

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2019-2020



The Dawes
Arboretum

Welcome to The Arboretum's 2019-20 Annual Report

First of all, thank you for continuing to support The Dawes Arboretum through such an unusual and sometimes difficult year. Our members, volunteers and donors are the best around, and we truly appreciate you.





While COVID-19 forced us to cancel events and change the way we conduct business, we continued to care for our plant collections and work toward our conservation goals. 2020 also gave us the opportunity to try new things and find new ways to connect with our community. We had been working through the pros and cons of creating an online version of the Spring Plant Sale for a

while. We were able to fast track this project as we worked through ways to keep The Arboretum moving forward while keeping our visitors and staff as safe as we could. We also moved the majority of our programming online—hosting camps, Bertie’s Tea and a variety of nature craft programs virtually. These online efforts were extremely successful and are likely to stick around in a modified form after the pandemic.

We also had the opportunity to reassess our priorities especially during the weeks that The Arboretum was closed. Without an extensive spring program and event schedule, this allowed our staff the opportunity to focus on making our grounds even more beautiful. We were also able to improve some of our trails throughout the summer and fall. With the increased emphasis on outdoor activ-

ities this year, our visitors let us know how much they appreciated these efforts.

We all hope that we get back to “normal” as soon as we can. However, we plan to continue being more nimble and streamlining our priorities even in a post-pandemic world. In the meantime, we are committed to moving The Arboretum forward and providing access while we continue our commitment to visitor, volunteer and staff safety.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Luke Messinger".

Luke Messinger
Executive Director



Donor Funded Projects

The Dawes Arboretum is always striving to bring new experiences to members and visitors. However, without the help of our donors, some of these projects wouldn't be possible. In the unprecedented year of 2020, two major projects were completed at The Arboretum with the help of some amazing donors.



In 2019, thanks to two wonderful donors, a small grove of daffodils was planted along the trail heading from the Visitors Center to the Japanese Garden. While the bulbs went unnoticed in the fall and winter, when spring emerged, a beautiful display of naturalized daffodils appeared on the hillside. This year, in honor of each other's birthdays, Paige Crane and Trish Cadwallader, donated again and nearly tripled the amount of bulbs from the first year. Now, nearly 5,000 daffodils will inhabit the hillside. Trish and Paige both enjoy this great

tribute to their friendship and the way it nurtures our grounds. They look forward to adding to the dazzling display and seeing the blooms make their first appearance this spring.

Another project that was only made possible by donor funding was the planting of a Cherry Grove along the entrance to the Japanese Garden. This incredible planting of more than 100 cherry trees will enhance the walkway to the Japanese Garden and create a stunning display in the spring for many years to come. The grove was

planted by staff and volunteers during spring 2020. The donor gave this gift as "A legacy to their wonderful memories at The Dawes Arboretum and a measure of their enthusiastic support."

If you would like to know more about donor funded projects and how you can help make transformations at The Arboretum, please contact Megan Ernest, Membership and Donor Relations Manager, at development@dawesarb.org or by calling 740.323.2355.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Our volunteers made significant contributions to The Arboretum in FY 2020.



Resident Environmental Professionals

Jessie Dickson •	Keely McKinley •
Mackenzie Ebel •	Chris Poling •
Ashley Hansen •	Christian Ramos •
Joy Hartfield •	Colin Stewart •
Max Karkut •	

Community Group Volunteers

C-TEC of Licking County
Matesich Distributing Company
Newark-Heath Rotary

Photo courtesy of Stephanie Anthony

● Indicates volunteers with at least 100 hours

Volunteers

Anonymous	Rebecca Crowell	Sarah Hoover	Karen McCabe •	Jennifer Rehbeck	David Trautman
Stephanie Anthony	Nikala Curliss	Milanie Howard •	Emily McCall	Lina Robinson •	Rick Turner
Melissa Arch	Suzy Denniston	Kayla Hughes	Karen McKeown	Scott Robinson •	Jane Weiland
Stanley Augsburgsburger •	Grant Douglass •	Erich Hunker	Steve McKeown	Ruth Sainsbury	Catherine Williams
Jeffrey Barrett	Teresa Dozer	Karen Jackson	Ryan McLaughlin	Bill Schumacher •	Kenneth L. Williams
Deborah Bennett	Karen Duffy	Cathy Jerbic	Deb Mechling	Mike Sherrard	Carolyn Wulfhorst
Doug Berube •	Emily Eby	Ruth Johnson	Bobbi Meldahl	Tracy Shively	Bob Wulfhorst
Linda Bishop	Dot Ehlermann	Rae Johnson	Carl Miller	Barb Sills	Mary Yager
Elaine Boaz	Jim Erickson	Daniel Jones	Mary Miller	Lee Smith	
Margaret Bowman •	Sheryl Estep	Pablo Jourdan	Jordan Moore	Dale Stearns	
John Boyd •	Nancy Falcon •	Betsy Kleinknecht •	Abigail Morton	Kathy Stout	
Esther Boykin	Amy Farmer	Nina Kohser	Julie Murphy •	Maribeth Stover	
Buck Brackman •	John Farmer	Gary Kohser	Kevin Murphy	Colley Stowell	
Hildegard Brown	Mitch Finney •	Virgil Landis	Jack Neely •	Julie Strohmeier	
Hannah Brown	Wendy Flowers	Ruskin B. Lawyer	Natalia Nekrasova		
David Budd	Debby Fortkamp	Cole Lewis	Barbara Newell		
Kathy Budd	Katie Fulks	Ann Lighthiser	Carolyn O'Neal •		
Phyllis Bundy	Angie Galik	Barb Long •	Barb Parker		
Chuck Bundy	Galen Gault •	Jack Long •	Sue Peyton		
Libby Chaffee	Peggy Geyer	Michelle Lundy	Sonny Ponn •		
Carol Christopher •	Mary Goebbel	Amy Mader •	Anne Porter		
Robert L. Combs •	Jerry Greer •	Peter Mann	Nancy Potosky		
Bill Conrad	Don Grube	Gary Martz	Russell Potter •		
Jim Cooper	Joyce Hardbarger	Patsy Mason	Richard Prasse		
Kathy Cooper	Henry Hauser •	Mary Beth Mathews	Doug Price		
Jobie Cooper	Amber Hinds •	Susan McBroom	Jack Rehbeck		

• Indicates volunteers with at least 40 hours

• Indicates volunteers with at least 100 hours





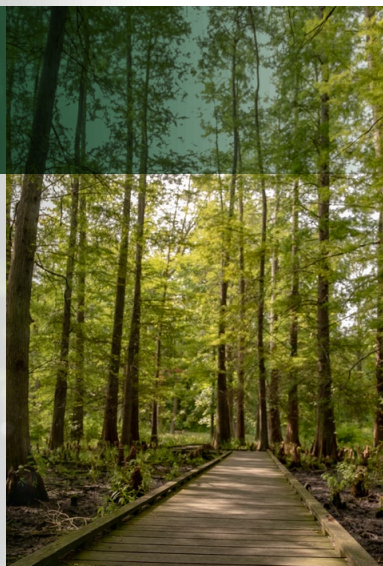
At A Glance Accomplishments

Our Team

3,838 member households

135 volunteers

54 permanent staff and 17 seasonal staff



155

Collection Plants added
to Arboretum grounds

Collected over 170
pounds of native seed
valued at more than
\$27,000

**REMOVED
400 LBS**

of non-native
Pachysandra in the
Woodland Garden

More than
**200 YARDS
OF MULCH**
created from woody
debris collected on
grounds

Recorded
**217 EASTERN
BLUEBIRDS**
fledged from
Arboretum nest boxes

Propagated more than
50 SPECIES
of wild collected
native plants for future
restoration projects

4,698

Specimens of
documented
wild-origin plants

Planted
**130 NEW
PLANTS**
in the Woodland
Garden

**7,604
HOURS**

contributed by
Arboretum volunteers

309

Registrants for online,
education programs

80 CAMP DAWES

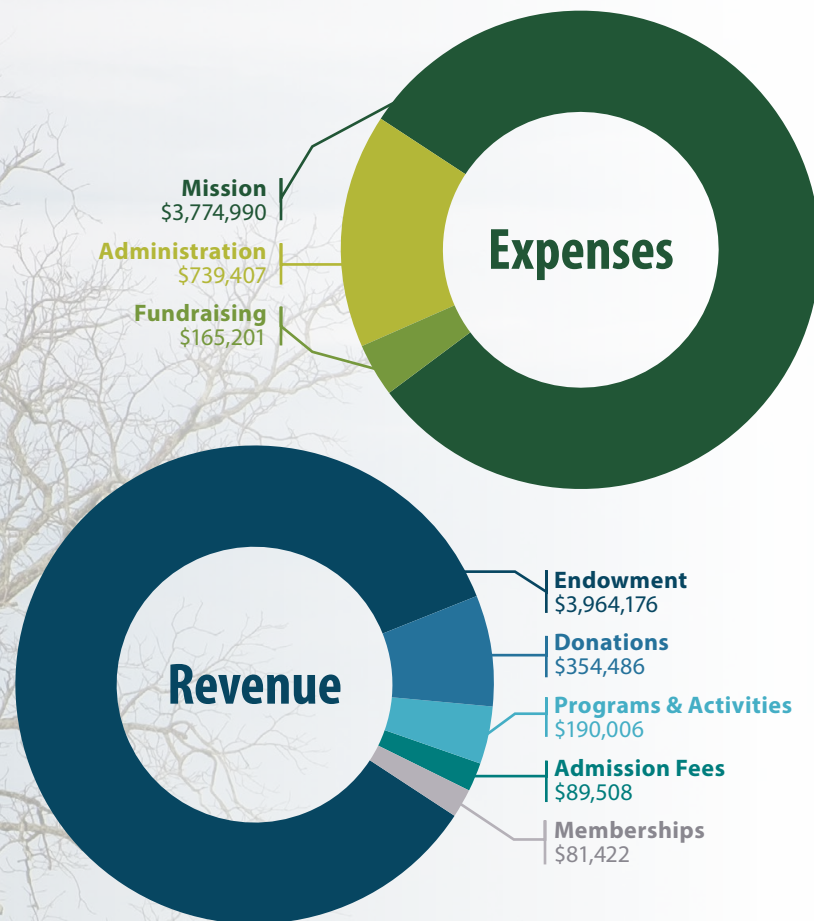
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technicians become
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through the National Association
of Landscape Professionals



Fiscal Year 2019-2020

The Dawes Arboretum is pleased to present a snapshot of the operating revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year. The Arboretum strives to strengthen its financial foundation to ensure long-term success. Financial statements are submitted annually to an independent accounting firm for audit. To obtain a copy of the financial statement, call 800.44.DAWES.



Tributes and Memorials

The Dawes Arboretum is honored by your gift, given during Fiscal Year 2020, to celebrate and remember your loved ones. Your support assists The Arboretum in fulfilling its mission of enriching lives through the conservation of trees and nature.

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Di Erickson
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Judy Null
John and Hope Perfect
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Karel Ruml
Barbara M. Ryan
Walter Schlemmer
Gladys Small
Nancy Strawser
Joshua Sunkle
Cathy Vogelmeier
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Joe L. Yee

In Honor of:

Dr. Amy Acton
Mary Jane Bolon
Seth Ellington
Robert and Wendy Kremer
Rich Larson
The staff of The Dawes Arboretum
Ben and Cathy Weaver



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