

## Polly Hill Arboretum Confidential Reply Card

I accept your invitation to join the Polly Hill Society.  
I have included the Polly Hill Arboretum in my estate plan.

☐ The Polly Hill Arboretum may publish my name  
recognizing my gift in their publications.

My published name should appear as follows (*please print*):

☐ I prefer to remain anonymous.

☐ I would like more information on Planned Gift Options.

☐ Please call me for a private conversation.

*All inquiries are strictly confidential and in no way obligate you.*

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE

### Please Return this Card to:

Executive Director  
POLLY HILL ARBORETUM  
P.O. Box 561  
West Tisbury, MA 02575

### Other Ways to Make a Gift:

The Arboretum welcomes inquiries about additional options  
for giving which include:

- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities

*The information contained in this publication is not intended as legal,  
financial, or tax advice. We encourage you to contact your attorney,  
accountant, and/or financial advisor for assistance in planning your  
estate or making a will.*

## Join the Polly Hill Society

Make a lasting contribution  
to a treasured Vineyard landscape.

Becoming a member of the Polly Hill  
Society connects you directly to  
Polly's philosophy of planning and  
planting for a brighter future.

*The Arboretum is a community treasure,  
with its beautiful grounds, the diversity of trees,  
and Polly Hill's vision of sharing the beauty  
and mystery of plants with people of all ages.  
I want to ensure that her vision is carried  
on to future generations. I am pleased to be able  
to support the Arboretum in the decades ahead.*

– Christian Halby  
Polly Hill Society

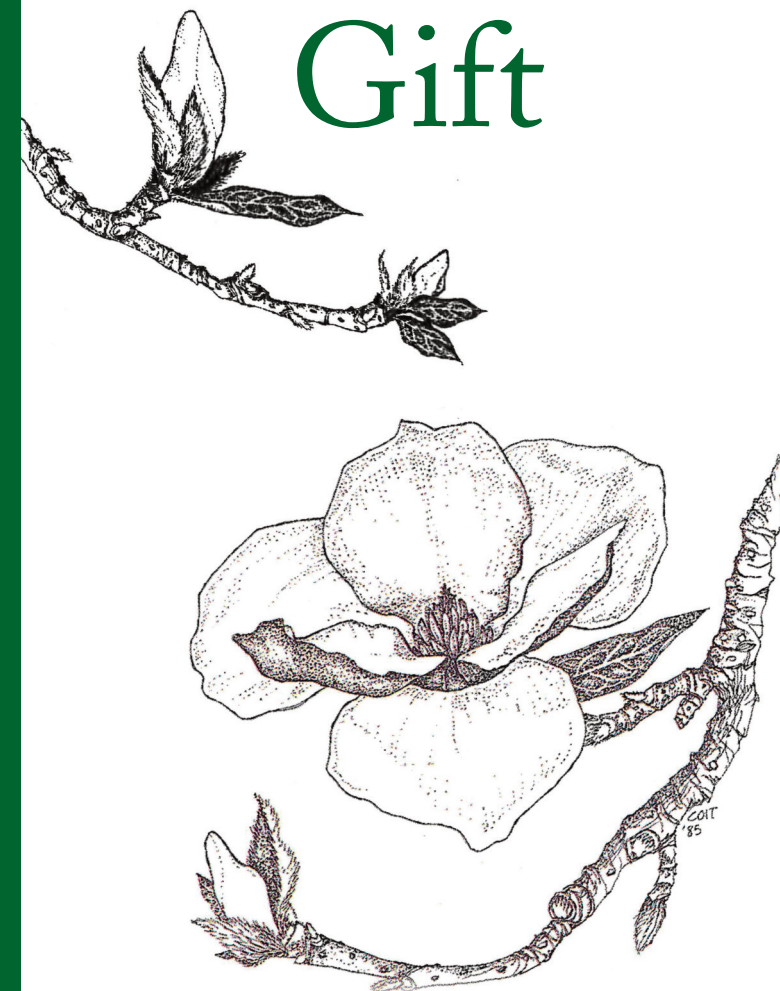
*Polly Hill had a vision of growing and sharing  
the beauty and diversity of plants with students of  
all ages. I want to see this vision carried on  
for future generations. I have made a gift that will  
transcend time, just as Polly did when she created  
her Arboretum.*

– Gary Montrowl  
Polly Hill Society

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# Planning Your Gift





## POLLY HILL ARBORETUM



*Time will increase the  
value of what I have done.  
My blessings on those  
to follow . . .*

– Polly Hill

**T**HE MISSION OF the Polly Hill Arboretum is to build on the vision of our founder, Polly Hill. Polly was a practical gardener who learned from trial and error. At the age of 50 with patience and determination she decided to grow an Arboretum by sowing a seed.

Although her property was private until 1998, Polly realized early on that she wanted to create an Arboretum which would someday be of use to the public. Her goal was to find suitable plants for the Vineyard and also encourage education, research, and plant conservation. These principles continue to guide us.

Today the PHA is a vital public garden, a scientific institution, a community resource, a historic landscape, a conservation corridor, and

a beloved Island landmark.

It is also an institution reliant upon the generosity of its membership to sustain, maintain, and keep vital for our visitors for years to come.

Since our founding in 1998 we have maintained a philosophy of enduring quality growth. We are proud of what we have accomplished and we are committed to this special landscape particularly its preservation and upkeep for the future. At our heart are the connections we make with people through our programs and plant collections.

Our vision for the future is full of optimism. We would like you to join us in this vision by making a bequest to the PHA or considering us in your living will.

Illustration of Polly Hill by Carolyn Coit.

## A Bright Secure Future

**T**HE ARBORETUM OFFERS many program options to support when making a bequest or living will.

Gifts to the Arboretum can add to our general endowment and support operations on a yearly basis or they can be directed to one of core programs.

### The Living Collections

We take great pride in the care and maintenance of our plant collections. Gifts can be made to support the care and upkeep of the landscape so it will thrive for years to come. Funds directed here can also support future seed collecting trips.

### Youth Education

Our youth education program offers inquiry-based science programs for elementary school children. These curriculum-based programs use our plant collection to introduce concepts of biology and botany to students through observation. Every spring and fall our youth education coordinator and volunteers conduct programs on and off-site for our students. Currently, we serve over 1,000 Vineyard students each year.

### Adult Education

The Arboretum provides educational opportunities to adults through docent training, volunteer opportunities, and college internships. Our summer lecture series and specialized workshops are geared for the both the novice and the professional. Sharing our enthusiasm for plants to a diverse audience is one of the most critical aspects of our mission.

### Historic Building Fund

The classic Vineyard buildings that give the Arboretum its unique feel demand yearly attention and upkeep. A gift designated to their preservation and care will help us maintain them in the years ahead.

### Greenhouse and Nursery Fund

Most of the plants grown at the Arboretum begin their lives in our greenhouse and are grown in our nursery. A designated gift in this area will support plant production in the years ahead.

### Plant Research and Conservation

The Arboretum is actively involved with documenting the flora of Martha's Vineyard and the adjacent islands. Funds so designated would support these efforts.

## Making a Planned Gift

**Y**OU MAY ALSO make an unrestricted bequest to allow the gift to be applied where the need is greatest. Contact the Arboretum to find out more about this option.

Funds in the amount of \$50,000 or greater may be named and managed as a separate fund; gifts less than \$50,000 specified as endowment support will go into a restricted Arboretum endowment which provides general support on a year-to-year basis.

If you are planning a restricted gift, the PHA would appreciate the opportunity to discuss your ideas and the language you plan to use before you finalize the gift to ensure your aims come to fruition.

The Arboretum can provide counsel when formulating your gift, however, it is important to give your attorney your full legal name and address, as well as to specify that the gift is to go to the distinct mission of the Arboretum.

If you have already made a bequest to the Polly Hill Arboretum, please let us know so we can recognize you as a member of the Polly Hill Society. Your wish to remain anonymous will be honored if requested.

As a Polly Hill Society member you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Satisfaction of being part of the Arboretum future and supporting its mission
- Recognition in a special section of the annual report
- Invitations to special Arboretum events held especially for our donors
- An acknowledgement gift honoring you as a member of the Polly Hill Society

For additional information, please contact the Polly Hill Arboretum at 508.693.9426 or [info@pollyhillarboretum.org](mailto:info@pollyhillarboretum.org).

### EXAMPLE

*I bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(or \_\_\_\_\_% of my residuary estate)  
to the Polly Hill Arboretum, located at  
809 State Road, P.O. Box 561, West Tisbury, MA 02575  
to be used for its distinct mission as determined  
by the Executive Director of the Polly Hill Arboretum.*