Over the past year, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has continued to fulfill its diverse mission to serve as a community resource with public display gardens, horticultural research, plant conservation, education and outreach for adults and families. Some of the milestones and achievements the Arboretum reached in fiscal year 2009:

I. Sustainability
The Arboretum is a leader in sustainability and horticultural best practices. The Green at Heart initiative illustrates our commitment and solutions to advance our overall mission.

In June, the Arboretum stopped selling bottled water in its restaurant, vending machines and gift store. Instead, visitors are offered options of free water in a small compostable cup or purchasing re-usable bottles.

The water theme took center stage at the Arboretum this summer. From the Waterosity summer exhibition to a newly installed picnic shelter green roof to rain barrels and rain gardens, conservation and sustainability were the buzzwords of the summer. And that’s not all, Waterosity also included information about more efficient irrigation and watering systems, composting and research on low maintenance lawn grasses.

The Arboretum participated in an expanded composting pilot program in a partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Carver County and RW Farms and Waste Management. The pilot program received a 2009 Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Waste and Pollution Prevention for its innovative approach to collecting and composting organics at a composting site on Arboretum grounds.

To combat invasive pests on trees, the Arboretum appointed two First Responders for the Emerald Ash Borer. Fortunately, no EAB has been sighted here as staff remain vigilant in watching our ash trees and keeping them healthy.

Tenant Company donated large floor cleaning machines that use minimal water and no detergent to clean the floors of the Oswald Visitor Center and the Snyder Building.

II. Horticultural Research
New Northern Accents™ Roses Sven, Ole, and Lena developed from the University of Minnesota Woody Landscape Plant Breeding and Genetics Project are now available to the public. These low maintenance, zone 4 hardy polyantha cultivars are resistant to black spot disease.

To maintain our native ecosystems, the Arboretum removed all female cork trees, Phellodendron spp. from the grounds because they were self-seeding into natural wooded areas. Gardening staff rank female cork trees, buckthorn and honeysuckle as the most invasive.

Two new turf grass demonstration plots were established by University of Minnesota turf grass researchers to continually evaluate the suitability of native grasses with low inputs.

New northern-hardy fruit introduction plots from the Horticultural Research Center, “SweeTango” Minneiska apples, were released commercially by Pepin Heights Orchard, in a special partnership with the University of Minnesota. With much fanfare, this offspring of famous parents: Zestar™ and “Honeycrisp”, found a loyal following in the Twin Cities and selected U.S. markets.

III. Development and Capital Projects
In January 2009, the Arboretum purchased a 90-acre parcel of land that completes the University of Minnesota ownership of the Arboretum watershed. With the Western Addition, the Arboretum’s total acreage reached 1,137—with plans to expand hiking and snowshoe trails along with interpretation for visitors.

In spring, more than 20,000 tulips offered a spectacular spring welcome to visitors. Blooms were captured on a new webcam, which was streamed online to the Arboretum website. For summer, 25,000 annuals were showcased in subtle wave patterns in gardens to integrate the Waterosity exhibition theme. This summer, a new garden was planted near the Gate House entrance, featuring Korean Pine, sugar maples, daffodils, azaleas and more.

In late fall, the Green Heron Pond Bog Boardwalk closed temporarily after nearly 40 years of use because of physical deterioration and safety concerns. At the 2009 Gala in the Gardens live auction, pledges of $58,000 from donors started a fund to build a new bog boardwalk in the coming years.

IV. Exhibits, Education and Outreach
The Totally Orchids winter exhibit wowed visitors with orchids both beautiful and unusual thanks to an Arboretum partnership with Orchids Limited in Plymouth.

Kathy Allen was named librarian of the Anderson Horticultural Library in November. In addition to being a popular resource for seed catalogs, plant information and rare books, the Library launched a new weekly Children’s Story Time series, kindling new interest in the children’s book collection with the pre-school set, parents and grandparents alike.

The Weekend Family Fun programming at the Marion Andrus Learning Center encouraged families to connect with plants through crafts and hands on projects including digging out invasive...
plants such as buckthorn. Award-winning ‘Learn’ classes served pre-school to high school students, including Pea Pod sessions (preschooler and adult), children’s weekly gardening programs, school field trips, Summer Day Camps and the Plantmobile. Through these programs, the Arboretum reached more than 50,000 children. A new residency program at Dowling Urban Environmental School and Como Park Elementary School and continuing Urban Gardening partnership with Kaleidoscope expanded off-site education.

Adult classes and symposia drew nearly 4,000 participants. In both children and adult programs, the Arboretum focused on sustainability and locally produced foods. The Arboretum offered public policy programs spotlighting environmental conservation and youth development. “Children in Nature: Healthy Development by Design” was the third annual conference concerning the importance of natural-based play environments. Later in the fall, additional symposia included a Land Conservation & Clean Water Summit in September, drawing record attendance of local and national experts, policymakers and community organizations. A Youth Voices Conference, organized by young adults, highlighted youth development and leadership through gardening programs.

A partnership with Minnesota State Master Gardeners and University of Minnesota Extension in the Waterosity Go Green with a Splash Weekend in July offered visitors how-to information, expertise and demonstrations of best practices for gardening and water applications. Featured were water-wise demonstrations by exhibit partners and performances by Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre.

V. Arboretum Earned Revenue and Donor Support

An historic first, the Arboretum hosted more than 100 weddings this year, as facility rental business exceeded sales projections.

In a special partnership with the Galleria in Edina, the Arboretum Holiday Store opened for the holiday season in 2008, introducing the Arboretum to many. Sales grossed approximately $108,000 in less than two months, and the Arboretum garnered nearly 100 new or renewing memberships at the site.

Annual Fund donations were comparable to previous year donations despite slightly fewer donor gifts this year. Corporate sponsorships and donations increased over the year prior and many new companies joined in because of their interest in the environment and education.

Major fundraising events surpassed revenue goals to reach more than $149,000—another record! Gala in the Gardens recorded net revenue of $126,356 in addition to $58,000 dedicated to the Bog Walk. Toast & Taste in the Gardens produced a net revenue of nearly $18,000, with the Drive Green! Car Raffle netting $5,000.

Membership revenue was up significantly (7%) over FY 2008, reaching $905,000 in sales revenue and a record 21,140 members. A new sales counter in the Oswald Visitor Center produced excellent return on investment.

Visitorship exceeded the previous year by nearly 7% totaling 321,993.

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Helen W. & J. Kimball Whitney
Robert P. Widstrand +
Corinee Wiles
Jackie Wilhelm
Alan C. Williams
Donna & Arno Windsor +
John* & Renata Winsor
William J. Winstead
Donise J. Wright
Lorraine Penny Wuerth
Kay M. Yost
Marilyn & Alan Yousel
Jane A. Younginger
Alice Zittel

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:
Rev. Dennis Ahd
Hope Allen
Frank N. Allen
Robert Allison
Robert W. Amis
Elmer L. Anderson
Arnold Anderson
Margaret "Peggy" Winton Anderson
Rebecca "Becky" Anderson
Lois R. Anderson
William C. Anderson
Paul Anderson
Jean Lorraine Johansen Arthur
Todd Bachman
Louise Bachman
Trudy Bahr
Agnes Bakke
Elizabeth R. Barnett
Doris Barry
Robert O. Bazlil
Lawrence K. Berry
Norma Behl
Elizabeth Ann Bendig
Marilyn Bennett
Gayle Bowman Berry
Alma "Bobbie" Betlock
Paul Bishman
Vivian Blohm
Kathleen Kate Blomquist
Jean Boecker
Evelyn Bonsack
Leslie Jolene Bolke
Jean M. Bongard
Evan R. Bosch
William Bosse
Muriel L. Bowker
Arthur Bradley
Ruth Brandow
LaRoy "Buck" Breneke
Zoe Katherine (Comer) Bros
Dona Mae Brown
Roger J. Bruning
David Bull
William "Bill" Burnes
Jack Callahan
Catherine "Kitty" Cameron
Mary Campbell
George Carhart
Agnes Carlson
Mary Carter
Julie A. Casey
Dona Champlain
Sally Chase
Robert E. Christensen
Maynard O. Christensen
Betty Clapp
Robert S. Clark
James & Barbara O. Coleman
Dolores & Paul Coleworthy
Robert Congdon
Thomas E. Cooper
Nancy Coultas
Leon D. Cross
Lyndee Dahlah
Barbara Darke
Francis de Vos
Donald W. DeCoster
Pauline Dickel
Henry & Katherine Doerr III
Jan M. Donnelly
Patricia A. Donovan
Anne Janosco Douglas
Frances Douglas
Edna C. Downing
Wayne Dummer
Harry Dunn, Jr
Harry M. Dye
Charles & Ruth Eisler
John D. Elson
Douglas K. Elliott
James O. Engstrom
Nancy Bartlett Erickson
William B. Everett
Robert G. Farrell
Alisha Faustich

* Deceased  +  New members
Gifts Above Membership

Grace Elizabeth Fazendin  
Joe Fernandes  
Brooks Field  
Helen Fischer  
John "Jack" Finnerty  
Doris Calderwood Fletcher  
Richard Frane  
Terrance Franklin  
Leona A. Freed  
David Freeman  
Mark J. Funk  
Harold Gager  
Leona Gale  
Allan Garrison  
Mary Tampas Gayes  
Lois M Gaylord  
Burton C. Genis  
Betsy Giebenhain  
Jean Gilligan  
Kathleen "Kay" Glueck  
Rosemary C. Gluek  
F . Noah Gordon  
Rosemary C. Gluek  
Kathleen "Kay" Glueck  
Jean Gilligan  
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Gifts in Honor of

Barbara Bachman  
Arleen Ballor  
Lynne Barzil  
Mary Kay Betras  
Jeb & Pam Bowlus  
Joseph & Catherine Carroll  
Brenda Cramer  
Betty Jayne Dahlberg  
Jean Dennison  
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Everett  
Pat & Arlene Finley  
Flossie Finicum  
Margaret Fischer  
Charles H. Gauck  
Carl Graftunder  
Betty Jean Hahn  
John & Jone Haller  
Jim & Olga Hanlon  
Mark & Lorraine Hertz  
June & Sam Joyce  
Mary Lou Klacan  
Sylvia Kubes  
Elyane Lipp  
Tom & Marian Ludford  
Dennis & Laura Lundberg  
Jean Marrs  
Tim & Karen McCauley  
Chuck Muscoplat  
Linda Odegard  
Karen Oliva  
Felix Phillips  
Dr. Edmund Post  
Jack & Jean Raby  
Tom Resnick  
Hamilton & Sarah Ross  
Peggy Rupp  
Morris & Judy Sherman  
Patricia Sherman  
Susan & Michael Shields  
Wharton Sinker  
Kim & Buddy Snow  
Renate Sperber  
Jack & Joan Streed  
Daniel & Dorothy Swain  
Sara Jean Thomas

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Bailwick  
Beacon Accounts Management  
Brandspring Solutions, LLC  
CR Landforms/Nature's Nest Farm  
Edelweiss Design, Inc.  
Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce  
Entegris  
Franke Financial Limited  
Hartman Tree Farm  
Lake Region Medical  
Lifecore Biomedical  
MGK-McLaughlin Gormley King Company  
Michael Foods, Inc.  
National Camera & Video  
New Perspective Senior Living  
Northern Star  
Otten Brothers Nursery  
Rosemount  
Wagner Greenhouses  
Wallace Carlson Company

ARBORETUM HONORS:

Best place to go snowshoeing  
- Mpls St Paul Magazine

Best outdoor food event to Toast & Taste in the Gardens  
- StarTribune.com blog

Best cooking class for the Dinner with a Chef series  
- Minnesota Monthly

Best Bet  
- Twin Cities Live, KSTP-TV
Dear Friends,

2009 was a very good year for the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum as we launched an internal Green Team and began a series of sustainability initiatives including the very successful Waterosity exhibition.

We added new research components and held curving edge public policy programs that brought people together from our region and across the United States.

This was a challenging year for philanthropy and balancing the budget; however, earned income continued to increase and annual giving was similar to 2008. Gala in the Gardens: Azalea Lights, the June garden party was well attended and raised the highest gala income ever, with special support for the renovation of the Green Heron Pond bog boardwalk. Toast and Taste featured 21 restaurants, four local breweries and seven regional wineries for a special evening of culinary delights.

The major news of the year, however, was the University’s final purchase of 90 acres to the west of the Arboretum, the former Tschimperle property, now known as the Western Addition. The Arboretum now covers 1,137 acres and includes almost our entire watershed. We are thrilled to own this important piece of property and look forward to unlocking the educational potential it holds for the future.

Your work and support of the Arboretum is greatly appreciated. Thank you members, donors, and friends for making the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum the great place it is today.

Mary H. Meyer
Interim Director and Professor

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2009 and 2008**

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A total of 715 volunteers donated 32,185 hours of human resources to help propel the Arboretum’s success. Volunteers of the Year recognized for their service included: Frank Foss, Jane and Jim Lincoln, Susan Issacson, Jutta Peters, Patty Schmieg, Robin Spevacek and Judy Spiegel.

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