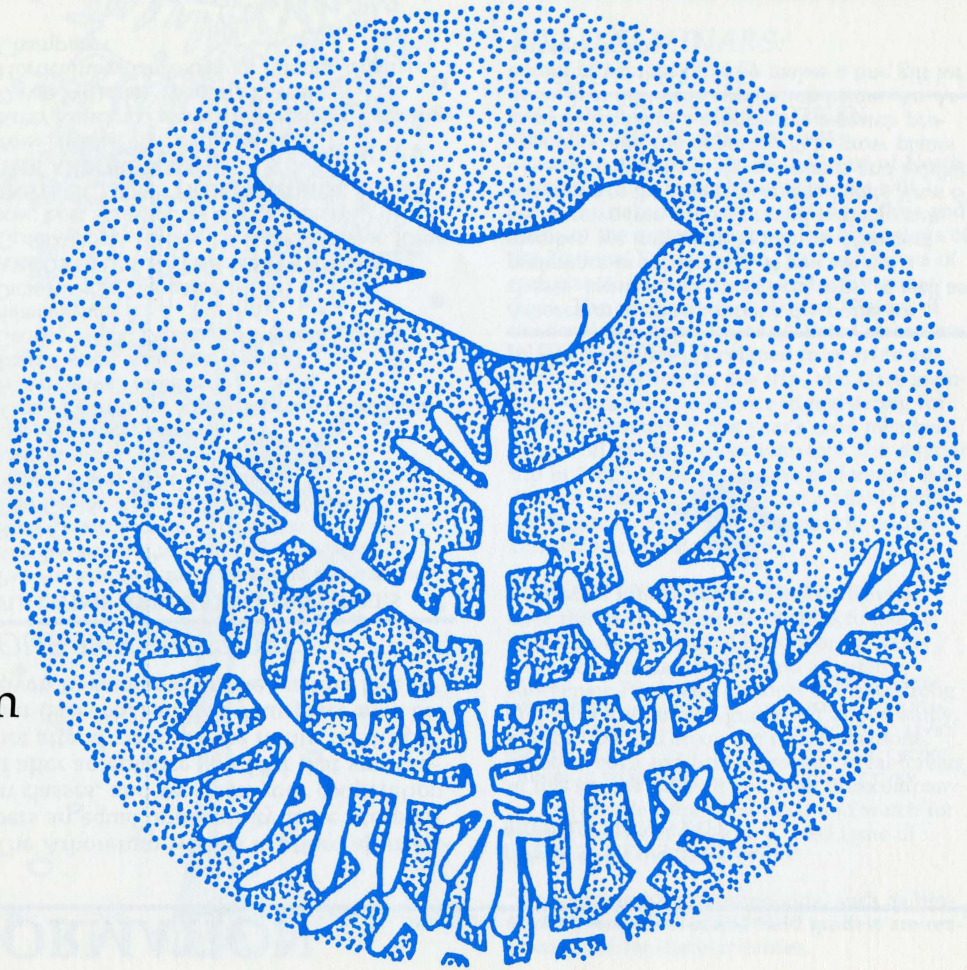


# WINTER 1985

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The Morton Arboretum





## DECEMBER

- 1 **Members' Cross-Country Ski Program Orientation:** Thornhill Conference Center, 9 a.m., preregistration required.
- 5 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Members' Chamber Music Series:** *Chicago Chamber Brass*, Thornhill Conference Center, 2:15 p.m.\*
- 15 **Members' Cross Country Ski Program Orientation:** Cudahy Auditorium, 9 a.m. preregistration required.
- 19 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 **Members' Cross Country Ski Program Orientation:** Cudahy Auditorium, 9 a.m. preregistration required.
- 24 **Christmas Eve**, buildings closed at noon, Ginkgo Restaurant closed, Gift Shop open 'til noon.
- 25 **Christmas Day** buildings closed
- 30 **Yuletide Celebration**, Visitor Center, 2:15 p.m.
- 31 **New Year's Eve**, buildings closed at noon, Ginkgo Restaurant closed.

## JANUARY

- 2 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 **Members' Cross Country Ski Program Orientation:** Cudahy Auditorium, 9 a.m. preregistration required.
- 6 **Sunday Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.\*\*
- 16 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 **Members' Cross Country Ski Program Orientation:** Cudahy Auditorium, 9 a.m. preregistration required.  
**Nature Ramble:** *Winter Wildlife*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.
- 20 **Members' Chamber Music Series:** *Helen Blazie & Jeffrey John Kust, Violin & Guitar Duo*, Thornhill Conference Center, 2:15 p.m.\*
- Book Discussion Group:** Ann Zwinger, *Beyond the Aspen*, Library, 2:15 p.m.
- 28 **Bonsai Society Meeting:** Research Center, 7:30 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

- 2 **Members' Cross Country Ski Program Orientation:** Cudahy Auditorium, 9 a.m. preregistration required.
- 3 **Sunday Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center, 2 p.m.\*\*
- 6 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 **Nature Ramble:** *Buds, Bark, & Branches*, Visitor Center, 1 p.m.  
**Maple Syrup Volunteer Orientation:** Outpost, 2 p.m.
- 20 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 **Members' Chamber Music Series:** *Burgundian Consort* Thornhill Conference Center 2:15 p.m.\*
- 25 **Bonsai Society Meeting:** Research Center, 7:30 p.m.

## MARCH

- 3 **Sunday Tour:** *Introducing the Arboretum*, Visitor Center 2 p.m.\*\*
- 6 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 **Book Discussion Group:** Library, 2:15 p.m.
- 20 **Nature Study & Camera Club Meeting:** Thornhill Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 **Members' Chamber Music Series:** *Ariel Ensemble*, Flute, Harpsichord, Cello

25 **Bonsai Society Meeting:** Research Center, 7:30 p.m.

31 **1984-85 Volunteer Reception:** Thornhill Conference Center, 1:30 p.m.

\*Registration and/or fee required.  
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## MEMBERS' SKI PROGRAM

Under the continued leadership and hard work of volunteer Jym Bartuch, preparations are underway for this year's Members' Cross-Country Ski Program. Several volunteer work days have been held to create an additional woodland loop near Puffer Lake, and improvements have been made in other parts of the trail route. We're also working on better identifying apparel and a more efficient daily sign-in procedure. Now all we need is snow!

Conditions permitting, the trail will open on Saturday, December 15, and will remain open whenever possible through March. The daily \$1 fee, sign in/sign out at the Visitor Center, numbered identification, and stay-on-the-trail policies will be continued. With the help of our loyal volunteer ski patrol and our support crew we expect to keep the trail clear and safe all season.

Because the purposes and expectations of our program differ from those of recreational ski areas, **we are requiring this year that all members and employees attend a Saturday morning orientation** before going on the trail. Ski Program ID cards will be issued only at the orientations, and will be required in order to use the trail. The first orientation will be held at Thornhill at 9 a.m. on December 1 and will last about an hour and a quarter. To accommodate folks who join the program later, there will be additional orientations at 9 a.m. in Cudahy Auditorium on the following Saturdays: December 15, December 22, January 5, January 19 and February 2. Since space is limited, please call the Registrar to sign up. If you would like to help out as a volunteer ski patrol, please call the Volunteer Coordinator.

## NEW REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

The Registrar's office at the Arboretum is a very busy place. The volume of work handled in our Registrar's one-person office is roughly equivalent to the workload of three or four persons at many similar institutions. In order to bring the Registrar's workload down to a manageable level, and to give Arboretum instructors more lead time, **we are changing our class registration procedures. Beginning with the classes offered with this issue of *Events*, *News & Classes*, please register by mail whenever possible.** Classes which do not reach a minimum enrollment by the beginning of the term will be cancelled, so **please mail your registrations promptly to reach us by the date given on the registration form.** Lack of prompt registration may cause more classes than usual to be cancelled. Thank you for cooperating.

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE GINKGO SHOP

The Ginkgo Shop, located on the lower level of the Visitor Center Information Building, offers a unique selection of Christmas cards, gift wraps, tree ornaments, and unusual nature-related gift items such as the ever-popular "Antique Sleigh Filled With Holly." The Ginkgo Shop is open from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 on Sunday.

## MEMBERS' CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

The first concert in the 1984-85 Members' Chamber Music Series will be held on **December 9** at the Thornhill Conference Center at 2:15 p.m. *The Chicago Chamber Brass* will perform the first concert of the season. Other concerts in the series will feature:

**January 20:** *Helen Blazie & Jeffrey John Kust*, Violin & Guitar.

**February 24:** *Burgundian Consort*

**March 24:** *Ariel Ensemble*, Flute, Harpsichord, Cello

**April 14:** *Evanston Saxophone Quartet*

A complete schedule of concerts with registration information will be in the mail to members soon.

## YULETIDE CELEBRATION

Add an extra touch of celebration to your holiday fun this year. Join us on December 30 at 2:15 p.m. at the Visitor Center for our annual Yuletide Celebration.

After a search for the yule log hidden somewhere on the grounds, the finders are garlanded and treated to a ride astride the log back to the Visitor Center for the ceremonial log burning.

The burning follows an ancient tradition of lighting fires at the winter solstice to celebrate the return journey of the sun. The log is cut in two, one half being saved for next year.

According to custom, traditional songs and an ancient chant are part of the ceremony. Wassail and a program of madrigal singing will round out the program.

## PARKING LOT USE

Students are requested not to park in the Staff or Research Center parking lots for daytime classes. With regular staff parking deliveries, and professional meetings, there is no room for extra cars. Students may drop off heavy class materials at the Research Center door before parking in the main Visitor Center lot. Students are free to use the Staff and Research Center lots for evening and weekend classes only. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## BONSAI ACTIVITIES

The Arboretum's annual fall bonsai show is attracting increasing interest each year. This year's third annual show, conducted by members of the Morton Arboretum Bonsai Society in late September, attracted about 1,200 visitors. New to the show this year were a *tokonoma* (traditional Japanese bonsai viewing alcove) and an informative educational display, both constructed by Society members.

In addition to a large number of members' trees on display, demonstrations and workshops by bonsai masters, films explaining the philosophy and technique of bonsai culture, and plants, books, tools and pots were available.

The 1984 show was dedicated to the memory of Harold Lenz, pioneer bonsai master teacher and practitioner in the Chicago area, who was a founding member of three midwestern bonsai societies, including ours.

The Morton Arboretum Bonsai Society's regular meeting time is the fourth Monday of each month (except December), at 7:30 p.m. in the Research Center. Visitors are always welcome. To receive notices of forthcoming meetings, call Ross Clark at the Arboretum (312/968-0074, extension 43).



# EVENTS & NEWS

## THANKS TO ARBORETUM SUPPORTERS VS. FAP431

The Arboretum has received widespread support in its efforts to assure maximum environmental protection from the north-south DuPage Tollway (FAP 431 from members and groups throughout Illinois, the nation, and other countries.

Approximately 30,000 people signed petitions expressing disapproval of the project on environmental grounds. Countless letters were sent to legislators throughout the state and hundreds of people attended public hearings and rallies to support the Arboretum's position.

The Arboretum's Trustees, Director, and Staff wish to thank all those who lent their voices in support of our position, especially those who travelled with us to Springfield in the final days of the General Assembly session in June. We feel that this public participation has been vital in bringing our concerns to light.

The Arboretum was encouraged to learn in early August that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has required the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for FAP 431. The Arboretum's legal counsel is currently working with the Corps of Engineers to ensure the integrity of the EIS process.

## FRAGRANCE GARDEN OPENS

Nestled between the groves of mature spruces and white pines slightly north and west of the Thornhill Building is the Arboretum's new Fragrance Garden, a joint project of the Arboretum and the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.

The purpose of the Garden, which was formally opened during the Fall Festival & Flower Show, is to provide visitors with new experiences relating to plants, particularly the fragrance of their flowers and foliage. In some instances, the fragrance will come drifting freely through the air, whereas in other situations, the plant will need to be gently coaxed by stroking to release its hidden fragrance.

The garden covers about 15,000 square feet of area which slopes to the west. Informality characterizes its design, with intimate spaces providing the viewer a sense of comfortable scale along its pathways.

As you enter the garden through an arbor from the east, you are welcomed by an open, sunny space flanked by informal plantings of shrubs and herbaceous materials. Moving on to the right, you will enter a small place enclosed with some vine-covered fences and another arbor for shelter from cool spring breezes. This space will invite you to sit in quiet, fragrant meditation or just suggest that you rest in its quietness for a while.

Another space with a circular pool greets you as you move along the path. A sweet perfume of water lilies and shrubs in season will gently embrace you as you sit and view the sky reflected in the water. Soft shadows will brush the path in cool refreshment and beckon you to go further along a curvilinear path into another experience of flowers, textures, forms, and fragrances. Your leisurely walk along this path will return you to the garden's entrance.

The season of fragrance begins early in April as the delightful sweetness of boxwood, winter honeysuckle, and violets emerges. They are followed by the scented viburnums, lily-of-the-valley peonies, iris, lilacs, summersweet, fringe tree, roses, water lilies, and culminates in autumn clematis and witchhazel. Not to be excluded are the fresh, cool scents of wet soils

and leaves and the pleasant fragrance of pines on a hot summer day.

The garden is planned as a harmonious blending of attractive fragrances in a garden setting of beautiful plants arranged to display their charm in form, color, mass, and texture and to invite you into enchanting spaces that encourage tranquility, refreshment of the human spirit and provoke a feeling of admiration and appreciation for the gifts of the natural world.

The Arboretum wishes to thank the many people who have contributed financially toward the construction and planting costs of the Fragrance Garden. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. We hope that you will have many occasions to visit it and perhaps enjoy a few moments of scents and solitude in "your" garden. If you have not already contributed and would like to, you may send a donation to: Fragrance Garden, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

## 6,000 ATTEND FALL FESTIVAL

The Arboretum welcomed approximately 6,000 visitors to the 1984 Fall Festival, despite less-than-cooperative weather. An informal demographic study revealed that people from 77 Illinois towns, 21 states, and 11 foreign countries stopped to sign in at our "Where in the World Are You From?" exhibit.

The continued success of the Fall Festival is attributable in large measure to the many volunteers who contributed their time and creative energy during that hectic weekend. Volunteer hours exceeded 1,500 for the weekend, with 269 people volunteering in such diverse roles as traffic controllers, cider pressers, ticket sellers, photographers, activity supervisors, and sign makers, to name just a few of the tasks.

On behalf of the entire staff, our sincere thanks go out to the many volunteers for their gift to the Arboretum at Fall Festival.



The Fragrance Garden's designer, Landscape Architect Anthony Tyznik is joined by Arboretum Director, Dr. Marion T. Hall, Flower Show Chairman Violet Dawson, and Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. President Joan Kelly in admiration of the garden's central lily pond.



Charles C. Haffner III

## CHARLES C. HAFFNER III RECEIVES SOL FEINSTONE AWARD

The Chairman of the Arboretum's Board of Trustees, Charles C. Haffner III is the 1985 recipient of one of five Sol Feinstone Environmental Awards. The Feinstone Environmental Awards are to recognize people who personify some of the best principles in our democracy: individual freedom and voluntary action directed toward environmental improvement.

A specialist in natural area and endangered species conservation, Mr. Haffner, of Chicago, is credited with significant volunteer achievements in Illinois and across the U.S. through the Nature Conservancy. A large portion of this effort has been directed toward financial guidance, major fund-raising, and fiscal support for specific projects. During his tenure as Trustee of the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, 9,647 acres, with a value of nearly \$11 million have been protected in six years. He was a leader in saving prairie chickens in Illinois from extinction by forming a network of sanctuaries so that the population has stabilized at about 300 birds.

Other accomplishments include the establishment of the Shaw Woodlands/Lake Forest Preserve, a valuable tall-grass prairie; Cedar Glen Eagle Roost, the largest bald eagle winter roost on the Mississippi River; Lower Cache River, a cypress/tupelo forest; and Braidwood Prairie, a rare savanna community. He is active in other volunteer pursuits including Ducks Unlimited, Newberry Library Art Institute of Chicago, and the Huron Mountain Wildlife Foundation.

Sol Feinstone, for whom the Awards were named, was a much acclaimed author of scholarly articles on freedom and the American struggle to attain it in the political, economic, and social spheres, and he hoped the Awards would help serve as "a reminder to youth that our country with all its shortcomings, is worth saving."

## MAPLE SYRUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Arboretum's annual mapling season begins with the first sign of a thaw in the winter weather. If you would like to help as a volunteer in the preparation of syrup for public demonstrations and classes, phone Marilyn Halperin in the Volunteer Office 968-0074 ex. 72) and sign up for a volunteer orientation session with Dick Wason at the Outpost on February 16, from 2 to 4 p.m.

## INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERVICES GRANTS

The Morton Arboretum has received a \$25,000 grant from the Institute of Museum Services of the U.S. Department of Education to be used for preservation of rare and valuable museum objects, which, at the Arboretum, are its collections of woody plants.

The Arboretum is an "Outdoor Museum of Living Woody Plants" founded in 1922. During the past 62 years, the Arboretum has assembled a vast collection of rare and scarcely replaceable species, varieties, and cultivars from areas of the world with climates similar to ours in northern Illinois.

The Institute of Museum Services Grant will be used to establish a special Conservation Nursery at the Arboretum for the propagation of aging plant materials and also for trees and shrubs that are so rare and valuable that preservation and perpetuation has high priority. For example, the propagation of the rare maple-leaved oak that grows only in a small area on Magazine Mountain in western Arkansas. The 35-year-old Arboretum specimen produced a large acorn crop in 1983, so hundreds of seedlings have been grown and are now ready to go into the Conservation Nursery. Some of the young plants will be replanted on the Arboretum grounds. Others will be provided to the nursery industry for promoting wider horticultural use.

At the Arboretum, age and health of woody plants present special challenges. If this unique genetic material is to be preserved and perpetuated, mature trees must be repropagated and grown in nurseries. The presence today of older trees and shrubs attests to their capacity to grow and adapt to the regional climatic adversities associated with northern Illinois. The 62 years of testing of trees and shrubs has provided information that is an immensely valuable contribution from the Arboretum to the communities of northern Illinois, and indeed the whole Midwest. The liveability and quality of the environment of these communities benefit greatly from the selection and use of suitable trees having both beauty and survivability.



The rare maple-leaved oak (*Quercus shumardii* var. *acerifolia*), displayed here by Dr. Ware, is a prime candidate for preservation in the Conservation Nursery.

Outstanding new hybrid elms and hybrid maples have already been distributed for further testing and for commercial use. New lindens, ashes, oaks, and poplars are also planned for distribution. Thus, both the Arboretum and the community at large will reap benefits from this IMS grant.

The IMS has also provided a portion of the Arboretum's general operating fund over the past two years. IMS support to the Arboretum during this period, including the Conservation Nursery Grant, has totaled \$95,000.

## EVERGREENS SEMINAR SCHEDULED

Do you know how to tell a white pine from a red pine, or which fir trees are most suited to our climate and soil, or how to recognize common insect pests on your evergreens? The *Evergreens Seminar* planned for Saturday, February 23, may help you answer these questions and more. This concentrated, one-day seminar is part of an ongoing effort to provide instruction for home gardeners and landscape profession employees in the identification and culture of woody landscape plants. This weekend date will make the seminar available to more people.

Using mature specimens located on the Arboretum grounds and information generated in the Collections and Research Programs, the focus of the seminar will be on the major needled evergreens, both species and cultivars, that are used in landscaping in the Chicago region (pines, spruces, firs, junipers, arborvitae and yews). The day's format will include displays, slide-lectures, and identification workshops along with a walking tour of the Conifer Collection. A box lunch is included in the seminar fee.

Kris Bachtell, Plant Propagator, and Karla Patterson, Visitor Program Coordinator are the instructors for the seminar. Together they taught last year's seven-week course on evergreen trees and shrubs. For more details on the seminar, see the listing (H222) in the section on classes.



Nancy Stevenson of the National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture Awards Committee presents the Alice Burlingame Humanitarian Services Award to Charles Lewis as Alice Burlingame looks on.

## CHARLES LEWIS RECEIVES NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD

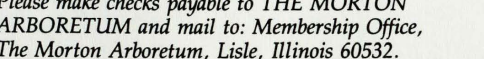
Charles A. Lewis, Horticulturist and Administrator of the Arboretum's Collections Programs, was the recent recipient of the "Alice Burlingame Award for Humanitarian Service." The award, which is sponsored by the National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture, recognizes outstanding involvement and contributions to the profession of horticultural therapy. Mr. Lewis was acknowledged for his numerous community activities, including efforts to promote and encourage inner city and community gardening in New York City and Chicago. He helped organize the Chicago Housing Authority's Gardening Project when he moved here in 1972, and was recognized by CHA for his years of consulting in its first service award in 1982.

Mr. Lewis is a noted national expert involved in examining the social and psychological importance of gardening. This includes the effects of gardening on stress reduction and community improvement in inner city settings. As a Charter Member and former Board Member of the National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture, he has also helped to increase the public understanding of horticultural activities in growing and caring for plants to improve social, psychological, educational or physical capacities. It is practiced in hospitals, schools, institutions, rehabilitation facilities and other service organizations in order to assist mentally or physically disabled persons and senior citizens.

Mr. Lewis was honored at an awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C. at the National 4-H Center during the 12th Annual Conference of the National Council. Alice Burlingame, for whom the Humanitarian Award is named, participated in the awards ceremony. Ms. Burlingame originated academic training in horticultural therapy and is the author of *Hoe for Health* and co-author of *Therapy Through Horticulture*.

In presenting the award, Nancy Stevenson of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland commented, "Charles Lewis embodies the true spirit of humanitarian dedication and community service. His exceptional devotion to demonstrating the human effects of gardening has significantly contributed to improving horticultural therapy programs throughout the country."







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