

Partners in Preservation

At Jenkins, our nationally accredited *Rhododendron* collection does more than add vibrant color to the landscape—it represents decades of horticultural dedication, conservation, and commitment to preserving the natural beauty that defines our garden. Our collection boasts both familiar varieties and rare species, bolstering biodiversity and safeguarding plants that are increasingly threatened or difficult to find in the wild.

Through our Native Rhododendron Germplasm Repository project (described on page 8) we are actively collecting and preserving unique native azaleas and rhododendrons from across the eastern United States. This initiative is just one of the many ways your support ensures that Jenkins serves as both a sanctuary and showcase for extraordinary plants.

Achieving and maintaining accreditation is no small feat. It reflects a deep commitment to excellence. Jenkins is proud to be home to one of the most extensive and well-documented collections of rhododendrons in the world, meeting rigorous standards in plant diversity,

meticulous record-keeping, and high-quality care. Our horticulturists work tirelessly behind the scenes, from expertly pruning and managing soil health to creating photographic guides for identifying native azaleas (learn more on page 11), all to ensure that our collections thrive.

But this legacy is not maintained by our horticulturists alone. Partners like you play a pivotal role in providing the resources needed to care for and expand our iconic *Rhododendron* collection. Your membership ensures the continuation of vital conservation efforts that safeguard these botanical treasures for future generations.

This spring, as our azaleas and rhododendrons burst into full bloom, we invite you to join us in preserving their future. Your membership guarantees that these magnificent plants will continue to bring joy, inspiration, and ecological benefits for decades to come.

Join us today and help keep Jenkins blooming for tomorrow.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS SUPPORT:

- **48** acres of woodlands and habitat
- Employment of **6** horticulture staff
- Preservation of 27 species of native rhododendron through the Native Rhododendron Germplasm Repository
- On-site propagation of 250+ plant species annually
- Cultivation of **3,203** species of azaleas (1,000 unique taxa)



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