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The Joanne Field Weller memorial garden is a contemporary garden for rest, relaxation and contemplation: with benches, flowers and shade to sit and rest. "It was made in memory of Joann Field Weller, who was a family member of the Field packing company; now Specialty Foods," said Tyler. "Joanne gave the money for the Field House Retreat Center in the Yule Center, which we set up a foundation for," Susie said. "Joanne wanted people to have a place to go to get through difficult things, like losing a loved one." Susie was the executive director for the Field House Retreat Center for several years.

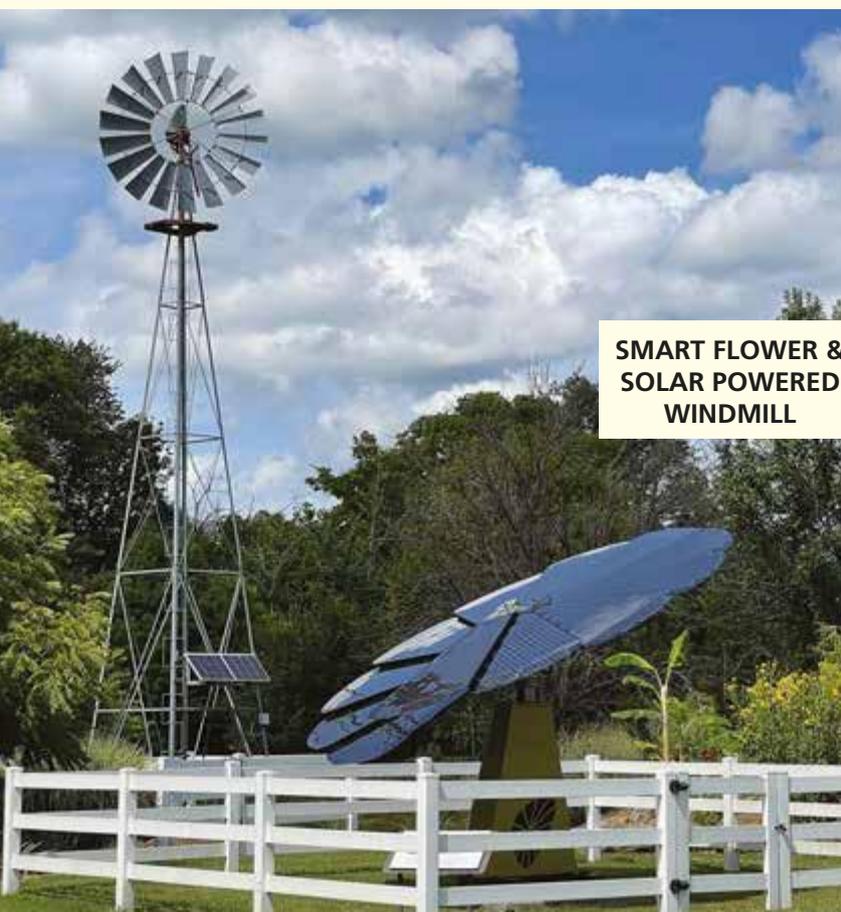
"During the pandemic, the Botanical Garden was a wonderful place for people," said Tyler. "All the buildings were closed but it was a wonderful place for solitude. A lot of people discovered the garden because of the pandemic. They were looking for a place of solitude: a place to be alone.



Educational Garden Classroom and Conservatory.

Visitors would come out to walk and sit and just enjoy the peacefulness of it. People are seeking to be outdoors more than usual. It feels safe to be outside and breathe in some fresh air."

Dr. Tyler explained how they grow orchids in the conservatory during the winter months, and in February (when orchids bloom) they have an orchid show and sale. The conservatory is attached to an educational garden classroom where students can work with plants during winter.



SMART FLOWER & SOLAR POWERED WINDMILL

EDUCATION IS A CORNERSTONE OF THE GARDEN'S MISSION.

"Our solar panel (left) which is called a "smart flower" is one of only two in Kentucky and not many in the country," said Dr. Tyler. "It is computer controlled to always point directly at the sun, so its always changing position during the day." He explained it closes up at night to clean itself. The wind gage shown next to it, is associated with the solar flower so if the wind gets over 40 miles per hour, the sun flower will close up to protect itself. "It provides us enough electricity to power the house and the conservatory, and puts some energy back to the grid," said Tyler. "It was made in Austria."

