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A Year in Review: Horticulture and Buildings and Grounds



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New Trees

Fifteen new species were added to our collections this year. Many of the new trees were part of the Tough Trees for Tough Sites Collection; others were just very interesting specimens. Two Camperdown elms, on my list of favorite trees, were planted, in addition to as a number of crabapples, oaks, and lilacs. We also planted pinxter azaleas in our Rhododendron Collection.

Labels

A grant from the Iroquois Pipeline Gas Transmission enabled us to complete the labeling for the Woodland Trail. We have now identified every species you will encounter along this trail. Three replicates of each species have the new photo-metal label attached, so finding a tree ID tag should be quite easy, adding to your informal learning during a visit to Landis Arboretum.

Perennial Gardens

A grant from the Iroquois Pipeline Gas Transmission financed the labeling of the plants in Van Loveland Perennial Garden—great news for visitors. All of the wonderful perennials blooming throughout the year now have name tags. This year, the perennial gardens have received increased attention, thanks to the hard work of our hired gardener, Erin McKenna, and a group of dedicated garden volunteers. Both Erin and the volunteers have made a significant difference in the appearance and health of the gardens.

New Property/Ancient Forest

The Arboretum's newly gifted and purchased acreage has greatly expanded our environment, from 208 acres to over 540 acres. This new land not only preserves valuable green space but also adds even more diversity to our ecosystem, including a large tract of ancient forest and a beaver colony. It also offers several even more expansive views of the surrounding valley. The Arboretum's holdings are now contiguous with the neighboring state forest, making possible expanded hiking trails—including an awesome new trail that takes you into the ancient forest and back again—as well as many new projects.

Plant Health Care

Increased attention to our plants' health is starting to show results. Our plants are looking better than ever due to more pruning and fertilizing. Special thanks to Art Coleman and the rest of the Pruning Swat Team.

Better Trails

All of the trails through the Landis Arboretum have received special attention this year, making them more accessible than ever. We have rerouted some really wet areas and dug ditches to improve drainage in areas where water has been a problem. We have smoothed out the rough areas and improved the markers and signage throughout.

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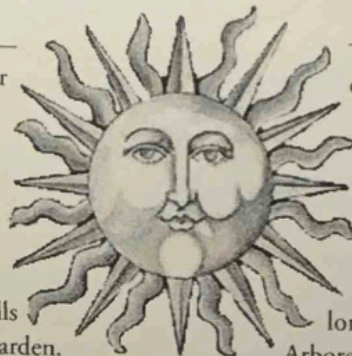


Landis trustee Ken Hotopp and Bill Fairchild agree on the transfer of 338 acres from Bill to the Landis Arboretum.

Everyone is invited to explore the expanded trail system and volunteer for the next clean-up day for the new property, usually the weekend following the Fall Ant Sale.

Set aside this date in your 2006 calendar: Saturday, June 17. You are invited to come together with friends for our *Summer Solstice Soiree* from 7 until 10 pm. Musical accompaniment will entertain us on our strolls through the Van Loveland Perennial Garden.

Larry Sombke, freelance garden designer and radio personality, will enlighten us with his extensive knowledge



of perennial plants for the summer garden. All proceeds will go directly towards the maintenance and development of the Van Loveland Gardens.

Please join us in celebrating a wonderful summer evening of food, music, entertainment—and gardening lore—under the white tent at the Landis Arboretum.

More information will be available in the spring newsletter. Call Landis at 518-875-6935.

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