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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM:

2015 MARKED NEW GROUND FOR FONA, and it is all thanks to you! Not only were we able to provide the critical support needed for the Arboretum to reopen its doors to visitors seven days a week, but we set the stage for sustained growth of a partnership that is dedicated to securing the future of this cherished research, educational, and cultural institution. For example, walk up to the Visitor Center desk for guidance on the season’s must-see offerings, and you just may be assisted by a FONA staffer. Reward yourself for a hard day’s work with an evening picnic in the meadow to the strains of award-winning D.C. jazz—you’ll be sampling one of the expanded after-hours offerings produced exclusively by FONA. Benefit from the latest of FONA’s collaborative ventures with local and national businesses to showcase the Arboretum’s treasures by taking a bike ride on specially designated circuits, followed by a craft beer at a local brewery with other cycling enthusiasts.

What makes these initiatives unique in the history of our relationship with the Arboretum is that FONA is no longer contributing funding only but is now directly developing and producing programs that enhance public enjoyment of and commitment to the Arboretum. Of course, we continue to provide funding for core Arboretum functions—intern sponsorships is one example (see graphic on opposite page for FONA contributions across all categories). In addition, we are constantly expanding the reach of the Washington Youth Garden, which in 2015 served more than 7,000 students, teachers, and adults with SPROUT field trips, school-based Garden Science, and Green Ambassadors summer high school internships. In fact, Green Ambassadors is set to launch year-round thanks to a multi-year commitment from the Reva and David Logan Foundation.

But it was your generosity in 2015 that enabled us to chart new territory, to dare to be innovative. Thank you! 🌼

Thomas M. Costello, Executive Director
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AMONG THE BARRAGE OF WINTER’S SEED AND BULB catalogues that my wife filtered out of the mail for me this week was a notice from the DMV to renew my driver’s license. Ever since I was 16 and first felt the freedom and responsibility of being behind the wheel, I have proudly checked the organ donation box. Perhaps one of the more noble acts—or promise of one—a 16-year-old could muster. The act of giving, in any form or capacity, is not only altruistic or unselfish but is also an important facet of the human condition. For the National Arboretum and FONA, donations, while not lifesaving, are vital to our long-term success. A major component of our Strategic Plan was the reorganization of FONA and a new agreement between us that allows each organization to focus on its core strengths. For the National Arboretum, they are research, conservation, and education. For FONA, they are public outreach, development, and community engagement. Together, along with our other partners, we make a complete public garden that serves as a great example of public-private partnerships in the federal government. Donations of time, money, or services are leveraged against our appropriated dollars, effectively increasing our ability to address issues affecting gardens, landscapes, and nurseries and to provide solutions for American agriculture, enhance the economy, and safeguard the environment.

From all our staff here at the National Arboretum, I send a heartfelt thank you to the Friends of the National Arboretum and all those who donate, volunteer, and otherwise contribute to our shared success.

Richard T. Olsen, Director
The U.S. National Arboretum

IN 2015, FONA GAVE $455,000 TO THE US NATIONAL ARBORETUM IN SUPPORT OF:

- Reopening the Arboretum a full 7 days a week
- Care for the Arboretum’s heritage collections
- Intern sponsorships
- Working with schools and youth in DC
- Strengthening visitors’ services
Plants That Keep on Giving

Richard Olsen

Chinese Water-Cypress (Glyptostrobus pensilis)

I am particularly fond of our small collection of Chinese water-cypress (Glyptostrobus pensilis), which includes a small grove off Hickey Lane north of the greenhouses, and a specimen outside the Asian Collections gate to the Anacostia River floodplain. Look for the trees that appear to be smaller versions of our native bald-cypress (Taxodium distichum).

Glyptostrobus pensilis is the sole remaining species of an ancient deciduous conifer genus in the cypress family that was nearly wiped out during the last glacial epoch. The species is now found only in small, relict populations in Southeast Asia that are not reproducing in the wild; the species is on the international red list of endangered tree species. Our plants are grown from seeds collected in 1968 from 300-year-old trees growing in the village of Tai Hang, Hong Kong, originally transplanted from their native habitat along the Dong River in Guangdong, China. The species has remained essentially unchanged throughout its 120-million-year evolutionary journey from the early Cretaceous period. Fossil remains have been found in the Potomac and Patapsco fossil groups, local fossil-rich formations that include other recognizable, ancient relatives of tree species like Platanus. Thus, our small collection represents a repatriation of sorts of a living fossil to Washington, DC, after an absence of 5 million years or more—and highlights our efforts at tree conservation here at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Richard Olsen, long-time staff member and researcher, is now the director of the U.S. National Arboretum.
CHRIS UPTON

Weeping Katsura (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* Pendulum Group)

There are many plants that give me joy throughout the year, some for their flowers, others their fruit or bark, or even their winter silhouette. But the weeping katsura, *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* Pendulum Group, growing at the northeast tip of Korean Hill is a wonder 365 days a year. It sits sculpturally alone surrounded by mown turf. Its leaves are a cheery grass green in the summer and a pleasant yellow in the fall, and the sun lights it spectacularly all morning. It’s just as beautiful in the winter with chalky pale brown bark highlighted by the morning as well as the late afternoon sun.

It was a much smaller tree in 1991 when I began in the Asian Collections as the China Valley gardener. Twenty-five years later, it has doubled in size keeping the same pendulous branching. On hot, dry days in the summer you can smell a cotton candy/spun sugar fragrance from the leaves. When the leaves color in the fall, the fragrance strengthens, puzzling visitors who walk past it. This extraordinary specimen is capable of waking all the senses.

Chris Upton has gardened in many capacities, both as an amateur and as a multifaceted professional, for more than 50 of the nearly 60 years he has lived in Washington. He is currently the horticulturist in the Asian Collections.

STEFAN LURA

Fragrant Corylopsis

When I wander around the Arboretum, I like to use my nose almost as much as my eyes to experience the wonderful diversity of plants on display. I especially enjoy the floral scent of certain winter-hazels, *Corylopsis* spp., which surely deserve to be ranked among the most fragrant of temperate garden plants. Yet the best known species, *C. pauciflora* and *C. spicata*, are rarely scented at all. The most fragrant varieties are undeservedly rare, but we are fortunate to have them in the Arboretum’s Asian Collections.

The most common *Corylopsis* floral scent is especially strong in a single specimen of *C. glandulifera* that grows along the main path in China Valley. Its rich, citrus-primrose fragrance seems particularly well-suited to its bright yellow color. Similarly scented is a group of *C. gotoana* along a path in the Japanese Woodlands leading to the Anacostia Overlook. An unnamed *C. glabrescens* in a small bed near the middle of the Japanese Woodlands has a wonderfully complex fragrance: lemon notes mingling with black tea. The cultivar *C. glabrescens* ‘Longwood Chimes’ (on display along the path from the Garden Clubs of America Circle to the Pagoda) is, at present, the only commonly sold winter-hazel with notable fragrance. Its unusual artificial grape scent may not appeal to all noses, though. Since ‘Longwood Chimes’ (whose seeds were distributed by the Arboretum to Longwood as an unselected seedling in 1985) and many of our other fragrant *Corylopsis* specimens originated as wild-collected seed, it seems that we may have just begun to sample the amazing diversity of these species. That can only be good for the future of a genus that already has so many hidden gems.

Stefan Lura is a support botanist in the Plant Records office and has been with the Arboretum for more than a decade. He got his foot in the door as an intern in the Asian Collections, where he continues to follow its plants closely.
KEVIN CONRAD

Asian Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema ringens*)

More than 30 years ago, at the beginning of my career, I was fortunate to work under the supervision of Barry Yinger, first as a student helper and later as the Chadwick Fellow. At that time, Barry was curator of the Asian Collections at the National Arboretum. The Asian Collections were very much in their infancy and Barry was well into his multiyear Korean plant collecting expeditions. These were exciting times. Barry taught me a great deal, not just about horticulture and landscaping in a public garden but also about truly beautiful plants and the world he explored to collect them.

At the end of my internship, Barry gave me a seedling of *Arisaema ringens*, a beautiful jack-in-the-pulpit relative he had collected in Korea. I planted it in my mother’s garden and have shared it with family and friends whose gardens I have helped grow. At the Arboretum, I’ve watched it emerge each spring in the Japanese Woodlands area at the edge of the Asian Collections just off Hickey Hill. Sometimes called the cobra lily, its glossy green leaves surround a short stalk topped by a deep glossy purple flowering structure resembling a cobra head. Every year it reminds me how lucky I have been to enjoy the experiences horticulture has offered me, including my two years with Barry, and also the opportunity to see and enjoy the exquisite beauty here at the Arboretum.

Kevin Conrad is the curator of the Woody Landscape Plant Germplasm Repository, where he oversees the Arboretum’s germplasm program.

PIPER ZETTEL

‘Stand Fast’ Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)

One plant I find myself continually returning to is *Acer platanoides* ‘Stand Fast’, within the Gotelli Conifer Collection. Because of its tall and slender habit and dark glossy foliage, it is easily overlooked among the backdrop of evergreens. However, it is truly a delight to happen upon this solemn figure as you meander through the quiet corridors of the collection.

This cultivar, a Longwood Gardens introduction, was donated to the Arboretum in 1982 as a 12-inch specimen. Today it is approximately 10 feet tall and 1 foot wide, with a trunk diameter of about 6 inches at the root flare. It is compactly branched and exhibits dense, curled foliage. The best time to visit this tree is in the fall when it stands as a beacon among the conifers. You will find it garbed from head to toe in golden yellow well into late fall, as its leaves cling tightly to the tree’s petite offshoots until the very last moment. Although it is a Norway maple (as a group not recommended for planting because of its invasive habit and nonnative origin), this cultivar of *A. platanoides* ‘Stand Fast’ remains noteworthy because of its sterile nature and slow growth. It may not boast many superlatives, but it is undoubtedly an exceptional and extraordinary specimen that I think all plant enthusiasts can appreciate and would enjoy in person.

Piper Zettel, garden technician in the National Herb Garden, shares her enthusiasm for horticulture through educational event planning in the garden. She hopes visitors will take in the colorful Capsicum plants in the National Herb Garden and will participate in the garden’s annual Chile Pepper Celebration in October.
SUSAN BENTZ

‘Frontier’ Elm (*Ulmus carpinifolia × parvifolia*)

On both sides of the New York Avenue entrance to the Arboretum you will find the ‘Frontier’ elm, a tree of moderate stature with attractive fall color. The product of breeding efforts by Dr. Denny Townsend, former Arboretum research geneticist, it combines a high level of tolerance to Dutch elm disease and moderate resistance to elm leaf beetle. Its small stature and glossy small, purple-red leaves make it perfect in smaller landscapes, along city streets, and under power lines. ‘Frontier’, a hybrid between a spring-flowering and a fall-flowering elm, blazes a trail for elms in the urban landscape.

Aside from its hardiness and landscaping possibilities, I love its colorful, easy-to-rake leaves in the fall and enjoy grilling under its dense crown in summer. It wears snow well, too!

Susan Bentz is a horticulturist with the tree-breeding program. She has enjoyed working with gifted and dedicated staff, past and present, on camellia, iris, elm, maple, hemlock, catalpa, boxwood, and dogwood.

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JOAN FEELY

Beach Plum (*Prunus maritima*)

One of my favorite plants at the Arboretum is beach plum, *Prunus maritima*, a coastal species, which is growing in Fern Valley.

I first came to know beach plums from the tart jelly my friend’s mother made every fall from buckets and buckets of fruit she collected from the edges of dunes and salt ponds in coastal Rhode Island. Then it was my turn to discover them on Long Island, NY, while searching out prairie grasses on one of my first seed collecting trips outside of the Washington, DC, area. Near the approach to a site called Walking Dunes, near Montauk, NY, there was a large cluster of medium sized shrubs, covered in purple fruit. With permission to make collections at the site, I gathered less than a bucketful of the plums and brought them back to the Arboretum. Eventually, we grew plants from their seeds, a few of which are now growing near the old entrance to Fern Valley.

Every spring in late April or early May, there will be a week or two when the beach plum is in full bloom. What is special are the hundreds and hundreds of small pollinators that visit this plant. On a sunny day, it roils with bees, wasps, and other insects as they skip from one small flower to another. And in some years, that activity yields hundreds of actual plums, the source of that culinary treasure—beach plum jelly. Of course at the Arboretum, birds and animals have first dibs on all our fruit, so there won’t be any jelly made from our plants, just wonderful memories.

Joan Feely is the horticulturist/curator in charge of the Fern Valley Native Plant Collection. Born and raised on Long Island, it took a National Arboretum seed collecting trip to introduce her to some of the Island’s most special natural areas.
WHAT IS THE FORBUSH SCHOOL PROJECT?
It’s a project to expose autistic students from the Forbush School in Prince George’s County to the Washington Youth Garden and different collections at the National Arboretum. It allowed 64 low-functioning autistic students to have sensory learning experiences at the Arboretum for 9 weeks by serving five different cohorts of students once a week.

HOW DID THIS PARTNERSHIP BEGIN?
The Forbush School contacted us back in early summer of 2015, and they were interested in exploring a partnership because of some very positive results they had seen in exposing their students to gardening, horticulture, and natural environments. They heard about the Youth Garden, and the Forbush School is only 3 miles away from the Arboretum grounds, so it just seemed to be a natural fit.

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS DO ON THE FIELD TRIPS?
The way it’s structured, the staff select some plant collections and learning activities ahead of time. Then the students come in, and our staff members give a formalized guided tour of that particular area. We also added in some sort of physical activity, whether it was picking up leaves along Fern Valley, or smelling and feeling different herbs, or exploring different compost bins that we have in the Youth Garden.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESPONSE?
Very positive. The teachers mentioned to us that those students who were the most difficult to deal with, who had behavioral issues, did not have those issues while they were on the Arboretum grounds. And because the visits were happening regularly with the same students, those students were developing some good, consistent relationships with nature and with our team. The teachers were beginning to see some learning development advances in the students as well.

ULISES ZATARAIN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON YOUTH GARDEN, SAT DOWN WITH US TO DISCUSS THE NEW FORBUSH SCHOOL PROJECT THAT STARTED IN FALL 2015.

Tactile experiences and exploration are part of the regular field trips for students from the Forbush School in Prince George’s County.
WHERE DO YOU SEE THIS PROGRAM GOING IN THE FUTURE?
Both the Youth Garden and the Forbush School plan to continue this partnership for the long term. In 2016 we’d like to see more students and create more formalized lesson plans for more great areas of the Arboretum. And I’d like to see our staff, the Arboretum, and the Forbush School exchange ideas and really begin to showcase the great impact that being in touch with nature and with gardening can have for all these students.

ANYTHING ELSE?
This sort of partnership is only possible thanks to the dedication and selflessness of many people, starting with the leadership and vision of the Forbush School Director and our own Executive Director, Tom Costello, for believing in and empowering their respective staffs to execute this pilot program. Forbush staff worked diligently with us to create weekly lesson plans and activities for their students. In particular, Theresa Hagner of the Forbush school and our own Program Coordinator Noah Lee were most actively responsible for ensuring the successful implementation of this program.

Ulises Zatarain brings more than 10 years of experience in community development programming and fundraising to the Washington Youth Garden. Most recently, Ulises was an independent business development and fundraising consultant for a variety of small businesses and community-based organizations on the East Coast and in the Midwest. He was Vice President of Community Programs for The Resurrection Project (2010–2014) and Deputy Director of Workforce and Economic Development for the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County in Chicago (2009–2010). Ulises has taught literature, visual arts, and humanities at St. Augustine College in Chicago and has also implemented seminars on humanities, arts, and culture at many institutions. He has an M.A. degree from Northeastern Illinois University, and he graduated with a B.F.A. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He currently serves as the Program Manager for the WYG. He’s excited about getting to know all of you!

Morri Sands joined FONA as WYG’s Development and Administration Coordinator in late July 2015. She graduated from George Mason University with a B.A. (2012) and M.S. (2014) in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, eager to start her career in community empowerment and sustainability. She has traveled and lived in several different countries, gaining cultural knowledge (primarily recipes) and a love of sharing such knowledge with others. Morri lives with her two rescue rabbits, and in her spare time, she can be found drawing comics, developing recipes, and rock climbing. She is the main outreach and social media presence for WYG’s programming.

CLAIRES BRODERICK is an intern at FONA and a recent graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis’s M.A. program in museum studies.
Winter Garden Tips

Nancy and Pierre Moitrier

**Flower and Landscape Gardens**

- **REMOVE SNOW AND ICE** from evergreens by gently tapping the underside of branches with a broom soon after the snow has fallen and before it has had a chance to freeze and thaw several times.
- **APPLY DEER REPELLENTS** regularly, especially after rain and snow.
- **CHECK FALL-PLANTED AND SHALLOW-ROOTED PERENNIALS** for heaving during thaws. Press plants back into ground and replace soil around the roots to prevent them from becoming desiccated.
- **DEADHEAD PANSIES** regularly during the intermittent warm stretches to prevent seed formation and promote flower production.
- **First APPLY A 1/4- TO 1/2-INCH LAYER OF COMPOST**, and then apply your annual 2-inch layer of mulch so you will enjoy a cleaner and healthier garden throughout the winter.
- **CUT BACK** ornamental grasses.
- **STRUCTURAL PRUNING** is more easily done at this time of year when all branches are visible and access to them is facilitated by lack of leaves.
- **PRUNE TREES AND SHRUBS** that flower in mid to late summer.
- **PRUNE GRAPE VINES** while the plants are still dormant. Prune apple, pear, and other fruit trees to remove suckers and damaged branches and to open up the centers.
- **THIN SHRUBS** like boxwood to promote healthy growth for next season.
- **FORCE BRANCHES** of early spring flowering shrubs (Quince, Pussy Willow, Forsythia, Spirea, and Azalea) and trees (Magnolias, Dogwood, Redbud, and fruit trees) for use as cut flowers indoors.
- **Think about BUILDING OR BUYING A COLD FRAME**, which extends the growing season by creating an earlier spring and a prolonged fall/early winter.
- **Remember to WATER CONTAINER PLANTS** under eves and on porches.

**Indoors**

- **CHECK STORED BULBS, CORMS, AND TUBERS** and discard any that have begun to rot.
- **CHECK HOUSEPLANTS** frequently for disease and insect damage. Clean the dust off the leaves and remove dead leaves or broken branches. Mist with water if the air in your house is dry; do not water too much because houseplants are in a dormant phase. Wait until the days are longer to fertilize.
- **REVIEW LAST YEAR’S GARDEN NOTES** and transfer important reminders to this year’s diary.
- **PLAN AND DESIGN** new flower and vegetable beds. For vegetables, remember to rotate crops.
- **LOOK THROUGH CATALOGS AND ORDER SEEDS.** Order summer bulbs and tubers early for best selection.

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NANCY AND PIERRE MOITRIER operate Designs for Greener Gardens, a boutique gardening company that specializes in designing, creating, developing, and maintaining distinctive gardens of all styles. Pierre hails from France and brings the charm of the Old World to their garden creations. Nancy’s 40 years of gardening experience combined with her design knowledge and innate artistic eye add a superior dimension to their garden projects. Follow Designs for Greener Gardens on Facebook.
**Introducing Arboretum Partners—our new volunteer program!**

**FONA IS LAUNCHING A NEW VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE** that will offer many more opportunities to get involved and help secure the future of the Arboretum. *Arboretum Partners* will give nature lovers a way to channel their passion for plants into tangible contributions to public enjoyment of the Arboretum’s unique environmental, educational, cultural, and aesthetic resources. And, most importantly, it will engage a collective community effort to sustain the institution’s crucial role as a leader in the advancement of horticultural science.

*Arboretum Partners* are needed year-round for indoor and outdoor functions that suit a variety of skills, talents, and interests. All applicants receive an orientation that includes an overview of the U.S. National Arboretum and FONA, volunteer requirements, and service options. Those who are selected as *Arboretum Partners* also receive specific training to perform their assignments. There are openings in visitor services, special events, and more. Get a jump on spring by becoming a Washington Youth Garden gardener (Tuesdays and Saturdays 9 a.m.–noon) or SPROUT educator (Wednesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon or noon–3 p.m.). First orientation is Saturday, April 2.

In addition to the personal gratification that comes with having a meaningful impact on the preservation and continued vitality of the Arboretum, volunteers receive FONA family memberships and invitations to lectures ordinarily open only to Arboretum staff.

To find out more and to get an application, e-mail fonavolunteers@fona.org.

—JILLIAN ALDEBRON

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**HAPPENINGS**

**SPRUCE UP YOUR FIR IQ: BEYOND COLORADO AND ALBERTA**

March 12, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

From versatile dwarfs to majestic giants, spruces and firs are outstanding landscape plants, but they are easily confused by both home gardeners and landscape professionals. Learn to appreciate and identify a variety of common and less-common spruces and firs at this program, which includes both indoor (classroom) and outdoor time (exploration in Arboretum collections), so please dress accordingly. Registration required. Visit usna.usda.gov to register. Fee: $29 ($23 FONA members).

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**30th ANNUAL LAHR SYMPOSIUM AND PLANT SALE. NATIVE PLANTS: GOOD DESIGN**

Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Good design in today’s gardens and landscapes integrates the beautiful with the ecologically beneficial. Join the nation’s top practitioners of landscape design, ecology, and resource management to learn how you can apply their approaches, insights, and techniques. Speakers include Dr. Doug Tallamy and Claudia West. Fee: $95 ($76 FONA members). Registration required. To register, visit usna.usda.gov.

**NATIVE PLANT SALE AT THE LAHR SYMPOSIUM**

8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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**TOMATO GRAFTING WORKSHOP**

Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. (with plant pick-up the following Saturday, April 16).

Challenge your tomato yields to new heights this year and join FONA for a tomato grafting workshop. Tomatoes are notoriously susceptible to soil-borne viruses which result in very low yields. Grafting is a technique that will help you grow virus-resistant, highly productive tomato plants. Garden enthusiast Andrew Robie has been grafting tomatoes for years and will provide a hands-on workshop to teach you how to graft your own tomato plants. Andy, a community health care physician by day and an urban farmer on nights and weekends, is back for a second year to teach this popular FONA workshop.

Cost: $15 (FONA members, $12). Fee covers all supplies including rootstock, scion, pots, and soil. Register: www.tomatograft.brownpapertickets.com. Attendance is limited to 25, so sign up early!

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