

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

2022 Annual Report













MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Garden Friends and Supporters,

Growth and impact were hallmarks of 2022 at the Garden. Focusing on the strategic framework of three pillars (Core Mission Support, Plant Science and Conservation, and Public Engagement), the Garden was positioned to increase its ability to connect people to plants. We've had significant growth in educational programming.

The Garden engaged visitors in creative additions to the landscape with In Full Swing, adding over 40 swings of all shapes and sizes throughout the Garden. With the support of over 100 community volunteers, Stickwork was built from locally-sourced sapling branches. "Roly Poly," a Stickwork art installation by artist Patrick Dougherty, brought whimsical natural sculpture for visitors' enjoyment.

Tweetsville is coming to life with birds and children's laughter. The addition of three tiny homes in three different landscapes (urban, suburban, and rural) demonstrate how to incorporate plants in your landscape to create a bird-friendly environment. Surprise and delight are around every corner with a giant bird nest, a larger-than-life birdhouse, and the Lewis Bird Watch.

The Garden is leading the STEM Teacher Professional Development Program that provides biological science education for kindergarten through 6th grade teachers. The Garden, along with Birmingham Botanical Garden and Bellingrath Gardens and Home, will increase their content

knowledge and technical ability to teach plant-based science to students in Alabama's key regions. The impact? Teachers who participate in this program will be confident utilizing engaging, hands-on STEM programming aligned with state and local learning standards. We thank our Alabama State Legislature, foundations, and corporations for supporting this impactful program.

Plant science and conservation laid the foundation for assessing and conserving the unique plant biodiversity we have here in Northern Alabama. Partnering with scientists, botanic gardens, and universities near and far, we're building a research agenda for exciting work in the years to come.

Through each of these focal areas, we engage people in the natural world around them. We are proud of the accomplishments of last year and look forward to all we can do together in the years to come. With the support of our community, there is no limit to what Huntsville Botanical Garden can achieve.

Thank you for your support, and see you at the Garden!

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Plant Science and Conservation

Almost 2,000 new plants were added to the Garden in 2022. Intense ground truthing and database QA/QC protocols were also initiated, giving us a clearer picture of which plants exist in the ground. We also refined our database so that mass plantings of individuals better reflect what is actually growing in the Garden. These remain estimates, but as ground truthing and database refinement continues, these numbers are likely to not only grow but also become more accurate.

Plants	2021	2022	% change
Number of plants in the Garden:	18,400	23,600	28%
Number of species, varieties, and cultivars:	3,730	6,579	76%
Number of species native to the Southeast:	880	2,933	233%
Number of species of conservation value:	130	672	417%

L'Espalier Society

The purpose of the society is to honor and recognize the individuals and organizations whose outstanding and cumulative giving provides the framework on which our Garden grows.

Designation is based on giving from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

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