

## **ARBORETUM CELEBRATES BARD'S 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.— The Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard is celebrating Bard College's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a series of programs and special giving opportunities to celebrate this milestone.

### **ARBORETUM PROGRAMS 2010**

#### **Horticulture Continuing Education Classes at Bard**

The Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard and the New York Botanical Garden offer a series of continuing education classes at Bard. Open to the public, these classes feature some of the top names in the horticulture industry and cover a wide array of topics, from establishing fruit trees to botanical illustration. All classes will be held in the Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building at Bard College, unless otherwise indicated.

To view these and other Bard/NYBG course offerings and to register, visit <http://conted.nybg.org/> and click on "Satellite Locations" and type in "Bard College" or call 800-322-NYBG (6924) for more information or to request a free course catalogue.

#### **Arbor Day Celebration and Open House Friday, April 30, 2010, 10am-3pm Open House: Bertlesmann Campus Center Tree Planting: Main Campus, Stone Row**

The Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard will host its annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 30. This event will mark the third anniversary of the dedication of the Bard campus as an arboretum. The day's activities will include a ceremonial tree planting of a Princeton Elm (*Ulmus americana* 'Princeton') on the historic "Elm Walk", the road located between Stone Row and the Chapel of Holy Innocents. The planting is part of a series of many plantings aimed at restoring the elm alley that was removed due to its decline from Dutch elm disease.

The Bard Arboretum will also host an open house event in the Bertelsmann Campus Center. Amy Parrella, Arboretum Director will be on hand to talk about the arboretum and answer questions. Educational information and tree brochures will be available. Locally made tree t-shirts and tote bags will be available for purchase. Visitors can also pick up information on registering for the summer horticultural classes co-sponsored with The New York Botanical Garden Continuing Education Program, and becoming a friend of the Arboretum at Bard.

### **May 7<sup>th</sup> is National Public Garden Day**

This spring the Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard invites you to celebrate National Public Garden Day with self-guided tour of the College's unique landscape. Bard's 550-acre campus, in the heart of New York's Hudson River Valley, is rich in history and full of natural beauty. The campus has long been recognized for its spectacular gardens and superb collection of living trees and plants - in fact, many of the Valley's most notable trees are located at Bard. To help you explore the College's park-like campus, including its gardens and specimen trees, the Arboretum Program has provided self-guided walking tour brochures. You can pick up a brochure at the kiosk located outside Hopson Building (Admissions) on North Ravine Road.

The Landscape and Arboretum was formed with the charge of preserving and cultivating the campus's horticultural assets. The Arboretum Program formalizes the College's dedication to caring for its unique landscape and opens the door to horticultural education, outreach, and research.

*National Public Garden Day celebrates America's public gardens and raises awareness of their important role in promoting environmental stewardship, education, plant conservation, and water conservation.*

### **May 18<sup>th</sup> is Plant Conservation Day**

Plants are the backbone of all life on Earth: they regulate our climate, purify our water, help create rich soils and protect those soils from erosion. Plant Conservation Day is a fantastic excuse to celebrate the importance of plants and learn more about the key role we all play in their conservation.

Join the Landscape and Arboretum at Bard in celebrating our native flora by learning more about threatened and endangered plants in New York. Free information will be available on campus. For more information visit, <http://inside.bard.edu/arboretum/events/>.

The world's plant species are facing unprecedented threats to their continued survival, despite the fact that their loss will have significant negative impacts on the humans and wildlife that depend upon them and the ecosystems services they provide.

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## **SPECIAL 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Adopt-A-Granddad Tree**

The Bard Arboretum is home to many “Granddad” trees, 150 years or older. These botanical specimens have witnessed Bard’s growth from its beginning. The Arboretum would like to offer you the opportunity to honor and recognize these ancient relics for their beauty and contribution to our landscape by adopting a tree for a special friend, event or to remember a loved one.

Tree adoptions provide funds to support their ongoing care and preservation. Tree recipients will have the option to be recognized by having their name displayed on a special Adopt-A-Granddad tree identification label and will receive a special tree adoption certificate with the name and location of the tree(s) you adopt.

The cost of a Granddad tree is \$1000. This fee includes a personalized tree identification label and a tree adoption certificate with the name and location of the tree(s) you adopt.

### **Donate-A-Campus Bench**

Personalized campus benches are now available to donate to Bard’s Arboretum. Campus benches allow the visitor to stop, relax and enjoy their surroundings. The Arboretum is looking to expand our current bench inventory to encourage such appreciation of the landscape.

The cost of each bench is \$2500. This fee includes the bench and installation costs and a custom brass plaque.

If you wish to participate in the Adopt-A-Tree or Donate-A-Campus Bench program or would like to contribute, with others, towards either a tree or a bench, please contact the Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard at 845-758-7179 to make arrangements. All gifts are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Bard’s Arboretum, a beloved park-like campus, is a treasured horticultural resource that has evolved over the years and remains a place where visitors can experience the beauty and tranquility of nature with exquisite views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains.

The Landscape and Arboretum Program at Bard was founded in 2007 with the mission of to preserve and enhance the natural and landscaped resources of the campus and to promote knowledge and appreciation of horticulture and conservation.

For those who wish to help support the arboretum, different levels of memberships are available to become a Friend of the Bard Landscape and Arboretum. For further information, call 845-758-7179, e-mail [arboretum@bard.edu](mailto:arboretum@bard.edu) or visit <http://inside.bard.edu/arboretum/>.

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