

KENDAL CROSSLANDS ARBORETUM – 2017 ANNUAL REPORT  
As presented at the April 23 2018 Annual Meeting

December 31 2017 ended a six-month effort to complete an application for accreditation as a Level 2 Arboretum. Many hours of volunteer time were spent in developing an Arboretum Plan, a Collections Policy and an enhanced Educational Program. I am pleased to say that this 30-page document was approved by the Arbnet accrediting agency and that the KCA is now only the second CCRC in the nation to be so approved.

The 2018 Arboretum Plan includes five new goals: a second annual lecture, seven tree species as Featured Collections for the KCA web site, and three tree-related programs: one for children in the Day Care program, another for local Scout troops and the third, an indoor program for residents with limited mobility.

As required by the new Collections Policy, volunteers from the Arboretum Team on each campus are imprinting accession tags for attachment to all significant trees. Each small metal tag is embossed with the tree's botanical name and a unique number, and where known, the year of planting. These tags are imprinted by a machine whose purchase was made possible by a second grant from the Kendal Corporation.

Magnolia is the first Featured Collection on each campus. For the Kendal campus, oak, hickory, and redbud species will be added while at Crosslands, dogwood, witchhazel and holly will be included on the Featured Collections tab of the KCA web site. Maps, tree lists and descriptions of these special species are available from the KCA web site – so go to [www.kcarboretum](http://www.kcarboretum) to take a virtual tour!

Additional help is needed to assist Arb. Team volunteers with tasks which range from the occasional sit-down job to more vigorous activities such as training to be a Loop Walk Guide. Offers of help from new residents are always appreciated.

During the first five years of the Arboretum Fund, 43 Gift Trees have been added to the landscaped areas on the two campuses - see separate sheet for Gift Tree listing. The KCA Joint Committee is grateful for donations of any size because each contributes to enhancing the landscape in which we reside.

We are so very fortunate to live inside an Arboretum.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Allcock, KCA Joint Committee Chairperson.