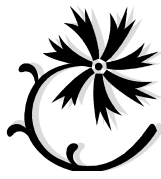


ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION



Leila Arboretum Society was formed in 1982 to restore the neglected Leila Arboretum, owned by the city of Battle Creek. Since then, LAS has grown to be a powerful community catalyst for the creation of green spaces and garden places, reaching well beyond the Arboretum gates. The Arboretum, with its 3,000+ species of trees, grand entrance, picturesque fountain and season floral displays, is once again a place of great beauty.

Leila Arboretum Society has also responded to the growing interest in garden-

ing and open-space preservation with its renewed emphasis on making the Battle Creek community a greener, more beautiful place to live.

- Horticulture Experts on Staff
- Community Beautification
- Arboretum Stewardship
- Community Gardening Education
- Educational Programs for Children
- Growing in the Garden Classes
- Master Gardener Classes
- B.C. Green Program

Today the Leila Arboretum Society touches the lives of residents through educational classes, eye-catching displays at neighborhood gateways, vibrant wildflower plantings along our thoroughfares and even school vegetable gardens. In addition, the Children's Garden is a one-of-a-kind educational, interactive, hands-on, fun-filled attraction for both the young and young at heart to enjoy. "It's not just for kids!"

OUR VISION



Every year hundreds of Battle Creek community members become interested in creating and enjoying a "greener," more beautiful Battle Creek. In response to this overwhelming interest, Leila Arboretum Society, Board and Staff have developed a guiding vision for our programming.

"We envision a more beautiful Battle Creek: an urban forest of trees, shrubs and blooming plants, with an arboretum celebrating open space and nature's beauty. We envision young and old who understand the importance of plants and use what they learn to enrich their lives and strengthen the community."

Leila Arboretum Society is the catalyst for major community-wide beautification and urban reforestation. You are invited to join this growing group of people who care about making our community a better place to live.

Together we are planting a brighter future!



Leila Arboretum and
Children's Garden
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Thank you for your interest
in becoming an LAS member!



MEMBERSHIP

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WHY BECOME AN LAS MEMBER ?

As a member of Leila Arboretum Society, you are not only helping to make Battle Creek a greener, more beautiful place, you are also giving yourself the opportunity to meet wonderful people and make lasting friendships. Many of our members exchange gardening tips, plants and vegetables, share knowledge and help each other learn more about the wonderful world of gardening. Whether it's working in the greenhouse or Children's Garden, smelling flowers in the Leila Arboretum or feeling the soil between your fingers, being a member is both fun and educational.

We invite you to join in the effort of preserving one of Battle Creek and Southwestern Michigan's greatest assets for future generations.



GENERAL BENEFITS

- Horticulture Experts on Staff
- Summer Celebration-Corn Roast
- Subscription to "Growing Times" quarterly newsletter.
- 10% discount on products sold by LAS including: books, gardening tool & equipment, LAS products and logo apparel.
- 10% discount on plants purchased at our Annual Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser
- 10% discount on LAS "Growing In The Garden" classes and workshops.
- An invitation to our many events throughout the year.
- 10% discount on Children's Garden admission.
- Discounts at participating member merchants.
- Annual meeting & voting rights.



MEMBERSHIP & BENEFITS

• **Individual (\$25)** - One adult: General Benefits

• **Family & Grandparent (\$50)** - Two adults and any of their children or grandchildren under 18: General Benefits, \$10 off certificate at the Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser in May, free admission to our one-of-a-kind Children's Garden, free admission for 2 adults to any Reciprocal Gardens nationwide, plus 2 free general admissions to reciprocal area Museums.

• **Hemlock (\$100)** - Two adults and any of their children or grandchildren under 18: General Benefits, \$10 off certificate at the Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser in May, free admission to our one-of-a-kind Children's Garden, free admission for 2 adults to any Reciprocal Gardens nationwide, 2 free passes to the Battle Creek Garden Tour-LAS Fundraiser, 2 free general admissions to reciprocal area Museums, and \$50 of your membership is dedicated to the LAS endowment fund.

• **Sweetgum (\$250)** - Two adults and any of their children or grandchildren under 18: General Benefits, \$10 off certificate at the Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser in May, free admission to our one-of-a-kind Children's Garden, free admission for 2 adults to any Reciprocal Gardens nationwide, 2 free passes to the Battle Creek Garden Tour-LAS Fundraiser, 2 free general admissions to reciprocal area Museums, \$50 of your membership is dedicated to the LAS endowment fund, plus one free class or workshop (valued up to \$50).

• **Birch(\$500)** - Two adults and any of their children or grandchildren under 18: General Benefits, \$10 off certificate at the Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser in May, free admission to our one-of-a-kind Children's Garden, free admission for 2 adults to any Reciprocal Gardens nationwide, 2 free passes to the Battle Creek Garden Tour-LAS Fundraiser, 2 free general admissions to reciprocal area Museums, \$50 of your membership is dedi-



Violinist, Linda Jo Scott entertains at the annual Summer Celebration-Corn Roast in the Children's Garden.

cated to the LAS endowment fund, one free class or workshop (valued up to \$50), plus one honorary tree named in the Leila Arboretum or one 2 hour event in the Children's Garden after 5pm (for up to 50 people).

• **Oak (\$1000)** - Two adults and any of their children or grandchildren under 18: General Benefits, \$10 off certificate at the Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser in May, free admission to our one-of-a-kind Children's Garden, free admission for 2 adults to any Reciprocal Gardens nationwide, 2 free passes to the Battle Creek Garden Tour-LAS Fundraiser, 2 free general admissions to reciprocal area Museums, \$50 of your membership is dedicated to the LAS endowment fund, one free class or workshop (valued up to \$50), one honorary tree named in the Leila Arboretum or one 2 hour event in the Children's Garden after 5pm (for up to 50 people), plus you'll be a sponsor of one of our educational programs.

Endowment Fund

Only the interest earned is spent. The amount donated is invested forever. A special tax credit on the Michigan Tax-form is given for contributions to endowment funds at community foundations. Make checks payable to the Battle Creek Community Foundation, 34 West Jackson Street, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3505



Senator Mark Schauer and wife Christine on a quest for plants at our Annual LAS Spring Plant Sale-Fundraiser every May.

Engraved Bricks: \$100-\$1800 each

Each engraved brick will be placed around the historic cupola located in the center of the one-of-a-kind Children's Garden next to the Leila Arboretum.

Tree: \$300 and up

Each tree will be marked with a tag recognizing the individual or organization for whom the tree is dedicated.

Teakwood Bench: \$3000

A permanent engraved brass name plaque will be affixed to the bench with the name of the individual or organization being honored and placed in the Leila Arboretum or Children's Garden.

YES, I want to grow with the Leila Arboretum Society

Please mark one: New Renewal

MEMBERSHIP

- Individual \$25 Sweetgum \$250
 Family & Grandparent \$50 Birch \$500
 Hemlock \$100 Oak \$1000

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Member

Name 1: Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Name 2: Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Email _____

Payment Method

- Visa Mastercard

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Send Gift Membership to: Recipient Gift Giver | Send Renewal Notice to: Recipient Gift Giver

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