

*“The Arboretum has offered me the opportunity to build something that will be here much longer than any of us. It’s a place for reflection, peace and enjoyment for countless people whom we’ll never know.”*

—DAVID BRYAN, EASTON, MARYLAND

*Adkins*  
ARBORETUM



*The mission of Adkins Arboretum is to promote the appreciation and conservation of the native plants of the Delmarva Peninsula.*

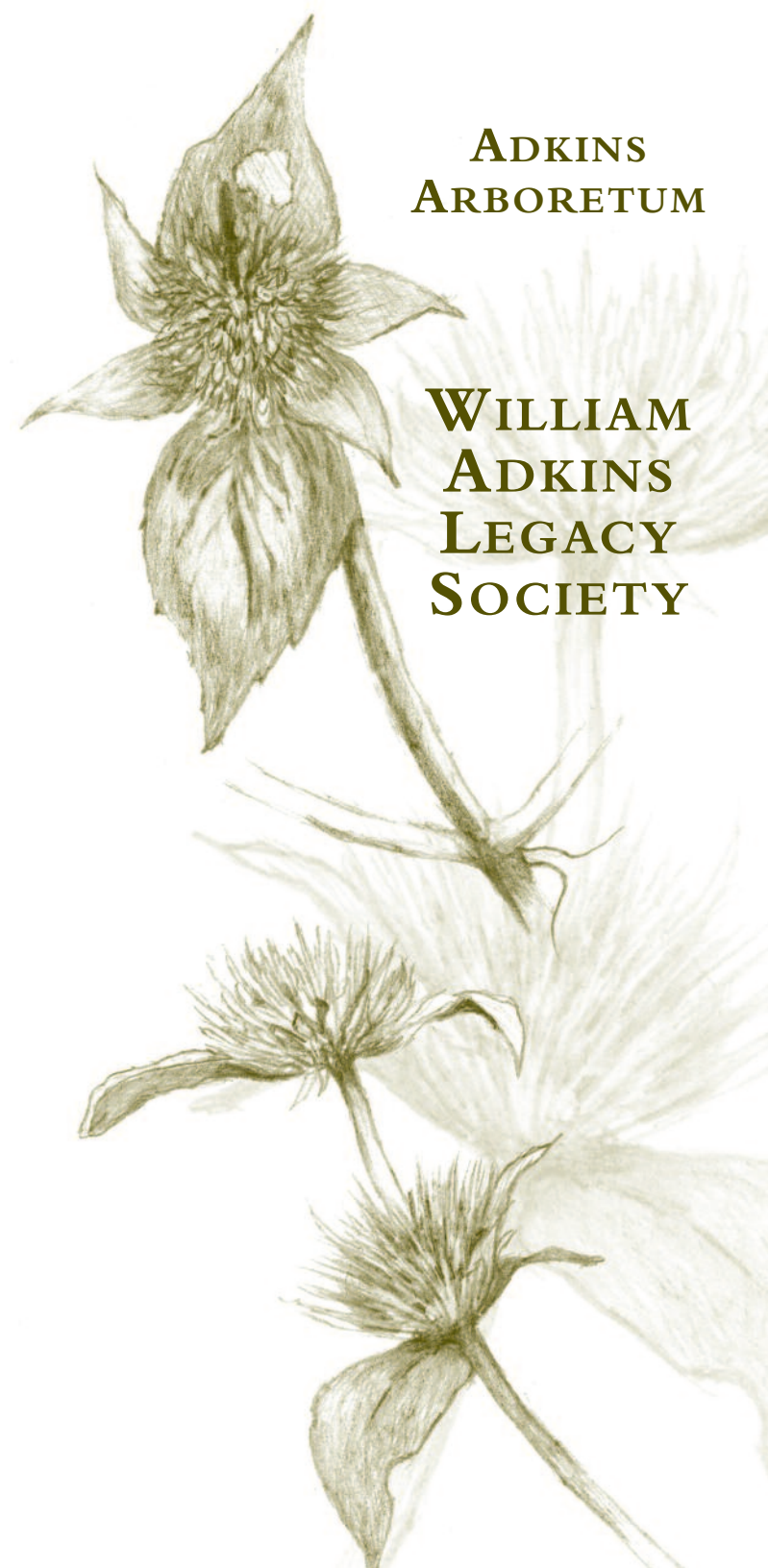
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## Adkins Arboretum

Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve on Maryland's Eastern Shore dedicated to promoting the appreciation and conservation of the region's native plants. More than four miles of paths along streams, through meadows and native plant gardens and under the shade of a rich bottomland forest attract nature lovers, gardeners, students and birders. The Arboretum features over 600 species of native shrubs, trees wildflowers and grasses. Programs in ecology, horticulture and natural history are offered year-round for people of all ages. We invite you to learn more about the Arboretum by visiting our site on the worldwide web: [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org).

## Establish a Legacy

Adkins Arboretum invites you to establish a legacy on the Eastern Shore by investing in the future of the Arboretum through our program of planned giving. A bequest provided to the Arboretum is a meaningful way to ensure that the Arboretum's many educational programs will grow and thrive, and that the Arboretum site will continue to be a place where, for generations to come, young and old can enjoy a tranquil walk in a natural Eastern Shore environment.

## The William Adkins Legacy Society

The William Adkins Legacy Society of the Adkins Arboretum is established to honor those persons who have chosen to support the endowment of the Arboretum through a planned or deferred gift, such as a bequest, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Lead Trust, Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, Charitable Remainder Unitrust, and many more. Individuals automatically become members of the Society once the Arboretum receives notification of their planned gift, unless they specifically decline membership. Members of the Society are mentioned in the Arboretum's annual report and are invited to attend the annual William Adkins Legacy Society reception.

William H. Adkins, II, the Arboretum's namesake, was born into a family of lawyers and judges with ties to Maryland's Eastern Shore. Adkins served as a judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals and was a leading civil rights advocate, as well as environmentalist. His love of trees and nature led his friend and the Arboretum's benefactor, Leon Andrus, to name the Arboretum after him.

## Investing In the Future Through Planned Giving

There are a number of ways that you can invest in the future of Adkins Arboretum through the Planned Giving Program. The easiest and most frequently used is through a bequest in your will or trust or you can designate the Arboretum as the beneficiary of an IRA or a 401K account. Another common way to support organizations such as ours is to designate the Arboretum as beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Real estate or other real assets may also be accepted. And a number of options are available through the arrangement of charitable trusts. Your tax advisor will be helpful to you in understanding the tax advantages of each of these options.

We encourage you to consult with your attorney to prepare appropriate wording in the case that you choose to make a bequest through your will. If your will is already in place, there is no need to have it rewritten. A simple codicil, prepared by your attorney along the following lines, is all that is required:

"I bequeath to Adkins Arboretum, a not-for-profit organization, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (% or \$) of my residual estate for Adkins Arboretum. If, at the time of my death, the Arboretum should no longer exist, the Arboretum's Board of Trustees may use these funds as they deem appropriate."

## Information for Contributors

### Legal Name and Address:

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### Tax Information:

The Adkins Arboretum is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization as described in sections 170(b) (1) (A) (vi) and 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts and bequests are deductible for income, gift and estate tax purposes.

## WILLIAM ADKINS LEGACY SOCIETY Enrollment Form

To support the operation of Adkins Arboretum, I/we have provided for a planned gift to the Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, Maryland.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I/we give permission for my/our name(s) to appear on the William Adkins Legacy Society member's list as:

\_\_\_\_\_

I/we prefer that this gift remain anonymous.

### Type of gift (Optional Information)

- Will  
 Life Insurance  
 Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)  
 Retirement Account  
 Charitable Lead Trust  
 Real property  
 Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT)  
 Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:  
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