



Morris Arboretum  
& Gardens

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

# IMPACT REPORT

JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024





“I was blown away by the gardens,  
flowers, landscaping in general. Such  
a wonderful place for families and  
others alike. Will definitely be back!  
So clean, so beautiful.”

*—Morris visitor*

# A Note from the Executive Director



WILLIAM CULLINA

*The F. Otto Haas  
Executive Director*

## Fiscal Year 2024 has been a momentous year for Morris Arboretum & Gardens on several fronts.

Most significantly, in January, the University of Pennsylvania approved our 20-year comprehensive site plan (CSP) created by Reed Hilderbrand landscape architects and KieranTimberlake architects. The plan coalesces around a two-part vision: As an irreplaceable public garden, the Morris Arboretum & Gardens provides a place of respite, beauty, and learning, where the joy and wonder of the natural world inspire all who visit to be enthusiastic ambassadors for plants. A vital part of one of the great research universities in the world, the Morris is renowned for its science aimed at understanding and conserving plants and ecosystems.

This plan provides us a detailed roadmap to a more accessible, welcoming, impactful and beautiful Morris. Thanks to your interest and support, we have already made some noteworthy progress on several CSP projects, including our new Plant Science Lab. The new lab will provide critical laboratory and office space for three scientists and three assistants and allow us to perform research on rare species, climate resilience, and forest health. Plans are underway for relocating and expanding our greenhouses and nursery. The expanded nursery will allow us to grow more plants for the collections while also trialing native trees from the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States as potential climate-resilient street trees for our city and region.

This year we will also restore and revitalize Seven Arches and create a beautiful outdoor terrace directly below the structure to energize this part of the grounds. Additionally, we will complete a feasibility study for restoration of the Hill & Cloud Garden above the Swan Pond. This iconic garden was designed by noted Japanese garden designer Yonehachi Muto in 1905 and was one of the primary gardens of the original Morris estate. Muto designed this garden in the Tsukiyama style with a lively rill that flowed through several small pools and waterfalls. Our intent is to restore the stonework and watercourse while also creating an immersive and accessible pathway linking the Garden Railway and Swan Pond.

I am truly grateful for your generosity and passion for our arboretum and our work, and I hope you are as excited as I am about our future plans!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.



# This Verdant Refuge

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This past year at the Morris felt like a reawakening. After several years of cautious steps toward normalcy, 2024 found the gardens more joyful and radiant than ever. From the ebullience of Summer of Dinos to the vibrance of *Exuberant Blooms*, Fiscal Year 2024 gave us plentiful reasons to celebrate the vital connections between the Morris and the community we serve. Here, amidst the effervescent blooms and whispering leaves, each of us experienced the profound impact of nature.

Supported, as ever, by the generosity of our donors, this verdant refuge not only nurtures plants but also cultivates relationships, fosters well-being, and inspires a deep appreciation for the environment. The Morris is thankful that its donor community continues to make it a priority to enrich this cherished space, enabling it to flourish as a destination for all who seek solace, beauty, and the transformative magic of nature.

Now is a time to reflect on our accomplishments, challenges, and the incredible impact of our efforts. In a landscape that continues to evolve, our commitment to transparency, innovation, and community engagement has enabled us to cultivate strong relationships with our friends, members, donors, and supporters, driving significant contributions toward our mission.

In FY24, we received a total of \$4,204,658 in gifts and pledges, nearly 10 percent more than the prior year. The Annual Fund and Membership continue to represent the most fundamental indicator of community and donor investment, with \$1,640,000

raised for operating purposes. Moonlight & Roses raised an additional \$360,000, meaning that more than \$2,000,000 was raised in operating funds, a record for the Morris!

But operating funds are only part of the story. Our comprehensive site plan was finalized midyear. This plan, which maps a blueprint for the evolution of the Morris over the next 20 years, generated great enthusiasm, and donors have responded generously.

Early-stage capital projects, such as the Plant Science Lab, the refurbishment and enhancement of Seven Arches, and plans for an expanded and enhanced plant nursery and propagation program received major gifts and grants that are propelling these important projects forward.

Much more remains to be done, but FY24 marked a year of growing momentum at the Morris. The Morris has always been—and will continue to be—a special and unique place for reflection, exploration, and learning, but the future brings new possibilities to extend and

strengthen our efforts, resources, and expertise in new ways for new audiences. We are humbled by and proud of our ever-growing circle of supporters and we can't wait to continue sharing these plans over the coming years.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for supporting this institution at such an important juncture. The Morris remains grateful to each of you for your investment—whether small or large—in our future and we are excited to share that future with you.

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**“Gardens are the grand interface between nature and the human spirit: they are a shared space for growth, renewal, and the magic of transformation.”**

*—unknown*

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# Statement of Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Temporarily Restricted Funds	Permanently Restricted Funds	FY24 TOTAL
<b>Revenue and Support</b>				
Earned Revenue	2,843,303	—	—	2,843,303
Contributed Revenue	1,424,611	1,369,211	502,060	3,295,881
Investment Income	939,980	3,339,159	—	4,279,139
Government Support (Grants)	27,908	—	—	27,908
University Support/Misc	1,125,542	—	—	1,125,542
<b>Subtotal Revenue and Support</b>	<b>6,361,343</b>	<b>4,708,370</b>	<b>502,060</b>	<b>11,571,773</b>
<b>Net Assets Released from Restrictions</b>	<b>2,666,326</b>	<b>(2,666,326)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>9,027,669</b>	<b>2,042,044</b>	<b>502,060</b>	<b>11,571,773</b>
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>				
<b>Total Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>5,243,654</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,243,654</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Plant Science	55,284	—	—	55,284
Horticulture	423,099	—	—	423,099
Education	216,509	—	—	216,509
Visitor Experience	244,983	—	—	244,983
Facilities Operations	647,603	—	—	647,603
Development	318,675	—	—	318,675
Marketing	122,885	—	—	122,885
General & Administrative	152,367	—	—	152,367
Capital Improvements	129,693	—	—	129,693
University Services	1,472,918	—	—	1,472,918
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,027,669</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,027,669</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS +/-</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>2,042,044</b>	<b>502,060</b>	<b>2,544,104</b>

# Investing in Endowment

Morris Arboretum & Gardens generated a healthy operating surplus in FY24 due to a combination of strong earned income across all program areas, donor support in the form of gift and endowment revenue, and ongoing cost controls.

Endowments make up a large portion of the Morris's income pool and revenue from endowments again generated 40 percent of the total operating income in FY24. Interest on the endowments provides ongoing support for a large portion of the Morris's operations, and this revenue covered 42.4 percent of total operating expenses in FY24.

While the principal of the endowments may not be touched, gifts to endowment provide a steady funding source for the Morris and allow the organization to remain mission-focused regardless of external challenges. The health, depth and breadth of our

endowments is something we rely on and for which we are deeply grateful.

After the drop from the remarkable peak market value in FY21, the portfolio value stabilized and by the end of FY24 it exceeded the closing value of FY22. In spite of the market decrease from the previous high, the spendable income from our endowments increased to \$4.2 million by the end of FY24—an amount that has doubled over the past ten years—and provided \$0.6m more in spendable income since FY21, due to strong portfolio management.

Over the past decade, the Morris has received nearly \$12 million in endowment gifts, with total endowment assets totaling approximately \$84 million at the end of FY24. With ongoing donor and member support, the Morris is looking ahead to the next several years as we begin the transformation laid out in the new comprehensive site plan.

**\$83.9 million**

Combined market value of Morris Arboretum & Gardens endowments as of June 30, 2024

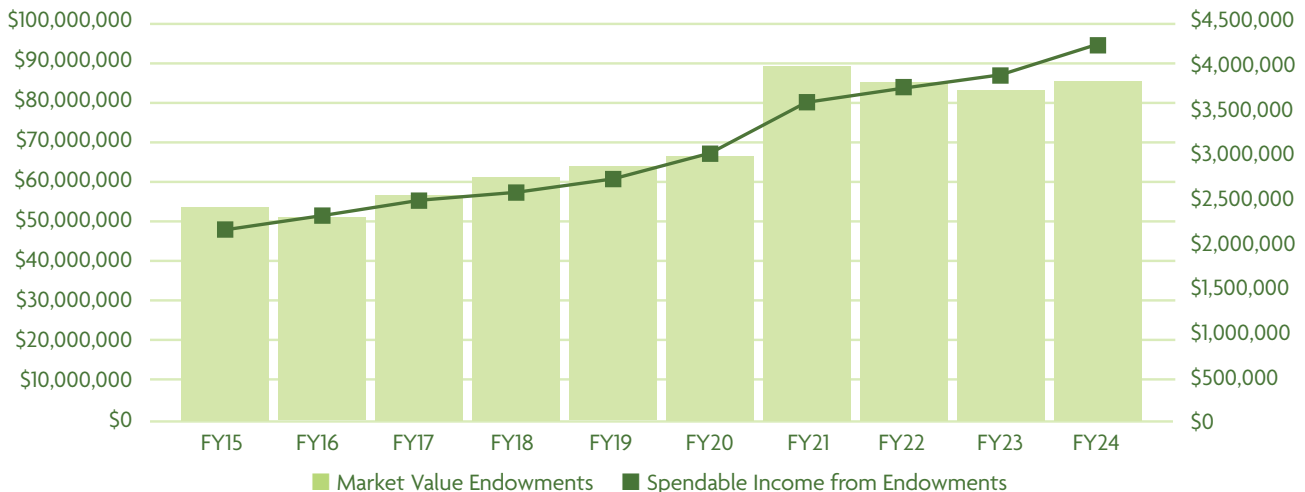
**\$4.2 million**

Spendable income from combined endowments in 2024  
**100% increase over 10 years**

**\$11.6 million**

New endowment gifts in the last 10 years

## ENDOWMENTS – Market Value & Spendable Income



# By the Numbers

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens continued to be a sanctuary of lush landscapes and quiet, fragrant pathways, inviting visitors from around the corner and around the world to unwind and reconnect with nature's peaceful rhythm, to enjoy natural phenomena like a solar eclipse, or to take part in a joyful wedding.



162,654  
TOTAL VISITORS

6,537

MEMBERSHIPS



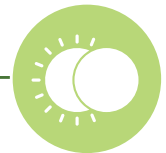
7,282

HGR: NIGHTTIME EXPRESS TICKETS SOLD



996

SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY VISITORS



6400+

VOLUNTEER HOURS



67

WEDDINGS



Top photo: Paul W. Meyer. Middle photos: Mellany Armstrong. Bottom photo: Collin Leiby Photography.



# Morris in the News

Morris Arboretum & Gardens got national attention when Fox Sports highlighted the [Holiday Garden Railway](#)—complete with Eagles and Giants-themed rail cars—in its NFL pregame and in-game coverage on December 25, 2023. The April 8 [solar eclipse](#) brought hundreds of people and great TV coverage to the Morris. The day was a bit cloudy, but the sun and moon still put on a great show! The Morris was THE destination for TV coverage of spring weather and cherry blossoms. And our Summer of Dinos got dino-mite coverage on television and in newspapers like the [Chestnut Hill Local](#) and the [Bucks County Herald](#).



Photos by Mellany Armstrong

# Social Media Highlights

These were our most popular posts on Facebook and Instagram for FY24!



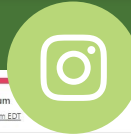
Post Title	Total Engagements
Garden Railway opens on Saturday, May 25 and this season we're going back in time to the Mesozoic era! Garden Railway: Dinos: will have a spectacular display of dinosaurs including...	4,263
Tulips are now in bloom at the Morris, and they are stunning! Visit this weekend and bask in the early days of spring.	2,809
Today the Philadelphia Inquirer published an article about the majestic ginkgo tree and spoke with our Executive Director Bill Cullina. Ginkgos are having their moment in Phil...	2,216

## Cross-Network Performance

7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024  
Instagram, Facebook, X, and LinkedIn

73,706

Total Audience  
↑ UP 10.4%



Post Title	Total Engagements
Tulips are now in bloom at the Morris, and they are stunning! Visit this weekend and bask in the early days of spring.	1,383
Exuberant TULIPS! Our new summer-blooming annual and tropical garden, Exuberant Blooms, will be returning this summer and beyond—but right now, it is...	1,349
October is ArBOretum Month at the Morris Arboretum & Gardens! Visit this month for fun Halloween delights at the ArBOretum, including the brand new Morris Pumpki...	1,288

7,088

Net Total Audience Growth  
↑ UP 9.7%

7,223,105

Impressions  
↑ UP 9.1%

## Paid Ads

7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024  
Instagram, Facebook, X, and LinkedIn

\$4,647.39

Total Amount Spent  
↑ UP 63.9%

2,891,311

Impressions  
↑ UP 115.9%

63,756

Engagement  
↑ UP 119.3%

7,173

Clicks  
↑ UP 59%



# Creating a Pathway for Young People

*Penn Today puts the spotlight on Jude Thachet in its “Who, What, Why” Feature*



BY KRISTINA GARCÍA, Penn Today writer (article was originally [published September 13, 2024](#))

## Who

Since she was a child, Jude Thachet has always enjoyed gardens and now, as the school outreach coordinator at the Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University of Pennsylvania, she works in one.

“I’ve always gotten my hands dirty,” says Thachet, wearing a linen dress that leaves her botanic tattoos visible, nasturtiums behind her right forearm and a fern frond spanning the left bicep. “I go out with my cup of coffee in the morning and check in to see what’s coming up and I get a lot of joy out of watching things come and go and show up in new places.”

## What

The School Outreach Program, which is donor-funded through 2025, connects Philadelphia school children with the Arboretum and includes several touch points: a third grade environmental science program, which teaches students about the water cycle; a leadership development program, which trains youth to become counselors-in-training at the Arboretum’s summer camp; a partnership with Lankenau High School, the magnet school for environmental science; an outdoor career symposium for high school students; and internships for high school students, which run during the school year and during the summer.

Many of the school programs are designed to expose students to outdoor careers, Thachet says, noting that the symposium tree-pruning demonstration is always very popular. Staff lead hands-on workshops to teach students about topics including wetlands, native plants, plant acquisition, and propagation.

Arboretums and gardens need people with expertise, says Thachet, who hopes the school outreach program will become permanent. “What our programs are trying to do are to educate people about what those careers look like, what kinds of skills and training you need for those careers, and to introduce students to a network of professionals. So, we get the benefit of creating that pathway and being connected to our community and the young people get exposure to experience-based careers.”

## Why

“I think it’s important for the youth to be exposed to what’s out there,” Thachet says, “and learn about their own interests, their own self-discovery: What do I like? What don’t I like?” As part of their post-internship debrief, Thachet asks students what they’ve learned about themselves and about work culture. Many, she says, are surprised to learn about the etiquette of reporting to a boss. “You don’t know what you don’t know,” Thachet says. “That never ends.”

# Connecting with Penn

BY CHELSEA SCHUETT, Assistant Director of Donor Engagement

Morris Arboretum & Gardens continues to grow closer to Penn alumni and students through special events and presentations.

Morris staff participated in Penn's Homecoming in November 2023, which featured Arts and Culture at Penn with five distinct programs that attracted 450 Penn community members. On Saturday, November 4, members of the Morris staff joined Penn Class of 2027 students for the University's annual tree planting tradition on campus. That event was followed by a unique opportunity for Penn alumni to visit the Morris grounds and gardens as complimentary special guests on November 5, as well as three virtual Morris lectures that were presented over Homecoming Week.

In April, the 2024 Morris Arboretum & Gardens People, Plants, and Penn Discussion Series presented [“Fostering Resiliency: Helping our Forests and Wildlife Respond to a Rapidly Changing Climate.”](#) engaging more than 900 interested individuals. Co-organized with Penn Alumni Relations, this moderated virtual panel discussion brought together forward-thinking experts from Penn and beyond to shed light on resilience strategies for our native trees, birds, and mammals. In May 2024, an encore presentation of the Discussion Series was shared over the University's Alumni Weekend.

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Penn Class of 2027 tree planting photo by Eric Sucar, Penn Today photographer.

# Leadership Gifts and Pledges

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens is grateful to the following individuals who have provided generous operating, programmatic, and/or capital support through new gifts, pledges, or pledge payments totaling \$2,500 or more in Fiscal Year 2024.

## \$500,000+

Martha J. Wallace & Edward W. Kane

## \$250,000–\$499,999

Ann & Frank Reed

## \$100,000–249,999

Anonymous (2)

Jan Albaum & Harry Cerino

Carole Haas Gravagno

Kathlene & William Hohns

Sandra L. McLean

Debra Rodgers & Paul W. Meyer\*

Rebecca M. Shuttleworth

Maria & Radclyffe Thompson

## \$50,000–99,999

Edith R. Dixon\*

Janet & John Haas

Janet S. Klein

Mary D. Starr

## \$25,000–49,999

Lexa Edsall & Robert Victor

Linda & David Glickstein

Jane MacElree

Bonnie & Peter McCausland

Elizabeth & Kyle Salata

Patricia & Clarence\* Wurts

## \$10,000–24,999

Jane & Abass Alavi

Gwendolyn Asplundh

Cathleen & Robert Bartlett

Mary Pat & Thomas Boyle

Sally & Dick Brickman

Susan & John Campbell

Susan R. & George W. Connell

Carol A. Dolinskas

Susan & Moses Feldman

Pamela & W. Roderick Gagné

Steven H. Gendler

Penelope P. Harris

Jessie B. Hill & Ming Fang

Daniel Katzin & Susan Hanft

Leonard Korman Family

Mary Lane & Robert Durham

Sarah & Ted Lodge

Kristina & Christopher McCausland

Hiram H. Munger

Aileen & Brian Roberts

Elizabeth Shober

Elizabeth Van Vleck

Michael Young

## \$5,000–9,999

Anonymous (3)

Hali & Scott Asplundh

Barbara Berkowitz

RuthMarie Colket

Nancy Frederick

Ina & Lewis Heafitz

Pamela & James Hill

Natalie & Ralph Hirshorn

Christine James

Sandra A. Johansen

Richard Lyon

Paul McKelvie

Lorna & Lathrop Nelson

J. Kenneth Nimblett

David T. Orthwein

Susan & Michael Schurr

JoAnn & Joseph Townsend

Thomasina White & Anthony Nelson

## \$2,500–4,999

Joan N. Brantz

Annabelle Canning

Gretchen Carey

Laura Carey & Michael Carpenter

Ruth & Tai-ming Chang

Jeanne & Philip Connolly

Jane & Walter Evans

Christina & Dean Fournaris

C. Meade Geisel Jr.

Deborah E. Glass

Ellen & Jay Hass

Louise & Peter Havens

Carol & James Hovey

Diane & W. David Knox

Emilie & Peter Lapham

Augusta Leininger

Louise M. Lisi

Elizabeth & Robert Lukens

Mandie & Blair Lyon

Ana Pujols McKee & Theodore McKee

Nancy Louise Miller

Toby Needleman &

Robert Shusterman

Diane Newbury & Steven Berman

Ruth Van Sciver Peckmann

Robert S. Price

Barbara & Scott Renninger

Gretchen & J. Barton Riley

Louise Root Melby

Rita & Lawrence Salva

Nina & Eric Schneider

Allan Summers

David Van Ness Taylor

Tasha Taylor-Igbanol & Ryan N. Igbanol

Anne Walsh

Anna & Charles Woodward

# Gifts to Endowment, Programs, and Special Projects

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens acknowledges the individuals who have made gifts of \$250-\$2,499 in Fiscal Year 2024 to endowments, programs, and/or special projects.

Anonymous  
Jane & Abass Alavi  
Bruce Belzak  
Charlotte C. Betancourt  
Brian Block  
Joan N. Brantz  
Susan & Richard Brown  
Randi Carr  
Hilary & Michael Clayton  
Mark Delestadius  
John Faggotti & Charles Head  
Felice Fischer  
Gary Fisher  
Joan & Joseph Fitzgerald  
Maryann Franklin  
Margaretta Frederick  
Nancy Frederick  
Anne & Walter Godley  
Mary & Richard Graham

Ellen & Jay Hass  
Jessie B. Hill & Ming Fang  
Pamela & James Hill  
Tatnall & Bobbie Hillman  
Natalie & Ralph Hirshorn  
Toba & Lawrence Kerson  
Diane & W. David Knox  
Madelyn Ladner & Robert Gutowski  
Julia B. Leisenring  
Tener Lewis Darcy & Thomas Darcy  
Louise M. Lisi  
Eleanor P. Lloyd  
James C. McCracken  
Alan R. Metcalfe  
Sharon & J. Christopher Miller  
Carolyn Montgomery  
Leslie Morris-Smith & Howard Smith  
Susan Munch  
Maureen & David Newman

Carol & David Parry  
Jane G. Pepper  
Maria Pettinger  
Nancy Pontone  
Christine & Stefan Riesenfeld  
Deborah & Gary Rodgers  
Patricia & Robert Rodgers  
Susie Rosen  
Jean & Peter Schnorr  
Alena & David Schwaber  
Evelyn Price Scott  
Marie D. Skelston-Witt  
Wendy & Thomas Soldini  
Barbara Sutherland  
Sean Sweeney  
R. William Thomas  
Frances & John Ward  
Jeffrey Welsh



Photo by Mellany Armstrong.

# The Collectors Circle

The Collectors Circle is a group of individuals who give \$2,500 or more to the Annual Fund. Their commitment provides organizational strength and capacity for the Morris Arboretum & Gardens. This list acknowledges donors who made new gifts or pledge payments in Fiscal Year 2024.



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## \$50,000 and above

Edith R. Dixon\*  
Carole Haas Gravagno  
Mary D. Starr

## \$25,000–49,999

Anonymous  
Lexa Edsall & Robert Victor  
Janet & John Haas  
Jane MacElree  
Ann & Frank Reed  
Rebecca M. Shuttleworth  
Martha J. Wallace & Edward W. Kane

## \$10,000–24,999

Gwendolyn Asplundh  
Cathleen & Robert Bartlett  
Mary Pat & Thomas Boyle  
Susan & John Campbell  
Susan R. & George W. Connell  
Carol A. Dolinskas  
Susan & Moses Feldman  
Pamela & W. Roderick Gagné  
Susan & Daniel Katzin  
Penelope P. Harris  
Jessie B. Hill & Ming Fang  
Mary Lane & Robert Durham  
Bonnie & Peter McCausland  
Elizabeth & Kyle Salata  
Elizabeth Van Vleck  
Patricia & Clarence\* Wurts

## \$5,000–9,999

Anonymous (2)  
Jane & Abass Alavi  
Jan Albaum & Harry Cerino  
Hali & Scott Asplundh  
Barbara Berkowitz  
Pamela & James Hill  
Natalie & Ralph Hirshorn  
Christine James  
Sandra A. Johansen  
Paul McKelvie  
David T. Orthwein  
Susan & Michael Schurr  
Elizabeth Shober

## \$2,500–4,999

Joan N. Brantz  
Annabelle Canning  
Laura Carey & Michael Carpenter  
Ruth & Tai-ming Chang  
Jane & Walter Evans  
Wendy & Walter Foulke  
Christina & Dean Fournaris  
Nancy Frederick  
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Linda & David Glickstein  
Ellen & Jay Hass  
Louise & Peter Havens  
Ina & Lewis Heafitz  
Carol & James Hovey  
Janet S. Klein

Emilie & Peter Lapham  
Augusta Leininger  
Sarah & Ted Lodge  
Elizabeth & Robert Lukens  
Mandie & Blair Lyon  
Ana Pujols McKee & Theodore McKee  
Sandra L. McLean  
Nancy Louise Miller  
Toby Needleman &  
Robert Shusterman  
Diane Newbury & Steven Berman  
J. Kenneth Nimblett  
Marianna Price Coll  
Robert S. Price  
Barbara & Scott Renninger  
Gretchen & J. Barton Riley  
Debra L. Rodgers & Paul W. Meyer\*  
Rita & Lawrence Salva  
Nina & Eric Schneider  
David Van Ness Taylor  
Tasha Taylor-Igbanol & Ryan N. Igbanol  
Anne Walsh  
Anna & Charles Woodward



# Gifts to the Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is a significant source of support for the Morris's annual operating budget. This list acknowledges individuals who have made new gifts or pledge payments in Fiscal Year 2024 of \$250–\$2,499. Annual Fund donors of \$2,500 or more are members of the Collectors Circle and are acknowledged on the previous page.

## \$1,000–2,499

Emilie R. Bregy  
Marcia Campbell  
Monica Clements  
Karren & G. Edward DeSeve  
Susan & Robert Fleming  
Eleanore & Christopher Gadsden  
Patricia & Thomas Griffin  
James Heidler  
Marilyn & Stephen Leonard  
Henry S. McNeil Jr.  
Ann P. Morris  
Hiram H. Munger  
Joanne & Joseph Patti  
Tamara & Joseph Paulits  
Ruth Van Sciver Peckmann  
Natalie Ramsey & Richard Scheff  
Pepper & Jeffrey Rexford  
Cornelia Schaefer  
Catherine & Jerome Strauss  
Virginia & Lane Taylor  
Mira Zergani & Antonio Quiles

## \$500–999

Anonymous  
Joan & Robert Anderson  
Cassie Bartelme  
Patricia & Jeff Boujoukos  
Emily & Edward Daeschler  
Karen & Edgar David  
Diana & Stuart Donaldson  
Robert Dougherty  
Sara Gilbert  
Marion Phyllis Girard  
Philip Greenwald  
Nancy Harris  
Suzette & Peter Hearn  
Gretchen Heebner  
Mary & Paul Henry  
Barbara & John Kimberly  
Alison & Alexander Nalle  
Ellen Lea & Dale Schilling  
Jill & Ronald Thornton  
Leslie & Steven Zavodnick

## \$250–499

Anonymous  
Kathy Anderson & Jacqueline Warren  
Amy Brantz Bedrick &  
Edward L. Bedrick  
Kathryn & Glenn Carlson  
Betty & Robert Christian  
Sandra & Robert Clapham  
Helen & Fred Consaley  
Diana & James Cosgrove  
Susan Crane & Joel Gottfried  
Ann Csink & John Linck\*  
Tener Lewis Darcy & Thomas Darcy  
Denise & John D'Avella  
Angela Duckworth  
Susan & John English  
Linda & Louis Flocco  
Helen & John Horstmann  
Catherine Jacobs & Fred Oster  
Madelyn Ladner & Robert Gutowski  
Mary & Michael Mabry  
Elizabeth Masters & John Basinski  
Laura & Marc McKenna  
Leslie Morris-Smith & Howard Smith  
Mary & Richard Noe  
Pauline & Michael Phillips  
Jan & Donald Rife  
Linda & Walter Ritter  
Nancy Roberts  
Penny Rubincam  
Joly W. Stewart\*  
Ann Tabone & Charles Mazza  
Alison & Brad Thornton  
Antoinette C. Uffner  
Elsie & David Viehman  
Catherine A. Worrall



Photo by Ken Tapp.

\*Deceased

# Leadership Members

Membership revenue is an important source of unrestricted operating income for the Morris Arboretum & Gardens. All members contribute to the organizational strength with their membership dues. The individuals listed below have distinguished themselves by joining at the highest levels of membership in Fiscal Year 2024.

## Laurel \$1,250

Gretchen Carey  
Harry S. Cherken Jr.  
RuthMarie Colket  
Jeanne & Philip Connolly  
Mary & Anthony Creamer  
Jason DePhillips  
Suzanne & George Downs  
Elizabeth H. Gemmill  
Mary & Richard Graham  
Ann D. Hozack  
Cathy Hozack  
Barbara & John Kimberly  
Roger Learnard  
Susan D. Learnard  
Evamarie Malsch  
Ruth Van Sciver Peckmann  
Arabella & James Pope  
R. William Thomas

## Oak \$750

Donna & Louis Beardell  
Audrey Eveloff Berman & John Berman  
Kathleen & Scott Brenman  
Mary V. Burke & Craig S. Harnitchek  
Diana & James Cosgrove  
Laura & Mark Dingfield  
Caryn E. Douma & Eric C. Eichenwald  
Margaret & Thomas Farnoly  
Eleanore & Christopher Gadsden  
Lisa M. Gemmill  
Steven H. Gendler  
Eileen & Ronald Javers  
Korin & Larry Korman  
Melissa O. Koussis & S. Stacy Mogul  
Elizabeth Lamb  
Chunsheng Lu  
Elizabeth Masters & John Basinski  
Rose Marie McCabe  
Evelyn & John McNiff  
Karen Miller & Graham Brent  
Erin & Kevin Monaghan



Hiram H. Munger  
Alison & Alexander Nalle  
Lorna & Lathrop Nelson  
Bette & Jonathan Perlman  
Jennifer & Aaron Ratner  
Maryellen Reilly  
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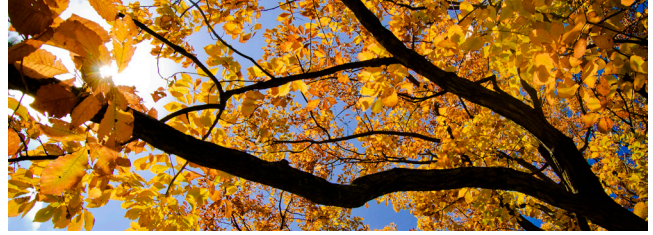
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*Moonlight & Roses*, the Morris Arboretum & Gardens' annual fundraising gala, was held on Friday, June 7, 2024. The event honored Joseph Manko, environmental law pioneer, and Comcast NBCUniversal Environment.

Proceeds from *Moonlight & Roses* directly support the Morris's work as a renowned public botanic garden and as a center for plant-science research and educational programming for all ages.

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