



Morris Arboretum
& Gardens

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

IMPACTREPORT

JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025





“Both my husband and I and our two-year-old grandson enjoyed our visit. It means a lot to me when we find a place that makes all of us happy. We enjoyed the beauty and the peacefulness and our grandson was able to explore and see things that interested him.”

—*Morris visitor*

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

William Cullina, *F. Otto Haas Executive Director*

In January of 2020, our staff, Advisory Board and University leadership crafted a two-part vision for Morris Arboretum & Gardens:

➤ As an irreplaceable public garden, the Morris 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 and our fundamental dependence on them.

➤ A vital part of one of the great research universities in the world, the Morris is renowned for science aimed at understanding and conserving plants and ecosystems.

This aspirational yet achievable goal became the foundation for our 20-year comprehensive site plan.

This year we completed our \$2.2 million Plant Science Lab, the first major project in the plan and the first purpose-built lab ever constructed at Morris. It was truly a watershed moment for research here. The lab will provide safe, clean, and well-equipped space for impactful research on rare plants and plant taxonomy and, eventually, tree diseases, climate resiliency, and even soil microbiology. I am also happy

to report we received the first part of a two-year, \$2.6 million planned endowment gift that will provide critical operating support for our research efforts. Government funding for plant research is increasingly difficult to obtain, and the income from this endowment—hopefully the first of several—will allow our staff to focus more time on science and less time on grant writing.

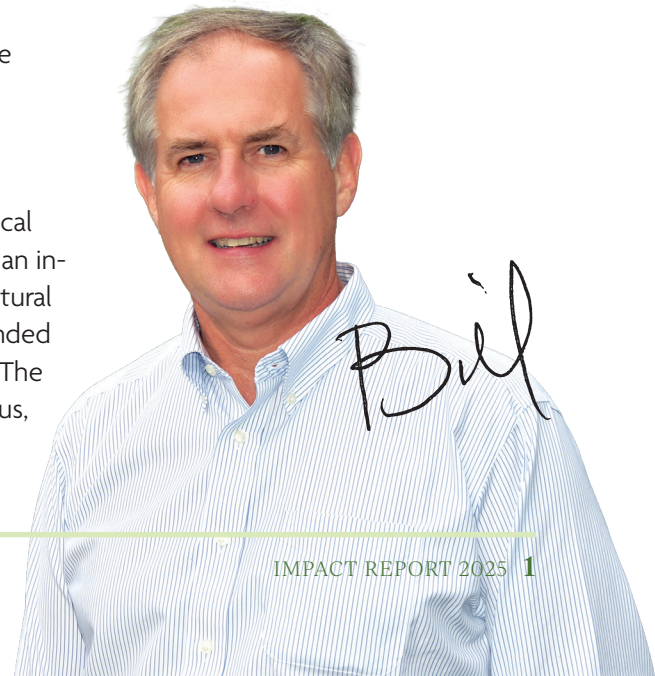
In recognition of the 25th year of our incredibly popular Garden Railway, we received a generous gift to create and endow a scaled version of the famous Chestnut Hill West station in Chestnut Hill. With its Victorian flourishes, crooked fascia and distinctive colors, our Morris Train Station has been a hit with children of all ages while providing safe, clean space for train storage and repair. The building encapsulates much of what we aspire to provide the public—whimsy, sense of place, and quality design and experiences. This marks the first of many such projects we have planned as part of the comprehensive plan.

In April, we launched a new certificate program in ecological horticulture that will provide an in-depth exploration of horticultural principles and practices grounded in ecology and sustainability. The response has been tremendous,

and we hope to provide more of this type of content in the future. This year was also the fourth year of our pilot program to provide a school navigator to liaise with Philadelphia public school principals and staff. The goal was to make access to the Morris easier and more affordable to school children in the city. It has been so successful that we are seeking to endow it in perpetuity.

I am proud to report that, as we close out 2025, the Morris Arboretum & Gardens has never been in a stronger financial position, nor have the gardens and grounds looked more lovely. None of this would be possible without your very meaningful contributions. I hope you are as proud as I am of the Morris and what your generosity has enabled us to accomplish.

Thank you sincerely for your enthusiasm for this place and for your continued support!





Where We Belong

“Nature is not a place to visit; it is home.”

—Gary Snyder

By Mira Zergani, Director of Development

THIS SENTIMENT CAPTURES WHAT MORRIS ARBORETUM & GARDENS MEANS TO OUR DONORS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF.

We are not merely visitors who admire a scene—we belong to it, care for it, and help it flourish. These towering trees, rolling hills, and garden paths are a sanctuary for many and, for others, a portal into the vastness of nature beyond their own yards. In countless ways, Morris is part of our homes: a place we tend, and in return, it nourishes our spirits, reinvigorates us, and reminds us that even in challenging times, solace is close at hand.

Over the past year, our community gave generously to ensure that Morris continues to thrive, supporting the Annual Fund for essential garden care and fueling new initiatives, including our fund for plant science research and the renewal of the Hill & Cloud Garden. Every contribution, of any size, sustains our mission and nurtures a love for these gardens for generations to come.

Donors also affirmed their commitment to access and outreach by supporting programs for underserved schoolchildren. Our free visitation program for Title I schools, including bus transportation, continues to grow, reaching more public-school students across the city than ever before. Explorar, our summer program in partnership with ACLAMO, remains a vibrant, high-impact effort that offers middle-school English-learners an exciting, outdoor alternative to classroom-based study. Together, these efforts reflect our donors' diverse interests and their shared belief in providing a welcoming place for children to connect with nature.

Morris also makes room for joy and whimsy. At the Garden Railway, our longtime train shed has been transformed into a colorful interpretation of the landmark Chestnut Hill West Station. Made possible through significant donor support, this feature has energized the Railway, delighting visitors who recognize a familiar neighborhood icon nestled in the heart of the gardens.

We are equally grateful for support of our plant research and conservation efforts. A recent estate gift will underwrite plant research for years to come, and additional contributions from many of our closest donors are broadening our plant science program. These gifts honor our commitment to preserving biodiversity and protecting the native flora of our region.

The strength of Morris Arboretum & Gardens lies in the vibrant community that surrounds it. We are profoundly grateful for your belief in our mission and your dedication to lasting impact. Your support inspires our staff, volunteers, and members to push boundaries and explore new ways to connect people with nature. Together, we are shaping a future in which everyone can experience, care for, and consider the Morris—and nature everywhere—as our collective home.

Statement of Activities

| | Unrestricted Funds | Temporarily Restricted Funds | Permanently Restricted Funds | FY25 TOTAL |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue and Support | | | | |
| Earned Revenue | 2,835,928 | — | — | 2,835,928 |
| Contributed Revenue | 1,317,325 | 3,026,561 | 389,103 | 4,732,989 |
| Investment Income | 890,621 | 3,446,873 | — | 4,337,493 |
| Government Support (Grants) | 42,574 | — | — | 42,574 |
| University Support/Misc | 1,021,848 | — | — | 1,021,848 |
| Subtotal Revenue and Support | 6,108,296 | 6,473,434 | 389,103 | 12,970,832 |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions | 6,144,226 | (6,144,226) | — | — |
| Total Revenue and Support | 12,252,522 | 329,208 | 389,103 | 12,970,832 |

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|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits | | | | |
| Total Salary & Benefits | 5,400,002 | — | — | 5,400,002 |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Plant Science | 98,906 | — | — | 98,906 |
| Horticulture | 356,939 | — | — | 356,939 |
| Education | 204,576 | — | — | 204,576 |
| Visitor Experience | 178,176 | — | — | 178,176 |
| Facilities Operations | 1,136,260 | — | — | 1,136,260 |
| Development | 289,387 | — | — | 289,387 |
| Marketing | 103,970 | — | — | 103,970 |
| General & Administrative | 200,130 | — | — | 200,130 |
| Capital Improvements | 2,863,847 | — | — | 2,863,847 |
| University Services | 1,420,329 | — | — | 1,420,329 |
| Total Expenses | 12,252,522 | — | — | 12,252,522 |

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| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS +/- | (0) | 329,208 | 389,103 | 718,310 |
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Investing in Endowment

Morris Arboretum & Gardens generated another healthy operating surplus in FY25 due to a combination of earned income gains across most program areas, donor support in the form of gift and endowment revenue, and ongoing cost controls.

For decades, the Morris has been the fortunate recipient of generous gifts to endowments for both unrestricted and restricted efforts. Our donors have long recognized that the endowments offer fiscal stability, operational flexibility, and institutional growth. And indeed, endowments make up the largest portion of the Morris’s income pool, with revenue from endowments generating 40 percent of total operating income in FY25. 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.

FY25 saw the portfolio value of the Morris’s endowments grow higher than the previous peak in FY21, thanks to market growth and generous, new gifts to endowments—the health, depth and breadth of our endowments is something we rely on and for which we are deeply grateful. Spendable income from our endowments was \$4.2 million in FY25, an amount that has nearly doubled over the past ten years, from \$2.3 million in FY16 to \$4.2 million in FY25.

Over the past decade, the Morris has received \$12.6 million in endowment gifts, with total endowment assets totaling approximately \$91.7 million at the end of FY25. The Morris is now looking ahead to the next several years as we undertake the transformative projects laid out in the new comprehensive site plan. Endowment growth will be a key element in planning for future maintenance of the new garden features and we look forward to building on our legacy of endowment growth in partnership with our donors and friends.

\$91.7 million

Combined market value of Morris Arboretum & Gardens endowments as of June 30, 2025

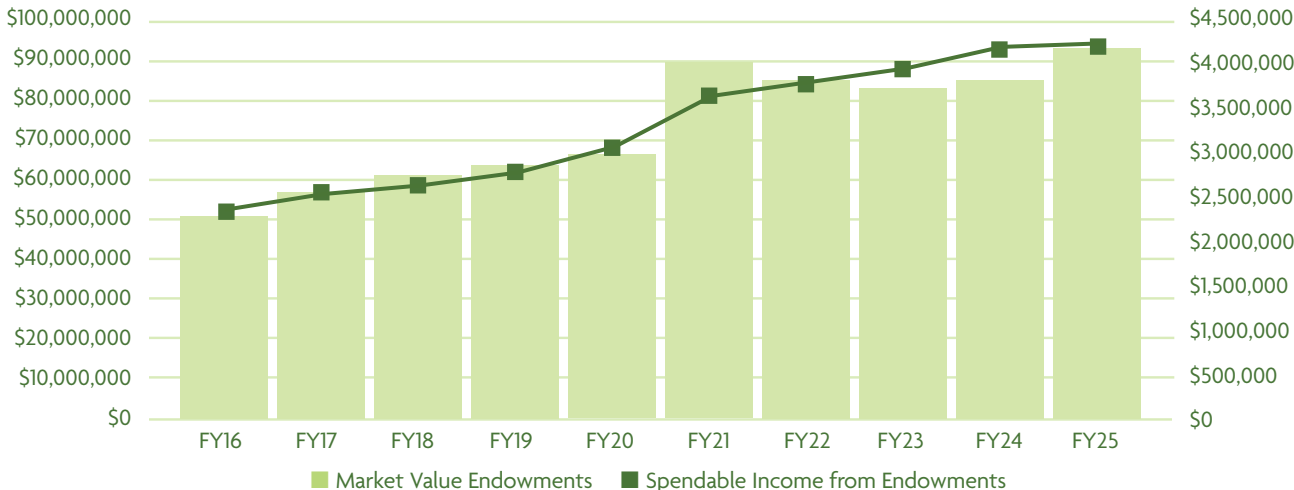
\$4.2 million

Spendable income from combined endowments in 2025
80% increase over 10 years

\$12.6 million

New endowment gifts in the last 10 years

ENDOWMENTS – Market Value & Spendable Income



By the Numbers

The Morris Arboretum & Gardens invited visitors near and far to slow down and reconnect with nature among its lush landscapes and fragrant pathways. This sanctuary of natural beauty provided a peaceful retreat for guests to experience the serenity of the gardens, and offered meaningful moments that brought people together in celebration, reflection, and discovery.

162,654
TOTAL VISITORS

6,261

MEMBERSHIPS

8,064

HGR: NIGHTTIME
EXPRESS TICKETS SOLD

4,804

CLASS TAKERS

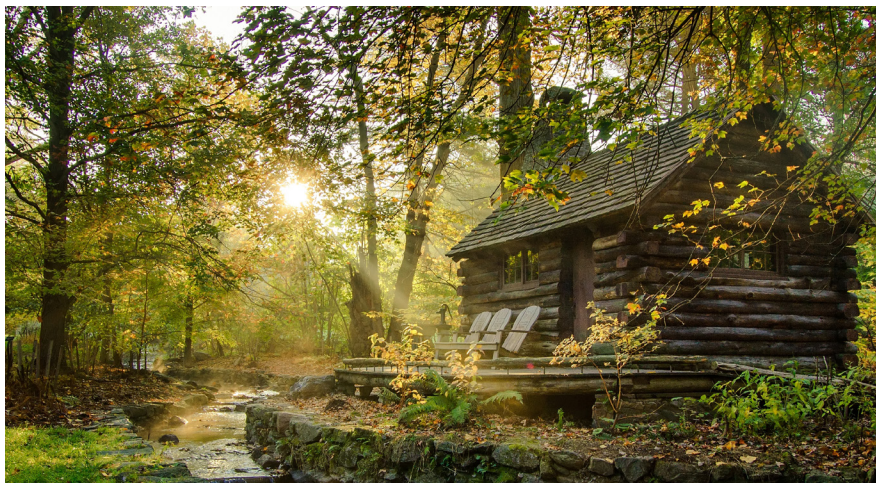
1,338

PENN STUDENT
VISITORS

70

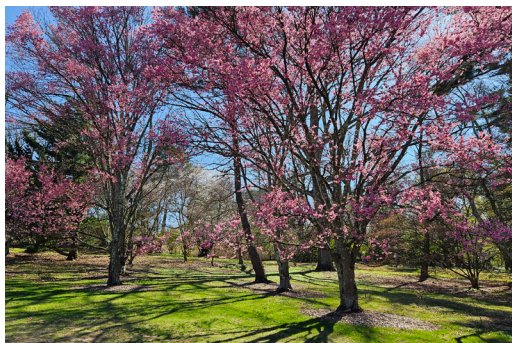
WEDDINGS

Morris in the News



▲ PEEP THIS

Fall foliage was a big topic for Morris in the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), [Fox 29](#), [CBS Philadelphia](#), and the [Chestnut Hill Local](#).



◀ PINK IS HOT

Morris was literally [on the map](#) in the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) for flowering cherry trees.

And we got some love from [6abc](#) in a story about the [peak of cherry blossom season](#).

Morning anchor Tamala Edwards said, "That place is amazing—I love the Morris Arboretum."



▲ ON THE LIST

Not only did [we make the listicle](#) of fun holiday activities on [WMMR](#), the radio hosts talked on-air about the beauty of the Morris at holiday time.



▲ ON TRACK

The Holiday Garden Railway got star treatment from [6abc](#) in a [beautifully done feature segment](#) by community journalist Nick Iadonisi, showing exactly why visitors make it part of their holiday traditions.





▲ GROUND BREAKING

The groundbreaking for the new Plant Science Lab got great coverage from [NBC10](#), [6abc](#), [Philly Voice](#), and the [Glenside Local](#)!

Social Media Highlights

These were our most popular posts on Facebook and Instagram for FY25!

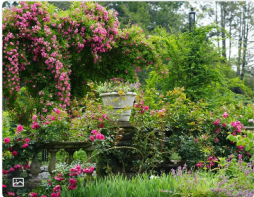





Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University ...

Fri 6/6/2025 2:47 pm EDT

The Rose Garden is in peak bloom, and you don't want to miss it! 🌹🌹🌹




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|-------------------|-------|
| Total Engagements | 3,369 |
| Reactions | 1,215 |
| Comments | 75 |
| Shares | 86 |
| Post Link Clicks | 1 |
| Other Post Clicks | 1,992 |




Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University ...

Fri 3/14/2025 10:35 am EDT

Crocuses have taken over here at the Morris! 🌸 Visit this weekend to see these spring harbingers spread out across the landscape.




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| Total Engagements | 2,934 |
| Reactions | 1,407 |
| Comments | 48 |
| Shares | 76 |
| Post Link Clicks | — |
| Other Post Clicks | 1,403 |




Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University ...


Wed 5/21/2025 4:37 pm EDT

Not only does the Garden Railway return THIS FRIDAY, May 23, but its brand-new Morris Train Station will officially be open! 🚂



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| Total Engagements | 1,755 |
| Reactions | 417 |
| Comments | 30 |
| Shares | 22 |
| Post Link Clicks | 1 |
| Other Post Clicks | 1,285 |







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Tue 11/26/2024 1:42 pm EST

Two angles of the illustrious Buzzy, resident cat of the Morris, from above and below the glass roof of the Fernery. 🐱🌿



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| Total Engagements | 2,343 |
| Likes | 1,882 |
| Comments | 33 |
| Shares | 372 |
| Saves | 56 |




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Wed 10/30/2024 10:05 am EDT

Naturally spooky sights at the Morris this week. 🎃👻

Photos: Ryan Drake (@birdrake), McCausland Natural Areas...



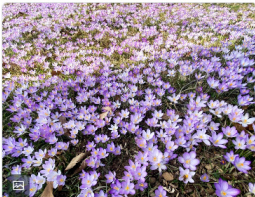
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|-------------------|-------|
| Total Engagements | 1,635 |
| Likes | 1,509 |
| Comments | 18 |
| Shares | 82 |
| Saves | 26 |



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Fri 3/14/2025 3:15 pm EDT

Crocuses have taken over here at the Morris. 🌸 Visit this weekend to see these harbingers of spring spread out across the landscape.



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| Total Engagements | 1,506 |
| Likes | 1,367 |
| Comments | 9 |
| Shares | 94 |
| Saves | 36 |

Cross Network Performance

79,541

Total Audience
↑ UP 8%

5,390,805

Impressions

130,147

Engagements

5,350

Post Clicks



Summer of Dinos

PHOTO CONTEST

From July 1 – July 31, 2024, visitors were invited to enter the contest by taking a photo with our 25-foot TyrannoMorris Rex, posting it to their Instagram or Facebook, and tagging us. We had over 20 participants and the winner received a Morris family membership for one year, plus a feature on our social media pages.

IMPRESSIONS
17,606

ENGAGEMENTS
905

WINNER
Katie Moyer
Van Thuyne

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 2024, which featured Arts and Culture at Penn with three distinct programs that attracted nearly 400 Penn community members. On Saturday, November 16, members of the Morris staff joined Penn Class of 2028 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 17, as well as the virtual Morris lecture, "Gardening in a Changing Climate," that was presented over Homecoming Week.

In April, the 2025 Morris Arboretum & Gardens People, Plants, and Penn Discussion Series presented "[Climate-Proofing Plants for a Changing World](#)," engaging more than 900 interested individuals. Co-organized with Penn Alumni Relations, this virtual discussion featured William Cullina, F. Otto Haas Executive Director at the Morris Arboretum & Gardens, and Dr. Doris Wagner, DiMaura Professor of Biology at Penn Arts & Sciences and inaugural director of the Penn Plant Adaptability and Resilience Center, in conversation about PlantARC's pioneering research on cellular precision editing and other innovative approaches to developing climate-resistant plants. In May 2025, an encore presentation of the Discussion Series was shared over the University's Alumni Weekend.



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 2025.

\$500,000+

Anonymous
Louise A. Strauss*
Martha J. Wallace & Edward W. Kane

\$100,000–249,999

Anonymous (2)
Andrea Baldeck
Evamarie Malsch
Sandra L. McLean
Hiram H. Munger
Rebecca M. Shuttleworth
Maria & Radclyffe Thompson

\$50,000–99,999

The Estate of Harry Bower
Lexa Edsall & Robert Victor
Aileen & Brian Roberts
Mary D. Starr

\$25,000–49,999

Jan Albaum & Harry Cerino
Susan & Moses Feldman
Pamela & W. Roderick Gagné
Linda & David Glickstein
Carole Haas Gravagno
Janet & John Haas
Kathlene & William Hohns
Jane MacElree
Ann & Frank Reed
Debra L. Rodgers & Paul W. Meyer*
Susan & Michael Schurr
Elizabeth Van Vleck
Patricia Wurts

\$10,000–24,999

Gwendolyn Asplundh
Charles M. Barclay*
Sally & Dick Brickman
Thomas Calkusic
Susan & John Campbell
Susan R. & George W. Connell
Carol A. Dolinskas
Steven H. Gendler
David W. Haas
Jessie B. Hill & Ming Fang
Ellen Kohler
F. Peter Kohler
Mary Lane & Robert Durham
Anna & Charles Woodward
Michael Young

\$5,000–9,999

Anonymous
Hali & Scott Asplundh
Cathleen & Robert Bartlett
Barbara Berkowitz
Mary Pat & Thomas Boyle
Pamela & James Hill
Christine James & Nick DeToustain
Sandra A. Johansen
George Korein
Lorna & Lathrop Nelson
David T. Orthwein
Bonnie & Peter Schorsch
Catherine & Zach Shechtman
Thomasina White & Anthony Nelson

\$2,500–4,999

George C. Ball Jr.
Annabelle Canning
Gretchen Carey
Laura Carey & Michael Carpenter
Ruth & Tai-ming Chang
Margot Clark
Jeanne & Philip Connolly
Diana & Stuart Donaldson
Jane & Walter Evans
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Nina & Eric Schneider
Laura & Andrew Sparks
Beth Somers Stutzman
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David Van Ness Taylor
Tasha Taylor-Igbanol & Ryan Igbanol
JoAnn & Joseph Townsend
Anne Walsh

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 2025 to endowments, programs, and/or special projects.

Laura Archuleta
Alvin Ayers
Margaret & Anthony Basile
Kristin & James Biddle
Meghan & Stephen Bramlage Jr.
Gretchen Carey
Linda Chisholm & Keith Schneck
Jeanne & Philip Connolly
Jill & Peter Curatolo
Phoebe Driscoll

Carolyn & Joseph Evans
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Barbara Golding
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Stephanie Marudas & Clement Dimitri
Pappas
James C. McCracken
Sharon & J. Christopher Miller

Susan Munch
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Stumpp
Bonnie & Peter Schorsch
Jean & Nicholas Selch
Janet Simon
Linda Simon
Mary Snyder
Frances & John Ward

Matching Gift Organizations

American Endowment Foundation
The Asplundh Foundation
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Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation
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Pfizer Foundation Matching
Gifts Program
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YourCause LLC



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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 2025.



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\$50,000 and above

Wendy & Walter Foulke
Aileen & Brian Roberts
Mary D. Starr

\$25,000–49,999

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Janet & John Haas
Jane MacElree
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Elizabeth Van Vleck
Martha J. Wallace & Edward W. Kane

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Anne Walsh

Gifts to the Annual Fund

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\$1,000–2,499

Joan & Robert Anderson
Joan N. Brantz
Gretchen Carey
Caroline & Paul Christ
Amy Concannon &
Jonathan Schoenfeld
Mark Delestatius
Karren & G. Edward DeSeve
Susan & Robert Fleming
Susan & W. Henry Harrison
James Heidler
Natalie & Ralph Hirshorn
Nancy Kern Roberts
Marilyn & Stephen Leonard
Ann P. Morris
Richard Morris
Tamara & Joseph Paulits
Nancy Pontone
Mary Jane Raymond
Cornelia Schaefer
Lucy Bell Sellers
Janet Simon
Linda Simon
Marcia Steinberg
Virginia & Lane Taylor
R. William Thomas
Joan Torello
Sharon Torello
Mira Zergani & Antonio Quiles

\$500–999

Anonymous
Claire & John Alexander
Sylvia & William Barone
Elaine Bell
Richard Bell*
Catherine & Patrick Coleman
Ann Csink
Emily & Edward Daeschler
Karen & Edgar David
Alice Downs
James Fairburn
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Clara Huntzinger
Louise M. Lisi
Carolyn McGrory
Kathleen & William Mulroy
Alison & Alexander Nalle
Stephanie Ravett
Linda & Walter Ritter
Natalie & Wayne Thomas

\$250–499

Anonymous
Amy Brantz Bedrick &
Edward L. Bedrick
Patricia & Thomas Joseph Bender
George Benz
Carol Borgmann
Thomas Cahill
Kathryn & Glenn Carlson
Sandra & Robert Clapham
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Judith von Scheven
Susan Weiler
Minturn T. Wright III



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*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 2025.

Benefactor

Anonymous
Melissa Acker & Henry Reichner
MaryAnne Allen
Carol Hresko-Altadonna &
Leigh Altadonna
Tara & Charles Bahn
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Moonlight & Roses, the Morris Arboretum & Gardens' annual fundraising gala, was held on Friday, June 6, 2025. The event honored esteemed garden photographer Rob Cardillo and the Eagles Go Green program.

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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