



## TUFC Center of Excellence Report for 2017

- Certified as a level 4 Arboretum
- Inspected arboretum trees twice throughout the year for health and to check tree labels
- Cheekwood had an Arboriculture Intern from Tennessee State University from February to April
- Promoted an EAB awareness at various presentations to community groups and garden clubs as well as at demonstration tables at the Lawn and Garden Show and Member Mondays at Cheekwood
- Treated 33 ash in the gardens including our Arboretum ash for EAB prevention
- American Chestnut Society met at Cheekwood in March
- Participated in the Weed Wrangle® and removed invasive honeysuckle from the Woodland Sculpture Trail
- Hosted TUFC's Citizen Urban Forestry Class in November
- Tree Programming through Cheekwood's Education and Public Programs Department - Tu B' Shevat: Feb 7 and Tuesdays for Tots: Leaf prints: Oct 17
- Planted 3 new future arboretum trees –
  - *Fagus grandifolia*
  - *Franklinia alatamaha*
  - *Nyssa sylvatica* 'Wildfire'