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COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012



Happy Birthday to Us!

BY SUSAN REID RUSSELL,
PRESIDENT

Birthdays are fun, and it's a marvel to think that this summer we're celebrating two important ones: our fifth since opening to the public in 2007, and our twentieth since our founding. Over the years, I've been fortunate to visit a number of botanical gardens in this country and abroad, most of them decades, even centuries, old. In each I've learned about plants new to me and felt how gardens inspire a sense of a timeless connection with the natural world and their specific environments. I suspect I'm prejudiced, but when I come back to our own Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, I am freshly impressed by how we look and feel so much a part of our remarkable landscape that it's hard to remember that we're a relative baby—although an extraordinarily precocious one!—in the botanical garden world.

We may be young, but we have a strong vision of our future as a model 21st century garden. In our relatively short past, we have learned the importance of careful planning, transformational philanthropic

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READY, SET, GROW!

We're serving up a great season, and you're invited to dig in! Our gardens are bursting to overflowing, thanks to Mother Nature and our skilled horticulture staff. Exciting education programs are ready and waiting for you, no matter what your age or interests. Special events will be bigger and better and more fun than ever, and our art shows and concerts will be exceptional. Great volunteer opportunities abound.

The Gardens Gift Shop is open in its expanded, and beautiful, space; the membership office and new resource room are where the shop was; our admissions desk is larger with a more efficient design; and the Kitchen Garden Café is offering new menu items—all the better to serve you. You'll find other changes, too, for what do the best gardens do best? They change and grow!

Speaking of growing, don't miss the "GROW!" insert in this issue. In it you'll find our detailed calendar for the summer. Much of what it holds relates to this year's Feathers and Foliage theme. ♡BHF

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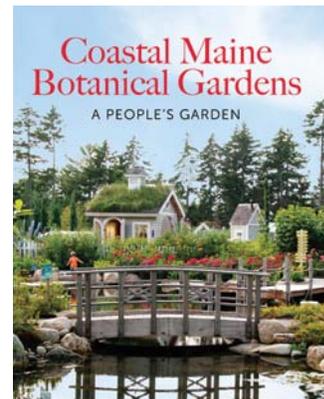
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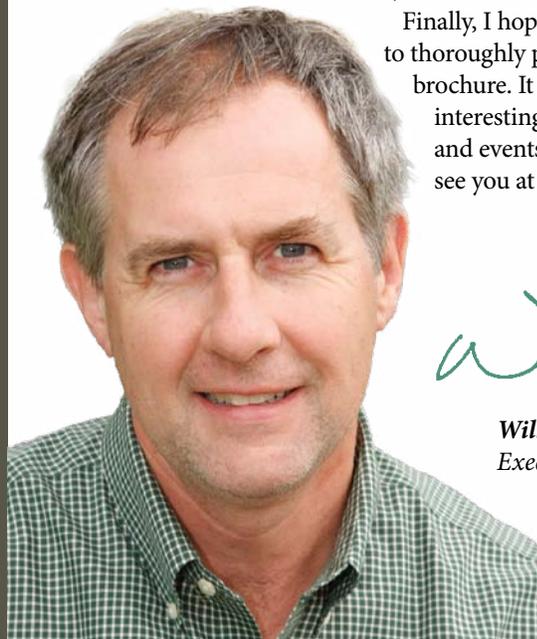
A People's Garden

2012 marks two important anniversaries for us. Twenty years ago a fledgling organization calling itself Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens incorporated in Boothbay, beginning a fifteen-year journey that culminated with the official opening of the gardens and visitor center in 2007. To celebrate the twentieth and fifth anniversaries of our founding and opening, respectively, we have partnered with Down East Books to produce a lavish accounting of our story entitled *Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens: A People's Garden* that will be available this summer. Interspersed with more than 150 beautiful images, the text details the remarkable story of a group of dedicated volunteers and staff who turned the improbable dream of a botanical garden for Maine into a magnificent reality.



Our founders could have never imagined that we expect to welcome nearly 100,000 visitors in 2012; and to accommodate these guests, including you, our valued members, we have been making some major changes to the Visitor Center this winter. The Gardens Gift Shop has been completely redesigned and moved to the former library space off Kerr Hall, freeing up room to expand the admissions desk and create a library and resource room, as well as a membership office and express check-in window for you when you arrive. We've completed work on the Burpee Kitchen Garden and terrace to create additional Kitchen Garden Café seating in a more enclosed and intimate setting. To assist our guests with mobility challenges, we have purchased three new electric mobility scooters that will be available for a modest rental charge and will allow access to all of the central campus, Haney Hillside Garden, and parts of the shoreland. I am confident you will simply love the new shop, membership offices, and these other additions.

Finally, I hope you'll take the time to thoroughly peruse our GROW! brochure. It is filled with fun and interesting classes, workshops, and events. Thank you and I'll see you at the Gardens!



William Cullina,
Executive Director

Mission Statement: The mission of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is to protect, preserve and enhance the botanical heritage and natural landscapes of coastal Maine for people of all ages through horticulture, education and research.

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Welcome New Board Members

We like to introduce new members of the Gardens' boards. Below are brief bios of one new Director and three new Overseers. Welcome, and thank you for your time and commitment as you volunteer for the Gardens in this role and in other ways!

J. Colby Wallace *(Board of Directors)*



Colby and his wife, Kathryn, are partners in the Portland law firm of Bernstein Shur Sawyer & Nelson, practicing in the area of trusts and estates. He is a native of Topsham and spent many summers working in various gardens in Harpswell for Earthheart Gardens. Colby and Kathryn live in South Portland with two young boys. He is a member of the Planned Giving Committee of Maine Medical Center and also holds positions in professional organizations related to his profession. He is a graduate of Boston University and the University of Maine School of Law.

Barbara Lawrence Alfond *(Board of Overseers)*



Barbara and her husband, Ted, divide their time between Weston, Massachusetts; Belgrade, Maine; and Vail, Colorado. She reads and cooks in all those places; and if she's lucky, some of her nine grandchildren are there, too. She's not above bribing any of the "numinous nine" to take her to the Gardens. She recently completed her tenure as President of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and continues as a trustee, chairing the Gifts of Art and Development committees. Barbara is chair of the Board of Governors of the Colby College Museum of Art, and Ted is a governor. She is a former vice-chair of the Rollins College Board of Trustees, where she co-chaired its first \$100 million campaign, and of the Holderness School Board of Trustees.

David R. Emery *(Board of Overseers)*



David and his wife, Glenda, have been members of the Gardens for a number of years and have been strong supporters of our organization. They have a home on Spruce Point and spend winters in Nashville, Tennessee, where he is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Healthcare Realty Trust, a New York Stock Exchange listed company. Healthcare Realty primarily invests in medical office buildings and outpatient facilities located in many areas of the country. He has been active in commercial real estate for more than 40 years.

Judith W. Parkhill *(Board of Overseers)*



Judy and her husband, Sam, moved to Freeport from Dover, Mass., seven years ago to be closer to their daughter and family who live in the greater Portland area. She was a strategy, marketing and sales consultant who has taught business strategy at Babson College. Before moving to Maine, she held a senior executive position at Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, one of New England's premier HMOs. She is President of the Wolfe's Neck Farm's Board of Directors, a former Trustee of the Holderness School, and an avid gardener.

GARDENS STAFF

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' administrative, education, marketing, philanthropy, and finance staff offices are in the Bosarge Family Education Center. The membership and volunteer offices, admissions desk, and visitor services, rentals, facilities, and special events staff are in the Visitor Center. Horticulture offices are in the Kulp Horticulture Building. To e-mail Gardens staff members, use their first initial and last name @mainegardens.org (exception Valerie@). By phone, call 207-633-4333 and use the extensions below.

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Gardens Gift Shop (ext. 113)

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SEASONAL STAFF AND INTERNS

We couldn't do without our seasonal staff and interns and thank them for helping everything at the Gardens run smoothly. Here are the names available at press time:

Administration: Wendy Palmer

Buildings & Grounds Assistants: T.J. Dowling

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Visitor Services Supervisors: Erin Garey, Elaine Harlow, Tim McFadden, Gaye Wagner, Suzi Whittemore

Visitor Services Assistants: Prudence Bean, Margo Glunt, Sally Miller, Ann Springhorn

Volunteer Coordinator Interns: Elizabeth Glunt, Amanda Lavigueur

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Michael Marr, Zack Morton

HORTICULTURE NEWS:

Formalizing and Expanding Our Collections

BY WILLIAM CULLINA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is moving forward with plans to establish several national plant collections through the North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC). To quote from the NAPCC website, "NAPCC Collections holders make germplasm available for selection and breeding, taxonomic study evaluation, utilization, and other research purposes. NAPCC Collections may function as reference collections for plant identification and cultivar registration. Their curators are tapped as authorities and share their expertise through scholarly publications and presentations. NAPCC participants can also serve as centers of information about taxonomy, horticulture, conservation, exploration, and research efforts."

In addition to Japanese dogwoods, lady's slippers, and Solomon's seals, we are considering the genus *Epimedium* and its relatives. This ancient tribe contains roughly 60 species with a center of distribution in the mountains of central China. Currently we have just under half the known species as well as a number of hybrids growing here, but we were very excited to learn that the North American authority on the genus, Darrell Probst of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, is willing



The rare *Epimedium simplicifolium*

to share his entire collection of more than 300 selections with us. It will take our propagator, Sharmon Provan, a few years to build up numbers on specific plants, but look for more and more of these tough and beautiful woodland plants appearing in the gardens over the next few years.

The *Epimedium simplicifolium* pictured is from Darrell Probst's collections. It is a very rare species native to only one valley and is still very uncommon in cultivation; it took Darrell and his assistant several years to locate seeds.

JOIN US IN JOINING MAINE AUDUBON

As you already know, the best way you can support Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is by joining our family of dedicated members. Our theme this year is Feathers and Foliage, and we're collaborating with Maine Audubon on several levels—including membership!

In 2012, members of the Gardens will receive special pricing on Maine Audubon membership—only \$20 for an Individual membership or \$25 for a Household membership for a full year! With a 160-year history in the state, Maine Audubon is recognized statewide as a trusted resource for environmental education and wildlife conservation. Maine Audubon membership includes fantastic discounts on family and adult programming, discounts in the Maine Audubon Nature stores, and a subscription to Maine Audubon's quarterly publication, *Habitat*.

No matter what part of Maine you enjoy, Maine Audubon has wildlife sanctuaries nearby for you! Join the Gardens in joining Maine Audubon TODAY!

Go to www.MaineAudubon.org, call 207-781-2330 ext. 230 or visit their headquarters at Gilsland Farm in Falmouth.

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Villards' Work Now at MoMA

We're proud to announce that work by Kim and Philippe Villard has been acquired by the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. The hand-bound series of color woodcuts depicting the Boothbay region's natural history, including stunning images of the Gardens grounds, is now in the MoMA Libraries' permanent collection. The image shown, from "Mycologic," Volume 2, is of lichens sketched on our Maine Woods Trail. The series of handmade books, along with several more of the artists' books, can be seen at the museum by appointment.

The Villards were not only artists-in-residence at the Gardens in 2011, presenting workshops, demonstrations, and an exhibit of printmaking through the ages; but they were also the very first artists to have an exhibit in our Visitor Center, during the 2007 inaugural season.

For more information, contact Villard Studios at voila.art@live.com.



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Whatever Your Reason, We Have the Rental Space

Are you looking for the perfect spot for a wedding, rehearsal dinner, or reception? Or perhaps you want to host a memorable birthday or anniversary party. Or maybe your company or organization would like to hold a meeting or conference in attractive surroundings. We've got just the place!

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens offers rental spaces both indoors and out. The setting is stunningly beautiful in all seasons, and the facilities are well

equipped. We also offer fun-filled, educational children's birthday parties. Our experienced staff can help you explore all your options and assist you with the rental arrangements.

For more details, contact the rental department at 207-633-4333, option 6, or rentals@mainegardens.org. You can also find a wealth of information online at www.MaineGardens.org under Events & Programs and then Gardens Rental. We look forward to celebrating with you!



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A Pair of Great Volunteer Opportunities

BY **AMANDA RUSSELL**, VISITOR SERVICES MANAGER AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

As the season begins, there are two critical volunteer areas still to be filled; we need Children's Garden Stewards and Resource Room Stewards.

Children's Garden Stewards are extensively trained by our Education Department staff. Once a week, they come to the Gardens to read stories and help children explore nature through Activity Stations that come with easy-to-understand directions and materials all organized and ready to use. A daily To-Do List includes feeding the chickens (children love to help) and sweeping the Story Barn (children love to sweep, too!). Stewards learn about the different literary features in the Children's Garden so they

can excite children about reading and nature. Being a Steward in this wondrous part of the Gardens is a lot of fun. Remaining open shifts and days are: 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday or Sunday; noon-2:30 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday; and 2:30-5:00 p.m. on Thursday or Saturday.

Resource Room Stewards are new to the Gardens Volunteer Program this year. The "old" gift shop space has been turned into a resource room where visitors can just drop in. Stewards answer basic plant and gardening questions, show people how to use the FloraFind database and iPod audio tour, and explain how to download our audio tour app to phones.

They invite visitors to browse a featured and revolving selection of books, as well as our standard reference collection. Resource Room Stewards are comfortable using the Internet and answering questions and will work closely with Volunteer Librarian Pat Jeremiah and Director of Education Melissa Cullina. This is a perfect opportunity for master gardeners, horticulturists and technology enthusiasts to have fun volunteering at the Gardens. This program starts June 15; shifts are any day of the week, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-5 p.m.

To learn more, contact Amanda Russell at 207-633-4333, ext. 107, or arussell@mainegardens.org.

And the Scott Medal Winner Is...Bill Cullina!



Bill Cullina with the Scott Medal and Swarthmore College President Rebecca Chopp

Executive Director Bill Cullina was in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, on March 11 to accept what is widely considered the most prestigious honor in the field of horticulture: the Scott Medal and Award from the famed Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College.

The award was established in 1929 to recognize individuals who, in the opinion of the selection committee, have made outstanding national contributions to the science and art of gardening. The committee noted that this year's prize, which includes a significant cash award,

acknowledges Bill's "...achievement of great merit" and recognizes his "work in creating and developing a wider interest in gardening."

"We are very proud of Bill's well-deserved national recognition, and feel lucky that he is our Executive Director," said Gardens President Susan Russell. "His winning the prestigious Scott Award confirms what we all say around Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, that Bill is a 'rock star of horticulture.' He's made our Gardens a must-see for any visitor to New England." Congratulations, Bill!

News Galore from Our Café

When you visit the Kitchen Garden Café this year, you'll notice some changes. Yes, we'll continue to offer delicious dishes in a remarkably beautiful setting. And yes, the emphasis will be on presenting fresh, healthy, and tasty local foods. In fact, some are very local; they come directly from our own kitchen garden and the "taste" section of our sensory garden! Of course, the popular Kitchen Garden Dinner Series will continue with new and returning chefs from Maine's finest restaurants.

So then what's new? Plenty!

Laura Francis is now overseeing the Kitchen Garden Café and bringing her culinary talents to the fore as the new Food and Beverage Services Manager. Laura will be familiar to many of our

visitors, both from her time on our Café staff in the past and from her more than 30 years in positions as both chef and management in the region. She is passionate about what she does and has a loyal following of patrons.

Laura is looking forward to cooking up a raft of delectable items for you all season. While the most popular menu items are still available, she's expanding the choices to include new salads, sandwiches, paninis and desserts.

In addition, we're hoping to be able to offer wine and beer in the Kitchen Garden Café before long, and we may even be expanding our hours.

Another change is in the space available for enjoying food from the



Laura Francis brings her expertise and passion to the Kitchen Garden Café. PHOTO BY KRIS FOLSOM

Café. We've expanded our Café Terrace so you're not only dining at the Gardens; you're dining in the garden!

Stop by soon for palate-pleasing dishes and treats in spectacular surroundings.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy Birthday to Us!

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investment, and bedrock support by a growing number of loyal members like you. Those elements will be even more important as we look out 10, 25, 50 years, so that our Gardens will speak not only to people my age, but also to young families, and even those as yet unborn, who will carry the torch in the decades to come. The Master Planning process we are now engaged in will give shape, timing and specificity to these dreams, and we hope to involve many of you as in the coming months we plan our exciting future.

I am grateful to you for your support, and look forward to seeing you at the Gardens this summer!

Mobility Scooter Rentals

NEW!

The Gardens is proud to offer the opportunity to rent Mobility Scooters to visitors. Renting these new scooters is a great opportunity for those who may not otherwise be able to experience the full extent of our Gardens' main campus. By renting a scooter, visitors can self-tour the central gardens, including most of our popular destinations.

Visitors can rent the scooters on a first-come, first-served basis at the front desk in the Visitor Center by paying the fee and leaving their car keys as security. Times to rent are as follows: either for or within the time frames of 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 1:00-4:45 p.m. The fee is \$25/time frame. For more information, call our office at 633-4333, ext. 101, or visit the front desk.

The Shop Around the Corner—*Please Visit Soon!*

We are very pleased and excited to announce that the Gardens Gift Shop has moved to more spacious new digs in the Visitor Center. The new locale, formerly used as library, meeting, and office space, has about 20 percent more floor area but lots more cubic feet. We opened for the season on April 7, after months of planning and hard work by staff and volunteers alike. The response from returning visitors has been overwhelmingly positive.

Everything was planned to be visually appealing and welcoming. We were able to use all the fixtures from the old shop, and somehow they look like they were made just for the new space! The walls are now painted white, and we installed special retail lighting. We have a glorious check-out counter big enough to accommodate two cash registers to more efficiently serve our customers. There is plenty of room to get around with strollers and wheelchairs, and everyone will get a chance to take their time and enjoy!

An installation of birch tree trunks in the center of the store sets the stage for our garden-themed products. A selection of songbirds has been gathered in honor of our Feathers and Foliage theme for 2012. They include locally crafted ceramic pieces, primitive wooden birds from New England, and some felted birds from further away. And as you might have guessed, they landed right in the birch trees!

We have lots of new items to offer, including molded goats' milk soap made in Warren (you've got to try it) and sweet soy candles made right in Edgecomb. There's a colorful assortment of float-rope baskets just waiting to be filled with a luscious summer plant, magazines, or kindling. We continue to offer terrific lavender products from Maine's only lavender farm, contributing to the lovely fragrance in the air.

Our wonderful selection of books has something for just about every visitor of any age, and children will be enthralled by the wide variety of nature-related items we offer. A collection of decorative vases to hold your garden

flowers includes three sizes of birch-bark-covered containers made by a New Hampshire couple. You'll also find more-modern containers, whimsical birds, and a variety of decorative pots.

We're also offering an amazing new selection of t-shirts and fleece for men, women and kids, all with our lovely Gardens logo. Some feature a sassy garden saying; another design includes ferns found in our garden. Kids will find a glow-in-the-dark bug shirt and a sweet dragonfly design as well. Hats include our logo ball caps for adults and kids and our old favorite, a sustainable-fiber hat with a UPF rating of 50+. You'll also find an assortment of brimmed hats in the brightest of summer colors.

Our jewelry selections are mostly made in Maine and include pieces of birch bark, polymer clay, sea glass and real flowers. Our fairy department is greatly expanded to include just about all the accessories a young fairy could ever need. And we've thought of you wizards out there, too!

Also new this year is a selection of healthy snacks, and for you Stonewall Kitchen fans we have a great selection of Maine food products, including everything blueberry. Our Maine favorites, maple pepper, flavored sea salts, maple syrup, and honey will also tempt your taste buds. We are very happy to offer Black Dinah Chocolatiers' totally yummy chocolate bars.

We invite everyone to stop in and see what we've done—another exciting way our garden is growing!



The Gardens Gift Shop makes the best use of its attractive new space in the Visitor Center to offer a wide variety of appealing, top-quality items.

PHOTO BY BARBARA FREEMAN

Thanks to Our Gift Shop Team

We're very grateful to Susan Reynolds, who ably managed the shop for several years and was instrumental in making it the special place it is. We offer a huge thank you to the volunteer team that helped make the new shop possible. The project was spearheaded by Betsy Kelley, a member of the Board of Overseers who brought her extensive retail background to the project. She was the creative force behind the new clothing line and also made great strides towards streamlining procedures and methods of analyzing sales to ensure success. Betsy also brought in professional colleagues who volunteered their time to help with the lighting design and the floor layout. Judy Hamlin contributed hours and hours, making sure the store design and set-up were nothing short of perfect.

And special thanks to Susan Whitehouse, a member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Marketing Committee, for her heroic effort in this project. She and Susan Reynolds went on road trips that included a show of New England products and an outing to Waldoboro to pick out the float-rope baskets. Susan Whitehouse was the driving force behind the sourcing and selection of many of the new products. She analyzed last year's sales to determine the best sellers and was always available to listen and help solve any problems that came up.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for being part of the team! After many hours of phone conversations, countless e-mails, and months of hard work, our lovely new shop is a reality.



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▲ See the *GROW!* insert for dozens of events and programs, many related to our 2012 theme, *Feathers and Foliage: Celebrating Bird and Plant Interactions in Maine.*

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DONOR PROFILE

“Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~
Margaret Mead



Sarah and John Giles

PHOTO BY ROBERT MITCHELL

In 1992, a small group of dreamers & doers envisioned ornamental gardens, protected natural landscapes, cutting-edge botanical research and education through horticultural activities for all ages and abilities.

And this year, the Gardens celebrates its fifth anniversary of being open to the public with 250 acres of spectacular gardens, native forest, massive ledges and nearly a mile of tidal shorefront.

A decade later, a small group of believers stepped forward to raise tens of millions of dollars—a significant portion coming from their own coffers—to design and construct a dozen major gardens, miles of trails, a 9,000 square foot Visitor

Center, and a LEED Platinum-certified education center that is the “greenest” building in Maine. Board-led fundraising has brought the “Planting a Living Legacy” capital campaign and the newest Kresge Challenge to an astonishing \$22.5 million in just nine years!

Many have given generously, indeed, and that generosity will never be forgotten! But there has been a very special “small group” of people who have been the point-of-the spear on fundraising for nearly a decade: Team Giles. Under Sarah’s and John’s stalwart leadership, the effort to raise \$2 million to achieve the final goal of \$24.5 million is going strong. These critically important final

dollars—which must be raised by New Year’s Eve 2012—are the philanthropic keystone of endowment and building reserves. The Kresge Challenge is for \$500,000, and the endowment goal is \$1.5 million. We’re making steady progress but it will take the all-out commitment of every Board member, past benefactor and new friend of the Gardens to succeed.

Please be part of the “small group” who act to help complete the “Planting a Living Legacy” capital campaign. Together, we can change the world!

—Dorothy Freeman
Director of Philanthropy