

# THE Landscape

## “Ahh, Fall!”

**Location:** My garden  
**Date:** July 22  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Temperature:** 94<sup>o</sup> Fahrenheit  
**Humidity:** Way up there!!

*I am in my garden digging up a row of shrubs — I am not trying to keep them alive — at my wife’s request. I am wringing wet, breathing hard, and thinking ‘this is hard work!’ She has threatened to hire a landscape contractor to get the job done! I said ‘No.’ Inwardly I say to myself, ‘I still can do this like I did when I was twenty-five.’ On second thought, maybe not! Although I like sweat equity and I know in my heart I want this done, there are many other things my time is better used for. As usual, she was right. I should have brought in a crew to get the work done quickly and efficiently.*

*We are in the midst of one of the hottest summers on record. I love summer, but I am really looking forward to fall — a great time to plant and improve your outdoor living space. After spending time outside on all those long summer evenings, all my ideas for the outside are fresh in my mind. When we had the family over, they all did not quite fit on the patio; I was reminded of why I need to continue the screen planting between us and the neighbor, and my dreams of a pool*

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## Featured Garden

**Dansko**  
West Grove, PA

W.D. Wells is pleased to have designed and installed the landscape master plan for the new Dansko company headquarters located in West Grove, PA. Completed in 2009, the project earned LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED is an acronym for ‘Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.’ Dansko (from the Danish, ‘Danish shoe,’) is a footwear company founded in 1990 with a strong commitment to sustainability.

The completed landscape earned LEED credits in areas of site development, stormwater management and water efficient landscaping. Fifty-four percent of the site has been restored using native and/or adaptive planting. Vegetated parking islands with underground stone beds retain storm water, and help trap sediments. Beyond a temporary (3 month) irrigation system, the plantings will not require permanent irrigation system.

Wells designers Danilo Maffei, APLD, and Tony Dufour, ASLA utilized large drifts of perennials, grasses and shrubs to create a landscape which is seasonally rich, and



complements the bold, contemporary building facades. Dansko added solar panels this past spring in an on-going effort to reduce their environmental footprint (visit [www.dansko.com](http://www.dansko.com) to read about many other environmental and social efforts). We’re happy to have Dansko as a neighbor!

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are stronger than ever. Time is flying by so fast the summer of 2011 will be here before you know it.

Right now is a great time to make those improvements and be ready to enjoy your home in the cooler fall months. To help, we are offering some nice incentives for fall such as:

- 100% credit for most design services on projects we install now
- plants from our nursery are discounted up to 25%
- a free maintenance visit after installation to keep things looking fresh
- free plants installed at your home for a successful referral to a friend or colleague and more.

I've mentioned the economy before and the effect — real or perceived — it is having on all of us; we are all getting tired of hearing it! I do know home “values” are not going up as in the past, but the “value” your home adds to your life. A source of calm in the storm has never been greater. Doing a project to improve is a reward and investment that pays forever.

I would like to thank our many loyal customers who continue to grace us with their confidence. As always, if you like what we have done for you, please tell a friend. If you are not pleased, do not hesitate to call me (extension 117). We look forward to serving you this coming fall season.

*Bill A*

William H. Wells  
President

## Tyler Arboretum

### Natures Enchantment Exhibit

Once again this summer Tyler Arboretum in Media, Pa. has created a wonderful, family friendly, exhibit entitled:

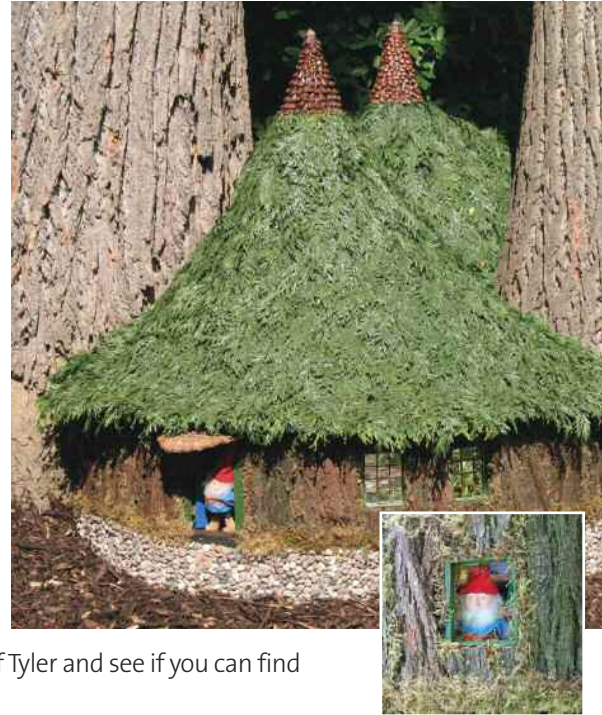
#### **Nature's Enchantment.**

Over 30 incredible exhibits have been placed throughout the Arboretum celebrating Gnomes, Wizards, Faeries, Trolls and Goblins! Local artisans were responsible for the design and creation of these “Gems in the Forest”

If you have not already visited Tyler Arboretum this summer, you better hurry as the displays runs through October. Take the family, particularly the kids, and enjoy the day exploring the woodlands of Tyler and see if you can find all 30 of the exhibits.

Our own senior designer, Shipley Allinson and his wife Mary, crafted a display called ‘The Gnome Home’ which features a custom built Gnome residence complete with a family of Gnomes. ‘The Gnome Home’ was made using natural materials and fabrics. Enjoy!

For more information and a slide show of the display, please visit [www.tylerarboretum.org](http://www.tylerarboretum.org)



Fall is for Planting!

## Plant Holding Yard Reduction Sale

Friday, October 1 — 12-6 PM  
Saturday, October 2 — 9-5 PM  
Sunday, October 3 — 10-3 PM

Call for details and directions.

*Water Crest Farms Nursery and W.D. Wells & Associates  
invite you to visit our nursery,  
Water Crest Farms,  
to enjoy three days of exclusive access  
to premium landscape plants at wholesale prices!*

Rain or Shine. Cash and carry with delivery available. (credit cards accepted)  
Meet our landscape designers. Bring photos of your vexing garden problems  
for complimentary design consultations in our office.

Additional information such as plant lists, plant photos and special offerings may be made available via our e-newsletter. Go to [www.wdells.com](http://www.wdells.com) to sign up to receive these updates.

## Notes... from the Nursery

**Plant Holding  
Yard Reduction Sale**

October 1, 2 & 3

As we're writing the fall newsletter, we are in the middle of a pretty hot and dry summer. I thank all of you who came to our Spring Open House Sale.

Just a reminder a few deep waterings per week by a trickling hose on roots is necessary in these summer and fall months.

After a very busy season, we are catching up on maintenance at our farms. We have been getting new plants lined out in fields and drip irrigation run to all young plants. We hope to have the balance of our holly and conifers out to fields by early September. As always we are hopeful for a fall season with plentiful rainfall and cool temperatures.

We are planning an **Open House Sale** the first weekend of October. My objective is to clear our holding yard before winter. This is your opportunity to take advantage of some huge savings on great plants for your landscape.

Hope to see you this fall!



David V. Wells  
Water Crest Farms Nursery



## Hawk Mountain Worth the Trip!



My family had the great pleasure to visit **Hawk Mountain** for the first time last month. Located in Kempton, PA, an easy 90 minute drive north, the mountain affords something for the whole family. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is the world's first refuge for birds of prey. Open year-round, visitors enjoy scenic vistas, 8-miles of ridge and valley trails, a Visitor Center, Bookstore, and native plant garden. Each autumn, there is the chance to observe large numbers of hawks, eagle and falcons migrating past the lookouts. Operating as a non-profit eco-tourism site, trail fees or membership dues help support scientific research, public education and Sanctuary maintenance.

### Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Administrative Offices & Visitor Center  
1700 Hawk Mountain Rd, Kempton, PA 19529  
Phone: (610) 756-6961

Be sure to spend some time on the website, and plan carefully. Traversing even the 'easy' trail can be challenging at times. <http://www.hawkmountain.org>



## Testimonials

### Our Customers are Saying Great Things!

*"We are VERY pleased with the work that your Team completed last week. We are really happy with the new step, what a difference! We are also very happy with the landscaping changes; we really opened the front walkway, looks terrific! Thanks for all your Good Work; we really enjoyed working with you and all the folks at WD Wells."*

**The Huelsmans**

*"Great Experience; cannot wait for the front to be done! Thanks for all your help! I'll be calling in Spring 2010 to finish final phase."*

**B. Wood**

*"Outstanding effort, Great Crew!"*

**The Neilsons**

*"We are pleased with the end product; accommodating, professional, and attentive to our questions and concerns."*

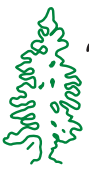
**The Boers**

*"Thank you for all of your hard work, dedication and professionalism. We're so pleased and will highly recommend you and W.D. Wells."*

**J. Ladd**

*"Even better than expected and we expect great."*

**Stonegates**



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## Do you know... what this unusual plant is?



We will select one winner from the pool of respondents answering by September 15, 2010. The winner will receive a red chokeberry shrub (*Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brilliantissima'), 24" height. Please call or email Tony Dufour, (610) 869-3883 x 112, or [tdufour@wdwells.com](mailto:tdufour@wdwells.com).

## Spring '10 Mystery Plant

Answer: Kiss me over the garden gate.  
(*Persicaria orientalis*)

Congratulations to the three winners.



## A Relatively New Twist Pervious Pavers

Pervious pavers are a relatively new twist to the vast array of concrete and brick paver products available. With increasing concern about water quality, storm water, and flooding, pervious paving may be an option worth considering — either to meet local permitting requirements, and/or to reduce impact on the local watershed.

Pervious pavers differ from traditional pavers in that they have wider gaps along the edges or small voids at the corners. Set on a well-graded gravel bed, the finished pavement can withstand vehicular loads. The system may increase water quality, and may reduce the need and/or size of other storm water management components (and the associated cost) such as drain inlets, piping, and detention or retention basins.

Contact your Wells' designer to discuss pervious options for your next walkway, patio or driveway.

