BERKSHIRE
BOTANICAL
GARDEN

Physical Memorial and Commemorative Gift Opportunities

Berkshire Botanical Garden welcomes inquiries about memorial and commemorative gifts. The Garden is a wonderful place for such donations to be seen and appreciated by our many thousands of annual visitors.

Memorial and commemorative gifts are identified by a plaque or label consistent with design standards set by the Garden. All gifts are entered in the permanent gift record kept by the Garden.

Memorial and commemorative gifts must include sufficient funds to maintain the item for its appropriate lifetime, and these funds must be received before the item is ordered. In the event of requests for multiple gifts to commemorate the same individual, the Garden may recommend a single joint gift.

All physical changes to the Garden require the prior approval of the Board of Trustees to ensure the continued integrity of the Garden and its collections. Our staff can help you identify suitable options for presentation to the Board.

Trees

- The current minimum gift to purchase, install and maintain a tree is $1,500.
- The Garden will provide a recognition plaque consistent with the Garden's approved design standards, in consultation with the donor as to wording.
- We will do our best to maintain the tree in good condition for the span of its natural life. However, as with all plants, we cannot control its lifespan, nor can we guarantee its survival or offer a replacement should the tree fail before its expected lifespan.
- Existing, mature trees or shrubs may likewise be designated as memorial or commemorative plantings. The minimum required gift for such a designation will vary based on the size and age of the tree or shrub.

Benches

- The current minimum gift to purchase, install and maintain a bench is $4,000.
- The Garden will provide a recognition plaque or engraving consistent with the Garden's approved design standards, in consultation with the donor as to wording.
- We will do our best to maintain the bench in good condition for as long as possible. Many of our existing memorial benches have graced the Garden for many decades and have weathered to a beautiful patina.

Other Gifts

- There are opportunities for other memorial or commemorative gifts. Examples include renovation and naming opportunities of garden beds and garden rooms, educational and horticultural program sponsorships, named support of internship or staff positions, or needed tools and equipment. We invite you to discuss your interests with our staff.

Please contact Michael Beck, Executive Director, at (413)287-8790 or at mbeck@berkshirebotanical.org to discuss current gift opportunities.