



OUR MOST EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT IN 5 YEARS!

We received this exciting message from ArbNet on Jan. 15, 2018.

“Congratulations, Tizer Botanic Garden & Arboretum has been renewed for accreditation and upgraded to Level II through the ArbNet Accreditation Program. Thank you for taking valuable time to document your institution again and work towards upgrading!”

ArbNet tells us that we are one of only three privately owned arboreta in their international accreditation program in the world.

Due to our expanded enhanced educational programs the past several years and implementing a professional “Collection Policy” we were able to apply for the ‘Level II’ accreditation.

In 2012 we were designated a ‘Level I’ internationally accredited arboretum status by ArbNet, a partner of the Morton Arboretum’s international *‘Register of Arboreta.’ Most botanical gardens and arboreta are owned and operated by a university or government entity. We are not.

A brief summary of our collection info. It’s unique due to the fact that we get less than 64 consecutive frost-free days in our summer season.

GENERAL COLLECTION

More than 300 different varieties of Deciduous Shrubs. Approximately 800 individual Shrubs planted. Plus more than 1,000 mass planting. Not yet included in these totals are many our roses or clematis.

More than 265 different varieties of Deciduous Trees. A total of 470 deciduous trees in our growing collection.

More than 300 different varieties of Conifers. A total of 677 Conifers in our growing collection.

SIGNATURE COLLECTION

Curation of these collections is central to the mission of TBGA and receive high priority.

57 Species of Conifers with over 300 varieties. A total of 677 Conifers in our growing collection.

12 different varieties of Quercus, Oak trees. A total of 40 Quercus Oak trees in our growing collection.

40 different varieties/cultivars of Acer, Maple trees. A total of 125 Acer Maples in our growing collection.

35 different varieties of edible Malus Apple trees. A total of 49 Apple trees in our growing collection.

10 different varieties of edible Plums.

10 different varieties of edible Pears.

In 2007, TBGA also became Montana's only demonstration garden for the Denver Botanic Garden and Colorado State University's "Plant Select" Program and the northern most site in the U.S.

TBGA is also the Montana's only Demonstration Garden for the 'All American Selections' (AAS) Committee.

INTRODUCTION of our NEW 'ADVISORY PARTNERS'

Robert Pal, Assistant Professor, Director of Restoration at Montana Tech of the University of Montana in Butte, Montana. Dr. Pal's advisory role is focused on native plants of the Rocky Mountains and also on the Eurasian part of the collection. He will advise on procedures to signature collections in order to keep them significant and useful for college programs and scientific research.

Maury Valett, Professor of Systems Ecology at the University of Montana's Division of Biological Sciences. Dr. Valett's advisory role will address the quality and character of stream flow through TBGA and its potential influences on riparian vegetation along on the TGBA grounds.

Dr. Ieuan Evans advisory role is focused on extreme cold hardy and disease resistant edible fruiting trees and shrubs and to advise on procedures that our signature collection of fruiting trees and shrubs will remain significant and useful for college programs and other student studies.

Dr. Ieuan Evans, retired after a distinguished 35-year career with Alberta Agriculture as Provincial Plant Pathologist and is noted world-wide for his research on dozens of agricultural crop challenges. Dr. Evans lives in near Devon, Alberta where he breeds Martagon lilies and continues research on edible fruiting trees and shrubs.

Dr. Evans lives near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada & is a founding member, and current vice president, of STOPDED (Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease).

Other Current Advisory Partners since 2012

Brent Sarchet, (Our closest County Extension Agent) Montana State University, Lewis & Clark County Extension Agent.

Toby Day, Horticulturist, Montana State University, Department of Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology, Bozeman, MT

*The Morton Register of Arboreta is a comprehensive list and database of arboreta and other public gardens that have a substantial focus on woody plants. The purpose of the Morton Register is to identify all of the organizations that collect and display trees, shrubs, and other woody plants for the benefit of the public, science, and conservation.

Additional Info:

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Tizer Botanic Gardens & Arboretum, (TBGA), is one of the most unique in the country and the only full-time operating botanical garden and international accredited arboretum in the state of Montana open to the general public.

Tizer Botanic Gardens & Arboretum (TBGA) was started by Belva Lotzer and Richard Krott in 1998 about 40 miles north of Butte and twenty miles south of Montana's capital city of Helena, near Jefferson City. It began as a small backyard garden that grew to a collection that has over a 900 woody plant varieties, and more than 1,000 varieties of perennials & other plants. In 2005 Tizer Gardens TBGA received the designation as an official Botanical Garden and Arboretum. In 2007, Tizer Botanic Gardens & Arboretum became Montana's only demonstration garden and the northern most location in the U.S., for the Denver Botanic Gardens and Colorado State University's "Plant Select" Program. It is also the only All American Selections Demonstration in Montana.

What makes TBGA most unique is that we were never directly connected with a university or outside funding. Over a very short time our collection was built up to several thousand varieties of woody plants and perennials. Another unique factor is that they we are located at almost 5,000' in elevation and only once in the past 20 years was there more than 64 consecutive frost-free days at our location.