



# Minnesota LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM



## Give 675 Acres This Season

Dear Members:

Greetings to all of you this holiday season.

Last year, through your generous support, we survived financial difficulties brought on by reductions in University funding. However, despite implementing economies in every area of our operations, we still need that added support of an expanding membership.

We are committed to completing the new perennial garden and beginning construction on the home demonstration gardens and the new addition to the herb garden in 1984. We also want to maintain the excellence of our services and to augment our programs. And above all, we want to preserve the excitement and the beauty of this magical place.

To do this, we need your understanding and your continued support. We ask that you consider giving the gift of arboretum membership this holiday season. If each one of you were to give a friend or a relative one arboretum membership, we could increase our membership revenues 100 percent.

I hope you will visit us often in 1984. Thank you for caring and for sharing our desire to protect and preserve this uniquely beautiful institution. Happy Holidays!

Francis de Vos  
Director

P.S. Please use the gift membership form on the back page and return it to the membership office soon for quick processing.

## Winter Class Schedule

### Thursday, December 1, 12:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

Come discover an array of home decorating ideas featuring candles, fresh flowers, and the fragrant greens of the holiday season. Each demonstrator will present several ideas. Following the formal presentation, enjoy tea and cookies. An afternoon guaranteed to kindle your Christmas spirit!

Instructors: Nancy Allison, Virginia Borg, Polly Case, Marjorie Crosby, Merv Eisel, Martha Carnes, and Penny Vogel.

Class will meet for two and a half hours in the auditorium. Fee is \$5.50 for members, \$7.50 for nonmembers.

### Tuesday, December 6 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Janet Sinner

The fragrance of balsam fir will fill the air as each participant creates a doorway wreath to welcome holiday guests. All materials will be provided, but bring a pair of pruning shears.

Janet Sinner is an assistant gardener in the conservatory and greenhouses at the arboretum.

Class will meet for two hours in the learning center. Fee is \$8 for members, \$11 for nonmembers. LIMITED TO 20.

### Tuesday, December 13

1 & 7:30 p.m.

### THE HOLLY AND THE IVY WORKSHOP

Sandy Tanck

Use traditional greens of the season to create a special basket arrangement. All materials will be provided, but bring a pair of pruning shears.

Sandy Tanck has her master's degree in horticulture from the University of Minnesota and is a Community Program Specialist at the arboretum, where she is in charge of the Children's Program.

Class will meet for two hours in the learning center. Fee is \$9 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. LIMITED TO 20.

### Thursday, December 15

10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

### BOXWOOD TREES WORKSHOP

Sandy Tanck

Make your own miniature tabletop tree, using sprigs of fresh boxwood. Your tree may be decorated later as you wish with tiny red bows, silver bells, small candles, gold balls, or little gingerbread men. All materials will be provided, but bring a pair of pruning shears.

Class will meet for two hours in the learning center. Fee is \$9 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. LIMITED TO 20.

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Holiday Open House  
Saturday and Sunday  
December 10-11  
11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Annual concert by Harmonia Mundi,  
a double woodwind quintet  
Saturday, December 3  
2:30 p.m.



# Holiday Season at the Landscape Arboretum

Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas! Upstairs, downstairs, in the library and the lobby, preparations are brimming for the Holiday Open House. The holiday spirit is contagious as trees are set up around the building and carefully hung with handcrafted ornaments and the smell of cookies baking in the tea room oven fills the air. We invite our members and the community to bring family and friends to the Holiday Open House on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Decorated trees, demonstrations, gift shopping, door prizes, wonderful holiday eating, and music will offer something for one and all.



## Festival of Trees

Come to the arboretum to enjoy one of the area's loveliest exhibits of decorated trees December 10-January 1. Handcrafted decorations of all kinds will adorn the tall trees and table trees that will fill the auditorium. With 15 garden clubs participating, the year's display promises to be the biggest and best ever.

We would like to express our appreciation to these groups for their participation: Bloomington Affiliated Garden Clubs, Larkspur Garden Club, Golden Valley Garden Club, Southwest Weaver's Guild, Somerset View Garden Club, Carnation Garden Club, Minnesota Herb Society, Seed & Weed Garden Club, Edina Garden Council, Weaver's Guild of Minnesota Dye Garden Group, St. Paul Garden Club, West St. Paul Garden Club, Diggers Garden Club, Minnetonka Herb Society, and the Arboretum Auxiliary.



## Christmas Critters Contest

We're calling all kids ages 5 to 13 to create a "Christmas critter" to hang on the arboretum children's tree! Use at least one thing that comes from a plant to create your ornament — a pinecone for a body, milkweed pods for wings, or soaked seeds strung together on a wire to make a long set of wiggly legs.

Entries will be judged by age classifications on the basis of imagination and workmanship. Ribbons and holiday treats will be awarded to the top entries in each age class on Sunday, December 11 at 1 p.m. Winners will be notified by phone.

Bring or mail your entry to the Andersen Horticultural Library by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8. Include your name, age, address, and phone number. All ornaments must be picked up between January 2 and 6 in the library.



## Arboretum Tea Room

Stop by the Arboretum Tea Room and enjoy the foods of an old-fashioned Christmas. Try our delicious wild rice soup or clam chowder —two warming soups that have become traditions here. A special entree will be served during the holiday season, as will hot spiced cider with traditional Christmas cookies. Or treat yourself to a piece of Cavalier Pumpkin Pie or Cranberry Christmas Cake with hot butter sauce.

## Open House Activities

- **Deck your halls** with fresh cut holly! The Arboretum Auxiliary will once again be sponsoring a sale of bagged holly during the open house.
- **Finish your shopping** in the arboretum Gift Shop. You'll find unique gift ideas here, including exquisite Frank Albrecht etchings, the arboretum's new poster series by Cy DeCosse, jewelry items, garden and plant-related books and stationery, candles, and music boxes.
- **Watch a demonstration or presentation** on such topics as the legends of the holiday greens, creating handmade tree ornaments, and caring for holiday plants.
- **Give a gift membership** during the open house and receive a free copy of Dr. Snyder's book *How Does Your Garden Grow?* This offer applies to new memberships only, not to renewals. Offer expires December 31.
- **Visit with author Jim Gilbert** and have him autograph his new book, *Jim Gilbert's Nature Notebook*, on Saturday, December 10 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Listen to strolling carollers and a storyteller** who will make the weekend a special event for the whole family.



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**Monday, December 19**

**10 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

**CANDLE WREATHS FROM WILD WINTER THINGS**

**Roberta Sladky**

Participants will make a fresh tabletop wreath with a North Woods flavor using balsam, partridge berry, and other bits of flora from the North. Bring four, 12" red tapers and a pair of pruning shears. All other materials will be provided.

Roberta Sladky is greenhouse manager for the botany greenhouses at the University of Minnesota.

Class will meet for two hours in the learning center. Fee is \$9 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. LIMITED TO 20.

**Wednesday, January 18, 1 p.m.**

**FRAGRANT HERBS**

**Theresa Mieseler**

Fragrant herbs add beauty to summer gardens, but it is during the dormant season that one appreciates fragrant herbs most. This class will deal with the kinds of fragrant herbs that can be grown in southern Minnesota and how they can be prepared and used. You will learn how to make a potpourri and other items.

Theresa Mieseler is a longtime arboretum gardener in charge of the greenhouses and is a knowledgeable herb grower.

Class will meet for two hours in classroom 2. Fee is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

**M = Member      NM = Nonmember**

**Wednesday, January 25, 1 p.m.**  
**SMALL PLANTS FOR THE WINDOW SILL OR INDOOR GARDEN**

**Darlene Gelakowski (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Wednesday, February 1, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**

**UNUSUAL PLANTS IN MINNESOTA GARDENS**

**Merv Eisel (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Wednesday, February 15, 1 p.m.**

**THE CUTTING GARDEN — A GARDEN WITH INDOOR FLOWER ARRANGING IN MIND**

**Betty Matthews (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Wednesday, February 22,**

**1 & 7:30 p.m.**

**WINTER PRUNING**

**Mike Zins (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Wednesday, February 29,**

**1 & 7:30 p.m.**

**STARTING PLANTS FROM SEEDS WORKSHOP**

**Sandy Tanck (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Wednesday, March 7, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**

**HOME FRUIT CULTURE — SMALL FRUITS**

**David Bedford (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Wednesday, March 14, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**

**HOME FRUIT CULTURE — TREE FRUITS AND GRAPES**

**David Bedford (M-\$3, NM-\$5)**

**Further information regarding the February and March classes will be in the Winter 1984 newsletter.**

**Sunday Lectures**

All lectures will be held in the Arboretum Auditorium at 2 p.m. There is a \$1 charge per adult; there is no charge for members. Pay at the door.

**January 15**

"The Gardens of the Pacific Northwest"

Merv Eisel

**January 22**

"Gardens and Horticulture of Australia and New Zealand"

Francis de Vos

**January 29**

"Book Collecting — You Don't Have to Be an Eccentric, but it Helps"

Margaret Bergess

**February 5**

"Plant Collecting in China"

Harold Pellett

**February 12**

"The Chicago Botanic Garden — A Young Garden, but Growing Fast"

Mike Heger

**February 19**

"The Small Gardens of the Charleston Area"

Taimi Anderson

**March 4**

"Signs of Spring"

Jim Gilbert

After the program Jim will be glad to autograph copies of his book, *Jim Gilbert's Nature Notebook*.

**March 11**

"Horticulture in South Africa"

Francis de Vos

**Class Registration Form**

All classes require preregistration and prepayment of fees by two working days before they start. Class fees will be refunded only if cancellation notice is received by two working days before the class starts. Classes that do not receive at least 10 reservations may be canceled. For classes with no size limit, senior citizens pay member's fees. Make your check payable to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and mail to Class Registration, Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Box 39, Chanhassen, MN 55317.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ business \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

New membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed

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	Christmas by Candlelight, Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m.	
	Christmas Wreath Workshop, December 6, 10 a.m.	
	2 p.m.	
	The Holly and the Ivy Workshop, December 13, 1:00 p.m. filled	
	7:30 p.m.	
	Boxwood Trees Workshop, December 15, 10 a.m.	
	2 p.m.	
	Candle Wreaths from Wild Winter Things, December 19, 10 a.m.	
	2 p.m.	
	Fragrant Herbs, January 18, 1 p.m.	
	Small Plants for the Windowsill or Indoor Garden, January 25, 1 p.m.	

Unusual Plants in Minnesota Gardens, February 1, 1 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	
The Cutting Garden — A Garden with Indoor Flower Arranging in Mind, February 15, 1 p.m.	
Winter Pruning, February 22, 1 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	
Starting Plants from Seeds — Workshop, February 29, 1 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	
Home Fruit Culture — Small Fruits, March 7, 1 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	
Home Fruit Culture — Tree Fruits and Grapes, March 14, 1 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	

## Christmas Gift Suggestion

An arboretum membership makes a great gift. New members will receive special notice with their membership cards acknowledging the donor. Use the gift membership form below for arboretum membership gifts. Call the membership office at 443-2460, ext. 40 to check current membership status.

### Arboretum members enjoy these benefits:

- Free admission to the arboretum
- Newsletter
- Invitation to members-only events
- Expert advice on horticultural questions
- Reduced educational class fees
- Arboretum-sponsored tours
- Retail sources of all arboretum specimens
- Minnesota hardy plant research and experimentation

### Categories:

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|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| • Individual membership   | \$ 15 | • Sustaining membership | \$ 50 |
| • Family membership       | 25    | • Supporting membership | 100   |
| • Contributing membership | 35    |                         |       |

### Gift Membership Application Form

Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

city state zip city state zip

Membership category \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Donor name as you wish it to appear  
 Renewal of Membership \_\_\_\_\_ on gift announcement card.

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed, payable to  
 Minnesota Arboretum Foundation

Mail to: Minnesota Arboretum Foundation, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Box 39,  
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### HOURS

- Grounds** 8:00 a.m. to sunset daily
- Buildings** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays  
 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends
- Library** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays  
 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends
- \*Tea Room** 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Tues through Friday  
 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday
- \*Giftshop** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays  
 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends

**\*Closed Mondays**

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