



ARBORETUM UPDATE!

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



As President of The James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation Board of Trustees, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to our board and to our members for their support of the Arboretum. With this support, 2016 was an exciting time for Cox Arboretum MetroPark. Our foundation partnered with Five Rivers MetroParks to bring several significant improvements to the Arboretum.

In May, we celebrated the opening of the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. This project, made possible by a \$1 million donation from the estate of Barbara Cox, is already yielding big results. In addition, we were pleased to make major additions to the Niehaus lilac and magnolia collection and to add thousands of spring bulbs with support from the Zorniger Family Fund of The Dayton Foundation. In 2016, our Foundation also provided funding for both the completion of the new paver loop path, a half mile path offering greater accessibility to major features of the park, and for the new Monet bridge, providing ADA accessibility and improving visitor safety. You'll also read in this Update! more about the quality educational programming offered with help from our partners at the Dayton Power & Light Foundation and the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation.

This impressive list couldn't be done without the generous support from our Foundation members and Five Rivers MetroParks' volunteers. As we turn the corner on winter and start to look ahead to warmer and sunnier days, I encourage you to visit these features at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. The support you've provided leaves a lasting legacy for not only our enjoyment, but also for generations to follow.

Sincerely,

Miranda Goubeaux

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2016 EDUCATION RECAP

Education is an important aspect of the Cox Arboretum Foundation and Five Rivers MetroParks mission. Each year students and adults participate in programming that teaches the importance of our natural resources and the impact we can make by creating habitats. The Foundation supports three programs, Conservation Kids, Butterfly House Tours and Putting Learning into Nature (PLANT) Tours, all with a focus on connecting children to nature.



Butterfly House Tours

1,055 students (scheduled)
~200 students (unscheduled)
(Students from childcare centers,
camps, community groups,
schools)

PLANT Tours

3,140 students
(Includes: school children, home school
children, childcare center children, and
scouts)

Conservation Kids

950 participants
24 Conservation Kids
Protector of Nature



- Café Sci**
 - 9 programs with 300 participants
- Family Tuesday Evening Tram Tours**
 - 4 evenings with 74 participants
- Tram Tours**
 - 31 tours with 362 participants
- Garden Story Time**
 - 4 programs with 50 participants
- Lifelong Learning Programs**
 - 5 programs with 79 participants
- Learning from the Landscape/Wildflower Walks**
 - 10 programs with 111 participants
- Gardening, Photography, & Earth-Friendly Living Programs**
 - 14 programs with 228 participants

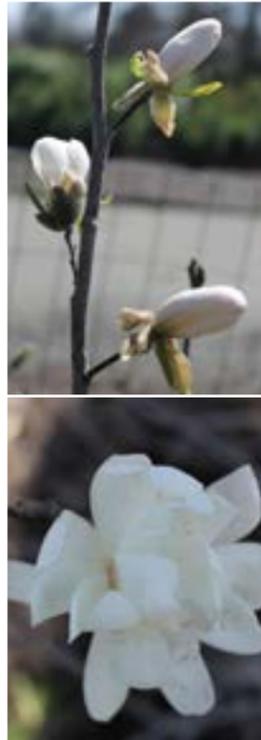
NIEHAUS LILACS AND MAGNOLIAS

In 1995, The James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation received notification of a generous gift from the estate of Mr. Charles R. Niehaus for the purpose of developing and maintaining a Magnolia and Lilac collection on the grounds of the Arboretum. Mr. Niehaus was a local Daytonian who loved spending time in his garden.

At the time of the gift the foundation board identified the need for maintaining the collection once established. With approval from the estate executor, the decision was made to allow the fund to grow to an amount allowing for the purchasing and planting of a world-class collection, as well as covering the salary of a horticulturist to take care of the collection once fully established.

Thanks to Mr. Niehaus' gift, each spring visitors to the Arboretum can experience a walk fragranced with the sweet scent and beautiful blooms of lilacs and magnolias. Both of these collections have grown substantially over the past few years and continue to grow with new plantings added each spring and fall.

The collections are located in what is known as the Shrub Garden, found around the south pond of the Arboretum and extending past the Children's Maze. The Niehaus Collection can easily be found by following the paver path to the south pond. A secondary paver path (a lighter shade of pavers) from the loop path leads you to the Niehaus Collection. This spring a new sign recognizing Mr. Niehaus will be added to the entrance of the collection.



Magnolia (M.) Collection

Magnolia sieboldii, M. a. 'Cucumber M.', M. ashei, M. 'Black Tulip', M. g. 'Bracken's Brown Beauty', M. grandiflora, M. macrophylla, M. s. 'Royal Star', M. sieboldii 'Colossus', M. soulangiana, M. tripetala L, M. v. 'Moonglow', M. virginiana x grandis, M. x 'Butterflies', M. x 'Coral Lake', M. x 'Galaxy', M. x 'Golden Gift', M. x 'Yellow Bird', M. x 'Yellow Lantern', M. x soulangeana

Niehaus Collection Path



LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Perennial Society

Cox Arboretum MetroPark has a long history of dedicated supporters and is a destination for many people, whether it's to visit the Butterfly House, the new Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture or just to walk the grounds. When looking around and identifying what the Arboretum has to offer much of what is seen was funded through the generous support from donors and members like you.

Some of these projects and improvements have been made possible through the generosity of a planned gift. These gifts help provide for the long-term financial stability of the Arboretum and ensure Cox Arboretum MetroPark remains a treasure to the community for generations to come.

The *Perennial Society* recognizes individuals who have named Cox Arboretum Foundation in their planned giving. If you would like to know more about planned giving options and how it can maximize your charitable benefits, visit our website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org under the *Contribute* section or contact Five Rivers MetroParks, Chief of Philanthropy, Beth Redden at 937-277-4369. We also encourage you to talk to your financial advisor or attorney about planned giving options.

If you've included the Cox Arboretum Foundation in your plans, please let us know so we can personally thank you and include you as a member of our *Perennial Society*.



Lilac Collection

Syringa laciniata, Syringa p 'China Snow', Syringa p 'Beijing Gold', Syringa v 'Yankee Doodle', Syringa v 'Krasavitsa Moskvya', Syringa v 'Wonder Blue', Syringa vulgaris, Syringa x 'Red Pixie', Syringa x 'Alexander's Pink', Syringa x 'Bloomerang', Syringa x c 'Lilac Sunday', Syringa x h 'Assessipi', Syringa x h 'Betsy Ross', Syringa x h 'Royal Purple', Syringa x j 'George Eastman', Syringa x pr 'Nocturne', Syringa x t 'Lark Song'



GIFT OF NATURE



Photo courtesy of Michael Little

Looking for the perfect gift for loved ones can at times be challenging. If the person you're looking for enjoys the Arboretum, consider a gift of a bench or tree named in their honor.

For more information, visit our website at www.CoxArboretumFoundation.org under the *Contribute* section or contact Five Rivers MetroParks, Development Coordinator at 937-277-4839.

ASK ABOUT OUR 2017 WEDDING PROMO

*Cox Arboretum MetroPark...
...Your Wedding Destination*



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REFORESTATION EFFORTS INCREASE

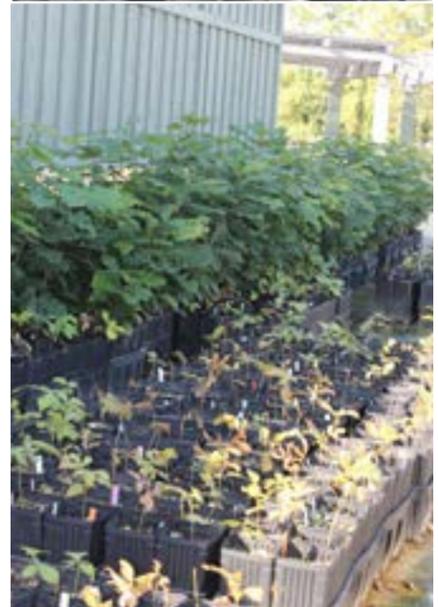


Five Rivers MetroParks' reforestation efforts have reached new heights due to the opening of the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. Thanks to additions such as better temperature controls, permanent outdoor holding areas, and buildings sealed against rodent invasion, this year's seedlings are doing better than ever.

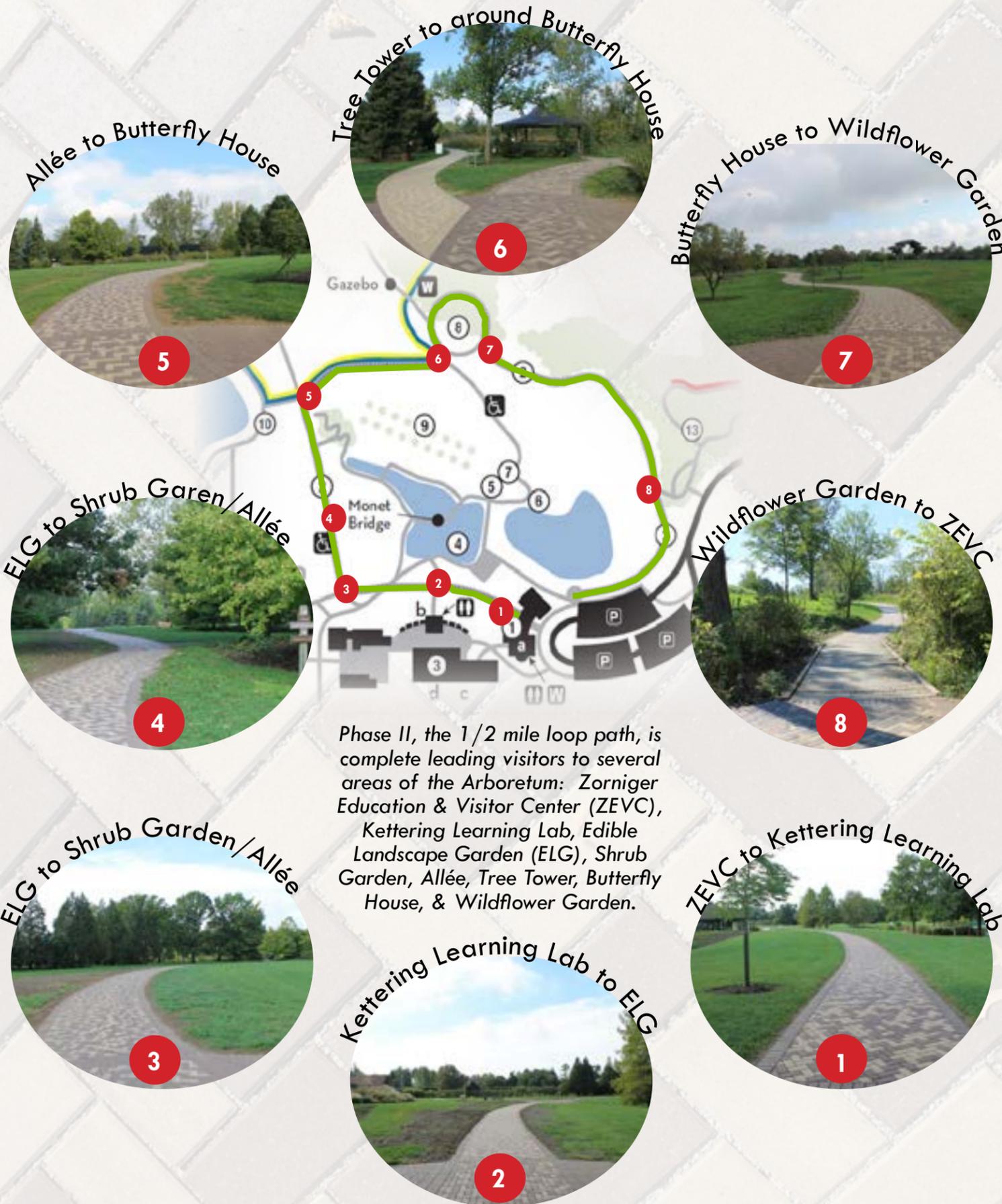
The tree propagation total for this past year was 4,600 from seven different species, twice what it was the year before. Some of the seedlings are already over two feet tall! These trees will be planted this coming spring primarily at the Great Miami Mitigation Bank as well as to fill in at existing reforestation sites.

The tree corps volunteers were honored to be the first to use the Barbara Cox Center. Volunteers contributed over 425 hours to the Tree Corps program in 2016.

Volunteers collected nuts in the fall of 2016 for the 2017 propagation year. Plans are in place to branch out and try other species such as button bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), and silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) to support reforestation in some of the Five Rivers MetroParks' wetland areas.



LOOP PATH PHASE II COMPLETED



NEW ADA ACCESSIBLE BRIDGE



The New Monet Bridge was placed in late October 2016. The new bridge is ADA accessible and features extra safety precautions with steel cables every four inches. This spring the bridge will be stained to match the Zorniger Education Campus buildings.



POLLINATOR PARTY

Thank you to all who attended the 2016 Pollinator Party. Guests enjoyed a light dinner along with a presentation from Five Rivers MetroParks Education Coordinator, Betty Hoevel, on "Planting your own Pollinator Party". A special thank you to the Dayton Power and Light Foundation for their support of the Butterfly House and programming. Thank you to Holly Wiggins from DP&L for joining us at the event.



**SAVE THE DATE for the
2017 POLLINATOR PARTY**
Thursday, July 20, 2017
5:30 - 7:00 pm



FOUNDERS SOCIETY LUNCHEON



Each year the foundation hosts a special luncheon in honor of our Founders Society members. The 2016 event took place on October 12. Attendees enjoyed a catered lunch followed by a tour of the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. Thank you to all who attended. We appreciate your support.



RECOGNIZING EDUCATORS

OUTstanding Teacher Award



Class butterfly emerging from its' chrysalis.

Many teachers in the Greater Dayton area know that not all classrooms have four walls. They get their students outside to learn, observe, question, and grow knowing it's okay to get a little hot, cold, sweaty, and muddy. Often times, teachers are making these huge impacts on children and families on their own. Five Rivers MetroParks, the Cox Arboretum Foundation, and the Virginia W. Kettering

Foundation want to recognize OUTstanding teachers in our area who allow students to learn outside of four walls! Three teachers will be recognized for their amazing work at the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Summit in March.

Lessons in recycling



OUTstanding Teacher Award Package:

- One-year membership to the Cox Arboretum Foundation and Environmental Education Council of Ohio
- Registration for the 101 Conference at Camp Kern
- Transportation for a class field trip to Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- Plant kit to start or add to a Green Schoolyard
- Supplies for the winning teacher's classroom or school



CONNECT KIDS WITH NATURE and learn how you can help children and families discover the benefits of unstructured outdoor play by attending the **6TH ANNUAL MIAMI VALLEY LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE SUMMIT**.



Attention Parents, Educators and Health Professionals! Did you know research shows time spent outdoors helps kids be happier, healthier, and smarter? Connect kids with nature and learn how you can help children and families discover the benefits of unstructured outdoor play by attending the **6th Annual Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Summit on Saturday, March 11 from 8 am - 4 pm!** Join leading conservation organizations for a day of excellent workshops, presentations, awards, networking, and resource displays.

Step Up To Quality and Certified Health Education Specialist credits are available to educators and health professionals. For more information and to register (program T16), visit metroparks.org or call (937) 275-PARK.

Cox Arboretum MetroPark Event Venue

Surround yourself in nature where serenity abounds for your next meeting or event.



Amenities:

- Free WiFi
- AV Equipment
- ADA accessible

- Free on-site parking
- Handicap accessible
- Trails

Anniversaries • Corporate Gatherings • Holiday Parties • Memorials • Recognition Events • Rehearsals • Retirement Parties • Retreats • Seminars • Showers • Workshops



Cox Arboretum Foundation & Wedding/Event Venue



Cox Arboretum Foundation



Cox Arboretum Weddings

MEMBER/VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Jean Cacioppo

Jean Cacioppo has been a dedicated Five Rivers MetroParks' volunteer at Cox Arboretum for 23 years. When Jean first came to the Arboretum she volunteered in several areas including hospitality, the Butterfly House, and caring for the roses. She found her permanent home with the Stonewall Perennial Group, which really suited her personality. They are affectionately called the "Stonewallers" and are a group of fun-minded volunteers who maintain the Stonewall Perennial Garden, but their talents are used in tending many other areas of the grounds as well. Jean and her Stonewall cohorts also enjoy making giveaways and decorating for the annual holiday potluck and volunteer recognition event each December.



Ecology conscious and compassionate - one component of her energy has been gifts of crocheted sleeping mats for the homeless created from recycled plastic grocery bags. Eight hundred bags are needed to make a full-sized mat!

When her husband, Dr. Anthony Cacioppo, an officer in the Air Force, passed away in 1996, Jean established a scholarship in his honor at Wright State University. She also wanted to do something special for herself so she became a member of The James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation, whose mission supports the park that has held such a special place in her heart all of these years.



New Members

Your membership in The James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation allows us to grow, much like the trees we care so deeply about. All gifts, large and small, help us advance our mission of connecting people with nature.

May 2016 - December 2016

Anupam Basuray	Peter Hackman and	Suha Peddanna
David and Amy Canada	Crystal Eck	Tonya Perez
Jana Collier	Vicki Lambright	Kathy Sperry
Hannah Duckro	Tom and Barb Landis	Angie Sweet

FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Jon Bossong
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 Mark Webster
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 John and Connie Taylor
 Sherry and Hans Tschudin
 Nancy Zeller
 Nancy Zorniger

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

Tributes

May 2016 - December 2016

In memory of Patricia Banks
 James and Susan Falter

In memory of W.D. Campbell's Father-in-law
 Nancy Duffy
 Kathy Dulaney
 Shirley Younkin

In memory of Eva Ruth Hill
 Robert and Linda Hobbs

In memory of Mary Ann Lehrter
 Rex and Rebecca Weaver

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prigozen
 Robert and Nora Newssock

In memory of Paula Schaeffer
 Tom and Carole Stephens

In memory of Nellie Severns
 James and Deborah Chase

In memory of Kate "Connie" Swink
 Wayne and Kimberly Mathias

In memory of Floyd Taylor
 Kathleen Colbron
 G. Lincoln McCurdy
 Susan and Wendy Mischler
 Louise Rogers

Member Anniversaries

Thank you for your long-term support.

45 years
 Jean Mahoney
 Ruth Mead

35 years
 John and Marna Bosch
 Roger and Liz Eberly
 Robert Mahlstede
 Allan Slicker

30 years
 Marvin and Christine Olinsky

25 years
 Margaret Baird
 Ann Burshtan
 Shirley Coen
 Eileen and Peter Donahue
 Elizabeth Durig
 Shirley and Fred Frazer
 John Leiter
 Rita Miller
 Albert and Barbara Riestenberg
 Marilyn Stava
 Kathy and Bob Toia

25 years cont...
 Pam Watts
 Ruth Whitaker

20 years
 Albert Burky
 Charlene Desch
 Anne Heath
 Rick and Linda Johannes
 Russell and Deanna Kross
 Steve and Lou Mason
 Glenna Reynolds
 Sarah Sillin
 Margaret Spaulding

15 years
 Carol Manda
 Dave and Jane McDaniel
 Tom and Barbara Monnig
 Rich and Carol Pohl
 G. Anthony Pope
 Jean Randal
 John and Connie Taylor
 J. K. Tormey
 Larry and Gloria Wurst

10 years
 Peggy Amburgey
 Patricia Bartley
 Jean Beecher
 Paul Cooper
 Natalie DeHorn
 Robert and Barbara Downs
 Nancy and Don Drozd
 Pat Durbin
 Jean Erskine
 Kathleen Gallagher
 Janet Graul
 Thelma Helmig
 Ann Hirt
 Dorothy and Thomas Kemp
 Tallye McCall
 Krista Miller
 Dorothy Norton
 Pat and Gil Templeton
 Sherry and Hans Tschudin
 Susan Witherspoon
 Joyce Zech

5 years
 Jeanette McDaniel



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Park Hours

NOVEMBER - MARCH 31

8am - 8pm

APRIL - OCTOBER 31

8am - 10pm

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.

MEMBER REMINDER

If you became a member of the foundation or renewed in 2016 be sure to pick up your member gift by February 28, 2017 at the Visitor Service desk in the Zorniger Education and Visitor Center.



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