

EDITH J. CARRIER
ARBORETUM
AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Dear Friends of the Arboretum,

The chirping of crickets in our education building has signaled that summer is closing and the cooler days of fall are ahead. Daylight has changed too. Soon the brilliances of autumn leaves will be upon us.

Thank
You to
Arboretum
Endowment
Donors!

I am happy to share that the **EJC Arboretum has been awarded the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA's) Gold Leaf Award** for outstanding landscape beautification activities. Many thanks to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Virginia Department of Forestry, Ecosystem Services, JMU Vice President, Charlie King, Shenandoah Streamworks, Atkins Excavating, Inc., and finally, Abe Kaufman, JMU's Energy Conservation and Sustainability Manager, for all of their support and hard work to re-channel and restore our stream in Sycamore Flat.

Restoration work continues now with new trails, bridges and plantings that are recommended by Jessica Primm, Landscape Architect. The initial design planning is completed. We will receive construction details from the landscape architect this month and begin installing new trails this fall. Both Sycamore Flat and the pond and streambanks near the pond will continue to be planted this season and into spring, 2017. If you would like to make a naming gift to support Sycamore Flat redevelopment, (a bridge, a trail, or a boardwalk) please contact me. Do stop by to see the changes that are afoot this season.

Cheers,

Jan Sievers Mahon



Arboretum Endowment, 5 Reasons to Give

"The Arboretum is one of the most important learning tools for teaching that leads to the success of my students. It has allowed me to design class activities that have contributed significantly to student enjoyment of learning as well as helping students gain experience to build their resume."

-ISAT faculty, Anonymous endowment donor

The forward-looking generosity of two donors last winter and spring has provided the EJC Arboretum with an endowment account that is now in place and vested. The goal of economic sustainability that ensures continued care and preservation of this beloved land, is the endowment's priority. **With an endowment in place your gift can ensure:**

- **Student learning is enriched.** Endowment gifts secure the arboretum as an outdoor living classroom for students of all ages. In addition to an outdoor classroom JMU students use the Arboretum for work experience, intern opportunities, and community service learning.
- **125 acres of habitat to protect and preserve native flora and fauna.** With gifts for the future this green corridor is protected and provides homes for life of all kinds: aquatic, winged, scaled, and furred. Whether passing through on annual migration or making the arboretum home, these protected grounds provide habitat to countless creatures and preserve native flora that are increasingly being outcompeted by non-native invasive plants.
- **Your generosity benefits our local and regional communities.** The Arboretum offers gardens, a pond, and wetland areas for visiting and learning, as well as wooded trails for running, strolling or dog-walking. Most importantly the grounds uniquely offer restoration recreation: a place to visit, sit a spell, and to just "be."
- **You make possible new discoveries.** JMU faculty use this wooded acreage for short and long term research that inform faculty, students and our community about various aspects of the life found here. Projects such as the study of climate impacts on local species, also provide invaluable research experience for undergraduate and graduate students gathering scientific data from observations here.
- **Your gift will be impactful for generations to come.** A gift to the Arboretum Endowment pays it forward for many years. Whether in fifty or in one hundred years from now, your gift will continue as your personal legacy of generosity.



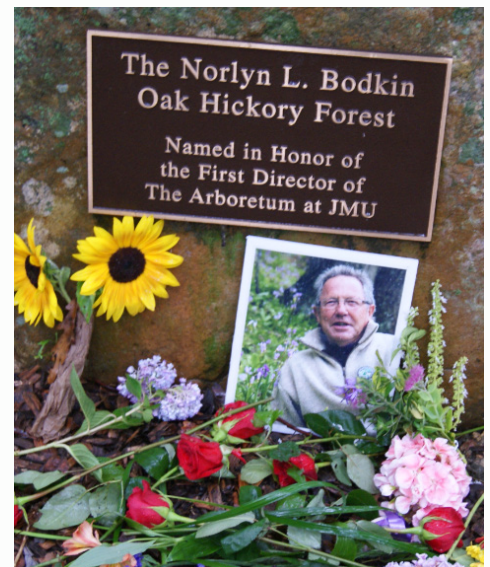
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Remembering Dr. Norlyn L. Bodkin

In the fall season each year, we turn our hearts and thoughts to remembering and honoring the memory of Dr. Norlyn L. Bodkin, the arboretum's founding director. Any and all who would want to be involved and show their appreciation for everything Dr. Bodkin did to establish and create the arboretum, can participate in a week-long memorial.

Each year during the last week of September, arboretum friends are invited to leave cut flowers from their own garden or florist, at the monument that designates the beginning of the **Dr. Norlyn L. Bodkin Oak Hickory Forest in the arboretum**. Those who participate and bring flowers may find others at the monument, who knew and loved Dr. Bodkin: past students who took his botany courses, people who volunteered and worked with him in some of the original plantings and gardens of the arboretum, family, and friends from the community and many others.



The Edith J. Carrier Arboretum Handles Bridal Dreams with Care... and Delivers Garden Weddings with Flair!

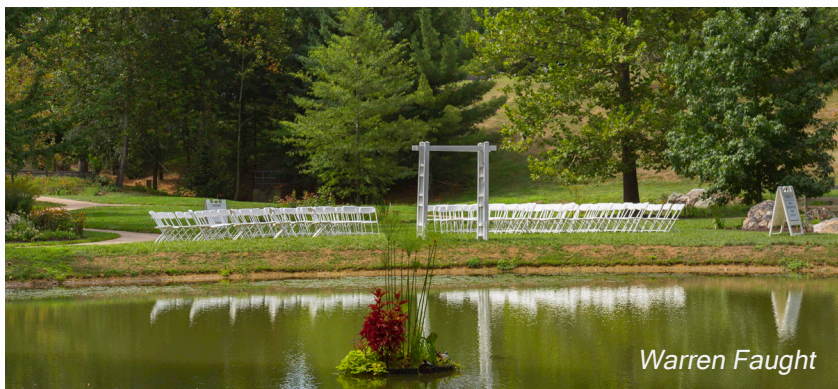
Where could be a better place for your heart to learn love, for love to grow and flourish, and for dreams to reap a harvest of joy... than in a garden? For some, ever since they were a child, they dreamed of a garden wedding where the flow of a lacey gown is captured in wafts of garden breezes, and the glow of a balmy evening sky is reflected forever in the radiance of a newlywed's smile. These do not have to merely be a dream! Anyone can bring their garden wedding dreams to reality with an EJC Arboretum garden wedding.

For others, their adventures during their "Dukedom" (their time at JMU earning a degree) narrowed options to just one for where to create a climaxing memory as a Duke. For these alumni who have walked the aisle for their diplomas, the EJC Arboretum at JMU is the one and only venue where they will walk the other aisle... the aisle for their garden wedding.

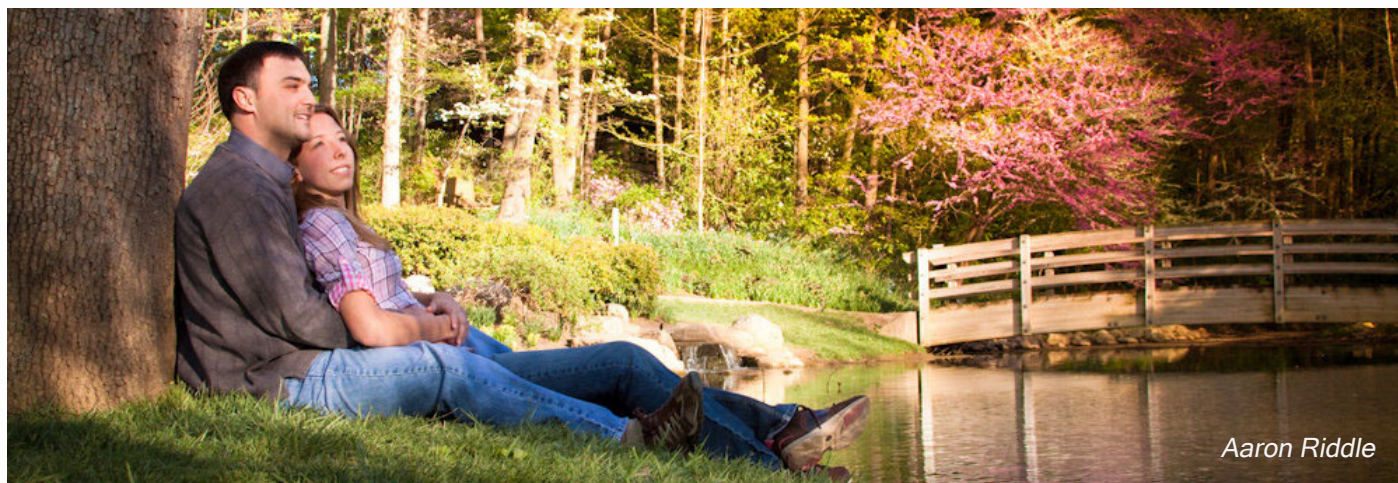
It is easy to make the arboretum your venue and create the garden wedding of your dreams. The EJC Arboretum offers excellence in professional support. A Certified Wedding Venue Professional guides couples through the processes and experiences from day-one planning through to the culmination day when they exchange their vows.

Each couple is unique, so the arboretum offers a unique selection of accountermments, sites and service selections. The arboretum pricing ranges from "keep-it-reasonable" to "upscale-everything!" And an assortment of ceremony sites from intimate indoors, to enchanted garden rooms in the woods, to grand-scale with a stunning backdrop and open sky settings are offered.

Couples are invited to visit the arboretum website, at jmu.edu/arboretum. Then begin dreaming of and planning for an EJC Arboretum garden wedding, a wedding at a garden called "a four-season wonderland." It could be that the first guest to grace any EJC Arboretum garden wedding, with all her finery and loveliness, bestowing her blessings, will be that grand lady, Mother Nature.



Warren Faight



Aaron Riddle

Calendar Events

En Plein Air Sessions

Fridays, September 23, and October 7 & 21
9:00 am -12:00 pm

Artists are invited to bring their supplies and paint in the open air beauty of the arboretum with renowned impressionist and muralist painter, Martha Crider Henderson. Sessions are free and open to all skill levels. Meets in the pavilion before going on site. Online registration.

Community Yoga with The Nest Yoga and Fitness Studio

Saturdays, September 24 – October 22
8:30 am – 9:30 am

Grab your mat, some water, and a towel and join the newest instructors at The Nest for an hour of yoga on the lawn. If lawn conditions are too wet, then yoga meets on the Ernst Terrace. Register in advance on The Nest website or pay at each class.

Fall Plant and Bulb Sale

September 23 – October 1, *except Sunday, Sept. 25*
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Shop choice spring bulbs, and natives, plants, shrubs and trees at the Frances Plecker Education Center. Fall is the best time of year for planting shrubs and trees! Purchases can be paid by cash, check, or charge, and support Harrisonburg's favorite arboretum and gardens.

Joshua Taylor's Garden Photography

Saturday October 8
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Learn to take winning photographs in an outdoor shooting session, and how to improve digital images using technology for unparalleled surrealism in pictures. Experience the guidance and coaching of an industry notable, Joshua Taylor, at the Frances Plecker Education Center. \$150, online registration.

Children's Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 15th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Harvest tree seeds and nuts to be involved in plantings that benefit Virginia waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. Visit and go aboard Gus Bus to enjoy the final Storytime in the Understory of 2016. See the JMU Dance Theatre club and learn dance games and moves. Hear live instrumental and vocal music performed by JMU music performance degree students. Walk the magical forest with a woodland fairy princess and build fairy houses. Free, no registration required.

Remarkable Trees Field Trip

Saturday, October 22
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Learn about the remarkable and ancient trees found in the U.S. National Arboretum bonsai collection and on the arboretum grounds. There is time planned for a picnic lunch on the grounds before the van loads up to return to JMU. Wear suitable clothing for outdoor weather, and bring food and drinks for an all-day trip. Meet at 7:45 am in the parking lot at the Frances Plecker Education Center. \$15, online registration.

Volunteer Orientations

Want to help out around the Arboretum? Orientation sessions at the Frances Plecker Education Center are held 3 times a month. Sign up on our website at www.jmu.edu/arboretum/volunteer-at-the-arboretum.shtml