Become a Benefactor …
Why not become a Benefactor Member of the Friends of the University of Bristol Botanic Garden?
Enjoyable for you and of great benefit to the Garden!
The subscription for 2016 is only £125.

The extra funds provided by our Benefactor Members have been important for several developments in the Garden, while their interest and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. As from 1 January 2015 all moneys received (including tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme and extra donations) will go to our Education and Training Fund. This helps to provide traineeships in the Garden, either by funding in full or by supplementing bursaries from other organisations such as the Work and Retrain as a Gardener Scheme (WRAGS) and the Historic and Botanic Garden Bursary Scheme (HBGBS).

Benefactor membership can be for one person or two at the same address. It gives free admission to the Garden for two people and complimentary tickets to Friends’ social events at the Garden, such as the Jazz evening, and an invitation to at least one special event each year. The support of Benefactor members is acknowledged, with their agreement, in the Welcome Lodge and in the newsletter.

Each year the Benefactor Members are invited to a special Garden event on a summer evening. They are welcomed by the Chairman of the Friends, Pat Davie, and by the Director of the Garden (Professor Simon Hiscock), if he is available. The Curator, Nick Wray, then leads a tour, highlighting the past year’s developments. The group is shown recent acquisitions, including the extraordinary desert plant, *Welwitschia mirabilis*. These have been acquired from Chelsea Physic Garden and cannot be seen by general visitors as they are in the propagation house, in a specially constructed, heated, raised bed. The group is usually addressed by a trainee (Cathy Lewis in 2014, Zoe Parfitt in 2015), who speaks about how the training has been of value and any special project. Light refreshments are then enjoyed on the West Terrace until the light fades.

To become a Benefactor Member please complete the membership form.
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Nick Wray shows the Benefactors the *Welwitschia mirabilis* WRAGS trainee Cathy Lewis explaining the Ballast Seed Garden project