

More Holiday Gift Ideas



Year-end Contributions

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum can now accept donations of securities. For information about how to donate by transferring securities to our brokerage account, please contact 973-831-5675.

An IRA Charitable Rollover gift is an excellent, tax-efficient way to support Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum. It allows you to make gifts of up to \$100,000 per year per individual from your IRA account. You incur no federal income taxes, and the amount of your contribution counts towards your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), as long as you meet the eligibility requirements and follow certain rules.

You must be 70 ½ or older, and your IRA administrator or trustee must distribute the funds directly to Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum, not to you first. Such tax-free distributions can only be made from IRAs. Please consult your financial adviser for further information about the rules and regulations.

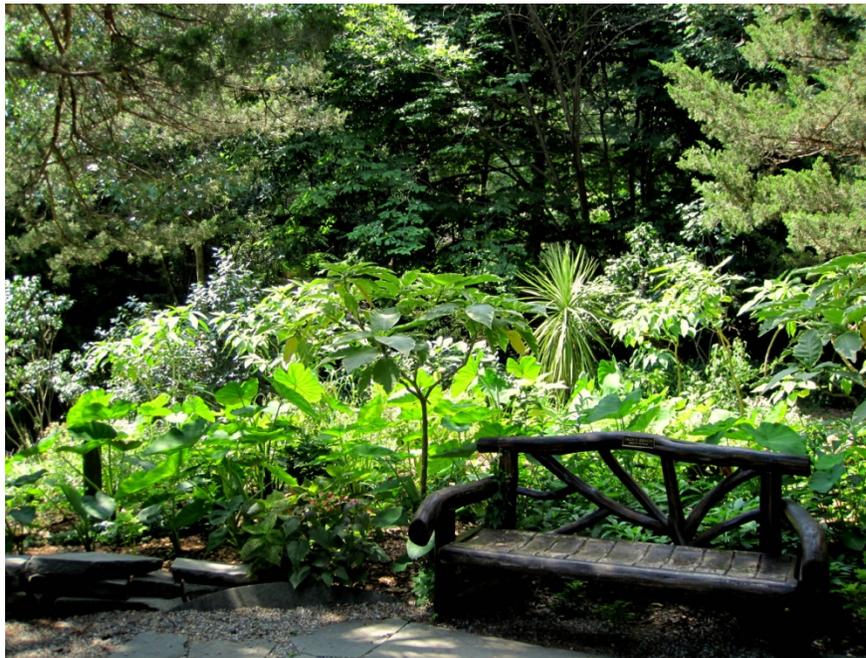
Matching Gifts

If your employer has a matching gift program, you can increase the impact of your donation by taking advantage of that benefit. Please check with your employer for how to proceed.

Donate-a-Bench Program

You can make a very meaningful gift to Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum by making a contribution through our Donate-a-Bench Program. We have

identified 11 spots in the arboretum where a bench would be a welcome addition. The style and size of bench has been chosen to fit each location. The benches near the entrance to the Knippenberg Center will be contemporary in style to match the look of the center. The rest of the benches will be rustic, in keeping with the wooded surroundings. Each of these rustic benches will be unique and will be made by David Robinson, a master rustic furniture maker, who created the bench in our Summer Garden as pictured below:



[Click here to watch David Robinson talk about our Donate-A-Bench program](#)

There are many reasons to donate a bench—to celebrate a milestone in life or to honor or memorialize a loved one, to name just two. Your donation will support Friends of Laurelwood in its mission: ***to preserve Laurelwood Arboretum as an oasis for the enjoyment of nature and to provide opportunities for environmental awareness through educational programs, community involvement and outreach activities.***

Donations to our Donate-a-Bench program may be made in cash or securities and are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law. To learn more about our bench donation program, please send an email to info@laurelwoodarboretum.org or call 973-831-5675.

Patio Paver Project

You can commemorate an occasion, honor a special person or organization, or memorialize someone by donating an engraved paving stone for the outdoor walkways surrounding the Knippenberg Center for Education.

Paving stones are available in four sizes: 9" x 4"; 9" x 9"; 9" x 13" and 19" x 19".

A limited number of 19" x 19" paving stones for the **front plaza** may be reserved for a donation of \$1500 each.