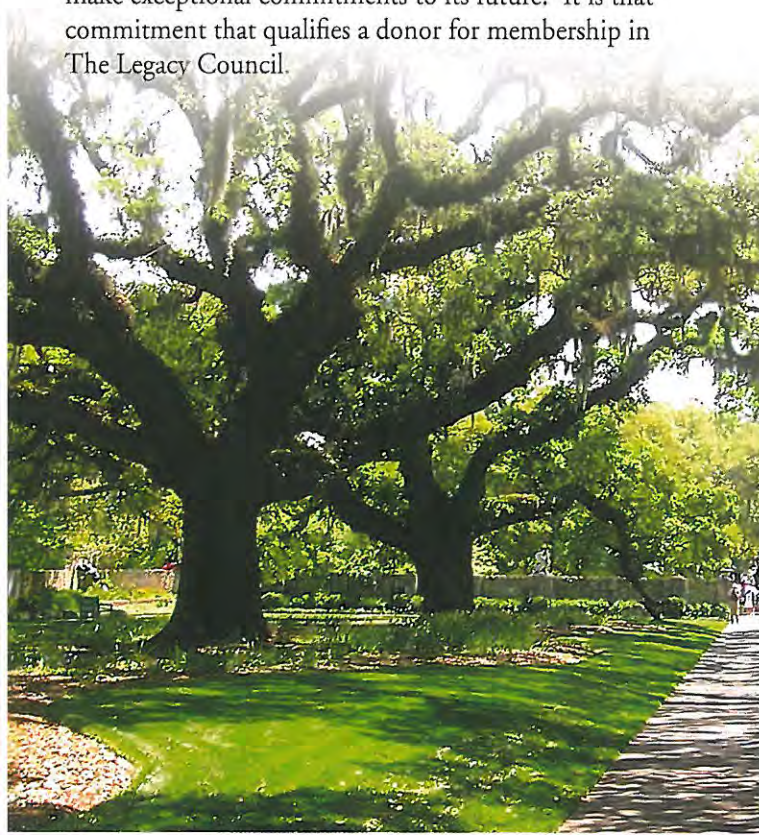




## THE LEGACY COUNCIL

The Legacy Council of Brookgreen Gardens includes donors who have shown their long-term interest in and support of the institution. These generous donors have included Brookgreen Gardens in their estate plans.

Since its founding in 1931 by Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington, Brookgreen Gardens has relied upon the foresight and investment of its patrons. The Legacy Council exists to recognize the people who make exceptional commitments to its future. It is that commitment that qualifies a donor for membership in The Legacy Council.



## WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to provide for long-term gifts to Brookgreen Gardens. The most traditional of these is to designate this institution in your estate planning process and your will. Whatever means you may choose to consider, your planned gift to Brookgreen Gardens will help ensure that future generations of visitors from all walks of life and all corners of our country will be able to enjoy the treasure created from these acres by Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington over 75 years ago.

## THOUGHTS ABOUT GIVING

Planned gifts include current major gifts, life income gifts and estate gifts. They include simple bequests, which are the most common of planned gifts, gifts of life insurance and retirement assets, and a variety of life income agreements such as trusts and annuities. Thoughtful gift planning can benefit donors, Brookgreen Gardens and future generations.

- Planned gifts provide the donor the chance to be philanthropic and may also provide a current income tax deduction.
- Gifts funded with highly appreciated assets may allow a donor to avoid or lessen capital gains tax liabilities.
- Planned gifts may provide the donor the opportunity to enjoy either a fixed or variable income.
- Selected instruments may give the donor the opportunity to supplement retirement income (e.g. deferred charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts).
- Some gifts may provide the donor with an opportunity to enjoy increased income compared to current investments.
- All planned gifts make donors feel good about themselves and about the institution they have designated as the recipient of their gifts.



## GIFT OPTIONS TO BENEFIT BROOKGREEN GARDENS

**Bequests** ~ A provision is made in a donor's will, whereby the Gardens receive cash and/or other assets at the time of the donor's death. Gifts avoid estate tax on the assets given.

**Charitable Gift Annuities** ~ A legal contract between the donor and the Gardens, where the donor exchanges cash, stock or other assets for an agreed upon income for life.

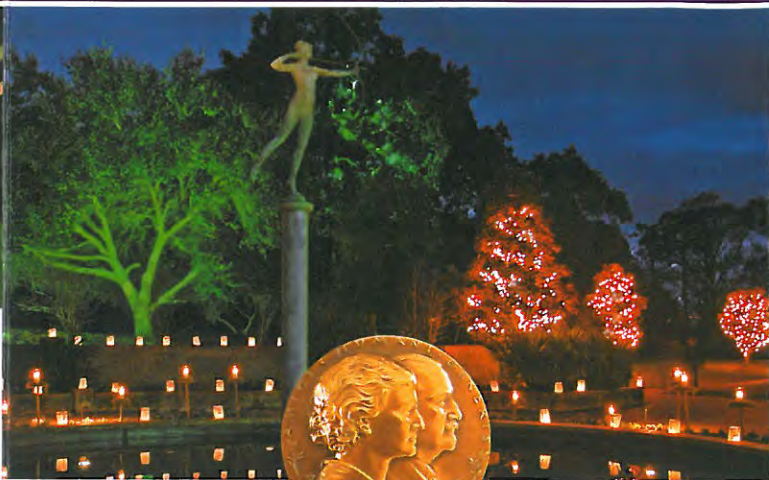
**Charitable Remainder Trusts** ~ Used by a donor to transfer assets to a trust, which ultimately is distributed to the Gardens after the death of the last income beneficiary. The donor (and/or other income beneficiaries) retains a fixed or variable income for life.

**Life Estate Contracts** ~ An agreement established by donors to transfer a deed of real property to the Gardens while reserving for themselves and/or someone else the right to live on or use the property for life. Charitable deductions for life estate contracts are limited to properties that are either personal residences or undeveloped land.

**Charitable Lead Trusts** ~ Established by a donor to transfer assets to a trust that provides income to the Gardens for a period of years. At the end of that period, the trust assets revert either to the donor or to someone else the donor designates (such as the donor's heir or other beneficiaries).

**Retirement Plan Assets** ~ When left to the Gardens, these assets can escape both estate and income taxation. Gifts from individual retirement accounts and qualified retirement plans offer distinct tax advantages.

**Life Insurance Policies** ~ The donor may transfer ownership of an existing policy to the Gardens or purchase a life insurance policy naming the Gardens as the beneficiary.



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## AN INVITATION

Brookgreen Gardens invites you to consider designating a significant planned gift to the institution, at which point you become a permanent member of The Legacy Council. This group of individual donors believes in the purposes for which Brookgreen Gardens was founded and wants to ensure a strong future for generations to come. Members whose designated gifts are \$10,000 or more will receive periodic invitations to special events and those who grant permission to recognize their names are acknowledged in Brookgreen Gardens' Annual Report and The Wall of Honor.

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