The Arboretum at Penn State
Commemorative Bench Program

We have developed the Commemorative Bench Program in response to a request from our visitors for additional seating in the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens. Nine teak benches have been ordered and will be placed at various locations along the Kathryn Bower Smith Strolling Garden and on the North Terrace.

Contributions for a bench in The Arboretum at Penn State are $5,000.00 per bench. The contribution covers the cost of the bench with plaque, including labor and materials to construct a concrete footing, routine maintenance, and repair costs for the life of the bench.

The cost of a bench can be paid over 1 to 5 years.

Locations for each of the benches have been identified by our campus architect. You may select your bench from a list of available locations in The Arboretum at Penn State. (Please refer to the map on page 2.)

Bench size and material: 6’ ft. teak bench

Plaque Size: 2” x 7” (Plaques will be affixed to the center of the bench backrest.)

Plaque Material: Black plastic with engraved white lettering, consistent with Arboretum plant labels and Arboretum commemorative tree plaques.

Plaque Language: Must adhere to Arboretum commemorative tree plaque policy and Arboretum external donor recognition policy.

Funds generated through this program are added to the Arboretum’s endowment to ensure long-term care. Contact Patrick Williams at pjw117@psu.edu or 814-865-0441 if you are interested in learning more about the Commemorative Bench Program.

Planned locations for the nine benches are shown on a map on the next page.
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Phase I of the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens
University Park  PA

Nine new teak benches will be installed in the gardens as part of the Commemorative Bench Program.

Five of the benches will be located at various points on the Kathryn Bower Smith Strolling Garden.

The remaining four benches will be on the North Terrace.