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Our Mission

The mission of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 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.

Our Vision

The vision of H. Lawrence Jenkins as defined by the will of H. Lawrence Jenkins states that Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 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.





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From the Executive Director

Growing, Growing, Growing...

Dear Members & Friends of Jenkins,

Growing the Legacy of the first Director -Leonard H. Sweetman

At age 60 in 1974, my father, Leonard H. Sweetman, was hired by the Trustees at the time to begin planting a new public garden where there had been only undisturbed woodlands. Having moved away to attend college and graduate school, I returned for holidays over the years and was able to observe the slow, methodical process of one man planting on a scale that was truly remarkable. The seeds of what Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens has grown into today were almost entirely planted by Leonard. Based on my formal educational background in the biological sciences, it might seem unlikely that I would continue the work initiated by my father. Yet that is exactly what happened. People rarely admit they turn into their parents. However, I think this is what transpired at Jenkins. Upon Leonard's retirement in 1986 I was hired by the Trustees to be the next Director. My father was planting for the future knowing he might not see that vision fulfilled. I feel proud to have continued to work toward this vision, and in many ways the Arboretum & Gardens today represents his legacy.

Growing Gardens

It has been an honor and a pleasure to contribute to the growth and development of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens for 33 years. In today's world, it is unusual to have the opportunity to lead an organization for so long and to experience a garden's growth and evolution. In the early years from 1986–1999, my title could have been "Gardening Director" as limited financial resources supported only one full-time employee. The self-proclaimed title of Executive Director was optimistic but did portend the future.

The early years were very exciting and filled with the ambition to realize the tremendous potential for the future gardens. There was always the usual public garden office administration involving fundraising, budgets and finance, PR, and coordinating educational events.



Leonard H. Sweetman

However, it was the pleasure of working in the gardens on a daily basis in those early years that I will look back on with fond memories. Slowly expanding the botanical collections through propagation by seeds and cuttings was also very gratifying. It allowed Jenkins to develop additional plantings despite modest financial resources, resulting in a unique garden cultivated with many plants not commercially available.

Growing Infrastructure and Buildings

While living in the two-room Browning Cottage, one of my first major tasks was the complete restoration of the Jenkins House due to extensive fire damage caused by a fire in 1978. The bank trustee at the time intended to demolish the building, so I consider the preservation of the Jenkins House a major accomplishment. Built in 1928, the Jenkins House will soon be 100 years old, and if properly maintained, it will continue another century as a reminder of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins' legacy and intent to create a public garden.

Because growing the plant collections was a priority, in 1993 we successfully raised funds to replace a small 6ft x 8ft greenhouse with a 24ft x 40ft modern state of the art greenhouse. The volunteers today actively work in the greenhouse year-round, propagating plants for the gardens and the Plant Shop.

Although the Jenkins Trust was a modest \$600,000 at its start, the Arboretum was rich in real estate assets. In 2000, we were able to obtain outside funding of \$250,000 to do a top-to-bottom restoration of the Brognard Okie designed Browning House. With no mechanical upgrades since 1926, the Browning House and Cottage were both completely

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refurbished and are strong examples of historical building restoration and preservation. These historic and architecturally significant structures now provide housing for



Browning House

the Hamilton Educational Fellows and horticultural staff.

As a "museum for plants", maintaining a living collection during severe droughts was akin to maintaining security systems for museums. An agricultural well was drilled which yielded tremendous capacity and enabled us to easily irrigate 15 acres. The irrigation system is unique to Jenkins as no tree roots were damaged with several miles of irrigation pipe installed just under the leaf litter.

Our biggest and possibly last major capital project was to build the Gold LEED-certified John J. Willaman Education Center. This year, 2019, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of this beautiful facility, which has encouraged more educational programs, art exhibitions, flower shows, and greater community involvement.

Growing Permanent Supporting Endowment

Many people are unaware that Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins left in trust a modest \$600,000. The gardens and the endowment have grown dramatically over the years thanks to the wonderful generosity of individuals and foundations. The Silver Anniversary Endowment Campaign initiated in 2000 raised \$2.5 million, and the Education Center Capital Campaign in 2008 also added to the endowment. Jenkins has continuously campaigned to build a permanent endowment. The Forever Jenkins: Endow an Acre Campaign continues as we strive to reach a goal of \$20 million by the year 2020. Thanks to the dedicated support of our "True Green" members and foundations, our endowment has grown to \$13.5 million as of the date of this newsletter publication. We encourage others to "Take a Stake" and make a gift to help grow the endowment.

Growing Board Governance, Professional Staff, and Dedicated Volunteers

The Friends of Jenkins Arboretum was initiated informally in 1992 with letters sent out to every individual who had previously made a charitable donation. The first mailing yielded 168 household members. In 1993, the Friends group was formally incorporated as a new not-for-profit, separate from the Jenkins Trust, whose sole purpose was to support the Arboretum. As the Friends grew in membership over the years to nearly 1,000 households, its legal name was changed to Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens and became the operating and governing entity for the Jenkins Trust in 1999.

In 2013, the Chester County Orphan's Court with approval of the State Attorney General, terminated the Jenkins Trust and appointed the Board of Directors as the sole owner and governing entity of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens thus replacing the Jenkins Trust as property owner. For many years, the Board of Directors has been the governing entity and is now self-sustaining, governing prudently, and approving many policies to ensure ongoing success.

There will be new leadership announced this spring as the Board Search Committee seeks the next Executive Director. The number of staff positions has increased over the years to 14 full and part-time positions and our staff is experienced and knowledgeable. I would like to welcome back to Jenkins our newest addition to the staff, Stephanie Kuniholm, as Director of External Relations. Many people may already know Stephanie from the three years she was on staff at Jenkins – one year as an Intern and two years as a resident Hamilton Educational Fellow, Jenkins now has three former Hamilton Fellows on staff. Steve Wright, Director of Horticulture and Curator of Plant Collections, and Maddison Paule, Head Horticulturist, are current full-time staff and former Hamilton Fellows. In addition, it has been a pleasure working these many years with Janice Legg, Administrator and Janet Bauman, Director of Development.

The volunteers in the gardens and in visitor services who dedicate their time and toil weekly throughout the year

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in support of the gardens are our unsung heroes. Many volunteers have remained active on a weekly basis for over 15 years. Speaking for the staff and Board, we raise our pruners and trowels to these wonderful volunteers.

Growing Plans for the Future

In 2018, the Board of Directors approved an updated Strategic Long-Range Plan 2025. As part of this plan it was realized that there had not been a Site Master Plan since the preconstruction plan created by landscape architect, George Patton, in 1973. Thanks to generous grants from the McLean Contributionship and the Otto Haas Charitable Trust, Jenkins is now in the second year of this important endeavor. Landscape architect, Pete Moscufo, was selected to direct development of the plan. Now property boundaries and topographical contour lines have been surveyed by civil engineers, and the entire property is digitally mapped. This comprehensive Site Master Plan was long overdue and will help guide the future development of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens for many years to come based on the Board approved Strategic Long-Range Plan.

Growing Accustomed to a Change of Lifestyle in Retirement (aka Growing Older????)

Living in the Jenkins House for all these years has been a wonderful opportunity. Christine and I were able to raise our daughter, Brenna, in the Arboretum & Gardens, which allowed her to develop a strong love of nature, plants, and the environment. This led her to graduate school and a career now dedicated to environmental issues related to water.

I like to think that we are not moving into retirement, which suggests an end point, but are instead adopting a change in lifestyle. There will be time for reading and travel as well as opportunities for creative expression. Rather than slowing down, Christine and I hope to spend time catching up on deferred world travels as well as



Harold E. Sweetman

spend more time at a small farm we purchased over 30 years ago. There will be more gardening of vegetables and fruit, especially blueberries. After living all these many years in the middle of a botanical garden surrounded by ornamental horticulture, we look forward to growing food and savoring "the fruits of our labor."

We are not moving far away and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens will continue to be part of our lives. We are very thankful for the many wonderful friendships developed over the years which will surely continue, as well as everyone's kindness and dedicated support of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Sweetman, Ph.D.

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Executive Director



Brenna and Christine Sweetman

The Fund in Honor of Harold and Christine Sweetman

As a tribute to the legacy of the Sweetman family, we encourage you to make a special endowment gift to The Fund in Honor of Harold and Christine Sweetman. Your gift directly supports the mission and work of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, and ensures that Jenkins will remain free, open, and growing for generations. To learn more or to make a gift online, please visit www.jenkinsarboretum.org/Sweetman.

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Farewell Fellow, John Cassels

Time flies when you're having fun, like deadwood pruning azaleas, as John Cassels would say. After a great three years, we have to say goodbye to our friend and Hamilton Fellow, John. He has been an invaluable member of our horticultural staff, working hard to help us through some of our busiest years of planting in the Arboretum & Gardens. He has enjoyed being a part of the process, and even in his three years here he has been able to see the impact the plants have made by growing and filling in space. It takes patience, just like his attention to detail when it comes to bonsai pruning. After saving nearly every tree seedling that popped up at Jenkins, we can't wait to visit his outstanding bonsai collection after another thirty years of meticulous pruning and training. We shared many great memories together as a staff – some of his favorites include rescuing Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) from a nearby construction site and visiting many of the gardens in the Philadelphia region.

John selected Yellowroot (*Xanthoriza simplicissima*) as his absolute favorite plant growing here at Jenkins because of its unique flowers and foliage. Plus, he loves that it spreads easily in shade with its interesting habit. We sure are going to miss John's "vision board" and forced jokes, but we know he will be back to "geek out" at the plant sale with all of us again soon.

Best of luck to John as he takes what he has learned at Jenkins and applies it to work in ecological restoration!



Welcome, Stephanie Kuniholm

Stephanie Kuniholm joined the Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff in September 2018 as Director of External Relations. You may recognize her as she is no stranger to the Arboretum! Stephanie was an intern and a Hamilton Fellow at Jenkins several years ago before moving on to work in the education department at Morris Arboretum. Following her time at Morris, Stephanie was accepted into the Longwood Graduate Program, where she completed a Master's of Science degree in Public Horticulture. During her time in the Longwood program, she studied chrysanthemums in Japan, led the creation of a horticulture work-force development curriculum, and completed her thesis research on membership programs at public gardens across the country. Most recently, she had been serving as Associate Director of Development at Willistown Conservation Trust in Newtown Square where she raised funds in support of land conservation in Chester County and helped complete a \$10 million capital campaign.

In her new role at Jenkins, Stephanie will oversee development, marketing and communications, education programming, website and social media, and facilities use of the John J. Willaman Education Center. Although she wears many hats at the Arboretum, she can often be found taking a walk at lunchtime with her camera. Please be sure to say "hello" and welcome Stephanie back to Jenkins!

2019 Green Ribbon Native Plant® Selections

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Announces 2019 Green Ribbon Native Plant® Selections

In 2003, Jenkins introduced its Green Ribbon Native Plant® selection program as a way to share the uses and merits of native plants in the landscape. Each year, three plants, typically a tree, a shrub, and a wildflower, are selected. To receive this recognition, plants must be native to eastern North America, adaptable to a wide range of environmental conditions, and have horticultural appeal in a variety of landscape situations. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, native plants typically possess great ecological value for numerous insects, birds, and other wildlife. These plants can be seen growing in various locations throughout the gardens at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.

Keep reading to learn more about the 2019 Green Ribbon Native Plant® selections:



Yellowwood

(Cladrastis kentukea)

American yellowwood is a medium-sized tree native to the southeastern United States, reaching 30–50 feet tall when mature. Indicative of its name, the wood is yellow and encased by smooth grey to light brown bark. It has panicles of white, showy, and fragrant flowers that bloom in the spring. In the fall, it can be identified by its brilliant yellow foliage and bean-like fruits.

Yellowwood grows in full-sun to full-shade, but performs best in part-sun to part-shade with well-drained soil. It makes a great residential tree and can serve as a focal point on smaller properties or can be planted in masses in larger landscapes. Its roots grow deep into the ground making it an ideal tree to plant under. Pruning should occur in summer because the wood is prone to bleeding if pruned in late winter or early spring. There are very few cultivars of this species with the most notable being 'Perkins Pink' which sports light pink flowers.

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Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium)

Little bluestem is a prairie grass native to eastern North America that matures at 2–4 feet tall and 1.5–2 feet wide. As the name implies, this upright perennial grass is noted for its blue-tinged foliage that turns a beautiful copper tone in the fall. In August, a purple-bronze flower reaches over the foliage and turns into a fluffy seed head, making it a fantastic specimen for year-round interest.

This plant is very adaptable. It thrives in full sun, and can tolerate deer, drought, erosion, shallow-rocky soil, and black walnut. It looks best when planted in masses, as a border, or in a prairie-like or meadow setting. Cutting



back Little Bluestem should occur in late winter or early spring. There are many cultivars of this plant including 'Twilight Zone', which has purple highlights towards the tip, 'Standing Ovation', which has dark purple and thicker blades towards the base, and 'Carousel', which has a lower and broader base.



Florida Anise Tree (Illicium floridanum)

Despite the common name, this rapidly growing, broadleaf evergreen shrub grows 6–10 feet tall and 4–8 feet wide. It is native to the southeastern United States and northern Mexico, and can be found in moist, wooded areas. One of its most attractive characteristics is the maroon-purple star-like blooms. The flower is 1–2 inches in diameter and blooms April-May. These unique flowers have a pungent fragrance and are pollinated by flies and beetles. The foliage has a strong spicy fragrance when crushed, which makes this plant unpalatable to deer. Florida Anise Tree thrives in moist, well-drained, and highly organic soil, and partial to full shade. Although native to the deep south, *Illicium floridanum* has proved winter hardy at Jenkins for over 30 years.

This plant was first discovered in 1766 and entered into cultivation shortly after. Some popular cultivars include 'Alba', which has a white bloom, 'Halley's Comet', which has larger red blooms, and 'Shady Lady', which has light pink flowers and variegated foliage.





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Rhododendrons In America's Garden Capital

Jenkins to be Featured During National Convention

This May, rhododendron and azalea enthusiasts from across the country will gather right here in America's Garden Capital for the American Rhododendron Society's Annual Convention. This not-to-be-missed Convention will feature trips to many of the country's great gardens including Longwood Gardens, Mt. Cuba Center, Chanticleer, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, Tyler Arboretum, Morris Arboretum, and others, including several significant private gardens. Of course, with one of the most extensive collections of azaleas and rhododendrons in the country, Jenkins will be featured prominently and will host an evening of wining, dining, and strolling through the gardens.

The Horticulture crew has been preparing for this spotlight for three years. In the first year, we rejuvenated much of the evergreen azalea collection and in the years following. we have fertilized, mulched, pruned, and planted, and planted, and planted.

2018 was a particularly ambitious planting year here at Jenkins. Between Thursday morning plantings with volunteers, Eagle Scout projects, and staff planting, we added over 3,000 plants to the gardens. Of those, nearly 400 were rhododendrons and azaleas, further bolstering our nationally accredited collection.

The timing of the Convention could not be more perfect. Though it created its own set of challenges, the record-



breaking amounts of rain we had in 2018 made for some very happy plants, especially those growing in the dry rocky woods where the majority of our collection resides. Many of our rhododendrons are now loaded with fat buds ready to burst open for a floral display that should rival our best years. All of the recent additions benefited greatly from nature's frequent watering, and their blooms will be seen for the first time in our gardens this spring. We are very excited about this Convention and the great plants at Jenkins. We hope that you too will come and enjoy the gardens; it should be a very good year.

To learn more about the American Rhododendron Society and this year's International Convention, please visit www.ars2019.org.



Eagle Scout Assists with Research Planting

When we think of azaleas, we often picture a springtime scene filled with pink, purple, and white blooms. But have you noticed the fall blooming azaleas here at Jenkins? While there are a small number of evergreen azalea cultivars that bloom in fall, the Encore® line of azaleas have become especially popular for their fall blooms in recent years. There are 31 varieties of Encore® azaleas, and all of them have been bred to bloom multiple times throughout the year, with their final flowers opening in fall.

About 10 years ago, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens agreed to be a site for cold hardiness research for these plants, which were developed in much warmer climates. Our observations and yearly reports have been important in helping Encore® breeders determine how far north each cultivar can survive. Many of those original plants have not fared well, so last spring we accepted another large shipment of Encore® azaleas to continue the research.

Receiving nearly sixty, very full, 3-gallon plants can be both a blessing and a curse. Knowing that these plants prefer southern exposure and plenty of sunlight, neither of which exists in great amounts at Jenkins, we needed to find a spot large enough to fit these new plants.



Eagle Scout - Matthew Ibarra (4th from right).

We found one, but getting the plants in the ground would be another big task and one that would require many extra hands. Lucky for us, local Boy Scout Matthew Ibarra was in need of an Eagle project. It was a perfect fit!

A period of rainy weather combined with steep terrain made for some slick walking, but Matthew and his team persevered. They cleared vines and other unwanted vegetation from a south-facing slope near our beehives and then spent the rest of the day digging, planting, mulching, and watering. Matthew was instrumental in coordinating all of the day's activities and we could not be happier with the results. A huge thank you to him and the rest of his team for a job well done. It's a beautiful addition to our gardens and we hope you will visit next fall to see the results of Matthew's hard work.



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the John J. Willaman Education Center

Naming the Education Center

The John J. Willaman Education Center is 10 years old! The building opened in 2009, thanks to the magnanimous generosity of Janet and John Otto Haas and the many other donors who contributed to the Education Center Campaign. The Haas gift was given in commemoration of John Otto's maternal grandfather and our Education Center was named in Dr. Willaman's memory. The entire community and beyond has enjoyed and benefited from this wonderful resource. The enlarged facility has dramatically increased our capacity for programming and community engagement.



John Otto Haas

John Otto Haas, a longstanding Arboretum volunteer and honorary Board member, loves the outdoors and has been a gardener since he was a child. His involvement with

Jenkins has spanned over 20 years, and he has been a faithful volunteer working in the greenhouse every Thursday. He has also devoted hours of service in the gardens. He arrives each week with good cheer and donuts for all. We welcome him with enthusiasm as his sunny personality brightens our days. John has been closely involved in all of our art endeavors, beginning with the Monarch Butterfly Display marking our 25th Anniversary onward to our first art exhibition **A Jewel in Your Backyard** (he won a juror's prize for one of his drawings). Next, John and Peter Gard were instrumental in the success of the **Enormous Watering Can Exhibition** that kicked off the Education Center Campaign for our 30th Anniversary. The two then led the way in our Wind Through the Trees Outdoor Kinetic and Auditory Sculpture Exhibition for our 35th Anniversary. John's artistic eye has helped guide each of these successful exhibitions at Jenkins.

John's love of gardening began long before his days at Jenkins. His maternal grandfather, Jay Willaman, and young John had a contest every summer to see who could grow the biggest, reddest, sweetest, and juiciest tomato. John's grandfather always won. And with his huge tomato,



Dr. John J. Willaman

Grandfather Willaman made his own tomato juice. He also made his own compost. John was very impressed by this and his own love of gardening was born early in life because of John J. Willaman. It is a fitting tribute to John's grandfather to have our Education Center named in his honor.

Dr. Willaman was an internationally known research chemist who specialized in the chemistry of plants. In the course of his work for the United States Department of Agriculture, Dr. Willaman studied the properties of more than 7,000 plants. He became a leading authority on research in fruits, vegetables, tobacco, maple syrup, honey, and wild plants, particularly those with therapeutic value. Dr. Willaman was affiliated with the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania as a research assistant. In later years, he became a volunteer and served in the library. Dr. Willaman's interest in Morris Arboretum was partly a family affair, as his daughter, Dorothy Haas, John Otto Haas' mother, was the wife of the Chairman of the Advisory Board of Managers, F. Otto Haas.

A noted botanist as well as a chemist, Dr. Willaman was a professor at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He published many papers, including one entitled, "The

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World's Most Important Trees." Based on his interest in and study of trees, it is especially appropriate that the Education Center is named for him.

A big-picture scientist with a world vision, John J. Willaman was a man ahead of his time, environmentally. Yet he is best remembered by John Otto Haas as his loving Grandad, the guy with the great sense of humor who grew the biggest tomatoes on the block and always wore kangaroo leather shoes. (You'll have to ask John about that.) Dr. Willaman would be delighted to have the Education Center named after him and equally delighted with the concept for the design of the structure considering its position in the trees and the vistas it overlooks.

Concept & Design of the Education Center

The John J. Willaman Education Center is like a giant tree house, extending high up into the tree canopy, while simultaneously looking down over the gardens. It is a most spectacular garden sculpture, the form of which reinforces its identity and function. In so many ways the Center is the lens through which we understand and see

into the gardens. Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is a garden for all seasons, and the architecture of this building, with its walls of windows facing the gardens and connecting with their natural splendor, allows visitors to fully enjoy each season from the inside, as well as out. In 2008, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens was closed for one year for the construction and expansion of our previously existing small building. For geographical, as well as financial practicalities and environmental sensitivity, the old building was "cocooned" within the new structure. As such, the design and construction of the Education Center comprised a project that is

primarily characterized as a rehabilitation and addition to an existing building. The designer for the new building was Architect Cee Jay Frederick of Cee Jay Frederick Associates in West Chester, PA. We reopened as the John J. Willaman Education Center in 2009.

We asked Cee Jay to give us some insight into his initial design concepts for this project. He said:

"Since such projects (rehabilitation and addition to an existing building) can often be a case of 'the tail wagging the dog', we had to find a way for the existing to be a part of the whole, but subsidiary to what invariably must be characterized as the larger and more functionally important nature of the new Education and Visitor Center experience and program. Hence, the actual shape and organization of the overall building, both on the site and relative to the existing structure, is such that it makes its new identity the dominant focus of the arrival and experiential sequences, while still permitting all of the existing functions to continue effectively. To us, all buildings are really just walls in the greater landscape."



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It is apparent that the design intent for the John J. Willaman Education Center building was predicated upon it taking its rightful place among the trees, fitting in amongst them, akin to the placement of a tree house. In fact, features like the building's tree-branch form steel columns and the filtered canopy lighting effects provided by the extensive functional deployment of louvers reveal its hope to become, itself, one of the trees in the forest. Cee Jay shed further light on his design intent saying:

"The Education Center is at worst, or best as the case may be, more of a garden structure than a building, as it appears to be more fragmented and open, rather than a solid imposition on the landscape. Of particular importance in this regard is the extensive use of glass, which blurs the boundaries between building and landscape, reinforces the concept of an assemblage of landscape walls, and allows the visitor to feel a part of the Arboretum grounds, even when situated within the building's confines. Further, the soaring rooflines and expressly high interior ceilings render the surrounding tree canopies as the ceiling of a much greater spatial experience."

The building has the distinction of being Gold LEED-certified. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system that measures how well a building performs in the areas of energy savings, water efficiency, CO² emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, stewardship of resources, and overall sensitivity to environmental impacts. One of the fascinating features of the building is its geothermal heating and cooling system, which includes twelve 365 feet deep wells.

The John J. Willaman Education Center is open daily from 9 am – 4 pm, except on major holidays. The public can come visit in every season and experience the vistas from our "tree house" looking over the acres of beautiful gardens and venture out to walk the paths for up-close enjoyment of our world class collections of rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as our perennial native wildflowers. After all, it's really all about the gardens and, of course, the trees!

"A proper building grows naturally, logically, and poetically out of all its conditions."

- Louis Henry Sullivan, Architect





Spotlight on Volunteers

Did you know, Jenkins has over 30 regular weekly volunteers? This dedicated, enthusiastic, hard-working, and downright FUN group of volunteers have accomplished some pretty big tasks here at the Arboretum & Gardens. In 2018:

- The outdoor volunteers joined horticulture staff to plant 2,400+ herbaceous plants, 380+ rhododendrons and azaleas, and 200+ trees and shrubs in addition to hours of raking leaves, pulling weeds, and more.
- Our greenhouse crew of volunteers cleaned seeds from nearly 90 species of plants; propagated, potted, and prepped 5,000+ plants for our plant shop; and propagated another 300+ plants that were donated for local conservation projects.
- Visitor services and education volunteers helped welcome 20,000+ guests; read stories to dozens of children throughout the year; stuffed and stamped thousands of envelopes; created fun, seasonal activities for our discovery table; and so much more.

We couldn't be more thankful for this amazing crew, and can't wait to see what we accomplish together in the months and years ahead!





Plant Shop Opening for the Season

Are you inspired by the beauty and bounty of Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens? On your next visit, be sure to stop by the Plant Shop and bring a bit of Jenkins home with you. The Plant Shop, located next to the John J. Willaman Education Center, will be open daily from 9 am – 4 pm beginning on April 18th and will remain open through mid-October.

The Plant Shop features pollinator-friendly species, many of our Green Ribbon Native Plant® selections, and some of our favorite azalea and *Pieris japonica* cultivars. This year we have several new offerings as well as many of your old favorites – from woodland ephemeral wildflowers to sun-loving flowering forbs, native grasses to forest ferns, low lying groundcovers to seedlings that will grow into towering shade trees. The Plant Shop inventory shifts throughout the growing season and an availability list is provided on our website. If you don't see what you're looking for, please email our Greenhouse & Nursery Manager at helen@jenkinsarboretum.org to inquire about future inventory.



10 Years with Our Wonderful Wednesday Women

When the John J. Willaman Education Center opened in April of 2009, three wonderful women signed on immediately to volunteer at the front desk to greet our visitors. The three bonded and have kept up their Wednesday schedule for 10 years – summer, fall, winter, and spring! Carol Klauss, Charlene Millheim, and Mindy Taylor are truly among our most loyal volunteers at Jenkins. Wednesdays would not be the same without them.

Carol Klauss learned about the volunteer program from her longtime friend, Janet Bauman, who works at Jenkins as the Director of Development. A retired ESL teacher and former Executive Director of the Volunteer English Program of Chester County, Carol teaches an ESL course for Japanese students every summer at Rosemont College. Carol loves being with people and helping them. Service to and for others is a major tenet of her life. Most recently, she has been ordained as a deacon in her church in Wayne. Besides tending to the needs of people, Carol also loves tending to the needs of her garden! She and her husband Ray have a beautiful and serene garden at their home in Wayne, using mainly native plants. Their garden has become a bird sanctuary and is alive with song. Her other most favorite pastime is being with her family, which has grown to include two beautiful grandchildren. We all love Carol's warm sense of humor, her kindness, and her sensitivity. We also love the baked goods she brings us every week.

Charlene Millheim loves Jenkins and had been visiting for many years before volunteering in the John J. Willaman Education Center. When the new building opened and she learned that we were looking for volunteers, she jumped at the chance to offer her time and her service. Volunteering at Jenkins provides Charlene with an oasis of serenity. She especially loves the people who work here, saying, "The staff is wonderful, warm, and welcoming." She also enjoys greeting visitors and introducing them to the treasures at the Arboretum & Gardens.



Our Wonderful Wednesday Women, Carol Klauss, Charlene Millheim, and Mindy Taylor.

Charlene sings with several choirs in the area and sometimes travels abroad with her singing groups. Her special secret is that she plays the French horn with the Immaculata Symphony! What a talented woman we have in our midst. Her other interests include deck and container gardening, bird watching, and traveling. We feel very fortunate to have Charlene with us nearly every Wednesday.

Mindy Taylor moved to this area from Portland, Maine in 1997. Her next door neighbor in Strafford, a fellow gardener, told her about Jenkins. Her first introduction was our Summer Solstice Picnic many years ago and she was hooked! She became a member and has been spending time at Jenkins ever since. She has since enjoyed many plants sales, Summer Solstice Picnics, Halloween costume celebrations for volunteers, and has taken several educational workshops here. Says Mindy, "Jenkins is one of the greatest treasures of our community and I just enjoy being part of it." She enjoys meeting pleasant, wonderful visitors, some who are neighbors and some who are not from our area at all. She likes the fact that she automatically has something in common with each person she meets here - an appreciation of nature and open space.

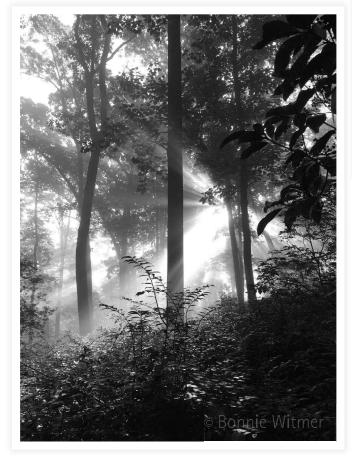
Her hobbies and interests include ornamental gardening, pairing wine with food, singing with the Anna Crusis Women's Choir, traveling, and politics. Mindy retired in 2008 from Corporate HOPE, Ltd., a leadership development company that she co-founded. We are so grateful for her loyal service, her warm and upbeat personality, and her contagious laughter!

8th Annual Visitors' Photography Exhibition Winners

For eight years in a row, the Visitors' Photography Exhibition has been the highlight of the exhibition calendar here at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. It is always a treat to see the beauty of the gardens at Jenkins, shifts in seasons, and nuances of light through the eyes of others. This year's Exhibition was judged by Carol DeGuiseppi, Vice President of the Chester County Camera Club, and Dick Greenwood, photography teacher at Longwood Gardens.

Please enjoy these winning images from the 2019 Exhibition, and don't forget to start taking photographs at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens for next year's show!

Open Category Winners:



1st Place Winner - Open Category
"Azalea Hill" By Bonnie Witmer



2nd Place Winner – Open Category
"I'll Take The Low Road" By Bonnie Witmer



3rd Place Winner - Open Category "Evening Reflection" By Donald Hoy

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Close-Up Category Winners:

1St Place Winner - Close-Up Category "Snow Trillium" By Andy Smith



2nd Place Winner - Close-Up Category "Seeds of a Whisper" by Lori Cerretti



3rd Place Winner – Close–Up Category "*Pycnanthemum virginianum* in January Light" by Maddie Paule

Event Registration

Educational Programs & Events Registration Guidelines

Pre-registration is required unless otherwise noted in program descriptions. Please see individual program descriptions for specific guidelines.

To register, go to **http://JAGardens.eventbrite.com** or fill out the registration form below and mail to:

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 631 Berwyn Baptist Road Devon, PA 19333 You may also register by phone (610-647-8870 x154) with a credit card. Phone registration may be done Monday – Friday from 9 am – 4 pm.

Please inform us of cancellations at least five days before the event. No refund will be issued, if cancellation is made less than five days prior to the program start date.

The Arboretum reserves the right to cancel any program if necessary. In the case of cancellation by the Arboretum, all fees will be refunded.

Educational Programs & Events Registration Form

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Wednesday Walkabouts

Wednesdays, April 3 - May 29, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Led by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Staff.

Join us on Wednesday afternoons this spring to rejoice in the re-emergence of our beautiful gardens. The Arboretum's staff will lead you on tours through the garden to talk with you about our botanical collections, focusing on a different theme each week which could include spring ephemeral wildflowers, flowering trees, rare plants, native azaleas, or our nationally accredited collections of rhododendrons, azaleas, and mountain laurels. Because the peak viewing time for each of the plant groups changes from year to year, we will send e-mail notifications of when you might want to make a special trip. Not on our email list? Sign up on our website: www.jenkinsarboretum.org

Free of charge. All are welcome. No pre-registration required.

Hanging Plant Macramé Workshop

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Led by Tara Vent, Hamilton Educational Fellow, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.

Join us for a morning of knot tying in the greenhouse at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens! In this macramé workshop, participants will learn a few basic knots to make a plant hanger to take home. Students are welcomed to bring along any plant, special pot, small terrarium, or vase that they have in mind to incorporate in their design. Light refreshments will be served. All materials are provided and all skill levels are welcomed.

\$30 for Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens and/or Pennsylvania Horticultural Society members, \$40 for non-members per participant.

Pre-registration required. Space is limited.

Let's Create a Fabulous Spring Planter!

Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 pm

Presented by Susan Whiteley, owner of Container Culture. Co-sponsored by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens and Woodlea Garden Club.

Spring is here and our world is a myriad of colors once more! In this demonstration you will learn how to plant your own containers for spring using annuals, perennials, tropical, and simple 'found items'.

Susan Whiteley owns and operates Garden Views, a landscape maintenance and design firm, as well as Container Culture, which provides her clients with seasonal planter changes that are personalized to their home.

Free for Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, Woodlea Garden Club, and/or Pennsylvania Horticultural Society members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Annual Delaware Valley Daffodil Show

Saturday, April 20, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & Sunday, April 21, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Presented by the Delaware Valley Daffodil Society.

The Annual Delaware Valley Daffodil Show, approved by The American Daffodil Society, will be held on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21, in the John J. Willaman Education Center. If you love springtime and daffodils, this is an opportunity to see many cultivars available in the marketplace, learn more about the 13 different daffodil divisions, daffodil culture, resistance to pests in the garden, naturalizing, landscape planting, and what constitutes a good garden flower or an excellent show flower. There will be an educational exhibit to further expand your knowledge. Members of DVDS will be available to help answer any questions you may have about growing daffodils. For more information, visit: www.daffodilusa.org. Free of charge. All are welcome. No pre-registration required.



Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21, 6:30 am

Led by Trinity Presbyterian Church, Berwyn, PA.

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Berwyn, PA welcomes all to celebrate Easter morning surrounded by the beauty of nature at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. Sunrise service will begin at 6:30 am on the hillside above the pond. Bring comfortable shoes and something to sit on. In the event of rain, the service will be indoors, looking out over the tree canopy into the gardens. Refreshments will be served in the John J. Willaman Education Center following the service.

All are welcome.

No pre-registration is required.



Macro and Close-Up Photography

Friday, May 10, 6:00 – 8:30 pm & Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Presented by Laura Ducceschi, Fine Art Photographer.

Create close-up photographs of nature's captivating details. Learn about equipment, getting your subject in focus, background bokeh, composition, and lighting challenges. Bring your camera to practice techniques. Friday evening begins with indoor instruction, preparing for shooting out in the gardens on Saturday morning.

Recommended equipment: Ideally, an SLR (single-lens-reflex) with a macro lens or strong zoom, or a basic point and shoot with macro setting and/or super zoom, OR a phone with a clip-on macro lens. Please make sure you have space available on your camera memory card and a fully charged battery.

\$50 for members; \$60 for non-members. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.









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

Opening Night Party and Preview Plant Sale:

Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | To purchase tickets, please contact VFARS www.valleyforgears.org

Public Plant Sale:

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Sunday, May 5, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

Presented by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

American Rhododendron Society VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

A not-to-be-missed annual event, this is one of the largest public garden plant sales in the area. The sale will offer plants ideally suited for gardens in our growing zones, 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.

Public Plant Sale free of charge. All are welcome. No pre-registration is required.

Opening Night Party and Preview Plant Sale RSVP

The deadline for party reservations is April 30 for \$5 coupon off plant purchases.

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Send check, payable to:

Name:

Valley Forge Chapter, American Rhododendron Society, 14 Northwoods Rd, Radnor, PA 19087.

Reservations will be used in the drawing of door prizes Friday evening. Sale proceeds benefit horticultural, conservation, and educational efforts, including Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.



Pizza in a Pot

Saturday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Presented by Helen Standen, Greenhouse & Nursery Manager, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.

Children aged 4–10 years will create a vegetable container garden that will provide all the ingredients they need to make a nutritious and delicious pizza – aside from the pepperoni and mozzarella of course!

Tomatoes, peppers, and herbs planted in May will be ready to harvest by August. Prefer to spice things up a bit? Cilantro and hot peppers will be available so kids can make a salsa container instead. An adult must accompany each participant.

\$5/child for members; \$10/child for non-members.

Adults accompanying children are free of charge. Register child only. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.



The Delaware Valley Iris Society Flower Show & Sale

Show: Sunday, May 19, 12:00 – 4:00 pm Sale: Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Presented by the Delaware Valley Iris Society.

The Delaware Valley Iris Society (DVIS) will once again be hosting an iris show and sale. The show will feature both stalks of colorful irises and flower arrangements containing irises. All types of irises may be there, but the majority will be tall bearded irises.

Later in the summer, join fellow iris enthusiasts for a sale of all types of iris plants and rhizomes. For information on both events, please visit: www.dvis-ais.org.

Free of charge. All are welcome. No pre-registration required.



Thursdays, June 6 – August 29, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Led by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens staff and volunteers.

Come and visit our children's garden and enjoy a nature-themed read aloud. After the story, you and your child or grandchild are welcome to borrow a Junior Explorer Vest and binder of materials to enjoy as you walk along the garden paths. Appropriate for children 3 to 8 accompanied by an adult.

Rain or shine event.

Free of charge. Pre-registration required. Register child only.



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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 vision and 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.

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Donor-advised funds are becoming a popular tool for giving, especially among younger generations. As private foundations become more and more costly to run, donoradvised funds managed by a larger entity are one solution. Please take the time to get in touch with us if you have a donor-advised fund and, if you do, we would be so grateful if you would name Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens as a designated recipient of your generosity in giving!

Legacy Members

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Mr. and Mrs. John N. Reardon 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.

Forever Jenkins



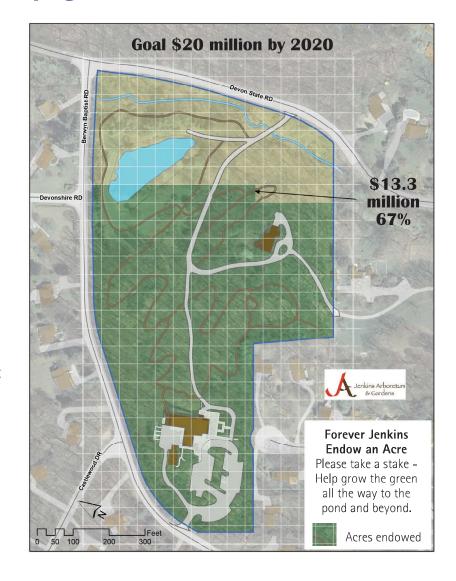
Forever Jenkins Endowment Campaign - Endow An Acre

The Board of Directors has set a campaign goal to grow the endowment to \$20 million by the year 2020. By growing the endowment, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens will:

- Remain open and free of admission every day of the year, serving as a resource available to all people.
- Preserve, showcase, and promote accredited botanical collections as well as an extraordinary community of plants native to southeastern Pennsylvania.
- Achieve long-term fiscal stability to maintain the growing reach and influence of the Arboretum while remaining open and without an admission fee in perpetuity.

We need your help to reach our goal! It is only through your participation that Jenkins will remain free, open, and growing for generations to come.

For more information, please visit us online at www.jenkinsarboretum.org/forever-jenkins or contact Janet at 610-647-8870 ext. 152 or janet@jenkinsarboretum.org.



"One generation plants the trees.

The next generation sits in the shade."

-Anonymous

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2018 Annual Report: Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2018	2017
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash equivalents	246,835	134,746
Contributions receivable	123,880	173,150
Investments	12,618,756	13,604,970
Property, furniture and equipment	5,971,563	6,130,394
Total Assets	18,961,034	20,043,260
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	8,753	3,544
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	3,679	4,368
Loan payable	23,999	36,124
Total Liabilities	36,431	44,036
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restriction		
Un-designated	5,150,449	6,656,919
Board-designated	240,154	240,154
Permanently restricted	13,534,000	13,102,151
TOTAL NET ASSETS	18,924,603	19,999,224
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	18,961,034	20,043,260

Sources of Operating Funds	Amount
Jenkins Arboretum Endowment	\$516,985
Plant Sales, Special Events & Other	\$133,750
Contributions & Memberships	\$247,994
Temporarily Restricted Contributions & Grants	\$51,648

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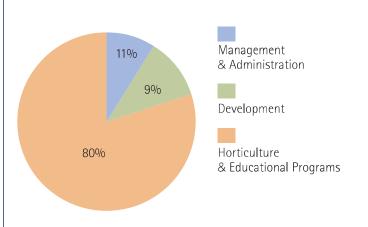
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Use of Operating Funds	Amount
Management & Administration	\$128,515
Development	\$103,769
Horticulture & Educational Programs	\$934,777

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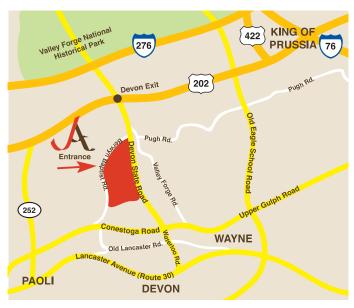
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