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Adkins Arboretum Names Capital Campaign Honorary Chair, Leadership Chair

Peter B. Stifel, Ph.D. of Easton has been named honorary chair of the Adkins Arboretum *Campaign to Build a Green Legacy*, a multi-year effort to raise funds to enlarge the Arboretum Visitor's Center in Ridgely. Patricia Bowell of Queenstown has been named chair of the Arboretum's Campaign Leadership Committee.

Stifel, a leading benefactor of *The Campaign to Build a Green Legacy*, previously served as president of the Arboretum Board of Trustees. The new Arboretum Center will be named for his parents, W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel.

A retired University of Maryland geologist, Stifel completed his doctoral studies at Cornell University. He owns and manages Hope House, a 300-acre historic farm on the shores of Leeds Creek in Talbot County. Stifel is past president of the Geological Society of Washington, D.C., and the Paleontological Society of Washington, D.C. In addition to his service to Adkins Arboretum, he has served on the boards of the Academy Art Museum, Waterfowl Chesapeake, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Cornell University Council and Pickering Creek Audubon Society.



Peter B. Stifel

Bowell and her husband, Mike, moved from New York City to Queenstown following her retirement in 2001 from Zurich Financial Services as senior vice president of field operations. She holds an undergraduate degree from City University of New York and dual master's degrees from the University of Georgia. She is a Master Gardener and serves as coordinator of the junior Master Gardener program for Queen Anne's County. An active Arboretum volunteer since 2004, Bowell was elected to the Arboretum Board of Trustees in 2010.



Patricia Bowell

"These are transformational and exciting times at the Arboretum," Bowell said "We have accomplished much, and I look forward to sharing more good news and keeping all members and friends apprised of our progress. I am so pleased to be part of this important undertaking. There is much work to be done to make the new Arboretum

Center a reality for our community, and I invite all of our members, friends and visitors to join with us in supporting this exciting undertaking.”

The Campaign to Build a Green Legacy will enable the Arboretum to expand the existing Visitor’s Center with 6,500 square feet of education, meeting and art exhibition space, and will enable completion of the Native Garden Gateway, an initiative that brings new gardens, greener parking alternatives, and a stormwater management system that reduces runoff into Chesapeake Bay tributaries. The Campaign also will provide endowment funds to support new and existing educational programs. For more information on *The Campaign to Build a Green Legacy*, contact Kate Rattie, Director of Advancement and Planning, at 410-634-2847, ext. 33 or krattie@adkinsarboretum.org.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) and a “green” entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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