



Bailey Herbarium – Mission & Goals

Mission Statement

The College of St. Benedict|St. John's University Bailey Herbarium is a collection of about 32,000 specimens of pressed, dried and systematically-arranged vascular and non-vascular plants, fungi, and algae. In addition, the Herbarium holds historically-unique collections including the *Flora Exsiccata Austro-Hungarica* and the Rev. Z. L. Chandonnet Collection. Together, these materials represent an invaluable and irreplaceable botanical resource for our institutions, the scientific community and the public. The Mission of the CSB|SJU Bailey Herbarium is to maintain and improve our collections and to make these collections available for educational and research purposes. The Bailey Herbarium also strives to serve as a focal point for plant science on our campuses by offering a diversity of educational programs and botanical activities for our students and the greater public.

Goals: *Our specific goals are to:*

1. Maintain and improve our permanent and teaching collections by engaging in standard herbarium practices of mounting, accessioning and filing specimens.
2. Increase our holdings by incorporating the collections of students, faculty, and other botanists.
3. Monitor and control pest populations.
4. Develop and maintain a computerized database of plants in our permanent collections.
5. Create an inviting botanical environment for students and other visitors.
6. Prepare displays for the Herbarium and hallway cabinets.
7. Provide educational opportunities in botany for the campus community and public.

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