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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AMBLER RECOGNIZED BY STATE DURING FORMAL GARDEN DEDICATION

During 2011, Temple University Ambler is celebrating its rich history, which dates back to when Jane Bowne Haines officially opened the doors of the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women in 1911. In June, the anniversary celebration paid tribute to Louise Carter Bush-Brown, who helped guide the history of the campus for more than 30 years.

On Sunday, June 5, Temple University Ambler formally celebrated the dedication of the Louise Bush-Brown Formal Gardens. During the event, Pennsylvania State Representatives Thomas Murt and Todd Stephens presented the campus with a special citation from the State House of Representatives honoring the campus' centennial year.

“The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania takes great pride in recognizing those educational institutions that are committed to the enrichment of their communities. The Temple University Ambler Campus is being honored upon the momentous occasion of its centennial anniversary,” said Representative Murt, reading from the citation. “Throughout its proud history, the Temple University Ambler Campus has made immeasurable contributions toward the welfare of society and the community at large through preparing its students for the highest quality of scholarship and leadership. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania salutes the Temple University Ambler Campus as it commits itself to the ideals and standards which have sustained it for one hundred years and offers best wishes for a bright and successful future.”

Representatives Murt and Stephens also took part in a special ribbon cutting as the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University's centerpiece formal perennial gardens were dedicated as the Louise Bush-Brown Formal Gardens to honor Bush-Brown's many milestone contributions to the campus.

“The students in the first two graduating classes were, in the true sense of the word, pioneers,” said Louise Carter Bush-Brown in 1964, recollecting her own time at the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women. “We were venturing into a completely new field for women and had no way of knowing what opportunities the future might hold for us.”

One of the earliest students of the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women — she graduated in 1915 — Bush-Brown returned to the school in 1924 as director and remained in the position into the 1950s.

“Boosting enrollment and establishing degree-bearing programs, the school truly flourished during her tenure and the foundations of Temple University Ambler and the School of Environmental Design — student-centered learning, respect for the environment, and community engagement — were established,” said Jenny Rose Carey, Director of the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University. “It was Louise Bush-Brown's husband James and nationally acclaimed horticulturist and garden designer Beatrix Farrand that developed the Formal Gardens in the 1920s, the premier historic horticulture feature on campus.”

Additional Ambler Campus 100th Anniversary events will take place throughout the summer and fall, including a **tour of Northview**, Jenny Rose Carey's personal gardens, in June; the annual **Rhapsody in Bloom** and the **Temple Ambler Campus Alumni Annual Picnic** in September; and the dedication of the **Hilda Justice Artifacts Collection** in November. Jenny Rose Carey will also offer **themed tours of the campus gardens** from June through October.

“Temple University Ambler is an important location for women's history in the United States. One hundred years is quite a milestone,” said Carey. “This year-long celebration gives us a chance to explore some of that history. We want to give people the opportunity to learn more about these historic, iconic women of the early 20th century who were so influential in horticulture, agriculture, and design in addition to celebrating the wonderful history of this campus.”

For more information about Temple University Ambler's 100th anniversary celebration, visit www.ambler.temple.edu/anniversary.