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TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN

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Dear Friends

This spring, we have so much to celebrate at Tower Hill Botanic Garden!

Thirty years ago, the Worcester Horticultural Society purchased a sleepy dairy farm atop a gorgeous drumlin with the dream of creating New England's first and only year-round botanic garden. Since then, Tower Hill has blossomed into a dynamic horticultural showcase with 36 acres of cultivated gardens, two conservatories housing more than 1,000 plants throughout the winter, and miles of trails through forest and field.

So many of you have stood by our side during every step of this three-decade-long journey. Thank you! We owe these first 30 years of success to you. You have helped us grow into:

- a vibrant community gathering place that welcomes 125,000 of you – and 17,000 members – to our gardens each year,
- a center of horticultural learning for an amazing 12,800 of you in more than 500 annual lectures, classes, and workshops,
- a playground of delight and discovery for nearly 7,000 of your children and grandchildren to watch native caterpillars put on a show, coax worms to eat their garbage, and more,
- and a place where all, no matter their age or physical ability, can connect with plants and nature, through our newest garden, The Court: A Garden within Reach.

As we look ahead, we're so grateful to have you standing with us to ensure that Tower Hill will be here to inspire and enchant visitors for 30, 50, and 100 more years to come. Simply put, we couldn't keep doing our work here without you.

Now, if we are to continue to grow in our 31st year and beyond, we need your renewed support, today. We must raise \$350,000 to reach our fiscal year-end goals. Your gift today to our annual appeal will help us to reach this goal and keep Tower Hill strong, beautiful, and flourishing as we head into our 31st year and beyond.

I personally have increased my annual contribution this year and hope you can do the same.

Celebrating our 30th year isn't just about honoring how far we've come. It's also about envisioning how far we still can go, together. Your gift supports our shared love of plants, nature, and Tower Hill Botanic Garden. I sincerely thank you for your support and hope to see you at the garden soon.



Jim Karadimos
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