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Karen Bash & Tracie Eddings gathered with hundreds of other runners on the plaza prior to the start of the 2nd Annual Dirt Dash.

Servis1st Bank presented the Dirt Dash 5K Fun Run/Family Walk at Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Saturday, November 16. More than 250 serious runners and casual walkers ran the scenic trails of Alabama’s most visited free attraction while supporting its educational mission. Funds raised benefit educational programs at The Gardens including its flagship, Discovery Field Trips, which has provided a free, curriculum-based science education to nearly 100,000 Birmingham children over the last decade and is now expanding to include middle school children.

The second annual Dirt Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk was presented by Servis1st Bank and sponsored in part by Therapy South; Shock Energy Drink; HealthSpring; Maynard, Cooper and Gale, P.C.; Cabot; Bud’s Best Cookies and The Trak Shack.

Learn more about Dirt Dash at www.bbgardens.org/funrun.
Dear Friends:

With the new year upon us, I want to pause a moment and thank all of our many supporters who made last year such a success. After an unprecedented spate of fall activities, we hardly have time to catch our breath before we start to celebrate our 50th anniversary in grand style. Each of our 2014 events will have a “golden” hue as we look back to remember our past, and as we look ahead to our bright future.

Please join us for a different kind of Annual Members’ Celebration on January 23 as we unveil plans that will make The Gardens more beautiful, more educational and more sustainable in the years to come. Mark your calendars to learn more about our “Top Ten” priorities and how you can support them. From our entrance, to the plaza, and from the Japanese Gardens to the Conservatory, these exciting projects have the power to be truly transformative.

Join us again on February 27 for a look back with Dr. Richard Lighty, an early proponent of and a consultant for a botanical garden in Birmingham. Dr. Lighty will recollect our humble beginnings and set our sights on what the next 50 years may have in store for botanical gardens around the country. This will be an extraordinary opportunity to hear from someone who was here at the beginning – actually before the beginning! See the rest of this issue for details about these informative and entertaining evenings.

And since we’re entering the coldest months in our year, you might think The Gardens are sleeping quietly. You’d be wrong – so come on out and enjoy what is generally a less-crowded time here. Look closely in the Kaul Wildflower Garden for subtle signs of new life, and in the Hess Camellia Garden for its not-so-faint namesakes. I always look forward to this time of year as I love the changing of the seasons and the architecture of bare trees. Bare gardens are also interesting; stripped of much of their leafy adornment they speak the language of design at its most essential. With luck, a light dusting of snow will help draw the picture and highlight the compositional forms, patterns and lines.

See you in The Gardens (and don’t forget to wear a warm hat),

Fred Spicer
Executive Director & CEO

Birmingham Botanical Gardens begins yearlong celebration of its 50th Anniversary

This year, Birmingham Botanical Gardens will kick off a yearlong celebration of its 50th Anniversary. In December of 1962, The Gardens opened the Conservatory, and in October of 1964, the non-profit Birmingham Botanical Society (now known as Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens) was formed. This organization oversees strategic, physical and living collections development, provides administrative, operational and garden maintenance support, and raises funds for capital projects, and education, library, membership, volunteer and other public programs. In close partnership since the start, Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the City of Birmingham have chosen to commemorate the first 50 years of The Gardens during the year which connects the two.

Throughout 2014, special events will be held, each with a theme to celebrate the past 50 years. More information about these celebrations will be provided as each nears, but The Gardens chose to first greet the year with its volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on December 5. Without their selfless dedication, The Gardens could not have provided nearly 100,000 Birmingham schoolchildren with a free, curriculum-based science education over the last decade.
Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Director of Development, Jean Frey.

Ms. Frey joins The Gardens with broad and vast experience in a range of non-profit fund development activities. She worked for several years at the Florida State University Foundation where she oversaw the Presidents Club, donor relations and stewardship programs. She also served as CEO and Campaign Director of The Florida Center, a start-up nonprofit and public-private partnership, formed to create a performing arts center in Tallahassee, Florida, her home town. Jean has shared her expertise, especially campaign planning and direction, major, annual and planned giving, and corporate and foundation relations, with a number of organizations during her years as a consultant with CCS Fundraising and Kintera/Blackbaud.

“We’re very excited about Jean coming on board in time for The Gardens’ 50th anniversary, which begins this December,” said Executive Director/CEO Fred Spicer. Frey added, “It’s a really great time to come to one of Birmingham’s most treasured institutions, and I’m eager to meet its many generous supporters.”

Thank You Redmont Neighborhood Association!

*Hope Long, director of library*

When I started my career at The Gardens ten years ago, Fred Spicer stepped into my office and said, “By the way, your book budget for next year is $3,500.” Of course, my first question was who gave us this money? The answer: Redmont Neighborhood Association. The next year when I went back to request the grant again they said, “No, we don’t want to give you $3,500, we want to give you $4,000.” And from there it went up to $5,000. In my ten years at The Gardens’ Library, the Redmont Neighborhood Association has donated a total of $32,500 for us to purchase books, DVDs, audio books and other circulating items. I feel so fortunate to be a part of a neighborhood that cares so much about books and Libraries. I have made new friends, too, Cathy Adams and Babs Simpson, and found old friends, Steve Morros and Lee Morrison. So, to all the residents of Redmont, thank you! We will never be able to thank you enough for your continued support of our Library. Please come by next time you are at The Gardens and visit the library collection you helped build.

The Library is open Monday - Friday from 9 - 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 - 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 - 5 p.m.

Learn more about The Library at www.bbgardens.org/library.
The Rotary Club of Shades Valley has generously funded a seventh consecutive annual summer internship at The Gardens for a full-time college student or recent graduate. The purpose is for the interns to learn skills in applied public horticulture and for The Gardens to benefit from a motivated and educated staff member.

Preference will be given to students who have declared majors in biology, ecology, plant science, environmental science, horticulture, landscape design and landscape architecture. Candidates are required to be rising college juniors, seniors or college graduates within the last year and to be residents of Alabama or to be attending colleges or universities in Alabama. The program will begin in the last two weeks of May, 2014, depending on the availability of the intern, and will last for 12 weeks.

The intern will rotate among the various gardens, departments and staff. Time will be provided each week to instruct the intern in modern methods of botanical garden management including: horticulture, greenhouse production, planting, grounds maintenance, pest management, arboriculture, curatorial aspects of plant collections, display design, library and archives, marketing, membership, development, public relations, education and visitor programs.

For more information, please contact Henry Hughes, director of education, at 205.414.3951 or hhughes@bbgardens.org.

You can also visit our website at www.bbgardens.org/education.

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Visit www.bbgardens.org/benefits to learn more about your benefits. Your thank you letter that included your membership card at the time you joined or renewed is considered your tax receipt. If you need a replacement letter please contact Rona Walters, membership assistant, at 205.414.3950 or rwalters@bbgardens.org.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Taylor Steele, volunteer coordinator

Remembering Ralph Johnston-
A Man who loved Ferns

Ralph Johnston, a long-time volunteer and member of the Birmingham Fern Society, passed away in October. Ralph rarely missed a Wednesday morning work session at The Gardens. Even after a full morning of labor in the Fern Glade, Ralph would still make time to stop by our offices to say hello to everyone, and he’d usually offer a good story.

Ralph and his wife Sarah chaired the fern booth for over a decade for The Gardens’ Spring Plant Sale. Ralph was an educator to all who spent time around him and his knowledge and expertise on ferns was always shared with The Gardens volunteers, staff and members of the Birmingham Fern Society. Ralph always remained true to the basic goals and purpose of his volunteer work in the Fern Glade and to what was necessary to have success in selling ferns during the plant sales. Ralph always knew what ferns to order, how many of each type and what sold best based on his years of impeccable record keeping. Ralph ran the fern booth like a well-oiled machine, recalling his days as an engineer.

Ralph’s time, effort and devotion to The Gardens over the years was a major factor in helping maintain the beauty and productivity of the Fern Glade. His knowledge and expertise of growing and landscaping with ferns is and will always be highly respected throughout the state.

Ralph Johnston was a volunteer, a teacher, a leader and a friend to all. He will be missed.

To learn more about how you can join the Birmingham Fern Society or other volunteer opportunities at The Gardens, contact Volunteer Coordinator Taylor Steele at tsteele@bbgardens.org or 205.414.3962.
Join us in The Library at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss a fun book pertaining to gardening, plants or the environment. Contact Director of Library Services Hope Long at 205.414.3931 or hlong@bbgardens.org for more information or to get involved.

**Thyme to Read**

- **January 7:** 
  *Heat: An Amateur’s Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook Pasta-Maker and Apprentice to a Dante-Quoting Butcher in Tuscany* by Bill Buford

- **February 4:** 
  *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert

**Thermopsis Laxa**

Tutwiler spleenwort, *Asplenium tutwilerae*
Good Things Growing... In The Gardens
Fred Spicer, executive director & CEO

How many native African plants are in your garden? The answer from most gardeners would be “none,” or more probably, “I don’t know.” But many Birmingham gardeners grow common box, *Buxus sempervirens*, which has wide nativity through southern and western Europe into southwest Asia in Turkey, and across northern Africa, too. Still, you’d be hard-pressed to find another African plant at home in central Alabama, especially a winter-bloomer. That is, unless you grow *Iris unguicularis*, Algerian iris. Found in Algeria and Tunisia in Africa, and through Greece and into Turkey and western Syria, this little-known but easy to grow iris lights up the winter garden with its fragrant blue (blue-purple) flowers.

These are borne amidst the foliage (right), not standing proud and tall like so many of its relatives. Seeds form from ovaries at the base of the long floral “stems,” technically perianth tubes, which is a unusual location. The low-slung blooms and ground-level seeds are both dodges against cold weather, Algerian iris’ normal flowering time. Ours here at The Gardens may begin blooming in late October and usually continue sporadically through early March, occurring the heaviest during warm-ups.

The mostly Mediterranean homeland of *Iris unguicularis* consists of gravelly and well-drained soils a little on the sweet side. In cultivation, pH does not seem to make a difference but excellent drainage does and plants will quickly rot in less than suitable soils. This plant prefers lots of sunlight in winter, but a little shade in the afternoon in summer is ideal. Windy sites will tatter the delicate flowers. The 24-30” long leathery, strap-like leaves (right) are evergreen (pick off dead leaves now and then) and the stout rhizomes generally spread rather slowly. Division, if desired, should be accomplished in early fall, after which root growth can be hastened with fertilization and watering. Do not divide at any other time. No other care or watering is required on established plants. Indeed, they are tough little customers in the right location, with a surprisingly delicate side when in bloom. Several cultivars are available in the trade including ‘Pumila’, compact with darker (more purple) flowers and grass-like leaves (left), and white selections.

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**GARDENING “TIPS” CALENDAR**

**January**

- **SHRUBS** -- Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrowleaf, and deciduous. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.
- **LAWNS** -- Soil test before setting up fertility program.
- **ROSES** -- Start planting.
- **ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS-Plant** hardy annuals.
- **BULBS**-Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.
- **Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely Cut them back lightly Keep in a temperature of 55 to 60 °**.
- **VEGETABLE PLANTS-Set out cabbage plants.**

**February**

- **SHRUBS**-Planting season continues. Visit camellia shows to learn of hardy varieties in your area. Graft camellias in Central Alabama. Spray all shrubs with a fungicide before new growth starts.
- **ROSES**- Continue planting.
- **ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS- Prepare** beds for summer annuals.
- **MISCELLANEOUS- Fertilize** houseplants with liquid or soluble fertilizer according to manufacturer’s directions.
- **VEGETABLE SEED-Plant** some vegetables listed for January in Central Alabama plus collards, salsify, and Swiss chard. Add tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts to coldframes.
- **VEGETABLE PLANTS-Plant cabbage, onions,** lettuce, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

For more information, see www.aces.edu or call the Plant Hotline at 800.644.4458.
On Wednesday, September 11, Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens staff members joined Hands On Birmingham for the 50 Years Forward Empowerment Week Day of Service. In 1963, segregation laws made it illegal for blacks and whites to gather in Birmingham’s public parks. Such laws were later repealed, making it possible for people of all races to publicly gather without fear of arrest. This Day of Service was a reminder of that progress.

The group planted 147 trees across Birmingham’s parks, including Clairmont Walking Trail, pictured below. Most of the trees in the city’s parks are in decline because many are more than 200 years old and are not replacing themselves. They are native, not commercially available trees, that are a part of Birmingham’s history and legacy. The Gardens became involved with the project which culminated on Wednesday, five years ago when The Little Garden Club and Red Mountain Garden Club approached The Gardens with the idea of collecting seeds from the decaying trees in Birmingham Parks and reforesting them. Gary Burley, a member of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Education Committee and board of directors, knew of this effort and connected Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. with the group, allowing the two entities a noble platform to combine their efforts.

Other visits included a trip to Pratt City, a community still recovering from the tornadoes of April 27, 2011, and The Gardens has been involved with reforestation efforts at George Ward Park for the duration of the same project. Efforts will continue for several years, as The Gardens works with Birmingham Parks and Recreation.

The saplings used in the reforestation project have been grown from seeds collected by The Gardens from some of the oldest and largest trees in Birmingham. These local trees impart a unique character to our neighborhoods and parks, much as the architecture does. Blackjack oak, post oak and other select species from the black oak and white oak groups are not commercially available. In planting these particular tree species, The Gardens recognizes their continuing value in Birmingham’s unique cultural landscape. These progeny of ancient native trees are ecologically and historically the most important to Birmingham and are better adapted than any other species to growing long into the future.

To learn more about The Gardens’ reforestation project contact Director of Education Henry Hughes at 205.414.3951 or hhughes@bbgardens.org.
Discovery Field Trips Launches First Program for Middle School Students

by Ellen Hardy, education program coordinator

In November, Birmingham Botanical Gardens welcomed Highlands School sixth graders and students from Bessemer’s gifted program to become the first middle schools to participate in the first Discovery Field Trip designed for middle school students. Over the last decade, Discovery Field Trips have offered free, science-based programming for almost 100,000 kindergarten-sixth grade students.

Plants: Inside Out paves a pathway for students to discover photosynthesis through three hands-on science labs. Labs include making slides from leaves to view stomata with field microscopes, using technology to measure carbon dioxide, and discovering why leaves change color. Post field trip, they can use their new discoveries to design their own ideas for renewable energy, similar to scientists in the real world.

A student from Highlands said, “Out of all my experiences, I’ve learned the most in this field trip. I really had a great time.” Highlands Science Teacher Sam Kindervater said, “Great intro or wrap-up for a plant unit.” The “hands-on components and outside activities” were what they enjoyed most. Bessemer Gifted Teacher Daphne Shade stated, “The labs were very informational and interesting. The students really enjoyed the experience.”

Plants: Inside Out will get into full swing this spring. Docents are needed, and teachers are invited to begin signing up their classes now free of transportation costs. For more information on scheduling your class for a field trip, contact Education Coordinator Ellen Hardy at 205.414.3953 or ehardy@bbgardens.org. For more information on volunteering for the program, contact Volunteer Coordinator Taylor Steele at 205.414.3962 or tsteele@bbgardens.org.

adult&family classes

To register visit www.bbgardens.org/classes or call 205.414.3950.

Yoga In The Gardens
Instructor: Suzanne Graham
Every Wednesday | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens - East Room
$72 Yoga Six Class Series
$15 Single Class
The 16th annual Spencer Lecture will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Linn-Henley Lecture Hall, it will feature a reception prior to the evening lecture from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

This free annual event brings noted botanist David Price to Birmingham Botanical Gardens for an intriguing talk titled “A Sense of Place: Bok Tower Gardens.”

As Bok Tower Gardens celebrates its 85th anniversary, this Olmsted designed garden and National Historic Landmark looks to its past and present to vision the future. Sited on Lake Wales Ridge, the Garden is surrounded by rolling hills of citrus, expanses of nature preserves and some of the rarest plant habitat in North America. David Price, President of the Bok Tower Foundation will talk on ongoing historic preservation efforts as well as the Gardens’ rare plant conservation program.

Price has worked in the public garden field since 1984. Growing up in Charleston, S.C., he developed a love for art, history, nature and gardens. He is a graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in Botany. His interest led him to a career in public horticulture. For 20 years, he was Director of Horticulture at Bok Tower Gardens where he oversaw the horticulture and conservation programs. In 2007 he was appointed President of the Bok Tower Gardens Foundation. He is an accomplished photographer of nature and gardens of the US and Europe. He recently co-authored Bok Tower Gardens - America’s Taj Mahal published by Rizzoli Press.

The Spencer Lecture Series is made possible by the Virginia Beeland Spencer Lecture Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. The fund was started by the late Williams M. Spencer, III in honor of his wife, the late Virginia Beeland Spencer.

Visit www.bbgardens.org/spencerlecture or call 205.414.3950 for more information and to register.
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Birmingham Fern Society in memory of Ralph Johnston
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Library Staff – in memory of William Claud Ingram (Sybil’s husband)

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Dirt Dash, presented by ServisFirst
On October 29, Mr. Kazunori Tago (pictured below, center) visited The Gardens on behalf of the Birmingham Friendship City of Maebashi, Japan. The trip commemorated the 20th year since his design of the 16th-century Sukiya-style Japanese Tea House, one of fewer than a dozen such tea houses in the United States, made completely of materials brought from Japan and using only traditional tools and techniques.
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50th Anniversary Celebration Schedule

Thursday, January 23, 2014 • Annual Members Celebration
A cocktail reception in honor of our members and a preview of our Top Ten projects for the future.

Thursday, February 27, 2014 • Celebrating Our Roots
An evening for celebrating the past board, ladies auxiliary and donors that made us what we are today. The highlight of the night is a special talk by Dr. Richard Lighty, who was originally consulted about creating a botanical garden in Birmingham in the early 60’s.

Thursday, March 6, 2014 • Spencer Lecture
Featuring speaker David Price, Director of Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, Florida

April 10-13, 2014 • Spring Plant Sale
Signature Plants will be a variety of “golden” plants. Each plant booth has been asked to pick a special 50th anniversary plant to offer. The Members’ Preview will feature food, decorations, and a free Signature Plant. The first fifty people at the door Friday morning will receive a Signature Plant.

Friday, May 16, 2014 • Flicks Amongst the Flowers
A classic movie will be shown on our Formal Garden lawn at dusk.

October 2-5, 2014 • Antiques at The Gardens
The 50th celebration will conclude with fireworks and fanfare at the Antiques at The Gardens show.

October 18 and 19, 2014 • Fall Plant Sale

November 15, 2014 • Dirt Dash Fun Run

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