



**Jim Paley** has served as president of the Landis Board of Trustees for the past 6 years. Jim's career spanned 35 years with several investment firms, most notably First Albany Corporation and Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC. Jim has had a long history of volunteerism with several non-profit entities, including the George Landis Arboretum.



A 1998 graduate of the Plant Science program at SUNY

Cobleskill, **Fred Breglia** earned certification from the International Society of Arboriculture. He has had over thirty years of experience in the horticulture field, including more than 20 at the Arboretum. Fred was named Executive Director of the Arboretum in 2011.

## Who we are . . . . .

We are a garden of trees and shrubs in the scenic Schoharie Valley, established by Fred Lape in 1951. We are dedicated to preserving and protecting our natural and cultivated heritage and to educating the public about the environment. Visitors to the Arboretum can traverse nearly 14 miles of trails that will take them through our groves of specimen plantings, our old growth forests, and a 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.

# LANDIS ARBORETUM

Annual Report  
2019

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We began construction of the Landis Emergency Shelter with support from state and federal funding.

We increased our membership, welcoming many new families, individuals, and corporate sponsors to our organization.

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We repainted and repaired the exterior of our historic Farmhouse, and completed the refurbishing of the Raymond Greenhouse. The greenhouse facility has increased our Landis Grown offerings.

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We improved drainage on our unique Miller Native Plant Trail with funding from a Soil and Water grant.

We added an additional honey bee hive for use in our nature education programs – and tripled our honey harvest!

Two local artists created nature-themed “photo op” murals at the back of the Barn, with funding provided by a SALT Community Project grant.

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We expanded our community outreach program, bringing Landis greater exposure to the general public and an increased number of visitors.

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We began work on a Meditation Garden, funded by the generosity of an Arboretum supporter, which will include a pond, a multi-use pavilion, and native plantings.

We witnessed a significant increase in attendance at and revenue from Landis events and workshops.

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We recorded over 2500 volunteer hours, making possible such signature events as our spring and fall plant sales.

We continued to develop our website and social media presence. Our online newsletter was accessed by hundreds of readers.



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 2019

Membership & Education	10%
Contributions	28%
Fundraising	30%
Grants & Sponsors	32%



### In 2019, we have renewed our commitment . . .

For more than 67 years, the George Landis Arboretum has played an important role in the preservation and conservation of a historically and environmentally significant space – and we will continue to do so. We are committed to our mission of nature education, with an eye on the next generation. We are preserving our founder’s vision of Landis as a place where the arts thrive.

*The George Landis Arboretum is a vital organization, with roots in the past, growing into the future.*