

A New Bird At Holden

When I told my mom that I had accepted a new position as volunteer coordinator at The Holden Arboretum, she said "It is meant to be—your name's Robin for goodness sake!"



Jokes aside, I was taught at a very young age to value nature and all it has to offer. We regularly went hiking, biking or fishing in the parks around our home. For me, there is nothing greater than spending an afternoon wandering in the woods; it provides me the physical exercise and mental peace that I need to clear my mind and let go of life's little problems.

Coming here has been a dream come true. As a fellow nature lover, I feel a connection to each and every one of you. When I first came here for my interview, I met with a group of volunteers and was struck by the passion you shared for Holden and its mission. It was clear to me that this was a special community of people who worked hard, had fun and made a tremendous difference. I am very honored to be joining you.

Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting and getting to know you. I will be hosting a couple of meet and greet sessions (see pg. 4), which I hope you will attend, as well as making phone calls to and meeting one-on-one with volunteers. If you are volunteering or just visiting Holden, please stop by my office in the Thayer Building and say "hi!"

And I know I am new but, please, feel free to contact me by phone at 440.602.8003 or e-mail at rott@holdenarb.org anytime with questions, concerns or just to chat.

Cheers and thanks for the warm welcome!



Robin Marie Ott
Volunteer Coordinator

Save the Date 2010-2011

Meet & Greet with Robin Ott—see page 4
Wednesday, Aug. 11, 11:30am – 1pm
Saturday, Aug. 14, 9am to 10:30am

New Volunteer Orientation—see page 4
Tuesday, Aug. 24, 9am-12pm
Saturday, Aug. 28, 9am-12pm

Little Mountain Guide Training
Saturday, Aug. 28, 9am-1pm

**Annual Volunteer Recognition
Program & Clambake**
Saturday, Sept. 11, 5-9pm

VIP Guide Training
Saturdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9
9am-4pm

Nature's Brew
Saturday, Oct. 9, 4-6:30pm

Goblins in the Garden
Sunday, Oct. 10, 12:30-4pm

Gifts from the Heart of Nature
Preview Party: Friday, Nov. 12, 3-8pm
Show: Saturday, Nov. 13 –
Sunday, Dec. 26, 9am-5pm

Volunteer Open House
Thursday, Dec. 2, 3:30 – 7:30pm

Pancake Supper/Breakfast
Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2011

**Volunteer Art Exhibit — details in next
newsletter!**
April 8 – May 22, 2011

Arbor Day Celebration
Friday-Sunday, April 29 – May 1, 2011

Plant Sale
Friday-Sunday, May 13-15, 2011

Bouquets Wine Tasting
Saturday, May 28, 2011

Woodland 5K Race & Walk
Sunday, June 26, 2011

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to sign-up up for or get more info about any of the following opportunities, contact Robin Ott at 440.602.8003 or e-mail rott@holdenarb.org

Tender Loving Care Needed for Rhododendron Garden

Tuesday/Thursdays, 9am-noon through the end of November



While not as colorful this time of year as the Display or the Holden Butterfly Garden, the Layer Rhododendron Garden is a delightful place to spend a few hours in the quiet beauty and shade of the trees and

mature rhododendrons that make up this unique garden. Volunteers are needed to assist with weeding, pruning and general rejuvenative care. A new bed by Oak Pond is planned for planting this fall so the old planting will need to be removed and the soil prepared.

Join the crew at an exciting time as this garden begins to evolve and look towards the use of companion plants for the rhododendrons and azaleas that form a wonderful framework and understory to the mature trees.

Goblins in the Garden Planning Committee

Creative and artistic minds and hands are needed *now* to help plan trick-or-treat trail stations and other event festivities! Teams of volunteers will meet and work over the next two months to make this year's event the best ever for our little guests and their families. If you are interested, contact Peg Weir at 440.602.3854 or by e-mail at pweir@holdenarb.org.

Fall Event

Set-up
Thursday-Saturday, October 7-9, flexible shifts between 9am-4pm



Spend a couple of hours helping us make Holden festive for our big fall events. Volunteers will assist with set-up of hay bales, corn stalks, pumpkins and large decorative pieces. *Groups and teen volunteers (with parent/guardian) welcome—great for earning those service hours!*



Nature's Brew Beer Tasting
Saturday, Oct. 9, 4-6:30pm

Adults are invited to come and enjoy a

trick-or-treat trail of their own as they sample beers from around the block and around the world. This fall celebration includes live music, food and a Chinese auction with beer-related merchandise. Tickets are \$35 members/\$45 non-members, including 12 beer tasting tickets; one food ticket and three Chinese auction tickets. Designated driver tickets, including unlimited soft drinks, one food ticket and three Chinese auction tickets, are \$15/ members and non-members.

Volunteer assistance is needed with set-up, registration/check-in, pouring beer samples, parking/guest assistance and clean-up. All volunteers will receive a complimentary Designated Driver ticket and time during their shift to enjoy the event.

Goblins in the Garden

Sunday, Oct. 10, Noon to 4:30pm

It's time once again for Holden's largest event – our annual family-friendly, non-scary Halloween celebration, Goblins in the Garden!



Little costumed guests, age 2-12, and their families come enjoy daylight trick-or-treating and fall family activities, including wagon rides, pumpkin decorating, face painting and much more. This year, we will feature live entertainment by *Chip and the Munks*. Their music has been compared to James Taylor and Phil Keaggy and offers a tranquil, folk appeal that is soothing to the soul and finds a welcome audience among parents as well as children. Admission to Goblins in the Garden is \$5 per car/members, \$10 per car/non-members (or regular gate admission for single). Once again, this year's event is supported by the Lake County Visitors Bureau Arts and Culture Fund.

Dress up in a favorite (non-scary) costume and be a shuttle driver, help with check-in, craft and activity stations, pass out treats, take photos, supervise teens along the trick-or-treat trail, help with the wagon rides, pass out cider and apples, survey our guests and more! In appreciation for your hard work, we'll provide a \$3 lunch coupon and refreshments. *This is a fun opportunity for teens to earn service hours for high school!*

Decorating for the Holidays

Bring your creativity, enthusiasm and holiday cheer to help decorate Holden's halls! We'll transform the Thayer Center and Lantern Court Arcade with decorations made of natural and re-purposed materials to help give our visitors ideas on what they can do at their homes and businesses. Decorating takes place the first two weeks of November.



31st Annual Gifts from the HeART of Nature Show & Sale

Preview Party: Friday, Nov. 12, 3-8 pm

*Show: Saturday, Nov. 13 - Sunday, Dec. 26
9am-5pm*

Through the holiday season, the Corning Visitor Center lobby is host to this unique juried fine

crafts show. All the items for sale are hand-crafted by regional artisans, inspired by the beauty of nature and made of environmentally responsible materials. Stop by to enjoy the display and find just the right gift for every person on your list!

Love sharing the joy of the holiday season with others? Gift wrappers are needed during the preview party or on the weekends for the duration of the show. *This is another excellent opportunity for teens to earn service hours for high school!*

Wrappers are needed 3-8 pm for the preview party on Friday, Nov. 12. Weekend wrapping shifts (two volunteers per shift) are scheduled noon-2pm and/or 2-4pm. Dates include: Nov. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 and Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 and 26.

Holden Happenings

14th Annual Members Amateur Photography Exhibit

September 4-Oct. 24, 2010

The Members' Amateur Photography Exhibit is an opportunity for you to showcase your beautiful photos taken at The Holden Arboretum. Adult members, ages 18 and over, and junior members, ages 17 and under, are encouraged to submit their photographs — color, black and white, or digitally manipulated. Entries accepted August 1-29, 2010.

Entry forms, fees and complete rules can be obtained from the Corning Visitor Center or at holdenarb.org. If you have additional questions, contact Kristie Hawley at 440.946.4400, ext. 226.

Welcome New Staff:

Carri-An Varga Private Rental Facilities Coordinator

Carri-An works with members and guests who are interested in holding a private event at Holden. Most recently she was the event/catering supervisor at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus. She is a graduate of the University of Akron and a Newbury resident with her husband Russell, a career officer in the Army Reserves.



Guide Training

To sign up for any of the trainings below, contact Marian Williams at 440.602.8311 or mwilliams@holdenarb.org.

Volunteer Interpretive Persons (VIP) Guide Training

*Saturdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9,
9am-4pm*

VIP guides lead adult tours that last 90 minutes and focus on a seasonal horticultural feature of Holden or collection highlights. Typical adult groups may include garden clubs, senior citizens groups, bus tours or the regularly scheduled week/weekend Highlight tours for visitors. VIP Guides also lead tours using a tram. Spend time in nature, meet interesting people and expand your knowledge of plants and trees. No past experience is required – just an enthusiasm for sharing the natural world with others.

Training includes an overview of Holden history, gardens, collections and natural areas, which is broken into 5-6 workshops; half are held in the spring and half in the fall. Prospective volunteers may start in either season and may begin shadowing experienced guides or guiding tours on their own, if they are comfortable doing so, before the training is complete. Training is held indoors/outdoors, so dress for the weather and bring a sack lunch.

Natural Area Guide Training:

Little Mountain

Saturday, Aug. 28, 9am-1pm

Expand your guiding repertoire by learning about this woodland retreat that was once a resort for those escaping summer's heat. Learn the history of the area while touring geologically fascinating ravines and unique wooded areas

Spring/Summer Event Recap

Thank you again to all the volunteers who helped with our recent special events. Below are the results of your hard work:

Plant Sale

May 14-16, 2010

This year, the big news is that almost 900 members attended Friday — opening day, which was significantly more than the typical turnout! Saturday and Sunday drew 1,200 people each day for a grand total of 3,420 plant enthusiasts! More than \$7,000 was raised to support Holden. Special thanks to the 94 volunteers who came together over the 3 days to ensure that everything went smoothly!

Woodland 5K Race/Walk

June 27, 2010

On a very humid morning, 258 people raced through the trails of Holden. Thank you to all of you who helped prep for the event, helped on-site to make sure everything ran smoothly or helped clean up before Holden's next scheduled activity.



Woodland Twilight

July 10, 2010

Holden's annual summer benefit, *Woodland Twilight*, was enjoyed by 493 guests. Thanks to the support and help of over 40 volunteers who worked behind the scenes and on the eve of the event, Holden raised over \$100,000! Attendees were wowed by the beautiful decorations, 194 silent auction items, a delicious dinner, and 10 interesting live auction items that garnered lively and competitive bidding.

The success of this event is truly a reflection of the many hearts, minds and hands that participated in the planning and execution of *Woodland Twilight*. Thank you for all your efforts!

New Volunteer Orientation Update

Please note the changes to the new volunteer orientation dates for the season:

Saturday, Aug. 14—*CANCELLED*

Tuesday, Aug. 17—*CANCELLED*

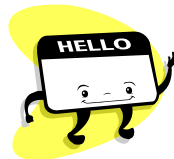
Tuesday, Aug. 24, 9am-12pm

Saturday, Aug. 28, 9am-12pm

Sessions are held in the Reinberger Classroom, located in the Corning Visitor Center. If you are planning to attend one of the remaining dates, please RSVP to Robin at rott@holdenarb.org or 440.602.8003

You're Invited: Meet and Greet with Robin Ott

All volunteers are invited to come meet Holden's new volunteer coordinator and enjoy a light lunch or breakfast on the Bourquard Patio on the west side of the Corning Visitor Center.



Date/Times:

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 11:30am – 1pm

Saturday, Aug. 14, 9am to 10:30am

RSVP: To Robin at rott@holdenarb.org or 440.602.8003

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