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ARBORETUM of Metropolitan Buffalo

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HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAUD GORDON ^{Holmes} ARBORETUM AND
ARBORETUM OF METROPOLITAN
BUFFALO

- 1960 Steering Committee Meetings - representatives from Western New York Nurserymen's Association, 8th District, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., McKinley Vocational High School and State University College at Buffalo.
- 1961 Continued meetings of Steering Committee prior to formal formation of Arboretum Council.
- 1962 Arboretum established on campus of State University College at Buffalo. Named Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum honoring Mrs Edward Holmes, founded of the Garden Center Institute of Buffalo.
- 6/25/62 2 trees, maple and cherry, planted on Old Quad dedicated to Chief City Court Judge Sebastian J. Bellomo, President of the Arboretum.
- 10/31/62 Scotch Elm, first tree planted on diamond shaped patch of grass in front of College Union, honoring Mrs Maud Gordon Holmes, founder of the Garden Center Institute of Buffalo and advisor to the local Federated Garden Club of New York State District. Accepted by Dr. Paul G. Bulger, College President and donated by the 8th District, Federated Garden Clubs.
- 11/6/62 Children from Ken-Sheriton Gardenettes, junior garden club, planted acorn and nut seeds of Adirondack bechnuts, chestnuts from Alabama Swamp of Genesee County, East Aurora butternuts, red oak acorns and black wanuts. Planted on Scajaquada Parkway Campus boundary.
- 1963 From April to May - the following trees planted on Campus by the Arboretum:
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| 1 - cutleaf European beech | 3 - sequoia (mata) |
| 1 - columnar beech | 2 - Austrian pines |
| 1 - weeping European beech | 1 - ginkgo |
| 1 - river beech | 2 - saucer magnolias |
| 1 - Niobe weeping willow | 1 - cook |
| 4 - Katseua trees | 5 - taxus |
| 2 - columnar maples | 6 - oblonga junipers |
- Spring Four varieties of beech - rivers, weeping European, columnar and cutleaf European - were planted along the entrance drive near Elmwood Avenue.
- Blue Spruce planted between Library and Grover Cleveland Hall in honor of Dr. Harry W. Rockwell.

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1964

10/9/64 21 different species of birch, Russian olive, fringe trees and shrubs planted by Horticultural students from McKinley Vocational High School on either side of old Gymnasium.

10/31/64 Dedication of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum and unveiling of memorial tablet on Hemicircle in front of Rockwell Hall.

1965

4/30/65 2 flowering Kwanzan cherry trees planted honoring Tobbio Martino, Head of the Horticulture Department, McKinley Vocational High School and head of Buffalo Garden Center and William Loessel, Assistant Principal McKinley Vocational High School. (both trees adjacent to Jesse Ketchum Hall).

5/26/65 Acer-Ginnala-Amurmaple trees planted in tribute to Samuel B. Gould, President of the State University of New York.

10/1/65 Basswood (American linden) planted in tribute to beautification program of First Lady Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson, planted by Mrs Johnson.

1966

4/29/66 2 flowering Japanese Kwanzan cherry trees planted in tribute to Dr. Edna M. Lindemann, Director, Burchfield Center and Carl F. Gortzig, Associate Professor of Floral Culture, Cornell University. (northwest corner of Ketchum Hall and between Science and Upton Halls).

10/17/66 Red maple tree planted by Arboretum Steering Committee in Quad in front of Bacon Hall in tribute to Dr. Paul G. Bulger.

Sycamore tree planted by Extension Study Garden Club in honor of Dr. Paul G. Bulger.

Crimson King maple tree planted southside of Moot Hall by Extension Study Garden Club in honor of its members.

11/19/66 White birch tree planted in front of Rockwell in memory of Henry Osborne's contribution to the traffic problems.

1967

Arboretum assumed cost of all markers placed on trees and plantings in Arboretum.

Up to this time about 225 trees planted by Arboretum Committee.

May Planting of area south and adjacent to Ketchum Hall.

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1967

- 5/12/67 Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum Officers planted a Horse chestnut tree. (location not specified).
- 10/25/67 Gingko and European Beech trees planted by Extension Study Garden Club honoring Western New York Nurserymen's Association. (near back entrance of Rockwell Hall).

1968

- 5/10/68 Flowering trees planted prior to the Inauguration of Dr. E. K. Fretwell, Jr., College President, on terrace of New Gymnasium.
- 5/23/68 Red maple tree planted south of Bacon Hall honoring Dr. E. K. Fretwell, Jr. President of State University College at Buffalo.

1969

- 6/26/69 Red Horse chestnut tree planted in front of Rockwell Hall in memory of Paul E. Neville, Editor, Buffalo Evening News.
- Kwansan Cherry tree planted in south lawn honoring Commander E. William Baker.
- Crimson King maple tree planted in south lawn honoring Dr. Houston E. Robinson.

1970

- May Fence built near Science Building enclosing an area where young material for Arboretum can be set out.
- June Extensive plantings on east side of Butler Library on Campus.
- Sculpture Court in Quad (gargoyles etc. from demolished Erie County Savings Bank building).
- 6/17/70 3 Kwansan cherry trees planted west end of Upton Hall honoring Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., 8th District; Western New York Nurserymen's Association and Judge Sebastian Bellomo, retiring president of the Arboretum.
- November A pink flowering Horse chestnut tree planted in memory of Marie E.C. Frey, contributed by her sister, Elizabeth C. Frey, an alumnus of the College. (Near Science Building).
- Tree plantings on Allen Street, William Street entrance to Expressway and entrance to Peace Bridge.
- Beginning of the development of Mirror Lake Japanese Garden behind Historical Building.

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1971

5/4/71 English oak tree planted in front of Rockwell Hall honoring Carlton P. Cook - member Arboretum Board.

1972

Olmsted Sequi-Centennial Program at Albright Knox Gallery sponsored by Arboretum.

1973

April Formal dedication of Mirror Lake Japanese Garden.

June Brought Herschel Post to Buffalo from New York City. Open forum meeting at Burchfield Center - spoke on Parks, Citizens and Urban Beautification.

October Return engagement of Herschel Post.
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1974

4/24/74 Tree planting, Rockwell Hall.

8/5/74 Purchased 16 ft row boat and donated same to the City of Buffalo Parks Department to be used in clean up of Mirror Lake.

September Dedicated Toro Gate - Japanese Garden.

10/16/74 Red Oak tree planted in tribute to Daniel G. Ransom, President William Hengerer Co - who planted 150 trees in downtown Buffalo. (east of Grover Cleveland Hall).

1975

October Bi-Centennial Forum Series
A sense of Place - Harold Baxter
Parks as a Community Resource - Fred Payne
Parks & Civic Improvement - George W. Dalby
Arboretums as a Community Resource - Dr. Richard M. Lewis

10/22/75 Tribute tree planted honoring Dr. Richard M. Lewis, Cornell Plantations.

November Promoted establishment of Council on Beautification with other civic and cultural organizations.

1976

January Continuation of meetings of Council on Beautification. (see above)

April Planting of 13 Red maple trees (one for each of the 13 original states) southside of Hi-Rise Dormitory Complex in conjunction with United Students' Government.

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1976

10/7/76

Sugar maple tree planted near Science Building in honor of The Honorable David Crombie, Mayor of the City of Toronto - guest speaker at the Arboretum's annual luncheon.

Oak tree planted near Science Building by Inter-Club Council of Buffalo.

1977

August

Contributed \$1000 to St. Joseph Park, Buffalo.

1979

Landsaped front entrance of Forest Lawn Cemetery.

1980

Landscape development plans for Traditional School.

Planted tree honoring Dr. Kathryne Whittemore, arboretum member.

There were more tribute tree planted tha listed above - below is a partial list - Dan Ransom, Al Cooper, Ed Fave, Paul Neville, Dr. Paul Bulger, Dr. Edna Lindemann, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State., 8th District, Western New York Nurserymen's Association, Mrs E. H. Butler, Jr., and Edward H. Butler, Jr. Hon. David Crombie, Dr. Richard Lewis, Toby's Gardeners members, Commander William E. Baker, Dr. Houston Robinson, Judge Sebastian Bellomo. etc.

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1973

10/29/73

Tree planted in honor of Mrs Edward H. Butler, Jr. (donated \$2500 years ago for garden near Butler Library).

Tree planted by Mrs Edward H. Butler, Jr. in honor of her husband.