Sculpture in The Arboretum

In addition to the variety of flora and fauna you’ll see during your visit, you can enjoy the many sculptures located throughout the park. See the map on reverse side for locations. The sculptures shown here are on view at the time of the printing of this brochure, and are subject to change.

Lexeme IX (from the Lexeme Series)
Bill Barrett, b. 1934
fabricated bronze
Lisa, courtesy of the artist

Contour Marker
William Daley, 1905–2002
1966
patinated copper sheets and copper pipe
GFT: David’s, Preston

Efflorescence II
Bill Barrett, b. 1934
1966
bronze
GFT: Shirley and Joseph Bizos

Untitled
Harry Yettes, 1911–1978
1962–1973
philosophy bronze spill coating with bronze
constructed bronze

Una (from Judgment of Paris)
Beaudin Nokib, 1897–1986
1986
bronze
Anonymous, courtesy of Robert Balchinger

Such Sweet Thunder
Richard Neuser, b. 1941
stainless steel
Lisa, courtesy of the artist

Untitled
Lee Motes, 1916–2006
1961
paint and aluminum
GFT: Luther W. Brady, M.D.

Bronze Root
Steve Tobin, b. 1957
1989
brass
Lisa, courtesy of the artist

Turning
Alexander Liberman, 1912–1999
1995
bronze and steel
GFT: University of California

Troy
Carol Kringer Davidson, 1920–2014
1994
bronze and acrylic
GFT: the artist

Mother Bear with Cub
Geffrey Paterson, 1968–1978
Sculpture in the Garden State
GFT: the Mangel Memorial Trust Fund and the Friends of the Reading Public Museum

Boy with Gulls
Charles Cooper Parks, 1942–2012
1975
bronze
GFT: Friends of the Arboretum in memory of the wife, Marilyn Ann Fize

Lady Slipper
George Rappeport, 1866–1970
1961
jewelry design
Anonymous Purchase

Sandal
Leon W. Gerdts, 1913–2006
1991–1992
bronze, GFT: Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Gerdts

Theodore
Bill Barrett, b. 1934
1992
fabricated aluminum
GFT: Dr. Jerome and Rhoda Dersh

Itzamna Stella
Marc Van de Bovenkamp, b. 1938
1988
fabricated steel
GFT: Dr. Jerome and Rhoda Dersh

Column Series V
Edward Haugevik, b. 1952
1995
painted steel
GFT: Dr. Jerome and Rhoda Dersh

Sun Catcher
Doris Sayre, b. 1922
1965
marble
GFT: Marvin and Regina Gouger Miller

Hayden
Gay Bish, b. 1974
2004
fabricated bronze
GFT: Lyn and Lois E. Cohen

Phoenix
Joe Moses, b. 1949
2006
stainless steel
GFT: Luther W. Brady, M.D.

Phoenix Struggle
Joe Moses, b. 1949
2006
stainless steel and steel
GFT: Luther W. Brady, M.D.

Pelicans
Joe Lucchesi Parks, 1921–1972
1961
bronze
GFT: Museum Purchase

Enid Haupt
Enid Haupt, 1900–1965
1954
stainless steel and aluminum
Anonymous

Duet
Marilyn Bohn Fizz, b. 1957
2012
bronze
Gift of the artist

Untitled (Armored Koro)
Aleko Kyriakou, b. 1922
1964
stainless steel
GFT: Lyn and Lois E. Cohen

Forgotten - Remembered Figure
Lyn Crow, b. 1952
1997
steel
GFT: Lyn and Lois E. Cohen

Danzatrice
Morty LeWax, b. 1940
early 1980s
bronze
Gift: Lyn and Lois E. Cohen

The Arboretum Self-Guided Tour - Trees and Sculpture

The Museum has gone through many changes since its founding, but one of its main purposes continues to be the teaching and enlightenment of the community and visitors to this site.

During the spring and summer months, The Arboretum is maintained with the help of the Arboretum Assistants program, giving volunteers the opportunity to train in gardening techniques while donating their time to help prep, plant, and polish this community jewel.

The Museum accepts and relies on volunteers to accomplish many of its daily operations and projects. Please inquire if you wish to volunteer your time to improve this fine place for future visitors and residents (visit our website and click on “Employment” link at the bottom of the homepage). Remember that one of the many highlights of The Arboretum is nature in a learning environment. For information about the Arboretum Assistants program, contact us at 610.371.5850 x239, or at arboretum@readingsublarghaus.org.

Take a Tour!

Find out what grows in our Arboretum — and how. We can customize a tour for your group. Contact Wendy Koller at 610.371.5850 x223 to book your tour today!

Please Don’t Feed The Ducks!

Although it’s been a longtime tradition to feed the ducks at The Museum, it’s not smart. In fact, you’ll see signs asking you please not to do so. We ask your help with enforcing this environmentally sound policy to keep our feathered friends happy and maintain their “wildness.”

The Museum open daily 11am–5pm

500 Museum Road
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Every season is a good time for a stroll through The Arboretum at the Reading Public Museum. It’s a picture-perfect planting. Trees come alive throughout the year. Enjoy a walk in the park!

Trees in the Arboretum

Labeled trees are identified by both scientific and common names. Large exotic trees are interspersed with indigenous trees and shrubs, serving as an ambulatory laboratory for anyone wishing to observe the natural world — or simply enjoy a walk in the park!

TREES IN THE ARBORETUM

Trees are indicated on the map above with the yellow markers. Outdoor sculpture is indicated by the pink markers (see key on reverse side of this brochure)

NOTE: The trees indicated here represent those present at the time of the printing of this brochure, and are subject to change (see back panel, lower right).

2. Styrpholobium japonicum-Japanese Pagodetree — Good tree for cities and poor soil areas. Can be considered messy during fruit and leaf drop.
5. Zelkova serrata-Japanese Zelkova — This tree has been considered a replacement for the American Elm that was effected by a fungus. In winter.
6. Fagus sylvatica-European Beech — These are great specimen trees that are excellent for public areas.
8. Phellodendron amurense-Amur Corktree — This tree, native to Eastern Asia, gets its name from its old bark being ridged-and-furrowed into cork-like patterns.
9. Carya cordiformis-Bitternut Hickory — Distinguished from other hickories by the sulfur yellow buds.
10. Cornus kousa-Kousa Dogwood — This native of Japan, Korea, and China is recognized by its multicolored bark, raspberry-like fruit, and flowers.
11. Styrax japonicus-Japanese Snowbell — A handsome small tree that has a large number of bell-shaped white flowers in spring.
12. Salix alba-White Willow — This is one of the hardiest types of the weeping willows. Note the graceful form.
13. Taxodium distichum-Baldcypress — This tree is adaptable to dry as well as wet conditions. Note the knees at the base of the tree.
14. Metasequoia glyptostroboides-Dawn Redwood — This tree along with baldcypress, is an example of a conifer that loses its needles in winter.
15. Castanea crenata-Japanese Chestnut — The nuts of Japanese chestnut are edible but have a slightly bitter taste.
16. Fagus grandifolia-American Beech — A beautiful native tree that is perfect for large areas. Notice the long end buds and the smooth gray bark.
17. Acer saccharum–Sugar Maple — Large shade tree with yellow fragrant flowers in June.
18. Acer griseum–Paperbark Maple — This is a specimen tree that has a reddish brown exfoliating bark.
19. Platanus occidentalis-American Sycamore — A native tree that is found naturally in bottom lands and along banks of streams.
20. Quercus phellos–Willow Oak — Notice that this oak has a leaf that looks more like a willow than an oak.
21. Cercidiphyllum japonicum-Katsur tree — A great tree for residential areas, parks, and commercial areas. Try to detect a cotton candy odor in fall when the leaves are changing color.