

# A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Normally, the annual report reviews arboretum activities that occurred during the fiscal year that ends June 30. However, this report is an exception. In November, Best College Reviews released its ranking of the top 50 American college arboretums. The Allegheny Arboretum was ranked 10th. I wanted to share this good news with you. This recognition follows last year's accomplishment of the arboretum's receiving a Level I accreditation. A great deal has been accomplished in the 15 years since the creation of the Allegheny Arboretum, and I want to thank you for your contributions and support. Without the help of many people, none of what the arboretum board and IUP have accomplished would have been possible.

The efforts of the Allegheny Arboretum to restore the Oak Grove were featured in an article in the Spring 2015 issue of *IUP Magazine*. The article, which also reviewed other accomplishments of the arboretum, inspired Mr. Ray Kinter, an IUP graduate, to fund an Art in the Arboretum program at IUP. This exciting program is currently under development. The goal is to install the first artwork near the end of next year. To highlight this program, many current campus sculptures are shown in this report. Another important accomplishment this year was the installation of the Donor Recognition Display. For several years, it has been the arboretum board's goal to have a place to display the Friends of the Arboretum list, recognizing the people who have made contributions to the arboretum.

In the past, annual reports have listed proposed activities for the coming year. This past year, IUP President Michael Driscoll wanted the board to look further into the future. He requested that the board develop a five-year plan for the arboretum. Therefore, you will find in this report proposed activities up to 2019. There are many challenges we must overcome if we are to accomplish these goals, but based on what we have done in the past, I believe we can achieve them.

I wish to express my gratitude to the many of you who have generously provided support to the Allegheny Arboretum. The arboretum is an ongoing project that will continue to evolve as part of IUP and the Indiana community. Your support is crucial to accomplishing our goals for the arboretum.

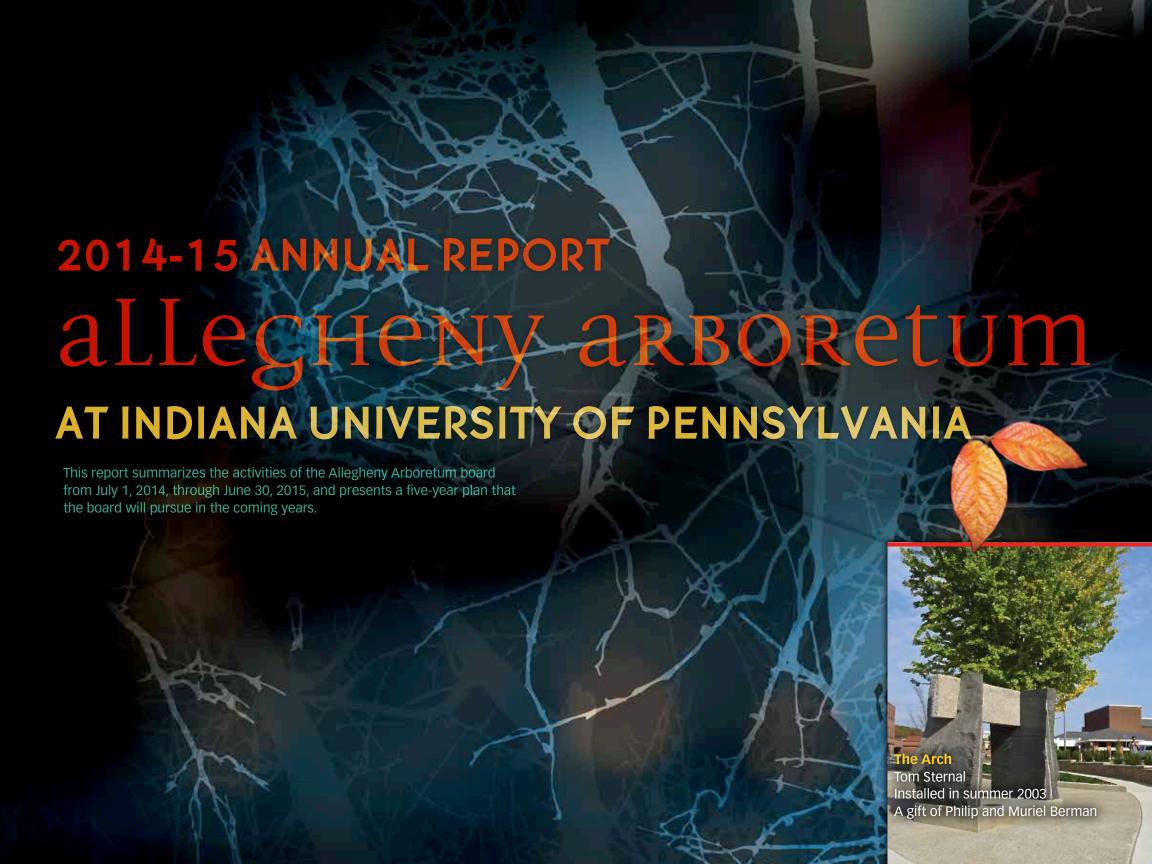
There are many ways in which you can help the arboretum succeed. Toward that end, a form for your use is included on the last page of this report.

I thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact me. Until the next report, please stay in touch.

#### Cordially,

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Best College Reviews, a ranking service for American colleges and universities, ranked the Allegheny Arboretum 10th in a listing of the 50 most beautiful college arboretums. Information was gathered from various websites, including school websites, and the North American Plant Collections Consortium. The following criteria were used to compile the rankings of the arboretums: size of arboretum, size of collection, how long the garden has been established, opportunities for college students, and connection with the community. The complete rankings can be viewed at www.bestcollegereviews.org/features/

### most-beautiful-arboretums.

### 2. TREE PLANTINGS

In the last year, 21 trees were planted on campus:

Higan cherry: Prunus subhirtella, "Autumnalis" (12)

Chestnut oak: *Ouercus prinus* (1) Shingle oak: *Quercus imbricaria* (1)

Chinkapin oak: Quercus muehlenbergii (1)

Fern leaf European beech: Fagus sylvatica, "Asplenifolia" (1)

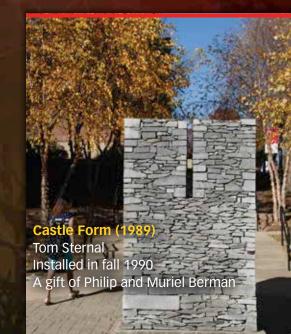
Yellow buckeye: Aesculus octandra (1)

Black gum: Nyssa sylvatica (1) River birch: Betula nigra (3)

Two donation trees were purchased and dedicated as follows:

- In loving memory of Betty Ann Boone Wallwork From her husband, Gealy W. Wallwork, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
- In memory of Christina Arroyo Graduate of IUP and Office of International Education staff member With love from her friends and colleagues

Update: The American elm (Ulmus americana) cutting from the Oklahoma City survivor tree, donated by Daniel J. Kupas, a 1988 biology graduate, is doing well. The tree was planted in the East Lawn of Sutton Hall.



# 3. DONOR RECOGNITION DISPLAY

The Donor Recognition Display approved last year by the arboretum board was placed near the Sutton Hall entrance facing the Oak Grove. The display lists the names of all donors to the Allegheny Arboretum, referred to as Friends of the Arboretum. Separate listings are provided for those who have donated funds for trees and benches, along with the names of those being honored. The display will be updated annually.

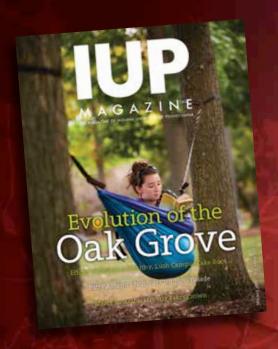


### 4. BENCHES

Plaques with the following wording were placed on two donated benches:

- Helen Virginia Kunkle
   Given in loving memory by her children
   Karen and George Evans
   12-30-2014
- To Honor the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Xi Sigma Chapter Serving the IUP Community since 1976 First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All





### 5. ARBORETUM FEATURED IN IUP MAGAZINE

The Allegheny Arboretum was featured in an article by Elaine Jacobs Smith in the Spring 2015 issue of *IUP Magazine*. The article emphasized the changes that have occurred in the Oak Grove over the years and the efforts of the arboretum board and IUP to restore this campus landmark. The article also highlighted other arboretum activities. Read it on the *IUP Magazine* website at <a href="https://www.iup.edu/magazine/2015-spring">www.iup.edu/magazine/2015-spring</a>.



# 6. ART IN THE arboretum PROGRAM

In the spring of 2015, Ray Kinter, an IUP graduate, proposed the establishment of an Art in the Arboretum program at IUP. He suggested that student-created sculptures be placed at certain locations on the campus. The intent would be to have students prepare a public-art proposal and to have a committee select the winning design for the selected site. Mr. Kinter has pledged \$500 to the Art Department to help defray the cost of materials. The winning proposal would receive a \$1,000 honorarium. The arboretum board voted to support Mr. Kinter's proposal. In addition, an ad hoc Art in the Arboretum committee has been established. It consists of Michael Hood, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Andrew Gillham, chair of the Art Department; Sean Derry, assistant professor of sculpture; and Jerry Pickering, chair of the arboretum board. In the coming year, discussions will take place to clarify details of the program, with a goal of implementing Mr. Kinter's proposal.



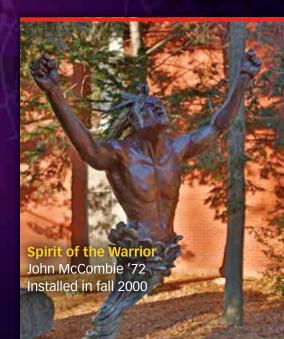


# 7. DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

As part of its efforts to cooperate with IUP, the Design Review Committee made recommendations on the tree plantings surrounding the new College of Humanities and Social Sciences building. The building's construction was completed in late 2015. In addition, the committee made recommendations for plantings in the Creative Arts Plaza, completed in the summer of 2015.

# 8. MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR EXTENSION UPDATE

Efforts continue in support of the creation of a new transportation corridor. The corridor would link with the Hoodlebug Trail at Rose Street and extend through the campus and borough to the recreation complex off East Pike. White Township, Indiana Borough, Indiana County, and IUP each have contributed additional funding. Assuming more funding is obtained, pre-engineering could take place in 2016, and construction could start in 2017.



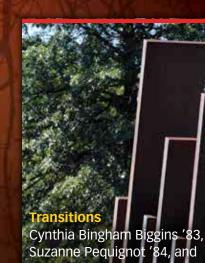


Architects, LLC. The concept plan suggests landscape revisions along Oakland Avenue between School and Grant streets in Indiana. It aims to create a memorable green space and improve a major boundary with the community. The plan has been discussed with adjacent property owners and IUP and at meetings of the Indiana Community University District (ICUD). Some progress has been made regarding suggestions in the plan. The board will continue to work with IUP and property owners along Oakland Avenue in implementing components of the plan. It can be viewed on the ICUD website, http://icopd.org/current-projects.html.



developed the Tree Inventory and Management Plan for the IUP campus. The

inventory provides information on plant quantities, location, condition, size, and maintenance requirements for the 795 trees inventoried on the campus. The last time tree maintenance occurred in the Oak Grove was in 2002, as a result of a Kiski Basin Initiative Grant awarded to the Allegheny Arboretum.



Michael Hertrich Installed in 1984



# 11. COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Board members were involved in two community-oriented projects. The first of these was the Indiana Community University District (ICUD) project. This is a concentrated planning effort in the areas immediately adjacent to the IUP campus. For more information, visit the ICUD website, <a href="http://icopd.org/current-projects.html">http://icopd.org/current-projects.html</a>.

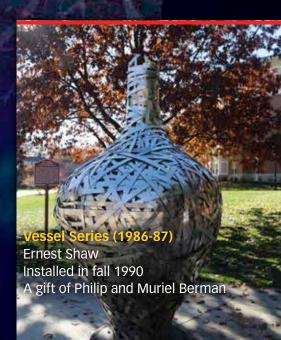
The second project is Livable Indiana Neighborhood Connections (LINC). This is a grass-roots group of Indiana community members representing several public and private groups. The primary goal of LINC is to promote better and safer connections within the Indiana community for cyclists and pedestrians. A major emphasis was support for the development of the Multimodal Corridor in the Indiana community. For more information, visit the LINC website, <a href="https://www.indianapa.com/dindiana/LINC.htm">www.indianapa.com/dindiana/LINC.htm</a>.

## 12. STATEWIDE PUBLICITY

Information about the Allegheny Arboretum was published in the Spring 2015 issue of the *Keystone Gardener*. This is the official publication of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, which has 6,500 members statewide.









### FIVE-YEAR PLAN, 2015-19 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

- 1. Continue to carry out arboretum basic functions:
  - Coordinate tree plantings
  - Update, maintain, and mount accession tags
  - Maintain accession list
  - Update, order, maintain, and mount tree plaques
  - Coordinate bill payments and budget
  - Write and supervise the publication of annual reports
- Continue to implement the duties of the following standing committees:
  - Collection Committee
  - Plant Review Committee
- 3. Continue to implement the goals of the following ad hoc committees:
  - Kiosk Committee
  - Oakland Avenue Corridor Committee
  - Fern Hollow Committee
  - Art in the Arboretum Committee
- 4. Begin analysis of the south campus woods
- 5. Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to investigate obtaining funding (via a C2P2 grant, Planning and Development) to implement Phase I of the Confluence Master Plan

6. Work with the university to implement components of the Long-Range Campus Facilities Master Plan and the 2014 master plan revision/update that relate to the Allegheny Arboretum

#### IUP Master Plan: 0-5 years, 2011-16

- Hoodlebug Trail extension
- Arboretum Phase I, \$75,000.00

#### 2014 Master Plan Revision/Update

- Improve campus image
- Link campus to town
- Preserve the environmental integrity of the southern part of the campus
- Address and strengthen the campus edges
- Create meaningful interior open spaces
- Hoodlebug Trail extension (\$5,000/\$15,000 University Capital/Other)
- Campus landscape improvement (\$100,000 University Capital/Other)

#### **Arboretum Concept Overlay Plan**

- Continue to develop means to engage an arboretum director
- 7. Develop a plan to implement the Art in the Arboretum program
- 8. Continue to evaluate and revise the Allegheny Arboretum website
- 9. Continue to cultivate contacts with local organizations
- 10. Continue to work with administrators, faculty members, and students at IUP to promote
  Allegheny Arboretum-related projects
- 11. Continue to implement the goals and objectives of the Allegheny Arboretum



### FRIENDS OF THE ARBORETUM

Those who have donated during the past fiscal year are listed. The Allegheny Arboretum board wishes to thank all of those who have supported the arboretum.

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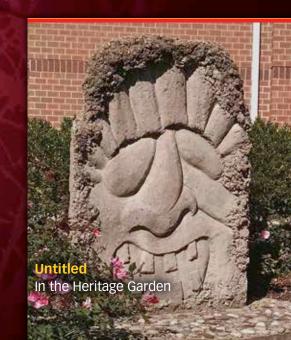
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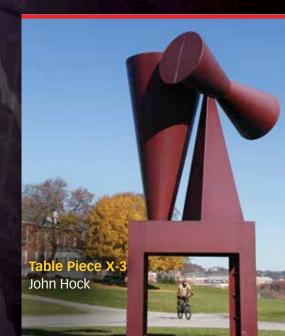
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## WHY HAVE AN arboretum?

The value and reasons for having a college arboretum are described well by Nick Plato in his article for Best College Reviews on the 50 most beautiful college arboretums.

"The demands of modern society often times get the best of us. We rarely feel we have time for anything other than the next item on the to-do list. Stress is listed on just about every health problem we know of as a potential cause. Where does one retreat, regather, re-energize, and regroup in this world? Ancient wisdom and modern research tell us that spending time in nature can help bring healing, balance, and renewal physically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. Our colleges have known this for many years, and they continue to develop places of great natural beauty that function as sanctuaries in a stressed out world for both the student and public. In addition to the effects beauty has on our souls, college arboretums and gardens are a place of thriving research, inspiration, learning, and study."

'we use trees to measure our own Lives, to anchor our notions of time."

—Helen McDonald

#### WITH YOUR SUPPORT...

The Allegheny Arboretum at IUP continues to grow,

but additional funding is needed in order to continue the efforts of the arboretum. Operating solely through private funding, the Allegheny Arboretum is grateful for the continued support of individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations.

Since January 2000, the arboretum has planted, nurtured, and developed green spaces on the IUP campus. The restoration and revitalization of the Oak Grove; planting of trees and placing of benches in recognition of friends, family, and loved ones; creation of new niche gardens; and so many other developments have been accomplished through the efforts of everyone involved with the Allegheny Arboretum at IUP.

Your continued support helps make realization of the five-year plan possible. Your gift makes a difference. Each tree, each garden, each bench leaves a legacy of memories for students, families, friends, and the Indiana community.

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