

Donor Policy
University of Idaho Arboretum and Botanical Garden &
C.H. Shattuck Arboretum

Your support of the University of Idaho Arboreta is essential for their continued maintenance and future growth. Remember a loved one through a memorial gift or honor a special person in your life for his or her birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion by supporting one of our programs or endowments. Notice of your gift will be sent to the honoree, and all gifts will be recognized in *ArborNotes*, the Arboretum Associates newsletter.

- **Membership Gifts**

Tax deductible gifts to Arboretum Associates support the core programs and operation of the Arboretum.

Annual Membership Levels are:

Active	\$20-\$49	Patron	\$250 - \$499
Sustaining	\$50 -\$99	Sponsor	\$500 - \$999
Donor	\$100 - \$249		
Life Associate	\$1,000 and above		

- **Project Gifts**

Gifts in any amount can support a specific project. There are several large capital projects currently in the development or planning stage. Those projects include:

Entrance Gardens	Red Barn Restoration
Palouse Prairie Restoration	

- **Sponsored Projects**

Donors may choose to sponsor a specific planting to enhance the Arboreta. Sponsored project donations begin at \$2,500 and include recognition with a 5x7” photo-etched aluminum stake sign, as well as inclusion in a planned permanent Recognition Wall.

Sponsored project donations to the arboreta will be distributed as follows: \$1,000 of the funds will go to the existing Arboretum Centennial Endowment that provides earnings for future maintenance and upkeep of the arboreta (this amount qualifies the donor as a ‘Life Associate’ in Arboretum Associates); 20% of the funds will go to the current maintenance expenses fund to help defray increased costs associated with new plantings, and the remaining funds will provide for the development of the designated project.

Policies for Sponsored Projects

New installations in the Arboreta must adhere to the following policies:

1. Installations must conform to both the mission of the Arboreta and the University of Idaho. (You will find the Arboreta mission statement at the end of this document.)
2. Installations must be possible within existing maintenance budgets and available personnel or the donation must provide the additional necessary funds.
3. Installations must fit within existing developed areas and geographical boundaries of the Arboreta until expansion plans are developed for new areas.
4. Installations must fit the appropriate theme or plant type within the geographical boundaries of a particular section.

Whenever possible, new additions should work toward one or more of the following goals:

1. Completion of unfinished areas within the developed sections of the Arboreta.
2. More efficient maintenance.
3. Increased visitor appeal outside the two existing peak seasons of spring flowering and fall foliage.

A list of currently approved projects is included as an addendum to this policy. It will be updated periodically as projects are completed and new development is approved.

Please keep in mind that plant and physical materials, named garden areas, adopted trees, and plantings have a limited life span. Replacement of any donated collections will be determined on a case by case basis depending on the current needs of the collection.

• **Endowment Funds**

A gift to one of several endowments that sustain the Arboreta provides support in perpetuity since the principal remains invested, and only the income is spent each year. We welcome gifts of any amount for these established endowments. New named endowments can be established for a minimum donation of \$25,000. Current named endowments that support the Arboreta are:

- **Arboretum Associates Centennial Endowment**—proceeds used as directed by the Board of Directors of the Arboretum Associates to benefit the Arboretum where it is needed most.
- **Norma and Gene Slade Arboretum Endowment**—proceeds used as follows: one-third for new or replacement plants, one-third for plant signage, and one-third for Arboretum maintenance.
- **Elisabeth Zinser and Don Mackin Arboretum Endowment**—proceeds used for plants and plant labels
- **Presidential Oak Grove Endowment**—proceeds used for the maintenance and replacements in the Centennial Oak Grove.
- **Bob Steele Family Arboretum Endowment**—proceeds used for any purpose deemed to improve the Arboretum

Mission Statement

The University of Idaho Arboreta are outdoor museums maintained for the acquisition and proper curation of a living collection of native and introduced plants hardy in the Inland Pacific Northwest. As a primary reference collection, the Arboreta will emphasize plant variation and genetic diversity. Highest priority of the arboreta is to develop, curate, and maintain a diverse collection of cultivars and species of known origin.

As educational facilities, goals of the University of Idaho Arboreta are to:

- provide a site for instruction in botany, horticulture, forestry, landscape architecture, environmental sciences, and other fields related to the living collection;
- encourage authorized research in fields such as plant hardiness, systematics, and hybridization;
- educate the public through field trips, lectures, and tours;
- provide to the public a restful, beautiful environment for the purpose of gaining knowledge and appreciation of the importance of plants.

Mission Statement of the Arboretum, approved by the University of Idaho Administration in 1997.



Shattuck Arboretum bench

The following planting projects are in need of support for a \$2,500 gift. As specified in the policy, donors will be recognized with an aluminum sign along with listing as a lifetime member of Arboretum Associates. The sites for these projects are shown on the attached map.

- 1) **Asian Witch Hazels**—This is a collection of 6-8 cultivars and species of Asian Witch Hazels, including *Hamamelis mollis*, *japonica* and the hybrid *x intermedia*. They will be planted in the north east corner of the Arboretum, at the bottom of the steep slope, along the chip trail. This will maximize visitor’s ability to enjoy their fragrance and unique delicate flowers; while at the same time eliminating a difficult spot to mow.
- 2) **Eastern North American native ferns and groundcovers**—This collection will form an understory beneath the collection of Red Maples. The Red Maples have formed a dense canopy, and it is no longer sunny enough for turf grass to thrive. This collection will consist of 2-3 species of groundcovers and up to ten species of Eastern North American native ferns, planted in groups
- 3) **Yews**—Yews are an important landscape shrub with species and hybrids that originate in both Europe and Asia. This collection would include some of both the Asian and the European plants, including spreading groundcovers all the way to very formal upright columns. The collection would be sited on the golf course slope straddling the border between the Asian and European sections of the Arboretum.
- 4) **Daphne**—This collection would include the low growing Rock Daphne (*Daphne cneorum*), the semi-deciduous upright forms like ‘Carol Mackie’ and the fully deciduous Lilac Daphne (*Daphne genkwa*). These would be planted along the road, just south of the kiosk with the previously planted February Daphne. This is an easily accessible, highly visited location, perfect to take advantage of the Daphne’s delicious fragrance.
- 5) **Rose of Sharon**—This is a collection of summer flowering shrubs (*Hibiscus syriacus*) which come in a range of colors, as well as double and single flowering forms. They require full sun and prefer hot summer temperatures, so this collection would go on the steep east slope, above the Asian Roses. We have had trouble with survival on some of these planted lower in the valley, but I believe that is a late spring frost issue, and if we can get them up out of the frost pocket they should be reliably hardy in this area. This is a plant that is now often trained to grow as a single trunked specimen as well as its normal shrubby growth habit. The collection would include at least one of the single trunks to demonstrate that growth habit.



Donor recognition sign, European Clematis 2010

C.H. Shattuck Arboretum—these three projects are in the Shattuck (or ‘old’) Arboretum

- 1) **Benches**—We have begun a program to install at least ten benches in the Shattuck Arboretum. These are a standard contoured back, ‘park bench’, manufactured from recycled plastic. Donor recognition is a 2½’x5” stainless steel plate, mounted on the back of the bench.

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Sponsored Projects Sites Donor Policy Addendum

Legend

- A - Asian
- EU - European
- ENA - Eastern North American
- WNA - Western North American
- D - Display Gardens
- M - Maintenance Area
-  - Undeveloped Arboretum Property
-  - Granite Bench

