

## Friends of Cedars of Lebanon State Park – Annual Report 2021

Actions by the Friends of Cedars of Lebanon State Park included the following:

- Raised funds for park projects by selling ice and firewood at the camp store.
- Assisted rangers with the Weed Wrangle.
- Provided refreshments for ranger led hikes, the Weed Wrangle, and the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glades Festival.
- Planted and maintained the pollinator garden at the Dixon Merritt Nature Center. Applied for designation as a National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat and as a Monarch Waystation.
- Held a successful native plant sale at which the plants that sold were propagated by The Friends. The sale profit was over \$3900. The Friends obtained certification from TN Dept of Agriculture plant inspector at the plant propagation site. The Friends have partnered with Wilson County Master Gardeners to sow seeds and tend plants for the 2022 native plant sale.
- Hosted the Tennessee Environmental Council Tree Planting Day 2021 by promoting, sorting 62 orders, and distributing the trees.
- Worked with a ranger to flag the new Birding Trail.
- Provided burgers and hot dogs for exhibitors, and staffed food sales at WPA Day.
- Provided lights for the Halloween event.
- Provided for a band at a Saturday night concert at the campground.
- Purchased a broom winder for the Sadie Farm broom shop.
- Provided supplies at Sadie Farm for remodeling a chicken house and purchasing seeds for the garden.
- Secured funds from and reported to the Tennessee State Library and Archives regarding the implementation of a National Historical Publications and Records grant to rehouse and digitize manuscripts and photographs. The Friends applied for that grant in fourth quarter 2020.
- Attended the virtual State Friends Conference to learn about legal requirements for 501 (c) 3 organizations.
- Provided gift baskets for park staff.