
Boxerwood: We plant for the future

"It is no great concern to us that we will never see the full beauty of what we have planted... we realize that we largely plant for the future." - Robert S. Munger, 1978

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Dear Garden Friend,

As you know, Boxerwood's Garden is not only the outdoor classroom for our school programs. It is also a beauty and a wonder in its own right. Just as we carry out our education mission with the future in mind, so too we tend our Garden. We inherited a rich horticultural legacy from Dr. Munger, the originator of Boxerwood, and we strive to honor that legacy through our care for this place.

Today, our 50-year old Woodland Garden is in transition. Many of the trees planted by Dr. Munger are at the end of their lifespan, leaving gaps in the eco-system that nature wants to fill. If we are not careful, those gaps will be filled by invasive species. So at this stage in the Garden's life, part of our role is to facilitate a graceful transition to a landscape that is more welcoming to native species, both plants and animals, in addition to caring for the aging trees and shrubs that we cherish.

To plant for the future, we must cultivate species that provide habitat and food for wildlife (particularly pollinators), that tolerate weather extremes and drought, that require minimal care and maintenance from our human hands, and that inspire us with their beauty and resilience.

Not only is the Garden in a time of transition, Boxerwood is in transition as well. Some of the federal grants on which we depend will come to an end this year, leaving a significant gap in our revenue. More than ever, we are dependent on you to keep the Garden and our environmental programs thriving.

Your generous donation to this year's Garden Fund will help us maintain care for the Garden we have while also working for a healthy future. Last year, generous donors contributed \$8,000 to our Garden, which enabled us to hire a part-time gardener to provide much needed care for the grounds; the Garden has benefitted tremendously (if you haven't seen the improvements we've made, please come stroll through the grounds!). Your financial support this year will help us continue to fund this vital position, tend our trees, and keep our Garden thriving. Please help us meet our \$10,000 goal.

As a show of support, all of our Board and staff members have recently pledged donations. Please join us by completing the enclosed form with your tax-deductible contribution. And thank you, as always, for being part of the ever-flowing generosity that sustains this ever-evolving beauty.

Gratefully,

Ben Eland
Boxerwood Garden & Facilities Manager

Yes, I want to help Boxerwood plant for the future!

My Donation* : \$50 \$100 \$500 \$750 \$1000 \$5000

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Payment Options:

Check: *Please enclose in the reply envelope, made payable to Boxerwood*

Credit card: *Visit Boxerwood.org/garden to donate online*

*donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

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Please contact me . I have some additional ideas for raising funds for Boxerwood.

Thank You!

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