

DELAWARE BOTANIC GARDENS

Annual Report 2018

Countdown to Open the Garden Gates

“It’s probably time to start paying attention to what’s taking place near Dagsboro. In fact, it’s probably past that time, because the freight train that is Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek is already rolling down the proverbial track. And it is only picking up steam now. The Delaware Botanic Garden is going to be a really big deal.”

—DARIN J. MCCANN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, COASTAL POINT,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2018



OUR MISSION is to create a world-class, inspirational, educational, and sustainable public botanic garden in southern Delaware for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

OUR VISION is for beautiful, engaging gardens that inspire and educate.

OUR VALUES encompass inspirational gardens, environmental stewardship, community focus, education and research, organizational transparency, financial responsibility, and civility and respect.



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As DBG entered 2018, it had been six years since the organization had received its IRS nonprofit status. It

would be three years since our first major foundation grant — \$750,000 from Longwood Foundation in December 2015. Just two years since our Official Ground Breaking in December 2016. One year since the first phase planting of the Piet Oudolf Meadow. The speed of events and the achievement of these major milestones required us as individuals and as an organization to pause and consider how and when we would complete the vision and make a public garden in Sussex County a reality.

If 2017 was DBG’s emergence from a farm field to a developing garden, 2018 needed to be the year DBG transitioned from an aspiring project to a real destination on the cusp of “Opening the Garden Gates.” Difficult choices and important decisions had to be made; financial resources had to be raised. Throughout this process DBG has remained a volunteer-directed and volunteer-driven organization. The level of commitment and dedication demonstrated by our volunteer Board and our Futures Committee enabled us to clearly identify the goals and vision for the future of DBG. Throughout this important buildout process, the volunteer Garden Stewards have enabled the garden to continue to flourish. These combined efforts have empowered the DBG organization to new levels of achievement.

Throughout the project’s seven year history, the DBG mission and DBG values have kept us grounded and focused. This 2018 Annual Report highlights the key accomplishments of the entire DBG community — our Board, Advisory Council, Volunteer Garden Stewards, staff, and Business partners and donors. These outcomes exemplify their collective commitment to create inspiring, educational and naturally sustainable gardens that engage our community and which envision its future.

As we move toward the 2019 Grand Opening, we do so with a clear sense of what still must be accomplished before September 2019. For those of you who have been with us from the very beginning, we thank you for your continued persistence; for those who have joined the DBG journey, we thank you for the new energy and ideas you have added; and for those of you who are just learning about DBG, we invite you to get on board and help us.

“Open the Garden Gates.” It is never too late!

Raymond J. Sander
President

Sheryl J. Swed
Executive Director





Inspiring THE PUBLIC WITH FORWARD-LOOKING GARDENS OF BEAUTY, CULTURE, AND COASTAL CHARACTER

2018 was a milestone year with the completion of three major DBG gardens and building of a rustic, inviting Welcome Center. Although we know a garden is always a work in progress and is never truly “completed”, more than 200 community volunteers, staff members, and supporting business partners worked diligently to accomplish this first phase of the DBG Master Plan.

- **Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden:** the jewel of DBG’s crown: a two-acre all-season “infinity” garden comprised of 85% native Delaware coastal and 15% pollinator-compatible perennials and grasses. In early spring, 17,000 plants were planted by DBG’s volunteer Garden Stewards, and by June 30, over **70,000 plants** were installed.
- **Dogfish Head Learning Garden:** comprised of a **Wetland Outdoor Classroom**, a created wetland for “hands on” student study and scientific analysis, and three **“Inland Dunes”** that surround the wetland to recreate a virtually extinct riverine habitat once found in forests along the Nanticoke River. Dogfish Head’s Beer and Benevolence Program¹ made this critical educational venue possible.



Restored wetlands in the Dogfish Head Learning Garden

¹Sam and Mariah Calagione; Mark Carter, Dogfish Head Craft Brewery

- **Folly Garden:** a unique coastal garden built on the site of the former 20th Century farmhouse at the east edge of the Woodlands. Spring 2018 brought **25,000 bulbs** to life in and around the original foundation. Visitors commented that they find the “restful” Folly provides a sense of place that characterizes early Delaware Shore farmhouse gardens.
- **Woodland Garden:** DBG’s intrinsic natural wonder, a **12-acre riparian forest** with freshwater wetlands, provides habitat for diverse coastal creatures and ecologically connects the DBG upland garden habitats to 1,000 feet of riverine shoreline along Pepper Creek. In 2018, the Woodland Garden was tailored into a destination by adding 1.8-miles of ADA-compliant natural woodland trails leading to the shoreline and several large iconic birds’ nests that mimic nature and support public events.
- **Welcome Center:** Depicting a 20’ x 30’ cedar potting shed from days gone by, the Welcome Center edges the woodland on the west and will support visitor entry and sale of garden collectibles. On June 28, the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) Senior Vice President, Bill Allan, presented a check for \$25,000 to help build the new Welcome Center. Construction was completed by November with ADA-compliant ramps and outdoor decks.

“We have been part of this project when the garden first acquired the land from Sussex County Land Trust. It’s exciting to witness the gardens evolve from the earlier renderings to now having thousands of plants in the ground.”

—BILL ALLAN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Educating BY EXAMPLE AND TRANSFERRING KNOWLEDGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

In June, Girl Scout Troop 20566 from York, PA raised their own money, bought 500 plants including four Redbud trees, drove to DBG, and planted a new woodlands edge garden, which we now call the “Girl Scout Garden.” Special thanks to Troop Leaders Wendy Brister and Marie Moore. The smiles, laughter and hard work of these Girl Scouts brought a youthful spirit to DBG. Girl Scout Catarina Brigham observed,

“This is such a pretty and calming place, I like the gardens.”

Sussex Central High School (SCHS) science students conducted a biological study on the Dogfish Learning Garden’s newly created Wetlands Outdoor Classroom. Students divided up into three groups: one studied native plants and prepared a guide of 30 wetland species; one took water samples for analysis from the Wetlands Outdoor Classroom; and one took soil samples throughout the gardens. Student Ashleigh Steel walked in the cool woodlands saying,

“I like the variety of environments within the gardens. There is something for everybody.”

Twenty-five Longwood Gardens Interns, along with DBG volunteers, weeded the Meadow Garden and transferred plants from the temporary nursery to the lower section of the meadow. Longwood Garden’s Director of Domestic and International programs, Dr. Brian W. Trader, thanked DBG for engaging the students.

And 2018 was a year that initiated DBG partnerships with academia and the National Estuary Program. Karen Steenhoudt, a Landscape Architecture graduate student at Temple University, worked with Gregg Tepper on her “Capstone Project”² to collaborate with DBG and the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) on the restoration of DBG’s eroding Pepper Creek shoreline. The project proposes using Living Shoreline techniques that promote natural, sustainable solutions to reduce erosion, increase bank sedimentation, regrow buffer vegetation, and stabilize the riverine coastline. Application was made to DNREC for project funding and technical support. Completion of Karen’s Living Shoreline Conceptual Design was expected in spring 2019, with Final Design and implementation in the 2019-2020 timeframe. The DBG Living Shoreline will serve as a future demonstration site for knowledge transfer of natural shoreline stabilization solutions versus the more commonly used “hard-armored” tactics such as bulkheads and rock walls.



Sussex Central High School students visit the Dogfish Head Learning Garden.

²Capstone Restoration Design Project: a Temple University-required graduate-level research and design project with internship in ecological restoration



Sustaining OUR COASTAL ENVIRONMENT USING PROTECTIVE PRACTICES

DBG's commitment to sustainability has as its charge the protection of the environmentally endangered waters of Pepper Creek and Inland Bays Watershed. This commitment can be seen in both its implementation of its Master Plan design and use of Integrated Pest/Vegetation Management (IPM/IVM) practices.

Design-wise, 2018 saw the creation of new habitat transition zones at the Woodland edge (the Girl Scout Garden), the Inland Dunes that surround the Wetland Outdoor Classroom, and the Piney Neck Street Tree Project. In early 2018, Delaware Forest Service's Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program awarded DBG a \$5,000 grant to purchase and plant street trees along the Piney Neck Road entrance area. By September 2018, 270 deciduous and evergreen native trees were purchased and planted along Piney Neck Road by the DBG volunteers. DBG staff tunneled a watering system to the trees, and staked the young trees to prevent our Nor'easter winds from interfering with their health.

Protective benefits of DBG's design implemented in 2018 include the following:

- The transitional edge gardens provide connections for fauna and flora propagation, protection, and communication.
- The Inland Dunes encourage the movement of stormwater into the created wetland, where non-point source pollution filtration occurs.
- Street trees provide privacy to the garden's adjacent neighborhood, and more importantly, reduce stormwater runoff, filter road pollutants and excess yard nutrients, and sequester excess carbon from the air.

DBG implements both IVM and IPM approaches to control pests, invasives, and disease. This involves close monitoring of plants and trees as they arrive at the gardens and as they grow, using the least toxic method of controlling pests/disease (i.e. no non-natural pesticides or herbicides), and using disease-resistant native plants in planting designs that reduce the viability of unwanted species. The Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden is designed using a "matrix gardening" approach that uses native plants situated in patterns to provide resistance to destructive pests and diseases. This garden is self-sustaining in that 1) the native and pollinator-compatible plants themselves attract desired birds, bees, butterflies, and other natural pest predators; and 2) they are situated in a design that supports neighboring plant nourishment and protection.³



Planting Forest Service Street Trees

To achieve this goal, DBG staff and Garden Stewards performed manual removal of all weeds, non-native species, and pest control throughout the gardens in 2018. Staff performed localized weed control using torches along the stone pathways. In August, volunteers and staff "raised the roof" on two hoop houses sponsored by East Coast Garden Center and board member Brent Baker. Hoop houses provide a place to nurture new DBG arrivals for early control of disease and invaders if present. DBG maintains an annual IVM contract with Envirotech for invasives control along the shoreline and stormwater management basins.

³thepaintboxgarden.com; gardenista.com/posts/10-garden-ideas-to-steal-from-superstar-dutch-designer-piet-oudolf/



Engaging THE COMMUNITY TO BUILD AND RUN A GARDEN ENTERPRISE

Whether it be planting over 70,000 meadow perennials and grasses; baring the roots of over 300 trees and shrubs; digging holes for over 25,000 Folly Garden bulbs; weeding, mulching, watering, debris maintenance (4,672 hours), the DBG volunteer Garden Stewards logged 7,685 total hours in 2018 with perseverance, drive, and commitment.



Piet Oudolf presentation at Inn at Montchanin

Board Vice President Carol McCloud and Director of Horticulture Gregg Tepper led 170 active volunteers for 112 working days. That many hours and days mean that it does take a village... and many individuals, communities, businesses, and organizations... dedicated to the single purpose of making DBG a much-

needed, successful botanic garden enterprise. Piet Oudolf paid tribute to the DBG volunteers saying that one of the key reasons he decided to create the meadow was because of its hard working volunteers.

“I want to know that if I create something, there will be people after I leave who are going to keep it alive. I have never seen such a group of dedicated people before. These are skilled people who know what they are doing.”

In-kind service from the DBG local business community is another critical success factor to the opening of the DBG gates. That in-kind support

brought much-needed electricity to the DBG site. DBG thanks Delaware Electric Coop’s President Bill Andrew, Nickle Electrical’s owner Steve Dignan and Board member Peter Carter, who enabled DBG to finally plug into the grid. In May, the noise of the portable gas electric generators finally fell silent—DBG had electric power at last!

DBG also welcomed in-kind support from the award-winning SEA Studio Architects in Bethany Beach for Welcome Center interior design recommendations. Scott and Jen Edmonston have received awards for environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost effective buildings throughout Delaware and in the Mid-Atlantic. The DBG Welcome Center exemplifies those same principles.

In 2018, our Sussex County legislators and councilmen engaged their colleagues to support DBG operations. The Delaware State Legislature passed the “Bond Bill” which included \$100,000 for DBG. Sussex County Council funded a \$3000 sponsorship from their grant funding. DBG truly appreciates the efforts by State Senator Gerald Hocker, Representative Ron Gray, Speaker of the House Peter Schwartzkopf, and the Sussex County Council to make this possible.

“We started to build a garden and at the same time we built a family of volunteers, supporters and friends. We treasure our DBG Family.”



Volunteer Liz Lear

—RAYMOND J. SANDER, DBG PRESIDENT



Envisioning... READYING THE GARDENS FOR THE FUTURE

2018 programs, projects, and activities continued to demonstrate DBG’s commitment to creating inspiring, educational, and naturally sustainable gardens that engage our community. What was envisioned as “Phase 1” in the 2016 Master Plan⁴ is coming to fruition with the following 2018 elements:

- Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden
- Dogfish Head Learning Garden with Wetland Outdoor Classroom
- ADA-Accessible Woodland Garden
- Folly Garden, a Delaware shore farmhouse garden
- Collaboration with the Inland Bays National Estuary Program and the State for a 2019 Living Shoreline restoration along Pepper Creek
- Infrastructure (Welcome Center, electricity, and garden pathways)

The above achievements, made possible by the support of a huge community of volunteers; the establishment of a multitude of business partnerships; and a small but truly dedicated staff, gave DBG significant advances in 2018. This year set the stage for the future: opening the gates in 2019; continuing the implementation of the well-designed Master Plan; and ensuring a legacy botanic garden in Southern Delaware.

Ryan Revel, Sussex Central High School biology teacher said of the gardens, “I think a lot of learning happened here today. I envision these students bringing their children here someday.”



⁴Robinson, Anderson, Summers, Inc., Landscape Architects

GARDEN STEWARDS

As reported in *Volgistics* for 2018

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Kay Ellis
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Christopher Fecko
Linda Federman
Lester Ferguson
Antoinette Filiaggi

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Special Events

- DBG Sip & Saunter Garden Party / Piet Oudolf Annual Visit, May 4, 2018
- DBG Annual Dinner Party at the Meadows Garden, September 6, 2018



Tent at 2018 Dinner Party fundraiser

Educational Activities

- Sussex Central High School – IB Science Class (5/31/2018)
- Girl Scout Troop #20566, York, PA (6/18-19/2018)
- University of Delaware Landscape Architecture Students(Bridge Project) (8/24/2018)
- Macro Special Interest Group for Coastal Camera Club (8/09/2018)
- OSHER LifeLong Learning Class (UD) (10/06/2018; 10/17/2018)
- Meadow Garden Learning Day (for Docents; 10/12/2018)

Private Tours

- Delaware Center of Horticulture & Urban Forester (2/28/2018, 6/18/2018)
- Pennsylvania Horticulture Society (5/10/2018)
- Rehoboth Beach Village Improvement Association (5/23/2018)
- Coastal Camera Club (6/12/2018;9/21/2018)
- Garden Club of Millsboro (8/10/2018)
- Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, MD (8/21/2018)
- Crystal Trust (8/21/2018)
- Sussex County Master Gardeners (9/11/2018)
- Delaware Invasive Species Council (9/13/2018)
- The Ridings Garden Club (9/17/2018)
- Barefoot Gardeners Club (10/15/2018)
- Osher LifeLong Learning (UD)/Tour (10/17/2018)
- Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (11/14/2018)

Presentations

- Landscape Design Symposium at Connecticut College Arboretum (1/18/2018)
- Chevy Chase Club (2/04/2018)
- Worcester County Garden Club (2/12/2018)
- Cokesbury Garden Club (2/28/2018; 3/13/2018)
- Philadelphia Flower Show (3/12/2018)
- Lancaster Garden Club (3/13/2018)
- Tanger Outlets (3/14/2018)
- Garden Club of Wilmington (4/02/2018)
- Plantation Lakes (4/09/2018)
- Lower Shore Land Trust (4/11/2018)
- Delaware Native Plant Society (4/14/18)
- Delaware Hospitality Expo (4/17/2018)
- Kendal at Longwood (4/23/2018)
- Sussex Economic and Development Action Committee (SEDAC) (4/27/2018)
- Delaware Community Foundation (5/04/2018)
- Millersville Native Plant Conference (6/09/2018)
- Lewes In Bloom (6/12/2018)
- Americana Bayside Community, Fenwick Island, DE (7/12/2018)
- Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, (7/18/2018)
- Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (9/18/2018)
- Plantation Lakes Garden Club (10/03/2018)
- Horticultural Society of Maryland (10/09/2018)
- Merriweather Garden Center (10/13/2018)
- West Chester Garden Club (10/16/2018)
- Salt Air Gardeners (10/19/2018)
- Delaware Invasive Species Council Annual Meeting (10/30/2018)
- Garden Club of Chevy Chase & the Perennial Garden Club (11/13/2018)
- Sussex Gardeners Club (11/15/2018)
- Delaware Valley Hosta Society (11/17/2018)

Exhibits and Community Service

- Jayne's Reliable Peace, Love and Earth Day (4/21/2018)
- Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Native Plant Sale (5/05//2018)
- Bear Trap Dunes Community Volunteer Day (6/21/2018)
- Longwood Garden Interns (6/21/2018)
- Winterthur Volunteers (6/23/2018)
- Beach to Bay Cottage Tour (7/2018)
- Camp Rehoboth Volunteer Days (7/11/2018; 11/14/2018)
- Rehoboth Beach Farmers Market (7/17/2018)
- Dagsboro Night Out (8/07/2018)
- CIB Decked Out 2018 Silent Auction
- Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Volunteer Day (10/25/2018)
- Easter Seals "Walk with Me" (11/21/2018)

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The following donors made gifts from January 1 through December 31, 2018, through Annual Giving, Capital Campaign, In Kind Giving, and Matching Gifts/Sponsorships from Special Events.

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Sussex County Land Trust
Wakefield Family Fund

CORPORATE GIVING

\$10,000 and above

Dogfish Head Companies
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\$1,000 to \$9,999

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Gateway Garden Center
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Jefferson, Urian, Doane &
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North Creek Nurseries
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\$500 to \$999

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Bank of Delmarva
Companion Plantings
Dagsboro Paint & Wallpaper
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Coastal Gardeners
Delaware Invasive Species
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\$10,000 to \$49,999

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\$5,000 to \$9,999

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Joan Sharp
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Lawrence & Margaret Brain
Phillip Cheung
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Bob Heffeman &
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Sen. Gerald & Mrs. Emily Hocker
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Diane Maddex
Janet & Ray McCabe
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William O'Neill
Duane Salenger
Sharon & Bruce Schoonover
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Steven & Susan Soulas
Karen Steenhoudt
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Carolyn Wakefield
Grant & Cathy Watchorn

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Candice Evans
Nora Evans
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Lorraine Fleming
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Nancy Frederick
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Francis Grant-Suttie
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Suzanne Harper
Sarah Harrison
Christine Hastings
Janet Hess
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 Raymond & Kate Sander
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 Frank Dorn
 Regina & Max Sewald
 Thomas & Judith Sharp
 Moira Sheridan
 Karen Shupe & Norman Bowles
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 Joan Smith
 Carole Somers
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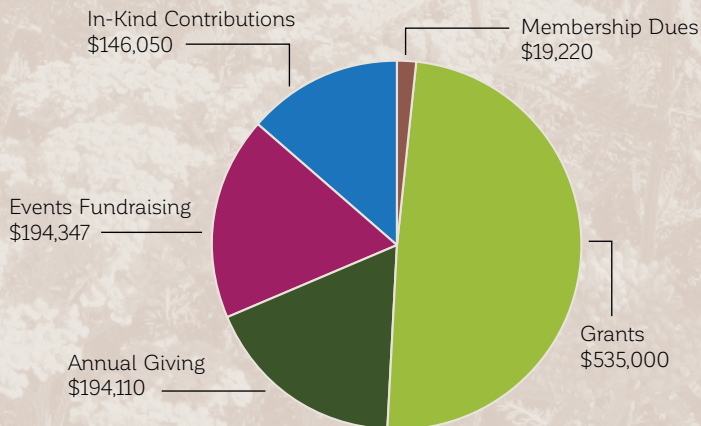
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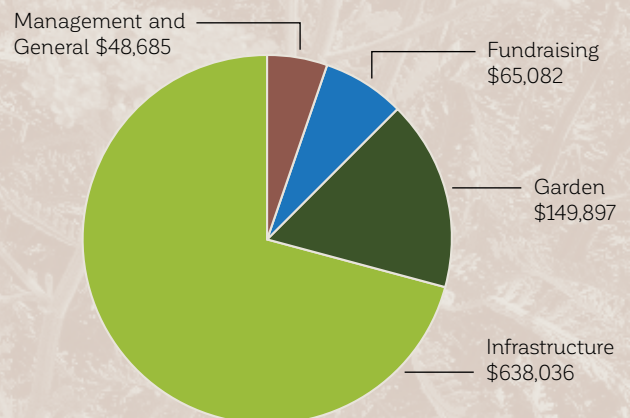
DBG CAPITAL AND OPERATING INCOME

2018 Income Total \$1,087,277
 (including \$1,450 investment loss)



DBG CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES

2018 Expenditures Total \$901,700



The true value of the DBG 37-acre site is not reflected in the in-kind income. The land was last valued at \$1.2 million and the Sussex County Land Trust leases it to DBG for \$1 per year for 99 years, renewable twice.

The creation of the Delaware Botanic Gardens is a community endeavor which has involved hundreds of dedicated Delawareans and scores of generous regional and local businesses.

—SHERYL J. SWED,
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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT THE GARDEN GATES...

- Become a member
- Volunteer in the gardens as a Garden Steward, Welcome Center docent, or in an administrative role
- Learn about naming rights opportunities in memory of or in tribute to a loved one
- Introduce a friend to the Garden



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