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THE 1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONNECTICUT COLLEGE ARBORETUM
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ARBORETUM
MISSION STATEMENT

The Connecticut College Arboretum is owned by Connecticut College and operated for the benefit of the College and the community. The Arboretum functions in support of the College’s mission by helping to prepare men and women for a lifetime of learning about and interacting with the natural world. The Mission of the Connecticut College Arboretum is:

TEACHING - To provide an outdoor laboratory for use by faculty and students in Botany, Zoology, Biology, Environmental Studies and other departments. In both teaching and research the Arboretum is a unique and valuable academic resource and support facility.

RESEARCH - To support and conduct research in a broad range of subjects including ecology, field biology, conservation and natural history. Arboretum research emphasizes long-term studies.

CONSERVATION - To provide stewardship of College lands by protecting, sustaining and enhancing biological diversity of large tracts of open-space. The Arboretum also provides leadership statewide and beyond in conservation matters.

COLLECTIONS - To maintain, develop and interpret well-documented plant collections for teaching, research, public education and enjoyment.

RECREATION - To provide a place where people from the College and the community may enjoy passive recreation and where they may come to learn, reflect and renew themselves through contact with the natural world. The Arboretum enhances the quality of life both for the College and the citizens of southeastern Connecticut.

PUBLIC EDUCATION - To provide programs and publications about conservation, horticulture, gardening, botany and natural history which enhance people’s understanding of the natural world and foster an understanding of the Arboretum’s mission.

COVER PHOTO: THE SOUTHWESTERN SECTION OF CAMPUS, THE NATIVE PLANT COLLECTION AND THE BOLLESWOOD NATURAL AREA.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM MERCER
FROM THE DIRECTOR

AUGUST 20, 1999

THE ARBORETUM HAS RECEIVED A SPECIAL GIFT from a few people who have had a tremendous impact on this institution. Their gift is their time, energy, and personal commitment, each for decades. In an era when we are told the average person will change employers five or more times during their working life, these people truly stand out from the crowd. I am speaking of Richard Goodwin, William Niering, Sally Taylor and Craig Vine.

Dr. Goodwin came to Connecticut College in 1944 as Botany Chairman and Arboretum Director, and is still a valued advisor. In this report you will catch a glimpse of a special celebration we held to thank Dick and Esther, his wife, for their years of devotion to the Arboretum.

Dr. Niering arrived in 1952 and continues to use the Arboretum in his teaching and research program to this day. He served as Arboretum Director from the mid-1960’s to the late 1980’s and is currently Research Director. In 1998, both Connecticut College and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection honored him for service to the College and the environment.

Professor Sally Taylor taught in the Botany Department from 1965 to 1990, and was also responsible for the care and development of both the Program in Human Ecology and the Caroline Black Garden during much of that period. Since 1990, she has volunteered as the Arboretum’s Education Coordinator, taught many minicourses and workshops, overseen our annual plant sales and been a trusted advisor.

Horticultural Assistant Craig Vine began his career here in 1968 and has provided the Arboretum with a dedication and continuity of care for our plant collections that is rare and wonderful. Among his many accomplishments, has been the training of countless undergraduates in the art of greenhouse watering and in proper tree planting techniques. In 1998 the College acknowledged Craig’s 30th year in our department.

Much of what you read about in this report is a result of and a tribute to the efforts of these people. There are many other staff, students, volunteers and alumni who have made important contributions along the way. But the devotion to the idea of the Connecticut College Arboretum exemplified by these four people truly deserves our commendation. I hope you will join me in thanking them the next time your paths cross.

Glenn D. Dreyer
Charles and Sarah P. Becker ’27 Arboretum Director
EDUCATION & OUTREACH

THE JANUARY SYMPOSIUM FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS, “Creating and Marketing Natural Landscapes,” took a different approach in 1998. The first day featured concurrent introductory and advanced sessions on the techniques of naturalistic landscaping. The second day was entirely devoted to helping practitioners market the idea of naturalistic landscaping to their clients. As in the past, the symposium was co-sponsored by the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania and by Larry Weaner’s New Directions in the American Landscape. Each year the event is presented twice in the same week, once in the Philadelphia area, and again at Connecticut College.

“Botany for Gardeners” signaled another new approach for our education program. This mini-course was taught by Botany Department Senior Lecturer Pamela Hine and met for five evenings in January and February. It was designed to utilize parts of the same laboratory set-ups for the General Botany class taught to undergraduates the same day. Some other spring programs included Florence Griswold Museum Director Jeffrey Anderson’s lecture on impressionist artists; an illustrated “tour” of “Gardens to Visit in New England” by Laura Eisener ’77; Judy Nickerson’s workshop on home landscape design; “Demystifying Botanical Language” by Dr. Michael Lefor; and an Ikebana workshop with Rosalie Ingenito.

Summer features included a lecture at our annual members and friends night by Dr. Carl Rettenmeyer on “Tropical Rainforest, Why Preserve Them?;” trips to Hillside Gardens, the Glebe House and Fishers Island; a “Birding by Ear” walk in the Arboretum; and a children’s environmental story telling program. The Flock Theater performances of Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing” in July and “Henry IV, Part One” in August attracted over 1,700 people.

Our autumn sessions led off with another botany mini-course by Pamela Hine on identifying flowering plant families. A bird banding demonstration, and workshops on seaweeds, wildflowers in winter, and holiday decorations
were additional highlights. Total attendance at 1998 pro-
grams was 550 individuals

A number of important programs continue to use the
campus and Arboretum, including the "Meskwaka Tree
Project," a U.Conn. Cooperative Extension program that
trains volunteers from around the State to lead community
tree planting programs. Hope Dalton '99 supervised the
student-run "Arbo Project," in which twelve volunteer col-
lege students (listed in volunteers section of this report) led
informative Arboretum based environmental education
sessions for a total of 132 school children during Fall 1998.

The Arboretum provided volunteer service to prepare a
landscape design for the Habitat for Humanity house con-
struction project that Connecticut College sponsored.
Landscape designer Sheila Werthiemer volunteered on the
plan with Arboretum staff and Botany students.
Horticulturist Jeff Smith presented a lunchtime lecture on
spring flowering plants at the C.C. Downtown office in
New London.

**RESEARCH & TEACHING**

**BOTANY MAJOR KEITH BOWMAN '99 RECEIVED an**
Arboretum summer research fellowship to study the role
of moss mats in forest tree reproduction. Keith counted
seedlings in over 150 small plots throughout the
Arboretum three times each between June and October.
During the following school year he worked on his honors
thesis with Glenn Dreyer analyzing and interpreting the
seedling data.

Professor Askins continued to use the Arboretum in both
his teaching and research program. There were two
Animal Behavior student research projects in the
Arboretum, one on the social behavior of American crows,
and one on the territorial and courtship behavior of mute
swans. Thanks to the proximity and habitat diversity of the
Arboretum, students in his Animal Ecology course are able
to do intensive, semester-long field research projects.
Examples include a study of insect densities in burned and
unburned fields and a study of the distribution of color
morphs in redback salamanders.

In July 1998, Ethnobotanist Manuel Lizarralde joined the
faculty with a joint appointment in the departments of
Botany and Anthropology. Dr. Lizarralde was raised in
Venezuela, and his dissertation dealt with plant use of
indigenous people living in a tropical lowland forest in the
northwest of that country. During his first semester teaching
a course in ethnobotany at the college, he established the
precedent of students using Arboretum floristic information
for class projects. He also developed a field-oriented course
that will take advantage of the Arboretum natural areas.

**CONNECTICUT’S NOTABLE TREES**

Established in 1985, the Notable Trees Project collects
and distributes information about Connecticut's
largest and most historic trees, both native and intro-
duced. By educating our fellow citizens about the
importance of our state's natural heritage, we work
to preserve it. It is a volunteer enterprise sponsored
by the Connecticut College Arboretum, the
Connecticut Botanical Society, and the Connecticut
Urban Forest Council. During 1998 Glenn Dreyer and
Susan Robinson of Easton, Conn., created a portable,
three-panel display explaining the project and illustrat-
ing some of the state's significant trees. Also dur-
Trees" was reprinted with an updated state champi-
on tree list complete with measurements of more
than three hundred different types of trees.
**PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS**

Bulletin No. 36, "Amphibians and Reptiles of the Connecticut College Arboretum," was published in December of 1998. The 52-page publication was created by three zoology majors from the class of 1995: Jill Devito, Joe Marko and Amy Dunham. It contains both a field guide and a summary of research done at the college with these animals.

Askins, R.A. 1998. Restoring forest disturbance to sustain populations of shrubland birds. Restoration and Management Notes 16(2): 166-173


**COLLECTIONS**

PROGRESS CONTINUED IN THE STENGEL AND EDGERTON WILDFLOWER GARDEN with the addition of nearly 1,000 wildflower plants. As a policy, the Arboretum only purchases wildflowers from nurseries that propagate and do not wild-collect their stock. This was the third growing season for the renovated plantings, and the potential beauty and educational value of this location started to become apparent. Due to rapidly increasing deer populations, the entire garden was enclosed with a remarkably unobtrusive eight foot black plastic fence. The uphill entrance to the garden was enhanced with a rough stone patio built by contractors Mark Gleason and Scott Dawley. The boardwalk connecting the lower slope of the garden to the Gries Conifer collection was rebuilt by Three R's Company of Mystic using Pau Lope (or lpe), a tropical hardwood harvested on a sustainable basis.

On the campus, the most noticeable new landscape design project was the main college entrance drive from Mohegan Avenue (Rt. 32). Landscape architect Alice Eckerson '82 worked with Glenn Dreyer, Campus Grounds Supervisor Jim Luce and Capital Projects Director Steven George to create a pleasing entrance experience. A curving granite block retaining wall protects a massive tulip tree, and serves as a backdrop for the large limestone college sign and bronze college seal. Sweeping masses of evergreens and flowering plants grace curving planting beds along the steep rise to the new gatehouse. The plant material used in this project included: **_Cornus mas_**, **_Hydrangea anomala ssp. petolaris_**, **_Juniperus ‘Grey Owl’_**, **_J. chinensis ‘San Jose’_**, **_J. conferta ‘Blue Pacific’_**, **_Rosa ‘Bonica’_**, **_Sedum ‘Autumn Joy’_**, and **_Vinca minor_**.
THE COLLEGE CHOSE A CAMPUS MASTER PLANNING CONSULTING TEAM composed of the Philadelphia architectural firm Kiernan, Timberlake and Harris and the New Haven based landscape architects Rolland/Towers, LLC.

During spring 1998 the consultants conducted many interviews and circulated questionnaires to faculty, students, staff, alumni, and trustees. They established two broad based college planning groups, a “working” committee and a “policy” committee, which helped establish a mission statement and goals for the planning process. One important directive from the college committees was to work toward a pedestrian, not automobile dominated central campus.

In summer the planners collected data on existing conditions both inside buildings and on the grounds. During the fall, analysis and interpretation of existing conditions began, along with the development of options for the future. A number of open meetings were held during which the planners updated the college community and received feedback and suggestions. By year-end, it was clear which buildings needed renovation or replacement, what the major pedestrian and vehicle circulation routes should be, and how parking could be moved from the central campus to peripheral locations. The schedule is to substantially complete the plan by May 1999, and present it for acceptance by the college Trustees in Fall 1999. For more information visit the Master Plan page on the college web site at http://www.conncoll.edu/master-plan.

MEMORIAL PLANTINGS

*Aesculus x carnea* 'Fort McNair' - gift of Meskwaka Tree Project
*Laburnum x watereri* - in memory of Gertrude Noyes, by Class of 1943
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* - in memory of Whitney Warren
*Carpinus caroliniana* - in memory of Classmates, 1973
*Ulmus parvifolia* - in memory of Classmates, 1948

OTHER CAMPUS PLANTINGS

*Acer palmatum dissectum* 'Crimson Queen'
*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*
*Cercidiphyllum magnificum* 'Pendula'
*Heptacodium miconiodes*
*Pinus sylvestris*
*Ostrya virginiana*
*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*
CAMPUS MASTER PLANNING

Mission
Identify, enhance and preserve the strengths of the Connecticut College campus in terms of its design, character and the College’s mission.

Goals
Of the eight specific goals established by the committee, the following excerpts were the most relevant to the Arboretum:

- Develop and maintain campus facilities including grounds, which reflect the highest intellectual standards of the college.
- Recognize and enhance the diversity of landscapes and natural resources on the entire campus as an arboretum.
- Promote stewardship of physical and cultural assets.

STAFF & ASSOCIATES

In April, the College honored Horticultural Assistant Craig Vine for 30 years of continuous service to the Arboretum. Craig began in 1968 assisting “Big” John Stengel, the German-born Arboretum Horticulturist, and has rarely missed a day since. It is this kind of long-term commitment that has helped the Arboretum provide stewardship of our natural resources with a very small staff. In addition to his work with plants, Craig is a talented artist, illustrator and calligrapher. Recently Craig designed a logo for the SALT project, and he continues to hand letter names on the college’s Phi Beta Cappa certificates. Special thanks go to Craig for his years of dedication and commitment.

Arboretum Research Director and Botany Professor William A. Niering was awarded The Connecticut College Medal during a ceremony at Reunion ’98 weekend. This is the highest honor the college can confer on those whose accomplishments and services have enhanced its reputation and nourished its growth. In awarding the medal to Dr. Niering, the college celebrated and honored his lifetime of academic achievement and his extraordinary service to the Connecticut College community.

In fall 1998 the Arboretum sent four members of the college grounds staff to an Arboriculture course sponsored by the Connecticut Tree Protective Association. Jeff Clark, Julio Feliciano, Chip McIlwain and Joe Serwinski attended multiple sessions in preparation for taking the Connecticut Arborists License test.

Jesse Locantore ’98 joined as Arboretum Intern in July. Jesse was a philosophy major with work-study experience in the Arboretum and a strong interest in the environment. His major projects included updating and adding to the Arboretum Web Page, locating and marking property boundaries, and making many display labels for all of the plant collections.

Hard working students supplement our small professional staff each year. Summer helpers included Yvonne Rinehart ’98, who created a two-cabinet display about the Arboretum in the Olin Building foyer. Also on staff for summer were Margaret Ryan ’00 and James May ’99.
A CELEBRATION HONORING DR. & MRS. RICHARD H. GOODWIN

ON JUNE 6, 1998 THE ARBORETUM ORGANIZED A CELEBRATION and tribute to Director Emeritus Richard H. Goodwin and his wife, Esther. Beginning with a tour of the Arboretum Native Plant Collections, the affair included cocktails, dinner and a program in the Blaustein Humanities Center. About 65 people, including students, colleagues, neighbors and friends from the Goodwins many areas of involvement joined in the celebration.

Speakers included Bill Niering, Glenn Dreyer, Louise (Mrs. Oakes) Ames, Sally Taylor (Botany Department), Judy Preston (The Nature Conservancy), David Foster ’77 (Alum and Harvard University professor), Ellen Johnson-Fay (All Souls Unitarian-Universalist Church), Leslie Mehrhoff (University of Connecticut). Excerpts were read from the many letters received from those who were touched by the Goodwins but were unable to attend. Next came a session of comments from any guests who wished to speak.

Dick and Esther were given an album containing the letters and photos from their many admirers, and Craig Vine of the Arboretum presented them with one of his original paintings. In recognition of the Goodwin’s contributions and legacy to the Arboretum, it was announced that the approximately 75 acres of natural area north of Gallows Lane was named the Richard H. Goodwin Natural Area.

VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS

THIS YEAR THE NUMBER OF FREE ARBORETUM TOURS DOUBLED with the addition of Sundays to the schedule. Volunteer docents led a total of 54 free, guided walks to over 400 people through our three plant collections (native plants, Caroline Black Garden and campus landscape). We did not offer a docent training course since so many of the 1996 & 1997 trainees decided to stick with the program. In addition to getting the Arboretum message out to many new people each week, the tour program is a unique educational experience for the docents. Arboretum Program Coordinator Kathy Garvin managed the volunteer program, including scheduling and production of a volunteer newsletter.

Our second volunteer program, the Hort Helpers, ended its first year successfully with individuals donating their time to weed, mulch, cultivate, prune, weed, plant and weed some more! Supervised by Horticulturist Jeff Smith, work was accomplished in all three main plant collections.
Mary Dowdell of Old Lyme was selected by the Arboretum staff as the volunteer of the year. Mary served as a docent for numerous free and private group tours, worked in the office, chauffeured lecturers, worked the plant sale and generally pitched in as needed. The Arboretum Staff expresses their thanks to Mary and all our volunteers for greatly enhancing our maintenance and education programs.

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Jonathan Harris '00
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Eunice Kua '02
Damon Leibert '00
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Peter Nash '02
Kathleen Pane '99
Heather Patrick '02
Timothy Reuter '99
Needa Russell '99
Dan Steinberg '01
Kate Tomkins '01
Grant Upson

Vanessa Boland '02
Andy Clark '00
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Caitlin Thompson '01
Eve Uberman '01
Andris Zobs '99

GOVERNOR’S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD TO NIERING & ARBORETUM

Both Bill Niering, individually, and the Connecticut College Arboretum were among recipients of Connecticut Governor John G. Rowland’s 1998 Environmental Awards. These awards publicly acknowledge individuals and organizations with a demonstrated commitment to improving and preserving Connecticut’s environment.

Niering’s award cited him as a “catalyst for changing environmental practices and as an inspiration for others.” His “contributions ... helped shape Connecticut’s wetlands restoration programs into one of the best in the nation.” Through his “generous contributions of time and energy,” he has “helped make our State a better place in which to live and work.” The Arboretum was singled out as having “continually worked towards a greater understanding of our State’s ecology as well as improvements and innovations in landscape management practices.”
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SARAH PITHOUSE BECKER ‘27 ENDOWS ARBORETUM DIRECTORSHIP

With a $1.2 million gift, the largest single donation ever received by the Arboretum, Sarah “Sally” Becker ’27 endowed the position of Arboretum Director as a named chair. Such gifts are invested as part of the College’s endowment with most of the return on the investment used for salary, and a small portion available for travel, research, etc. As a result of the gift, the Connecticut College Board of Trustees voted to appoint Glenn D. Dreyer the Charles and Sarah P. Becker ’27 Arboretum Director.

To quote President Gaudiani, “Sally’s lifetime of service to the College is unparalleled.” Among her many contributions were her service as president and board member of the Alumni Association for 20 years, member of the College Board of Trustees, and class president. She was recipient of the College Medal and the College’s Agnes Berkely Leahy Award. A lifelong gardener and lover of nature, Sally made another gift that will fund an endowed Professorship in Botany. Sarah Pithouse Becker died on January 23, 1999 at the age of 93.
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