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## Greetings Friends,

On a recent trip to the Gardens I could sense the excitement around the re-opening of the indoor facilities. There were many visitors wandering through the grounds taking in the spring floral displays, peeking in the windows of the Shop in the Gardens in anticipation of the May 7 opening, and venturing down to the greenhouse area where two of our volunteers were busily tending to plants in preparation for our May plant sale.

Though our volunteer presence has been limited due to COVID restrictions, Deb Metzger and Monica Parkhurst, Friends volunteers, have gently transplanted approximately 30 varieties of tomato and pepper plants (just to name a few) skillfully using a crochet hook!

In addition, our board committees are busy planning summer events, mindful of required safety measures. You won't want to miss our first 'Wine and Jazz on the Terrace' of the season on May 19. We are also excited to announce plans are underway for a summer cocktail party, 'Back to the Gardens,' scheduled for July 30. Watch for details on Facebook and on our webpage ([www.friendsoffellows.org](http://www.friendsoffellows.org)).

As our members know, an additional perk for Friends members is a subscription to either 'Better Homes and Gardens' magazine or 'Martha Stewart Living.' In a recent edition, Martha Stewart reminds us that just being around plants reduces stress. She goes on to say "digging, planting, weeding, and watering burns calories, works muscles, and can offer heart benefits when done regularly."

After the last year that we have experienced, Martha's comments are certainly worthy of consideration. Following months of staying close to home, Fellows Riverside Gardens invites you to experience a great variety of spring flowers, traditional botanical collections and beautiful outdoor spaces, just as Elizabeth Fellows had envisioned with her donation of this property in 1958.

Your 'Friends' at Fellows look forward to a much-anticipated celebration of spring, as we 'welcome you back to the Gardens.'

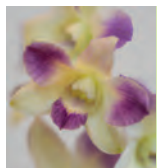
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### FRIENDS OF FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

Since 1988, the Friends have been dedicated to the promotion, improvement and preservation of Fellows Riverside Gardens, a free public garden, through advocacy and fundraising. As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Friends are independent of the Gardens and Mill Creek MetroParks, yet work in steady collaboration with them to sponsor events and programs and to fund large-scale garden projects.

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## Garden Spotlight – What's Growing? Spring 2021

Spring burst onto the scene at Fellows Riverside Gardens with a flash and flourish. The once dull, dusky landscape is now awash with vibrant splashes of reds, yellows, pinks, and purples. Against a lush green canvas, visitors have been enjoying thousands of vibrant spring bulbs such as hyacinth, crocuses, daffodils, and more recently tulips. And doing so while staying safely 6-feet apart from other guests.

As the days grow longer and temperatures hopefully stay warmer, the Gardens will continue to grow and

blossom. Sarah Septsios, Garden Supervisor with Mill Creek Metroparks, shared that, "We are currently growing approximately 50,000 annuals to be planted once our beautiful spring display has finished. [There are] 90 roses that we will be planting this spring in the rose garden and gazebo area."

Sarah also shared that the Gardens have some capital improvements that will begin in the coming months. Mill Creek Metroparks has been working with a company to replace large pieces of flagstone on the north and south terraces, both much loved, well-used locations for photographers and families alike.

Additionally, the Gardens will kick off a transformative capital project. Construction is scheduled to begin on an all-ages educational center later this spring. The educational center will be located in the area where the Children's Garden currently resides. Read

more about this facility in upcoming newsletters.

Lastly, after a year where everything was anything but "usual," Sarah concluded her Garden update by sharing that, "As usual, this time of year we are doing lots of spring cleanup throughout the gardens and are looking forward to the growing season."

So, be sure to visit the Gardens early and often to experience the beauty of seasonal shifts and the constant change that comes with it. You'll never see the same scene twice.





# Vegetables and Herbs for Sale in May

**T**he Spring Plant Sale has been a tradition at the Gardens---and an important Friends fundraiser---since 1990. Initially held on the North Terrace overlooking the city, the sale has weathered hail, wind, and rainstorms, though inevitably during each Plant Sale the sun emerges, stirring the anticipation of shoppers for yet another promising season of gardening.

This year's Plant Sale is designed to be in step with a more gradual return to community events. Several small-scale weekend sales will replace the sprawling, tented Spring sale of past years. Each sale will be located at several tables outside the Shop in the Gardens, on the terrace leading to the DeYor Concourse and the large fountain. Sale hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Members will receive discounts on their purchases.

The May 15-16 weekend kicks off the first sale, dedicated to vegetables and herbs. Once again veggie growers Monica Parkhurst and Deb Metzger have planted non-GMO seeds in the Gardens greenhouse during the cold early months. Nearly a dozen varieties of tomatoes---sauce tomatoes and grape tomatoes, favorite varieties of slicing tomatoes, an especially tasty 'Jubilee' tomato---will be ready for ground or container planting.

Varieties of peppers, hot and sweet, some new, some very familiar to shoppers (such as the popular Hungarian Wax variety) have grown into sturdy plants ready for the garden. Shoppers can also buy artichokes and micro-greens.



Pam Baytos, longtime herb guru, has once again ordered a tantalizing array of herbs for the sale--lavender and rosemary, thyme and cilantro, verbenas, dill, four kinds of basil, oregano, mint, tarragon, parsley and sage, nasturtium and bay leaf. There will be herb baskets for sale, as well as individual plants.

If you'd like to help with set-up or sales, volunteers are welcome. Cashiers are also needed. Call Deb Metzger at 330-881-0574 for more details.

**Friends and the Plant Sale Committee** would like to recognize **Farmers Trust** and **PNC Bank** for sponsoring the plant sale this year.



## Tropical Succulents and Dahlias Sale

The Friends second weekend plant sale of the 2021 season is June 12-13. The sale features tropical succulents and dahlias.

Carol Knock, the succulent-savvy volunteer who helped organize this sale, explains that tropical succulents are also referred to as 'soft succulents' because they can't withstand cold weather. These succulents make great

indoor houseplants, but also can be displayed outside during the warm months. You'll find a beautiful variety of form and color to choose from.

Stan Vuletich, known regionally for his passion for growing and sharing dahlias, has prepared the dahlia tubers and seedlings that will be offered for sale. He makes dahlia growing easy because he has so many tips to offer.

Stan is the force behind the Dahlia Garden at the northwestern end of Fellows Riverside Gardens. Its colorful splendor is a must-see in late summer.

The June plant sale runs Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Members receive discounts on all purchases. If you are interested in volunteering during the sale, contact Deb Metzger at 330-881-0574.



### LECTURE:

## The Fascinating World of Tropical Succulents

In the week following the Tropical Succulent and Dahlia Sale, a special evening lecture, sponsored by the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Memorial Lecture Series, will be offered to the public at the Davis Center's Rossi Auditorium.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 16, at 5 pm for this free lecture, "The Fascinating World of Tropical Succulents." Dennis James and Carol Knock will share their knowledge about these beautiful plants. As Carol says, "Succulents aren't created equal!" Light and fertilizing needs...soil, potting and propagation...pests and diseases...distinguishing characteristics of the different families of tropical succulents--will be covered.

Dennis is the owner of DJ's Greenhouse in Transfer, Pa., and a popular lecturer about all kinds of plants. Carol, who is a Master Gardener with the Trumbull County Extension Service, is a "perennial person" who has extensive knowledge and love of hostas, ferns, day lilies and ornamental grasses, and both perennial and tropical succulents.

Call the Gardens at 330-740-7116 to register for the lecture. Reservations are requested but not required. CDC and State of Ohio Department of Health guidelines will be observed.



# Wine and Jazz at the Kidston Pavilion



As warm evenings draw us outdoors, Friends has created a safe way to gather informally at the Gardens in the spirit of the “On The Terrace” evenings that were so popular several years ago.

This year, though, there’s a new, more open location---the beautiful flagstone terrace overlooking Lake Glacier. Formally called the South Terrace, the tree-fringed overlook opens to several garden walkways. The Kidston Pavilion will add its own charm for the jazz musicians featured under its picturesque canopy.

Say hello to old friends and enjoy a glass of wine while listening to live music by “All That Jazz.” Join us on Wednesday, May 19, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Wines selected by Premier Chalet will be sold by the glass. Cheese and antipasto plates will be available by Inspired Catering.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center. CDC and State of Ohio Department of Health guidelines will be observed.

Additional ‘Wine and Music’ events are scheduled monthly throughout the warm days of summer and early fall and will return to being held at the Gardens Café Terrace. Each event is on a Wednesday from 5:00-7:30 pm.

For our June 9 program we will again have music by “All That Jazz.” For this event, in addition to wines selected by Chalet Premier there will be craft beers from Paladin Brewing for purchase.

We thank Ron and Joanne Eiselstein for sponsoring the music by “All That Jazz.”

*Mark your calendars and come enjoy the gardens!*

- June 9
- July 14
- August 18
- September 22

## Save the Date

*all events held at Fellows Riverside Gardens*

### MAY 2020

Shop in the Gardens reopening ..... May 7 ..... 10 am – 5 pm  
Vegetables and Herbs – Outdoor Terrace ..... May 15 and May 16 ..... 10 am – 5 pm  
Wine and Jazz at the Kidston Pavilion ..... May 19 ..... 5 pm – 7:30 pm

### JUNE 2020

On the Terrace at 5! ..... June 9 ..... 5 pm – 7:30 pm  
Dahlias and Succulents – Outdoor Terrace ..... June 12 ..... 10 am – 5 pm

### JULY 2020

Flower bouquets – Outdoor Terrace ..... Sunday July 11 ..... 10 am – 5 pm  
On the Terrace at 5! ..... July 14 ..... 5 pm – 7:30 pm  
Summer Garden Party ..... July 30 ..... 6 pm – 10 pm

*The above “save the dates” are for all Friends sponsored events.*



## Mill Creek Park Scrapbooks Provide Park Educators with Fun Stories to Tell

**D**id you ever hear the story about the time there were monkeys spotted in the Park?

Neither did MetroParks Educator Lynn Zocolo. She once heard the tale from a guest while giving a trolley tour, but at the time didn't have anything to back it up.

Later she learned there were volumes of old scrapbooks stored in the MetroParks Administration Building and her interest was piqued. After exploring the scrapbooks on site, she was granted permission to move them to the archives at the Davis Center to keep as part of the museum assets housed in the lower level.

The scrapbooks date back to 1921 and mainly include park documents and original news clippings meticulously gathered and organized by date. Labels were added to the covers to make searching go smoother.

"The history of the Park has always intrigued me, and I've found that these scrapbooks tell a wonderful story," she said.

One of those stories is from a 1947 Vindicator clipping where, sure enough, a troop of monkeys was not only spotted in the Park but photographed along with a boy on a bicycle watching nearby. The monkeys, as it turns out, escaped from an exhibit at Idora Park.

Lynn says she uses the scrapbooks for fact-checking and for inspiration for educational content, MetroParks tours and Nature Rocks video segments. It is a treasure hunt through time, she said.

"They often tell a story about the Park that I find interesting enough to want to share with visitors or viewers," she said. "I am always looking for things that might surprise people or make them say 'I didn't know that.'"

In the future, Lynn envisions preserving these historic treasures and displaying samples of them in the museum cases.



### Donor list for Spring 2021 Newsletter

#### Donations to Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

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### Member Spotlight:

# Bernie Zets

**W**e were lucky enough to meet up with Bernadette Zets, also known as Bernie, for our Member Spotlight this quarter. Bernie is a life-long Austintown native with two sons in the medical field in the Greater Cleveland Area.

She retired in 2001 from the Family Service Agency in Youngstown where she served as a Consumer Credit Counselor. After she retired, she felt a void in her life missing her co-workers. Not long after retirement, sadly, Bernie lost her husband in 2006. In search of something to do, Bernie rediscovered her passion for plants, flowers and gardening. After she signed up for the Master Gardening Program, the rest is history. She has been volunteering with the Mill Creek MetroParks for more than 20 years!

Bernie has been a garden guide, classroom helper, Plant Sale registrar and garden party volunteer. Her favorite activity is the volunteering she does with the Veggie Garden at the Mill Creek MetroParks farm in Canfield. There, she helps children learn about seeds, gardening, harvesting and developing healthy eating habits.

"I love volunteering at such a beautiful place with people who feel the same way I do," Bernie shared. "I have made wonderful relationships over the past 20 years. It is so rewarding and the thanks from the staff and people like Educator Lynn Zocolo are so appreciated. Volunteering is an act of freely giving of your time and labor. It gives me a sense of purpose."

When Bernie is not volunteering at the Gardens she enjoys traveling, cruises, Broadway shows, OSU and YSU football games, as well as the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens yearly trip. Many of these activities have been cancelled or delayed due to COVID over the past year, but Bernie is looking forward to doing more traveling this year.

If you are at the Gardens this year there is a good chance Bernie will also be there. Make sure to say hello. Thank you, Bernie, for your continued service!



## Greet Gardener Andy Russell

**M**et Andy Russell, a new addition to the staff at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Andy joined the staff as a full-time gardener in July, 2020. He studied horticulture at Kent State University, Salem, where he earned an Associate Degree in applied horticulture with a concentration in urban forestry. Before joining the Fellows Gardens staff, Andy also gained experience as a member of Millcreek MetroParks' maintenance department for five years. When the position of full-time gardener at Fellows Riverside Gardens opened, however, Andy jumped at the opportunity to join FRG staff and put his degree to better use.

A lifelong resident of Canfield and graduate of Canfield High School, Andy enjoys music (he plays the piano) and camping in his spare time.

Andy is enjoying his new responsibilities as a full-time gardener. He plans to become a certified arborist and, ultimately, a board-certified master arborist. We wish him well in his endeavors at Fellows Riverside Gardens and his chosen career.





# New Board Members

**Marcia Haire-Ellis** is a lifelong member of the Youngstown community. She is a graduate of East High School and Youngstown State University. Her career as an educator includes 36 years as a teacher and school counselor and 4 years on the Board of Education in Youngstown City Schools. Marcia has always had a great passion for her students and education providing numerous opportunities to help others. This allowed for a fulfilling career.



Marcia is the proud mother of two sons. Christopher Jr., and his wife, Andrea, reside in Albany, NY, with their children Nathan and Nicole. Youngest son Jared lives in Baltimore, Md. and has a career as an electrical engineer at a defense engineering firm.

Her favorite leisure time activities include visiting children and grandchildren, traveling, walking while enjoying the natural beauty of Mill Creek Park, attending live concerts especially at outdoor venues, gardening, reading and trying new recipes.

Service in the Youngstown Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been an important part in Marcia's life. D.S.T. is an international organization dedicated to public service. Marcia is a Golden Life member of the sorority and has served in many different capacities, including President of the chapter and Chairperson of several committees. She also enjoyed volunteering on several community Boards and educational Advisory Committees. Marcia was a faithful member of Centenary/Indianola United Methodist Church until it closed and held the position of Youth Director along with choir member and Chairperson of the Relationship Team.

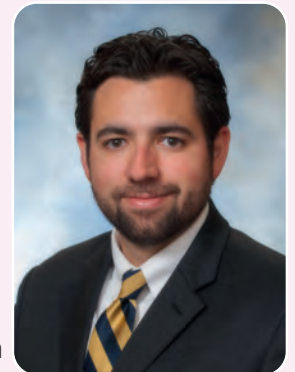
**Marcus Masters**, of Warren, is a staff accountant at Berkman, Jorgensen, Masters & Stafman LLC and pursuing his CPA license.

"Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens will be a wonderful opportunity for myself to have a more active role in my community and I look forward to helping the Friends organization support this beautiful botanical garden," he said.



Marcus attended Westminster College where he was a member of the baseball team and graduated in 2020.

**Thomas Hull** grew up just two streets down from Fellows Riverside Gardens and has lived on the West Side of Youngstown for almost his whole life and currently still does with his wife, Larisa, and his two children. Thomas spent lots of time in the Gardens growing up, and he and his family continue to enjoy it and spend time together there today, especially in the summers.



Thomas is an attorney with Manchester, Newman & Bennett, LPA, and has been practicing in Youngstown for more than 10 years, primarily as a litigator. In addition to his practice, Thomas has participated in other charitable organizations in the area and has served for the last 7 years as a board member of Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation.





# A Heartfelt Farewell to Three Expiring - Term Board Members

**A**s our new members begin their three-year terms, the Board wants to express its gratitude to three dedicated members now completing their past six years of Board service: **Jonathan Fauvie**, **Ellen Tressel** and **Samantha Turner**.

**Jonathon** was a guiding force on our editorial team providing content and editorial oversight to the Friends Newsletter.

**Ellen** was past chair of the Summer Garden Party and her experience and dedication to educational planning and community events was very valuable.

**Samantha** chaired the Board Development Committee, setting a strong foundation for the current team and also was part of the Garden Party committee.

We appreciate all their efforts! Their choosing to invest much personal time and passion into our nonprofit, independent organization has made Friends all the stronger a community organization.

***On behalf of the community and the Gardens, thank you!!***



**Note:** For more information on any of these events or classes or to register online please go to [www.millcreekmetroparks.org](http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org).

**Please note** – for the safety of staff and attendees all current CDC and state health guidelines will be observed. There will be a limit on the maximum number of people in each class. Registration is required for many of the classes in this listing - there are NO drop-in classes.

## EXHIBITS

### Mill Creek MetroParks History

Ongoing | Tuesday – Sunday,  
10 am – 5 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens

The Melnick Museum offers the visitor a peek into the unique history of Mill Creek MetroParks. Look back and discover how Volney Rogers garnered property and how that land has grown into Mill Creek MetroParks. Learn about the generosity of Elizabeth Fellows that was the beginning of Fellows Riverside Gardens. And take time to learn about the early days of McGuffey and his boyhood homestead located in Coitsville and now known as the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve.

## EXPRESS YOURSELF

### Thriller, Filler, and Spiller Container Garden

5/25 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens –  
Kidston Classroom

Intimidated by container flower gardens? Join Judy Stanislaw and learn a simple method of using thriller, filler and spiller plants to create a beautiful container garden. Register / pay by May 23 online or call 330-740-7116. \$26 R; \$28 NR

## HEALTHY LIVING

**Yoga Basics Course** - Sundays  
5/09/21 – 6/8/21 | 8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Weller Gallery

Learn the basics of yoga in a safe way with Karres Cvetkovich. Benefit from an experienced teacher and welcoming environment. Focus on the fundamentals: ease of movement, being more limber, standing strong on your own 2 feet, and breathing well for positivity and alertness. Bring a mat and blanket. Choose either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this eight-week course. Register / pay by May 9, online or call 330-740-7116. \$80 Participation is limited and masks must be worn at all times except when actively exercising. We urge you to respect 6 feet of physical distance among other CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines. There will be no drop-ins. You must be registered for the program to participate unless otherwise indicated. Events may be canceled due to prescribed COVID-19 protocols. Do not attend class if you are feeling unwell or

have been in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.

**Yoga Basics Course** – Tuesdays  
5/11/21 – 6/8/21 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Room

Learn the basics of yoga in a safe way with Karres Cvetkovich. Benefit from an experienced teacher and welcoming environment. Focus on the fundamentals: ease of movement, being more limber, standing strong on your own 2 feet, and breathing well for positivity and alertness. Bring a mat and blanket. Choose either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this eight-week course. Register / pay by May 9 online or call 330-740-7116. \$80 Participation is limited and masks must be worn at all times except when actively exercising. We urge you to respect 6 feet of physical distance among other CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines. There will be no drop-ins. You must be registered for the program to participate unless otherwise indicated. Events may be canceled due to prescribed COVID-19 protocols. Do not attend class if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.

**Yoga in the Gardens** –  
Tuesday and Thursday  
5/18 – 5/27 | 9:30 am – 11:00 am  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Radius Room

Join Marina Perdos for a blend of energizing yoga styles that will help you keep a healthy outlook. All levels are welcome. Bring mat and a small blanket. Register / pay by 2 days prior to session online or call 330-740-7116. \$15/class

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### T'ai Chi Step One in the Gardens

5/12, 5/19, 5/26 | Noon – 1 pm  
June – TBD  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens

Ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Join Marie Lew in warm-ups, breathing exercises and selected movements from a classic Chen T'ai Chi form. Register / pay by 2 days prior to session online or call Fellows Riverside Gardens at 330-740-7116 for details. \$10/class

### Breath, Balance & Vitality

5/12 – 5/26 | 10 am – 11 am  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens,  
Radius Room

Join Kelley Leone for this meditational movement class of Basic Yoga stretching/ breathing techniques and meditation. Transform any tension or stress held in the body/mind to revitalized energy. Bring yoga mat and a small blanket. Register/ pay by 2 days prior to session online or call 330-740-7116. \$12/class

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## HORTICULTURE

### Botanical Mornings

5/21 | 9 am - 10 am  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens

Discover the progress of seasons here at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Then, enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or tea in Kravitz's Garden Café. Register/pay by May 19 online or call 330-740-7116. \$5

## KIDS AGE 3-5

### Sprout Club – Take a Hike

5/20/21 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Location: Fellows Riverside Gardens:  
Kidston Classroom

Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join Sprout Club for learning, fun and hand-on activities as we 'take a hike' through the Fellows Riverside Gardens. Register / pay by May 18 online or call 330-740-7116. \$7

Participation is limited and masks must be worn at all times except when actively exercising. We urge you to respect 6 feet of physical distance among other CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines. There will be no drop-ins. You must be registered for the program to participate unless otherwise indicated. Events may be canceled due to prescribed COVID-19 protocols. Do not attend class if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.

## LECTURES

### Naturalist Series: Wild and Scenic Rivers

5/18 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Virtual presentation / Zoom

In this talk, Matthew Smith with the ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves will present about Ohio's Scenic Rivers Program. Matthew will include the areas of two stated designated Wild & Scenic Rivers: Pymatuning Creek and Little Beaver Creek. To register, go to <https://go.osu.edu/rivers>. Virtual presentation via Zoom. FREE

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FOR THE BIRDS: Birding the Sanctuary

5/15 | 8 am – 9:30 am  
Location: Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy spring with an early morning bird walk at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary led by Jeff Harvey. Space is limited. Boots required. Moderate, 1.25 mi. Register at Fellows Riverside Gardens, 330.740.7116 by May 13. Free







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**Mill Creek MetroParks - Fellows Riverside Gardens**

Free and open daily, dawn until dusk

**D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center**

*Beginning May 7th*

Information Desk 330.740.7116

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm

Closed: Mondays

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

**Shop in the Gardens**

*Beginning May 7th*

Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday - Noon - 5 pm

**Garden Café**

*Expected to open May 18th*

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

General inquiries about Fellows Riverside Gardens

email: [info@friendsoffellows.org](mailto:info@friendsoffellows.org)

Visit: [FriendsOfFellows.org](http://FriendsOfFellows.org)

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# *The Return of Live Events* (details inside this issue)

## **Spring Plant Sale #1 – May 15-16**

### ***Vegetables and Herbs***

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

## **Spring Plant Sale #2 – June 12-13**

### ***Tropical Succulents and Dahlias***

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

## **Lecture Series (FREE) – The Fascinating World of Tropical Succulents**

Wednesday, June 16 at 5 p.m.

Davis Center's Rossi Auditorium  
(CDC guidelines will be observed)