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George Landis Arboretum: Who We Are

We are a public garden in the scenic and historic Schoharie Valley, established by Fred Lape in 1951, and open to the public 365 days a year. We are dedicated to preserving and protecting our natural and cultivated heritage of plantings. Visitors to the Arboretum can explore nearly 15 miles of trails that will take them through our groves of specimen plants, old growth forests, and collection of native plants. Our extensive educational programs foster an appreciation of the environment and appeal to all ages. Landis has also had a long tradition as a center for the arts.

2021: Meeting the Challenge

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the Earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.”

– Rachel Carson

LANDIS ARBORETUM

Annual Report 2021



We held two successful plant sales. The spring sale broke records!



We registered over 1700 hours of volunteer commitment onsite and in the community.



We offered a full calendar of in-person and virtual workshops for children, families, and adults, including nature education and other topics.

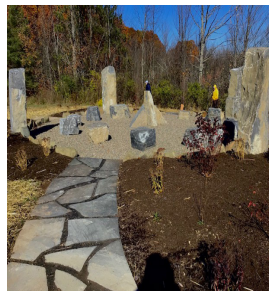


We continued our community outreach programs and expanded our communication through our newsletter and social media.

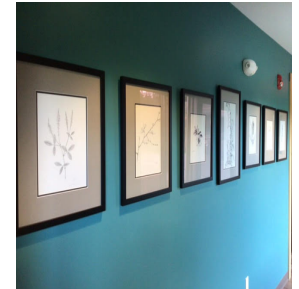


We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Ed Miller Native Plant Trail. That trail (including the Musical Bridge), the Bog Garden, and the Nan Williams Fern Glen all received extensive restoration.

We expanded the landscaping of the Shanti Yun Meditation Garden.



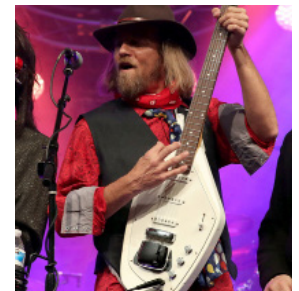
We were honored to receive a donation of 16 botanical drawings, the work of the late Anne Jaster, past president and longtime friend of the Arboretum.



We installed 'Bracing Stone,' a new sculpture by Kristen DeFontes-Wells at the Meeting House complex.



We attracted a dedicated audience of music lovers to our Full Moon Concert Series at the Meeting House.



We constructed a parking lot both to establish a trailhead for our Waterfall Trail and to provide access to Landis' Scout Troop #501 campsite.



In 2021 ...

We continued to furnish the Emergency Shelter, which now includes a functional food preparation area.



We continued to maintain and restore the historic Fred Lape Collection through an ongoing program of pruning, mulching, and fertilizing, as well as the removal of invasive species.



The George Landis Arboretum is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Our financial well-being depends on our memberships, charitable donations, revenues generated by our programs, and multiple grants awarded. We also benefit from a matching program from such local corporations as General Electric. Our financial records are available for review by appointment at our office, 174 Lape Road, Esperance, NY 12066.

Financial Totals 2021

- 43% Contributions
- 34% Grants
- 12% Membership
- 11% Fundraising



Working together, the Landis community found inspiration in the natural beauty that so abounds at the Arboretum, met the challenges of 2021, and thrived.

Jim Paley, President, Board of Trustees
Fred Breglia, Executive Director