

**Maintenance Items for House
(\$2,500)**

- HVAC for new offices in garage, buffer for hardwood floors, screens for sliding glass doors and gutter repair are needed.

**Displays for Plant Sales and Gift Shop
(\$1,500)**

- A 3-tiered display for year-round plant sales and an upscale display area on wheels for the gift shop will better promote merchandise.

**Telephone System Upgrade
(\$1,000)**

- Current system does not handle many functions of running a small business. Upgrading with a 24-port switch and labor to install will enhance current system.

**Garden Tiller for Horticulture Usage
(\$750)**

- Garden tiller is used to put in plants each season. Currently renting a tiller.

**Brush Mower
(\$600)**

- Heavy-duty brush mower for wildflower area.

**Printer/Scanner for PR Coordinator
(\$350)**

- Current printer is 5+ years old and is inconsistent in quality and performance.

**COMPLETED PROJECTS
(DONOR FUNDED)**

**Shade Curtains for Pavilion
(\$10,000)**

- Retractable shade curtains surrounding one half of our open-air pavilion will allow slide and Power Point presentations as well as buffer cold winds allowing for increased usage of the facility.

**Refrigerator in Pavilion Service Area
(\$1,200)**

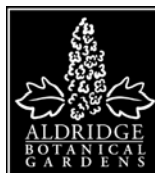
- Health regulations require food be maintained at proper temperatures.

**Double Oven in Kitchen
(\$1,200)**

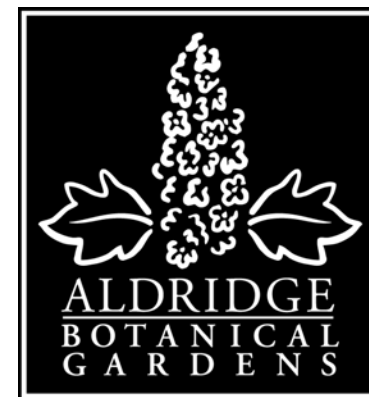
- Replacement of non-working oven will allow cooking classes, demonstrations, and catering events to continue.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING ANY OF THESE ITEMS OR MAKING A DONATION TOWARD ANY OF THESE ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT ALDRIDGE BOTANICAL GARDENS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LARRY QUICK AT 682-8019, EXT. 8.

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SUMMER 2009

AN ASTERISK (*)
INDICATES A
NAMING OPPORTUNITY

Education & Environmental Center (\$6 – \$8 million)*

An 18–22,000 square foot LEED certified building that will include:

- A large open lobby suitable for exhibits, displays and event rentals;
- A conference room (set up as a board room) that seats up to 30;
- A banquet hall/auditorium capable of seating 250 people, with an adequate catering kitchen;
- Two classrooms able to accommodate up to 40 people each, seated;
- A bistro style restaurant seating up to 40;
- A gift shop;
- A resource library;
- Administrative and staff offices for seven employees.

200-seat Amphitheatre (\$250,000)*

Turf and stone structure with terraced seating, built into a naturally-occurring hillside, to provide an outdoor setting for lectures and performances of all types, using the lake as a backdrop.

300 foot Cascading Waterfall (\$200,000)*

- Starting at the highest point of the Gardens property and winding down back into the lake;
- The falls will have a series of “pools” built which will contain appropriate aquatic plants used to demonstrate and accomplish nutrient removal and aeration.

Children’s Garden Habitats & Hideouts (\$50,000 each)*

- An expansion of the “Field Trip Garden” with additional raised beds, planting areas suitable for fruit trees, an “Iron Ore Mountain” geology

display, space for hands-on “youth gardener” activities ;

- A Youth Education Building adjacent to the existing “Field Trip Garden,” with an attached open-air teaching porch. It will include a “green roof” with solar panels, adaptable plants and a cistern for the collection of rainwater, illustrating natural resource conservation;
- A “Children’s Discovery Trail” that circulates throughout the grounds, with “Discovery Stations” along its path, and a new Canopy Tree House where children and adults can view the Garden’s forest area and learn about the ecologically important aspects of its deciduous and evergreen trees and the creatures that inhabit them.

Endowed Intern Fund (\$100,000 +)*

- Position will allow for hiring and training of college interns on a yearly basis.

Endowed Children’s Education Fund (\$100,000 +)*

- Fund will be used to support the children’s education program, provide staffing (coordinator and paid docent/intern) and outreach programs to underserved school children.

Camellia Garden with Bridge (\$100,000)*

- Approximately ½ acre camellia garden, recently named to the National Camellia Trail, will be developed with a series of paved paths, signage, a small water feature and a stone bridge access.

Full-Time Director of Development (\$100,000)*

- Create an endowment to establish a full-time position of Director of Development;

- Position will become self sustaining after two years.

“Skid Steer” with Attachments for Horticulture Usage (\$12,000)

- “Skid Steer” with attachments (auger for digging holes for large plantings, bucket for carrying large shrubs and trees, tiller for tilling soil).

Club Cart for Horticulture Usage (\$8,000)

- Club Cart (for heavy duty gardening and off road driving) are practical needs for the horticulture staff.

Arbors and Destination Pathways (\$7,500)

- An arbor in the picnic area for group photos, an arbor for weddings near the woodland stream and destination pathways to hidden gardens will add to the visitor’s experience at the Gardens.

Computer BackUp System with Firewall (\$5,500)

- Current computer system is made up of stand-alone computers with little or no protection against loss of data and no firewall to protect company data from wifi hackers. Upgrade would include a new computer to run the system, backup system, firewall and labor to install.

Covered Recycling Shed with Recycling Bins for Aluminum, Paper and Plastic (\$2,500)

- A public area for recycling will inform visitors about ABG’s commitment to the environment.