Jr. of Greensboro. We made strides with funding and getting the community excited about the new garden display. Then the pandemic hit and everything came to a screeching halt. Over the past two years, the new garden design was revamped with a more natural look and construction, which began in July of this year, is nearing completion. Large boulders and stones will tie the Dancing Cranes home into the Hillside Boulder Garden, while the water will run under the sidewalk from the Grotto. The water will reach the first pool where the Cranes will nest, then gently fall into a smaller pool below.



*Construction of the future Dancing Cranes' home
July 2022*

Garden development will continue over the next five years as well.

We will revisit the Woodland Garden and hopefully open that to visitors soon. It will be the last piece of property to develop. In the meantime, the Conifer & Woody Plant Collection is getting bigger and better with over 50 different species of trees, shrubs and evergreen plants. It's no secret, "Gardening is the slowest of the Performing Arts". To watch plants grow is truly a spectacle and if they do not perform, there is always next year or there's always room to try something new.

Now that fall is officially here and the cooler weather has arrived, come enjoy the garden. The official completion of the Dancing Cranes is moments away. While you are here, be sure to check out the Kitchen Garden with fall season veggies and see if you can find the monarchs. We want to thank you for all your support this summer as well as throughout the last two and half years.



*Info mailbox in Discovery Garden
July 2020*



*Entrance to Japanese Garden Vignette
October 2020*



*Volunteer workday in future Woodland Garden
July 2021*



Living History in the Garden

BY JOSH WILLIAMS, GARDEN MANAGER

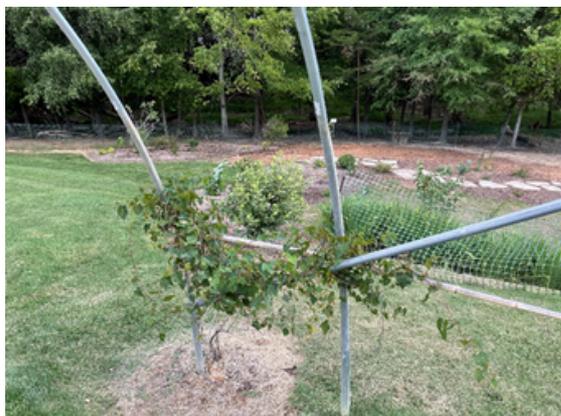
I love all things nature and gardening, especially when it intersects with my interest in history. Planted at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden are two very special plants deeply rooted in American history: *Ficus carica* 'Ischia' and *Vitis rotundifolia* 'Mother Vine'.

Ficus carica 'Ischia' is a common edible yellow fig. The plant growing at the Garden was grown from a cutting taken from a fig tree of Monticello, the residency of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson had a passion for figs and wrote fondly of this variety's color and flavor.

Planted as a 1-gallon twig in 2015, this plant has quickly grown to the 9' x 9' plant it is today. It enjoys a slightly warmer and protected micro-climate, located at the base of a brick retaining wall near the Kitchen Garden. This mimics Jefferson's approach to planting figs, for he had unusual success with figs by planting them below the vegetable garden wall in what he called the "submural beds."



Ficus carica 'Ischia'



Vitis rotundifolia 'Mother Vine'

Vitis rotundifolia 'Mother Vine' is a 400+ year old native scuppernong grape on Roanoke Island, NC. It is credited as being the oldest cultivated grape vine in North America. The earliest European explorers found the vine and reportedly made wine from the grapes. It is also believed that local Indigenous groups cultivated the vine before Europeans came to the New World. The Mother Vine can still be visited today, and Duplin Winery produces Mother Vine Wine, a sweet wine made from fruits of clippings of the Mother Vine. Fun Fact - Did you know the scuppernong grape is NC's state fruit?

A clipping of the Mother Vine was gifted to the garden in 2015 and planted this summer of 2022. It was suffering in a 3-gal pot for those 7 years. As a testament to its native hardiness, it not only made it through, but has exploded in growth over the one growing season it has been in the ground. It has been planted on a newly erected 36' x 12' metal rib tunnel, where it will fully cover and left to produce delicious pale yellow native grapes. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy the same fruit that so many that came before us have had.



Host Your Holiday Party at the Garden

BY DIANA DAY, FACILITY RENTAL COORDINATOR

Are you looking for a space to hold your company's holiday party? Look no further than Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden. The Garden's Carriage House has been designed to accommodate a full range of events including corporate holiday parties. Our lobby will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season and provide a great backdrop for your guests' holiday photos. The spacious Ballroom is a blank slate for you to decorate and transform into the perfect holiday event.

An added bonus during the month of December - your guests will be invited to experience the Spectacular Holiday Blooms during your event at no additional cost. The Spectacular Holiday Blooms is a one-of-a-kind holiday light display that features thousands of illuminated hand-crafted flowers from recycled bottles.

Limited dates are still available. Don't wait to book your company's holiday party. [Inquire online](#) or call 336-996-7888 to speak with Diana Day, Facility Rental Coordinator about scheduling a tour the of the Garden's facilities.



October Plant of the Month

Anemone 'Pretty Lady Susan' -Pretty Lady Series Japanese windflower



Anemone is a large group plants belonging to the buttercup family. Some bloom in spring and while others bloom in fall. The fall blooming anemones have received a bad reputation for being invasive. Thanks to several plant enthusiasts, we now have varieties to choose from ideal for smaller gardens.

Anemone 'Pretty Lady Susan' is part of a new series grown for their large flowers on graceful stems held above a nice compact sized plant. Vibrant pink flowers with a bright yellow eye adorn this anemone during several weeks beginning in late summer. Expect maturity to reach 12" tall by 18" wide. *Anemone 'Pretty Lady Susan'* grows best in rich soils with good winter drainage.

Join or renew your membership for the month of October and your name will be included in a drawing for a 1-quart pot of *Anemone 'Pretty Lady Susan'*.



Membership

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden is located in the heart of the Kernersville historic downtown district. Memberships help the Garden provide valuable educational opportunities to people of all ages and help in the development of new garden spaces as we continue to grow. Individual/Family Memberships are \$50 annually. 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 Evening" lectures, discounted rates for classes and workshops, preferred registration to outings for members, free subscription to Better Homes & Gardens compliments of American Public Gardens Association, discounts to over 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands through the American Horticultural Society, and more! **Join or renew** your membership online and your name will be entered into a drawing for our Plant of the Month.

Not sure of your membership status? Email kristin@pjcbg.org or call 336-996-7888.

News From the Wyatt & Dolores LeFever Garden Shop

It's officially Fall in the Wyatt and Dolores LeFever Garden Shop. Shop a selection of new Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving merchandise for your home and garden. AND our ever popular rain chains and wind chimes are back in stock!

It's never too early to get started on your holiday shopping. Find the perfect gift and stocking stuffers for the garden lover on your list. Stay tuned on our social media channels as we announce new inventory alerts.

The Garden Shop will be open on Saturday, October 15 during the Triad Craft & Art Guild's "Artisans in the Pumpkins" craft show. Be sure to stop in and shop our unique selection of items for your home and garden. There will be a one-day sale on select Fall and Halloween merchandise, and Christmas items will start to hit our shelves!

Garden Shop Hours
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 10:00am - 4:00pm*
Wednesdays, 12:00pm - 4:00pm*
CLOSED Mondays
*Hours subject to change





Gather & Grow Workshops

"Gather & Grow" with PJCBG this fall as we launch a new hands-on workshop series. Participants of a Gather & Grow Workshop will learn new skills and expand their plant knowledge, all while building community. We are pleased to announce two Fall and two Holiday workshops. Click on the title of each workshop to learn more and sign up.

Pumpkins & Succulents: A Match Made For Fall

Saturday, October 15

11:00am - 2:00pm

\$18 / pumpkin, all supplies included



**PLANT A PUMPKIN:
UNIQUE FALL CONTAINER**

Plant a Pumpkin: Unique Fall Container

Thursday, October 27

6:00pm - 7:30pm

\$40 / \$37 PJCBG members



**PUMPKINS & SUCCULENTS:
A MATCH MADE FOR FALL**

Wreath Decorating Workshop

Tuesday, November 29

6:00pm - 7:30pm

\$50 / \$45 PJCBG members



**WREATH DECORATING
WORKSHOP**

Holiday Blooms Workshop

Thursday, December 1

5:30pm - 8:00pm

\$40 / \$37 PJCBG members



**HOLIDAY BLOOMS
WORKSHOP**

Upcoming Events

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

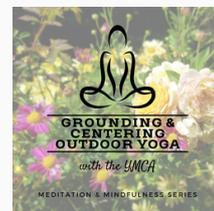
Grounding & Centering: Outdoor Yoga

Mondays, October 10, 17, & 24

5:45pm - 6:45pm

\$5 / class

REGISTER HERE



We've partnered with the Kernersville YMCA to bring yoga to the Garden! Join Ashley on the PJCBG Event Lawn for this outdoor yoga series. Relax, recharge, and reconnect after a long Monday. Sign up in advance online, or pay at the door. In the event of inclement weather, class will be moved inside to the Ballroom of the PJCBG Welcome Center. Bring your own mat, all levels welcome!

Lunch & Learn: Feed Your Body - Tips from an Herbalist

Tuesday, October 6

12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free PJCBG members

REGISTER HERE



The cooler temperatures and shorter days means the seasons are changing. Along with it comes cold and flu season. Our body's immune system has a response to the foods we eat, supplements we take, salves or oils we use, and more. How can you prepare your body for this seasonal change and enhance your immune system? Join herbalist Joey Robertson to learn about the health benefits of different plants, including many grown here at the Garden.

Storytime in the Garden

Tuesday, October 11, 10:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, November 8, 10:00am - 11:00am

RSVP HERE



We've partnered with the Kernersville Library to bring storytime to the Garden. Bring a blanket and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am for stories, songs, and activities. FREE, recommended for ages 6 and under.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 17, 11:00am - 3:30pm

Monday, November 21, 11:00am - 3:30pm

Thursday, December 22, 11:30am - 4:00pm

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



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 complete your pre-reading and donation questions online, to reduce the time spent at the drive by 15 minutes. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org.



Kindermusik Playdate with Carol Penney

Monday, October 24, 10:30am - 11:30am

Monday, November 28, 10:30am - 11:30am

REGISTER HERE



Join us at the Garden for a Kindermusik Playdate with Carol Penney! Grown-ups and children from infants to 6-year-olds will have loads of fun together singing, dancing, playing instruments, and listening to a story. Taught by Master Kindermusik Educator, Carol Penney. FREE, recommended for ages 6 and under. Limited to 18 families, advance registration required.

Director's Tour: 'Fall' in Love with the Garden

Wednesday, October 26

10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

REGISTER HERE



The summer blooms are fading, and the temperatures are cooling. But there is still much to see in the Garden. Fall blooming perennials, shrubs with fruit or fall color, and winter annuals are just some of the things to observe in the Garden this time of year. Learn what you can plant to bring color, texture, and form to your home garden in the fall.

Lunch & Learn: Stop and Smell the ...

Tuesday, November 15

12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free PJCBG members

REGISTER HERE



Holiday season got you stressed? The scents and smells of certain plants have been shown to have a calming effect on our bodies' response to stress. Aromatherapy, or the practice of using essential oils for therapeutic benefit, is one method used to relax our mind and body. Join Cindy Stewart, Kernersville resident and former nurse, for a conversation about aromatherapy and a guided aromatherapy meditation. All attendees will receive a samples of essential oils used during guided meditation to continue practice at home.

Director's Tour: The Spectacular Holiday Blooms

Wednesday, November 30

10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

REGISTER HERE



Hundreds of volunteer and staff hours have gone into creating and installing the thousands of flowers on display for the Spectacular Holiday Blooms. You've probably seen them lit up at night, and it truly is spectacular! But there is something special about seeing the holiday blooms in the daylight – you truly get a sense of the craftsmanship that goes into creating each flower. Learn the story behind some of the flowers we showcase during the Spectacular Holiday Blooms, and see these blooms from another perspective.

Save the Date: Upcoming Craft Shows



ARTISANS IN THE PUMPKINS

presented by the Triad Craft & Art Guild

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
10:00AM - 3:00PM

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden
215 S Main Street, Kernersville, NC

For more information, email
triadcraftandartguild@gmail.com

2nd Annual Merry Maker Market

NOV 25 AND 26 ~ 10 - 4 EACH DAY

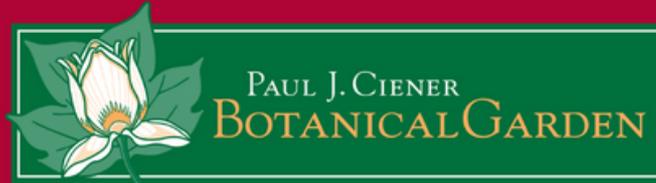
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Save the Date: Spectacular Holiday Blooms



Spectacular Holiday Blooms

A One-of-a-Kind Holiday Experience

DATES

Displays lit select evenings
November 25 - December 30

ADMISSION

\$5/adult
17 & under Free
Tickets available online or at the
door.

For more information, visit
www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org



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