How you can help!

Become a Member:

- $30 - Pine (Individual)
- $50 - Fir (Family)
- $100 - Spruce (Family Plus)
- $300 - Walnut (Best Friend)
- $500 and Up - Cedar (Sponsor)

If you own a business:

- $200 - Business
  All the benefits below plus...
  - Recognition in the Jewett Center & Arboretum newsletter.

Benefits Include:

- The quarterly newsletter Arborea.
- 10% discount in the Gift Shop.
- Class discounts.
- Advance notification of special events.
- Fire Member and Above - Benefits extend to your immediate family and Nature Day Camp Discount.

Dedicate a Memorial or Honorarium to a Special Friend of Loved One by:

- Engraving a brick in the Founders Courtyard. A perfect way to mark a special occasion.
- Planting a tree with a memorial plaque. A wonderful way to honor a loved one.

Give the Gift of Membership

We will send an acknowledgment of your gift to the recipient with a personal thank you letter.

Donate to the Arboretum's Endowment or General Fund

Your generosity helps to maintain the numerous gardens and trees as well as the events and classes that help create the Arboretum experience.

DOUGLAS-FIR, LARCH, & INCENSE CEDAR

Douglas-fir is one of the most economically significant of our native species. It is a deciduous tree, meaning that it loses its leaves in the fall. On a long row of incense cedar stands as a windbreak, and as a visual and sound barrier.

GINKGO

Another of the prehistoric species, this tree dominated the local landscape millions of years ago. Fossilized remnants are found at Ginkgo-Wanapum State Park near Vantage on the Columbia River.

RAISED BED VEGETABLE GARDEN

In tending this garden, volunteers utilize Integrated Pest Management concepts, including beneficial insects, floating row covers, crop rotations, mulching, and plants resistant to pests, weeds and diseases. The beds are constructed of "plastic," or recycled durable plastic lumber. The trellises are built from recycled fruit tree props.

XERISCAPE DEMONSTRATION SITE

This project, adjacent east of the Jones Center, is sponsored by the WA State Department of Ecology & Yakima County Solid Waste. Xeriscape gardening is the planning and developing of a landscape that uses little additional water to maintain its environment. Notice the buffalo grass turf and the straw bale wall and arch.

AROLDS JONES NURSERY CENTER

The Jones Center is a service and maintenance facility for the gardener and work parties, and is home to the annual Spring Plant Sale. Plans are in the works to turn the Jones's Center into a Green demonstration building & Nature Center. The Arboretum's caretakers reside in the house nearby.

KARO KONDO DRYLAND GARDEN

Located in the parking lot south of the Jones Center is the Koro Kondo Dryland Garden. This garden demonstrates the use of water-wise plants for landscaping. The only moisture these plants receive is natural precipitation. Located toward the north end and native plants and adapted non-native plants, while cacti and succulents occupy the south end.

BEECH COLLECTION

Among the beeches, the comforted one shows well when snow covers the curving branches. Beeches have smooth gray bark, and produce edible nuts encased in prickly husks.

ROSE GARDEN, GAZEBO & YELLOW GARDEN

The Rose Garden with its gazebo, pathway, benches, fountain, and memorials within the beds, is managed by the Lower Naches Garden Club and features 300+ roses. The Gazebo is available for smaller weddings. The nearby bed of yellow flowers is maintained by the Nature Artists Garden Club.

ORIENTEERING COURSE

The grid marker south of the flagpole near the Rose Garden also marks the start of the Orienteering Course. The Course is used by individuals and groups, such as Yakima County Search and Rescue, to hone compass navigation skills.

BLOSSOM FIREWORKS

In mid-April an explosion of ornamental fruit blossoms is infused with myriad white to pink to red tints of flowering cherry, plum, crabapple, pear, and peach.

NUT COLLECTION

This collection includes black walnut, English walnut, almond, Japanese heartnut and pecan.

MAPLE COLLECTION

Maples are noted for fall color, and range from large shade trees to small, shrubby accent trees. All have opposite leaves. The fruits are paired, winged seeds in doubles called samarae or keys.

UTILITY FRIENDLY TREES

These shorter-statured trees are suitable beneath overhead utility lines. A project of Pacific Power.

ENTRANCE TO THE AROBRETUM

Self-Guided Tour

Yakima Area Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Seasonal Highlights

December - January - February

- Witch hazel, Red-osier dogwood, Hawthorn, Conifers

March - April

- Cornelian cherry dogwood, Viburnum, Magnolia, Flowering cherry, plum, crabapple, pear and peach, Redbud, Flowering dogwood, Serviceberry

May - June

- Hawthorn, Golden chain, Viburnum, Kousa dogwood, Yellowwood, wildflowers, cacti and succulents

September - October - November

- Ornamental grasses, Nuts, Larch, Color foliage of deciduous trees, such as beech, birch, dogwood, ginkgo, maple, oak, sweetgum

HOURS

The Arboretum grounds are open every day of the year from dawn until dusk. There is no charge for admission. The Tree House Museum Store and Interpretive Center are open Monday - Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM. To schedule a group tour or to check out a Fresh Science backpack call 248-7337.

Visit us on the web! Keep up to date on the latest classes, events and seasonal highlights. Sign up for the online newsletter at www.ahtrees.org

Welcome!

The Arboretum is a 'living museum' of over 1000 trees, together with other plant species of forbs, grasses and shrubs on 46 acres of land managed as display gardens and a natural area.

Established in 1967 by the Central Washington Federation of Garden Clubs, the Arboretum is a non-profit organization supported by the generosity of its members and through the hard work and dedication of its volunteers.