Vision
To be the world-class northern-climate public garden and arboretum that inspires people to notice and reflect upon the beauty and subtleties of nature and the importance of our plant world.

Mission
To be a growing resource for horticultural information, plant conservation, research and education. To inspire and delight a growing visitorship with outstanding displays, collections, and natural areas.

Geography
The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum’s location:
44° 51’ 30’ latitude
93° 35’ 63’ longitude
Average elevation: 950’ above sea level
Elevation Range: 942’ to 1062’ above sea level
Average Temperature:
   Summer 26.6 °C (79.9 F)
   Winter -12 °C (10.4 F)
Located in the Big Woods: maple (*Acer*), basswood (*Tilia*), mixed oak (*Quercus*), woodland – edge of tall grass prairie
Invasive Species: *Lythrum, Rhamnus, Phalaris* (reed canary grass)

Statistics
University Location: College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
Area: 1215.13 acres
History:
   Horticultural Research Center founded in 1908
   Arboretum proper founded in 1958
Visitorship:
   FY 2014: 325,239
Membership:
   FY 2014: 21,039 member households
Auxiliary Members:
   FY 2014: 225
Arboretum Volunteers (FY 2014):
   Number of volunteers: 1,043
   Number of documented volunteer hours: 40,723
   Total value of volunteer hours: $989,976.13
   Corporate & Group volunteers: 15 groups; 301 volunteers: 1,219 hours
Master Gardener Volunteers (Calendar Year 2013):
   Number of MG volunteers: 2,302
   Number of documented MG volunteer hours: 130,400
   Total value of MG volunteer hours: $2,600,000
Staff

FY 2014:
  Winter: 142, incl. 52 FTE for Arboretum, HRC and Library
  Summer: 240, incl. 87 FTE for Arboretum, HRC and Library

Budget:
  FY 2014: $10,538,624

Foundation:
  33 elected members
  Fiduciary responsibility for Arboretum endowment (c. 25 million)

Research Programs

Department of Horticultural Science internationally recognized; 155 total plant introductions, including:
  Apples: Hardiness, disease resistance, storage capability
    26 Introductions incl. Fireside, Haralson, Honeycrisp, Zestar!®, SnowSweet® and SweeTango®
  Grapes: Hardiness, table, and wine: 10 introductions
    Wine: Frontenac, La Crescent, Frontenac gris, Marquette
    Table: Edelweiss, Swenson Red, Bluebell
  Other Fruit: 66 varieties incl. pear, plum, apricot, raspberry, strawberry, blueberry
  Trees: best known: Northwood and Autumn Spire Red Maple, Northland Strain Redbud
  Miscellaneous Landscape Plants: best known: Northern Sun, Forsythia, Cardinal Dogwood, Princess Kay Plum, Northern Pearls, Pearlbusch, Sven, Ole and Lena Rose
  Ornamental Grass: Hardiness best known: Blue Heaven™, Little Bluestem
  Wetland Restoration: Research and demonstration
    Spring Peeper Meadow, 13-acre ecological restoration
  Center for Plant Conservation: Participating institution in National Network

Education Programs (FY 2014)

Total Served: 72,938
  Youth & Family: National Award winning program
    Total Participants: 47,760
      Family Programs: 8,788
      PeaPods/Preschool: 376
      Adult: 7,564
  Special Audience: International Recognition, Horticultural Therapy
    Total Participants: 17,614
      Community Outreach: 14,000
      Training: 614
      Program Attendees: 3,000
Andersen Horticultural Library: International Recognition
18,000 book volumes
8,900 journal volumes
67,500 seed and nursery catalogs dating from 1614 - 2014

Plant Information Online: Information on where to purchase plants and seeds; award-winning (APGA & American Library Assn)
1,000 North American nurseries’ catalogs indexed, covering 90,000 plants
300,000 citations to 180,000 plants in science & garden literature
Link to selected websites for images & regional information on 18,000 plants
Access/contact information for 2,750 North American seed and nursery firms

Gardens & Collections:
Over 5,100 taxa displayed throughout the gardens and collections.

Displays and Model Landscapes: 18 displays and models. Landscape models for various functions such as parking lots, back yards, recreated natural areas. Major models and displays include the Home Demonstration Gardens, parking lot plantings, restored native landscapes, Rainwater Runoff Model, Rain Gardens, Shrub Walk, Shade Tree Exhibit, Maze Garden and Bog Walk.

Collections: 45, including major collections of crabapple, pine, maple, roses, ornamental grasses and major groups of herbaceous perennials, including iris, lilies, daylilies, hosta and peonies. The pine and grass collections are recognized by the American Public Gardens Association as part of the North American Plant Collections Consortium.

Gardens: 28, with formal gardens including six herb gardens, multiple perennial gardens, three rose gardens, hosta glade, annual garden, prairie garden, sensory garden and sculpture garden.