“It’s probably time to start paying attention to what’s taking place near Dagsboro. In fact, it’s probably past that time, because the freight train that is Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek is already rolling down the proverbial track. And it is only picking up steam now. The Delaware Botanic Garden is going to be a really big deal.”

— DARIN J. MCCANN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, COASTAL POINT, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018.
As DBG entered 2018, it had been six years since the organization had received its IRS nonprofit status. It would be three years since our first major foundation grant — $750,000 from Longwood Foundation in December 2015. Just two years since our Official Ground Breaking in December 2016. One year since the first phase planting of the Piet Oudolf Meadow. The speed of events and the achievement of these major milestones required us as individuals and as an organization to pause and consider how and when we would complete the vision and make a public garden in Sussex County a reality.

If 2017 was DBG’s emergence from a farm field to a developing garden, 2018 needed to be the year DBG transitioned from an aspiring project to a real destination on the cusp of “Opening the Garden Gates.” Difficult choices and important decisions had to be made; financial resources had to be raised. Throughout this process DBG has remained a volunteer-directed and volunteer-driven organization. The level of commitment and dedication demonstrated by our volunteer Board and our Futures Committee enabled us to clearly identify the goals and vision for the future of DBG. Throughout this important buildout process, the volunteer Garden Stewards have enabled the garden to continue to flourish. These combined efforts have empowered the DBG organization to new levels of achievement.

Throughout the project’s seven year history, the DBG mission and DBG values have kept us grounded and focused. This 2018 Annual Report highlights the key accomplishments of the entire DBG community — our Board, Advisory Council, Volunteer Garden Stewards, staff, and Business partners and donors. These outcomes exemplify their collective commitment to create inspiring, educational and naturally sustainable gardens that engage our community and which envision its future.

As we move toward the 2019 Grand Opening, we do so with a clear sense of what still must be accomplished before September 2019. For those of you who have been with us from the very beginning, we thank you for your continued persistence; for those who have joined the DBG journey, we thank you for the new energy and ideas you have added; and for those of you who are just learning about DBG, we invite you to get on board and help us.

“Open the Garden Gates.” It is never too late!

Raymond J. Sander
President

Sheryl J. Swed
Executive Director
2018 was a milestone year with the completion of three major DBG gardens and building of a rustic, inviting Welcome Center. Although we know a garden is always a work in progress and is never truly “completed”, more than 200 community volunteers, staff members, and supporting business partners worked diligently to accomplish this first phase of the DBG Master Plan.

- **Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden**: the jewel of DBG’s crown: a two-acre all-season “infinity” garden comprised of 85% native Delaware coastal and 15% pollinator-compatible perennials and grasses. In early spring, 17,000 plants were planted by DBG’s volunteer Garden Stewards, and by June 30, over 70,000 plants were installed.

- **Dogfish Head Learning Garden**: comprised of a Wetland Outdoor Classroom, a created wetland for “hands on” student study and scientific analysis, and three “Inland Dunes” that surround the wetland to recreate a virtually extinct riverine habitat once found in forests along the Nanticoke River. Dogfish Head’s Beer and Benevolence Program¹ made this critical educational venue possible.

- **Folly Garden**: a unique coastal garden built on the site of the former 20th Century farmhouse at the east edge of the Woodlands. Spring 2018 brought 25,000 bulbs to life in and around the original foundation. Visitors commented that they find the “restful” Folly provides a sense of place that characterizes early Delaware Shore farmhouse gardens.

- **Woodland Garden**: DBG’s intrinsic natural wonder, a 12-acre riparian forest with freshwater wetlands, provides habitat for diverse coastal creatures and ecologically connects the DBG upland garden habitats to 1,000 feet of riverine shoreline along Pepper Creek. In 2018, the Woodland Garden was tailored into a destination by adding 1.8-miles of ADA-compliant natural woodland trails leading to the shoreline and several large iconic birds’ nests that mimic nature and support public events.

- **Welcome Center**: Depicting a 20’ x 30’ cedar potting shed from days gone by, the Welcome Center edges the woodland on the west and will support visitor entry and sale of garden collectibles. On June 28, the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) Senior Vice President, Bill Allan, presented a check for $25,000 to help build the new Welcome Center. Construction was completed by November with ADA-compliant ramps and outdoor decks.

“We have been part of this project when the garden first acquired the land from Sussex County Land Trust. It’s exciting to witness the gardens evolve from the earlier renderings to now having thousands of plants in the ground.”

—BILLY ALLAN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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¹Sam and Mariah Calagione; Mark Carter, Dogfish Head Craft Brewery
In June, Girl Scout Troop 20566 from York, PA raised their own money, bought 500 plants including four Redbud trees, drove to DBG, and planted a new woodlands edge garden, which we now call the “Girl Scout Garden.” Special thanks to Troop Leaders Wendy Brister and Marie Moore. The smiles, laughter and hard work of these Girl Scouts brought a youthful spirit to DBG. Girl Scout Catarina Brigham observed, “This is such a pretty and calming place, I like the gardens.”

Sussex Central High School (SCHS) science students conducted a biological study on the Dogfish Learning Garden’s newly created Wetlands Outdoor Classroom. Students divided up into three groups: one studied native plants and prepared a guide of 30 wetland species; one took water samples for analysis from the Wetlands Outdoor Classroom; and one took soil samples throughout the gardens. Student Ashleigh Steel walked in the cool woodlands saying, “I like the variety of environments within the gardens. There is something for everybody.”

Twenty-five Longwood Gardens Interns, along with DBG volunteers, weeded the Meadow Garden and transferred plants from the temporary nursery to the lower section of the meadow. Longwood Garden’s Director of Domestic and International programs, Dr. Brian W. Trader, thanked DBG for engaging the students.

And 2018 was a year that initiated DBG partnerships with academia and the National Estuary Program. Karen Steenhoudt, a Landscape Architecture graduate student at Temple University, worked with Gregg Tepper on her “Capstone Project” to collaborate with DBG and the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) on the restoration of DBG’s eroding Pepper Creek shoreline. The project proposes using Living Shoreline techniques that promote natural, sustainable solutions to reduce erosion, increase bank sedimentation, regrow buffer vegetation, and stabilize the riverine coastline. Application was made to DNREC for project funding and technical support. Completion of Karen’s Living Shoreline Conceptual Design was expected in spring 2019, with Final Design and implementation in the 2019-2020 timeframe. The DBG Living Shoreline will serve as a future demonstration site for knowledge transfer of natural shoreline stabilization solutions versus the more commonly used “hard-armored” tactics such as bulkheads and rock walls.

2 Capstone Restoration Design Project: a Temple University-required graduate-level research and design project with internship in ecological restoration

Sussex Central High School students visit the Dogfish Head Learning Garden.
DBG’s commitment to sustainability has as its charge the protection of the environmentally endangered waters of Pepper Creek and Inland Bays Watershed. This commitment can be seen in both its implementation of its Master Plan design and use of Integrated Pest/Vegetation Management (IPM/IVM) practices.

Design-wise, 2018 saw the creation of new habitat transition zones at the Woodland edge (the Girl Scout Garden), the Inland Dunes that surround the Wetland Outdoor Classroom, and the Piney Neck Street Tree Project. In early 2018, Delaware Forest Service’s Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program awarded DBG a $5,000 grant to purchase and plant street trees along the Piney Neck Road entrance area. By September 2018, 270 deciduous and evergreen native trees were purchased and planted along Piney Neck Road by the DBG volunteers. DBG staff tunneled a watering system to the trees, and staked the young trees to prevent our Nor’easter winds from interfering with their health.

Protective benefits of DBG’s design implemented in 2018 include the following:

- The transitional edge gardens provide connections for fauna and flora propagation, protection, and communication.
- The Inland Dunes encourage the movement of stormwater into the created wetland, where non-point source pollution filtration occurs.
- Street trees provide privacy to the garden’s adjacent neighborhood, and more importantly, reduce stormwater runoff, filter road pollutants and excess yard nutrients, and sequester excess carbon from the air.

DBG implements both IVM and IPM approaches to control pests, invasives, and disease. This involves close monitoring of plants and trees as they arrive at the gardens and as they grow, using the least toxic method of controlling pests/disease (i.e. no non-natural pesticides or herbicides), and using disease-resistant native plants in planting designs that reduce the viability of unwanted species. The Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden is designed using a “matrix gardening” approach that uses native plants situated in patterns to provide resistance to destructive pests and diseases. This garden is self-sustaining in that 1) the native and pollinator-compatible plants themselves attract desired birds, bees, butterflies, and other natural pest predators; and 2) they are situated in a design that supports neighboring plant nourishment and protection.

To achieve this goal, DBG staff and Garden Stewards performed manual removal of all weeds, non-native species, and pest control throughout the gardens in 2018. Staff performed localized weed control using torches along the stone pathways. In August, volunteers and staff “raised the roof” on two hoop houses sponsored by East Coast Garden Center and board member Brent Baker. Hoop houses provide a place to nurture new DBG arrivals for early control of disease and invaders if present. DBG maintains an annual IVM contract with Envirotech for invasives control along the shoreline and stormwater management basins.
Whether it be planting over 70,000 meadow perennials and grasses; baring the roots of over 300 trees and shrubs; digging holes for over 25,000 Folly Garden bulbs; weeding, mulching, watering, debris maintenance (4,672 hours), the DBG volunteer Garden Stewards logged 7,685 total hours in 2018 with perseverance, drive, and commitment. Board Vice President Carol McCloud and Director of Horticulture Gregg Tepper led 170 active volunteers for 112 working days. That many hours and days mean that it does take a village... and many individuals, communities, businesses, and organizations... dedicated to the single purpose of making DBG a much-needed, successful botanic garden enterprise. Piet Oudolf paid tribute to the DBG volunteers saying that one of the key reasons he decided to create the meadow was because of its hard working volunteers.

“I want to know that if I create something, there will be people after I leave who are going to keep it alive. I have never seen such a group of dedicated people before. These are skilled people who know what they are doing.”

In-kind service from the DBG local business community is another critical success factor to the opening of the DBG gates. That in-kind support brought much-needed electricity to the DBG site. DBG thanks Delaware Electric Coop’s President Bill Andrew, Nickle Electrical’s owner Steve Dignan and Board member Peter Carter, who enabled DBG to finally plug into the grid. In May, the noise of the portable gas electric generators finally fell silent—DBG had electric power at last!

DBG also welcomed in-kind support from the award-winning SEA Studio Architects in Bethany Beach for Welcome Center interior design recommendations. Scott and Jen Edmonston have received awards for environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost effective buildings throughout Delaware and in the Mid-Atlantic. The DBG Welcome Center exemplifies those same principles.

In 2018, our Sussex County legislators and councilmen engaged their colleagues to support DBG operations. The Delaware State Legislature passed the “Bond Bill” which included $100,000 for DBG. Sussex County Council funded a $3000 sponsorship from their grant funding. DBG truly appreciates the efforts by State Senator Gerald Hocker, Representative Ron Gray, Speaker of the House Peter Schwartzkopf, and the Sussex County Council to make this possible.

“We started to build a garden and at the same time we built a family of volunteers, supporters and friends. We treasure our DBG Family.”

—RAYMOND J. SANDER, DBG PRESIDENT
2018 programs, projects, and activities continued to demonstrate DBG’s commitment to creating inspiring, educational, and naturally sustainable gardens that engage our community. What was envisioned as “Phase 1” in the 2016 Master Plan is coming to fruition with the following 2018 elements:

- Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden
- Dogfish Head Learning Garden with Wetland Outdoor Classroom
- ADA-Accessible Woodland Garden
- Folly Garden, a Delaware shore farmhouse garden
- Collaboration with the Inland Bays National Estuary Program and the State for a 2019 Living Shoreline restoration along Pepper Creek
- Infrastructure (Welcome Center, electricity, and garden pathways)

The above achievements, made possible by the support of a huge community of volunteers; the establishment of a multitude of business partnerships; and a small but truly dedicated staff, gave DBG significant advances in 2018. This year set the stage for the future: opening the gates in 2019; continuing the implementation of the well-designed Master Plan; and ensuring a legacy botanic garden in Southern Delaware.

Ryan Revel, Sussex Central High School biology teacher said of the gardens, “I think a lot of learning happened here today. I envision these students bringing their children here someday.”
GARDEN STEWARDS
As reported in Volistics for 2018

DBG volunteers plant 1824 blueberry bushes

Ben Ackerley
Adelyn Aker
Ray Aker
Jeanette Akter
Jim Alderman
Kathy Alderman
Catherine Amend
Dawn Anderson
Peter Anderson
Zach Anderson
Teri Antonini
Ken Armi
Lisa Armi
Cindy Asiles
Luis Asiles
Joyce Bader
Brent Baker
Malinda Baker
Terri Barnes
Ami Barra
Mary Bartlett
Chris Basson
Ronald Bass
Karen Beck
Adam Becker
Jean Bell
Michael Bellatt
Samantha Benfield
Arlene Bentley-Graham
Katie Bielicki
Jenny Bilton
Amanda Binning
Carol Bishop
Frank Bizzoco
Sandra Blackwood
Donna Bianco
Ginny Borodula
Chantal Bouchard
Ramona Bourque
Patricia Brashaw
Elayne Chulis
Bob Clark
Nicholas Clark
R.Christ Clark
Sue Clark
Ruth Clausen
Joan Clow
Jerome Cole
Bob Collins
Kathy Collins
Robert Collins
Nathaniel Colon
Jeff Conlin
Sue Cooney
Kate Coppola
Amy Cornelius
Wesley Cornell
Douglas Croft
Laura Cruz
Sherry Curtin
Joe Cusumano
Lisa Daddona
Kimberly Dale
Sandra Daniels
Amber Davis
Barbara Deal
Bridget Dean
Linda DeFeo
Jeff Dennis
Peggy Dennis
Barbara Dewey
William Dietrich
Eileen Dillon
Jaime Doane
Bettina Donofrio
Ellen Dowling
Kathryn Downs
Patti Drago
Janet Draper
Patricia Dube
Anne Carol Finley
Julie Fisher
Rick Fisher
Susan Fiske
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Maggie Flanagan
Lynda Flynn
Antoinette Foley
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Molly Forward
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Alice Freund
Janis Gaddis
Richard Gardener
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Howard Gerken
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Stephen Goldman
Anthony Gonski
Mary Ellen Gonski
Eugene Gonzalez
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Patti Gottkeiner
Cindy Gould
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Gwen Gray
David Green
Kathy Green
Mari Grebowski
Terry Griswold
Trudy Gueterle
Bob Gustowski
Carla Hackley
Jeremy Hager
Craig (Ruth) Haggerty
Marj Gary
Susan Hannan
Anne Hanzel
Elaina Hanzel
Laurie Hartnett
Jim Hartsg
Cornelius Hawk
Peggie Hawk
Julie Hawley
Margaret Heffeman
Karen Himman
Virginia Hitz
William Himman
Oksana Hoye
Angie Holleger
Dina Hollingsworth
Elizabeth Holbyfield
Howard Holstawi
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Rick Neble
Janet Hostelley
Jackie Hostelley
Arlene Hubler
Larry Hubler
Dennis Huffman
Cindy Hull
Douglas Hunt
MaryCarol Hunter
Alisa Hutzel-Herman
Rick Hyderman
Jamie Idzi
Doug Isaac
Ellen Jacobson
Jake Jacobson
David Jayne
Karen Jayne
Laurie Johnson
Linda Jones
Mary Jones
Robert Katz
Arthur Kaufman
Emma Kelsey
Brenda Kerber
Margaret Kimmel
Bob King
Karen King
Kathy Kinsella
Charlene Kipila
Peggy Kircher
Donald Klima
Sue Kohl
Walter Kohl
Madelyn Kowalewska
Maureen Kugler
Besty Kuharich
Lynn Le Brun
Margie Leachman
Nancy Leager
Liz Leach
Annamaria Leon
Kathy Lesperance
Daniel Lesvesque
Memilee Lesvesque
Christina Lex
Nancy Liberatore
Melinda Linde
Al (Ernest) Lister
Vern Looper
Don Louk
Susan Lyons
Janet MacDonald
April Mach
Claudine Maggio
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Samantha Marcus
Peggy Mark
Nick Marten
Vern Marten
Aimee Martin
Judy Martin
Lauren Martucci
Mary Matus
Vanessa Mayer
Joan McAleen
Michelle McClave
Carol McCloud
Patrick McGinty
Randy McGoldrick
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Melanie Ruckle
Dave Rufft
Trixie Rufft
Chelsea Ruiz
Maureen Ryan
Danniele Ryman
Al Salas
Ray Sander
Marie Sans Spess
Pauline Santorelli
Garland Saville
Sally Scarangella
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Kurt Schaub
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Michelle Schmidt
Karen Schneiderman
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Leslie Sinclair
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Judith Smith
Marianne Smith
Sheila Smith
Thomas Smith
Dina Smoot
Heather Spencer
Tony Spencer
Victoria Spicol
Gretchen Spraug
David Stacey
Karen Steinhoud
Denise Stock
Clay Stadley
Judy Stuhl
Bob Suter
Joan Stutty
Sherly Swed
Pam Switzer
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Selma Tepper
Richard Thomas
Gregg Thompson
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Matthew Tumbull
Alan Tuttle
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Marlyn Chaney
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Gai Dubowe
Don Dube
Karen Dudley
Judith Duffy
Janet Dunsmuir
Linda Duffy
Eileen Edelin
Austin Eischeid
Laura Eksetya
Kay Ellis
Candice Evans
Nancy Evans
Phyllis Farreney
Christopher Fecko
Linda Federman
Lester Ferguson
Antoinette Fililaggi

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Special Events
• DBG Sip & Saunter Garden Party / Piet Oudolf Annual Visit, May 4, 2018
• DBG Annual Dinner Party at the Meadows Garden, September 6, 2018

Educational Activities
• Sussex Central High School – IB Science Class (5/31/2018)
• Girl Scout Troop #20566, York, PA (6/18-19/2018)
• University of Delaware Landscape Architecture Students( Bridge Project) (8/24/2018)
• Macro Special Interest Group for Coastal Camera Club (8/09/2018)
• OSHER LifeLong Learning Class (UD) (10/06/2018; 10/17/2018)
• Meadow Garden Learning Day (for Docents; 10/12/2018)

Private Tours
• Pennsylvania Horticulture Society (5/10/2018)
• Rehoboth Beach Village Improvement Association (5/23/2018)
• Coastal Camera Club (6/12/2018; 9/21/2018)
• Garden Club of Millsboro (8/10/2018)
• Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, MD (8/21/2018)
• Crystal Trust (8/21/2018)
• Sussex County Master Gardeners (9/11/2018)
• Delaware Invasive Species Council (9/13/2018)
• The Ridings Garden Club (9/17/2018)
• Barefoot Gardeners Club (10/15/2018)
• Osher LifeLong Learning (UD)/Tour (10/17/2018)
• Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (11/14/2018)

Presentations
• Landscape Design Symposium at Connecticut College Arboretum (1/18/2018)
• Chevy Chase Club (2/04/2018)
• Worcester County Garden Club (2/12/2018)
• Cokesbury Garden Club (2/28/2018; 3/13/2018)
• Philadelphia Flower Show (3/12/2018)
• Lancaster Garden Club (3/13/2018)
• Tanger Outlets (3/14/2018)
• Garden Club of Wilmington (4/02/2018)
• Plantation Lakes (4/09/2018)
• Lower Shore Land Trust (4/11/2018)
• Delaware Native Plant Society (4/14/2018)
• Delaware Hospitality Expo (4/17/2018)
• Kendal at Longwood (4/23/2018)
• Sussex Economic and Development Action Committee (SEDAC) (4/27/2018)
• Delaware Community Foundation (5/04/2018)
• Millersville Native Plant Conference (6/09/2018)
• Lewes In Bloom (6/12/2018)
• Americana Bayside Community, Fenwick Island, DE (7/12/2018)
• Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, (7/18/2018)
• Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (9/18/2018)
• Plantation Lakes Garden Club (10/03/2018)
• Horticultural Society of Maryland (10/09/2018)
• Merriweather Garden Center (10/13/2018)
• West Chester Garden Club (10/16/2018)
• Salt Air Gardeners (10/19/2018)
• Delaware Invasive Species Council Annual Meeting (10/30/2018)
• Garden Club of Chevy Chase & the Perennial Garden Club (11/13/2018)
• Sussex Gardeners Club (11/15/2018)
• Delaware Valley Hosta Society (11/17/2018)

Exhibits and Community Service
• Jayne’s Reliable Peace, Love and Earth Day (4/21/2018)
• Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Native Plant Sale (5/05/2018)
• Bear Trap Dunes Community Volunteer Day (6/21/2018)
• Longwood Garden Interns (6/21/2018)
• Winterthur Volunteers (6/23/2018)
• Beach to Bay Cottage Tour (7/2018)
• Camp Rehoboth Volunteer Days (7/11/2018; 11/14/2018)
• Rehoboth Beach Farmers Market (7/17/2018)
• Dagsboro Night Out (8/07/2018)
• CIB Decked Out 2018 Silent Auction
• Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Volunteer Day (10/25/2018)
• Easter Seals “Walk with Me” (11/21/2018)
Funds Raised

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Dagsboro Paint & Wallpaper
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The true value of the DBG 37-acre site is not reflected in the in-kind income. The land was last valued at $1.2 million and the Sussex County Land Trust leases it to DBG for $1 per year for 99 years, renewable twice.
The creation of the Delaware Botanic Gardens is a community endeavor which has involved hundreds of dedicated Delawareans and scores of generous regional and local businesses.

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• Become a member
• Volunteer in the gardens as a Garden Steward, Welcome Center docent, or in an administrative role
• Learn about naming rights opportunities in memory of or in tribute to a loved one
• Introduce a friend to the Garden

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