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JANUARY

Trail Blazing: A 25 year tradition of diligent cooperation between volunteers and the Executive Director. More than 3.5 miles of trails have been established through the fields, meadows and woodlands. **\$250**

Camellias: There is no finer collection of Camellias in New England, and no larger collection on public display. Camellias will be the primary grouping of plants to enhance the new Limonaia. **\$1000**

FEBRUARY

Repelling the Bambis: Throughout the winter the gardeners spend several hours spraying an odor repellent on the many hundreds of plants favored by deer. This exercise insures dependable spring bloom on our apples and Rhododendrons. **\$250**

Harvesting and mailing rare, heirloom variety apple scions: For the past 60+ years we have been distributing apple scions to hundreds of amateur and professional orchardists. This is the only public offering of its kind in the United States. **\$500**

MARCH

Ornamental and Structural Pruning: Late winter is the season for doing necessary structural pruning of the hundreds of ornamental trees and shrubs at Tower Hill. This exercise assures good general health of our woody collection throughout the growing season. **\$500**

Kicking of the Garden Volunteer season: There are more than 30 volunteers who volunteer twice a week and work with our professional gardening staff helping with every imaginable gardening activity. These volunteers ask for nothing but good tools. **\$250**

APRIL

Activating the Fountains and Irrigation System: Tower Hill is second only to Versailles in fountain and water display. All the plumbing and timers that make the wonders work are a study in ingenious engineering. **\$1500**

School Vacation Week: Every April (and February) we host and entertain hundreds of children and their parents by engaging them in stimulating activity that helps pique their interest in the Green World. **\$100**

MAY

Dig and Divide Perennials: With the help volunteers the Horticulture Staff dig and divide hundreds of perennials to assure vigor in the gardens and to generate plants for sale. **\$100**

Planning and Planting the Vegetable Garden: The Vegetable Garden at Tower Hill is one of the most popular landscape features. Every year the theme changes making for truly one of the finest displays of its kind in New England. **\$1000**

The Asian Longhorned Beetle threat: This invasive, dangerous creature has been found in Boylston. Help protect Tower Hill from this formidable pest. **\$100**

JUNE

Annual Spring Plant Sale: More than 50,000 people have participated in this 25 year tradition, purchasing more than 60,000 outstanding plants. We can take pride in knowing as an institution we have done a great deal in helping making central New England more beautiful. **\$1000**

Deadheading spring bulbs and Daylilies: To guarantee good bloom for the following spring there are few chores more important or more tedious than deadheading the 1000's of spring bulbs at Tower Hill. This June exercise just the beginning because soon to follow is the daily chore of deadheading the thousands of daylilies that enhance the summer scene. **\$250**

Garden Interns: Every year we try to employ three (3) garden interns, young people considering a career in Horticulture. These six pairs of hands are essential in maintaining the garden to the standard we have all come to expect. **\$1500**



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Sponsor a Child for the Tower Hill Farm School: The Farm School experience has been a great opportunity for young people from the underserved community of Worcester to get their hands in the soil and learn the joys of cultivating vegetables and flowers. **\$250**

Scouting for Summer Pests and Diseases: July 4th is not only a day of celebration of American independence it is also the day the dreaded Japanese Beetle begins to emerge and decimate many of our favorite summer flowers. The gardening staff and volunteers spend many hours patrolling and eradicating this perennial pest. **\$100**

AUGUST

Field Mowing to Control Poison Ivy and other Invasive Plants: Poison Ivy, Bittersweet, and Gray Dogwood, are but three species of plants that have invaded our fields and meadow, this non-poisonous approach in their eradication has proven to be successful. **\$250**

SEPTEMBER

Harvest Materials for Holly Day Crafts and Decoration: Holly Days has been for years our last great celebration of the year. The clever and all natural ornaments are a result of hundreds of hours of volunteer and staff time that begins with the harvesting of the natural material. **\$100**

Orangerie Collection moves back indoors: From late September to early May the garden visitors anticipate and enjoy the extraordinary display of subtropical plants in the Orangerie and starting this winter, the Limonaia. There is no finer greenhouse display in all of New England and it's about to get better! **\$1500**

OCTOBER

Bulb Planting: Since 1989 with the help of volunteers and staff we have planted more than a 100,000 spring bulbs in the fields and gardens at Tower Hill. No single activity generates a more beautiful dividend. **\$500**

Harvesting the Apples: Every October, the week before Columbus Day the staff and volunteers harvest dozens of bushels of apples from the Harrington Orchard for sale at Tower Hill and for the Worcester County Food Bank. Our apples are grown organically and consist of 119 different varieties. **\$100**

NOVEMBER

Putting the Garden to Bed: From drain all the pools and fountain, to raking leaves and cutting back perennials putting the garden to bed is the first step in assuring a healthy and successful garden the following year, made possible with the help of our volunteers and staff. **\$500**

DECEMBER

Holly Days: Though all the setup is done in November, the management of the activity engulfs the entire month of December. Plant displays, decorated trees, wreaths, and swags, holiday lighting, programs for families, concerts, and many a party are what make Holly Days festive and regionally special. **\$1000**

SPECIALS!

Support a Day of Operation at Tower Hill Botanic Garden: \$5000

Support a Half-Day of Operation at Tower Hill Botanic Garden: \$2500

Support a Quarter Day of Operation at Tower Hill Botanic Garden: \$1250

