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**A SHARED CELEBRATION
Happy 100th to Rice and Hermann Park**

On November 16th, 2012, more than seventy five volunteers gathered at Hermann Park to plant the “Rice Centennial Grove.” Rice faculty, staff and students and Houston community members planted 100 oak, bald cypress, and other native trees to reforest an area close to the park’s boathouse and picnic areas on the east side of McGovern Lake.

This event commemorated the centennials of both Rice University (2012) and Hermann Park (2014). The idea was conceived by Y. Ping Sun, wife of Rice President David Leebron. Ms. Sun and President Leebron were joined at a pre-planting dedication ceremony by Harris County Judge and Rice alumnus Ed Emmett ’71, Houston City Council member Ellen Cohen, Houston Parks and Recreation Director Joe Turner, Hermann Park Conservancy Board Chair Ann Kennedy and Hermann Park Conservancy Executive Director Doreen Stoller ’91.

“Planting trees in connection with celebrating academic institutions is really part of the (Chinese) culture. I thought this would be a good way for Rice to give back to the community,” Sun said.

A plaque was placed on a picnic table in the “grove” that reads “RICE CENTENNIAL GROVE — Dedicated to the shared centennials of Rice University 2012 and Hermann Park 2014. 100 trees planted by Rice volunteers. November 16, 2012.”

Rice’s Community Involvement Center, the Office of Public Affairs, and the Lowrey Arboretum Committee

contributed to the coordination of the Rice Centennial Grove Project. Vice President for Public Affairs Linda Thrane aptly summed up the grove’s immediate and lasting value: “What better way to celebrate two centennials than to plant 100 trees as a living, lasting tribute to both Rice and Hermann Park and our wonderful relationship that has grown so well? It’s also a great way to replace trees lost during last year’s terrible drought. And it’s something that people 100 years from now will come to the park and enjoy and, I hope, remember this day when we planted them.”

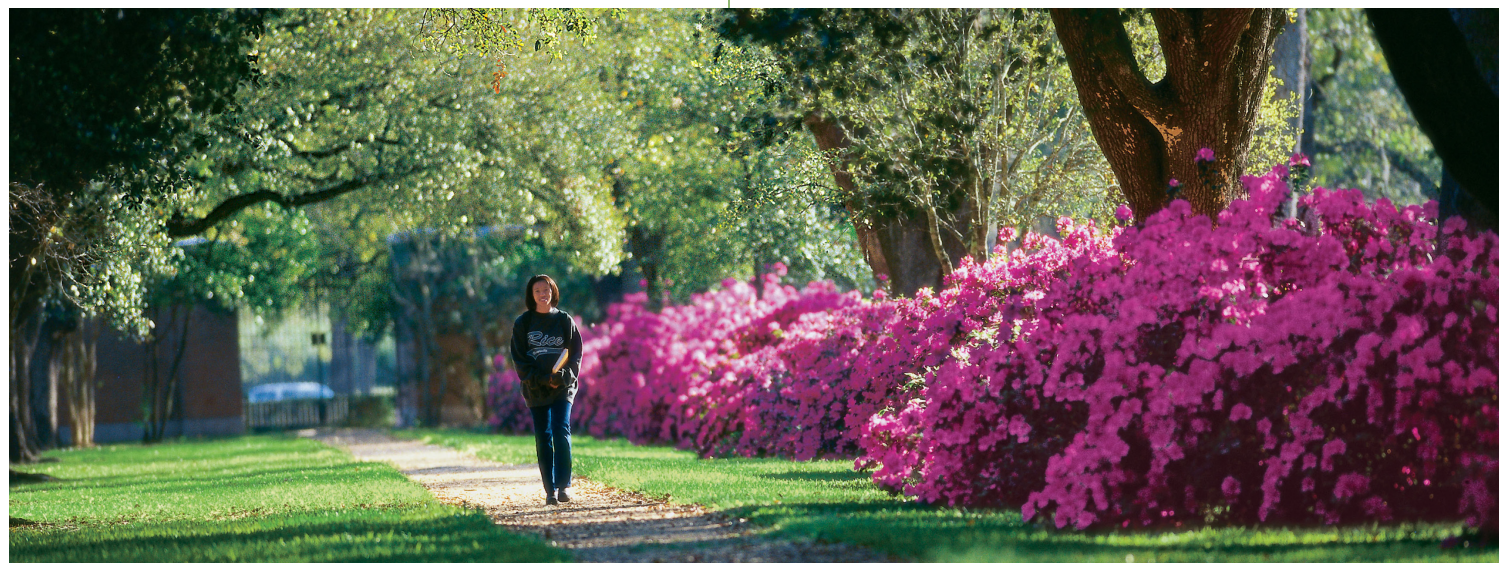


Azaleas

Signal the arrival of Spring

One of Rice University's hallmarks is its landscape, and every year the main entrance avenue looks magnificent with the azaleas in bloom. The great color and density of the blooms welcome Rice visitors. People stop, take pictures and simply enjoy a stroll along the road past Entrance One. This spring was no exception and the azaleas, and not just at the main entrance to campus, were in full bloom across the campus, filling the landscape with bright colors.

Azaleas are flowering shrubs comprising two of the eight subgenera of the genus *Rhododendron*, *Tsutsuji* (evergreen) and *Pentanthera* (deciduous). Azaleas bloom in spring in the Northern hemisphere, their flowers often lasting several weeks. Shade tolerant, they prefer living near or under trees. There are thousands of azalea varieties. Blossom colors run the spectrum from white to red. Some varieties grow quite tall and tend to spread with age. Others grow less than 12 inches in height and provide good mid-range filler in a layered bed or serve as a spreading groundcover. 🌿



Pine tree planting celebrates Arbor Day

Students, staff and faculty of Rice University gathered to plant sixteen pines on the fields between entrance 1 and entrance 2 on February 13, 2013. This celebration of Arbor Day was part of maintaining Rice's Tree Campus USA certification. This national program recognizes college and university campuses that effectively manage their campus trees, develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests, and strive to engage their student population with service learning opportunities centered on the campus. All 32 participants received a commemorative t-shirt and enjoyed a fish n' chips meal afterward to celebrate. 🌿



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR

On behalf of the Lynn R. Lowrey Arboretum Committee, I hope that you value these semi-annual newsletters as a way of staying engaged with the development of the Arboretum and the activities of the Committee.

For those of you who use Facebook, I invite you to find and "like" our Facebook group, "The Lynn R. Lowrey Arboretum at Rice University." Through that group we share the latest news of interest, views of the Arboretum, and announcements of relevant events with a timeliness and a diversity of media formats that is just not possible through a static newsletter.

Furthermore, the Facebook group enables us to communicate with you in a 2-way manner, and to build an online community with a shared love for the landscape of Rice University and for the Arboretum. If you are indeed an active Facebooker, I hope that you will join the group, follow our posts, and participate.

Kindest regards,

Richard R. Johnson
Co-Chair
Lynn R. Lowrey
Arboretum Committee



THE LOCAL CORNER

Bauhinia lunaroides

Bauhinia lunaroides, formerly known as *B. congesta*, is a common plant for the northeast Mexico but very rare in Texas. Found only on Anacacho Mountain east of Brackettville Texas, *B. lunaroides*, commonly known as Anacacho or chid tree, is a slow growing shrub or small tree that is thickly branched and can reach 12 feet tall and 8 feet wide. It is one of the hardiest of bauhinias and has white flowers April to November. A pink flowering variety of *B. lunaroides* has recently been discovered in Mexico as well as near Dolan Falls on the Devil's River near Del Rio Texas. In the wild, *B. lunaroides* is almost always found growing among limestone rocks. In cultivation, it seems to prefer well drained soils and partial shade or full sun. This plant can be propagated by seed or softwood cuttings. 🌿

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