



## May Arboretum Report Apr 2025 – May 2025

### Highlights

- ◆ Gardens opened up for reservations. With 5 weddings in the gardens in these two months.
- ◆ May Arboretum Society held their annual plant sale to help raise funds for the endowment.
- ◆ 15,924 individuals visited the May Arboretum

### May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ Little sprouts and homeschool programs continue to teach the youth.
- ◆ Arborist apprenticeship program with Soulful Seeds continues to educate and train a future arborist
- ◆ May Arboretum Society Educator has been going to Stead Elementary School to teach about pollinators.
- ◆ We had an Earth Day and Arbor day celebration for where children were able to learn about nature and the importance of being a steward of the land.

### Arboretum Operations

- ◆ The mainline to half of the arboretum was repaired and a pressure reducer was installed. The water line is 8 inches wide.
- ◆ 9 memorial bricks were sent out to be engraved
- ◆ 5 tours were given. Tours consisted of schools of 150 kids, to private groups or a national convention of daffodils.
- ◆ Greenhouse space is at capacity to grow plants. The plants are slowly being planted outside as the weather gets warmer.
- ◆ Many irrigation repairs to the water lines have been made as the water was turned on. These repairs are mainly from large event damage such as dragon lights.
- ◆ 12 trees and 5 shrubs were planted in the Arboretum to help increase the diversity of species and increase canopy coverage. The goal for the Arboretum is to be an example of reaching ISA's recommended canopy coverage of 15%



Picture: Three Arboretum Staff members (Sal, Eddie and Elizabeth) standing with the newly planted tree in tradition with Arbor Day. (Tree species: American Elm 'Frontier')