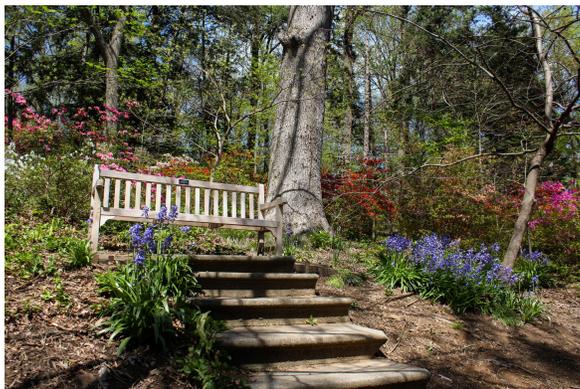


FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Tribute Benches at the U.S. National Arboretum

On behalf of the U.S. National Arboretum, Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) offers tribute benches and other furnishings as a means to remember family, friends and loved ones, or commemorate a special occasion such as a birth, wedding, or retirement. Benches provide a beautiful spot for respite and relaxation for visitors, and your donation directly supports the National Arboretum's public gardens and scientific work.

When you dedicate a bench, you support mission-critical work at FONA and the Arboretum!



The U.S. National Arboretum consists of a research institution and public garden which is a green oasis of 451 acres adjacent to the Anacostia River in Washington, DC. Annually, over 700,000 visitors enjoy connecting with nature, plants, and science. As part of the USDA's Agricultural Research Institute, its science has resulted in wide-ranging developmental and applied research on trees, shrubs, turf, and floral plants, along with development of new technologies for the floral and nursery industries.

Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) was founded in 1982 as an independent 501(c)(3). FONA serves as the primary private partner of the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. We celebrate and support the beauty, science, and community impact of the U.S. National Arboretum through education, engagement, and community impact.

Contact Us About Purchasing a Bench

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Tribute Bench FAQs

About the benches: FONA provides beautiful, sturdy, and comfortable teak benches. They have a long life span and mellow from yellow to warm brown as they age.

How much does a bench cost? FONA requests a donation in the following amounts, based on the location of the bench. Please contact us for other types of furnishings:

Bench Type	Location	Cost
6ft Windermere	Various locations	\$7,500
47in Stratus	National Bonsai & Penjing Museum	\$7,500
71in Linear	National Bonsai & Penjing Museum	\$10,000
8ft Windermere	National Herb Garden	\$12,000

How can I make my payment? Payment may be made by credit card, cash, check, or stock transfer. If you choose to pay with credit card, the transaction fee will be included in your total cost.

Do I own the bench? No, your “purchase” is actually a tax deductible donation. The bench is a gift to the U.S. National Arboretum.

Is this tax deductible? Yes, the donation of a tribute bench is tax deductible to the extent of the law. Once payment is received, we will provide you with a tax acknowledgement for your records.

What is the term of the bench? The term of a tribute bench is 15 years. After 15 years, we will contact you or another designated contact on file to discuss renewing or ending the term. You can make a gift to support multiple terms up front if you would like the term of your bench to extend for 30 years.
Example: \$15,000 for a 6 ft bench for 30 years for various locations.

Is there a plaque on the bench and what can I put on it? Yes, we will have a plaque made and mounted on the bench for you. The plaque is 2.25 inches by 4.50 inches and follows specific text guidelines set by the Arboretum. We are unable to make exceptions. Contact info@fona.org for the plaque worksheet.

Who maintains the bench? The Arboretum will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the bench. It will be replaced only if the bench is broken or deemed unsafe. Future changes to the Arboretum grounds may necessitate moving a bench. While every effort will be made to keep it in place, no guarantee can be made that it will not be moved.



How long does the process take? The bench and plaque will only be ordered once payment is received and we have your final inscription for the plaque. Please allow eight weeks for the bench and plaque to be received and put in place. We will alert you when it is ready.

May I select where the bench is placed? There are pre-approved locations for benches at the Arboretum. FONA will review these with you so that you may select one of the available locations. Location requests are not guaranteed and must be approved by the Arboretum.