

Warm Spring Greetings to all PCA Members and Supporters!

It's been a tough few years dealing with COVID—and now a war on the national stage. Thankfully, we can enjoy our nature-filled trail along a peaceful stream to get exercise and either gather or escape our thoughts. With warm weather on the horizon, the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail awaits us.

Of course, the trail exists and is kept up to snuff thanks to all of you who donate your precious time and money. The numbers speak for themselves. In 2021, the community gave \$23,000 for the garage expansion, and the \$9,300 endowment contributions came close to our \$10,000 match challenge. We have collected \$15,000 toward our new Gator, and our loyal volunteers logged 3,500 hours in 2021, about 1,000 more than 2020. Even the number of volunteers has increased by almost three times to a total of 222. And, 150 of these workers were newcomers, including many local high school students and UW-Platteville athletic teams and clubs.

Yes, despite the challenging times, we've had some notable successes. The newly installed trail art by artist Bill Mitchell was featured on Channel 3000's "In the 608" segment which can be viewed on our PCA website. It was also a good year for fundraisers. Together, the Monster Dash, raffle tickets, kettle corn sales and our first annual PCA calendar brought in \$12,000. Our educational and informational events reached about 120 people, and 25 pounds of native plant seed was spread along the trail where native invasive species had been removed.

A profound and genuine thank you to all of you who made the above accomplishments a reality. We humbly ask that you continue your generosity and membership into the coming year (see reverse for memberships, renewals and other options). If you know of someone, or multiple people, who might want to get involved with the PCA, please direct them to our website for opportunities, contacts, newsletters and the latest PCA updates: www.plattevillearboretum.org. Growing our membership will help us surpass all these numbers in 2022!

With sincere gratitude & hope for peace,

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Top to bottom: spring blooming pasque flowers in the PCA butterfly garden; cyclists photographed by Nancy Fairchild; 'CRISPR' by Bill Mitchell; some of the Wednesday morning volunteer crew



We appreciate donations of any amount to the PCA and offer many opportunities to honor or recognize your donation (see below). Please complete and return this entire page to the PCA with your donation.

To recognize/honor your donation with naming rights, choose from below:

Your donation of:

- \$2,500 Bench (renewable after 20 years, 2 available)
- \$2,500 Bike Rack (for the life of the bike rack, 3 available)
- \$2,000 Garden Entrance (renewable after 10 years, 2 available)
- \$2,000 Red Water Fountain (near fitness center, renewable after 20 years, 1 available)
- \$1,600 Kiosk (renewable after 20 years, 9 available)
- \$1,600 Outdoor Fitness Center exercise station (renewable after 20 years, 3 available)
- \$1,000 Educational Garden Plot (renewable after 10 years, 1 available)
- \$1,000 Tree (for the life of that tree)
- \$500 Light Pole (renewable after 20 years)
- \$250 Shared Light Pole (renewable after 20 years)
- \$200 Engraved brick at main trailhead
(Special discounted price from \$250! Brick inscription form at plattevillearboretum.org)

- PCA will recognize all donors who give \$1,000 or more with a picture and press release.
- If you are over 70½ and are required to take a mandatory distribution from your IRA, it is possible for you to reduce your tax liability by donating that distribution to charity. Ask us how!

Name plates and bricks to be put in place between May & July 2022

Or choose a new/renewed membership option (no naming rights)

Membership Levels:

- Dogwood** - \$35
- Birch** - \$100
- Ironwood*** - \$500
- Other** _____
- Serviceberry** - \$50
- Hickory*** - \$250
- Oak*** - \$1,000

*Multi-year contributors of \$250+ are known as "Trail Blazers" and recognized on trail information media

Consider this contribution: _____ Membership Renewal _____ New Membership _____ Donation

I'd like my gift to remain anonymous.

Contributor(s) Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Naming rights option(s) selected, please list item(s): _____

Inscription to be placed on name plate: _____

Make checks payable to: **PCA**, Mail to: PCA, PO Box 302, Platteville, WI 53818

Or donate online at www.plattevillearboretum.org/membership



Scan code to donate online securely via PayPal

The PCA is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, making contributions tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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