



THE ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

# HORTICULTURE CENTER

20 YEARS OF THE HORTICULTURE CENTER



**HOURS**

The Center is open to the public from dawn to dusk most days of the year. Admission is free, but we gratefully accept donations to help keep things growing.

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR STUDENTS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND NATURE**

The Illinois State University Horticulture Center serves as an outdoor laboratory for students enrolled in horticulture and other disciplines.

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## STUDENTS

At the Horticulture Center, students gain firsthand experience working with diverse aspects of horticulture, including the planning, installation, and maintenance of formal gardens, ecological restoration, grounds maintenance, and production horticulture. Students learn at the Center through field trips, class projects, independent studies, paid student positions, and volunteer opportunities. Students also have the opportunity to work with the public alongside a dedicated volunteer base.

## FACULTY

The Horticulture Center is a focal point for interdisciplinary research and study as well as a demonstration site allowing community observation. The Center can be used as a laboratory for classes in diverse disciplines and collaborative endeavors. The Outdoor Classroom is available upon request for faculty who wish to bring students to the Center.

## COMMUNITY

The Horticulture Center strives to connect and inspire the community with nature through its colorful gardens, educational events, and native spaces. Community members may stroll through the gardens, learn about plants, view wildlife, and unplug from their busy lives. The Center hosts a variety of events throughout the year. Please watch our Facebook and website for details about events.

## VOLUNTEERS

The Horticulture Center has a diverse and loyal group of volunteers who help in myriad ways:

- Assisting staff in maintaining the gardens
- Helping with activities such as making plant tags for the garden or decorations for special events
- Assisting guests at events like the Autumnal Festival (taking admission, teaching children's crafts, monitoring silent auction area, etc.)
- Aiding in the creation and collection of educational materials for the Center
- Giving tours to community members
- Interacting with the public in a friendly manner with knowledge of the Center and its current and future plans



## INSIDE THE HORTICULTURE CENTER

1. ALUMNI BEDS
2. WELCOME BED
3. SHADE AND FERN GARDENS
4. VOLUNTEER GARDEN
5. VEGETABLE GARDEN
6. PINETUM
7. PRAIRIE
8. BETTY NORRIS CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN
9. PRAIRIE GROVE
10. ROSE GARDEN
11. FRUIT GARDEN
12. MOON GARDEN
13. GRAIN GARDEN
14. TEXTILE GARDEN
15. HERB GARDEN
16. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
17. URBAN FARMING WITH PERMACULTURE

## GARDEN ETIQUETTE

- Feel free to smell the flowers, hug the trees, speak to the birds, and picnic on the grass.
- Pets are permitted. Please leash and clean up after them.
- Please do not move plant signs, benches, or garden decorations and fixtures.
- Treat all living things with respect by leaving the plants and animals where you see them. Collection or consumption of plants, flowers, fruit, or insects is not permitted.
- Professional photography needs prior approval. Please contact us at [Horticulture@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:Horticulture@IllinoisState.edu) to make arrangements. Fill out a Permit Request in advance (subject to fee).
- The gardens are smoke free, and firearms are prohibited.

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