



THE SCOTT ARBORETUM
OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

2022 Impact Report





The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College

Mission

The **mission** of the Scott Arboretum is to **delight, educate, and inspire** visitors to enjoy the many **benefits of horticulture**, whatever their resources or expertise. Our “garden of ideas” features plant varieties that thrive in this region, encouraging wise stewardship as well as the cultivation of **plants to sustain the body, enchant the eye, and soothe the spirit.**

As articulated in 2015

The endowment fund for the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation has been given to Swarthmore College to hold in trust and to use for the encouragement of horticulture in its broadest sense. The founders wished to make possible a dream of Mr. Scott's to **help horticulture by visual demonstration.** They have believed that this dream can best be realized by “the planting in a public place of such trees, shrubs, and flowers **as can be used by people of average means** living in the Philadelphia suburbs area. ... They wish this to be a **practical horticultural garden.**

As articulated in 1932

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The Cunningham House and Scott Entrance Garden, home to the Scott Arboretum offices



Becky Robert, Volunteer and Communications Manager (l), with Claire Sawyers at the Rose Celebration

Director's Letter

In producing this report, we strive to succinctly outline facts and figures and describe some of the signature events of 2022 to convey the current manifestation and impact of the 1920s dreams of Arthur Hoyt and Edith Wilder Scott when they envisioned the Scott Arboretum on the campus of Swarthmore College. There are lots of numbers to be proud of. However, it is typically an informal email, telephone call, thank you card, or casual conversation that more tellingly reveals to me the importance of this landscape to individuals and our programming's impact on their lives than the straight forward numbers.

Those are hard to capture in a report, but here is one conversation I will remember. As I write this, we have just held Commencement for the Class of 2023 with the Arboretum contributing to the ceremony with two long-standing traditions: pinning roses on graduates in the Dean Bond Rose Garden before the exercise and giving them a graduation gift of a rooted cutting of Virginia sweetspire as a living piece of the campus to take with them afterwards. This year, a mother from Seattle, attending her daughter's graduation, was overcome with emotion upon meeting Arboretum staff members and volunteers in the Rose Garden in the early morning as her daughter selected a rose. She and her mother had come to know us through our virtual programming. Tearing up as she thanked us, she described how her mother, too frail to travel to the Arboretum for the Commencement ceremony of her granddaughter, had found connection and life-affirming meaning through our virtual tours and educational programs. While the exchange was fleeting,

it left a deep sense of gratification in me knowing how our work can touch lives, even if we don't always know how or who we are inspiring, enlightening, educating or providing meaning to while imparting an appreciation of the plant and gardening world.

What I do know from my vantage point is that our impact results from the somewhat magical combination of dedicated staff members who do what they do more as a calling than a vocation; of dedicated volunteers who thrive on giving their time and talents to something larger than themselves and their own gardens; of generous donors who follow the example set by the Scott family; and Scott Associates, our members who loyally support and motivate our efforts.

In revisiting and reading about the successes of the past year, to all who have been a part of the Scott Arboretum in whatever role or connection you have to us, I hope you get the same feeling I did upon hearing the thanks offered by the mother from Seattle for her daughter's four years of living in the Arboretum while attending Swarthmore College and her mother's virtual connection to the Arboretum.

Claire Sawyers

Claire Sawyers
Director



Facts, Figures, Accomplishments, and Impactful Moments of 2022

- At the close of 2022, the Scott Associates had 1,021 active memberships (compared to 1,018 at the close of 2021). Members contributed \$93,760 in membership dues during FY '21-'22 (compared to \$84,450 in FY '20-'21).
- Arboretum Assistants and other volunteers contributed 5,986 hours to our operations in 2022. In our climb back to a "new normal," following the hiatus in our volunteer program due to COVID, this represents more than double the hours contributed in 2021.
- Over 9,700 individuals attended events and programs in person during the year, over 2,800 attended virtual programs, and more than 2,000 viewed recorded virtual programs, for a total of over 15,000.
- The 2022 Annual Appeal raised over \$81,000 from 218 donors to establish a heritage tree care endowment fund.
- At the close of the year, the monthly eNews was emailed to 5,638 subscribers, compared to 4,979 the previous December, representing a 13% increase.

- Scottarboretum.org had 257,669 page views during the year, compared to 263,143 in 2021. The slight decline perhaps related to the decline of COVID's impact.
- Scott Arboretum videos offered as Gardener's Almanacs and #BranchOut, had 36,138 views in 2022, compared with 22,130 last year, representing a 63% increase.
- The Scott Arboretum was recognized as a Level III-accredited ArbNet Arboretum in 2022. This status recognizes arboreta achieving standards to advance the planting and conservation of trees.
- New programs inaugurated: Rose Celebration, Career Night, Faculty Curricular Grant Program.
- New full-time staff: Ian Altamuro, Kaitlyn Lawrence, Stephanie Myers, Mackenzie Knight-Fochs, Shem Ruszczyk, Rachel Warren.

- The Scott Arboretum hosted the Perennial Plant Association during their National Symposium on August 3.



- College capital projects with significant impacts on the campus landscape in 2022:

- The geothermal well field on the organic lawn, the lower quarter of Parrish Lawn. The lawn is anticipated to be restored in spring of 2024 with the fencing removed in the fall of 2024. ▶



- The Martin Hall renovation and expansion which started in 2022. The Winter Garden will be redesigned and replanted and the Pollinator Garden will be restored and connected to a new lower plaza when the building is completed in 2025. ▲

- The opening of the new dining hall in October and

the planting of some to the surrounding new landscape, notably two large stormwater retention basins with native plants. With the renovation and conversion of Sharples, the former dining hall, into the Community Commons, the landscaping will not be completed until the completion of the second half of this project. ▼

- The upper Crum swale restoration behind the Lang Music Building. ▼



- The Scott Arboretum was listed by veranda.com on May 11 as one of “The Most Beautiful College Campuses Around the World.” They noted: “Swarthmore College’s campus boasts an eclectic collection of modern and Collegiate Gothic-style architecture, but there’s one breathtaking element that makes the college stand out: a 425-acre arboretum filled with magnolia trees, hiking trails, and an outdoor theater. Just outside Philadelphia, the college’s green oasis draws the attention of students, locals, and horticulturists from across the world. From the 200 varieties of roses making up the Dean Bond Rose Garden outside Parrish Hall to the towering trees of Crum Woods, you’re greeted with a bountiful display around every turn and corner.”

- On Sept. 20, the Scott Arboretum was listed in *Architectural Digest*’s online gallery as one of “The 53 Prettiest College Campuses in America.” They said: “Swarthmore’s campus is centered around the stately Parrish Hall, which was originally the school’s only building and housed everything from dormitories and classrooms to the library. Throughout the school’s 425 acres, you’ll find many wooded and trailed areas, providing a nice mix of the natural world and the built one.”

- The Scott Arboretum was named one of the most wonderful attractions in October by TripSavvy. They said: “Encompassing nearly 450 acres across Swarthmore College near Philadelphia, Scott Arboretum is often called the most scenic in the United States. You can easily spend several hours meandering around the pathways admiring the colorful beauty of the flowers, trees, and plants. The arboretum features multiple (and equally alluring) sections, including the rose garden, biostream garden, and a 200-acre area surrounding Crum Creek. The arboretum is open year-round, so no matter the season you decide to visit, you’ll be treated to an abundance of stunning views.”

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The Scott Medal and Award

Robert E. Lyons, the 68th Scott Medal and Award recipient in 2022

University professor and public garden leader Robert (Bob) Lyons received the 2022 Scott Garden and Horticultural Award of \$20,000 on March 13 at the Inn at Swarthmore. After completing his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in horticultural science, he became assistant professor in the Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech where he remained until 1999, being promoted several times. While at Virginia Tech, he also became the director of the Virginia Tech Horticulture Gardens, which he helped establish and grow. He was a multi-awarded, inspirational researcher and teacher at Virginia Tech, but was convinced to move to North Carolina State as distinguished professor. He remained there until 2005 in the Department of Horticultural Science and as director of the JC Raulston Arboretum. After securing the future of that Arboretum, he was drawn to the Longwood Graduate Program in public horticulture at the University of Delaware, where he served as director of

the program and professor for 10 years. During this tenure, he oversaw the development and research of 43 graduate students. He retired in 2015, but was convinced to return to the University of Delaware to serve as interim department chair for the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. He has numerous publications to his credit, a long list of previous awards, and years of service to the profession beyond his positions, including serving on the boards for the University of Delaware Botanic Gardens, Delaware Center for Horticulture, and Rutgers University Gardens.

The Scott Medal and Award program is one of the best-known and longest-running efforts of the Scott Arboretum, with a rich history and nationwide goals. The program was designed and is made possible by the gifts from Margaret and Owen Moon, Arthur Hoyt Scott's sister and brother-in-law. Their aim was to have an individual who has made a national contribution to

the science and art of gardening recognized in a significant way so as to "promote a greater love of nature, make the nation more conscious of the beauty of the outdoors, develop a greater knowledge and love of plants and flowers, spread the gospel of better planting and more beautiful gardens among all citizens."

In 2022, the Scott Award call for nominations was mailed to members of the American Public Gardens Association, and paid, full-page advertisements to announce the nomination process were printed in *Landscape Architecture* and *Public Garden* magazine.

The Scott Medal and Award Selection Committee met on Nov. 18 at the Inn at Swarthmore and selected Richard Hawke to receive the 2023 Scott Medal and Award.

To see the full history of the award, former honorees, and the nomination process, see scottarboretum.org.

Thanks to these 2022 Selection Committee members:

William (Bill) M. LeFevre, Executive Director of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Duke University

Robert Lyons, Professor Emeritus and 2022 Scott Medal and Award recipient

Jane Pepper, Board Chair, Longwood Gardens

Matthew Ross, Executive Director, The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park

Maitreyi Roy, Executive Director, Bartram's Garden

Casey Sclar, H.O. Smith Endowed Director, The Arboretum at Penn State

William (Bill) Thomas, Executive Director, Chanticleer and 2017 Scott Medal and Award recipient

Mark Zelonis, Cultural Excursions and former Deputy Director of Environmental & Historic Preservation, Indianapolis Museum of Art (now called Newfields)

The committee was chaired by Andy Feick, Associate Vice President for Sustainable Facilities Operation and Capital Planning at Swarthmore College, with Director of the Scott Arboretum Claire Sawyers serving as secretary.

A photograph of a park path lined with large, mature cherry blossom trees in full bloom. The path is paved and leads into the distance. The trees have thick, dark trunks and are covered in light pink blossoms. The sky is blue with some light clouds. A green overlay is present in the upper right corner, containing the title and a descriptive paragraph.

Our Living Collections

Visual demonstrations of the best plants for landscape use in the region are displayed in curated collections and designed gardens.

New Landscape Projects

Singer Hall: The young landscape surrounding Singer Hall, focusing on six distinctive floristic zones in the region, was supplemented with additional plants costing over \$4,000 in 2022. Initial maintenance costs provided by the Arboretum to help successfully establish this landscape amounted to over \$20,000 in 2022. This landscape showcases native plants and naturalistic design emulating the New Jersey Outer Coastal Plain Cedar Swamp, New Jersey Coastal Plain Hardwood Swamp, New Jersey Inner Coastal Plain Mixed Oak Forest, and the Pennsylvania Piedmont Meadow, Pennsylvania Piedmont Woodland, and Pennsylvania Successional Edge, adding ecologically based collections to the Arboretum's example landscaping. ►

Whittier Meadow: In the spring, the Arboretum contracted Restoration Ecological Services (RES) to design a meadow to replace the turf-covered geothermal field behind Whittier Hall. To help guide the project, we held a design charrette on March 16, inviting staff, faculty, and students to engage in the process; 17 participated. The goals for this landscape enhancement are to demonstrate sustainable landscaping, provide forest edge habitat to better connect the Crum Woods to the built campus, to improve campus aesthetics by converting an open turf field into a diverse landscape, to enhance the view from Whittier Hall, to help screen large unsightly parking lots, provide inspiration and a place of respite for students, and to provide an area to showcase student project installations. In the fall, the area was prepared and seeded and trees and shrubs were planted around the perimeter. RES will maintain the meadow to ensure its establishment for the first five years. This contract represents a contribution of over \$40,000 to the College landscape from the Arboretum. ▼



Plant Records

Curator and Plant Recorder Mary Tipping manages the plant record system, mapping and labeling, as well as chairing the Collections Committee and procuring plants.

Table 1. Plant Records

Plant Collections	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Number of taxa in the collection	3,188	3,179	3,170	3,158	3,213	3,258
Number of accessions added	174	250	171	125	146	203
Number of deaccessions	558	556	473	175	337	50
Plant Records Summary						
Number of accession labels made	772	940	578	706	476	1,005
Number of display labels made	572	482	343	386	671	779
Number of plant locations mapped	631	3,813	675	462	698	1,200
Project Proposals	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Number of plant project proposals submitted	45	29	31	19	23	11
Number of plant projects completed	25	20	17	10	15	15

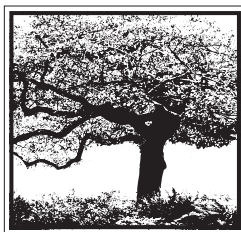


Collections Committee

This group met monthly in 2022 to review collections accessions and deaccessions, evaluate trees for the Heritage Tree program, review project proposals, and to advise on College building and landscape plans. Mary Tipping served as the committee chair with Horticulturist Josh Coceano as secretary. Other committee members included Garden Supervisors Adam Glas and Chuck Hinkle; Coordinator of Horticulture/ Director of Grounds Jeff Jabco, and Director Claire Sawyers.

Project Proposals

Forty-five landscape project proposals were submitted in 2022 for the consideration of the Collections Committee. Of those, 31 were executed and completed and two were denied. The remainder are in progress or were deferred for appropriate timing. Project proposals, for the most part, pertain to renovating garden beds, replacing plantings that have not performed well, or enhancing collections with new, superior cultivars. Proposals can be submitted by anyone for Collections Committee consideration.



Heritage Tree Program

In 2016, we initiated the Heritage Tree Program in order to determine our most precious trees among about 4,000 accessioned in our collections. Trees that are over 10 years old are eligible for the initial evaluation, which includes quantifying their size, condition, rarity, prevalence in our collection, and cultural values. The figures outlined here (Table 2) show the progress of that effort since then. At the present time, 160 trees have been designated as Heritage Trees.

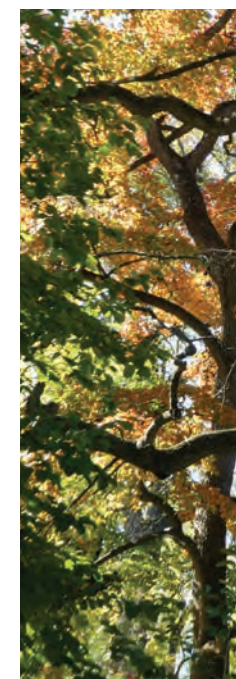
In support of providing the best possible care for our Heritage Trees, the 2022 Annual Appeal was devoted to establishing a dedicated fund to generate funds annually for their specialized care. The appeal gifts were supplemented with other donations made for dedicated trees, to establish a \$100,000 Heritage Tree Endowment Fund in early 2023.

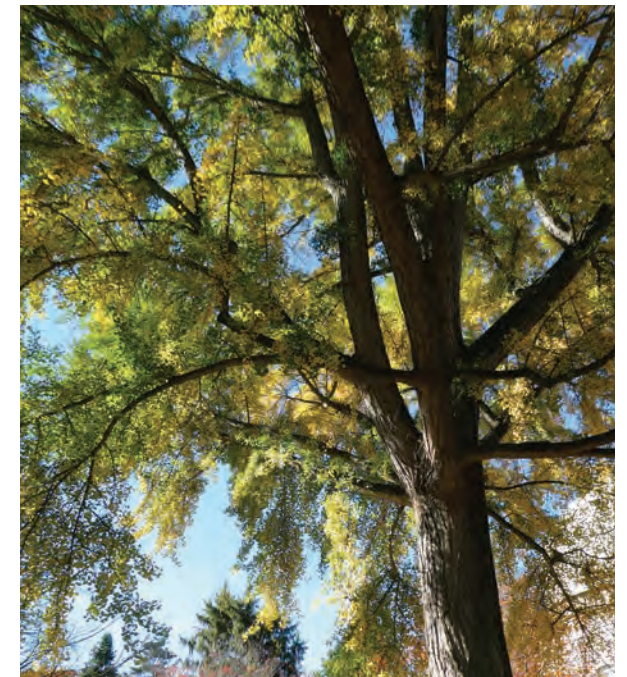
Table 2. Heritage Tree Program

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	Total
Number of trees evaluated	317	735	337	128	265	195	1,977

Tree counts by scores (as of 3/6/23)

Score	Number of trees	Status
80	8	Heritage Trees
75	6	
70	29	
65	52	
60	65	
55	69	
50	126	
45	201	
40	177	
less than 40	1168	





Some of our Heritage Trees: (top, left to right) northern catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*), double flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida* 'Pluribracteata'), cutleaf beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Asplenifolia', (bottom, left to right) American elm (*Ulmus americana*), blackgum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), variegated zelkova (*Zelkova serrata* 'Goshiki'), ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)



Delighting, Educating, and Inspiring

To enjoy the many benefits of horticulture

Leadership of our educational efforts changed in 2022 with the departures of Julie Jenney, who served as education coordinator for 19 years; and Mandie Curtis Banks, youth, family, and diversity programs coordinator. Mackenzie Knight-Fochs became education programs manager in June and Rachel Warren became assistant education programs manager for youth, family, and diverse audiences in September.

Mackenzie continued to build on the success of the virtual programs which began during the pandemic, and worked toward rebuilding our slate of offerings to provide quality programming opportunities for both virtual and in-person audiences. We hosted the Woody and Perennial Plant Conferences in person for the first time since 2019 and offered the option to attend virtually by watching a livestream. The annual fall lecture, co-sponsored with the Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group, was

also presented with a virtual viewing option. This allowed attendees near and far to learn from Gregg Tepper, author of *Deer-Resistant Native Plants for the Northeast*. We recognized the value of providing recordings of all our virtual programs for attendees to reference after the live event had concluded. With lives generally getting busier, it was valuable for those who could not attend the live virtual events.

Below is a summary of some of our impactful signature educational programs and efforts during the year. In addition to these, a variety of horticultural workshops, lectures, excursions, guided Arboretum tours, and classes were offered as ongoing educational programming. In all, we had over 9,748 in-person attendees and an additional 5,311 participants in virtual programming for the year, for a total of over 15,000 participants.

Nature's Narratives

This nature and plant-related book group discussed seven books in 2022, all via virtual meetings led by Liz Haegele, former Scott Arboretum intern. Books discussed included: *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race*; *The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light*; *The Cabaret of Plants: Forty Thousand Years of Plant Life and the Human Imagination*; *Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures*; *Sounds Wild and Broken: Sonic Marvels, Evolution's Creativity, and the Crisis of Sensory Extinction*; *Mill Town: Reckoning with What Remains*; and *Rosalie Edge, Hawk of Mercy: The Activist Who Saved Nature from the Conservationists*.

Hybrid

This quarterly, printed newsletter, launched in 1972, is funded by the Scott Associates. It provides eight pages of colorful, timely educational content on plants, gardening practices, and the Scott Arboretum in each season. A membership benefit, the newsletter was mailed to all members thanks to volunteer efforts. It is also provided free to visitors to the Scott offices from various brochure distribution areas.



Travels at Twelve

Programs were offered as free, virtual webinars given by garden travel enthusiasts to provide vicarious plant and garden discovery during the darkest period of winter. During COVID, this long-standing program transitioned to a virtual format and, given the vagaries of winter weather, we have continued it virtually, allowing participants from afar to readily join in. In 2022, we reached 884 viewers with seven programs, an average of 126 per week. A special thanks to Karl Gercens, Bob Goren, Linda Beutler, Jeff Jabco, Paul Meyer, Elizabeth Ladwig, Amos Frye, and Claire Sawyers who took us to gardens in Singapore, Namibia, England, Kazakhstan, Martha's Vineyard, and around the world with their presentations.

Gardens and Tonic

A virtual webinar series that began in 2020 during the COVID lockdown continued in 2022, with sessions offered in the spring and fall on a wide range of gardening topics, including plants to fuel monarchs, Arts and Crafts Period gardens, and the beehives at the Scott Arboretum. Over 825 registered to see these presentations.

Woody Plant Conference

Held on July 15, the Woody Plant Conference was offered in a hybrid format with 347 attending in person in the Lang Performing Arts Center, and another 74 participating virtually for a total of 421 participants. Attendees heard from Mae Lin Plummer, Ethan Kauffman, Tama Wong, Jenny Rose Carey, Eva Monheim, Todd Greenberg, Linda Chalker-Scott, and Chris Reed on a wide range of woody plants, their management and



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use in designs. This conference, held for the twenty-third time, is co-sponsored with Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Tyler Arboretum. The Woody Plant Conference website had 10,947 page views in 2022.

Autumn Equinox

To celebrate the first day of autumn, on Sept. 22, the Arboretum held its second annual Autumn Equinox Celebration. Surrounding the Wister Center, participants had the opportunity to enjoy live music, food truck fare, local wine and beer selections, play lawn games, and make nature-related crafts (68 participated), and enjoy guided tours of the gardens (29 participated). In all, 209 enjoyed the fun, casual celebration. Members of the Arboretum enjoyed a special benefit of a \$5 voucher to use with the food trucks.

Perennial Plant Conference

In its thirty-seventh year in 2022, the daylong conference held on Oct. 14 drew 447 in-person participants and 70 virtual attendees. Featured nationally known speakers included Mike Bone, Wambui Ippolito, Janet Novak, Paul Orpello, Andrew Schuyler, and Martha Stewart. This conference was co-sponsored with Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. The Perennial Plant Conference website had 11,189 page views in 2022. ▼

Holiday Sale

We ended the year with the return of in-person wreath-making workshops and the celebrity wreath-making party, culminating in the Holiday Sale held on Dec 3. All four wreath workshops filled, with a total of 78 participants, all delighted to be able to make their wreaths



together on site. Continuing this year with an online pre-order catalog and drive-by pickups, we had 78 orders for wreaths, swags, bundles of branches and berries, and bags of fresh-cut greens. Another 147 people shopped in person, despite a rainy, chilly day, to add some Arboretum greens to their holiday decor. New members at the event enjoy the benefit

of a free bag of greens, which inspired 26 to join during the sale. Current members enjoy a discount on their first bag of greens. A special thanks to the 16 professional colleagues who contributed their time and talent to create wreaths for the sale. The event garnered over \$7,500 in sales and \$1,115 in membership dues. ▲



Rose Celebration

We were finally able to hold our first Rose Celebration in 2022, a new event we had hoped to launch in 2020, but COVID delayed those dreams. The intent of the event was to create a fun evening, draw members and visitors to our exquisite rose garden at its peak to appreciate the beauty of the garden, encourage participants to learn about and plant roses as ornamental landscape plants, and have them try products made from roses. Rose plants were given away, as well as samples of rose products and rose-fla-





vored food. Music and food trucks added to the atmosphere, along with fun rose-themed activities for all ages. Despite a summer storm with heavy rain midway through the party, 180

attended before or after the deluge and those who remained through the storm enjoyed the camaraderie in the big white tent we used for the event beside the Rose Garden.



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“Thank you to all who worked so hard to give the gift of the Rose Garden Party to the community yesterday. It truly was a great time. The roses were beautiful after the rain. The volunteers were terrific. ...What a great time for my husband and me.”

SALLY JO DAVIS,
JUNE 3



Youth Programming



Efforts to engage youth and families in the Arboretum were led by Mandie Curtis Banks early in the year, in a newly created position dedicated to youth programming, until she departed in May. In September, Rachel Warren joined the staff as assistant education programs manager for youth, family, and diverse audiences to carry on these new endeavors. Rachel brings seven years of experience working with youth and families from diverse communities in educational positions to inform our efforts here.

Several of the signature ongoing programs are summarized here:

Nature Nook

This toddler program held 13 sessions in the spring, starting in January and continuing until May, and seven sessions were offered in the fall, from September until November. The goal was engaging children and their families in learning about plants and nature. Some of these sessions were offered virtually due to weather. An average of 18 participated in each session; over 350 in all. ►

Arbor Day

Arbor Day was celebrated on April 29 with about 500 students from the Swarthmore-Rutledge School coming to enjoy the blossoming trees in the Cherry Border while engaging

and learning about trees and Swarthmore as a Tree City. The following day, about 350 came to the Wister Center to select a free redbud tree and participate in scavenger hunts and various art and nature activities. All 150 redbuds found new homes.

School's Out

A new program aimed to provide fun learning opportunities for school-aged children on school breaks offered an October event, "Fall for Nature

Crafts," that drew around 80 participants, and a November event, "Treemendous Nature Crafts," that had 46 participants. ◀

Field Trips

We hosted students from Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School on Oct. 26 with 28 students for a field trip focused on sustainability, and 100 second graders visited on Nov. 10 and 11 from Wallingford Elementary to learn about habitats, pollinators, and sustainability.

In addition, adding youth activities to all of our annual celebrations has become a goal and expectation to make these events family friendly. Activities designed for youth were a part of the Rose Celebration, Autumn Equinox, and Holiday Sale. In addition, field trip programs were promoted to regional schools and seasonal scavenger hunts were offered year-round as ways to engage youth in visiting the Arboretum.



Marketing, Communications, and Social Media

Our marketing, publicity, and educational content online are efforts led by Becky Robert, communications and volunteer manager.

eNews

Monthly electronic newsletters were mailed to all members who provided email addresses informing them of upcoming events and news about the Arboretum and horticultural happenings. At the close of the year, the December eNews was emailed to 5,638 subscribers, compared to 4,979 the previous December, representing a 13% increase. The open rate for all 253,304 sends for the year was 54%, an 18% increase over 2021 and 14% higher than the industry average.



See Upcoming Events



End of Summer Garden Tours

Explore the gardens with our expert tour guides as the summer comes to close.

Virtual Lunchtime Tour:
Beating the Heat - Tuesday,
August 15 from 12 to 12:30 pm

Arboretum Highlights Tour:
Succeeding in Summer -
Wednesday, August 23 from 6 to 7 pm



TOUR SCHEDULE

Marketing Consortia

The Arboretum collaborated with several other organizations as marketing groups including the following:

Greater Philadelphia Gardens (GPG), America's Garden Capital: In 2022, the Scott Arboretum was promoted through the work of this consortium, which has existed since 1989. Working with 38 other gardens within 30 miles of Philadelphia, the group focused on the continuation of the popular Garden Passport project during the year. In addition to continuous distribution of garden passports at all the participating gardens, GPG had a booth at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Flower Show, held June 11-15, and 4,000 passports were distributed during the show. The GPG website had 17,400 visitors for the year.

Delaware County Arts Consortium: We have worked with other cultural groups in Delaware County for a number of years now to promote our offerings, advance the economic vitality of the nonprofit arts and culture community, and promote the value of cultural resources to the local community. During Delco Arts Week, held Oct. 1-9, we offered several programs linking art and horticulture as part of these joint efforts.

Pennsylvania Public Horticulture Coalition: In 2022, we joined this statewide coalition of 19 other public gardens across the state that formed in 2021 to "develop and implement strategies to successfully showcase the rich benefits public horticulture organizations bring to the commonwealth and the public." One of the accomplishments of the year was receiving a proclamation from Governor Tom Wolf in recognition of public gardens. The group also launched a website: PaPublicGardens.com.

American Public Gardens Association: As a participant in APGA's sponsored Go Public Gardens Days, held May 6-15 in 2022, the Scott Arboretum joined over 500 public gardens across the nation to raise visibility of the importance of public gardens.

Publications

We continued to produce two special publications free from our office about the Arboretum and send them to all members: the 2023 calendar and our annual report for 2021. Both publications are to showcase the beauty of the collections and gardens and to document our successes and impact.



Videos

#Branchout, Gardener's

Almanac: A variety of teaching videos created by staff members were offered throughout the year. To illustrate the popularity and impact of these, here are the top five as measured by viewership:

- Oct. 12 - Gardener's Almanac: Installing deer protection with 8,399 viewers
- Nov. 20 - Gardener's Almanac: Root pruning with 3,539 viewers
- Apr. 11 - #BranchOut: *Magnolia* 'Genie' with 3,041 viewers
- May 31 - Gardener's Almanac: Planting in Gravel Culture with 2,709 viewers
- Apr. 15 - Gardener's Almanac: Planting B & B Trees with 1,112 viewers

In all, Scott Arboretum videos had 36,138 views in 2022, compared with 22,130 last year, a 63% increase.

Social Media:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Increase from '21- '22
Facebook followers	4,376	4,873	5,436	5,540	2%
Instagram followers	1,720	2,294	2,589	3,037	17%
YouTube subscribers	8	278	490	772	58%



"I graduated in the Swarthmore Class of 1998 and was fortunate enough to spend four years on the most beautiful campus imaginable. ...In my senior year, I entered into the Arboretum's student plant competition and received the award for 'best use of plants in decor'. ...The prize was a ceramic planter... The planter has gone everywhere with me for the last (almost) quarter of a century from country to country. ...This weekend, I did my spring planting of my house in Zurich, Switzerland, and put my favorite tri-colored lobelia in it. Thank you for your wonderful work and for bringing so much beauty to the community – I still treasure my memories of the holly, angel's trumpet, and roses among which I had the pleasure of living."

ELAINE HUANG '98,
MAY 30



Engaging the Swarthmore College Community

in the mission of the Scott Arboretum

While the Scott Arboretum was established to serve the gardening interests of the region's homeowners by creating a visually educational collection of ornamental plants and instructive gardens displayed on the campus of Swarthmore College, the result has also created a beautiful campus for the students, staff, and faculty who live, study, teach, and work on campus. Recognizing the College community as a resident audience for the Arboretum, since 2017, the work of effectively engaging members of the College community into the mission of the Arboretum has been led by Sue MacQueen, campus engagement coordinator.

In 2022, the Swarthmore College community consisted of 1,699 students and 850 faculty and staff members. Below is a summary of some of the signature programs designed and offered

specifically to members of the Swarthmore College community. Many of these programs were done in strategic partnerships with other College departments and committees, including the Office of Sustainability, Office of Student Employment, Office of Student Engagement, Alumni Office, Dean of Students' Office, Crum Woods Stewardship Committee, Health and Wellness Coalition, and Environmental Studies.

Academic Courses

In 2020, Janet Jones '61 established a \$1 million endowment to support our efforts of engaging students in the Arboretum. Since then, funds have been utilized to sponsor for-credit courses, thereby directly enhancing the academic offerings of Swarthmore College. In 2022, two courses were offered: "Plants and Human Culture"

(ENVS 008) taught by Sue Barton, Ph.D., in the fall semester, and "Nature Rx" (ENVS 015) taught by Joshua Ellow, Ph.D., the College's alcohol and other drugs counselor & educator, in both the spring and fall semesters. Total enrollment for these courses was 67.



Anonymous academic course evaluation comments from students:

"I found this course fascinating and ... [it]taught me a few very valuable long-term lessons."

"I learned so much. An immersive experience that is beneficial no matter your major."

"I really enjoyed this course. We were able to dive into so many different topics about this major relationship between plants and people."

"I think most of what we learned is *insanely* valuable and so overlooked in both K-12 and higher ed!"

Curricular Grant Program

To encourage the incorporation of horticulture and the Arboretum into Swarthmore College courses, a mini-grant program was launched in March, also funded by the Janet Jones gift. Applications submitted by faculty members that were funded in



2022 included grants to:

- Offer support for teaching plant names important in Russian literature to Sibelan Forrester, professor of Russian and Russian section head;
- Explore native plants used as medicine by Native Americans to Yvonne Chireau, professor of religion; and
- Explore sustainable communities to Natalie Mera Ford, visiting assistant professor of English and multilingual writing specialist.

Swarthmore College Student Work Program

Providing paid part-time and seasonal summer positions working alongside Arboretum staff members has been an opportunity for students to engage with the Arboretum for decades, and continues to evolve as programs and plantings of the Arboretum evolve, with positions ranging from hands-on gardening to program assistance and office management. See page 25 for a list of student workers who were employed in 2022.

Career Night

In an effort for Swarthmore College students to learn about career options working with plants, for the first time, we offered a chance to meet and hear from three Swarthmore Alumni who have had rewarding and plant related careers. Dan Lurie '97, Mara Baird '79, and Roger Latham '83 shared insight into their work with 20 students. The panel was followed by discussion over dinner in the Wister Center. ▲

DISCOVER with the Scott Arboretum

This program continues to provide pop-up opportunities for Swarthmore College students, staff, and faculty to engage in activities related to plants, crafts using plant material, and food related to plants. The nine DISCOVER sessions offered during the year by Sue MacQueen, assisted by Arboretum Assistants, reached a total of 583 participants and included making paper using wildflower seeds, carving pumpkins,





planting shamrocks, and making wreaths of dogwood stems. ▲

DISCOVER in a Bag

Allows student resident assistants and green advisors to request and then conduct plant-related activities with fellow students in their resi-

dence halls, free of charge, with the supplies, instructions and educational materials assembled in kits. In 2022, 14 leaders utilized the program, reaching 198 students with plant-crafting activities, modeled on the staged DISCOVER events.



The Plant Doctor is in

This was offered on four Sunday evenings to assist students with houseplant questions. As drop-in plant health care clinics are now offered via Zoom, 77 students participated to have their questions addressed. The Plant Doctor is Sue MacQueen.

First-Year Plant Giveaway

On August 25, 238 first-year students were invited to meet Arboretum staff and volunteers in tents in front of the Wister Center to select and re-pot a houseplant to grow in their residence hall rooms. A new feature to welcome new and returning students to campus in 2022 included a scavenger hunt, held on August 26. The Arboretum participated by giving out swag in the Entrance Garden and providing encouragement and campus directions to 227 students. ▲

Welcome Back Plant Bash

Given the continued popularity of the First-Year Plant Giveaway, the invitation to claim a free house plant was extended to the rest of the College community, as it has been since 2012. On August 31, we had a record-breaking 505 students, staff and faculty come for a free houseplant and growing guidance from Arboretum staff and volunteers.

Class Tree

On August 27, during orientation week, over 400 new incoming students in the Class of 2026 gathered at the lower end of Magill Walk to help plant and dedicate their class tree, a swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*. Our thanks to staff in the Dean's Office who helped make this a great success. Our hope is that students will watch "their tree" grow over the four years while they grow their knowledge studying at Swarthmore. ◀ pg 18

Garnet Weekend

Held on October 27-28, the Arboretum offered three guided tours and an open house in the Wister Center as part of this homecoming weekend, in which 209 participated. Refreshments and pumpkin crafts were offered.

Art in Nature

The fourth annual contest took place in the fall, open to all students on Sept. 2. Students had four weeks to submit entries along the theme of nature and plant-inspired art. Four art judges selected six works from the 25 student entries. A popular vote was then open to the community to determine the prize winners. Votes were cast by 244 students. First place was awarded to Randall Johanningsmeier '24 for *Reincarnation*, a work depicting the young tulip tree replanted in the hollow



stump of the original tree in the Scott Amphitheater, which was then reproduced on shirts. These shirts were given to all those who participated in the program at the November 17 celebration showing all of the artwork submitted; 134 attended the celebration. ▲

Workshops

Botany in the Kitchen workshops were held in June, July, and September focusing on plant families that provide important food, spice, and medicinal products. Other hands-on workshops included a dyeing workshop held in February, a garden furniture building workshop in March, and a tea-making workshop in April. These programs drew 248 participants. ▶



Beekeeping workshops were also offered regularly by professional beekeepers from Alveole, with their periodic visits to our beehives and by special arrangement, to teach about honey extraction and other bee-hive products. The bee-related events drew 186 participants for the year. ▲

Commencement

This year Commencement was held outside on Mertz Lawn on Sunday May 22. Preceding the ceremony, following the long-standing tradition since the 1950s when the Dean Bond Rose Garden was created, graduates came to the garden to



select a rose bud to be pinned to their commencement robes. Following the ceremony, graduates were given a living piece of the campus as a graduation gift from the Arboretum. Rooted cuttings of *Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet,' propagated from shrubs growing on campus by Arboretum staff, were offered by staff and volunteers to graduates. There were 413

graduates in the Class of 2022, accompanied by 210 graduates from the Class of 2021 who participated in Commencement given there was no true Commencement ceremony in 2021. ▲ In partnership with the Intercultural Center, the Arboretum provided a symbolic plant of lavender and seeds to 47 LGBTQ+ seniors for their Lavender Celebration, held on May 5.

Alumni Weekend

Held on May 27-29, this provided the opportunity for alumni to learn about the Arboretum on seven distinct staff-led tours, as well as during an open house held in the Wister Center, where in addition to refreshments, plants and seeds were given away. A total of 344 participated.



"Thank you so very much for the great walk yesterday in the Crum Woods, and for leading to the meadow where Oliver and I celebrated our wedding in 1964. It brought back a wonderful memory and was a really special moment for us."

CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS '63 AND OLIVER FEIN '62

Finances

The Arboretum endowed funds support for College maintenance and general operations amounted to \$518,933 for FY22 (Table 1).

Table 1. Scott Arboretum Endowment Funds as of June 30, 2022

Supporting the Scott Arboretum Budget

Date Established	Fund Name	Endowment Units	Market Value	FY22 Distribution
1929	Arthur H. Scott Horticultural Fdn.	19,044.89	\$19,658,238	\$780,840
1929	Scott Medal and Prize	1,459.40	1,506,401	59,835
1953	Robert Pyle Rose Garden	1,437.20	1,483,486	58,925
1964	Scott Foundation Centennial	5,160.30	5,326,489	211,572
1973	James Frorer Holly Collection	138.20	142,651	5,666
1986	Theresa Lang Garden of Fragrance	37.40	38,604	1,533
1989	Terry Shane Teaching Garden	241.87	249,655	9,917
1992	Scott Associates	2,277.20	2,350,535	93,365
1998	William and Frances Plate Memorial	564.95	583,141	23,163
2001	Gertrude Wister Memorial	1,072.64	1,107,180	43,978
2006	Kemp West House Garden	245.45	253,355	10,063
2007	Wister Education Center and Greenhouse	685.76	707,846	28,116
2009	Maynard Cherry Border	24.07	24,849	987
2014	William H. Frederick Jr '48 Scott Directorship	1,351.55	1,395,075	55,413
2016	Scott Arboretum FFE	603.47	622,904	24,742
2017	Scott Arboretum Crum Woods	135.62	139,991	5,561
2020	Janet Jones '61 Arboretum Campus Engagement	<u>1,234.24</u>	<u>1,273,986</u>	<u>50,146</u>
Total Restricted		35,714.20	\$36,864,387	\$1,464,282

Endowment distribution allocation for the College Budget

1929	Arthur H. Scott Horticultural Fdn.	5,009.515	170,843	205,390
1929	Scott Medal and Prize	280.50	289,554	11,501
1938	James McIlvain Arboreal	1,890.40	1,951,281	77,506
1953	Robert Pyle Rose Garden	1,700.00	1,754,749	69,700
1964	Scott Foundation Centennial	2,451.50	2,530,452	100,512
1973	James Frorer Holly Collection	600.00	619,323	24,600
1986	Theresa Lang Garden of Fragrance	500.00	516,103	20,500
2006	Kemp West House Garden	200.00	206,441	8,200
2009	Maynard Cherry Border	25.00	25,805	1,025
Total Budget Supporting		12,656.91	\$13,064,531	\$518,933
Total Scott Arboretum Endowments		<u>48,371.11</u>	<u>\$49,928,917</u>	<u>\$1,983,215</u>

**Table 2. Scott Arboretum Endowment Funds Performance
10-Year Comparison (June 30)**

	Market Value	Spending Rate	Distribution
2022	\$49,928,917	3.7%	\$1,983,215
2021	54,094,319	4.7%	1,887,128
2020	42,847,664	4.6%	1,818,106
2019	39,753,942	4.6%	1,802,992
2018	39,156,721	4.3%	1,532,171
2017	35,970,600	4.6%	1,504,984
2016	32,561,932	4.0%	1,364,638
2015	34,173,430	3.3%	1,146,963
2014	34,522,836	3.5%	1,039,825
2013	29,514,612	3.8%	1,047,658



**Table 3. Swarthmore College Consolidated Statement of
Scott Arboretum and Scott Associates Accounts for
Fiscal Year July 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Beginning Balance	\$1,053,061.35
Revenue	
Endowment distribution	1,458,884.88
Income/membership, registrations	123,402.71
Gift income	149,449.49
Parent organization (Swarthmore College) support	0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,731,737.53
Expenses	
Staff salaries and wages	681,756.49
Staff benefits	216,694.71
Plants	60,425.87
Professional services	100,718.97
Postage/telephone	21,073.35
Supplies	165,781.89
Vehicle purchase	00.0
Equipment	128,565.98
Food/catering	57,982.88
Transportation	10,087.47
All other expenses	40,924.23
Net transfers	160,000.00
Total Expenses	\$1,644,011.84
Balance June 30, 2022	\$1,140,787.04

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“... I’m glad that I was able to spend half my college years with the Scott Arboretum. ... I can say that the Arboretum has taught me to be confident in my work and how to roll with the mistakes. I’ve grown in a lot of ways. ...Working at the office offered a much-needed break from academics, and filling brochure boxes kept me begrudgingly fit. You’ve all taken great care of me during my time at Swarthmore and given me so much more than I have given you. I’m glad that my first ever job was here.”

HAN NGUYEN '22,
JUNE 6



Personnel 2022

Back, left to right: Ian Altamuro, Chuck Hinkle, Josh Coceano, Jeff Jabco, Jerry Schrack, Will Evans, Lars Rasmussen, Shem Ruszczyk, Adam Glas, Mary Tipping, Andrew DeGothseir, Gus Eriksen, Claire Sawyers

Front, left to right: Rachel Warren, Sue McGinley, Sandra Lopez Cortez, Jody Downer, Stephanie Myers, Kaitlyn Lawrence, Nick Lang, Mackenzie Knight-Fochs, Becky Robert, Sue MacQueen

In 2022, Service Award recipients included Chuck Hinkle, garden supervisor for 25 years, Jody Downer, special projects coordinator for 20 years, and Adam Glas, garden supervisor for 10 years. A special College event was held on Jan. 27 to celebrate these and other College staff members who reached significant milestones in their service to the College.

On Feb. 21, members of the Arboretum community gathered at the Inn at Swarthmore to toast and say farewell and best wishes to Julie Jenney, who led the Arboretum's educational programming efforts for 19

years in two stints, from 1999 until 2003 and from 2007 until 2022.

Mackenzie Knight Fochs, started June 1 as education programs manager, already well familiar with the Arboretum and our programs having served as education intern from 2012 to 2014. Rachel Warren started on September 1, building on the initiatives launched by Mandy Curtis Banks, the first to hold a new staff position dedicated to expanding our impact with young gardeners and families and to broaden our appeal to diverse community members.

Back to front: Rowan Payne-Meyer, Megan Rossman, Josh Coceano with student workers planting fall bulbs.



Arboretum Staff

Cunningham House

Mandie Curtis Banks - Youth, Family, and Diversity Programs Coordinator*

Josh Coceano - Horticulturist

Jody Downer - Special Projects Coordinator (part time)

Julie Jenney - Education Programs Coordinator*

Mackenzie Knight-Fochs - Education Programs Manager+

Sue MacQueen - Campus Engagement Coordinator

Rowan Payne-Meyer - Assistant Horticulturist

Jacqui Ricchezza - Administrative Coordinator

Becky Robert - Communication and Volunteer Manager

Megan Rossman - Public Horticulture Intern+

Claire Sawyers - Director

Mary Tipping - Curator and Plant Recorder

Rachel Warren - Assistant Education Program Manager for Youth, Family, and Diverse Audiences+

Summer Interns

Mildred Arevalo

Johanny Bonilla

Payton Fulton

Adam Torneo

+Started in 2022

*Ended in 2022



Jeff Jabco (l) and Rachel Warren (r) preparing for the Scott Arboretum Holiday Sale



Facilities Service Building

Ian Altamuro - Athletic Field Crew Supervisor+

Andrew DeGothseir - Gardener

Paul (Gus) Eriksen - Gardener

Will Evans - Gardener

Adam Glas - Garden Supervisor

Chuck Hinkle - Garden Supervisor

Jeff Jabco - Coordinator of Horticulture/Director of Grounds

Doug Koler - Gardener*

Nick Lang - Athletic Fields Crew Member

Kaitlyn Lawrence - Gardener+

Sandra Lopez Cortez - Gardener

Miguel Loreda - Gardener*

Susan McGinley - Gardener

Stephanie Myers - Gardener+

Dale Nemec - Gardener

Lars Rasmussen - Assistant Garden Supervisor

Emmily Reuther - Assistant Garden Supervisor*

Shem Ruszczyk - Gardener+

Jerry Schrack - Assistant Director of Grounds and Horticulture

Student Employees

Janet Barkdoll '22

Elijah Cavalier '25

Matt Cerep '22

Duc Dam '25

Vaidehee Durgude '25

Myles Farrall '24

Veronica Gibbons '24

August Green '22

Clio Hamilton '22

Connie Jiang '24

Gidon Kaminer '22

Julian Kemp '26

Monica Kramer '25

Eva Krueger '24

Shanan Liu '26

Dart MacVeagh '25

Kiran McDonald '23

Spencer McQuaig '25

Lucas Meyer '23

Bonji Onuma '26

Dani Pena '24

Katie Reeves '22

Penny Retica '24

Ryan Rowe '26

Ayla Schultz '25

Jiho Shin '26

Alex Simon '24

Alexa Specht '22

Simone Stern '23

Lucy Tobier '26

Shutong Wu '26

Jeffrey Zhang '25



Associates of the Scott Arboretum

Formed in 1971, the Scott Associates is a group of dues-paying members devoted to the furtherance of the aims of the Scott Arboretum, particularly to increase appreciation and knowledge of hardy ornamental plants.



Scott Associates Council (as of 12/31/22)

Elected Officers

Mary Thompson – President
Vivian Williams – Vice President
Julie Vrooman – Treasurer
Allen Prindle – Secretary

Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Arboretum Assistants – Anne Papa
Autumn Equinox and Spring Celebrations – Liz Garnett
Garden Day 2023 – Nancy Bleakley and Chris Gradel
Members at Large – Mary Hinds and Barb Helpin
Membership – Vivian Williams
Members Plant Exchange and Sale – Deirdre Gibson
Nominating – Helen Pitts
Winter Celebration – Barb Helpin

Representatives

Education – Jan Goren
Ex-Officio – Margo Coffin Groff, Helen Pitts, Deb Soutar

2022 Arboretum Assistants and Volunteers

The year of Arboretum Assistant class training is noted.

Helena Adams '22	Debbie Chaga '22
Dana Adamson '18	Gloria Cheung
Sarah Ahmann '19	Janean Clare
Ann Ainsworth '05	Sheryl Contente '22
Susan Barr '13	Donna Edwards '87
Sheila Bell '12	Gerri Eunson '04
Barbara Blake '13	James Fawcett '15
Nancy Bleakley '17	Rita Fields '11
Karol Bock '07	Marge Firn '09
Rebecca Boylan	Bob Frick '19
Diana Breen '04	Toby Gang '15
Klara Britt '95	Elizabeth Garnett '00
Terry Britt '07	Karen Giacomucci '18
Rebecca Carovillano '18	Deirdre Gibson '20

Bob Goren
Jan Goren '07
Mary Jo Gormley '19
Christine Gradel '17
Margo Coffin Groff '05
Gail Hale '11
Dale Harris '15
Mary Haskins '18
Barb Helpin '18
Joe Henderson
Mary Hinds '18
Bob Hughes '07
David Johnson '16
Jane Johnson '01
Sandy Kapczynski '17
Laura Kaufman
Sabrina Keeler '19
Marie-Louise Kime '20
Bev Kostek '07
Alan Kruza '07
Sue Lathrop '20
Anita Lawson '04
Yvonne LeFever '16
Tom Lawson
Shelley Leiner '13
Helen Lightcap '00
Bill Lotz '17
Terry Lytle '12
Carole Maher '12
Linda Marcuci '15
Bruce Marshall
Marcia Martin '92
Rocco Mastricolo '16
David Mattern
Diane Mattis '99
Ursula Maul '09
Erma McEwen '11
Mary Leigh McLaughlin '18
Chuck Mills '12
Harriet Monshaw '99

Diane Moss '15
Robert Munson '11
Martin Murray '22
Elizabeth Nork '12
Barbara O'Connell '16
Lynn Palmer-Gee '09
Anne Papa '02
Sharon Patterson '99
Ted Patterson '09
Joanne Patti '20
Mary Payne '21
Patty Peck '13
Helen Pitts '15
Patti Post '05
Allen Prindle '18
Alison Randall '22
Rick Ray
Lise Reno '22
Ronald Ricchezza '19
Louisa Ridgway '07
Kay Rinko
Keith Robertshaw '17
Marilyn Romanesko
Carol Savery '20
Rande Saxe '09
Reiner Schulz '20

Kathleen Sevensky '05
Eunice Silver '00
Deb Soutar '09
Harvey Spector '19
Alexis Sternhell '21
Les Swartley '05
Alicia Thomas
Bob Thomas '02
Verdie Thomas '02
Mary K. Thompson '19
Eve Thyrum '96
Peter Trentacoste '22
Jacqueline Trolley '09
Sandy Vernick '13
Julie Vrooman '96
Paula Wallach '09
Lynn Walton '11
Sheila Weston '19
Sandy Whipple '15
Steven Wieland '21
Raymond Williams '17
Vivian Williams '17
Brenda Wolfer '12
George Wolfer '12
Ben Yagoda '18
Michael Zupanick '18



Membership Program

At the close of 2022 the Scott Associates had 1,021 active memberships (compared to 1,018 at the close of 2021). Members contributed \$93,760 in membership dues during FY '21-'22 (compared to \$84,450 in FY '20-'21).

Membership Initiatives

New Neighbors: Starting in February, we enhanced our efforts to make new residents to the region aware of the Scott Arboretum and Scott Associates by mailing "Welcome to the Neighborhood" postcards to all new residents in Delaware County. We welcomed 23,990 new residents with this mailing and invited them to the Scott Arboretum, compared to 6,986 in 2021. This expansion in scope in part is living into our IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity) goals by reaching out to all residents of the county, regardless of the average income of the ZIP code or average value of residences in a particular ZIP code.

Garnet Sages: Continuing with an effort initiated in 2018, we extended the offer of complimentary membership in the Scott Associates to Swarthmore College Alumni who celebrated their 50th and 25th Alumni reunions in 2022. Of the 241 members of the Class of 1972, 26 accepted (11%). Of the 386 members of the Class of 1997, 29 accepted (7.5%).



Membership Benefits

Community Garden Program: This program continued in 2022 by providing members the opportunity to garden in plots on Harvard Avenue for a nominal fee. In 2022, 18 participated in this program.

Free plant dividends: The member plant dividends for the spring included: *Allium* 'Millenium' and *Tiarella* 'Pink Skyrocket'. 173 members picked up their dividends on the Friday drive-by pickup on May 6 and another 59 picked up their dividends during the Member's Plant Exchange and Sale. The fall plant dividend was *Narcissus* 'Kedron', a Jonquilla daffodil. Over the Oct. 28 and 29 drive-by pick-up times, 178 came to claim their fall plant dividends. ▶

Member Discount Program:

We thank these merchants and organizations who supported our members by offering various discounts and special offers to Scott Associates in 2022: Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Chanticleer, Main Line Gardens, Mostardi Nursery, Swarthmore Flower & Gift Shop, Inn at Swarthmore, Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden, Swarthmore True Value Hardware, and Wedgewood Gardens.

Members Plant Exchange & Sale: On May 13, 114 members participated in the popular annual plant swap. About 1,700 plants were contributed to the event. Having the opportunity to participate in this event prompted a handful of new members in May and six renewals during the event. ▲

Garden Day: This is held annually as a member benefit to provide the opportunity for members to visit and be inspired by home gardens. In 2022, we returned to an in-person event, post COVID concerns. On May 15, members were invited to visit gardens in the Swarthmore-Wallingford area and 241 participated. The tour was followed by a lovely reception in the Wister Center in which about half lingered to enjoy refreshments and conversation. Special thanks to garden owners Jacquelyn Diamond, Beth Jones, Roger Latham '83, Margie and David Saland, Claire Thurman, and the Master Gardeners of Smedley Park Teaching Gardens for sharing their gardens with our members.

Special Members Event: Once each year, Scott Associates in upper categories of member-

ship are invited to an event to thank them for their extra financial support. In 2022, on August 16, 60 participated in a party held in the new Singer Hall with the chance to tour the biology greenhouse and the engineering rooftop solar panel research projects. They also had the opportunity to tour the young, unique landscape and learn about this latest addition to the campus landscape. ▶

Arboretum Assistants: These members of the Scott Associates are offered training to become regular volunteers to help with everything from garden and collections maintenance, plant records, event planning and execution, managing the library and mailings, and arranging flowers. The volunteer program, initiated in 1987, had 199 participants in 2022 including Donna Edwards, who was in the initial volunteer





class, making this her 36th year of volunteering! A total of 5,986 hours were given for the year with 1,782 of those representing gardening efforts.

During the year, "Updates" specifically designed as continuing education for Arboretum Assistants were held in February on witch hazels (via Zoom), in April on the Crum Creek Upper Swale restoration project, and in September on our beehive program.

On Aug. 11, we held our annual volunteer thank you luncheon

with 67 attending. The thank you gift was a zip jacket embroidered with the Scott Arboretum logo. ▲

On Nov. 2, we held a special *Día de los Muertos* dinner for Arboretum Assistants to celebrate Day of the Dead, remembering and paying tribute to deceased volunteers, staff, and donors with our *ofrenda* featuring their photographs, flowers, and candles. Magdaliz and Her Latin Ensemble CRISOL added enjoyment to the evening of shared Mexican food and potluck dinner. ►



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“It meant so much to me to receive your note about the arrival and mounting of the new plaque for my parents. Of course I rushed to the bench and I was so thrilled to see that beautiful new plaque. It gives new importance to the bench, and it warms my heart every time I sit there.”

RAIMA EVAN,
AUG. 29

Gifts and Dedications





Dedicated Benches

In memory of **Jim Preer '65**
On the Lang Center terrace
Given by Jean Preer '66

In honor of **Armond D. Budish '74**
To be installed in the new DHCC courtyard in 2023
Given by the Scheiner Family

In honor of **James Callum Michael Hicks**
At the Swarthmore Friends Meeting entrance
Given by ZZ and Bob

Dedicated Trees

Acer rubrum
At Singer Hall
In honor of Allen and Naomi Schneider
Given by Jonathan Adelstein

Acer rubrum
At Singer Hall
Planted for Steven James Hicks
Given by Michael and Sally Yow

Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain'
At Singer Hall
In memory of Robert P. Gordon '64
Given by Bennett Lorber '64 and
George Wohlreich '64

Acer saccharum 'Legacy'
near Kyle House
In memory of Professor Rob Hollister
Given by his colleagues and friends in
the Economics Department

Carya illinoensis
By Sproul Hall
In memory of Charles K. "Chuck" Fellows
Given by Madeline Fellows

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Repens'
In the Pinetum
dedicated to Ruth and Harold Smulyan
by their daughters and families

Magnolia acuminata 'Koban Dori'
By Sproul Hall
In memory of Charles K. "Chuck" Fellows
Given by Madeline Fellows

Magnolia macrophylla var. *ashei*
In the Matchbox plaza
In memory of Marlin Nelson
Given by David Nelson

Malus Royal Raindrops
In the Wharton courtyard
In memory of Maya Peterson '02
Given by her classmates

Magnolia obovata
In the Nason Garden
Given by Keith and Betty Robertshaw

Quercus alba
At Singer Hall
Planted for Sally and Michael Yow
Given by Laura Yow

Quercus coccinea
At Singer Hall
Planted for Laura Genevieve Yow
Given by Michael and Sally Yow

Quercus coccinea
At Singer Hall
Planted for James Callum Michael Hicks
Given by Michael and Sally Yow

Quercus macrocarpa
At Singer Hall
Planted for Elizabeth Lucile Yow
Given by Michael and Sally Yow

Quercus phellos
At Singer Hall
In honor of Frederick Keller '64 and his
80th birthday
Given by Mimi '93 and Andrew Keller '96

Quercus bicolor (2)
Along Magill Walk
In memory of Janice Page Hodges
Given by the Hodges Family and Friends





"The membership renewal letter came yesterday. I renewed today — taking what had been my Individual membership up to Benefactor. ... So many fine programs. And new connections made ... And then there is the opportunity to meet the many people who make the Arboretum work. ...Keep up the good work!"

ROBERT ROGGEVEEN,
FEB. 8

Gertrude Wister Society

This society honors those who have designated a planned gift to the Arboretum, and is named for former Assistant Director Gertrude Wister (1905–1999), who made a significant bequest in 2001, inspiring this program.

Ann Ainsworth	Roger Latham
Andrew Bunting	Dennis C. McGlade, FASLA
Russell de Burlo '47	Harriet Gotthel Monshaw
Sandra Grogan Dresser	Jack Potter '73 and David Lebe
Elizabeth Garnett	Deborah Soutar
Maralyn Orbison Gillespie '49	Robert O. Stewart '53, and
Charles S. Harris '59	Carol Stewart
Thomas D. Henderer '60	Nancy Weiss, M.D. '65

These individuals are past Gertrude Wister Society members whose planned gifts provide ongoing support for the arboretum:

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