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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer may have only officially begun on the 21st day of June, but you'd be hard pressed to convince anybody at Goodell Gardens. Torrid heat punctuated by perfectly-timed rains throughout the whole of May, June and July have accelerated the growing season to a degree I'm not sure I've seen before. Not coincidentally, Mother Nature's rapid pace has been trumped only by the intensive progress of the Board, staff, members, volunteers and visitors who are collectively cultivating Goodell Gardens. Innumerable and continual improvements have been made at the Gardens across the full spectrum of its mission since the spring edition of the newsletter. The Heritage Garden itself, along with its central architectural feature, Carrie's Cabin, has undergone extraordinary changes in the past many weeks: brand-new lawns are now lush and green, new pathways are in place and groomed to perfection, new plantings of perennials abound, the addition of many potted annuals grace the Gardens the with much color and texture, and new benches have been carefully positioned in quaint little 'sitting nooks.' I daresay the Heritage Garden and Carrie's Cabin have not been so functional and inviting since their opening to the public in 2004. Moreover, with the new lighting and electrical systems installed in the performance barn and

freshly-planted rows of trees shadowing the new circular drive, the stage is set to extend Goodell's qualities of hard work, controlled, well-thought-out development and exemplary maintenance into the proposed events lawns and gardens surrounding the performance barn.

Also indicative of the high standard of quality emulated by the Gardens through its mission is the development and delivery of cultural programming in a fun, educational and multifaceted format. All those involved (and there have come to be a good many!), have produced the best complement of programming yet at the Gardens. From collaborations with the County YMCA, the Downtown Edinboro Art & Music Festival, various student groups at Edinboro University and General McLane High School, many of the regional garden clubs, Discover ERIE's Passport Project, to the brand-new Farmers' Market, to the continually-developing educational workshops and music series, there is more than ever to do at the Gardens in 2010. Partnerships, collaborations and associations have proven vital to the latest and greatest developmental level at the Gardens, and no stone seems to have been left unturned. The Gardens has been working collaboratively within the economic fabric of the community, partnering both for-profit and non-profit entities alike, to

deliver the very highest quality of cultural programming currently possible. The community has, thus, embraced the Gardens in such a way that together we are beginning to hit right at the core of our mission with more force, speed, accuracy and effectiveness than ever before. I'd like to think that the significant increase in attendance in 2010 is a reflection of the aforementioned and synergistic embrace, as are the increases in membership numbers, general operating support, program contributions and donations.

It is a fact that despite these tough economic times more people in the community are making more and better use of the ever-expanding educational programs, cultural presentations and beautiful botanical displays at the Gardens. Because of this fact, I know that the reciprocal growth of a significant regional asset is healthy and at hand: we are the community, and the community is us. I am proud of Goodell Gardens and the community of people whom it serves; the very people who create and define it.

Dana A. Atwood
Executive Director

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BRING NEW PROGRAMS

This season has found Goodell Gardens forming partnerships with many other community organizations. Our newest connection began on the Summer Solstice, June 20, as we be-



YMCA Yoga class doing their best "Downward Dog"

came a site for holistic YMCA classes of Meditation, Yoga, and Pilates. Craig Latimer, County YMCA Director, initiated this idea after a tour of the Gardens inspired him to offer classes at the Gardens for a "one-of-a-kind experience." Yoga instructor Mary Dugan loves teaching here on Wednesday and Friday mornings, saying, "doing Yoga outside puts you in a different frame of mind. You are truly one with Nature." Julie Fedders, a regular YMCA yoga student, remarked after class, "This is a wonderful partnership between two great entities in our community." The classes will run for ten weeks, with the possible addition of Tai Chi later in the summer. Contact the YMCA at 814-734-5700 for class details.

Another partnership is the popular "Tuesdays with Lori," a kids' sing-a-long program led by well-known local folksinger Lori Burke. After having performed in the Goodell Event Barn herself, Lori decided it would be a perfect place for her kids' program due to its of-

fering lots of singing space, green grass for running, and a shady garden for the kids and their families. Lori says, "It's been my pleasure to share my music with the children and parents of our community. In fact, I think it is essential that we all share our talents." Every Tuesday about 25 adults & 30 kids sing from 11:00 AM until lunch time. This program will continue until August 17 and Lori asks for a weekly donation of \$3.00 per child, generously donating about 20% to Goodell Gardens.

This April's Arbor Day saw a new addition to our cooperative efforts. For the first time, our annual Arbor Day Tree Planting included General McLane High School students involved



Students help plant Sugar Maples on Arbor Day

with the Experience Academy learning group. Sixteen students were paired with a partner to plant eight sugar maple trees along our new exit driveway. Special thanks goes to group advisors Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Kemp for making this association happen. The remaining eight maple trees were planted with the help of EUP student group, S.E.E.D., who have been partners in our Arbor Day efforts since 2008. All these students

can literally watch their contribution to Goodell Gardens grow!

A local alliance that continued to grow this season was one with the Edinboro Art & Music Festival in mid-May. In this second year of collaboration, Goodell Gardens hosted an Artist Tent which held ten regional artists in



The Artist Tent was a welcome addition to the Edinboro Art & Music Festival

addition to two days of musical acts. With the leadership of Edinboro gallery owners Fred Parker and Heidi Strausser this partnership brought over 900 people into the gardens over the festival weekend.

This artistic connection will continue throughout the summer as Cat-WaterWho Gallery presents monthly art and photography shows in Carries' Cabin. These rotating exhibits have garden themes, such as "Farms & Barns", "Flower Gardens", "Wildflowers & Butterflies" and "Fall Harvest", which correspond nicely with our Tea Time Talks educational programming (check our web site for beginning and end dates).

We at the gardens appreciate all these new and continuing partnerships and look forward to the further expansion our community involvement in the future.

PASSPORT PROGRAM ALLOWS LOCAL STUDENTS TO TRAVEL THROUGH HISTORY

Goodell Gardens is excited participate in Erie Yesterday's Passport Project for 2010. Erie Yesterday is a consortium of historically related organizations that proudly exhibits the general and specific history of Erie County, Pennsylvania. As part of this project, more than 4,500 "passports" were distributed to 4th-grade students in public and private schools in Erie County. The passport booklet contains a description of each participating historical society or museum and is valid for free admission for one adult and one child, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. While visiting a site, students have their passport marked by a site-specific rubber stamp. Students are encouraged to submit completed passports to win prizes in a special drawing in September.

We've stamped quite a few passports so far this season and are proud to participate in this program that helps bring the history of Erie County to life for area students.

NEW FARMERS MARKET MAKES ITS DEBUT AT THE GARDENS

July 7th marked the opening of Goodell Gardens' new Farmers Market, which is open from 3:00-6:00 p.m. each Wednesday, now through September 22, 2010. This seasonal Market will provide the residents of Edinboro and the surrounding communities with access to fresh, locally-grown produce and other products like maple syrup, hydroponic tomatoes and grass-fed beef.

The Gardens decided to hold the Market on Wednesday afternoon so that it wouldn't compete with other weekend markets, and so that people could stop in on their way home from work.

"The mission of our Farmers Market is to provide the Edinboro community with locally-grown, fresh,

high-quality produce and other farm products and to educate consumers about the benefits of preserving local agriculture," says Educational Coordinator Heather Zimmerman, who also serves as the Market Manager. "I think many people in the area have missed having a market in Edinboro and we are hoping that community members will take this opportunity to support local farmers by buying local food."

Vendors for this inaugural season include Hurry Hill Farm (maple products), Skelton Farm

(grass-fed, Piedmontese beef and alpaca wool), Honeycutt Nursery (annuals and perennials), B & R Greenhouse (perennials and produce), Hunter Farms (blueberries and handmade soaps), Windover Farms (perennials, berries and produce) and Rick Walker Farms (hydroponic tomatoes and cucumbers) with more to come in the following weeks.



Shoppers look over the offerings of Market vendor Windover Farms

Join us and help support both the Gardens and your local farmers!

NEW HERITAGE GARDEN FEATURES

If you haven't visited the Gardens yet this season, you've missed all the wonderful changes that have taken place! Here are just a few:



A beautiful new arbor welcomes visitors into the Gardens.



New, and improved, pathways create a nice flow through the Gardens.



Carrie's Cabin now has a lovely "front" entrance, complete with new plantings, flower boxes and bench.



Stone steps and a newly-leveled lawn provide an attractive multi-purpose area (see also yoga picture on page 2).

A FEW WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The Gardens would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for their contributions and high level of community support they provide. From operational support to unrestricted gifts to in-kind contributions, the following are deserved of recognition:

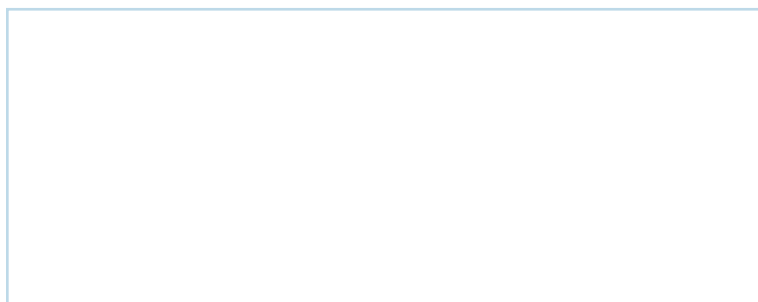
- Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
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- Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
- The Gillespie Foundation
- Edinboro University S.E.E.D. Club and General McLane Experience Academy Students
- County YMCA
- Honeycutts Greenhouse
- Linda Stull
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- Kathy Montgomery and Trish Skelton (Farmers Market Board)

Our gratitude is endless!

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