

Entrance Landscape Garden

Docent Training-September 2011

Main Lawn Area

- Tree/plant removals and bed edge redesign
- Design/plant selection of new bed

Entrance Gate

- Hand forged steel gate created by Greg Leavitt, an ornamental blacksmith-Upper Bank Forge, Glen Riddle, PA.
- Design of gate was joint effort between Greg Leavitt, his daughter Camille, and Mrs. Copeland.
- Design of gate incorporates Mrs. Copeland's favorite native plants including *Rhododendron maximum*, *Hydrangea quercifolia* and *Liriodendron tulipifera*.
- Work commissioned by Mrs. Copeland approximately April 1999.
- Mr. Gerret Copeland used Mr. Leavitt to create a railing at his house and passed this information along to Dr. Richard Lighty in December 1998. Dr. Lighty then sent a memo to Mrs. Copeland with Mr. Leavitt's information.
- Camille made trips to MCC to see space + native plants. Mrs. Copeland made trips to view gate as it was being made.
- The gate took approximately one year to create.
- Installation of gate and gate controls on March 8, 2000 by Access Control Technologies.

Entrance Sign

- The granite rock used for the sign came from the Mt. Cuba Center property near Rolling Mill Road and was sent to Massachusetts to be carved.
- Sign was created by Allen L. Williams of the Chester Granite Company of Blandford, Mass.
- Designed by Rick Lewandowski, Rodney Robinson Architects and Dick Florshutz (local consultant).
- Sign was installed in October of 2008.

Plants of Interest this Fall:

- ENTRANCE SIGN AREA:
 - *Coreopsis delphinifolia*- lark-spur tickseed
 - *Rudbeckia heliopsidis*-sunfacing coneflower
 - *Lobelia cardinalis*- cardinal flower
 - *Doelingeria umbellata* var. *umbellata*- flat-topped aster
 - *Symphotrichum oblongifolium*, various cultivars- aromatic aster
- MAIN DRIVE:
 - *Symphotrichum oblongifolium*- aromatic aster
 - *Eurybia spectabilis*-showy aster
 - *Symphotrichum cordifolium*-blue wood aster (on Main Drive near main Lawn)
 - *Eurybia divaricata*- white wood aster
 - *Symphotrichum turbinellum*-prairie aster (Main Lawn)

New Plantings of Interest:

- Area just before Rock Wall/Scree Garden (on right): *Carex plantaginea* and *Heuchera americana* 'Dale's Strain'
- Above Entrance Gate (on left): new oak trees to replace downed trees (winter 2010-11 storms), *Kalmia latifolia* and *Rhododendron maximum* (repetition of existing plantings).