An important note from
Garden CEO Jean Franczyk

Each year at our summer Board of Directors meeting, we reflect upon the Garden’s achievements the year prior. One of the ways in which we do so is through our Annual Report video.

When we began the video’s development, we simply wanted to celebrate 2019, one of the most successful years ever at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Then the world changed with the COVID-19 health crisis and the powerful imperative to confront and combat systemic and institutional racism.

What has not changed is our commitment to inspire and touch lives through the natural world. It’s reflected in our mission: We cultivate the power of plants to sustain and enrich life. As we recommit to live that mission and our values, we will emerge from these crises stronger and more relevant than ever.

Thank you for the extraordinary achievements of 2019 and for all that you do to make the Chicago Botanic Garden a welcome respite for everyone.

In Appreciation of our
Chicago Botanic Garden Volunteers

The year 2020 began with the joyous promise of a bright new year, filled with great prosperity, good health, and the spectacular beauty of seeing the Chicago Botanic Garden in a new light, quite literally, with Lightscape.

As snow began to thaw, we enjoyed the thrill of new seed catalogs and our beloved orchid show to help us mentally walk Chicago’s bridge from winter to spring. In mid-March however, our focus quickly became the safety of our loved ones, precious family and friends, co-workers and fellow volunteers, as COVID-19 appeared.

Difficult decisions were made. The strength and wisdom of the Garden’s leadership team was never more essential. They worked tirelessly to develop a safe and gradual program recovery plan. Special thanks are in order for the kind leadership of Human Resources Vice President Aida Giglio and the Human Resources team, who quickly developed plans to support our staff through many difficult decisions regarding health and family concerns, furloughs, layoffs and the required wage reductions. The support of the Garden’s staff and volunteer team was, and continues to be, essential to the Garden’s survival and strength at this challenging time.

The annual Volunteer Awards Reception was cancelled with all other large Garden events, as safety for all remains our number one priority. We thank you for your understanding and dedicated service. We continue to work together to support the Garden in anticipation of brighter days ahead. I hope that you will take time to visit the Garden, and take great pride in the part you have played towards our shared success. Please know that we value and honor your volunteer service and loyal support of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Judy Cashen
Director of Volunteer Administration & Engagement
A Garden Update from Fred Spicer

Garden Update shares important information from Fred Spicer, Executive Vice President and Director of the Garden.

The Garden is starting to open slowly and cautiously. The visitors have returned, first on the perimeter roads and, by the time you read this, around most of Malott Island, Evening Island, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden, and the Japanese Garden. Summer annual displays are in place, so the Garden will be in full color and the bonsai will be in the courtyards.

The entrance through the Visitor Center is open. As you cross the Greene Bridge you will see the new Malott Island monument in honor of Robert H. Malott, and rebuilt wing walls and brick threshold. The Garden View Café is open, for ‘Grab and Go’ as well as the barista, and the Garden Grille is set-up on the café deck. Pop up food service is also available on the Esplanade. Water fountains are available exclusively for refilling water bottles.

Additional amenities are also now open. The perimeter tram and Butterflies & Blooms opened in July, and the Model Railroad Garden will open on August 6. Social distancing, limited capacity and the important safety measures we are all getting accustomed to will be in place. Timed tickets are required for the tram and both of these special exhibit areas.

The Regenstein Center and the Greenhouses are not open. The Greenhouse Galleries are open for restroom access and this a good location to cool off in the summer heat.

Numerous construction projects are proceeding and some have been completed, including striping in the parking lots and around the perimeter road. Major road resurfacing near the Grainger Center, and behind the Construction and Maintenance buildings is also finished now. The north stairs of the Regenstein Center have been demolished and will be replaced with new (much more durable) limestone and brick. The Regenstein Center west portico stone and brick repairs are ongoing with anticipated completion of these projects by early August.

The Shida Evaluation Garden and shoreline restoration project are progressing faster than anticipated, and the grading is fully underway in the de-watered area of the adjacent lake. Eleven pools and water features in the display gardens are being resealed and repainted with black paint so that their mirror-like quality will be refreshed. This should be completed in July, weather permitting.

I know that we are all looking forward to returning and enjoying the Garden.

Ken Krebs

Preparedness for Garden Volunteers
Onsite and Offsite

Please remember--safety first!

Remembering COVID-19 precautions are important for us all. If you are feeling sick, or displaying any symptoms of illness, please stay home and contact your health care provider immediately.

We appreciate and honor our dedicated volunteers but we need everyone to be healthy and operating at 100% to ensure safety for all. Returning gradually in select locations, some of our volunteers are now once again assisting onsite in Glencoe and offsite with the important programs at the Farm on Ogden.

When the time comes for you to safely return to service, please do not put yourself or anyone else at risk by volunteering for projects when you are sick. If you are displaying signs of illness while you volunteer, you will be asked by the Garden staff supervisor to return home. A medical release from your care provider will be required prior to your return to service. Please note that the Garden follows both CDC and city of Chicago guidelines regarding COVID-19 precautions. This includes stated travel precautions and related 14 day quarantine requirements. If you are volunteering for Garden projects at home, it is important to follow the government guidelines for safety too.

Please contact Judy Cashen, Director, Volunteer Administration and Engagement, with any questions at jcashen@chicagobotanic.org.
Dr. Kenneth A. Krebs
Chicago Horticultural Society
Volunteer of the Year

Dr. Kenneth A. Krebs, DMD, is the recipient of this year’s Volunteer of the Year Award for his 2019 service. To protect the health and safety of the Chicago Botanic Garden’s community of visitors, staff and volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual volunteer awards reception did not take place in June. Notwithstanding, Ken’s volunteer work is recognized with this special award.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was initiated in 1984 to focus attention on the outstanding support given to the Garden each year by all volunteers, and to recognize the contribution of one special volunteer as an example of extraordinary service.

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Ken attended Indiana University and completed his dental school and specialty training at the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. After an internship at Chicago’s Michael Reese Hospital, he and his wife Sandy settled in Wilmette where he also worked on the Board of Health.

Ken is enjoying his retirement after a long career in periodontics. He donates his time as a Grounds Cover newsletter writer and also volunteers as a digital photographer with the Living Plant Documentation team. When he told Sandy about his plans to retire from his practice, Ken recalls she thought it was a good idea as long as he was out of the house by 8 a.m. Inspired by Sandy’s prompt and years of biking through the Garden, Ken attended a volunteer orientation session and offered his photography and writing skills. He never was interested in gardening, but enjoyed using his camera, and for almost 15 years, he has been an integral part of the Living Plant Documentation department. Ken credits many of his accomplishments to the amazing group of volunteers he has had the pleasure of working with.

Boyce Tankersley, director of the department, says this about him: “From “newby” to valued member of the digital photography team member, to mentoring of new team members and interns, and culminating with digital volunteer team leaders, he has consistently stepped forward whenever the need arose. He enrolled, (and successfully passed) on his own time, and at his own expense, multiple photography and Adobe Lightroom classes to better support the Garden. In the process he recruited and trained very talented photographers to the project, leading a team of six people who photograph and download their work into a computer database. It’s not unusual for Ken to volunteer several days a week.”

In addition to practicing in Chicago and Wilmette, Ken was the executive director of the Midwest Society of Periodontology from 1998 to 2012. He proudly served as president of the American Academy of Periodontology in 2006. His profession provided the opportunity for international travel, and Ken includes trips to Africa, Israel, and Cuba as most memorable, with his favorite--Iceland and Norway.

Ken facilitates the Garden Update information for the volunteer newsletter from Fred Spicer, Executive Vice President and Director of the Garden. “Ken interviews me for the bi-monthly volunteer newsletter. He asks great questions, tape records the conversations, and types up a draft. He must be an amazing typist because it seems like only minutes after we hang up that there is something in my inbox for review. Congratulations, Ken!”

Director of Volunteer Administration and Engagement Judy Cashen said, “Ken has supported the Garden’s staff, volunteers and visitors through his talented work and strong commitment of service to others. He is a truly a model of everything a great volunteer should be. Ken is very deserving of this special award and recognition.”

Ginger Burns
## 2019 Volunteer Service Anniversaries

### 30 Years of Service
- Diane Thompson

### 25 Years of Service
- Ellen Horn
- Nina Jacobsen
- Judy Kleiman
- Linda Lane
- Amy Lewitz
- Connie Loeffl
- Pearl Zaid

### 20 Years of Service
- Joan DuDeVoire
- Rosemary Hart
- Judy Knuth
- Nancy Kurz
- Sharon Lieberman
- Susan O'Neill
- Dorothy Purpura
- Nancy Reise
- Phyllis Seek
- Jane Smith
- Celeste Thurlwell
- Anne Vanderbilt
- Karen Walsh
- Bonnie Weiss

### 15 Years of Service
- Donna Argentin
- Silvio Argentin
- Lydia Brunner
- Richard Brunner
- Julie Feldy
- Sheldon Greenberg
- Lee Heiman
- Marlene Kraybill
- Susan Kuse
- Susan Lunn
- William Mooney
- Richard Murphy
- Gilbert Nore
- Charlene Shaw
- Martin Winn

## 10 Years of Service
- John Adams
- Carole Akemann
- Robin Anstaett
- Alvin Beatty
- James Blair
- Ulrika Brissman
- William Bronner
- Natalie Cordea
- Justine Dial
- Elizabeth Dimond
- Norman Dimond
- Patricia Dodson
- Beth Giglio
- Lionel Goldblatt
- Mark Guth
- Anne Hazelwood
- Mary Holloway
- Leslie Jacobs
- Holly Jansen
- Betsy Jenkins
- Julie Lettner
- Geraldine Lewis
- Stephen Marcus
- Rosemary Palicki
- Laurence Sacherer
- Elizabeth Sanders
- Charles Walker
- Sandra Washburn
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- Barry Weber
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What was Paradise?
But a garden,
an orchard of
trees and herbs,
full of pleasure,
and nothing there but delights.
By William Lawson

Remembering Garden Friends...

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Leonard Block
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A sneek peek of construction at the Shida Evaluation Garden

As you can see, construction is well underway for the beautiful new Shida Evaluation Garden! Plant Production facilities are in the background of this photo. Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Photo by Ken Krebs

Master Gardener Update

2020 Master Gardener Conference Postponed

The State Master Gardener Conference, originally scheduled for September 10-11, 2020, has been postponed to September 9-10, 2021. Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented and unusual times.

Please note there will be no new Master Gardener intern training offered in 2021 at the Garden. We hope to offer this once again in 2022.

DID YOU KNOW...

Butterflies & Blooms is now open! Please plan to visit this beautiful exhibit with your family and friends. The Model Railroad Garden will soon open on August 6! Timed tickets are required for both of these exhibits. A special ‘Thank you!’ to the hardworking volunteer teams who have signed up to help at these popular guest attractions. Their help makes it possible to open the exhibits, and a more enjoyable experience for all!

Please be cautious when driving at the Garden, obey the speed limit of 15 mph and stop at all stop signs. This is especially important during the summer months. If you are permitted to drive a vehicle on one of our service roads, kindly do not drive on any of the turf and stay on the paved road only.

Stay connected! Please visit the Garden’s website often to see beautiful images of the display gardens, natural areas, and lakes. Event and program updates are available, with registration and ticketing information. Learn more at www.chicagobotanic.org.
# Calendar of Garden Events and Volunteer Activities

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