



ARBORETUM UPDATE!

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Fall/Winter 2019



LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Friends,

Each autumn season I like to reflect on the year that is quickly coming to an end, take time to appreciate the beauty that nature brings, and give thanks.

Included in my list of people I am thankful for are our Cox Arboretum Foundation members, donors, board members and Five Rivers MetroParks employees and volunteers. Without the support of this wonderful group of individuals, we would not be able to accomplish our goal of providing funding for special projects and educational programs at the Arboretum.

This fall and winter, while visiting the arboretum, you may notice several projects recently completed. The stream, meditation pond and Barbara Cox Center have all received a "face-lift" to better accommodate our visitors, and later this year you will see improvements taking place in the Zorniger Visitor Center. These projects were all made possible thanks to your support!

On behalf of the Foundation board of trustees, thank you for your continued support. Your dedication to the arboretum truly helps in keeping it a community gem.

With my thanks,

Elise Hafenbrack
Cox Arboretum Foundation, Board President

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INTRODUCTIONS

New Board Members



Melinda Moore
Senior Director
West Carrollton YMCA

Melinda Moore has served at the YMCA of Greater Dayton since 2000 and is currently the Senior Director at the West Carrollton YMCA.

Melinda is an active member of the Miamisburg Rotary Club and has volunteered with numerous organizations in the Dayton area. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Wilmington College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Wright State University.



Valerie White

Valerie White is a current resident and veterinarian in Miamisburg. She graduated from Wright State University with a BS in Biology, worked at Iams Research and Development and then attended and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2008.

Valerie has worked in Miamisburg since 2008 as a veterinarian and is the owner of Great Miami Veterinary Care. She is married to Joel and has two children who attend Bishop Leibold School.

Congrats to Adam Dietsch, former arboretum Site Leader, on his promotion to Island MetroPark Park Manager!

Mechanical Stream

The large stones were reset so water would once again move correctly through the outflow.



BEFORE



AFTER

Meditation Pond & Stairs

The stone wall at the edge of the pond was rebuilt to improve the aesthetics and safety of the meditation garden. The old mortared limestone retaining wall was replaced with a product called Redi-Rock and the old timber steps that lead down to the pond were replaced with Elliot limestone treads.



BEFORE



AFTER



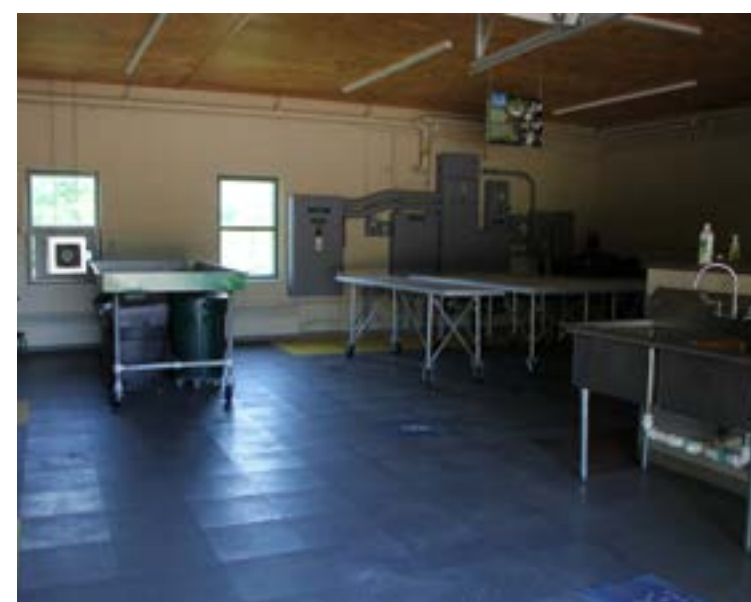
Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture

This summer the Resource Center (entrance to the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture) and grow house received new flooring and became ADA compliant with the removal of the glass doors and addition of motion-sensored sliding doors. Wayfinding now directs people from the Zorniger Education and Visitor Center through the Barbara Cox Center.

Greenhouse #1 also received the installation of a mist system for more efficient watering of seed and cutting propagation.



 <p>Volunteer Hours 3,000+ Annually</p>	 <p>Trees Planted 3,500+</p>	 <p>Wildflower Inventory 6,696 Currently</p>
 <p>Statistics 2016 - 2019</p>		



2019 FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Zorniger Plantings



Each year, through the generosity of a grant from the the Zorniger Family Fund of The Dayton Foundation, thousands of bulbs are added to the arboretum gardens.

This year's plantings include:

- Thirteen unique tulip varieties in a wide range of colors that will be on display in the Huffman Gallery inside the Zorniger Education & Visitor Center starting mid-February 2020.
- Narcissus, Hyacinth, Crocus, and Muscari will fill the large exterior terra cotta planters located at the exterior of the visitor center, Kettering Learning Lab, and Allée.
- Plantings at the new paver path retaining wall to include bulbs, native grasses and flowering plants.
- Additional bulb plantings throughout the grounds, for early spring color, have been added along the yellow and blue trails, mechanical stream, shrub garden entrance and meditation garden.



VOLUNTEER GROUP HIGHLIGHT

Woodworkers



The Woodworker Volunteers originally known as the "Helping Hands Crew" worked out of the basement of the Cox house in the early 1990s. In the late 1990s they moved their woodshop to their present location in the second bay of the Cox Arboretum operations building. The woodworkers meet every Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Currently, the Woodworkers are a crew of 11 and throughout the year work on many small and large projects at the arboretum and other metroparks. Some of the projects they've worked on include: remodeling the Butterfly House, building flower planter boxes, assembling and repairing benches, trash can holders, potting benches, and remodeling the cold frames.



EDUCATION AT THE ARB

2019 Nature Education Programs



4 TEACHER WORKSHOPS

- 38 Educators Participated
- 1,595 Students Impacted



TOURS STUDENT IMPACT

- 103 School Tours
- 5,329 Students



CONSERVATION KIDS

- 10 Graduates
- 1,043 Program Attendees



BUTTERFLY HOUSE

- 108 Volunteer Hours
- 1,015 Student Tours

6 TEACHER'S NIGHT OUT

- 46 Educators Participated
- 3,226+ Students Impacted

TOURS VOLUNTEER IMPACT

- 29 Volunteers
- 600+ Hours



Do you know a teacher who gets students outside and brings nature into the classroom?
Nominate them for the *OUTstanding Teacher Award* metroparks.org/outstanding.

COX ARBORETUM

Wedding & Event Venue

Family/Corporate Gatherings • Holiday Parties • Recognition Events • Rehearsals • Retirement Parties • Retreats • Reunions • Showers • Weddings •

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (937) 278-2657

Book your date today!

Founders Society members receive a 20% discount on venue rentals.



KETTERING LEARNING LAB



FIFTH THIRD CONFERENCE ROOM



Photo courtesy of Chasing Father

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for your long-term support!

40 Years

Barbara Fryburg

35 Years

Oleta Bruner
Jane Dunwoodie
Tony and Pokey Huffman
Robert and Linda Nevin
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Shulman

30 Years

Nancy McCormick
Don and Joyce Porter
John and Barbara Rion
Mary Jane Ryan

25 Years

Marsha Early
Barbara J. Ehler
David H. Hammond
Martin and Martha Jacobs
Frances W. Jamison
Lucy McKosky
Nancy and Bill Stahl
Marion W. Thompson
Bill and Karen Todd
Betsy Whitney
Nancy Zeller

20 Years

Barbara Arnold
Marsha and Dwight Bartlett, Sr.
Richard and Jane Conrad
Dr. and Mrs. Gerard A. Dehner
Paul and Katherine Fleitz
Marshall Goodfellow
Carol Corr Greis
Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Homan
Marilyn Hook
Mrs. Howard H. H. Jones
Margaret Klein
Dianne & Michael Kugel
Brian and Jen Lokai
Frances S. Repperger
Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Wagner
Ms. Kay Walker

15 Years

Karl & Sandy Ayers
John and Carol Bucklew
Don Erwine
Debby and Bob Goldenberg
Mr. and Mrs. William Haffner
Barbara Hamm
Martin and Sarah Hydell
Joanne W. Jump
Robert and Cathy Kennedy
Joan Pratt
Jean Stogdill
Elizabeth and David Striebel
Ron Testa

10 Years

James Eidemiller
Robert and Lily Ensign
Linda Haley & John Goode
Jeanne Keffer & Bill Sneider
Bobbie Rice
Mark Stabler
Roger Steinlage & Juanita Stoyka
Craig & Carol Williams

5 Years

Gary and Cathy Adler
Linda Moore
Alan Brown
Elise R. Hafenbrack
Dan Horine

FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Joseph Bockelman and
Barbara Driehaus
Jon Bossong
Jean Cacioppo
James Donnell
Barbara Fryburg
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James and Jean Graham
Carl Gross
Tony and Pokey Huffman
Margaret Klein
Jean Mahoney
Ruth Mead
Barbara Nichols O'Hara
Marvin and Christine Olinsky
Caryl Philips
Rich and Carol Pohl
Don and Joyce Porter
Karen and Burnell Roberts
Rick and Jane Schwartz
Paul and Patti Stoll
Lois and Roger Sutherland
John and Connie Taylor
Sherry Tschudin
Nancy Zeller
Nancy Zorniger

The Founders Society are members who are committed to the long-term goals of the Cox Arboretum Foundation, and give an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

PERENNIAL SOCIETY

Barbara Anthony*
Margaret Barnhart*
Martha Boice
Jane Compton*
Lewis & Ruth Cummings*
Patricia Edmonson
John & Louise Haley
Lou & Millie Homan
Bruce & Sue Howorth
Samuel Maimon*
Markita Murdock
Charles Niehaus*
Cynthia Shook*
Edda Wagner*
Alma Walther*
Joyce Wolfe*

The Perennial Society are members who have named the foundation in their estate plans or will. For more information on planned giving call (937) 277-4369.

**denotes deceased*

New Members

May - October 2019

Brandin Baxtron

Alexander Giles

Kinley Smith

Peter Bovenzi

Jeff Joslin

Michelle Starry

Stephanie Davis-Novak

Ken and Darrell May

Austin Erman

Melinda Moore

Tributes

May - October 2019

**denotes tribute tree or bench*

In memory of Robert Askins

Stephen & Pamela Hagwood

In memory of Brenda Haag

Paula Bartos

In memory of Margaret Barnhart*

David & Delana Barnhart
Anthony & Elizabeth Mahle
Christopher Olvis

In memory of Timothy Long

Ron and Candi Long

In memory of Louise Mildrum

Nancy Eller

In honor of Teri & Todd Carver*

Todd Carver

In memory of Mary Lou Murray

Eileen Maloney

In memory of Craig Elder

Farquhar Family
John Gaston

In honor of Eileen Reener

Sonny & Cheryl Johnson

Perennial Society

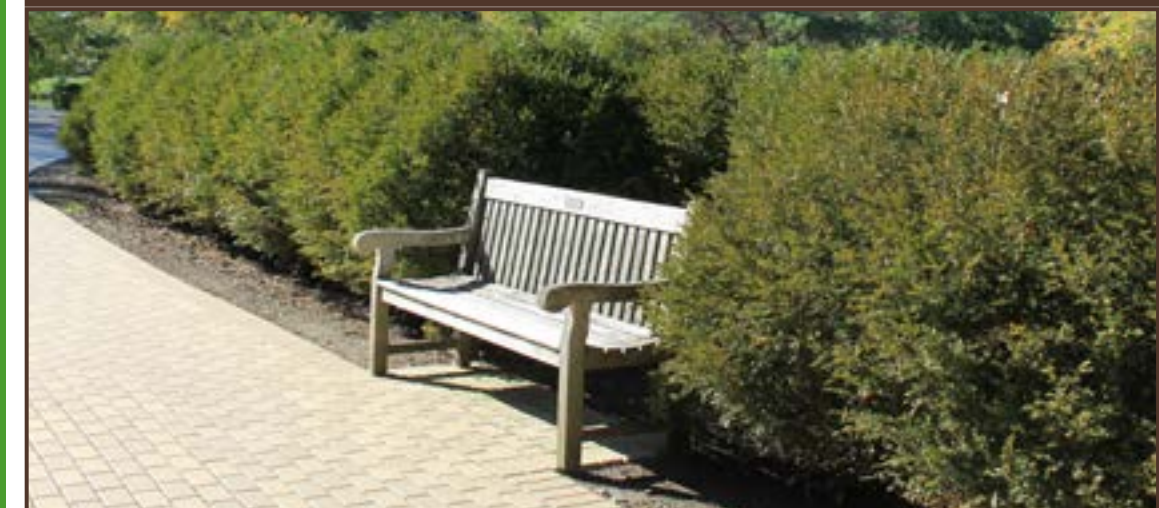
Leave a lasting legacy for generations to come with a planned gift to the Cox Arboretum Foundation.



For more information call (937) 277-4369.

Honor someone you love with a tribute gift at Cox Arboretum MetroPark

For information call (937) 277-4839





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Park Hours

APRIL - OCTOBER 31

8am - 10pm

NOVEMBER - MARCH 31

8am - 8pm

Zorniger Education & Visitor Center Hours

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Saturday - Sunday 11am - 4pm

MISSION

To support educational, scientific, civic, and cultural programs and activities relating to the advancement of arboriculture, horticulture and related fields by providing support for the Cox Arboretum as a free arboretum/museum for the benefit of the general public.

Save the Date

May 19, 2020; 5:00 - 7:30 pm

*Cox Arboretum Foundation
Member Event*

*Light dinner followed by
activities and tours*

