Please accept this special invitation to become a Friend of Hilltop Arboretum Corporate Member!

As board president and director, we can tell you first hand the LSU Hilltop Arboretum is a special place with the important mission of offering our community the opportunity to experience and learn about nature, plants and the Louisiana landscape. We’ve come a long way and our future looks bright!

What makes Hilltop special and worth supporting as a Corporate Member? This is an exciting time for the Friends organization on many fronts. The programs and services we offer are educational events focusing on Louisiana gardening, plants and landscaping with special emphasis on planting for a healthier future in our own backyards. We serve about 8,000 members of the community annually. We reach children, students and adults of all ages, and professionals with programs and continuing education credits. You may already know about Hilltop’s signature events (Symposium, PlantFest!, Garden Tours, Garden Trips) and educational programs (La Wetlands Day, Summer Academy, Junior Master Gardener). We encourage you to visit our website www.lsu.edu/hilltop and click on “Events” for a complete listing of all events for this year.

At the site, we are continually moving forward with improvements made possible by generous donors, members and grants. We’re proud of these projects completed in the past six years:

- Paul Murrill, Jr. or Whit’s Pathway ~ handicap accessible
- C. J. Brown Sr. Footbridge ~ spans central ravine leads to “Cathedral” area
- Revised Site Master Plan ~ Doug Reed with Reed Hilderbrand Landscape Architects
- Restored “Cathedral” ~ tree planting designed by Robert S. “Doc” Reich
- Suzie Ehrlicher Ravine Planting ~ new collection in central ravine
- Pond Walk ~ elevated board walk with LA aquatic plants
- Imogene Newsom Brown Education Facility
- Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium
- Bert Turner Courtyard

The Friends of Hilltop organization supports 100% of its daily operations. Corporate memberships are offered at three levels Poplar ($500-$999), Silverbell ($1000-$2499) and Emory Smith Magnolia ($2500 and above). All levels include corporate recognition on Hilltop’s website, newsletters and media releases and sponsorship recognition and tickets for a signature event of your choice. At the Emory Smith Magnolia level we are offering the use of the Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion for a corporate event ($750 value). See membership level details attached.

Hilltop is a wonderful place! We are ready to give you a tour and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you’ll join today.

See you soon at Hilltop,

Terry Rehn Peggy Coates
Board President Executive Director
Hilltop appreciates your support of our organization’s mission and programs. Following are suggested levels of participation.

$500-$999 - Poplar
- Sponsorship recognition in one signature event OR educational program for students of your choice. Signature Events include -- Symposium, PlantFest!, Garden Tours and Wine Dinners. Educational Programs include -- La Wetlands Day and Junior Master Gardener.
- 6 tickets to event or program of your choice (excellent corporate or employee gift)
- Recognition on Hilltop website, newsletters (circulation 1000, 3 per year) and media releases

$1000-$2499 - Silverbell
All of the above plus:
- Sponsorship recognition in additional signature event or educational program of your choice
- 6 additional tickets to event or program of your choice
- Framed Emory Smith Magnolia (water color print) with corporate membership plaque for your office

$2500 and above - Emory Smith Magnolia
All of the above plus:
- Use of the Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion (featured top left) for a corporate event (employee function, customer appreciation party, picnic, other)

Friends of Hilltop have an extended reach throughout the community through our publications, programs and activities. Our participants include children of all ages, adults and professionals who are looking for continuing education credits. We look forward to calling your company a partner in our efforts.

THANK YOU.

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FRIENDS OF HILLTOP ARBORETUM
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT INFORMATION

We gladly accept checks or credit cards (MasterCard/Visa) mailed to the address below, or you may join on-line at www.lsu.edu/hilltop (choose “Other Amount”). Please mark the desired level and payment information below.

_____ $ 500-$ 999 -Poplar
_____ $1000-$2499 -Silverbell
_____ $2500 and above -Emory Smith Magnolia
_____ Check enclosed
_____ Credit card number below

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Name and Title of Officer                Company

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AVAILABLE CORPORATE EVENT AND PROGRAM SPONSORSHIPS

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM (Jan)
The annual symposium features national, regional and local speakers on gardening topics relevant to the Greater Baton Rouge community. The program is held on the third Saturday in January at the LSU Design Auditorium in the College of Art and Design in partnership with the LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture. The program typically features 3-4 speakers and draws approximately 200 attendees. Your corporate volunteers are welcome (if available) along with sponsorship. Tickets are a great corporate or employee gift.

WINE DINNERS (Feb & Nov)
A fundraising event held in partnership with Bill Hounshell at Matherne’s Supermarket on Highland Rd at Kenilworth. The event is held in the wine dinner room at the store. The proceeds are used to fund student internships at the arboretum. Tickets are a great corporate or employee gift.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER (Mar, Jun & Nov)
The Junior Master Gardener program introduces children (ages 7-10) to the fun, art and science of gardening. The program is offered in a series of camps held in the fall, spring and summer. Children become certified Junior Master Gardeners by attending all three camps. This sponsorship could pay for scholarships for underserved populations you may already be partnering with in the community or groups the arboretum would like to involve in the program.
SPRING AND FALL GARDEN TOURS  
(Apr, May & Nov)
Hilltop garden tours feature private gardens in the greater Baton Rouge area. Typically 4-6 gardens are featured on each tour. Two tours and a bonus are held in the spring. One tour is held in the fall. Tours are held on Sunday afternoons from 1-5pm. Corporate volunteers are welcome (if available) along with sponsorship. Tickets are a great corporate or employee gift.

PLANTFEST! (Oct)
One of the largest annual plant sales in the Gulf South held on the first weekend of October (Saturday and Sunday). Well over 5,000 plants are sold representing 600 different species. PlantFest! is the biggest event of the year for the arboretum. Your corporate volunteers are welcome (if available) along with sponsorship.

LA WETLANDS DAY (Nov)
LA Wetlands Day provides an opportunity for local fourth grade students to learn the importance of wetlands by participating in a day filled with numerous fun and educational activities at the arboretum. Program partners include the Youth Wetlands Program of the LSU AgCenter and LA Master Gardeners. Your corporate volunteers are welcome (if available) along with sponsorship.