



Becoming Affiliated with PlantNebraska

PlantNebraska is a private, nonprofit organization working to enhance the culture and beauty of Nebraska. Rather than operating from a single location, PlantNebraska's program The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum supports a unique statewide network of arboretums, botanical gardens, and high-quality landscapes linked up to foster knowledge and appreciation of plants and excellence in landscape practice in Nebraska. The professional staff, located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, supports the efforts of these local sites by providing technical and financial assistance along with offerings of unique plant material.

Organizations, institutions, and communities in Nebraska can become part of this statewide network through one of the two affiliation programs described below.

I. Landscape Steward or Community Arboretum

Purpose: To enhance the appearance, function and landscape value of parks, schoolyards, campuses, and other important landscapes and to preserve and interpret landscapes of historic or cultural significance.

Categories, Key Attributes and Expectations

1. Landscape Steward Site: A managed landscape (public or private) exhibiting excellence in design, plant diversity and maintenance. Can include multiple sites.
2. Community Arboretum: A community or neighborhood that exhibits excellence in promotion, planting, species diversity and care of the local community forest.

Process of Affiliation

1. Submittal of application
2. Visit and evaluation by PlantNebraska staff and board
3. Approval by PlantNebraska staff
4. Payment of annual site dues, currently \$150/yr

Benefits of Affiliation

1. Frameable certificate of affiliation.
2. Opportunity to purchase official PlantNebraska on-site recognition signage.
3. Authorization to use official PlantNebraska plant labels (purchased through PlantNebraska).
4. Professional development opportunities through annual curator meetings.
5. Access to new plant material distributed by PlantNebraska (15% discount to affiliate sites).
6. Access to PlantNebraska's affiliate site grant programs.
7. Statewide exposure through PlantNebraska publications, web site and outreach efforts.
8. Opportunity to recognize local supporters and volunteers through PlantNebraska awards program.
9. Full benefits of PlantNebraska Organizational Membership including:
 - PlantNebraska publications
 - Discount on PlantNebraska horticulture and landscape consulting services.
 - Reduced admission to PlantNebraska sponsored workshops and events.
 - Free or reduced admission to more than 300 public gardens in North America.
 - Monthly E-news

II. Accredited Arboretum/Public Garden

Purpose: To develop a statewide network of horticultural plant collections for display, education, and research.

Key Attributes and Expectations

1. Planned collection of plants assembled to carry out an identified mission.
2. Public access.
3. Ongoing curation (record-keeping).
4. Oversight by an organized support association (committee) comprised of at least five members representing a broad spectrum of the community.
5. Education program (entry signage, labeling, orientation brochure and public events).

Process of Affiliation

1. Official designation and authorization of local support association and curator.
2. Written master plan (identifying mission and guiding design, development, and maintenance).
3. Inspection by PlantNebraska Site Selection Committee.
4. Presentation to PlantNebraska Executive Board and approval by staff and board.
5. Payment of annual affiliation dues, currently \$250/yr.

Benefits of Affiliation

All benefits of Landscape Steward affiliation plus:

1. Authorization to use PlantNebraska logo on signage and publications.
2. Authorization to use official PlantNebraska community entrance signs.
3. Free annual visit/consultation by PlantNebraska staff.
4. Discount on PlantNebraska horticulture or landscape consulting fees.

For more information or to obtain application materials, contact

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