



Spring 2016 Free Events

Free of charge. Some programs may have nominal fees for non-members.

Art Exhibition: Celebrating Light & Color

March 26-May 8, 9 am-4 pm daily
Opening Reception: April 3, 3-5 pm

Plant Shop Opening

Friday, April 15, 9 am-4 pm daily

Transforming the Viaduct

Sunday, April 10, 2 pm



Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Show

Saturday, April 16, 1 pm-4 pm
Sunday, April 17, 9 am-3:30 pm

How Not to Kill Your Tree

Sunday, April 24, 2 pm

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Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 40th Anniversary Retrospective: How We Got To Where We Are Today



Elisabeth Phillippe Jenkins



H. Lawrence Jenkins

A Love Story – the Jenkins Era

As Jenkins celebrates its 40th year as a public botanical garden, it is a good time to take you on a trip down memory lane to recapture some history of this garden that you have come to love. Much of this information was provided by Jenkins' longstanding Board member, Roger Whiteman.

As you may know, the original 20 acres and house were a wedding gift to Elisabeth Phillippe Jenkins and her new husband, H. Lawrence Jenkins from Elisabeth's father, B. Pemberton Phillippe, an executive with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Elisabeth was the only child of Mr. Phillippe, and she grew up on the Main Line. One summer she went on a holiday vacation to Europe where she met H. Lawrence Jenkins, a Captain in the British Merchant Marines. Mr. Jenkins was in poor health having been exposed to dampness, poor conditions and bad food while stranded deep in the ocean in a submarine mishap. Nevertheless, the Captain swept the young girl off her feet. Elisabeth and Lawrence fell in love and she brought him home with her and married him in 1926. Lawrence lived with the Phillippes until 1928, when Mr. Phillippe purchased the Jenkins property and constructed the residence as his wedding gift to his only daughter. Thereafter, the Jenkins resided in that house, now known as the Jenkins House. The couple lived there happily for many years.

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From the Executive Director



Dear Members and Friends,

This spring we celebrate Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 40th anniversary by simply celebrating the gardens. Previous anniversaries have included outdoor sculpture exhibitions (35th in 2011), enormous watering cans (30th in 2006), and a gathering of 1000 giant monarch butterflies (25th 2001). The many different kinds of gardens throughout the Arboretum become more glorious with each passing anniversary and are lovingly cared for by dedicated staff and volunteers.

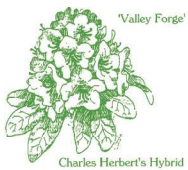
2016 is also a personal milestone. It has been my honor to act as the Executive Director for the past 30 years after succeeding my father, Leonard Sweetman, the first director. The enclosed retrospective article describing how we got to where we are today reveals the “Jenkins Miracle.” Today we are a successful and vibrant public garden. Success is built on the shoulders of the many people who came before—boards, staff, volunteers and many loyal supporters who believed in the “Jenkins Miracle.” It has been a great pleasure to have had such a long tenure and to be part of the vision and labor that grew into these beautiful gardens.

And now I ask that you consider joining others in growing a supporting endowment to sustain the “Jenkins Miracle.” The Forever Jenkins – Endow an Acre Endowment Campaign is well underway with a goal of \$20 million by the year 2020. Please consider including Jenkins in your will or planned giving. It is wonderful to imagine the impact your gift will have on many future generations.

We thank every member and supporter for sharing the beauty and helping us grow.

Sincerely,

Harold E. Sweetman, Ph.D.
Executive Director



American
Rhododendron Society
VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

2016 Annual Plant Sale held at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Opening-Night Party & Preview Plant Sale (see below): Fri., April 29, 6-8 pm

Public Plant Sale: Sat., April 30, 9 am-3 pm and Sun., May 1, 11 am-3 pm

Rain or Shine • Cash and Checks accepted (no credit cards)

Opening-Night Party and Preview Plant Sale RSVP

The deadline for party reservations is April 22 for \$5 coupon off plant purchases.

_____ persons at \$30.00 per person: Total: \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Send check, payable to **Valley Forge Chapter, American Rhododendron Society**, to P.O. Box 715, Southeastern, PA 19399. Reservations will be used in the drawing of door prizes Friday evening. Sale proceeds benefit horticultural, conservation, and educational efforts, including Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.



Spring 2016 Free Events

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Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Annual Public Plant Sale

Public Plant Sale Dates:

Saturday, April 30, 9 am-3 pm

Sunday, May 1, 11 am-3 pm

Delaware Valley Iris Society Iris Flower Show

Sunday, May 15, Noon-4 pm

Delaware Valley Iris Society Public Plant Sale

Saturday, July 16, 10 am-1 pm

Delaware Valley Daylily Society Annual Public Plant Sale & Auction

Saturday, August 20, 9 am-noon

Auction: 1-2 pm

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Our Mission Statement

Jenkins' mission is to preserve natural tranquil woodlands for community enjoyment, to showcase native plants and a world class collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, and to promote environmental horticulture through learning, research and conservation.

The Vision of

H. Lawrence Jenkins

As defined by the will of H. Lawrence Jenkins, Jenkins Arboretum is to be developed as a public park, arboretum and wildlife sanctuary for the use of the public and responsible organizations engaged in the study of arboriculture, horticulture and wildlife, for educational and scientific purposes.

Support Jenkins and Leave a Legacy

The Jenkins Arboretum Legacy Society membership offers each committed donor the opportunity to be recognized and appreciated for philanthropy during his/her lifetime. It is a gift that keeps on giving and generations to come will be the beneficiaries of the generosity of Legacy Society members. We urge you as members of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, who have enjoyed its serenity and beauty over the years, to think about the value of a long term gift to assure the future of the Arboretum. The Jenkins Arboretum Legacy Society offers you the vehicle to make this happen. Please consider joining.



What will your legacy be?

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The Board of Directors has approved named funds in endowment with a minimum gift of \$25,000. Named funds will be documented in the Annual Report each year. Anyone can contribute any amount to an already established named fund.

Spring 2016 Educational Programs & Events

The spring line-up features a selection of classes, workshops, and lectures that will help you learn about horticulture, sustainable gardening and more. There are lots of practical ideas you can take home and implement in your own garden. Take a look at the offerings and sign up today! **Please call or visit our website to register.**

Critters in the Garden: Birds, Bees and Butterflies

Thursdays, March 31, April 7, April 14, 1-2:30 pm

For children ages 3-5 accompanied by a caregiver.

Presented by Helen Standen and Denise Mielnicki, teachers, gardeners and nature enthusiasts!

Join us each week as we explore some of the critters that live in our garden. Birds, bees and butterflies are not only beautiful, they are important to the overall health of the Arboretum. Through stories, experiments, creative movement and art projects we will discover the important jobs these visitors do and what we can do to encourage them to stick around.

Free for Members; \$10 Non-Members. Pre-registration required. Space is limited.

Japanese Gardens – Design Elements For Your Garden

Saturday, April 2, 2 pm

Presented by Robert Stamper, Ph.D.

Dr. Robert Stamper has been president of the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society



College. Come join others and learn from a professor of biology as well as a gardener and world traveller.

Japanese style gardens are found worldwide. What is it about these gardens that is so attractive? This presentation with photos taken in Japan and in a local garden will discuss the basic aspects of Japanese gardens and how they might be incorporated into your home garden. Divided into three historical and artistic periods, items covered include Japanese lanterns, Zen gardens, pathways, water basins, waterfalls, streams and ponds, bridges, gates, and fences.

Free for Members; \$10 for Non-members.

as well as active in the Delaware Valley Rock Garden Society. Dr. Stamper is now retired after 20 years of teaching in the Biology Department at Muhlenberg

Transforming the Viaduct

Sunday, April 10, 2 pm

Presented by Angelo J. Waters, PE, LEED AP

Center City District and design consultants Urban Engineers and Studio|Bryan Hanes are transforming Philadelphia's abandoned Reading Railroad Viaduct into a unique, elevated linear park.

Last used in 1984, the Viaduct's steel structures, elevated filled areas, and arched masonry bridges had become blighted over many years of neglect, but the spectacular views of Philadelphia's Center City remained. Since 2010, Center City District (CCD) has been working in cooperation with the City's Commerce and Parks



Renderings © Studio Bryan Hanes

& Recreation Departments to re-purpose the Viaduct into a green, civic space. CCD was drawn to the project in part because of the success of the High

Line Project in New York City, and because it could create an opportunity to add residential and light commercial development in the expanding communities of Center City and Chinatown. With 32% of the land in the area around the Viaduct still vacant and undeveloped, the opportunity exists to create a unique, mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhood like none other in Center City.

Angelo is Vice President and the Practice Leader of Environmental Services at Urban Engineers, Inc. (Urban). Angelo has been with Urban since 2000. He has a BS in Environmental Engineering and a Master's in Engineering Management, both from Drexel. Angelo provides environmental solutions to transit and rail authorities, transportation agencies, private developers and industries. He is a 2013 *Philadelphia Business Journal* "40 Under 40" honoree. Angelo is the recipient of the 2015 American Society of Civil Engineers, Philadelphia Section, Environmental Engineer of the Year Award.

Free for Members; \$10 for Non-members



Houseplant Revival and Repotting Workshop

Tuesday, April 12, 1-3 pm

Hands-on workshop led by Arboretum horticulture staff and greenhouse volunteers

Have any dusty old houseplants that need some new life? Bring them to Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens for a spring pick me up. Our knowledgeable staff and

volunteers will be available throughout these two hours to help you revive your houseplants with pruning, cleaning, and re-potting with fresh soil mix. And, yes, we can do orchids. We can even give them a shot of fertilizer to get them going. The Arboretum will supply the soil, fertilizer, and expertise, but we ask that participants bring their own containers.

Note: In most cases, the containers the plants are currently in will work fine, but if they need to be bumped into a larger container, you will need to supply that container.

\$5 per repot (members receive one free repot).

No pre-registration required.

How Not to Kill Your Tree

Sunday, April 24, 2 pm

Presented by Peg Schofield, Registered Consulting Arborist, Certified Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Consultant, and Adjunct Professor – Temple University

This homeowner-friendly workshop presents the basics

of tree care. Starting with proper tree selection and planting, Peg explains how trees function, and how to optimize the value and health of the trees in your yard. Participants will learn the dos and don'ts of tree care, including the latest update on disease prevention. Find out how to cooperate with nature by working with an organic approach, to maximize the health and beauty of your property. Excellent resource materials will be provided for you to take home.

Free for Members; \$10 for Non-members.



Annual Public Plant Sale

**Opening Night Party & Preview Plant Sale:
Friday, April 29, 6-8 pm**

To purchase tickets please contact VFARS:
www.valleyforgears.org

Public Plant Sale:

**Sat., April 30, 9 am-3 pm &
Sun., May 1, 11 am-3 pm**

*Presented by the Valley Forge Chapter
of the American Rhododendron Society*

A not-to-be-missed annual event, this is one of the largest public garden plant sales in the area. Offered will be plants ideally suited for



area gardens, including rhododendrons, azaleas, and companion plants not readily available elsewhere. Thousands of native perennials, wildflowers, ferns, and slow-growing conifers, as well as donated plants from Society members' gardens will be for sale.

We offer great prices, terrific plant selections AND your gardening questions will be answered by our knowledgeable horticultural staff and expert gardeners. Jenkins members may pick up their complimentary "thank you" plants during the sale.

**Saturday & Sunday Plant Sale is free of charge.
All are welcome.**

Delaware Valley Iris Society Show & Sale

Iris Show: Sunday, May 15, 12-4 pm

All types of irises may be there, but the majority will be Tall Bearded irises such as the one pictured. Both stalks of colorful irises and flower arrangements containing irises will be on display.

We welcome anyone who is interested to come and exhibit at the show. You need not be a member of either DVIS or Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens in order to do so, and there is no charge for entering.

You do not have to pre-register in order to exhibit. Anyone interested in exhibiting should plan on arriving at 8 am. Please visit the DVIS website, www.dvis-ais.org, for additional information on preparing stalks for the show, and for the show schedule.

Photography is encouraged! There will be knowledgeable members on hand to answer any iris questions that you might have.

Iris Sale: Saturday, July 16, 10 am-1 pm

There will be a sale of all types of iris plants and rhizomes at the Arboretum. Please come early for best selection! Club members will be on hand to answer your questions about growing irises.

Free of charge, all are welcome.



Delaware Valley Daylily Society Annual Public Sale

Saturday, August 20

Sale: 9 am-12 noon; Auction: 1-2 pm

The Delaware Valley Daylily Society (DVDS) will have its annual plant sale and auction here at Jenkins Arboretum



& Gardens. There will be an extensive variety of daylily cultivars, grown by members of DVDS. Members will be available to answer your questions and help you decide which varieties are

best for you. This sale will feature daylily cultivars in red, pink, purple, yellow, orange, and white. Some special cultivars in unusual forms, including spiders and double blooms will also be available. Daylilies are easy to grow and worth considering as a spectacular addition to any garden. Please check the website for more: www.delawarevalleydaylily.org. Like them on Facebook: DelawareValleyDaylilySociety. **Free of charge, all are welcome. Rain or shine. No pre-registration required.**



Spring Green

Green is the most tranquil color that exists. For busy people, this restfulness has a beneficial effect. It is the color of early spring, the time when nature is resting from the storms of winter and coming into the productive energy of new beginnings. Green is the color of equanimity and quietude. The positive healing effects of the color green for both body and soul were recognized long ago. The idea being that spending time in the forest and natural areas is good preventative medicine, since it lowers stress, which causes or exacerbates some of our most intractable health issues. Our ancestors knew this.

Even today, people go for walks in the woods to calm down and relax. Abundant in nature, green signifies growth, renewal, health, and environment. It is a color with soothing attributes. Is it any wonder that Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens with its incredible variety of verdant hues, both ethereal and penetrating, is a sanctuary of great repose for the soul? Jenkins is a treasure to all of us who appreciate beautiful woodlands and who value open space in our community. Welcome SPRING!



2016 Green Ribbon Native® Plants

Phlox divaricata (Wild Blue Phlox)

Wild blue phlox or woodland phlox is a slow-growing herbaceous groundcover belonging to the Phlox plant family Polemoniaceae. At maturity, wild blue phlox can reach 12-18 inches in height and 8-12 inches in spread. The opposite, narrow leaves are slightly pubescent just like the stem. One subtle feature to observe is that the leaf tips tend to be blunt. The flower of *P. divaricata* blooms April through May. The five petaled flowers are shallowly notched. The flowers of wild blue phlox are cross pollinated by bumblebees, swallowtail butterflies, skippers, and moths.

As the common name implies, woodland phlox is native to the deciduous woods which explains why *P. divaricata* likes to grow in rich, moist, well-drained, average soils with part sun to light or dappled shade. If planted in dense shade, wild blue phlox will not be as floriferous. And that would be a real shame because the fragrant, lavender flowers attract hummingbirds, too. For more flowers, cut back after the first bloom to allow a second flush of flowers to emerge. Wild blue phlox makes an excellent addition to a naturalized perennial garden or to a rock garden. Wild Blue Phlox does not tolerate drought conditions. Additionally, wild blue phlox can be susceptible to powdery mildew, but moist, well-drained soil and good air flow should be able to prevent the fungus from affecting the plant.

Solidago rugosa (Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod)

Wrinkleleaf goldenrod, like other goldenrods, has a long panicle of yellow ray and disk florets characteristic of the Aster Family Asteraceae. But there are a few key features which distinguish *Solidago rugosa* from the other *Solidago* species.

The central stem, which can reach 1-5 feet, is covered in tiny hairs or pubescence. The upper surface of the foliage has a wrinkled appearance due



family Polemoniaceae. At maturity, wild blue phlox can reach 12-18 inches in height and 8-12 inches in spread. The opposite, narrow leaves are slightly pubescent just like the stem. One subtle feature to observe is that the leaf tips tend to be blunt. The flower of *P. divaricata* blooms April through May. The five petaled flowers are

to the indentations of the leaf veins. Hence, the common name Wrinkleleaf goldenrod. The 4-inch long and 1½-inch wide leaves alternate along the stem. The leaves have toothed edges. The foliage is often dull and slightly hairy.

You can see wrinkleleaf goldenrod in bloom from midsummer into early autumn with a bloom period lasting between 1-2 months. The blooms of wrinkleleaf goldenrod attract an array of insects including bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, skippers and beetles. The caterpillars of many moth species feed on goldenrod as do many insects. Insectivorous birds feed on the insects which feed on wrinkleleaf goldenrod. Wrinkleleaf goldenrod grows best in full sun, moist well-drained, slightly acidic spots. Wrinkleleaf goldenrod makes a great addition to a naturalized perennial garden.

Symphotrichum leave (Smooth Aster)

Smooth blue aster, a wildflower and a member of the Aster Family Asteraceae, is a lovely addition to a full sun perennial garden. At maturity, smooth blue aster can reach



between 1½ to 3 feet in height and has an erect growth habit. The leaves are up to 6 inches long and 1¼ inches wide. One key identification feature is that the foliage is sessile, meaning no petiole or stem. The

leaf margins are smooth-edged. Another distinguishing feature is the absence of hairs found along the stem and the leaves.

One trick to remember the common name of this plant is that the stem and the leaves are smooth. The blooming period occurs from late summer to early autumn, lasting about 3-4 weeks. Smooth aster will remain erect during bloom time, and it has some tolerance for hot, dry weather. The nectar and pollen of the blue and yellow flower heads attract honey bees, bumblebees, wasps, flies, butterflies, and skippers. Smooth aster can be susceptible to powdery mildew, but good air circulation should prevent the fungus from developing. Plant smooth aster in a spot in the garden where it can receive full sun, has well-drained soil, and will not be crowded out by taller or more aggressive plants.



Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 40th Anniversary Retrospective

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The Love Story Continues – The Elisabeth Phillippe Jenkins Foundation

Elisabeth predeceased her husband, who lived on in the marital home with personal caretakers before he, too, passed on in 1968. H. Lawrence Jenkins left 20 acres and the Jenkins House in a trust named the E.P.J. Foundation in loving memory of his wife. This foundation was a wonderful tribute to his deceased wife, who loved gardening and nature. As the couple had no children or heirs, the real estate, including \$600,000 in securities, was to be handled by Mr. Jenkins' lawyer, and the First Pennsylvania Banking & Trust Company became Trustee. Mr. Jenkins' lawyer died soon thereafter and another Philadelphia attorney with whom Mr. Jenkins' lawyer had been associated, Kathleen Coll, became the co-executor of the estate along with a trust officer. Kathleen Coll lived in Center City and according to Roger Whiteman, our Emeritus Board member, who has been involved since the early 1970s, "Kathleen Coll didn't know a daffodil from a dandelion."

As defined by the will of H. Lawrence Jenkins, Jenkins Arboretum was specifically to be developed as a public park, arboretum and wildlife sanctuary for the use of the public and responsible organizations engaged in the study of arboriculture, horticulture and



Jenkins' Wedding, 1926

wildlife, for educational and scientific purposes. Jenkins' will also stated that he hoped there would be an advisory committee made up of five or six public citizens. Lou D'Ambrosio, Tredyffrin Director of Public Works, knew Mr. Jenkins because his father, Antonio D'Ambrosio, had worked for Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins as their landscaper. Lou decided to serve on this committee and invited Roger Whiteman to serve as well.

When Antonio D'Ambrosio died, Giacomo Trosini, who had worked on the property with his wife's uncle Antonio for many years, took over his landscaping business and maintained a close relationship with the Jenkins. At the time of Mr. Jenkins' death, Giacomo, who had been the Jenkins' gardener and Mr. Jenkins personal assistant at the end of his days, and his wife Genoeffa, who had been the housekeeper and cook, were asked to stay on as caretakers of the property. They stayed on for several years. With their young daughter, Tina, the family took up residence in the Jenkins' house. Besides the gardens, there were creatures to care for. Apparently, Mr. Jenkins kept geese and ducks in big pens in the backyard.

The Planning and Development of Jenkins Arboretum

In order to fulfill its obligation to execute the wishes of Mr. Jenkins' will, the Trustee hired landscape architect, George Edwin Patton. Patton later became the landscape architect for the revamping of Rittenhouse Square for the Bicentennial. Besides being an enormously talented garden designer, Mr. Patton was a soft spoken, artistically inclined gentleman, who had served in the war in Shanghai when China was being taken over by the Communists. One



The Jenkins House



The Browning House



Creating the pond

would never have guessed by speaking with this man that he had been a Marine!

George assessed the Jenkins property and quickly realized that it was small and that there was virtually no money to run it. He did not want it to become a second- or third-rate garden, not quite able to measure up with Morris Arboretum or Longwood Gardens. Mr. Patton therefore astutely recommended that the Jenkins' property become a specialized ericaceous heath family garden, the best of its kind. He felt that it was a suitable site for such a garden and that it would take care of an unfilled need in the Philadelphia-area garden world for excellence in rhododendrons and azaleas. He also recommended that the forest be preserved and that a pond be created on the lower property for ecological and educational purposes, as well as for an aesthetic effect.

Patton laid out over one mile of walkways. He planned the pond, selecting azaleas and rhododendrons to be planted and established their placement according to color and time of bloom.

He also designed the first administration building and the parking area. Knowing that the interest income from Mr. Jenkins' trust was insufficient to cover the ensuing costs, the Trustees petitioned the IRS to excuse the Arboretum from paying taxes for two years in order to build up a fund to make improvements.

\$300,000 Creating Jenkins Arboretum

George interested two people from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and with their recommendation the Trustees entered into a 25-year lease with Tredyffrin Township to qualify the property as a municipal park. (Tredyffrin and the Trustees had an operating agreement whereby the Trustees would operate the Arboretum) and an application for matching funds of



Clearing for parking lot and administration building

\$150,000 from Pennsylvania Community and Economic Development (a state wide grant program) was successful.

Jenkins put up \$150,000 saved from trust income. And so the Trustees had \$300,000 with which to launch the public garden. The court also let some principle from the trust be used for construction.

In 1973 the Browning property of 26 acres, including the Browning House and the Cottage, was added to the Arboretum property.

The Trust offered Giacomo Trosini the opportunity to become fulltime caretaker of the developing public garden. However, he determined that maintenance of the entire property by himself would prove to be too much and, quite frankly, too dangerous with all the tree work involved. In addition, he would have to give up his own landscape business and while housing would be free, the offered stipend was meager and there was no pension plan for his future. The Trosini family agreed to vacate the Jenkins House.

For some subsequent years, the Jenkins House was rented out to third parties. One tenant had to be evicted for missed rent payments. Then the house was rented to Villanova University students until there was a house fire. After that, the house sat empty and in disrepair for ten years.

Leonard H. Sweetman, First Director

Leonard Sweetman was hired by the Trustees in June 1974. He had formerly been assistant director of the Scott Arboretum. Leonard lived offsite but often stayed





Leonard H. Sweetman planting a flowering horse chestnut tree.

overnight in his RV so as to be able to start work at the crack of dawn. Leonard, according to Whiteman, did laborious manual labor at the age of 60. He was a hard worker and very knowledgeable about horticulture and tools. Leonard had a degree in agriculture and entymology from Colorado State University – Colorado Aggie at the time. Raising a family in Colorado over a period of 30 years, farming, running a nursery and florist business instilled the grit needed to start a new arboretum. He planted all the azaleas and rhododendrons according to the plan of George Patton. In those early days, when the pond froze over, neighborhood kids would try to go ice skating. Leonard would chase them off the property, and Roger Whiteman wrote letters to their parents.

1976 Grand Opening

The Grand Opening to the public of Jenkins Arboretum was held in May 1976. Supervisors from Tredyffrin Township attended, and a high school band performed. Leonard Sweetman was appointed Arboretum Director. The property remained owned and controlled by the First Pennsylvania Trust and Kathleen Coll, as Trustees. The bank depended on one trust officer after another to oversee the Arboretum, but banks were not established to run arboreta. For ten years, there was really nothing to see at Jenkins. The fruits of Leonard's planting and hard work existed and were maintained, but there was no real activity for visitors.

Leonard retired in 1986. The Jenkins House was still in disrepair from the fire a dozen years before, and the Browning House was vacant and in need of major repair. There was no heat, and the floors were warping. The trust simply did not produce enough income.



Note the growth of the tall Eastern cottonwood tree.

Harold E. Sweetman, New Director

It was at this time that Harold Sweetman, Leonard's son, entered the scene. In 1992 Harold became friends with Dr. David Wood, who lived in an Okie House on two acres surrounded by the Arboretum property (now the Wood House where Steve Wright, Curator of the Plants Collection, lives with his wife, Mary and their son, Sam.) Harold, Roger, and Dr. Wood decided they needed to create an organization to keep the Arboretum going. The Friends of Jenkins Arboretum was incorporated. Dr. Wood was the instigator and spearheaded the movement, which included establishment of a board. A couple of garden parties were held to generate public interest. With ongoing planting and garden development, Leonard Sweetman's early plantings of rhododendrons and azaleas were now becoming something to show. Memberships to the Arboretum were offered to the public. With Harold's enthusiasm and his contacts, money started being raised. The Jenkins House was renovated and the Sweetman family, including Harold, Christine, and later Brenna, moved into the house.

Kathleen Coll died and left her estate for the benefit of the Arboretum, and with the success of the Friends, whose name is now Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, it was possible to persuade the Trustee bank to resign. The Chester County Court appointed the Friends as trustee under Mr. Jenkins' will. Control is now in the hands of the Directors of Jenkins pursuant to an operating agreement between the old Friends organization, as Trustee, and the newer Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens organization as manager. In order to simplify various aspects of institutional complexity, the Chester County Court terminated both the Jenkins and Coll Trusts.



The John J. Willaman Education Center

The Arboretum has been fortunate to have high quality Board members and high energy Presidents of the Board. The Directors over the years have been people truly dedicated to the Arboretum and its future. Membership has taken off, and the Arboretum itself has thrived.

Dedication of the John J. Willaman Education Center

In 2009, the Arboretum reopened after being closed for a year to renovate and expand the existing 1976 education building and offices. Reopening as the John J. Willaman Education Center, a Gold LEED Certified state of the art building, was quite an accomplishment. The new building has attracted many new visitors and allowed Jenkins to expand its educational programs and exhibitions. With a large lecture room, library, and workshop downstairs, Jenkins has been able to accommodate a variety of groups and has been successful in establishing many different educational programs including lectures, workshops, flower shows, and art exhibitions.

In 2011, Jenkins' 35th Anniversary was celebrated in the new building! At that time the endowment had grown from \$600,000 to \$5 million. The three primary sources of income are membership, the Jenkins & Coll Trusts, and the endowment. These three sources do not cover what should be considered our fixed costs. Potential deficits have been successfully covered by extra giving by generous individuals. Yet these gifts are uncertain. The endowment must increase in order to give Jenkins a firmer income stream. This will put the Arboretum on a more reliable financial footing. Since 2011, the endowment has increased to \$10 million. The goal set by the Board of Directors is \$20 million by 2020 in order to surely secure the future of this outstanding public botanical garden.



Forever Jenkins Endowment Campaign – Endow An Acre – Take a Stake!

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary milestone Jenkins has kicked off its Forever Jenkins Endowment Campaign – Endow An Acre – Take A Stake! While four decades may seem like quite a milestone, it's really just the early years for what is planned to be a "perpetual" garden. Arboretum Executive Director, Dr. Harold Sweetman, asks supporters to think of the gardens in these terms: "Did you ever think that Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens may remain a special preserve for nature and a vibrant public garden 'forever?' Yes, forever is a very, very long time but everyone involved in any facet of the Arboretum & Gardens believes that our main mission is perpetual and many generations will enjoy and learn in the gardens for a long, long time, possibly forever. Growing an endowment is as important as growing the gardens themselves.

It is hoped that every friend and every member of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens will open up hearts and pocketbooks to help Jenkins reach its goal and preserve the future of Jenkins for generations to come. Every gift is important, and everyone now has an opportunity to Take A Stake by joining others in Endowing An Acre. You are encouraged to visit **www.jenkinsarboretum.org** for more information.

Forty years of growing the gardens and serving the community as a valuable environmental and educational resource has only been made possible by the generous support from foundations, individuals, and a growing membership of nearly 1,000 members. If you are reading this, you are probably included, and we thank you very much.

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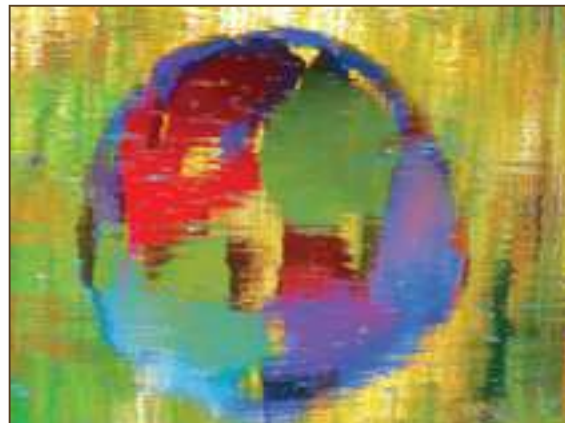


5th Annual Visitors' Photography Exhibition

Clockwise from right:
Open Category 1st place:
Wayne Dixon, "Everybody
Loves Sunshine"

Open Category 2nd place:
Linda Lipschutz, "Colored
Ball Revealed"

Open Category 3rd place: Jim
Connor, "White Bloom of
Spring"



Clockwise from below:

Close-up Category 1st place: Chris Swisher, "False Start"

Close-up Category 2nd place: Kurt Schuhl, "Flowing Bark"

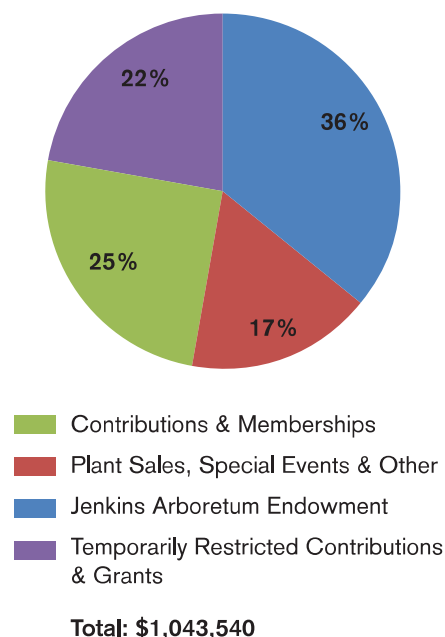
Close-up Category 3rd place: Aurora McLean, "Budding Blossom"



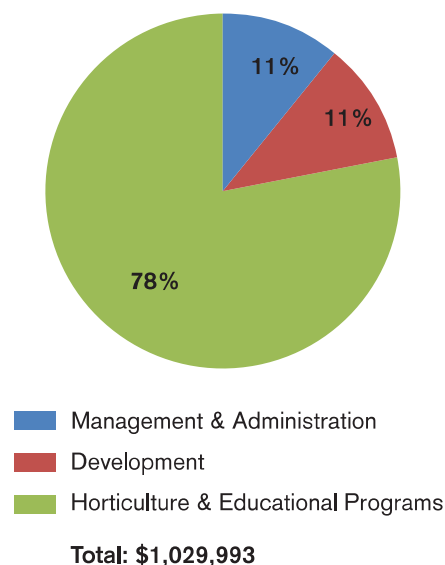
2015 Annual Report: Statement of Financial Position

	2015	2014
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	157,616	126,604
Contributions receivable	37,550	97,480
Total Current Assets	195,166	\$224,084
Non-Current Assets		
Contributions receivable	56,250	52,720
Investments: Marketable securities	10,563,852	10,862,277
Property, furniture and equipment	6,337,992	6,348,408
Total Non-Current Assets	16,958,094	\$17,263,405
Total Assets	17,153,260	\$17,487,489
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	13,516	6,611
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	3,910	3,850
Total Liabilities	17,426	\$10,461
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	5,133,380	5,559,883
Unrestricted - Board Designated	58,371	25,000
Total Unrestricted	5,191,751	\$5,584,883
Temporarily restricted	126,114	189,001
Permanently restricted	11,817,969	11,703,144
Total Net Assets	17,135,834	\$17,477,028
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	17,153,260	\$17,487,489

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