Welcome to our Annual Report!

2016 was a busy and exciting year at The Dawes Arboretum. Through community support and generosity we were able to complete several projects and begin planning for a few more. We are excited to report on these projects and share information about some of our other accomplishments as well as let you know about what will be happening at The Arboretum in the future.

2016 Grounds Improvements

During 2016, The Dawes Arboretum logged the largest number of visitors and members on record. We are always looking for ways to improve The Arboretum experience for our supporters and guests. With the completion of these highlighted projects, we have built a solid foundation that we can continue to build upon for many years to come.

As part of our ongoing trail improvements, we opened a new, paved, accessible trail that begins at the Visitors Center and leads visitors past the Daweswood House Museum and garden. Along the way, you will pass the Stumpery and wander through some of the earliest plantings at the Arboretum. We have also made great improvements to the trails on the Arboretum’s east side. A one-half mile loop trail begins at the east side tunnel and takes you through our woodlands. Soon new signage will highlight points of interest along the trail.

In the early months of 2016, we installed sewer lines throughout the grounds and connected to the Hebron waste water treatment plant. Completing this project allowed us to close nearly all of The Arboretum’s septic systems, which did not have sufficient capacity to keep pace with our continually increasing number of visitors.

Two new support buildings were added to The Arboretum’s Davis Drive property. One building serves as a home base for the Grounds Department staff while the other provides secure storage space for Arboretum equipment. We also began construction of our new native plant greenhouse. This new structure will allow us to grow targeted native plants for our restoration purposes such as our expanded pollinator habitat and reforestation trials.

Public Charity Status

We are very pleased to announce that the Internal Revenue Service granted our request to begin operating as a public charity rather than a private foundation. This new classification offers many benefits going forward. The Arboretum will now be eligible for more funding opportunities and have a reduced tax burden. Please read the letter from our Director of Development Erin Prescott on page five to learn more about this exciting new era for The Arboretum.

Environmental Professionals Training Program

The Arboretum developed the Environmental Professionals Training Program to help recent college graduates gain the hands-on, natural resource management experience that
employers are seeking. The program emphasizes skill-building, direct training alongside Arboretum staff and practical knowledge. During their six-month stay at The Arboretum, participants focus on outcome-oriented projects and documenting progress so they can share results with future employers. While the residents gain a step up in their career, The Arboretum benefits from their thousands of hours of volunteer service.

The Dawes Arboretum Added to the National Register of Historic Places

During 2016, the main grounds of The Arboretum were added to the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. This honor pays homage to Beman and Bertie Dawes’ contribution to the American conservation movement of the early 20th century. Be sure to read the story on page four for complete details on this historic recognition.

ACA Accreditation for Camp Dawes

Our Camp Dawes program was accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) in October 2016. Our education staff did a great job of showing the ACA how we are meeting their standards for accreditation. Many of these standards focus on program quality and the health and safety of camp participants. Visit dawesarb.org in March to register for 2017 camp sessions.

Nearly Half of Species in Plant Collections

Wild Collected

A recent survey of our labeled plants shows that 46 percent of all of the species in our collections were wild collected. Our Curatorial Department has focused on acquiring native plants from natural habitats for many years. Wild collecting, as opposed to obtaining plants from a nursery or garden, reduces the possibility of hybridization and increases genetic diversity. This increases a species’ chances of healthy survival over time. We are encouraged that such a large percentage of our labeled plants is from natural habitats and look forward to increasing this number.

Looking Ahead to 2017

Construction of the next phase of the Learning Garden begins in winter 2017. Adjacent to the Zand Education Center, the new garden will feature accessible outdoor education and demonstration opportunities. The target opening date for the Learning Garden is summer 2017.

As part of the repaving of State Route 13, The Arboretum will construct a turn lane at our main entrance to enhance visitor safety. Our entranceway will also be getting some new landscaping.

Ongoing trail work will continue with completion of a loop trail between the Learning Garden and the Visitors Center. Also, additional trail work on The Arboretum’s east side will provide even more access to our natural areas.

It is only with your support that The Dawes Arboretum is able to offer opportunities for learning, nature exploration and recreation in our community. It is with your continued partnership that we look forward to many more accomplishments in the coming year, as we continue our founders’ dedication to increasing the love and knowledge of trees, history and nature.

Thank you for sharing in our mission!

Executive Director Luke Messinger

Luke E. Messinger
Executive Director
The Arboretum’s Historic Recognition

In August 2016, the National Park Service listed The Dawes Arboretum on the National Register of Historic Places. “After a lengthy application and approval process, it is gratifying to see Bertie and Beman Dawes’ contribution to natural resource conservation recognized on a national stage. We are always looking for ways to share the history of The Arboretum with our visitors, and this honor gives us a new way to start that conversation,” said Leslie Wagner, Historian.

The main grounds of The Arboretum, encompassing 370 acres, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. Including The Arboretum grounds and not just the Daweswood House Museum in the nomination truly pays homage to Arboretum co-founders Bertie and Beman Dawes’ contribution to the American conservation movement of the early 20th century. After many years of deforestation, forested lands in Ohio had decreased dramatically by the early 1900s. Bertie and Beman Dawes wanted to plant trees on their land and encourage others to do the same. In 1917, they moved to their Daweswood home and began planting trees. In 1923, Beman Dawes began working on his reforestation efforts with Norman Scherer, Assistant Professor of Forestry, Ohio State University. Scherer suggested trees that would thrive in Ohio and helped properly identify species. Dawes also partnered with State Forester Edmund Secrest who offered advice and supervised early plantings. The Parkwoods area in the north end of The Arboretum contains some of the oldest plantings on the grounds. The recently opened, accessible Parkwoods Trail allows visitors a new avenue to explore this historic area of The Arboretum.

In 1929, Beman and Bertie Dawes founded The Dawes Arboretum. According to the original deed of trust, they established The Arboretum “…to encourage the planting of forest and ornamental trees and to demonstrate the value of the different varieties of trees for these purposes; for practical and scientific research in horticulture and agriculture, but particularly in the growth and culture of trees and shrubs able to support the climate of the state of Ohio; in order to give pleasure to the public and education to the youth; and to increase the general knowledge and love of trees and shrubs.”

Today, The Arboretum is made up of 1,910 acres with nearly 17,000 labeled collection plants. The Arboretum hosts scientific research, youth and adult education programs, land conservation projects, and more than 250,000 visitors each year who come to enjoy trees and the natural world. “We hope our listing on the National Register of Historic Places reminds everyone of the debt of gratitude that we owe Bertie and Beman Dawes and other conservation pioneers. Because of their generosity and forward thinking, people are able to experience nature and appreciate trees at The Dawes Arboretum,” said Luke Messinger, Executive Director.

The Arboretum’s historic district status recognizes many historic buildings on the grounds including the Daweswood House Museum. Originally built in 1867 by the Brumback family, the Italianate-style home became the Dawes family’s country getaway. An avid gardener, Bertie Dawes planted many species around their home and kept journals on her gardens. Today, Bertie’s garden has been recreated and visitors can tour the Daweswood House Museum. “Touring the house is a great way to get to know who Bertie and Beman Dawes were as people. Visitors see some unique artifacts from the Dawes family,” said Wagner. Visit dawesarb.org for tour dates and pricing.

The Dawes Arboretum plans to add a plaque to its grounds announcing The Arboretum’s status on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.
Public Charity Status
Opens the Door to New Opportunities

As a member of our community, we would like you to be among the first to know that The Dawes Arboretum has been granted permission by the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a public charity. Formerly categorized as a private foundation, The Arboretum’s new status as a public charity acknowledges all of our important programs that are supported by donations.

When The Arboretum was founded in 1929, it encompassed 293 acres of prime habitat to support a wide array of plant life, and it was a lovely spot for visitors to spend an afternoon. Beman and Bertie Dawes founded The Arboretum with an endowment to support what they created, but they also left us with a vision to create something more. Today, nearly 2,000 acres representing a variety of habitats are stewarded by The Arboretum. More than 250,000 people visit annually, and more than 15,000 people participate in our educational programming each year. The Dawes family created a wonderful legacy for Licking County and their generous endowment continues to fund much of The Arboretum’s operations; however, the scope of our work, especially The Arboretum’s engagement with the community, has increased dramatically since 1929 and created a need for additional support.

To be classified as a public charity, The Arboretum is now obligated to raise a significant percentage of funding from sources beyond our endowment. Classification as a public charity affords The Arboretum many benefits going forward, such as a reduced tax burden and the possibility of more funding opportunities. The Arboretum is in an Internal Revenue Service required trial as a public charity now. Should we not reach our goals to secure community support, we could lose public charity status. You can contribute to our demonstration of community support by donating today, via the enclosed envelope, to our Annual Appeal—The Arboretum’s largest fundraising initiative.

Your support today will help ensure that another generation will continue to understand and appreciate the importance of trees and nature in our lives. Your support today will help literally millions of people have the opportunity to visit The Dawes Arboretum in the coming years. Your gift is a vote of confidence in The Dawes Arboretum and our mission. Help us celebrate entering The Arboretum’s first year as a public charity!

The trees and I thank you for your support!

Erin (Neeb) Prescott
Director of Development
The Dawes Arboretum sold its first membership in 1971 for $10. While the membership levels and dues have evolved throughout the years, one thing that has remained constant is our members’ commitment to supporting the love of trees, history and nature. The Dawes Arboretum is pleased to recognize those members who celebrated milestone anniversaries during 2016.

40 Year Member Anniversary
Wistar & Bertie Burr Dawes Wood

30 Year Member Anniversary
Alphalink
Elaine Ensign
Sherman Frost
Herbert Gant
Shirley Palmer
Richard Poffenbaugh
Barney P. Smith
Marie Wade
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Linda Woolard

20 Year Member Anniversary
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Roots Club

Launched in 2013, the Roots Club at The Dawes Arboretum celebrates those who have made a long-term commitment to trees, history and nature by establishing a planned gift.

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For more information on the Roots Club and how you can make a lasting impact on The Arboretum’s mission, contact the Director of Development at 800.44.DAWES.

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Want to eliminate membership renewals and enroll in automatic, recurring payments? Call the Development Office at 800.44.DAWES.
We thank The Arboretum’s more than 1,500 donors who made a contribution to membership, a special initiative or general support. Due to space constraints, members listed below are at the Buckeye level and above, as well as contributors of cumulative gifts, grants and sponsorships totaling $100 or more during the fiscal year (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016).

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Volunteers: An Integral Part of Our Team

By Leslie Bline, Community Engagement Coordinator

The amount of support it takes for The Dawes Arboretum to carry out its mission is significant. From its knowledgeable staff to generous donors and supportive members, it takes a team to tend and grow The Arboretum. Our corps of passionate and dedicated volunteers are an invaluable part of this team. Their accomplishments in just one year are nothing short of impressive! In Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), a total of 184 volunteers donated a combined 6,112 hours of their time supporting The Arboretum. This is a 36 percent increase from the previous year. Additionally, seven individuals participating in the Environmental Professionals Training Program contributed a combined 4,485 hours.

Land Conservation volunteers were busy with invasive weed removal, pollinator research and habitat development, native tree plantings and much more. Some of what was achieved in Land Conservation as a result of volunteer support during FY16 includes:

- Four acres of invasive crab apples were removed
- Approximately 250 trees planted in the reforestation plot
- 85 monarch butterflies reared, tagged and released
- 35 milkweed plants were planted in the Monarch Waystation, certified through Monarch Watch

Additionally, the Land Conservation Department has two projects that are run exclusively by volunteers, Bluebird and Butterfly Trail monitoring. Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, The Arboretum has collected data to help measure population and migration trends along with the effectiveness of various efforts to enhance their habitat. During FY16, these volunteer monitors reported:

- 279 Bluebirds fledged their nests over the summer, which is a 13.8 percent increase from 2013
- A 13.5 percent increase in the number of butterflies from 2015 along with two species spotted on Arboretum grounds for the first time – the Pine Elfin and the Appalachian Azure

The work being done by volunteers in the Learning Garden has shown many benefits. A group of volunteers from the LICCO, Inc. Community Integration Program contributed 100 hours of service in this garden over the summer. They watered the garden and helped with pruning, harvesting and donating fruits and vegetables to a local food pantry. Over the course of the summer, approximately 200 pounds of produce were donated from this garden. Additionally, another group of volunteers, alongside staff, coordinated a program that was designed to engage adults with developmental disabilities in the garden weekly.

Impressive work is also being done by our Master Gardener volunteers in the Pollinator Garden near the Visitors Center. This space was designed and continues to be enhanced by the group to serve as a multifunctional garden that provides superior habitat for many pollinators and helps educate the public on attracting pollinators to their yards. Recently, this garden won second place in the Demonstration Garden category of the 2017 International Master Gardener Search for Excellence Program.

In the History department, volunteers worked closely with staff to ensure that Arboretum and Dawes family history was not only preserved, but shared with visitors. A total of 520 volunteer hours were recorded by history volunteers, and their accomplishments include:

- 75 docent-led Daweswood House Museum tours
- 7,261 scans of historical photos
- 1,607 scans of historical slides
- 1,310 minutes of transcribed oral histories

Volunteers are an integral part of helping The Arboretum maintain and grow its membership and donor base. In FY16, volunteers helped the Development Office by assembling 6,350 pieces of mail including membership reminders, communications on funding needs, event invitations and notes of thanks. These communications resulted in a response of more than $52,000 from Arboretum supporters.

This is just a snapshot of what was achieved this past year through our volunteer program. By working side-by-side with staff and learning from each other, all have been able to accomplish more together. The Dawes Arboretum’s volunteers are truly helping to increase the love and knowledge of trees, history and the natural world.
2015-16 Contributing Volunteers

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Resident Environmental Professionals

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Quinn Bergeon**
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Jonathan Stechschulte**
Jake Zink**

* Denotes volunteers who contributed 40+ hours.
** Denotes volunteers who contributed 100+ hours.
In Fiscal Year 2016 (10-1-15 to 9-30-16), the community contributed a value of more than $700,000 to The Dawes Arboretum via cash contributions, gifts of goods and volunteer support. The remainder of funds covering the $4,179,844 in FY16 expenses were received through earned revenue, which included rentals, sales and education programs, in addition to support from The Arboretum’s endowment fund created by Beman and Bertie Dawes. Additional funds from the endowment were applied to capital improvements. In FY16, The Arboretum connected for the first time to the sanitary sewer system at a significant cost, but a necessary one due to sizeable annual visitation and dated septic systems. We also completed an accessible trail through the Parkwoods and built a secure equipment barn to curb theft and vandalism to Arboretum equipment. In FY17, capital plans include the addition of a turn lane off State Route 13 to promote visitor safety when entering The Arboretum.

The Arboretum spends funds prudently and in accordance with any designations requested by the donor. In FY16, approximately 77 percent of Arboretum funds were spent on programs directly related to horticulture, education, historic preservation and ensuring the grounds are open for public visitation. The remaining 23 percent of expenses were related to administrative oversight and fundraising functions. The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance produces Standards for Charity Accountability, which recommend an effective charity spend at least 65 percent of its total expenses on program activities. The Arboretum is proud to exceed this standard.

The Arboretum submits its financial statements annually to an independent accounting firm for audit. A copy of the full audited financial statements can be obtained by calling 800.44.DAWES and asking for the Development Office. Please note that this report recognizes contributions when they are fulfilled, not when they are pledged, which can differ in other Arboretum financial documents.

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Board of Trustees and Arboretum Staff

The Dawes Arboretum 2016 Board of Trustees

We are indebted to these individuals for their fine service to The Dawes Arboretum and its mission.

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To honor Teresa A. Young (pictured) for her service on The Dawes Arboretum Board of Trustees, Patricia C. Young donated to label a tree near Dawes Memorial. The tree is a Novum Japanese maple, Acer palmatum ‘Novum.’

Teresa was an active trustee for 18 years and was voted in as an Honorary Trustee at the October 2016 meeting when she retired from the active board.

The Dawes Arboretum Staff

This team of dedicated professionals includes all employees, current through September 30, 2016.*

Sarah Aisenbrey (2016)
Archivist

Hunter Ardrey (2016)
Landscape Technician

Leslie Bline (2015)
Community Engagement Coordinator

Jeff Bowman (1985)
Senior Horticulturist

David Brandenburg (1990)
Botanist

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Conservation Project Manager

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Kris Davis (2014)
Ecosystems Manager

Mike Ecker (1983)
Director of Living Collections

Beckie Fisher (2005)
Administrative Assistant

Megan Fleischer (2009)
Display Gardens Manager

Steve Franks (1978)
Facilities Technician

Dalene Gant (2009)
Business Assistant

Mary Gilbert (2011)
Visitors Services Attendant

Nancy Gregory (2008)
Environmental Educator

Jill Holton Arrasmith (2016)
Marketing Manager

Rhonda Hulett (2015)
Custodian/Housekeeper

Sharon Hupp (2001)
Programs and Events Coordinator

Larry Keeran (1985)
Equipment Operator

Nursery Manager

Gary Lescalleet (2016)
Security

Peter Lowe (2012)
Landscape Manager

Kelley McCormack (2016)
Guest Services Coordinator

Executive Director

Sarah Mill (2014)
Director of Education

Greg Myers (2006)
Facilities Technician

Sharon Naylor (2016)
Visitors Services Attendant

Kevin Page (2015)
Security

Greg Payton (1996)
Plant Records Specialist/GIS Manager

Brent Pickering (2011)
Director of Landscape Operations and Grounds

Erin Prescott (2012)
Director of Development

Janice Romine (1973)
Human Resource Manager

Stacey Rose (2003)
Administrative Assistant

Ken Salsberry (2011)
Garden and Gift Shop Associate

Nancy Smith (2011)
Visitors Services Attendant

Alexandra Sotkovsky (2016)
Marketing Associate

Beth Spieles (2007)
Interpretive Educator

Dorene Standor (2016)
Development Associate

Keith Stevens (1993)
Senior Horticulturist

Beverly Telepach (1987)
Business Director

Leslie Wagner (2013)
Historian

Bruce Warthen (1983)
Facilities Manager

Andy Wollenberg (2013)
Custodian

Mike Zander (2014)
Security

* The year listed with each name indicates the year that staff member joined the Arboretum team.
2016 Arboretum Snapshot

Visitors - 267,396
Collection (labeled) plants on grounds - 16,828
Program & event attendance - 15,298
Acres - 1,910
Arboretum members - 1,513

FY16 statistics