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# LANDSCAPE & NURSERY

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**Going Green in the Greenhouse**

**Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens**

**Harvesting Rainwater**

**New PHS President Drew Becher**



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*By Harold Sweetman, Executive Director, and Janet O'Leary, Director of Development*



# Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

## Who We Are

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, a private not-for-profit organization, is a wonderful asset in our community — botanically, horticulturally, environmentally, and educationally. We are stewards of a rare treasure: 46 acres of rich botanical gardens and untouched Pennsylvania woodland in a densely settled, heavily populated residential neighborhood in the midst of the Main Line. We touch the future. We are preserving this precious forested land and these special native plant collections for generations to come.

Created from scratch on a piece of undisturbed woodland, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens was not open to the public until 1976, and the small specimens planted back then are now coming into maturity. The arboretum covers 46 acres. The 20 acres on which the arboretum was first planned were formerly the property of H. Lawrence and Elisabeth Phillippe Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins established the Elisabeth Phillippe Jenkins Foundation and desired that Jenkins Arboretum become a living memorial to his wife, an avid gardener and wildlife enthusiast. He directed in his will that the property become a “public park, arboretum, and wildlife sanctuary for the use by the public and responsible organizations engaged in the study of arboriculture, horticulture, and wildlife for educational and scientific purposes...” In 1971 Mrs. Louisa P. Browning, owner of the adjoining property, donated her 26 acres to the arboretum, more than doubling its size. In 1993 Jenkins Arboretum was incorporated as a member-supported, not-for-profit organization, which relies solely on donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations for its operating support. We are open to the public free of charge 365 days a year from 8 a.m. to sunset. Our visitors number

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