The American Boxwood Society was organized here at Blandy Experimental Farm in 1961 by a group of gardeners and botanists who were deeply concerned at the continuing spread of "boxwood decline" throughout Virginia. Extensive plantings of old 'Suffruticosa' boxwoods were dying in stages, with the disease moving from one plant to another.

The Society's mission was defined as education and scientific investigation; therefore funds were provided to support a lengthy study at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University searching for the causes of "English boxwood decline." The disease did not seem to affect any other type of boxwood. The results from the work at Virginia Tech indicated that decline was usually associated with an organism which attacked the root system, Paecilomyces buxi. No cure was found, but stressful conditions (years of drought or poor cultural practices) did seem to predispose the plants to damage. Recommended action for prevention included annual thinning and cleaning, provision of adequate moisture but not soggy soil conditions, maintenance of soil pH at levels between 6.5 and 7.2, and occasional fertilization in the late fall or winter with 10-10-10 or other non-acidforming material.

ABS is also the International Registration Authority for *Buxus*, ensuring that known varieties are not assigned new, unverified names. Memberships in the American Boxwood Society are available for \$25 per year from ABS, P.O. Box 85, Boyce VA 22620.

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American Boxwood Society Boxwood Memorial Garden



State Arboretum of Virginia

At the University of Virginia's

Blandy Experimental Farm



oxwoods have grown here at the Arboretum since the late 1920s. By 1936 there were about 70 kinds of box, although most were unidentified. The plants of Korean box 'Nana' growing along the front entrance walk have been there since the addition to the Quarters was constructed in the early 1940s. Today the Boxwood Memorial Garden displays more than 100 different species and varieties, all labeled.

The Boxwood Memorial Garden was first envisioned in 1975 to honor two fine plantsmen, botanists and boxwood enthusiasts who died in 1974, Henry Hohman of the Kingsville Nursery, Maryland, and Dr. John T. Baldwin of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Long-time supporters of the American Boxwood Society, both men had donated many plants to the ABS boxwood collection here at Blandy Experimental Farm, the Orland E. White Arboretum. The Society wanted to use these plants in an educational display garden to exhibit the wide range of sizes, shapes, and textures available in the genus Buxus, to create a living museum.

The garden was begun in 1977 using all the plants which could be positively identified by name, but no particular systematic groupings were attempted. Over the next dozen years the plants grew well and additional cultivars were added. Many specimens began to outgrow their allotted spaces. The designation as the State Arboretum of Virginia in 1986 and subsequent construction of the Amphitheater brought about a transfer of the Boxwood Garden to a new location. A more rational and scientific design

for the placement of plants was adopted. Now plants are located according to species, so that similarities and differences can be more easily compared. Groupings of collections have become possible, such as those developed from Dr. Edgar Anderson's 1934 Balkan explorations and those chosen for hardiness in the Midwestern United States by testing in St. Louis, as well as those which are hardy in Canada and the northern U.S.

The Garden's south bed exhibits Buxus microphylla and Buxus sinica var. insularis, the Asian boxwoods such as Japanese and Korean.

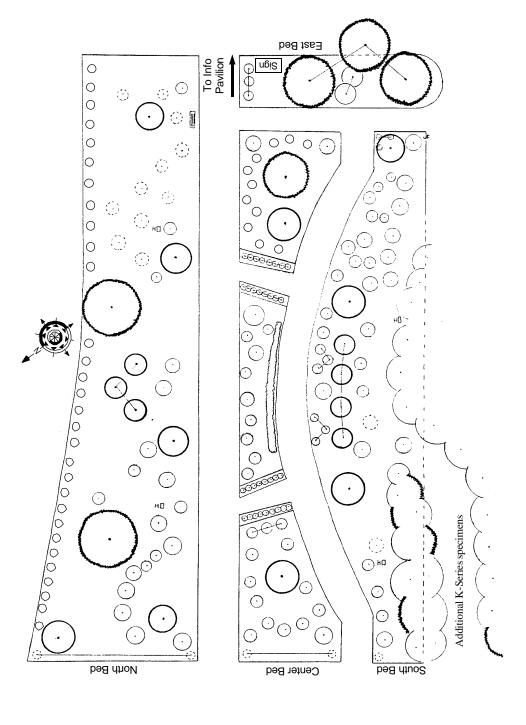
The center bed contains the

Edgar Anderson collection together with its seedlings and some of the Missouri Botanical Garden Midwestern selections. The North bed displays cultivars of *Buxus sempervirens*, hardy northern plants and some of Dr. J. T. Baldwin's own choices. Space still remains for additional plants and newly-registered cultivars will be added as they become available.



The Blandy Boxwood Story

The Graham Blandy Boxwood featured on the cover of this brochure, *Buxus sempervirens* 'Graham Blandy,' was developed from a specimen that can still be seen here at Blandy Experimental Farm. It is a striking plant with straight sides that form a very narrow, upright, dense plant. A 20-year-old plant will be about 9 feet tall and only 1 to 1-1/2 feet wide. Mature height is 15 to 18 feet, and it is probably hardy to Zone 5.



The American Boxwood Society Memorial Garden Plant List

Botanical Name	Location	Buxus sempervirens (continued)	7	Buxus sempervirens (continued)	
Buxus harlandii (Species)	East, North	Anstocial	North	Northern Find	North
Buxus microphyua (Species)	South	Aureo-vainegata	North	included the form to the form	North
'Compacta'	South	Aurea Pendula	North	Northland	North
'Creepy'	South	Beckett	North	Fendula	nnos
'Curly Locks'	South	'Belleville'	South	Pier Cove	North
'Grace Hendrick Phillips'	' South	'Berlin'	North	'Ponteyi'	South
'Green Pillow'	South	'Blauer Heinz'	North	'Prizren' (K-series)	Center
'Helen Whiting'	South	'Bullata'	South	'Prostrata'	South
'Henry Hohman'	South	'Clembrook'	North	'Pullman'	North
'John Baldwin'	South	'Cliffside'	Center	'Pyramidalis'	South
'Kingsville'	South	'Dee Runk'	Center	'Pyramidalis Hardwickensis'	censis,
'Locket'	South	'Denmark'	Center		North
'Miss Jones'	South	'Ed Wyckoff'	North	'Rochester'	North
'Ouiet End'	South	'Edgar Anderson' (351-35) Center	5) Center	'Rotundifolia'	South
'Sunlight'	South	'Elegantissima'	South, North	'Salicifolia'	South
'Sunnyside'	South	'Fastigiata'	North	'Salicifolia Elata'	South
'Winter Gem'	South	'Faulkner'	North	'Scupi' (353-35)	Center
'Jim's Spreader'	North	'Flora Place'	Center	'Sport'	North
		'Fortunei Rotundifolia'	South	'Ste. Genevieve'	Center
Buxus microphylla var. japonica		'Glauca'	South		South
'Green Beauty'	South	'Glencoe'	North	'Strassner'	Center
'Liberty'	South	'Graham Blandy'	Center	'Suffruticosa'	East
'Morris Dwarf'	South	'Handsworthiensis'	North	Topiary	North
'Morris Midget'	South	'Henry Shaw'	North	,Treska Gorge, (789-34)	4) South
'National'	South	'Hermann von Schrenk'	Center	,Undulifolia	
Buxus sinica var. insularis (Species) South	cies) South	'Holland'	North	'Vardar Valley' (352-35)	35) Center
'Justin Brouwers'	South	'Hollandia'	North		South
'Nana'	South	,pooH,	Center	'Varifolia'	North
'Pincushion'	South	'Inglis'	North, South	'Welleri'	North
'Tall Boy'	South	'Ipek' (K series)	Center	'West Ridgeway'	East
'Tide Hill'	South	'Joe Gable'	North	'Woodland'	North
'Winter Beauty'	South	Joy,	Center	'Yorktown'	North
'Wintergreen'	South	K-Numbers (various)	Center		
Ruvus v		'Krossi-livonia'	Center	Companion Plants	nts
'Annalachian Dyramid'	North		South		1
'Green Gem'	South	'Latifolia'	South	Amelanchier aroored (DOWII) Set vicebelly, Chionauthus virainicus (White Fringe Tree)	ServiceDerry) Fringe Tree)
'Green Mound'	South	Latifolia Aurea Maculata South	a South	(boomed esing Kenners)	11mgv 11cc)
'Green Mountain'	South	Latifolia Macrophylla	South	Hydranoea auercifolia (Oakleaf Hydranoea)	d) f Hydrangea)
'Green Velvet'	South	Lationa Nova	South	Hea virginica (Virginia Sweetsnire)	rire)
'Northern Emerald'	North	Liberty (Mean: Combile)	Center	Oxydendrum arboreum (Sourwood)	(boo
		Mary Gamble	Center	Pinus nonderosa (Ponderosa Pine)	ne)
Buxus sempervirens (species)	Arb.	'Memorial'	North	Pinus pormer osa (1 omerosa 11)	(Circ
'Abilene'	Center	Meyers Columnar	North	Stewartia (Stewartia)	
Agram $(K-/9)$	Center	Myosotidifolia	South	Styrax janonicus (Japanese Snowbell)	(xyhell)
Angusuiona	South	Natchez	Center	Thuid occidentalis (Fastern Arbor Vitae)	or Vitae)
Arborescens	Arb.	Newport Blue	North	Traile Containing Casasta	701 4 1mc)
'Argenteo-variegata'	South	Nish' (K series)	Center	Note: Specimen locations subject to change.	ct to change.