

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Natives: Combining Environmental Consciousness With Lovely Landscaping
Words like 'native', 'sustainable' and 'green' are tossed around freely these days. The words, the concepts, in some cases modifications of life choices, all seem confusing to many. No pretense is made here to answer all the questions that may arise, but I like to reintroduce the typical homeowner or family member to the reality that there are hundreds of native trees and shrubs, along with multitudes of critters that consider each of them home or at least who may dine out on them. I would like to impress upon the reader how disruptive to the natural ecosystem it truly is when every home on a street probably has large expanses of lawn grass plus a few red maple or Bradford pear trees and little else.

Speaking of disrupting the life cycles in nature, how many times I've seen folks plant flowers to attract butterflies and then when the butterflies lay eggs that hatch out into larvae that begin to lunch on some nearby trees or shrubs these same people reach for the pesticide spray!

Rather than try to be for or against some of the rhetoric concerning what's native or why someone might care, let's consider some lovely and diverse choices we might landscape our yards with instead of just a couple kinds of plants everybody else seems to use.

What are the objectives when we landscape? And when we select a tree for the landscape, what are we asking of it in addition to shade? Think this through and plan prior to tree shopping or hiring a landscaper. You don't have to follow what everyone else is doing. Native trees—like the ones you may see in the nearby forest—offer so great a variety it seems perfectly natural and logical we would utilize some of these species that are acclimated to our area in our menu of things to plant. (Then, if a homeowner wants an exotic or specimen tree, it will stand out and shine all the more, which is what a specimen is supposed to do.)

Incidentally, a garden center that tries to sell you a bunch of specimen trees is not being far-sighted. They are lining their pockets at your expense, for a bunch of specimen trees planted in the same yard—let's just say it's wasted money, for the result will not be special.

In the past decade I have noticed some cities and towns hiring a tree or landscape expert, some full time on the payroll. One of their tasks is to diversify the street plantings and look about the well being of the city's trees. This is commendable, especially where money has been allocated to a plan for growth and betterment of a town.

Let us now look at options for new plantings that will be different. Perhaps first at the government level, then for the front and back yards of the residents. Some of the street trees to consider, in place of red maples, callery pears and pin oaks might include some of these: For maples, consider amur maple or hedge maple and for larger spots consider sugar or black maple. For an oak, wow are there plenty of choices (although finding them for sale at a local garden center may be a

toughie). For the Bradford pear lover, consider one of the magnolias such as star magnolia, a service berry (sarvis), a whitebud (white blooming redbud), or a fringe tree. Others might include white flowering crab apple, lilac, false spirea, Natchez crepe myrtle and white forsythia.

Street trees might also include dogwoods (some have white or yellow clusters of flowers rather than the four bracts). Columnar elms, beech, hornbeam, ginkgo, linden, birch, filbert, parrotia and yellowwood trees.

Trees for bigger spaces, like large yards or in parks, here are suggestions that might prove suitable. Tulip poplar, zelkova, willow or water or burr oak, horse chestnut, catalpa, hickory or pecan, sycamore, Kentucky coffee tree, hackberry or alder.

Broad leaved evergreen trees we could use might be southern magnolia or American holly. For areas where it seldom gets below zero, consider Carolina or Portugal laurel trees, spindle tree euonymus, leather or holly oaks, evergreen viburnum and evergreen dogwoods. The new gordolinia (cross of gordonia and Ben Franklin tree) is a semi-evergreen. For Charlotte, Columbus, Atlanta and areas southward try Himilayan evergreen maple, Saratoga laurel and some of the silver leaved gum or eucalyptus trees. Hardy palms, too.

Conifers or other needed evergreens include various cedars, pines, junipers (eastern red cedar and Arizona cypress come to mind), hemlocks, spruce and firs. Even an American arbutus or a California redwood.

Fruit bothers some people and others consider it a "2-fer-1" proposition. If you don't mind, then sweet or wild cherry trees, mulberry and quince would make good lawn trees. Maybe add a fruiting apple, pear or a medlar.

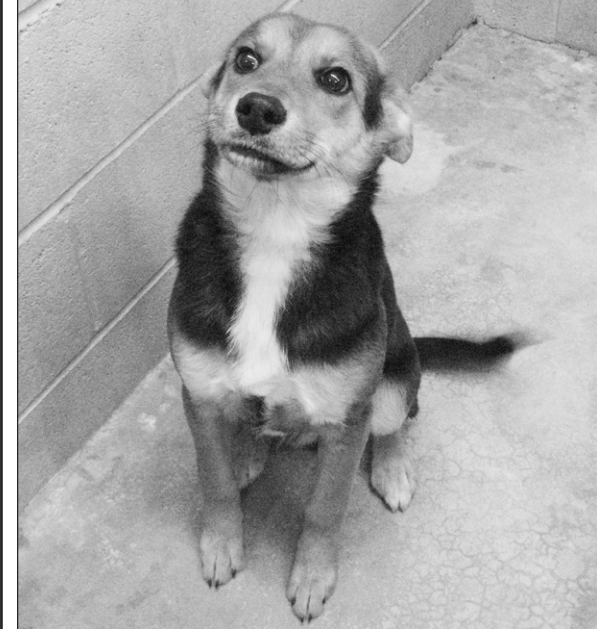
With the right conditions, these make great landscaping choices: sourwood, silverbell, sassafras, paw paw, mountain ash, stripebark or snakebark maple, spicewood and mooseberry.

About letting wildlife eat and live too: if you allow Grizzled skipper butterfly larvae to eat your hibiscus, if you allow Zephyr or Mourning Cloak butterfly larvae to eat your elm trees you'll have a lot more butterflies afterwards. If the Black Swallowtail larvae gets to eat up your parsley you will have lots more Black Swallowtail butterflies in the future visit your coneflowers and zinnias.

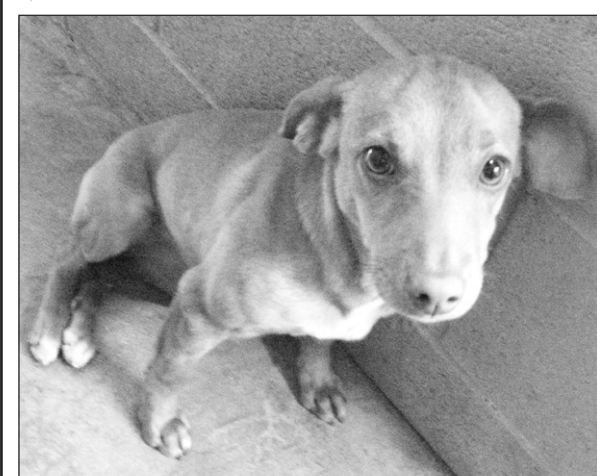
Summing this up, growing walnuts, buckeyes and lots of acorn-bearing oaks will feed the squirrels; growing trumpet creeper, mimosa, catalpa and yellowhorn will feed hummers; and seed-bearing shrubs will remove the necessity for birds to cluster at the feeder (where the kittycats can catch and eat them more easily). Not only are natives good for local wildlife, they are also proven performers. With so many possibilities, next time you seek to plant a tree try searching for one not in common use on your street. And if you can't find what you want at a local garden shop, you might try the internet, or just go to the woods and collect (be sure to get permission from the landowner) one of those wild trees.

The author is a landscaper. Your questions may be sent to waterfalls@safe-mail.net

Adoptable Shelter Dogs



Hello Everybody! My name is Rowdy and I am a male Beagle mix. I was brought to the shelter by a gentleman after my owners had dropped me along side of Climax Rd. I am now looking for a new place to call home. I am very friendly and I love everyone I meet. I would make a wonderful pet for any family that would be willing to give me a chance. If you are interested then call the shelter @ 256-1833. (kennel 2)

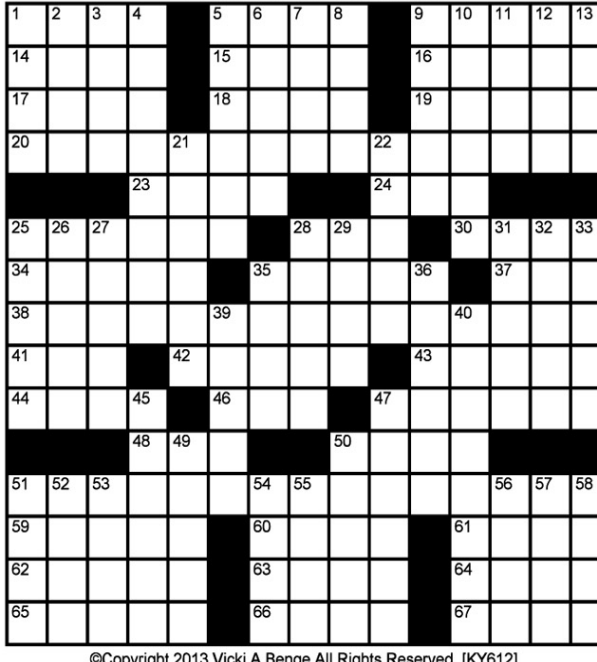


Hey!! My name is Jazzy and I am a female, 6 month old Dachshund mix. I was a drop-out on Old Sigmon Loop and a nice lady picked me up and brought me to RCAS. I am very loving and playful and I would really like to find a new family to spend Christmas with. If you could make my dreams come true then call the shelter @ 256-1833 (kennel 1)



Dylon Robinson (right) killed this 6 point buck November 29th in Lebanon, TN. Also pictured is his brother Devon Robinson.

Kentucky Crossword # 612



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- ACROSS**

 - Short run
 - Kind of prize
 - More competent
 - Mixed bag
 - Lewis County borders this river
 - Thin fabric
 - Home to 24 hr. sports
 - Taylorsville Lake is formed from this Kentucky river
 - Spa handout
 - Kentuckian, singer, costar in "White Christmas"
 - Exercise system
 - "Raiders of the Lost"
 - Gad about
 - Hog haven
 - Clockmaker Thomas
 - Without a clue
 - Ranee's wrap
 - Seafood delicacy
 - Kentucky's only "Island" State Park
 - Blah-blah-blah
 - Gaze
 - Pertaining to British peer of highest rank
 - Gym site
 - Norris Dam's project: Abbr.
 - Track events
 - Busy Chinese airport: Abbr.
- DOWN**

 - Person of action
 - What's more
 - Samples
 - McCreary Co. hamlet, or nectar gatherer
 - Prescribed amount
 - Kentuckian, poet Theodore
 - Greasy
 - Campus military org.
 - Johnny Depp, for one
 - Kentuckian, literary critic Cleanth
 - Croquet site
 - Fencing sword
 - Be dependent
 - Grinders
 - Kind of cake
 - Uneven
- 26. First-stringers**

 - Cable staple
 - Tel Aviv native
 - Susan Lucci's Emmy role
 - NBC morning show
 - Cobbler's stock
 - Eastern European
 - Win over
 - Fragrant oil
 - A Louisville university
 - Former Kentucky Governor Chandler
 - Blush
 - Those in favor
 - Booby trap
 - Kentuckian, author of "Red Likker"
 - Wrinkly fruit
 - Cold cuts, e.g.
 - For fear that
 - Chills and fever
 - Aloe
 - Classic street liners
 - Too hasty

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Strange... But True?

by: **Tonya J. Cook**



The "Sleeping Prophet" of Kentucky Part II

This week, the "Strange but True?" series will conclude the recent column previously started about Edgar Cayce. If you will remember, Edgar Cayce was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on March 18, 1877 and died on January 3, 1945 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He founded the Atlantic University and was known the world over for being able to diagnose various illnesses through his psychic powers and for making hundreds of predictions for the future.

He began his session by lying down on his back with his hands folded across his chest, and then put himself into a trance-like state. He wanted to make contact with all time and space, a universal consciousness. His wife, Gertrude, usually asked the questions, with his secretary Gladys Davis, documenting the session. In his lifetime, he gave 14, 306 readings.

People from around the world wrote Cayce in hopes of getting a diagnosis as well as a cure from the "sleeping prophet". Most of his readings were centered about this subject. He is known for predicting the stock market crash and Depression of 1929, as well as the beginning of World War II. His predictions included:

- The greater portion of Europe will be changed in the twinkling of a an eye,
- There will be a shifting of the earth's poles,
- There will come a time when the sun will be darkened,
- The city of Atlantis will be found near Bimini,
- The records of Atlantis will be open to those that are the spiritual initiates,
- A new field of science will be developed, based on a psychic/spiritual phenomenon;
- A "City of Gold" will be discovered in the Gobi Desert,
- New York state's east coast and New York City itself will disappear,
- America's west coast will be destroyed,
- A time would come when all individuals would realize their responsibility toward one another; this will be a realization that will change the masses. (Source: Edgar Cayce's Association for Research & Enlightenment, since 1931 and Edgar Cayce on you Tube)
- So, there we have the more important predictions of one of Kentucky's more famous sons known as the "sleeping prophet". He was called this due to the fact that he did his "seeing" while in a semi-sleep or trance-like state, as noted. Although these most important prophecies have yet to come about, it will be interesting in the days ahead to watch for their fulfillment.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 12-CI-00240**

Embrace Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

Kimberly Sandlin, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 4, 2013 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 13/100 (\$79,755.13) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 20, 2013
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

4718 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

On Kentucky #1505 and Beginning at a steel pin on east right of way of Kentucky #1505 and in north right of way of Cain's private road; thence with Cain's Road North 80 degrees 00' East 166.7 feet to steel pin (corner to Cain); thence with Cain North 14 degrees 50' West 105.0 feet to steel pin (corner to Tract No. 3); thence with Tract No. 3 South 79 degrees 45' West 169.0 feet to steel pin in east right of way of Kentucky #1505; thence with Kentucky #1505 South 17 degrees 30' East 105.0 feet to the beginning, and containing 0.40 acre more or less and being Tract No. 2.

Being the same property conveyed to Earl Sandlin and wife Kimberly Sandlin by survivorship deed dated May 21, 1996, executed by Jerry Blevins, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 161, Page 562 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- The full satisfaction of any liens for delinquent ad valorem taxes assessed against the real property of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2013 local, county and state property taxes.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
- The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**



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