

## Patricia Rush Fall 1997

Patricia Rush, whose background is in fundraising and development, education, higher education, and museums, began work as Director of The Landis Arboretum on November 3.

Pat came to Landis from the Doane Stuart School in Albany where she was Director of Development and responsible for fundraising, alumni relations, and editing the quarterly school magazine. Prior to her employment at Doane Stuart, Pat served as Director of Development, New York State Museum Institute, Albany, where she initiated a successful membership development campaign and set a record for the Institute's Annual Fund. Pat has also served as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Binghamton University, and from 1982 to 1992 she served in a similar position at Union College in Schenectady. In both positions she researched and wrote university wide grant proposals to foundations and corporations. Before 1982 she taught in high school and college (Elmira College, Cornell University).

Pat earned a B.S. and M.A. at St. Louis University and a Ph.D. at Washington University, both in St. Louis, Missouri.

She says, "I am a passionate gardener, both in my own yard in Schenectady, and in the city-wide volunteer program to beautify our neighborhoods with gardens on islands that run down the middle of our streets – gardens, arboreta, and plants are my enduring interests."

We do hope you will drop in to welcome Pat as she becomes familiar with arboretum projects and volunteers.