

# Annual Report

MARCH 1 2011 - FEBRUARY 29 2012



Bernheim  
ARBORETUM AND RESEARCH FOREST



*connecting people with nature*

# moving forward

In our 2011-2012 fiscal year there was so much going on and so much energy that to summarize the activities at Bernheim is difficult. Bernheim continued to grow programs, community relationships and resources despite the challenges with the economy.

Two new programs were very well received: **Smart Gardens and Landscapes and Forest Forays**. Bernheim's talented horticulture staff uses the **Smart Gardens and Landscapes** programs to explore topics for home gardeners that focus on sustainable ways to garden. The **Forest Forays** is a small group led by our Natural Areas staff into the back country of Bernheim to learn about the ecology and seasonal surprises of our vast forest at Bernheim. The response to these programs has been great and they will be offered for years to come.

Bernheim is leasing out a building we own on Highway 245 to **Forest Edge Winery**. The beauty of this agreement is that this property will generate income to support our mission-related activities, while providing a tourist attraction along the Kentucky Bourbon and Wine Trail. The winery is stunning inside and offers very nice local wine. Give it a try.

Martha Slaughter was hired as Bernheim's **Visual Arts Coordinator** this year and is breathing new life into the Arts in Nature program. She is coordinating the Artist in Residence program while preparing for the visit next year by world renowned artist, Patrick Dougherty. Bernheim uses art to interpret nature and hone the observation skills in our visitors.

Not only did the Grigsby Intergenerational Shelter open at the **Children's Play Garden**, but two more structures began construction due to support from American Fuji Seal, Inc. of Bardstown. With these structures the Children's Play Garden will be one of many popular destinations at Bernheim.

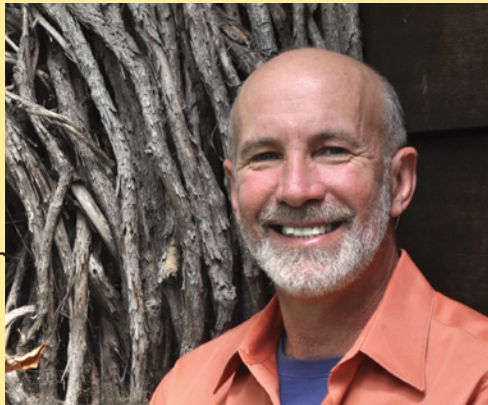
I cannot complete this summary 2011-2012 without congratulating our own **Wren Smith** who received two prominent awards this year. She was honored as the **Naturalist of the Year** by the Kentucky Society of Natural History, and then received the prestigious award of **2011 Master Frontline Interpreter** from the National Association for Interpretation.

These awards speak to Wren's talent as a story teller, naturalist and interpretive trainer. Congratulations Wren, you helped Bernheim have another fabulous year.

See you on the trails!



Dr. Mark K. Wourms  
Executive Director



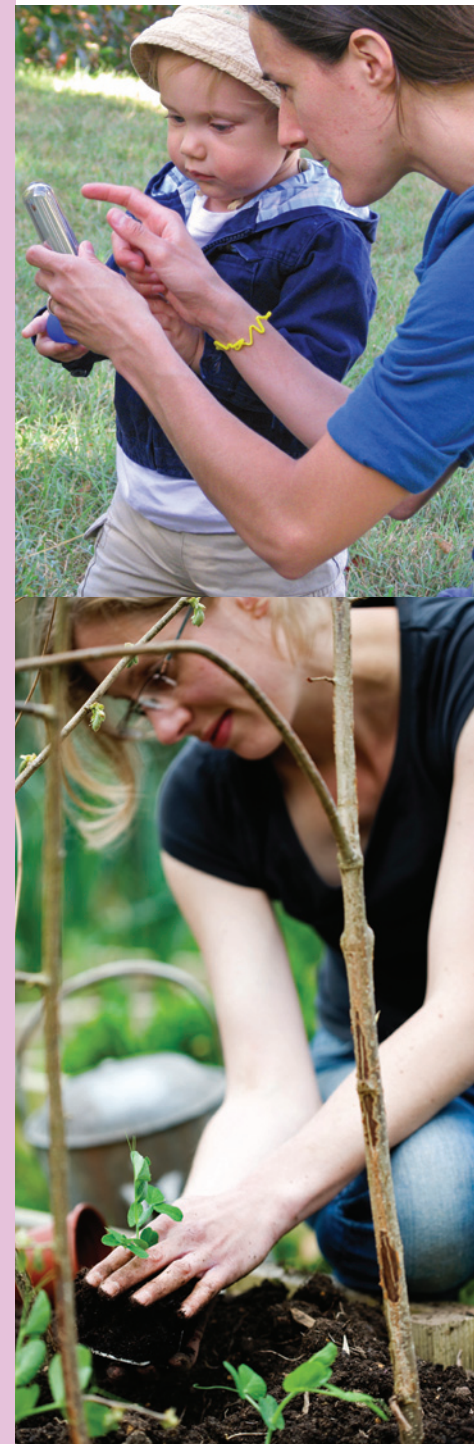
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## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

### Heike Endemann – Germany – Early Summer 2011 Sculptor

Heike Endemann carved found and fallen tree trunks into abstract shapes and forms sometimes incorporating paper as a reference to sources and materials. Her main tool was a chain saw and the resulting pieces are a testament to the union of process and material.

### Todd Smith - USA – Late Summer 2011 - Installation/Performance

Todd Smith has spent years climbing trees and documenting his climbs. During his residency at Bernheim he made a livable “tree house” out of recycled cardboard and soda cans.

## OTHER ART EVENTS

### Hello, by Russell Vogt - Donated spring - 2011

Hello, 2009, by Russell Vogt a Minnesota artist, is made of mosaic shard, cement, and metal and was given to Bernheim as an anonymous gift. The bright colored and friendly piece of sculpture that greets visitors sits just outside Isaac’s Café at the Visitor Center .

## EDUCATION – PLANTING SEEDS OF INSPIRATION

- 🌿 70 public workshops for adult and family audiences reached 622 people
- 🌿 74 public workshops for adult and family audiences reached 837 people
- 🌿 Off-site programs reached 4,374 people
- 🌿 School field trips and youth programs served 4,500 students
- 🌿 On site adult programs served 192 people
- 🌿 ECO Kids programs were attended by 2,520 children and family members
- 🌿 Pollywog Play Parties served 587 children and their primary caregiver
- 🌿 Discovery Stations provided more than 35,500 interpretive encounters

## BERNHEIM’S HORTICULTURE TEAM WAS BUSY!

In addition to their duties of maintaining the arboretum, preparing sites for events and weddings, irrigation, plant sales...our Horticulture team accomplished all of this:

- 🌿 3,659 perennials planted
- 🌿 4,594 accessions outplanted
- 🌿 Edible Garden planning underway
- 🌿 LG&E grant received and Utility Trees planted
- 🌿 Front beds at the Visitor Center planted
- 🌿 Grigsby Shelter project continues – concrete pours and adornments/stamping and planting
- 🌿 Finished Buren Garden
- 🌿 New Plant Sale Display designed and built outside back entrance of the Visitor Center





## VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU

TOTAL HOURS	10,212
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS	188
VOLUNTEER GROUPS	1,486 Hours Contributed by all groups Adelante Hispanic Achievers Bluegrass Challenge Boy Scouts Brown-Forman Bullitt Central High School FFA Louisville Collegiate School Trover Solutions UPS

## NATURAL AREAS

- 🌿 The last feral hog at Bernheim is removed
- 🌿 Bobcat kittens emerging from a den at Bernheim is recorded by a remote camera
- 🌿 Harrison Fork stream restoration project talks increase between Bernheim, KDFWR, and U of L Stream Institute
- 🌿 Beavers build lodge and dam in Wilson Creek

## DOLLAR VALUE

OF SERVICE FROM VOLUNTEERS	<b>\$222,530.38</b>
	\$21.79 in 2010 per hour per Independent Sector





# financials 3.I.II - 2.29.12

## OPERATIONAL INCOME

Endowment Trust Income .....	\$1,361,739	45%
Investments Operational Draw .....	\$575,368	19%
Memberships, Planned Gifts, Contributions & Admission .....	\$491,490	16%
Programs .....	\$46,336	2%
Gift Shop & Art Sales .....	\$145,704	5%
Grant & Restricted Funds .....	\$200,774	7%
Other Income .....	\$196,107	6%
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,017,518</b>	



## OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES

Program Expenses: Programs, Exhibits, & Landscape Improvements .....	\$2,348,816	78%
Management & Administrative Expenses: Operations, Utilities & Administration .....	\$340,049	11%
Membership Services & Public Relations .....	\$181,159	6%
Fundraising .....	\$147,493	5%
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,017,518</b>	



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