

DONATIONS & MEMORIALS

August 1 - November 1, 2003

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In Memory of Clarence Camferdam
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We were honored to have University of Arkansas Athletic Director, Frank Broyles and his wife, Barbara, visit the Gardens. Pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Broyles is Robert and Sunny Evans.



Pictured left to right: Bob Bledsoe, Fred Dierks, Louise Dierks, Garvan Woodland Gardens Advisory Board Members Isabelle Anthony and Dr. Martin Eislele, landscape designer David Slawson, and Bob Byers, Garden Director.

DIERKS HONORED

Garvan Woodland Gardens Development Director, Bob Bledsoe, recently presented local Hot Springs philanthropists, Fred and Louise Dierks, with a commemorative plaque to be placed in the Gardens' new promenade, located immediately outside the Welcome Center. In recognition of the Dierks' generous contribution to the project, designed by nationally recognized landscape designer, David Slawson, the area has been officially named the Fred and Louise Dierks Promenade.



THE "BEST BUDS" A GARDEN COULD HAVE



At Garvan Woodland Gardens, the work of volunteers makes it possible to develop quality garden features and to produce quality events and visitor services. Without the countless hours of generous volunteers, the staff would be forced to lower their sights or curtail the rate of growth and the number of activities at the Gardens.

A dinner party was held on Tuesday, October 21, at which the staff and crew honored volunteers for all their efforts since the Gardens opened some two and a half years ago.

The evening began with appetizers in the Verna C. Garvan Pavilion where volunteers mingled with staff members.

Susan Collins, Coordinator of Volunteers, welcomed and thanked the volunteers. David Davies, Executive Director, provided a summary of the Gardens' future developments. Special recognition was given to Jesse "Poncho" Rowe, who has volunteered since before the Gardens were made available to the public.

Dining tables in the Magnolia Room, the foyer, and on the Welcome Center's deck were beautifully decorated with flowers and candles. Volunteers, including gift shop, office, special event and gardening workers, docents, golf cart drivers and greeters, enjoyed a delicious meal while getting to know one another. The staff members refilled glasses and circulated among the guests to let them know how much they are appreciated. As the volunteers departed, each one received a thank-you gift of a long-sleeve volunteer t-shirt.

Our volunteers are the heart of the Garden and we hope this is the first of many annual volunteer appreciation events to honor their generosity and dedication.



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REMINDERS!

Change of Hours:
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Holiday Lights
Admission Prices: Adults - \$5.00
Children Ages 6 to 12- \$3.00

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Regular Winter Hours:
January 2 - March 31
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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RENEWAL & REFLECTION

Experience the Peace and Beauty of our Garden



As the holidays approach, everyone finds themselves madly rushing about on a thousand errands. In contrast, the Gardens offer their most serene, and in many ways spectacular, season. Gone, for a short time at least, are the bright hues of flowers and vibrant leaves we enjoy for most of any wonderful year in Arkansas. In their place is a tranquil beauty that inspires me (and, I hope you) to take a few quiet moments to appreciate the deep wisdom of Nature.

Respecting the demand for what is essentially the natural world's day off is just as important to the health of a garden (and its stewards) as are all the things we do to promote verdant growth at other times. It's a time to

quietly prepare for the upcoming challenges of a new year, to take stock of our part in a year's often frantic efforts, and to reflect on their results, both intended and unexpected. Most importantly, it's a time to build strength and energy to meet whatever hurdles are in store.

In keeping with this notion, we've got what I believe is a truly unique holiday offering. A crew of dedicated volunteers led by Micki Rucinski and Doris Jones, the Lakeside Key Club, this year's AmeriCorps members, and the Garden staff have gone to extraordinary lengths to prepare a spectacular holiday light show. While truly inspiring, you won't see Rudolf's nose flashing or psychedelic Christmas trees blinking and twirling. Instead, you'll find stunning, carefully composed thematic displays that, while colorful, also reflect nature's imperative for the season, as well as Mrs. Garvan's desire that the intrinsic character of the forest be respected. We're not looking to be the biggest or most dramatic, just the best interpretation of that essential aspect of our mission.

When you're feeling particularly harried and need a break from all that holiday rush, come see if you can find your own special spot in the Gardens. I think you'll find the tranquility of winter's woodlands to be the perfect antidote. With all that electricity in the air, you'll leave with your batteries recharged for a perfect end to a wonderful year and an invigorating start to an even better 2004.

Sincerely,

Bob Byers, Garden Director



WHERE THERE ARE BIRDS, LIFE IS GOOD!

You can observe a lot by just watching.-Yogi Berra

Bird-watching is exciting, challenging and frustrating because birds are so mobile. Some species are elusive, almost secretive and even reluctant to show themselves. For these reasons, you never know what you will see when you walk the trails through Hamilton Woods. However, it is certain when you exercise patience, practice a few field skills and learn to 'go where the birds are', you will be rewarded with opportunities to observe the thriving bird life around you.

Basic field skills learned from long-time birding experts, such as David Allen Sibley, teach us common sense techniques for improving our bird-watching experiences.

Move quietly: Birds aren't necessarily disturbed by noises, but you may be distracted by noises. The first clue to a bird's presence can be the small rustling of leaves or soft call notes. Conversation or swishing clothing can prevent you from noticing these signs.

Move gently: Birds are sensitive to abrupt movements. Sudden hand movements made when raising binoculars or pointing a finger can scare off a bird more surely than almost any other action.

Travel slowly: You often will see more by standing or sitting in one spot.

Watch for movement: This means 'hold still'. Look with a wide field rather than focusing on a particular spot.

Follow sounds: Simply listening to sounds will give you a clue to where the birds are in a given area. This will maximize your chances of seeing birds as opposed to wandering around randomly.

You don't have to be up at the "crack of dawn" to see birds, but consider the time of day, temperature, weather conditions, season and extra activities the birds are engaged in (such as feeding young, migrating, molting). Birding activity is often concentrated along areas where landscape changes, therefore a good place to start would be the edge of a lawn, pond, thicket or woods.

Don't forget to anticipate the birds' needs. If it is cold, look in sunny spots; if it is hot, look in shady, cool spots; if it is dry, explore a pool of water. These areas could provide you with easy views for hours.

To see birds you must be constantly alert, watching and listening all around. Remember, where there are birds, life is good!

A DESIGN HERITAGE OF EXCELLENCE

Many critical attributes work in concert to make Garvan Woodland Gardens an outstanding presentation of the wonders of nature. Lake Hamilton provides a spectacular setting and insulates against the infringement of man-made development on its borders. Similarly, the forest, nearing a renewed maturity, provides a natural competence with its unspoiled beauty and maturity.

For the Gardens to be everything Mrs. Garvan envisioned, the next step had to be design; and, that design needed to be a careful fit within the parameters of the goals of the Gardens and the natural state of the forest as it exists. In short, the design of our improvements must complement and enhance the forest as it introduces today's public, and the public of the future, to botanical excellence. With conscious intent, the Gardens has a heritage of design excellence that adds to the miracle of its very existence.

Mrs. Garvan started it (which should be no surprise) with the selection of E. Fay Jones to design the pavilion. Excellence in design is now being recognized as an appropriate description and heritage for Garvan Woodland Gardens. Dr. David Slawson has brought the best in Japanese garden design concepts to the Gardens as he adapted these concepts to fit within the natural beauty of Arkansas' streams and rocks. David French's design of the Welcome Center created a facility that 'fits' rather than one that imposes itself on its location. In addition, Liz Frazier and Merle Seamons have also contributed to the Garden's image as a world-class facility. Others have contributed at the Amphitheater, the Canopy Bridge, Serenity Circle, the Bird Sanctuary, and the Master Plan. All of this has been presided over by Bob Byers, serving in a priest-like role to protect the vision of being Arkansas's world class botanical garden.

To this heritage of design excellence we now add P. Allen Smith, who will design the heart of the Gardens from the Flowering Border to the Rose Garden to the Ellipse. Brent Vinson's initial work on the concepts for the Children's Garden has drawn raves from those who have observed the schematics posted in the Welcome Center.

Design excellence is a mandatory element in the development of the Gardens. While it must be combined with construction expertise, funding, and interpretive efforts in order to reach its potential, it must be at the forefront of our planning. We are blessed to have that heritage and challenged to live up to it.

David Davies
Executive Director



“CAPTURING THE GOLDEN SEASON”

A participating artist's perspective by Jane Lovett Holt

The second annual Garvan Woodland Gardens invitational plein air painting event, entitled “Capturing the Golden Season,” was held September 25-27. The list of participating artists included Jeanette Ahern, Robin Hazard Bishop, Dolores Justus, Carol Katchen, Reita Walker-Miller, Alison Parsons, Gary Simmons, Richard Stephens, John Potoschnik and myself. It was, indeed, an honor and a pleasure for me to participate with this distinguished list of artists. Our three days in the Gardens went a little something like this...

After arranging a display of some of our works in the Welcome Center, we artists headed into the Gardens with easels, paint and palette for our first day of painting. Our choices of location, medium, and style were magically diverse. The artists enjoyed interacting with garden visitors while our paintings were in progress. The weather was perfect. Visitors of all ages found the fall color in the Garden, as well as on the canvas, enchanting. After a full day of painting, we were fed and graciously entertained at the lakeside home of Leon and Betty Millsap.

Day two of the “paint out” found us either in a new location in the Gardens or working hard to complete what we had started the previous day. More people, both new acquaintances and old friends, came by to view what the artists were producing. Gourmet lunches were prepared and creatively served at the Pavilion each day to our group by staff member, Sandy Davies. The meals were fabulous, but it was ‘back to work’ for the painters in order for us to exhibit one new piece for at the Gardens’ Fourth Friday event.

On the final day, we painted passionately to complete additional paintings to display at the artists reception Saturday evening. During the reception, sounds of the Arkansas-Alabama football game could be heard in the background coming from a small, fuzzy television located in a side room that was provided to appease a few diehard Razorback fans. Who says you can’t mix art and football? Numerous paintings sold at the reception with a portion of the proceeds going to the Gardens. The remaining paintings were transported to several downtown Hot Springs galleries as featured works during the October Gallery Walk. Following the reception, the artists were treated to a superb dinner at the home of Mark and Bev Chaddick. It was a lovely end to a productive “paint out.”

The participating artists are anxious to paint the Gardens’ ever-changing setting again in the near future. We extend a “full brush salute” to the Garden staff and Dolores Justus, who artfully arranged the event. The end result is a lasting tribute to the Gardens in their golden season. On behalf of the artists, we thank you.



Artist John Pototschnik, from Wylie, Texas, captures the beauty of the Gardens.

MUMFEST REAPS VISITORS AND PLANT SALE REVENUES

Indian summer days, a hint of color in the leaves, and thousands of chrysanthemums provided a warm and vibrant fall experience for the 2,000 plus visitors attending Garvan Woodland Gardens’ annual Mumfest weekend, October 17-19. The Garden’s scenic, wooded landscape was further enhanced by the addition of rich hues of burgundy, gold, white, yellow, and lavender mums that emitted “ooohs” and “ahhhs” from enchanted passersby. A new dimension was added to this year’s event with the inclusion of a plant and landscape sale that attracted six area nurseries and gardening centers offering a variety of unusual plants, shrubs, and trees for purchase. The vendors represented were: Bennett Brothers Stone, Cricket Hill Farms, Custom Landscape, Garden of Eden, Ouachita Nursery, and Reynolds Greenhouse. Fifteen percent of all sales were donated to the Gardens.

World Cargo, a Hot Springs retail store specializing in teak furniture, provided a display of tables, chairs, and garden benches suitable for patio or deck use. Other plant sale participants were The Hot Springs Daylily Society and the Garland County Master Gardeners who offered help and guidance to gardening enthusiasts with questions or problems. Several governmental organizations, such as the Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Soil & Water Conservation Commission, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality provided educational literature to visitors and a forum to discuss numerous environmental issues.

David Slawson, a nationally recognized Japanese garden designer, presented a seminar Saturday, October 17, entitled “Designing With Nature – My Three Sources of Inspiration.” Following the presentation, Slawson conducted a tour of the Garden of the Pine Wind, one of Slawson’s most ambitious creations and a Garden favorite. Additional activities during Mumfest weekend were educational seminars presented by: Kathrine Lyons, a butterfly expert; Theo Witsell, who discussed rare and native plants in Arkansas; Don Crank gave a brief talk about ferns; Carl Slaughter presented a program about wild orchids; and, Jeanie Wilson and Loretta Walker discussed how to grow herbs and their use for medicinal purposes.

According to Garden Director, Bob Byers, the plant and landscape sale was a huge success, especially for a first time effort and will become a permanent fall event at Garvan Woodland Gardens.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

You obviously love and appreciate the Gardens or you would never have become a member. You want to see the Gardens grow, prosper, and become a premiere destination point within our state. You may have even thought, “What more can I do to help the Gardens succeed?” The following is a list of creative ideas with little out of pocket expense that will help the Gardens grow and have you or a loved one remembered within this special place.

Gifts or Memorials for less than \$5,000: Special trees or shrubs may be named for a \$1,000 donation. Teak or metal benches along the trails may be named for \$1,500. A rock bench placed by Japanese Garden designer David Slawson may be named for \$5,000. Special event sponsorships or a golf cart sponsorship may be named for \$5,000. You may even want to fund an intern here at the Gardens and have the internship named for \$2,500.

A Gift Annuity: Gift annuities may be for any amount with interest paid to you for life based upon your age. Interest on a gift annuity may range as high as 12%, also dependent upon your present age. In addition, a gift annuity may be made jointly with interest paid to a surviving spouse for life.

Life Insurance Policies: You may consider a donation to the Gardens of a “paid in full” policy with a charitable contribution roughly equal to the cash value of the policy. Or, a current policy may designate the Gardens as beneficiary, and, in many cases, you could then take a charitable contribution for your premium payment. (Check with your tax advisor or attorney to see if a policy would qualify).

Personal Property: Perhaps you have a collection of coins, art, antiques or other personal property of value that you would like to donate. You may donate that property to the Gardens for sale and receive a tax deduction based upon appraised value. The proceeds would then be used to help the Gardens grow. (Again, seek the advice of your tax advisor or attorney).

Real Estate: Many people have real estate for which there is no longer any need. With a current certified appraisal, the property may be donated to the Gardens for sale. The donor again receives a charitable deduction and the Gardens receive a nice gift to further its vision.

The interesting fact about the above-mentioned options, or for that matter, any major donation made to the Gardens is this: the value of your donation actually doubles if made in the next few months. The Walton family of Bentonville, Arkansas has given the University of Arkansas a challenge gift of \$300 million dollars. Any funds raised privately for the Gardens or the University will be matched by the Walton family effectively doubling the impact of your gift. Now, when you help the Gardens, you are also providing a quality education to Arkansas students who attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Both the Gardens and the students score a big win when you make your donation.

Call me today for further information regarding these creative giving options, and I will be glad to assist.

-Bob Bledsoe
Director of Development

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JOHN CARTER

Ask John Carter any question about the Gardens. If, by some chance, he doesn’t know, he will find out. John is extremely knowledgeable about every aspect of the Gardens including the history, plants, our future plans, and even the names of the koi! What can you expect from a person who has logged over 100 volunteer hours this year alone? With his charming people skills, polished by working in personnel everywhere from Osceola to Chicago, John is the perfect Garden host. When he isn’t giving one of his enjoyable golf cart tours, John is always waiting by the door to greet visitors and send them down the trails with a smile. We are proud John has chosen to spend his free time at the Gardens. John has two sons, three step-children and one grandchild. After moving from Cherokee Village, John now calls Hot Springs home.

SUSAN HARPER

Some people may not know Susan by her name, but they recognize the lady wearing the frog shoes who loves to drive golf carts. Susan’s zeal and love for the Gardens is evident every time she walks through the door. During this busy year, Susan’s help has been invaluable. She has volunteered for countless special events, assisted in interviewing students for the AmeriCorps scholarships, and has logged many volunteer hours behind the wheel of her main love – the golf cart. Her enthusiasm for volunteer work doesn’t end at the Gardens. As a Rotary member, she sponsors the youth Rotary program ‘Interact’ at the Arkansas School for Math and Sciences. Her job as a long-term health specialist for CNA Insurance keeps her traveling all over the country, but her heart is in the Hot Springs community. When she is not on the road, she is actively involved in the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival. Susan and her husband, Charles, have two children, Hamilton “Spike” and Leslie and live in Hot Springs.

JANIE TURNER

As the first Garvan Woodland Gardens Volunteer Coordinator, Janie knows more than a little about volunteer work. Since she moved to Arkansas 4 1/2 years ago, Janie has been an active volunteer serving as a digger, working in the gift shop and doing anything else that is needed. With volunteering and gardening in her blood, it is not surprising that she is the current President-elect of the local Master Gardener’s organization. In addition to adding beauty to the Gardens, Janie works as a Mary Kay beauty consultant. Health problems have kept Janie out of the Gardens recently, but we are thrilled she is back with us and hope to see her digging soon. Janie and her husband reside in Hot Springs Village. They have six children and seven grandchildren.

MARY SUE WHITELAW

Many of you knew Mary Sue Whitelaw as a staff member before she accepted a job in Little Rock, closer to her home. However, only a few know that Mary Sue edited, on a volunteer basis, the winter 2002 and the spring, summer and fall 2003 editions of *Garden Leaves*. Now that the Gardens’ staff has grown, this editorial function will be done “in house” once again. Mary Sue, always a trooper, helped the Garden through a time of great need.

She and her husband, Ernest, both serve as Garden volunteers. Mary Sue serves as the chairperson for RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) at the Holy Souls Catholic Church and both she and Ernest are care partners within that organization. Her family says Mary Sue does so much for so many people, it is hard to list her numerous involvements. She and Ernest have seven children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, who they try their best to spoil. Mary Sue’s hobbies include gardening, scrap booking, shopping, decorating and spending time with her family and golden retriever, Buddy. We have been privileged to have such a talented and wonderful person work for the Garden and return as a volunteer.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Please check the website, your local paper or call the office for further updated information.
501/262-9300 or 800/366-4664

DECEMBER

Dec. 1-31
Garden opens at 12 Noon.

Holiday Lights Display
5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission-\$5.00 adults; \$3.00 ages 6 to 12; under age 5-Free.

Dec. 24
Christmas Eve—Garden closes at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 25
Christmas Day—Garden closed.

Dec. 31
New Year's Eve—Garden closes at 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY

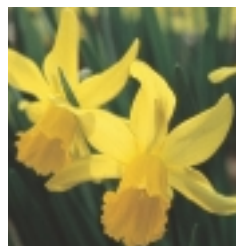
Jan. 1
New Year's Day—Garden Closed.

Jan. 2 - 31
Winter hours begin—open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

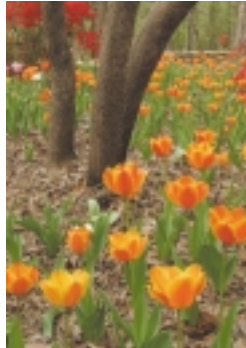
Feb. 1-31
Lake Hamilton High School Art Exhibit - Magnolia Room.

Feb. 22-29
Daffodil Days—Over 325 varieties and thousands of daffodils will be in bloom in the Garden.



MARCH

Mar. 1-13
Daffodil Days continue in the Garden.



Mar. 20-31
Tulip Extravaganza—The Gardens will be illuminated with color showcasing over 56,000 tulips in bloom.

APRIL

Apr. 1-4
Tulip Extravaganza continues.

Apr. 2
Hot Springs Grow & Show Garden Club - Flower arranging. Magnolia Room. Private.

Apr. 3
Antique Boat Show—GWS Boat Dock. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over a dozen antique wooden boats will be on display; some valued at over \$150,000. Boat owners will gather for a private dinner. Magnolia Room.

Apr. 6-8
Plein Air Painting Event—Observe professional artists at work as they capture images of the Garden on canvas.

Apr. 8
Plein Air Painting Reception—Preview of art created during the three day outdoor painting event. 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Details to follow. Open to the public.

Apr. 11
Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Details to follow. Refreshments served.

Apr. 17
U of A School of Architecture Design Symposium—Details to follow. Magnolia Room. Open to the public. Registration required.



BOUQUETS of THANKS TO:

Harry and Kathy Childs of Garden of Eden Nursery for donating 6 Japanese maples to the Garden of the Pine Wind.

Bette Stoelzing for donating a Japanese cedar and umbrella pine.

Special thanks to all the organizations and individuals who contributed their time and expertise to our first Plant Sale. Their participation added greatly to its success.

Educational Booths & Materials:
Arkansas Forestry Commission – **John Slater**
Arkansas Soil & Water Conservation Commission – **George Greene**
Department of Environmental Quality – **Robert Hunter**
Daylily Society of Hot Springs
Garland County Master Gardeners
Wild Bird Center of Hot Springs

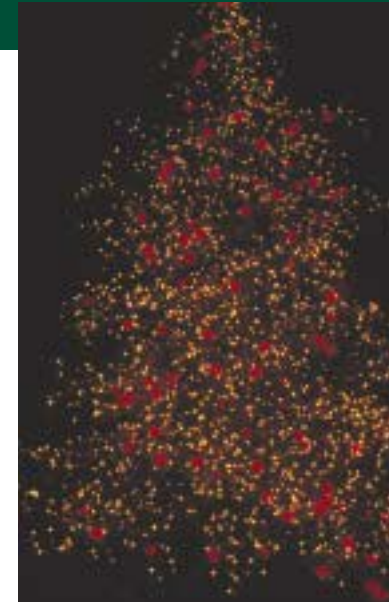
Educational Speakers:
Jeannie Wilson - Olde Columbus Herb Farm – “Growing & Using Herbs”
Loretta Walker - Herb ‘N League – “Medicinal Herbs”
Kathrine Lyons – “Butterflies”
Theo Witsell – AR Natural Heritage Commission – “Rare Native Plants”
Don Crank – “Ferns of Garvan Woodland Gardens”
Carl Slaughter – “Wild Orchids”

Micki Rucinski, Doris & Cecil Jones, the Lakeside Key Club and all the other Holiday Lights volunteers for countless hours of work.

Thanks to **Dolores Justus** for organizing the Plein Air Paint-Out, which was a tremendous success

Isabel Anthony for preparing the Gift Shop for the members' shopping preview and for setting up the E. Fay Jones Exhibit in the Welcome Center.

A.G. Edwards for sponsoring refreshments during the Holiday Lights Display.



display will expand to the bulb meadow this year, with a forest of holiday trees. There will be hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows for visitors' enjoyment. We hope you'll come out frequently and enjoy the show!

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

Candy canes on parade, a 45-foot holiday tree, and graceful swans will be coming to the Gardens this year. It's the Season of Enchantment, this year's holiday light show. Building on the outstanding results of the previous two years' displays, this third season will be the best yet! We've learned a lot about how to do these electrical ballets from some of the best in the business, and it's really going to be apparent this year.

With an even more skillful crew, some truly dedicated volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and Key Club students, the Gardens will glow with 750,000 lights for your enjoyment this year. The tranquil blue and white reflections and beautifully illuminated cedars will return to the Garden of the Pine Wind. The Gingerbread House and Sugar Plum candies will whet your appetite in the Flowering Border, and we'll have the Pavilion glowing with white lights cascading through the center of a green and white 'tree'. The



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

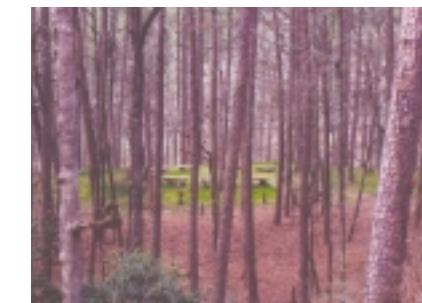
The long wait is finally over for the first Garvan Woodland Gardens Photography Contest. We received over 60 photographs from our members showcasing the beauty of the Gardens in each season. It was a trial to decide among all the beautiful shots, so we decided to pick our top five photos instead of the top three. We are proud to have such talented photographers as members of the Gardens.



1st Place (pictured left) - Paul T. Brown, Little Rock



2nd Place (pictured above) - Ellie Elsenheimer, Hot Springs Village



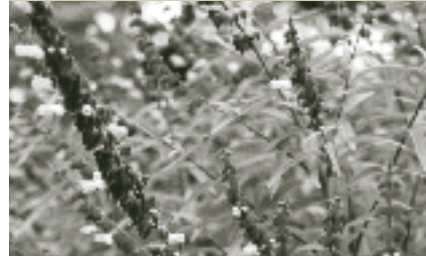
3rd Place - Randall D. Wright
Arkadelphia



4th Place - Heidi Haskins
Malvern



5th Place - Don Fry
Hot Springs Village



2003 Annual Fund

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