By providing a unique garden of great beauty, we encourage people to think about the fragility of our natural world and the important role plants play in our lives and the environment.

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In many ways, 2018 was a year of healing and reflection. Quarryhill, for the most part, had survived the horrible fires of 2017, though others throughout California suffered even greater losses in 2018. As we pondered the trials and tribulations of the last couple of years, there was a renewed and dedicated focus to improve the visitor experience at Quarryhill. Much thought was given to successes of the past, but more importantly, to areas where we needed improvement. It was also a time of envisioning the future.

New additions to the garden were considered, such as a tent café, a new garden showcasing California native plants, a medicinal plant garden, a children’s garden and a display of plants demonstrating the unique relationship between flora of the US and that of China. All these ideas were considered as ways to create more interest in Quarryhill and to bring a more varied audience to the garden. As resources are found we hope to move forward with these great new additions.

Much thought was also given to the physical appearance and health of the garden. Many trees started from seed years ago are now well over fifty feet tall and need attention. The garden was intentionally heavily planted to give it a wild and natural look. But now many of the shrubs and trees need to be thinned to allow those left to show off their true beauty and character.

2018 was also a time of reflection and contemplation about the future for me, personally. After thirty-one years here at Quarryhill, I have decided that it is time for me to move on and allow someone with fresh new ideas to carry the garden forward. My time here has been rewarding beyond my wildest dreams. As a young man, little did I know that I would be fortunate to have a career that would involve being part of a team that would build a botanical garden from its inception, that I would participate in countless expeditions to remote areas of Asia, learn and travel with notable horticulturists, and delight in the accolades that the garden has received.

With all these considerations and adjustments, I know Quarryhill has a bright future. And I can rest assured that the dedicated staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers, along with the new Executive Director, will continue to provide the local and international communities a botanical garden of the highest quality, significance, and beauty.
As an integral part of the garden's mission, Quarryhill contributes seed and other plant material to gardens and plant scientists throughout the world for scientific research and widespread dispersal of its collection. In addition, the garden receives gifts of seed and plants from other gardens and arboretas, professional plant collectors, and botanical institutions.

Plant material requested from Quarryhill this year to augment other living collections included seeds or cuttings of *Malus doumeri*, *Aesculus indica*, *Magnolia wilsonii*, and numerous species of *Lilium*, destined for the Missouri Botanical Garden, UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, and the Chengdu Institute of Biology in Sichuan, China.

*Lilium* species were also requested for taxonomic research, involving DNA analysis and genetic characterization, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A request for more than a dozen Quarryhill's species roses was also fulfilled, for similar studies being performed at one of Europe’s premier research institutions, the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA).

An Index Seminum is a list of seeds that are available from a botanical institution, upon request and usually at no cost, for use by other institutions and individuals to supplement inventory, perform scientific research, or simply add interest and variety to a collection. Over the past year, Quarryhill has received wild-origin seed from Kyoto University and Toyama Botanic Gardens in Japan, and from Chollipo Arboretum in South Korea.

Quarryhill also regularly receives plants from outside sources, this year including *Magnolia globosa* from the Shangri-la Alpine Garden in Yunnan Province, *Magnolia sieboldii* collected in Liaoning Province by the Beijing Botanical Garden, *Zingiber mioga* from local Chinese medicinal herbalist Peggy Schafer, and *Syringa emodi* and *Heptacodium miconioides* from the Arnold Arboretum. In addition, rhododendron expert and Executive Director of the Rhododendron Species Garden in Washington State, Steve Hootman, who spoke at last year’s Fireside Chat, generously provided Quarryhill with a large number of rhododendrons and other offerings from his garden. Lastly, long-time garden supporters and collectors Viru and Girija Viraraghavan of India provided Quarryhill with two unusual Southeast Asian roses, *Rosa clinophylla* and *R. tunquinensis*.
This past year in the nursery, we worked on expanding Quarryhill’s magnolia collection, with new seedlings of *Magnolia sinensis* and *Magnolia wilsonii*. We’re also in the process of gradually updating the wooden plant benches in the shade house. Plant sales at the gift shop were at an all-time high in 2018, and we also had two successful plant sales hosted at the nursery in the spring and fall.

In 2018, nearly 1,000 students from Sonoma and Napa counties visited Quarryhill through our Elementary Education Program. Quarryhill becomes an outdoor classroom for these fourth and fifth graders as our trained docents lead them in discussions about plant science, conservation, and the importance of plants. Last year, we had nine new education docents leading groups after completing the summer training. This program would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteer docents, and we are so grateful to them.

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In the spirit of continuing education and enrichment, Quarryhill assigns staff to attend the American Public Garden Association’s annual conference. When the APGA announced that the 2018 conference would be held in California, Marketing Director Crystal Helmer, Office Manager Jennifer Kesser, and Nursery Manager Samantha Myhre couldn’t resist the opportunity. The five-day conference was hosted at the iconic Disneyland Resort, central to many Southern California gardens, parks and zoos. This year’s theme, “Cultivate Your Creative Nature,” engaged over 900 delegates from hundreds of public gardens and arboreta on session topics ranging from Disaster Preparation, Succeeding with Volunteers, Donor & Membership Recognition and Public Events, to Fundraising. In addition to sessions, attendees had the opportunity to tour participating gardens.

Garden tours included:

The Los Angeles Arboretum, where we were enthralled by the grandness of space, vast aquatic gardens, rushing waterfalls, blooming trees, manicured rose gardens, marvelous daylilies, and of course, peacocks.

The Huntington Botanical Garden, including the Huntington’s Chinese Garden, named, “Garden of Flowing Fragrance.” The serene lake surrounded by bold pavilions and stone bridges was truly a highlight of the trip! Also, the Huntington’s densely planted greenhouse, studded with orchids and staghorn ferns, in addition to their distinguished Botanical Florilegium, with large, exquisite renderings, were so wonderful to see. This is a garden worth returning to!

The charming South Coast Botanic Garden. Located on the remains of an old dumping ground, this beautifully designed 87-acre garden holds fast to a sustainable land reclamation mission. There, we learned creative ways to engage young families through fanciful treasure hunts. Who knew large banyan tree roots could entertain children for hours!

The Getty Center, was a momentous architectural accomplishment. The fountains and manicured gardens were quite impressive, especially the massive iron structures used to tame the unruly bougainvilleas.

The UCLA Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden, where we had the privilege of hearing botanist Peter Raven speak. This 7-acre garden, where well-identified plantings thrive along a turtle-inhabited waterway, provides not only a natural respite from the campus hubbub, but also a wonderful habitat for wildlife.

Lastly, the Casa Romantika, historic home of San Clemente’s founder, which provided the week’s grand finale. Here, we watched the sun set over a stunning, calm, Pacific Ocean while meandering along pathways of Yucca, Sedum, and Echeveria – a fitting way to conclude a week of All Things Garden.
How Our Funds Were Used:

It costs more than $3,000 per day to maintain the 62-acre property and execute our programs.

We are both fortunate and grateful for the foresight and legacy of founder Jane Davenport Jansen, but endowment income covers only a fraction of what is needed to properly care for our unique Sonoma Valley gem.

We need the support of members and donors to continue our work wild-collecting seeds, conserving endangered plants, supporting scientific research, and educating adults and children on the importance of plants and their habitats to the earth and its humans.

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Oyama Magnolias

By William McNamara

With funding from the Franklinia Foundation, I traveled to China in June of 2018 to search for magnolias in the Oyama section. All four species are highly ornamental, and all are endangered. Two species can be found in Sichuan, Magnolia wilsonii and Magnolia sinensis, one in Yunnan, Magnolia globosa, and the fourth, Magnolia sieboldii, occurs in eastern and southern China. With assistance from Yin Kaipu and Lu Rongsen from the Chengdu Institute of Biology, Sichuan, I was able to find Magnolia wilsonii and Magnolia sinensis and to see the tail end of their flowering. I was unable to find Magnolia globosa in Yunnan, though I did see it the previous month in Bhutan. There was not enough time to travel east in search of Magnolia sieboldii.

During the summer, I asked colleagues in China to collect seeds of the four species of magnolias for us in the early fall. Dr. Wang Kang from the Beijing Botanical Garden managed to collect Magnolia sieboldii at two different sites in Liaoning Province in northeastern China and sent the seeds to Quarryhill. Yin Kaipu and Lu Rongsen attempted to collect Magnolia wilsonii and Magnolia sinensis in western Sichuan but wrote that the trees did not set seeds. Fortunately, Fang Zendong, from the Shangri-la Alpine Botanical Garden in Shangri-la (Zhongdian), was able to find and collect seeds of Magnolia globosa in northwestern Yunnan and has sent them to us.

The seeds and resulting plants will be distributed to botanic gardens and arboreta for display, research, and conservation projects. Magnolias have been a signature genus of concern for Quarryhill since the garden’s inception. All four of these species of magnolias are either in Quarryhill’s nursery or are already planted in the garden from seeds collected on past plant hunting expeditions. In keeping with our conservation mission, we plan to create ex situ conservation groves of these four endangered species of magnolias. Botanic Gardens Conservation International, based in London, has rated Quarryhill’s collection of magnolias as the ninth most important in the world, from a conservation perspective.

**FUN FACT:**

Quarryhill Botanical Garden is among the top 10 botanic gardens worldwide for the conservation of Magnolias (ranked #9) and Maples (ranked #3).

A New Look & Manager for the Visitor Center & Gift Shop

2018 was a year of evolution for our Visitor Center. We introduced several new products and added a new face to the team. Meri Mace joined us last summer as Visitor Center/Gift Shop Manager. With the goal of enhancing the guest experience and elevating the merchandise assortment, Meri began sourcing new products. We kicked off the holiday shopping season with a festive open house, introducing our delightful new look. Building on the success of 2018, this year will bring more exciting newness. But don’t worry, our favorite perennial products, like our Indian bells, beautiful boxed note cards and paper garlands, are not going anywhere.

A few examples of the many new items introduced in 2018:

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