

# JC Raulston Arboretum

## 2013 Annual Report

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### Words from the Director

It is my pleasure to report that 2013 was a "very good year" for the JC Raulston Arboretum largely because we had immense help from our many friends. Here are a few of this year's highlights that I am proud of and think important to share with you.

- The JCRA sponsored or cosponsored over 200 events with more than 11,000 people attending.
  - 55 of these events were part of our Children's Program—a 115% increase over 2012!
  - One of the JCRA's largest events, the annual Birdhouse Competition and Plant Sale, turned into a trifecta with the new Raulston Blooms!, a garden festival for all ages event, with more than 1,000 visitors.
  - The annual signature fundraising event, the Gala in the Garden—An Asian Reflection netted nearly \$83,000.
- New legacy naming opportunities in support of the JC Raulston Arboretum were approved by the NC State Board of Trustees in September 2013. These legacy naming opportunities range for gifts from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000, and a portion of each gift will support the JC Raulston Arboretum's Endowment for Excellence.
  - \$160,000 in legacy naming donations received in 2013 to support the Bobby G. Wilder Visitor Center and the new Beryl Road JC Raulston entrance gateway
- The JCRA Mission Statement was revised by the Board of Advisors.
- A professional strategic marketing assessment was completed, leading to the organization of six ad hoc committees to address the following major area: education and programming; marketing and promotion; master planning; membership and development; rentals; and website. Committees members include the JCRA Board of Advisors and volunteers who specialize in marketing and public relations.
- The Endowment for Excellence buy-a-brick initiative concluded in December raised nearly \$25,000 for the endowment.
- \$25,000 was given by Patricia and Francis Koppeis to create the Dr. Susan L. Stephenson Endowment for Education at the JC Raulston Arboretum.
- The JCRA was notified of several planned gifts that will benefit the JC Raulston Arboretum including a \$25,000 bequest to fund the Anne Marie Porter Travel Fund for the JC Raulston Arboretum Staff Endowment.
- The History of the Arboretum was written—again! The updated historical document was prepared as a chapter for the "History of the Department of Horticultural Science at NC State" which is being edited by Gus DeHertogh, Ph.D., a former department head. Long-time volunteers and staff were interviewed, plus newsletters and early articles regarding the Arboretum were resource used for this new edition that chronicles the progress of the JC Raulston Arboretum from 1976 to 2013.
- Introduced in 2012, the JCRA continued the Choice Plants marketing program in collaboration with the Johnson County Nurseryman's marketing committee and Raleigh area garden centers. These distinctive tags are not only a great way for the public to be assured of purchasing an outstanding plant, but this program is adding monetary support to the research and evaluation of new plants.
- Debuted at the 2013 Gala in the Garden, Sir Walter Snarleigh made quite an impression on visitors. The popular bamboo creation, designed and built by Will Hooker's design class, appeared on the cover and in the pages of many newsletters, magazines, and brochures, including "Your Impact," the NC State's annual giving brochure. Our dragon was blogged, posted on Facebook, and tweeted innumerable times by visitors, volunteers, students, staff, and garden writers.

Thanks, Sir Walter Snarleigh, for helping to get the JC Raulston Arboretum noticed!

### Horticulturally Speaking

The Arboretum just kept growing in 2013 with new and renovated beds throughout the grounds. We are especially happy with the new troughs funded by the North American Rock Garden Society in the A. E. Finley Rooftop Terrace of the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center which add a new element to NC State University's first green roof.

Part of our mission is to help move great plants into the marketplace where they can be widely enjoyed. The Choice Plants program continued to grow in 2013 with the additions of *Cercis chinensis* 'Kay's Early Hope' (redbud)—a JCRA introduction—and *Callicarpa americana* 'Welch's Pink' (beautyberry). Both plants have been growing for years at the Arboretum and deserve a wider stage. Look for the Choice Plants logo at your local garden center and check out the grove of 'Kay's Early Hope' redbuds, named for Kay Yow, in Coaches Corner on the NC State campus.

We continue to be blown away by the phenomenal plants coming from NC State's breeding program. A few we are especially excited to have in the garden include former JCRA director, Denny Werner's next generation of dwarf butterfly bush—*Buddleja* 'Blue Chip Jr.' and 'Micro Chip Pink'—and from the prolific breeding program of Tom Ranney, a wild new dogwood—*Cornus* 'NCCH1' Little Ruby Dogwood™—which is a cross between the evergreen *C. hongkongensis* and the pink flowered *C. kousa* 'Miss Satomi'.

7,681 different types of plants (taxa) at the JCRA

1,379 new accessions in 2013

1,252 plants planted in 2013

8,851 plants distributed in 2013 (see graph)

Mark Weathington and Ted Bilderback traveled 54,312 miles (as the crow flies) for talks, conferences, and tours many locations including the following (North Carolina travels excluded):

- Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Washington, D.C.
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Athens, Georgia
- Memphis, Tennessee
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Leiden, Netherland
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Dunedin, New Zealand
- London, England

## Educational Programs

Educational and public programs continued to expand in 2013. The JC Raulston Arboretum offered 210 programs in 2013 that attracted nearly 11,000 people.

In addition to regularly scheduled programs like the Friends of the Arboretum Lectures, Plantsmen's Tours, a variety of annual events, and popular workshops, we offered many new programs including a gardening workshop with Noel Kingsbury, Raulston Blooms!, photography workshops (with the first food truck at the JCRA), and other hands-on workshops. Make sure to keep an eye on our 2014 calendar for even more programs for everyone young and old, novice to professional.

The Children's Program especially grew by 115% in 2013. Preschool programs such as Garden Storytime and special family events including the Spring Egg Hunt continued to draw children and their families to the Arboretum. New education programs were developed targeted toward elementary-aged students. Some of the most successful programs were the Girl Scout workshops where participants earned their Gardener, Flower, or Tree badges. These programs, along with tours, camps, and homeschool activities, help foster the next generation of gardeners and nature lovers.

NC State students are one of our primary targets and classes from the entomology, forestry, plant biology, and of course horticultural science departments used the JCRA as a hands-on lab for classes and our collections for research projects. One group of students that gets to know the JCRA very well is our summer interns. These students learn how to propagate plants, maintain gardens, and do a little of everything else that goes into managing a diverse collection. Support for the valuable summer intern program is through generous donations from our members.

The JC Raulston Arboretum would like to thank the following organizations for partnering with the JCRA in 2013. With their help, we enhanced existing programs and added many more exciting programs to our lineup than we could have on our own.

- Bluebirders of Wake County
- Capital City Camera Club\*
- Carolinas Nature Photographers Association\*
- Department of Horticultural Science
- Eastern North Carolina Iris Society
- Garden Conservancy
- Girl Scouts of America
- Joy Recorder Ensemble
- Magnolia Society International
- North American Rock Garden Society (Piedmont Chapter)\*
- North Carolina Commercial Flower Growers Association
- North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association
- Pi Alpha Xi (Iota Chapter)
- Triangle Bonsai Society

- Triangle Camellia Society
- Triangle Orchid Society
- Wake Audubon
- Wake County Master Gardeners

\*These groups meet at the JCRA throughout the year.

## Master Plan

The Master Plan volunteer committee continues to be a driving force behind the development of the JCRA. The 2007 conceptual master plan paved the way for the renovation of the Southwestern Garden into the Xeric Garden, renovation and expansion of Asian Valley, renovation of the Japanese Garden, reconstruction of the Lath House, and expansion into two additional acres. The committee updated their plan in 2013 to help us continue the development of the Arboretum. The new plan further refines the 2007 conceptual plan, filling in some of the concepts with more concrete designs and re-arranging and re-imagining some of the Arboretum spaces.

One of the prime goals of the Master Plan has been to make the JCRA a more accessible garden. While we still have far to go, we have made strides towards installing pathways which are easier for strollers, wheelchairs, and others with limited mobility to use. This past year saw the installation of a paver path in the Asian Valley. Paige Moody's crew from Arbor Enterprises made quick work of the job creating a meandering path from the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center to the Japanese Garden.

In the future, we'll be getting a facelift as we improve our pedestrian entrance area with some signature NC State bricks and make some changes to the Bobby G. Wilder Visitor Center. If you'd like to be part of the exciting enhancements at the JCRA, contact Anne Porter, director of development.

## Major Gifts to Benefit the Master Plan

Heartfelt thanks to these friends who gave generous special gifts in support of the JCRA's Master Plan and the Endowment for Excellence.

### \$100,000 and Above

Nina and Jerry Jackson

### \$50,000 and above

Anonymous

### \$10,000 and Above

Janice Swab

Bobby Wilder

## Membership Makes a Difference

Thank you for your support and advocacy of the JC Raulston Arboretum through the membership program. Memberships are the primary unrestricted support for the JCRA's daily operations and vital for its success. Thanks to these special friends who gave the gift of membership—the gift that keeps giving all year!

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Volunteers are the backbone of the JC Raulston Arboretum and without them we wouldn't be able to keep the gardens maintained, mapped, and labeled, put on lectures and workshops, send out mailings, and the dozens of other tasks that need to be done. Collectively the volunteers logged in 10,488 hours in 2013, the equivalent of five full time employees.

A new avenue of volunteer help was developed this year with the addition of standing committees, modeled after the existing Master Plan committee, composed of JCRA Board of Advisors members, staff, and volunteers to help market the JCRA to a broader audience. The education, rentals, membership, website, and marketing committees have already provided a wealth of knowledge and experience to our efforts and the fantastic new ideas keep flowing. If you have a skill that you think might benefit the JCRA, let us know.

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