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The Professional Arboretum Network
Welcome to ArbNet, an interactive, collaborative, international community of arboreta and tree-focused professionals. ArbNet facilitates the sharing of knowledge, experience, and other resources to help arboreta meet their institutional goals and works to raise professional standards through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program.

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Over 1500 arboreta
100 countries
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Designed to:

• Recognize standards of excellence in tree-focused gardens
• Foster professionalism
• Enable collaboration in scientific, collections, and conservation efforts
• Advance the planting, study, and conservation of trees

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Benefits Include:

- Earn distinction in your community, department or agency
- Exert leadership and influence
- Serve as a model institution for others
- Identify opportunities for collaboration
- Become eligible for funding opportunities
- Certificate of recognition and use of accreditation badge
- Highlighted on the ArbNet website, newsletter, social media
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Arboretum Accreditation Program

Over 350 accreditations in 28 countries
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Accredited Arboreta

View listing of all accredited arboreta

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program
- Recognizes arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism
- Fosters professionalism of arboreta worldwide
- Enables collaboration in scientific, collections, and conservation activities
- Advances the planting, study, and conservation of trees.

Benefits of accreditation
- Be recognized for achievement of specified levels of professional practice.
- Work toward higher levels of professional standards once accredited.
- Identify other organizations at similar or higher levels of accreditation to provide comparative benchmarks and models for further achievement.
- Earn distinction in your community, university, college, or government agency.
- Exert leadership and influence by serving as a model to encourage professional development in other organizations.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with other arboreta for scientific, collections, or conservation activities.

Examples of institutions that may be accredited arboreta
- arboreta and botanic gardens
- historic properties
- college campuses
- cemeteries
- zoos
- city tree collections
- corporate campuses
- school property
- golf course
- nature reserves
- municipal parks

RECENTLY ACCREDITED ARBORETA

- Jardin Botanico Regional De Cadereyta – Level I
- The Lynne R. Lowrey Arboretum – Level I
- Dr. Cecilia Koo Botanic Conservation Center – Level I
- Morris County Park Commission – Level II
- Cullinan Botanical Garden – Level I
- Multiplant International Medicinal Conservation – Level I
- Honolulu Botanical Gardens – Level III
- Winkworth Arboretum – Level II
- Bidoup Nui Ba Botanic Garden – Level I
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The arboretum’s location is along a historic railway
Dynamic, urban collection of cultivated tree and woody plant species
Showcase sustainable landscape management and restoration of urban ecosystems

Trees Atlanta - Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum

Trees Atlanta received a grant for $750 to support the creation of Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Interpretation Stations for The Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum. With this funding and Craftsman Printing services, they were able to revise and reprint their arboretum brochures in April of 2017. They ordered 500 brochures and as of spring 2017, approximately 350 have been distributed.
Belton Memorial Park Arboretum
• Over 400 acres of parks, woodlands, trails and gardens
• Utilizes an interactive web-based application through ArcGIS where visitors can explore the parks and find out information about the trees
Mt. Lebanon Arboretum

About the Arboretum

What is the Mt. Lebanon Arboretum?

The Mt. Lebanon Arboretum is a collection of specimen trees found throughout the community in our parks, parklets, traffic islands, street rights-of-way and open spaces. The development of the collection is a project of the community’s Parks Advisory Board in collaboration with the municipal Department of Public Works.

Where is the arboretum?

It’s everywhere in the municipality. Click on the Arboretum Collection Map to find the trees in our collection.

How do I visit?

Use the map to explore the tree collection, or use the Specimen Tree Collection list to find out more about specific trees and shrubs. Click on the Get Involved page to learn other ways to appreciate our municipal arboretum collection.

Why did Mt. Lebanon want to become a municipal arboretum?

Here are some main reasons:

- An elegant, beautiful and well-planned canopy contributes to the character of our community. People thought of this issue 50 to 100 years ago when they planted trees here, and today we want to pay it forward.
**ArbNet Sample Arboretum Plan**

**Arboretum Plan**

**Mission statement**

_The mission of the Arboretum is to provide a place of research, beauty._

**Objectives**

- To preserve and care for the trees currently inhabiting the arboretum.
- To add and care for new species, both native and exotic.
- To educate visitors about basic tree maintenance and care.
- To celebrate trees through events within the arboretum and public awareness campaigns.

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**ArbNet Sample Collections Policy #1**

**ABC Arboretum Collections Policy**

**Introduction**

_ABC Arboretum_ is operated under a management plan which provides direction for the growth and development of plant holdings and associated facilities and functions. The plan defines guidelines for the arboretum and describes roles for the participating parties. It outlines the manner in which the living collections will develop and grow, and it charts the content of the arboretum and the general nature of its research and educational programs for the future. This policy is subject to the management plan, and is presented here as an extension and interpretation of the plan.

The founders and manager serve as the collections committee, with assistance from _ABC College_, to implement the plan and to ensure that the collections, especially the signature collections will
Online Mapping Comparison Guide

The following web sources create digital maps for online display. They can be used by curators for online collections and/or be viewed by visitors via the internet or a mobile device. If you have map-making questions, expertise on our forum is available.

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<th>What it does:</th>
<th>Who's it best for?</th>
<th>Example Arboretum</th>
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<td><strong>My Maps/Google Maps</strong></td>
<td>Users can import large data sheets of individual accessions and/or full taxonomic collections. Users can also input this information individually. Easy to access/share. Very customizable.</td>
<td>Small or Medium Arboretum</td>
<td>University of Hawaii at Manoa</td>
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<td><strong>Plants Map</strong></td>
<td>Establishes a community/network of plant-focused institutions. Allows users to create an online and exportable database of accessioned woody plants and plant collections. Allows for specific plant and growing details.</td>
<td>All Arboretum</td>
<td>Edith J. Carrier Arboretum</td>
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<td><strong>GIS (ArcGIS/QGIS)</strong></td>
<td>ArcGIS provides tools and geographical information to create vector data maps. Maps can be created for free and displayed via the web or mobile apps. Users can purchase advanced software for printing and distribution. QGIS is a free, user-friendly open-source software but is less customization than ArcGIS.</td>
<td>Larger Arboretum or Arboretum with tech department</td>
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Label Making Comparison Guide

A comparison guide of a few reliable sources for creating plant labels and signs for your arboretum. Please share any thoughts or questions you would like to add on our forum.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td><strong>Lark Labels</strong></td>
<td>Offers a high variety of custom sign types, sign displays, and sign fastening techniques. Can be shipped outside of the United States.</td>
<td>Great for any size arboretum who need a variety of sign and tag resources.</td>
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<td><strong>Plants Map Tags</strong></td>
<td>Allows users to order tags directly from their collections in their Plants Map database. Features a QR Code on the tag to link the specific plant to its information on Plants Map.</td>
<td>Good for any size arboretum, especially those interested in the web-based Plants Map community.</td>
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<td><strong>Amazon Labels and Stamp Set</strong></td>
<td>User can create their own signs by purchasing aluminum tags in bulk. They can also purchase a letter and number stamp set to more easily create the tag. Many different vendors and products available, search &quot;tree tags&quot; on Amazon.com. Overall much more economical.</td>
<td>Small to medium arboretum that do not have as much funding or staff to create the tags and have few woody species.</td>
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PlantsMap can help Arboreta become accredited with their mapping tools.

Plantsmap.com is excited to support the ArbNet Accreditation Program. They are inviting ArbNet Accredited Arboreta, or those that wish to become accredited, to digitally document their plantings with their free My Plants Map tools and connect with the ArbNet profile on Plants Map.

Examples of accredited arboreta that have used PlantsMap:

- Historic Woodlawn Arboretum embodies the rural cemetery tradition
- Graceland Cemetery Introduces a Plants Map Interactive Arboretum Tour
ArbNet
Map Examples

South Park Arboretum

Welcome to the South Park Arboretum self-guided tour!

Scroll down through our suggested walking route with photos to assist you in identifying tree species or click on a tree to find out the what it is. The vertical dots along the left side of the screen will help you navigate.

Tree List:
FOURTH
GREENWICH
AWESOME TREE
CONTEST
2012 CONTEST CATEGORIES
Most Interesting Tree Branching
Most Gnarly Tree
Fattest Tree
Most Serene Tree
Storybook Tree

PRIZES
FOR ALL WINNING ENTRIES
WILL BE AWARDED
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012
AT 3:00 PM AT THE
GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER,
ON BIBLE STREET IN COS COB

SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING
ONE LUCKY YOUTH PARTICIPANT WILL
WIN AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM
LED BY CONSERVATION DIRECTOR,
DENISE SAVAGEAU, FOR A GROUP OF
UP TO 12 OF HIS/HER BFFS.

SPONSORED BY:
GREENWICH TREE CONSERVANCY,
Town of Greenwich, Garden Education
Center, Bruce Museum, Audubon Greenwich,
Greenwich Land Trust, Greenwich Green &
Clean, Greenwich Libraries & Pequot Library

PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRY FORMS
BY OCTOBER 22, 2012 TO:
GREENWICH TREE CONSERVANCY
Tree Contest, P.O. Box 4215,
Greenwich, CT 06831

Forms are available on-line at
www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org
(or from any of our participating sponsors)

GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER
4215 POMERANCE ROAD
GREENWICH, CT 06831

FOR INFORMATION CALL 203-869-1464 OR EMAIL TREECONSERVATION@OPTONLINE.NET

GREENWICH TREE CONSERVANCY
A Park for All Seasons
join us for one, two or all three walks of the
Pomerance-Pinetum Property, to view the
changing face of the park during three seasons.

FALL WALK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008
10AM-NOON
Join us on our forest walk to enjoy the splendor of the fall foliage.
Led by Greenwich Superintendent of Parks and Trees, Bruce Spamin.
Group size limited. Easy to moderate walking. Proper footwear is required.
We will meet at Orchard Street entrance. Parking is at Central Middle School.
No charge but reservation required at: treeconserv@optonline.net

WINTER SOLSTICE WALK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008
4-6 PM
Join us for a twilight walk to enjoy the solace of the winter woods.
We will start with a short program on the origins of the Christmas tree and then head
out to discover the beauty of trees in winter. Light refreshments of the season
in the Garden Education Center will be provided. Walk to be led by Greenwich
Conservation Director, Denise Savageau and Lisa Beebe, GEC Horticulturist.
Group size limited. Easy to moderate walking. Proper footwear is required.
Meet and park at Garden Education Center.
No charge but reservation required at: treeconserv@optonline.net

SPRING WALK
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
10AM-NOON
Join us for a “spring awakening” as we view vernal pools within the
forested Pomerance landscape. Walk and observation to be led by
Greenwich Conservation Director, Denise Savageau and RTM Member
and professional Wetland Scientist, Michael Aurelia. Group size limited.
Easy to moderate walking. Proper footwear is required.
We will meet at Orchard Street entrance. Parking is at Central Middle School.
No charge but reservation required at: treeconserv@optonline.net

GREENWICH TREE CONSERVANCY
P.O. Box 4215
Greenwich, CT 06831

Visit our website at:
www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org
for membership information.
NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

The Rotary Club of Albany was founded on April 2, 1928, and has provided service locally and internationally since then to promote a better world. To commemorate its 90th anniversary, the Rotary Club of Albany has partnered with the City of Albany by planting and sponsoring this Street Tree Arboretum. Trees planted here were selected from the City of Albany Approved Street Tree List compiled by the Urban Forestry Program.

The purpose of this arboretum is to provide a place for citizens to view trees and assist them in choosing the right tree for the right place, whether it is for the street right-of-way planter strip or in their yard.

Things to consider before planting a tree:
- What is the function of the tree?
- Is it for shade, a wind break, or aesthetics?
- How large does the tree grow?
- Is there enough space to plant a small, medium, or large tree at its mature size? Are there overhead utilities?
- What are the soil conditions?
- Is the soil fertile, well-drained or compacted?
- How much care will the tree need?
- Can you adequately water the tree for its first 3-5 years? How much maintenance will it need in terms of pruning, general cleanup, and pest management?

For more information on the Rotary Club of Albany, visit: http://www.rotaryofalbany.org

For more information on the City of Albany Urban Forestry Program, visit: https://www.cityofalbany.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/urban-forestry
Happy New Year!

2019 year in review

We’d like to reflect on what ArbNet accomplished this past year. In 2019, we grew substantially as a network, reaching out to new countries and becoming more globally focused: our community of accredited arboreta now includes over 350 institutions in 28 countries! One of our key focus areas last year was tree conservation. This was made possible by a grant from Fondation Franklina, which enabled us to identify gaps and opportunities to support the conservation needs of our arboretum community, and to provide resources, guidance, and new international collaboration opportunities. 2019 was the first year of this three year grant, and we are very excited with what we have been able to achieve thus far.

As you may recall, we conducted a tree conservation needs assessment in 2019, which consisted of a series of survey questions that were answered by nearly 600 members of the ArbNet community. The purpose of the assessment was to obtain a better understanding of what the global community of arboreta and tree experts is currently doing to advance tree conservation and to identify key gaps and needs. We analyzed the survey results and compiled a detailed report, which includes a selection of relevant resources that address the major gaps highlighted by the analysis. We will use the results of the analysis to guide the development of new resources, programs, and funding opportunities that address the needs of our community. Thank you to all who completed the survey.

Last year marked the third annual BGCI/ArbNet Partnership Programme. We received 28 applications—more than ever before! This funding opportunity supports the development of international collaborations between gardens and arboreta for the purpose of exchanging skills, resources and expertise to advance

FEATURED ARBORETA

This quarter we are highlighting the arboreta that were awarded funding through the third annual BGCI/ArbNet Partnership Programme:

- The Blue Mountain Botanic Gardens, Australia (Level IV) & Tropical Rainforest Conservation & Research Centre, Malaysia (Level II)
- Grinadale Arboretum, Argentina (Level I) & Peckerwood Gardens, U.S.A.
- Northwestern University Ecological Park & Gardens, Philippines (Level II) & Dr. Cecilia Koo Botanic Conservation Center, Taiwan (Level I)
- Bo Arboretum, Sierra Leone (Level I) & Ghana Permaculture Institute, Ghana (Level I)
- Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden, Laos PDR (Level II) & Yale University, Tropical Resources Institute, U.S.A.

You can read more about their funded tree conservation projects here.

FEATURED RESOURCES

Check out these resources:

- 2019 Tree Conservation Needs Assessment Report: A report that highlights the key results of the needs assessment and provides links to relevant resources to address the identified gaps. For questions or comments, please email here.

- CPC Rare Plant Academy: online, collaborative platform for the plant conservation community, to learn, share and educate. Hosted by the Center for Plant Conservation.

Upcoming Events

- January 16-17: International Conference on Urban Forestry and Forest Preservation; Rome, Italy
- March 2-6: Southeastern Partners in Plant Conservation Conference; Atlanta, GA, USA
- March 23-27: Association for the Taxonomic Study of the Flora of Tropical Africa (AETFAT); Livingstone, Zambia
- April 22-23: The Sibbaldia and PlantNetwork Conference; Edinburgh, Scotland
- April 24: National Arbor Day, USA

Trending News

- Sydney's Botanic Gardens Prioritize what to Save
- Fossil Trees in New York
- Bushfires Spread to Blue Mountains Botanic Garden
- Genetic Resistant Port-Orford-cedar

New Accreditations

BECOME ACCREDITED

SHARE:
Lisa Ferrel is leading Level I #ArbNet Accredited @ChesterfieldVa Arboretum to grow and thrive. “Whatever we can do to keep this place as green as possible is the goal”. Read to learn more about her work and the history of the arboretum.

Speaking for the Trees
The Chesterfield County arboretum takes root.
richmondmagazine.com
Greenwich Town Arboretum Awarded Level II Accreditation

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum issued the designation.

By Press Release Desk, News Partner
Apr 18, 2018 3:21 pm ET

CENTURY PARK IN VERNON HILLS EARNED RARE ARBORETUM ACCREDITATION

By RICK KAMBIC
PIONEER PRESS | OCT 28, 2017 | 1:25 PM

Oak Park named state’s first municipal arboretum

April 13, 2015 – Decades of commitment to nurturing, diversifying and protecting its urban forest has earned Oak Park recognition as Illinois’ first – and the nation’s fourth – municipal arboretum.

The accreditation was announced in a letter to the Village from Gerard T. Donnelly, Ph.D., the president and chief executive officer of the venerable Morton Arboretum, which created the accreditation program to encourage knowledge, experience and resource sharing among keepers of tree-focused public gardens.
ArbNet Testimonials

“ArbNet accreditation for Smale Riverfront Park was important not only in demonstrating and recognizing our commitment to maintain our park and its woody plant collection to a high standard of excellence, but also provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with a worldwide network of research institutions, arboretums and knowledgeable professionals.”

“The West Chicago Park District has always been known for its amazing forests and wooded parks. The Level II Arboretum accreditation awarded by ArbNet has given new life to an ever aging and growing forest.”

“After 10 years of working on the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum, Trees Atlanta is so excited to be officially accredited.” The Arboretum is a great way for the community to get involved with the Atlanta Beltline project and reconnect to Atlanta’s trees and urban ecosystem. This accreditation will add yet another accomplishment for the Atlanta BeltLine, as well as, confirm the quality of the Arboretum.”
ARBNET ARBORETUM ACCREDITATION APPLICATION FORM

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program provides standards and guidelines for the establishment and development of an arboretum. The goals of the accreditation program are to:

1) foster the establishment and professionalization of arboreta;
2) identify arboreta capable of participating or collaborating in certain scientific, collection, or conservation activities; and
3) advance the planting, study, and conservation of trees to improve the world.

Arboreta that are accredited are encouraged to become leaders and serve as models to promote professional development and engagement with other arboreta.

Different levels of accreditation have been established to recognize arboreta at varying degrees of development, capacity, and professionalism. Accredited arboreta are encouraged to continue their growth and development to achieve higher professional standards.

Arboreta and public gardens are eligible for accreditation by submitting this form along with supporting documentation to demonstrate their level of achievement according to the specified standards. Once the application is completed, a decision will usually be made within four weeks. A site visit by an ArbNet representative may be required as part of the accreditation process.

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is sponsored and supported by The Morton Arboretum, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), and the American Public Gardens Association (APGA).

Arboreta and public gardens completing an application for ArbNet Accreditation Level III or Level IV are able to provide additional information to be considered for BGCI Botanic Garden Accreditation: [https://www.bgci.org/use-work-schemes-botanic-garden-accreditation/](https://www.bgci.org/use-work-schemes-botanic-garden-accreditation/).

For more information regarding specific accreditation requirements:

Visit: [arbnet@mortonarb.org](mailto:arbnet@mortonarb.org)

Call: 610-310-7013

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