UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden

Tribute Benches and memorial picnic tables at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden enhance the experience of visiting the gardens for thousands of people each year. With a commitment to the conservation of the world’s botanical diversity, a renowned plant collection, and a scenic location overlooking Monterey Bay, the Arboretum is a treasured oasis for rejuvenation and serenity. At any time of the year, the Arboretum’s beauty is a fitting setting for honoring loved ones and/or life’s milestones.

Memorial plaque specifications, duration and obligation

Memorial or Tribute Plaque Specifications:

The personalized plaque will be prepared by the Arboretum, and, if necessary, it will be replaced if it becomes damaged. Normally, it will be no larger than 2.5 inches high and 6 inches long, made of attractive and durable anodized metal with engraved white font, the same material we use for all of our outdoor plant labels. The donor will provide the wording. The Arboretum, however, will have final approval of the wording.

Cost, Duration and Our Obligation:

Tribute benches start at $10,000, tables start at $15,000 and are fully tax deductible. The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum will install and maintain the memorial bench or picnic table for a period of no less than 20 years if purchased after July 1, 2022 – 10 years if purchased prior to July 1, 2022, at which time the condition of the bench or table will be evaluated with a view to restore or replace the it at the discretion of the Arboretum. At the 20-year anniversary of this gift, the donors will be given the option of renewing their commitment. If the donor(s) waive this opportunity, the bench or table may become open to other donors. During the 20-year duration of this gift the Arboretum will maintain the bench in the best condition possible, notwithstanding Acts of Nature.
Arboretum Tribute Bench or Table Order Form

Donor/Contact Information:

Donor/Contact Name ___________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

City ______________________________ State __________ ZIP __________

phone ________________ email ________________________________________________

Details:

Bench or table location will be determined by a short garden walk with an Arboretum staff member to see possible bench sites in the gardens. Donor’s wishes will be carefully considered and final placement must be approved by the Arboretum.

The Plaque: Generally, the plaque wording should be limited to identifying the person being honored, celebrated, remembered, such as “In Memory of _____”, and may also identify the donor and/or family or friend, such as “Presented by the _____ Family”, and/or a short phase or quote, such as “He was an avid gardener”. The final wording must be accepted and approved by the Arboretum.

I would like to sponsor a (please circle): Bench Table

Garden Location____________________________________________________ Bed # __________

Desired Wording on Plaque

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Gift and Payment Information:

Total Amount of Gift __________________ (benches start at $10,000, tables start at $15,000)

Gift Type:
   ___ Check (Made out to the “UC Santa Cruz Foundation”)
   ___ Credit card
   ___ Pledge

Paying with Credit card

Name on Credit card ____________________________________________
Card Number __________________________ Exp. date _________
Billing Address (if different than above)
__________________________________________________________

Signature: ________________________________________________

Paying with a Pledge

A pledge must be paid off within two years unless other arrangements are made with the approval of Arboretum Administration. Pledge payments can be made by cash, check or charge. Please complete the following, sign and date then contact the Arboretum to make pledge payment arrangements.

I, ____________________________, undertake to donate a Tribute Bench/Table placed at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum by means of multiple pledge payments. This pledge will consist of ______ payments over _____ year(s) (3 year maximum) for a total gift of ___________. This pledge commences on ____________ with an initial payment of _________. Subsequent pledge payments will be made Monthly on the _________day of the month. (Sample payment plan: $1,000 initial payment followed by $250/month for 36 months).

Donor’s Signature ___________________________________ Date

Once completed, please return to the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, California 95064. If you have any questions please contact the Arboretum at (831) 502-2998. Thank you.

Approval by: ___________________________________________ Date
   UC Santa Cruz Arboretum Administrator