Why donate?

An arboretum is a museum of living trees and woody shrubs, which supports local biodiversity and preserves a sustainable environment. An arboretum is a place to learn through hands-on instruction and simple observation of “what works”. As a type of botanical garden, an arboretum is also a relaxing contemplative refuge in the beauty of nature, a meeting place with a beautiful backdrop for special events, a source of inspiration for home gardens and a cornerstone for community pride.

Friends of Boone County Arboretum, Inc (FOBCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the work of the Boone County Arboretum. Donations are used by the Friends to support arboretum programming, outreach and research activities.

Donations to Boone County Arboretum can be deducted from your income taxes. We encourage you to contact your personal tax advisor for assistance on selecting a giving option that best fits your circumstances.

To find out more about donating to Boone County Arboretum, please contact Kris Stone, Arboretum Director, by phone: 859-384-4999 or email: kstone@boonecountyky.org.

Donations can be submitted via our website: http://www.bcarboretum.org/donate.aspx or mailed to Friends of Boone County Arboretum, P.O. Box 876, Burlington, KY 41005.
Growing the Collection
Support the arboretum by funding the expansion of our collection and program offerings. These types of donations will be recognized at the time of the donation and/or use. For a permanent recognition of your donation, see the Legacy options. Special project areas are also available; contact the arboretum director for a list of projects in need of funding.

Growing the Interpretation
Fund a special collection area or interpretive signs for $3,000 each, or provide a set of 10 plant labels for $150.

Growing the Classes
Sponsor a special educational workshop, professional symposium, or public event at the arboretum. Donations must cover the full cost of the event at minimum. Call for details.

Growing the Profession
Open the door for the next generation of public garden professionals by funding a six month, seasonal student internship fellowship:
- 40 hour per week position: $7,000
- 20 hour per week position: $3,500
- Perpetuity: $100,000

The LEGACY Options
The Giving Tree
Those who join Friends of Boone County Arboretum at the lifetime ($500 single, $750 family) and corporate ($1,000) membership levels will have their name inscribed on a bronze leaf or rock as part of our “Giving Tree” wall of donors. See our membership brochure or website for more details and the application form.

Dedications
Celebrate the memory of a loved one, the birth of a child, a significant anniversary, or a special event with our tribute program. A list of plants available for dedication is kept on our website. Our in-ground dedication markers are made of durable engraved granite.
- Tribute brics: $100 or $200 each, depending on size
- Tribute shrub with marker: $500
- Tribute perennial bed with marker: $500
- Tribute trees with marker: $1,000 honoring an individual, or $5,000 honoring a family
- Tribute & memorial benches: $1,000
- Tribute & special memorial gardens: minimum $3,000

Endowments
The general endowment provides funds for the day-to-day operations at the Arboretum. The original donation will remain as invested principle to provide ongoing growth of the endowment - only the generated interest will be used. Any amount may be contributed for the endowment, with a minimum contribution of $25.

PLANNED Giving
By planning your giving strategy, you can find the best possible tax and financial benefits for your situation. Planned gift options involve assets - not income - thereby reducing taxes due on capital gains. Deferred gifts, such as bequests and life insurance policies, cost you nothing upfront.

Stock Donation
If you have owned a stock or mutual fund for longer than 12 months, you may choose to transfer that stock to Friends of Boone County Arboretum. This may allow you to deduct the fair market value of that stock from your income tax as a charitable donation. Consult your tax preparer for more information on how this could work in your situation.

Estate Plan Gifts
Include a donation to the Arboretum in your will after consulting with your estate advisor.

In Lieu of Flowers
For an occasion where an alternative to flowers or gifts would be preferred, insert the following in the announcement: “Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Boone County Arboretum, P.O. Box 876, Burlington, KY 41005.” Let us know if you have a specific request for use of the funds sent in your behalf.

Donation Summary
Donation Type:
We will contact you promptly to plan out the specifics of your donation. For now, give us an idea of what you have in mind. Check the box describing your intended gift.

Plants
- Non-tribute plants (any amount, $25 minimum)
- Tribute tree ($1000 individual, $5000 family)
- Tribute shrub ($500)
- Tribute perennial bed ($500)
- Tribute Garden ($3000 minimum)

Hardscape
- Tribute Brick 4x8” ($100)
- Tribute Brick 8x8” ($200)
- Tribute Bench ($1000)
- Special project areas (varies)

Educational Outreach
- Interpretive signs ($3000)
- Plant labels ($150)
- Educational workshop (varies)
- Internship fellowship (varies)

Legacy Gifts
- Lifetime membership (varies)
- Endowment (any amount, $25 minimum)

Planned Giving
If interested in these options, we will contact you to set up further details.
- Stock Gift
- Estate gift
- In lieu of flowers

Total Donation Amount: $ ________

Please fill out both sides of form
Thank you for your support!