



What a year it has been!

In the face of continued economic volatility we have remained committed to our mission of education, research, and the preservation of our historic landscape and buildings. Despite several tough challenges (which include a near miss hurricane) our collections, landscape, and visitors were welcomed this year with the best display of flowering in over twenty years. This coupled with high attendance in our education programs makes me convinced that we are beloved by our community.

Perhaps the greatest economic challenge this year was purchasing two acres of land on our southern border to protect against future development and preserve the agrarian history of our landscape. The purchase of the property required a rapid response and financial resources which were extraordinarily challenging to come up with. Now as the year end approaches, we ask for your help in supporting our mission of education, research, and the preservation of our landscape, which as we have demonstrated is something this organization feels very strongly about.

In these difficult times many visit the Arboretum to gain perspective, to be inspired, and to seek solace or find comfort.

The straight shot is that people are transformed by the Polly Hill Arboretum.

We believe we honor the spirit of the place by the programs we engage in and the actions we take to protect and insure our visitors' experience will remain rich and meaningful now and in the years ahead.

The Arboretum is about growth and renewal. While we pride ourselves on our diverse collections - nothing is more impactful than the intrinsic beauty of the landscape Polly Hill has left as her legacy.

In closing, while volatility continues, help us keep our landscape vital. We need your continued financial support to enable our important work – **especially in these challenging times.** Included with this letter is a list of recent accomplishments, all made possible by people like you!

Our sincere thanks!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy M. Boland".

Timothy M. Boland
Executive Director
The Polly Hill Arboretum



2011 Significant Accomplishments:

- ❖ Rehabilitation of the Far Barn Circa 1755
- ❖ Purchased two acres of land creating a buffer against future development
- ❖ Kousa Dogwood Allee soil replacement project successful
- ❖ 37 adult education classes and workshops
- ❖ 530 Vineyard school children attended classes on our grounds
- ❖ 3 college and graduate internships completed
- ❖ 100 volunteers worked over 2000 hours
- ❖ Meristems, (membership newsletter) awarded national recognition
- ❖ Over 400 new plants produced in our nursery planted in our collections
- ❖ 12-15,000 visitors enjoying our grounds

Your generosity enables our growth!