

Alan C. Bugbee Winter 1998

Profile of a Donor: Alan C. Bugbee

When you Walk through the Arboretum this spring, you'll notice many new engraved plastic labels on trees and shrubs, labels that weren't there last year.

These labels are a gift from Alan Bugbee, West Simsbury, Connecticut, who has given not only of his time and skill in making these labels on his antique manual engraver, but also purchased the materials to use. Alan has engraved over 190 labels already, and is working on a list of almost 90 additional labels from a list sent him by Donna Gueli who worked as our part-time, temporary horticulturist from May through December.

Alan became interested in the Landis Arboretum when he attended a meeting of the International Wood Collectors Society which was held here last year. In the generosity of his spirit, he offered to make the labels when he learned of the Arboretum's need to replace many of the original plant identification signs.

Alan's love of trees and wood manifests itself in several ways. He is a member of the International Wood Collectors Society, and has built a collection of over 1,000 wood samples, Alan is also a woodworker; his primary interest is in ornamental lathes. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College and is a retired advertising executive.

The Landis Arboretum is grateful that Alan chose to help us out by making engraved labels for our collection.