Looking through the Windshield, but Checking the Rear View Mirror!

By Ted Bilderback, Director

What are the director’s wishes for the future of the JCRA? This is a fair question since the same question is asked in discussions with all the members of the JCRA Board of Advisors. My memories quickly go back ten years to Bob Lyons, who worked diligently to get the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center, Bobby G. Wilder Visitor Center, and the JCRA Staff Building constructed. For Denny Werner, it was “all about the plants.”

So what’s up with Ted? It’s got to be keeping the JCRA on the road, inside the white line on the right and the yellow line on the left. An appropriate example for being a road warrior and looking to the future was offered in the first sermon that I heard in 2012. The preacher talked about looking forward through the windshield and backward through the rear view mirror. He suggested that one should think toward the future and look to the past in about the same ratio as the size of the windshield compared to the rear view mirror.

In the last JCRA newsletter, I wrote about our new strategic plan and the four main goals: great gardens, outstanding educational programming, outstanding communications/public relations, and financial security. I saw myself closely tied to all of the strategic goals.

• Great Gardens: With a B.S. in biology/botany, an M.S. in botany/plant taxonomy, and a Ph.D. in horticulture, and as a teacher of plant ID courses as a graduate student, I became a plant geek, too.

• Outstanding Educational Programming: I was a teacher and was mentored by J. C. for ten years, and then a nursery Extension specialist for 23 years, so my job was educational programming.

• Communications and Public Relations: Taking the science to the nursery and green industry has been one of my passions for years.

• Financial Security: I see my niche as director at the JCRA in terms of finding funding for the Arboretum. My greatest goal as director is to obtain financial stability that will position the JCRA for a secure fiscal future.

The JCRA has taken a couple of financial hits since I became director. In 2009, $72,000 in rental and event receipts was seized by the state in response to the budget crisis, plus there was lost income due to the downturn in the overall national economy. Then in 2011, the JCRA lost approximately $50,000 in salary support associated with university budget cuts. These are all good reasons for my keen interest in increasing JCRA endowments. One of my main priorities is to grow the JCRA’s Endowment for Excellence. The endowment is an investment for the future financial stability that will ensure salaries for staff, provide resources to drive development of new garden projects and plant collections, and support daily operations.
A Quick Look in the Rear View Mirror

Another strategy for creating a strong financial security is that “quick look” in the rear view mirror. With the assistance of all the staff, I have worked diligently to keep good records and an excellent tracking system that has allowed us to review past revenue and expenses—a critical tool for planning the future.

You might be surprised by what that “quick look” at our recent past revealed. The JCRA held 87 planned events that were attended by a total of nearly 4,700 people. We netted nearly $130,000 from JCRA sponsored events:

- Gala in the Garden, the JCRA’s main fund-raising event of the year and an annual favorite, was attended by nearly 500 festive-minded enthusiasts. Net proceeds from the 2012 Gala were approximately $85,000.
- Half-day (and an Evening) Symposium held in February and the 35th Anniversary Symposium in September attracted more than 300 participants, with combined net proceeds of approximately $18,000.
- News & Observer Birdhouse Competition, our best-attended event of the year, attracted 1,500 people.
- JCRA Plant Sale, held in conjunction with the Birdhouse Competition, netted more than $14,000 and brought in 25 new and renewed memberships.

Workshops, children’s programs, and other partnership events also kept the staff and volunteers very busy.

During fiscal year 2010–2011, the JCRA raised more than $700,000—including memberships, major gifts to the Master Plan projects, event proceeds, and many other special gifts supporting programs like the JCRA Internship Program and Children’s Program. This performance is pretty fantastic, and it was obviously only possible through the generous support of our donors, friends, sponsors, members, and volunteers who gave of their time, talents, and treasures. However, we know that we must meet this financial goal every year to survive.

A Look through the Windshield

Now make sure you have your seat belt buckled, as looking at the road through the windshield into 2012 looks quite exciting. Always a big deal at the JCRA is a new class of interns. I am proud of the JCRA Internship Program, and I look forward to introducing our 2012 class to our members and volunteers. The Friends of the Arboretum Lectures will again offer a full slate of fun with interesting topics and outstanding speakers. You will not want to miss the Plantsmen’s Tours on the first or second Tuesday of each month as they will unveil wonderful visions into the private realms of many plants in the Arboretum’s collection. Guests of all ages enjoy the imaginative and marvelous craftsmanship displayed in the 12th Annual Birdhouse Competition, to be held on April 13 and 14, as well as the JCRA Plant Sale. (Hint—members may attend the Friday evening preview sale and receive a 10% discount on their total purchase.) Of course, the big event, the Gala in the Garden, will be held on May 6. Frank Grainger is the 2012 honorary chair and Charlie Kidder is the 2012 event chair. I am sure that they will entertain us all with an extraordinary garden party! And last, but certainly not least, 2012 is off to a great start for the Children’s Program, which features many new plant science programs for the whole family.

Something very special that is a must-add to your social calendars is the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the dedication of the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center complex. On September 21 and 22, great moments will be shared as we remember and celebrate with the entire cast of directors and interim directors of the JCRA. The only director who will be missing is J. C.—but we are fairly certain that he will be with us in spirit during this special celebration. The 10th Anniversary Celebration will actually be three events rolled into one. Along with Saturday’s symposium-like presentations from the directors and interim directors, there will be a special dedication of the newly renovated Lath House along with a presentation by Tony Avent, first curator of the Lath House. This dedication will give the JCRA an opportunity to show our appreciation to Mitzi Hole and Mike Stallings for providing the major gift to make the renovation possible. It will also allow us
to thank Frank Harmon Architect, PA, for the fabulous architectural design, Johnson
Concrete Co. for the donation of hard-
scape materials, and to Paige Moody of
Arbor Enterprises for the professional in-
stallation of the walls and accessible path-
ways. Again, everyone who contributed to
the Raise the Roof Campaign, the Friends
of the Arboretum, our Green Industry
partners, and alumni, please put this on
your calendar and join us as we enjoy this
important milestone celebration.

Thank you for taking this ongoing jour-
ney with us. The rear view look showed
us outstanding accomplishments, and
the front view look is even more daz-
zling. I am grateful for the many friends
who continue to give their advocacy and
support. I challenge you to help us build
a strong Endowment for Excellence to
ensure that long after we are gone, the JC
Raulston Arboretum will continue to be an
exceptional place for research, education,
and a welcoming green space for future
generations.

Horticulture

Plant Collecting in the Land
of the Rising Sun

By Mark Weathington, Assistant Director
and Curator of Collections

The JCRA has a long history of collaborat-
ing with the Japanese nursery industry.
Years before coming to NC State, J. C.
visited Japan, and he returned several
more times after starting the Arboretum.
The JCRA has continued to keep a close
relationship with Japan by hosting visit-
ing Japanese nurserymen and sending
our staff to the Land of the Rising Sun to
explore the incredibly diverse nurseries
and to trade tips and techniques with the
growers.

On my recent trip to Japan, I was interest-
ed in getting out in the wild and exploring
some of the rich mountain diversity, which
I had not previously had the opportunity
to see. Accompanied by Arboretum friend
and nurseryman Brian Uchurch and
plantsman Bill Barnes, we took off for ten
days to the Far East in November to ex-

to explore the flora of this fascinating country.

The first leg of our trip took us to Gifu
and Nagano prefectures, the site of
the Japanese Alps and the 1998 winter
Olympics. In addition to our host, Taka
Kobayashi, we were accompanied by Seiju
Yamaguchi. Yamaguchi-san has been col-
lecting seed in China and Japan for nearly
50 years and although in his seventies, was
always the first to clamber up a tree or cliff
face to gather seed. Our primary objec-
tive was to collect seed of Acer (maple),
Enkianthus, Lindera (spicebush), and
deciduous Rhododendron. Yamaguchi-
san seemed to know where every plant
is located in Japan and would drive us
straight to our destination for some quick
collecting, and then we’d jump back in
the car to head to the next locale. He was
determined to make sure we visited every
spot, and he took us straight to very rare
species that we would never have found on
our own. Altogether, we collected 11 taxa
of maple, seven of enkianthus, three of
spicebush, and 11 of rhododendron, in-
cluding nine deciduous species, along with
seed from many other species of plants.

The views in these areas were simply as-\t
tounding: high mountains covered in trees
in all their autumn glory. We were in the
area during the peak of the momijigari
or maple-hunting season when people
leave the cities to look at the brilliant fall
color of the various maple species in the
mountains. Japan’s volcanic origin has
caused many problems for the country
over the centuries, but one benefit is the
many hot springs in the mountains. The
springs provided a welcome relief from the
seed-cleaning chores that are part of every
evening in the hotel on a plant-collecting
trip. These traditional inns not only had
excellent meals and wonderful hot springs,
but also gave us a glimpse of traditional
Japanese culture that we did not see dur-

During stays at more Western-style hotels.
We slept on mats on the floor in rooms
that often had no chairs and low tables.
Flexibility exercises will definitely be a pre-
trip preparation requirement before the
next visit to Japan.

After a quick stop back in Kawaguchi
City where we were able to visit more
nurseries, we were back to the mountains,
visiting Nikko in Tochigi prefecture, a
location that J. C. visited as well. Along
with the incredible plants we found in the
magnificum

Enkianth

Seiju Yamaguchi in

Tōshō-gū shrine

the three wise monkeys, over the

Kikazaru, Iwazaru, and Mizaru (l–r),

Barnes

Brian Upchurch, Yuuji Suzuki, and Bill

Mark Weathington, Taka Kobayashi,

and NC State University well-represented

originally. It was nice to see the JCRA

another gem filled with incredible mate-

us perulatus

Cercidphyllum

This is other carvings and ceramics in Japan.

This carving dates to the 17th century and

is the origin of this widely copied iconog-

raphy. Another carving from the same

period of a sleeping cat is less well known

in the West, but is an important image in

Japan, and is widely considered to be the

basis for the realistic depictions of felines

in other carvings and ceramics in Japan.

This nemuri-neko, or sleeping cat, repre-

sents peace and healing and is considered

a symbol of good fortune. I’m not sure

that I believe in good luck tokens, but I did

purchase a key chain from a monk with

nemuri-neko on it for my daughter who

will be turning 16 this year. Anything that

can help ensure good fortune while driv-

ing is a worthwhile expense for her and
everyone else on the road.

While we did not have as much time as
I would have liked in either the moun-
tains or in town, we did manage to

squeeze in visits to some of the usual

suspects. Included in our nursery visits

was Chicory Nursery in Gifu prefecture,

home to an amazing assortment of con-
torted and variegated plants. The young

couple who run this business are always

gracious and friendly. Garden Kinosato,

the nursery operated by Yuuji Suzuki,

who also accompanied us to Nikko, is

another gem filled with incredible mate-

rial, some of which came from the JCRA

originally. It was nice to see the JCRA

and NC State University well-represented

at one wholesale nursery where both

Calycanthus ×raulstonii ‘Hartlage Wine’

and Hydrangea arborescens ‘NCHA1’

Invincibelle™ Spirit were prominently dis-

played. In fact, Invincibelle™ Spirit seemed
to be everywhere, which was especially

entertaining because all of the advertising

prominently featured Brian’s daughter in

the photographs.

One of the true pleasures of visiting Japan

is interacting with our excellent hosts,

who do everything in their power to make

us feel welcome. Taka Kobayashi, who

runs an exceptionally successful nursery

business in Japan, will drop everything to

spend days taking us around to nurser-

ies across the country, and each of the

nurserymen we visit seems happy to have

us poking through their treasures. The

food we are served is always wonderful,

although the chicken sushi on this trip was

an experience I can probably live without

trying again. Salmonella anyone? As a

special treat, Taka arranged for us to have

a farewell dinner of fugu or puffer fish,

the famed and highly prized but poten-
tially deadly poisonous delicacy. We ate

every part of the fish, except thankfully

the poisonous ones, from charred fins

in hot sake to cold slivered skin in salad,

and, of course, thinly sliced raw sashimi.

During this extraordinary dinner, Akira

Shibamichi, one of the most respected of

Japanese nurserymen and a friend of J. C.’s

from years ago, told me that he trusted the

JCRA more than any other garden because

we always tried to make sure we know

the origin of the plants we display and

promote. Other nurserymen in Japan that

I have met have always echoed that senti-

ment and speak highly of all the JCRA

folks that have visited in the past.

The goodwill, exchange of plant material,

and transfer of knowledge has made the

cooperation between the JCRA and the

Japanese green industry a highly benefi-
cial one that has spanned the years from J. C.’s

ey early days at the Arboretum until today

and will continue on into the future. Look

to the garden in coming years to see the

fruits of this collecting trip as we add new

species to the collection and new selec-
tions to the garden to evaluate and ulti-
mately distribute.

Members Only Access

Your membership expiration date and the password needed to access the Members Only section on the Arboretum’s Web site is printed on page 20 near your address. When using it on the Web site, type the password in all lower case letters.
Plant Profile: *Gaillardia aestivalis* var. *winkleri* “Texas Fire Wheel”

By Tim Alderton, Research Technician

Always a knockout in the garden, *Gaillardia aestivalis* var. *winkleri* is a plant with identity issues. In the past classified as a variety of *Gaillardia lutea* or *G. lanceolata*, today it is often listed as a synonym of *Gaillardia aestivalis*, not giving it varietal status. I have written about this plant previously, but I continue to be amazed at how it grows. *Gaillardia aestivalis* var. *winkleri*, as we call it, is a standout in flowering and growth habit among others of the same species and genus. Its name may be somewhat sketchy; but in the garden it is anything but.

The typical species *Gaillardia aestivalis* is a sprawling annual or short-lived perennial that ranges from North Carolina, south to Florida, west to Texas and as far north as Illinois. There are three varieties of *Gaillardia aestivalis*: *G. aestivalis* var. *aestivalis* (a tap-rooted annual or short-lived perennial), *G. aestivalis* var. *flavovirens* (a rhizomatous perennial), and *G. aestivalis* var. *winkleri*. *G. aestivalis* var. *winkleri* is the best performer of the three. While both *G. aestivalis* var. *aestivalis* and *G. aestivalis* var. *flavovirens* have ray flowers that are the familiar yellow to gold, accentuated with burgundy at the base of the ray florets, *G. aestivalis* var. *winkleri* comes in cool white to pink and even light purple shades. This Texas native takes the heat and the drought of our summer here in North Carolina, and will flower from mid-May until late September or early October with only a brief interval or two in mid-summer when it takes a break. There were still blossoms in December 2011.

It is hard to believe that this vigorous garden grower requires federal listing as a species of concern. Endemic to only three counties, its native home is the sandhills of east Texas. Due to suppression of fire in that area, the woody layer outgrows the gaillardia and other herbaceous species, shading them out and preventing regeneration. Tree plantations and forestry management have also hindered regeneration.

Here in the garden, it grows in some of the most inhospitable locations: the rooftop gardens, the Xeric Garden, and a large patch under the terrible sunny side of the water hog, *Quercus phellos*, in the Southall Garden. It does well in both clay and sandy soils and only requires decent drainage and sun. It can survive the worst of droughts, looking a little disheveled, but perking right up when water returns.

We grow a few different color forms in the garden, including one with very pale pink ray florets around yellow disk florets, and another with white ray florets touched with purple at the base surrounding a dark center of purple disk florets. A visitor favorite is a selection from the Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretum called *Gaillardia aestivalis* var. *winkleri* ‘Grape Sensation’ with both purple ray and disk florets.

In 2009, I gave two small plants to a relatives out on the N.C. coast to see how they would grow in the sandy coastal conditions. Their plants went from single-stem cuttings to 4’-wide patches in one summer. Since then, my relatives have divided the patches several times to spread them both around their yard and into a few neighbors’ yards. Their *Gaillardia aestivalis* var. *winkleri* even outgrows and maybe outflowers the *Rosa ‘Radtko’* (Double Knock Out®) next to which they are planted.

In general, a full-sun to partial-sun location in well-drained soil that is not too rich will result in hundreds of inflorescences throughout the summer. Looking for a heat- and drought-tolerant plant that can flower all summer? I think this should be one of your choices. Not always easy to find, but well worth the search, you should jump at the chance to grow your own *G. aestivalis* var. *winkleri* if the opportunity arises! You won’t be disappointed.
By Anne M. Porter, Director of Development

Is My Gift Really Making an Impact?

The answer is a resounding yes, of course. You have heard and read often enough from the director that each gift helps support the daily operations of the Arboretum—from salaries, to plant collections and research, to garden development and maintenance, and everything else in between. It takes well over $400,000 for the Arboretum’s operational budget, and this must be raised from private support every year. Last year, the JCRA received more than 3,000 gifts, and each gift, large or small, membership or special program gifts, contributed to the annual income that supported a carefully monitored budget.

In addition, new garden development and/or renovations required additional revenue over and above these annual expenses. In the last two years, major gifts from Charles and Ethel Larus, Donald Moreland, and Mitzi Hole and Michael Stallings made it possible to renovate and build the Japanese Garden and Lath House. Plus, the late Charles Larus and Donald Moreland both left sizable estate gifts that are now strengthening JCRA endowments.

Looking back to the Raise the Roof Campaign, (the initiative that was begun around 1992, with the culmination being the dedication of the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center complex in September 2002), one can clearly see the impact of hundreds of dedicated and very generous donors and friends. The Ruby C. McSwain Education Center has made such an impact on the community and the Arboretum itself, and it only happened through the many gifts large and small (from $1.2 million to $100) from individual donors who recognized the importance and the long-range significance to the JC Raulston Arboretum.

So, is your gift really making an impact? I say yes, absolutely—I see the impact every day—just like the thousands of people who visit the JCRA annually. These visitors bring their children, grandparents, friends, students, out-of-town relatives, and I know that they are richer for having this community resource and this beautiful Raleigh destination garden. I see the impact through the JCRA’s partnerships with the Green Industry—one of North Carolina’s largest economic industries and fourth in the country. I see the impact through the rich and varied plant materials that are being researched and trialed at the JCRA. And, I see the impact every time a child gets excited about the discovery of their green world.

Please share with us why you support the JCRA and what you believe its impacts are.

The director and staff of the JCRA pledge to be good stewards of your gifts, so please let us know how we can do a better job of communicating the information that is important to you. Your gifts really do make an important impact on the JCRA, and we sincerely thank you for your continued advocacy and support.

May 6, 2012, will mark the 20th Gala in the Garden, and the JCRA’s main fund-raising event of the year. The Gala provides critical unrestricted funds that support daily operations, staff salaries, research and development of plant collections, garden maintenance, and so much more.

Frank Grainger is the 2012 honorary chair and Charlie Kidder is the event chair—proving that a Gala is not just for “girls.” Men definitely enjoy the challenge of the silent auction and the thrill of being high bidder—not to mention the garden cocktails and cuisine.

This Gala will again be a celebration of spring, but it will also be a celebration of the 125th birthday of NC State University (1887) and the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act (1862). Both of these milestone events are directly linked to development of the JC Raulston Arboretum and to the important research, teaching, and extension that make the JCRA great.

Please save this date and join us for fabulous fun, food, friends, an extraordinary botanical and non-botanical silent auction. And, yes, there will be birthday cake!

If you would like more information on sponsorship opportunities, donating to the auction, or general event information, please contact Anne Porter at (919) 513-3826 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu or visit http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/gala/.
10th Anniversary Celebration: Save-the-date—September 21 and 22, 2012

Please mark your calendars and help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center complex.

It’s hard to believe that nearly ten years ago, donors, friends, volunteers, faculty, and staff were enjoying the dedication of the new, long-awaited education center, visitor center, and staff building. This was the culmination of the Raise the Roof Campaign—that was overwhelmingly supported by many friends of the Arboretum.

On Friday, September 21, 2012, the weekend will begin with the dedication of the Lath House—generously made possible through a major gift by Mitzi Hole and Michael Stallings; an in-kind gift of design work by Frank Harmon Architect, PA; and other gracious gifts of products or services by Johnson Concrete Co. and Paige Moody of Arbor Enterprises. Following a dinner that evening, Tony Avent (first curator of the JCRA Lath House) will be the evening’s keynote speaker.

The weekend festivities will continue with Saturday’s lineup of all the past JCRA directors and interim directors, who have been given the opportunity to talk about any subject that appeals to them. So get ready for a truly remarkable day with Bryce Lane, Bob Lyons, Kim Powell, Denny Werner, and Ted Bilderback as host for the event.

Please join us on September 21 and 22. Help celebrate this 10th anniversary milestone and find out what great things will be happening over the next ten years.

In Special Memory
Michelle Morgan Avent
(Oct. 31, 1956–February 12, 2012)

A beloved wife, a treasured friend,
A special smile, that knew no end.
A kind word, a gentle way,
Heaven’s sweet garden,
Welcomed a new angel today.
—anonymous

Membership Makes a Difference

By Judy Morgan-Davis, Membership and Special Projects Coordinator, and Anne M. Porter, Director of Development

Many thanks to members who responded to our early renewal appeal in late October. We were pleased to offer the opportunity to renew or extend memberships at the 2011 rates through December 31 of 2011. Approximately 6% of our current membership took advantage of the savings, and most of these members made a commitment to supporting the Arboretum by renewing for more than one year. Early renewals save time and resources, so we thank you and the planet thanks you! We appreciate your continued investment in the JCRA. New membership rates, as well as new benefits for members, are outlined on our Web site, but please feel free to contact me, Judy, at (919) 513-0264 or jvmorgan@ncsu.edu if you have any questions.

Also new this year, we will be hosting two New Member Welcome Days. We held our first member welcome prior to the Friends of the Arboretum Lecture on March 15. New members were invited to mingle, meet the staff, and enjoy refreshments. All members were invited to attend and help our newest friends feel welcome. The second New Member Welcome Day will take place directly after the Annual Plant Distribution on October 6.

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Members Making News

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Members’ Corner

Featuring pictures, stories, and testimonials from JCRA members.

From Cindy Heinlein, JCRA Volunteer and Member since 1998

My husband and I vacationed in Orlando, Florida, this October, and we didn’t visit a single amusement park! Instead, we explored the art museums and gardens in the area. We came across a delightful small museum house and sculpture garden in Winter Park. Our JCRA membership allowed us to enjoy this beautiful space at no charge.

The Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens is set in a residential neighborhood and borders on one of the many lakes in the area. The sculptor’s home, a small art museum, and the gardens are included in the admission. We met some great garden volunteers, most of whom were local Master Gardeners as well. They help maintain and continue to develop the gardens which surround the works of Albin Polasek and some of his students. The setting is so peaceful, the sculptor’s work is beautiful, and his story is interesting. It’s not far from the Harry P. Leu Gardens, so make a day of it if you’re in the area.

At the 2012 North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association’s Green & Growin’ Show, a number of our members received awards. We are so proud of you all, so keep up the great work!

- Tom Gilmore, Hayden Beatty, and Jim Patterson all received the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award
- Doug Chapman received the D. S. Copeland Lifetime Achievement Award
- Hoffman Nursery received the NCNLA Nursery Grower of the Year Award
- A. B. Parker received the Oakland Award
- Daniel Casey received the Bill Wilder Outstanding Young Nursery Professional Award.
- Tiffany Wells received the Libby Wilder Award
- Danny Lauderdale received the Kim Powell Outstanding Contributions to the Horticulture Industry Award
- Edward Synder, Green Leaf Services, received the Jerry Ragland Outstanding Young Landscaper Award
Giving with Trust … a Charitable Trust That Is!

By Sonia Murphy, Director of Gift Planning, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, NC State University

Trusts have become common words of the estate planning language, and not just among attorneys. Most people have heard of trusts and at the very least know snippets about their uses. For our purposes, we’ll talk about charitable remainder unitrusts (CRTs). What are the benefits of giving to your favorite charity through a trust, and who should consider a CRT?

The Way It Works

Mrs. Daffodil can no longer travel to California to enjoy her beach condo and decides to donate it through a trust. With her attorney, she creates the charitable remainder trust document to transfer the deed of her condo to the trust. The trust document states that the condo will be sold to provide Mrs. Daffodil with an annual income, and, at her passing, the leftover funds in the trust (called “remainder”) will be used to support an existing endowment at the JC Raulston Arboretum. She may also choose to create a new endowment.

What’s Great about a CRT?

A CRT presents many advantages. First, it provides Mrs. Daffodil with an income tax deduction. Mrs. Daffodil made her gift when she transferred her condo to the trust and receives her deduction that same year. Second, she receives payments back from the trust that can help boost her yearly income. Third, most of what is in the trust will not be included in her estate when the IRS determines how much (if any) Federal estate tax is owed. Finally, the assets in the CRT will “skip” probate.

What to be Careful About

A gift transferred to a CRT is irrevocable. Any assets transferred cannot be taken back out of the trust; you should carefully make your decision by taking into account how the gift will impact your current and future situation. And you should always consult your estate planning attorney.

Where to Get Help

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The Gala in the Garden is the Arboretum's signature fund-raising event held each year on the first Sunday in May. Thank you, 2011 Gala in the Garden sponsors, for making this event a huge success.

Volunteers

As we ponder the number of incredible hours our volunteers devote to the Arboretum, we also think about the many skills they possess. We naturally assume gardening is one of them, but we have volunteers with construction, landscape design, floral arrangement, and many other skills that they share with us. With their varied strengths and commitment, our volunteers play a key role in making the JCRA a shining star in our area. We thank them for all they do.

Volunteer Hours – January–December 2011

Our volunteers gave over 8,000 hours of their time in 2011. Their efforts have made the Arboretum a showplace in the community.

200+ Hours
Mary Edith Alexander
Charles Heatherly
Anne Hibbs
Dick and Melanie Kelley

100+ Hours
Jayne Bednarz and Philip Abbott
Laurie Cochran
Livian Finkelstein
Jerome and Linda Glenn
Marilyn Golightly
Beth Jimenez

40+ Hours
Rosanna Adams
Jeanne Andrus
Angela Beasley
Harriet Bellerjeau
Judy Bradyhouse
Mark Bruno
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David White
Dora Zia

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2011 Plant Numbers

1,194 accessions
105 wild collected
948 permanent plantings planted (●)
6,114 individual plants and bulbs planted
922 permanent plantings removed or died (●)
963 plants measured
570 labels engraved

JCRA Collections
5,277 unique taxa
8,585 permanent plantings
33,751 individual plants
Volunteer News

By Barbara Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator

I would like to recognize a special group of volunteers who have been organizing the various events we have for our volunteers. The volunteer event planners (we call them VEPs) successfully planned and set up our best annual holiday party yet. Nearly 100 volunteers and their guests enjoyed an evening of good food and friendship. Thank you, VEPs.

Another group of volunteers has been working diligently to construct, repair, and renovate the many little, and big, things that need attention. Whether it is repairing a mail box, constructing frames for display, or painting the Necessary, we are eternally grateful to our construction team for all they do.

New Volunteers

Whatever your talent, we have a place for you among our volunteers. If you enjoy meeting people, digging in the dirt, or helping with data entry, stop by and learn about our volunteer opportunities.

We welcome our new volunteers below:

Doug Barnes – Gardening
Jared Chauncey – Propagation Support
Suzanne Cooper – Gardening
Cyndy Cromwell – Gardening
Don Edwards – Gardening
Eric Eibelheuser – Gardening
Marilyn Fleming – Winter Garden
Judy Belle Halgren – Visitor Center
Korki Hanemann – Gardening
Ann Howell – Visitor Center
Gail Ingram – Gardening
Glenda Potter – Gardening
Becky Rosser – Gardening
Sharon Short – Winter Garden
Rob Thornton – Construction
Lisa Vargues – Gardening
Amanda Wilkins – Lecture Support
Yue Zeng – Gardening

Volunteers at Work and Play

Volunteers Tim Hinton and Sheila Kellogg at the JCRA Plant Sale are about to choose the plants they want to buy for their gardens.

Every fall, our volunteers help set up plants for our annual Friends of the Arboretum Annual Plant Distribution. Here, they take a break from the morning’s work.

After working hard at the Gala in the Garden, Martha Ramirez, Jennette King, and Alisa Lycof-Hinton take a break and enjoy the rest.

Two of our long-time volunteers, Charlie Kidder and Annie Hibbs, enjoy getting together at our Pot Luck Dinner.
Happy Birthday, JC Raulston Arboretum

By Panayoti Kelaidis, Senior Curator and Director of Outreach, Denver Botanic Garden

Bigger is not always better when it comes to public gardening. The JC Raulston Arboretum is admittedly small: ten acres, with less than a dozen staff. I doubt that any public garden in the last 35 years has exerted half the ingenuity, influence, or charm than this hearty band of merry gardeners. Serious gardeners across America have made the pilgrimage (in my case half a dozen times) to visit this extraordinary collection of rare trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants arranged in a series of enchanting gardens.

Why is this garden so special? The plantmen here have followed the lead of their namesake, J. C. Raulston himself, who was not only a great designer with plants, but probably the keenest plantsman in North America who always sought out the best cultivars, the most unique species, and combined them with great flair in just the right spot. The garden is enormously dynamic, changing constantly. Most importantly, the staff here have always shared both germplasm and knowledge widely.

I took part in a symposium (“Horticultural Madness”) this past weekend celebrating the 35th anniversary of this gem of a garden. I could practically feel the benign spirit of J. C. hovering over us those magical days—his humor, his genius, his radiant warmth seem to imbue the proceedings from start to finish. Let me share a few highlights from this wonderful weekend of Southern hospitality and good fun.

I suspect a good third of the Arboretum has been transformed since my last visit less than a decade ago. There is a magnificent new classroom and administrative building, new entrance, and many new gardens including the wonderful Xeric Garden and Scree Garden full of western U.S. treasures.

Everyone thinks of visiting the South in spring ... and it’s true that magnolias and azaleas do make for great eye candy then. May I recommend late summer and fall as well? The spectacular display of late summer native asters, grasses, and the beginning hints of fall color are every bit as entrancing as spring’s brash colors, and there are bulbs galore flowering this time of year. I have a special weakness for Lycoris, and this one was everywhere!

Kudzu is perhaps the most famous introduced plant in the South. Leave it to the JC Raulston Arboretum to include a fabulous hanging curtain of variegated kudzu on the patio of their new building (just the sort of witty thing you would expect from J. C. himself!).

Of course, you expect the folks there to have the latest and the greatest cultivars of everything. I was astonished to see masses of a spectacular deep purple blanket flower, which it turns out is quite rare in nature. It’s impossible to imagine visiting this place and not coming away with dozens (if not hundreds) of must-haves for your garden. Alas, I only have room to share a few of these with you now. This coming weekend, they are providing thousands of rare plants for their members in the famous fall “giveaway” that draws hundreds of plant experts from the entire East Coast. It’s not too late to join them!

I have been enormously privileged to have known J. C. Raulston for nearly fifteen years, and now to have watched his legacy thrive for almost that long, maintaining his powerful vision and taking it to new heights. As much as I was enchanted with the plants, the gardens, and the new buildings at the site, the powerful team of workers who put on the symposium (and their many wonderful volunteers) really impressed me most. Teamwork and good humor, teamed with plantsmanship, is the secret of great botanic gardens. None are better than the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh. Make sure to put it on your short list to visit!

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