

Annual Report 2024

Preserving our legacy for future generations

In 2024, several generous philanthropic gifts made it possible for us to bring the Arboretum's structures into the 21st Century. These buildings, some of which have historical significance, serve as a vital center for nature education, the performing arts, and community events. The Meeting House and the Greenhouse Complex are important sources of revenue for Landis and enhance our ability to attract new and returning visitors and to build our membership.



The Nicholas J. Juried Meeting House

The Meeting House is a multi-use facility available for rental and is home to nature education workshops, musical events, and community gatherings. It is known for its "million dollar view" of the Schoharie Valley.



New outdoor pavilion



Pond renovation



Extensive landscaping



shed stained



The 19th Century Barn

The Barn is used to store maintenance equipment.

It also houses the Arboretum's used book store with its large and eclectic collection of books.



Solar panels installed



Exterior stained



New stone stairs to the Bookstore







The 1850s Farmhouse

The Farmhouse was once the Lape family home.
It now houses the Arboretum's offices, conference room, and Welcome Center.



Bathroom (before)



Bathroom (after)



Kitchen (before)



Kitchen (after)



Painting and staining the boardroom walls and floors



New stone patio and paths



Energy efficient HVAC system and ductwork



Foundation stabilization and drainage work



Replacing deteriorating structural beams



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The Raymond Greenhouse Complex

The Complex is the source of "Landis Grown" plants, best sellers at our plant sales. These buildings are instrumental for propagation work and horticultural education.



New roof on both the Library and Propagation Room



New furnace in the Propagation Room and moline heater in the Greenhouse



New polycarbonate panels installed in the Greenhouse

George Landis Arboretum: Who We Are

Established by Fred Lape in 1951, the Landis Arboretum is a private, nonprofit organization in the scenic and historic Schoharie Valley. Our nearly 300 hundred acres are dedicated to preserving and protecting our heritage of natural and cultivated plantings. Visitors can explore more than 8 miles of trails, our historic collections of specimen plantings, old growth forests, managed woodlots, our Fern Glen and Native Plant Trail. Our educational programs foster an appreciation of the environment and appeal to all ages. Landis has also had a long tradition as a center for the arts. We are open to the public from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

Sources of Income: Membership 7 % Contributions 13 % Fundraising 13 % Grants 67 %

The George Landis Arboretum is a nonprofit 501c3 organization. Our financial well-being depends on our memberships, charitable donations, revenues generated by our programs, and multiple grants awarded. We also benefit from a matching program from such local corporations as General Electric. Our financial records are available for review by appointment at our office, 174 Lape Road, Esperance, NY 12066.

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