



**1908**

Hardy apple breeding started & Fruit Breeding Farm (later Horticultural Research Center, HRC) established by U of MN

**1922**

'Haralson' apple introduction, still most widely grown apple in Minnesota

**1958**

Arboretum created by Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, U of MN Dept. of Horticultural Science headed by Dr. Leon Snyder, Minnesota State Horticultural Society and The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club

**1959**

The Arboretum's first Master Plan was created with funds awarded to The LMGC by The GCA Founders Fund. 2,000 plantings--580 species and varieties; 5,000 visitors; The Saint Paul Garden Club established the azalea and rhododendron collection



**1960**

Arboretum entrance built - Edwin Lundie design; Grace B. Dayton Wildflower Garden created with gifts from several Dayton family members

**1962**

Ordway Shelter built

**1963**

Hermann Farm acquired for tall grass prairie

**1964**

25,000 visitors

**1967**

Education & Research Building designed by architect Edwin Lundie

**1968**

Arboretum Auxiliary founded

**1969**

Arboretum Directorship established by Board of Regents, Dr. Leon C. Snyder, first director

**1974**

Education & Research Bldg. (Snyder Bldg.) opened in May



**1975**

Greenhouse and Headhouse completed

**1977**

Francis deVos becomes Arboretum's second director

**1979**

Children's education programming initiated



**1980**

Meyer-Deats Conservatory dedicated

**1981**

Wilson Rose Garden Gazebo completed

**1982**

Annual Gardens built

**1984**

Knot Garden completed with support from The LMGC



**1999**

Learning Center becomes the Marion Andrus Learning Center with a new addition in memory of Sally Oswald

**2003**

Richard & Judith Spiegel Entrance Garden, Johanna Frerichs Garden for Wildlife, and Gordon Bailey, Sr. Shrub Walk completed

**2005**

Oswald Visitor Center dedicated

**2006**

Honeycrisp apple named Minnesota's official fruit; Zestar! and SnowSweet apples introduced

**2007**

Dahlberg Welcoming Terrace dedicated

**2008**

50th Arboretum anniversary; 40th anniversary of the Arboretum Auxiliary

**2009**

Purchase of 90 acres known as the Western Addition (Arboretum total: 1,137 acres)

**2010**

Ed Schneider becomes director

**2011**

Harrison Sculpture Garden, featuring 20 world-class art works (6 more added by 2014), created and endowed

**2014**

New Entry Plaza Garden and Gatehouse dedicated, funded by the K.A.H.R. Foundation; Hoeft Eastern Drive created to connect Three-Mile Drive to proposed Bee Center and Red Barn

**2015**

Groundbreaking for Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center

**2016**

Peter Moe named new Arboretum Director; Highest ever membership at 25,978

**2017**

Chinese Garden dedicated in September; Voted the #1 Botanical Garden by USA Today Readers Choice; The American Alliance of Museums granted accreditation to the Arboretum

**2018**

60th anniversary of the Arboretum; 50th anniversary of the Arboretum Auxiliary



**1985**

Peter J. Olin becomes Arboretum director; Horticultural Research Center administratively merged with Arboretum

**1991**

'Honeycrisp' apple introduction

**1993**

Three-Mile Drive rebuilt

**1995**

'Frontenac' grape introduction

