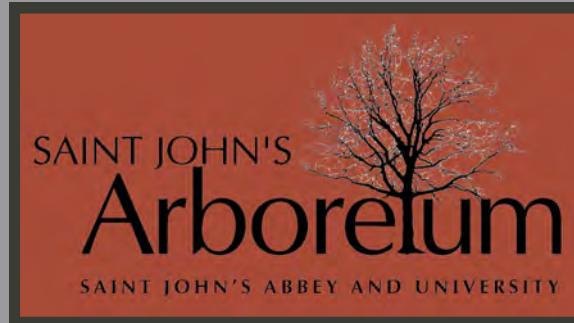


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## 2012 Annual Report

### July 1, 2011 — June 30, 2012

#### Our Mission

- ◊ Preserve native plant and wildlife communities of the Arboretum lands
- ◊ Provide opportunities for education and research
- ◊ Model practices of sustainable land use
- ◊ Make accessible a natural environment that invites spiritual renewal

#### Our Vision

We celebrate the unique beauty and richness of God's creation in central Minnesota and foster the Benedictine tradition of land stewardship, education, and environmental respect.

# Environmental Education and Community Outreach

Saint John's Arboretum is committed to providing environmental education opportunities to its neighbors, students, and the surrounding community.

## CSB/SJU Education

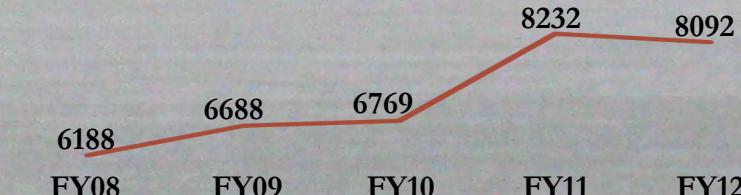
- CSB/SJU students participated in Arboretum programs 5,181 times this year, over 800 of those on the Challenge Course, and 77 on Collegebound.
- We partnered with the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning to co-sponsor an interfaith wilderness retreat for CSB/SJU and University of St. Thomas students.
- Adventure Programming hosted a wide variety of events, including: Banff Mountain Film Festival, Ice Fishing Tournament, Adventure Challenge, Fruit at the Finish Triathlon, Wilderness Medicine certification, and SCUBA certification.
- We also added some new adventures, including a wilderness trip to Hawaii, and a student bird watching day.



## Community Education

- Community members participated in Arboretum programs 5,245 times this year, including 446 participants on the Challenge Course.
- The annual Avon Hills conference continues to be a successful community event. Nearly 300 participants came to a diverse set of workshops on themes such as land stewardship, water quality, arts, gardening, natural history, and more.
- We especially thank Master Mark Plastics and Blattner Energy for sponsorship of the Avon Hills conference and support of Arboretum programming.
- Maple Syrup Season was record-breaking once again—it was the lowest production year on record with just over 20 gallons of syrup produced! Hundreds of volunteers came together to host two Maple Syrup Festivals with nearly 800 participants, who enjoyed beautiful (albeit sap-free) days in the sugar bush.

## preK-12 Education



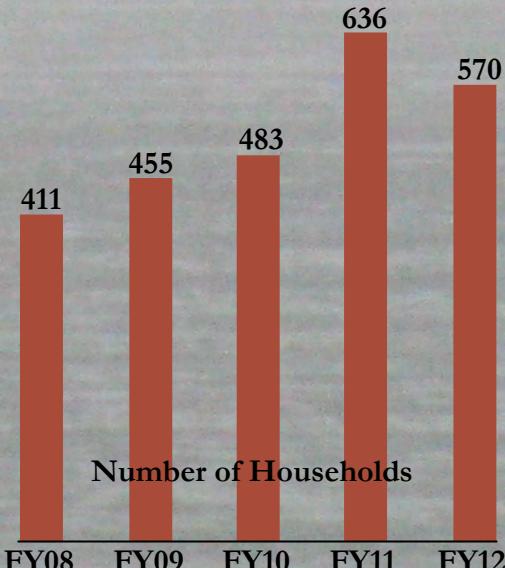
- 8,092 student visits were recorded at the Arboretum this year.
- We collaborated with the CSB/SJU Environmental Education Pedagogy class to bring Arboretum activities to the classroom. College students planned and presented activities to the students—a great learning opportunity for all!
- Digital Bridge photography, Projects WET/WILD, the Avon Hills conference, and a Minnesota Department of Education workshop were among the offerings for teacher training this year.



# Arboretum Special Funding

Funding Source	Balance 7-01-11	Additions	Expenses	Balance 6-30-12	Purpose
Individual Memberships/Special Gifts	\$82,985	\$37,213	(\$81,524)	\$78,067	Arboretum program support
Arboretum Educational Programs & Events		\$22,223			Community and CSB/SJU education
preK-12 Programs		\$17,170			preK-12 education
Adventure Programming	\$29,946	\$40,032	(\$27,876)	\$42,102	PRP, OLC, Collegebound, Challenge Course, CSB/SJU student programs
Income drawn from Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$20,667	(\$20,667)	\$0	Arboretum program support
<b>Summary: Arboretum General Funding</b>	<b>\$112,931</b>	<b>\$137,305</b>	<b>(\$130,067)</b>	<b>\$120,169</b>	
Environmental Education Endowment in memory of Father Paul Schwietz	\$59,503	\$4,419	(\$0)	\$63,922	K-12, Community and CSB/SJU environmental education
L&M Schwietz Abbey Endowment	\$176,024	\$147	(\$7,807)	\$168,364	Abbey-related land stewardship activities and environmental education
Land Legacy Fund	\$3,773	\$1,565	(\$0)	\$5,338	Arboretum land preservation
Buy a seat on the bus	\$9,531	\$3,329	(\$12,860)	\$0	Bussing for preK-12 students
Central MN Community Foundation	\$3,252	\$60	(\$0)	\$3,192	Environmental education
<b>Summary: Endowments/Dedicated Funds</b>	<b>\$252,083</b>	<b>\$9,400</b>	<b>(\$20,667)</b>	<b>\$240,816</b>	
MaCleod Foundation	\$3,500	\$0	(\$3,500)	\$0	CSB/SJU education
Morgan Family Foundation	\$0	\$14,250	(\$0)	\$14,250	Environmental Education Fellowship, preK-12 bussing
Xcel Energy Foundation grants	\$1,576	\$0	(\$1,576)	\$0	preK-12 education, teacher training, bussing
<b>Summary: Arboretum Grant-Funding</b>	<b>\$5,076</b>	<b>\$14,250</b>	<b>(\$5,076)</b>	<b>\$14,250</b>	
Master Mark Plastics	\$0	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	\$0	Avon Hills conference sponsor, Arboretum program support
Blattner Energy	\$0	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$0	Avon Hills conference sponsor, Arboretum program support
<b>Summary: Arboretum Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>(\$6,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Initiative Foundation/SJU Matching Fund	\$7,804	\$5,181	(\$0)	\$7,804	Avon Hills Initiative
<b>Summary: Avon Hills Initiative Funds</b>	<b>\$7,804</b>	<b>\$5,181</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>	<b>\$7,804</b>	

## Membership News



We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of our donors. Your gifts allow us to continue our work and allow for the growth of our programs. We could not be as successful without the generous financial and volunteer support we receive each year from our members and friends.

Thank you again to all of our members who generously donate their time and energy to the Saint John's Arboretum. We also thank our partners, without whom we would not exist: Saint John's Abbey, Saint John's University, and the College of Saint Benedict for all of their work and continued support.

# Abbey Land Stewardship & Conservation

The Arboretum promotes conservation and stewardship through education and modeling sustainable practices. Some of our annual efforts include sustainable logging, tree planting, prairie burns, invasive species management, and a controlled deer hunt for population control.

- A significant logging season focused on salvage of the wood brought down by the August 2, 2011 windstorm. At about 40% completion of the salvaging, the harvest included 110,000 board-feet plus 146 cords. Some of the oak veneer was of such quality that it was shipped overseas. A large focus was removing all the damaged pine to prevent bark beetles from invading.
- Students, staff, and volunteers completed 20 acres of prescribed burns.
- A deer hunt was not held this year, and a hunt will not be held in fall 2012. The Abbey will move to a bow hunt in the future to extend the season, reduce safety costs, reduce conflicts with other events, and still achieve the population reduction goal.
- The Abbey received a Model 4700 John Deere tractor as well as an International 4500 tractor with belly-blade for caring for the trails and other projects.
- New wildlife seen at Saint John's for the first time (or the first time in a long time) include a pair of nesting Trumpeter swans on the wetland with three cygnets (baby swans), and a Black bear in the woods and around campus in summer 2012.



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## Goals for FY2012 and beyond

- Find a long-term solution for \$40,000 annual fundraising need for Environmental Education Fellowship and preK-12 bussing.
- Develop assessment program to better evaluate effectiveness of EE and leadership development programs in improving student environmental literacy—for preK-12, CSB/SJU, and the community.
- Work on development of a “sustaining” membership campaign to encourage members to automatically renew their support for the Arboretum each year.
- Continue to cultivate relationships with local businesses to build sponsorship support of Arboretum programs.

## Arboretum Staff & Advisory Council

### Arboretum Staff

**Thomas Kroll**

*Director/Land Manager*

**Sarah Gainey**

*Assistant Director*

*Environmental Education Coordinator*

**John O'Reilly**

*Assistant Director*

*Environmental Education Coordinator*

**Jenny Kutter**

*Department Coordinator*

**Dan Vogel**

*Forest Technician*

### Student Staff

*1 Office Assistant, 1 Land Laborer,  
7 Naturalists, 6 Naturalist Aides,  
14 Outdoor Leadership Center Staff,  
30 Peer Resource Program Facilitators*

### Arboretum Advisory Council

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*Students serving on the advisory council come from the CSB and SJU senates and rotate on an annual basis.*

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