



Phipps Welcomes the World





To inspire and educate visitors with the beauty and importance of plants;
to advance sustainability and worldwide biodiversity through action and research;
and to celebrate its historic glasshouse.





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A Note from the Executive Director

For more than 100 years, Phipps has invited guests from around the world to enjoy our beloved Conservatory and the wonder and beauty of plants. Recently, we had the opportunity to host our most important guests to date. This special edition of our magazine is dedicated to everyone who made that event a success.

On July 29, 2009 a call came in from Emmett Beliveau, head of the White House advance team. Would we be interested in hosting the official welcome, opening reception and leaders' dinner at Phipps during the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit?

Would we? Of course we would. And so set in motion a flurry of activities to get our historic glasshouse ready for President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and heads of state from around the world.

I was as excited as everyone else in Pittsburgh when I learned that President Obama selected our city as the host site for this important event. Out of more than 300 Pittsburgh venues that applied for consideration, Phipps made the short list and was given the opportunity to make a presentation to the White House advance team in June. We centered our pitch on two points: that Phipps would provide a serene, inspirational space to discuss some of the world's most pressing problems; and that Phipps' dedication to eco-friendly practices fit President Obama's interest in hosting a green summit.

Phipps is known as The Green Heart of Pittsburgh and is a recognized leader in sustainability. Our LEED® certified Welcome Center is the first in a public garden; our Tropical Forest Conservatory is the most energy-efficient conservatory in the world; and plans are in the works to build the Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL), a Living Building that will operate using net-zero energy and water, meet the Living Building Challenge and exceed LEED® Platinum certification.

During our presentation, we talked about how Phipps has evolved from a relic of the last industrial revolution to one of the greenest gardens in the world. We likened our transformation to the rebirth of Pittsburgh, a city that reinvented itself for the 21st century with investments and diversification in education, health care and information systems. We thought that these stories, coupled with the beauty of our Conservatory, would appeal to the White House.

We were right. Along with a few other venues, we were chosen to represent Pittsburgh for key events during the Summit.

Come September, heads of state from around the world would be dining on roasted, herbed rack of lamb and striped bass on a custom-made 110-foot table constructed from local century-old oak trees. But before any of that could happen, Phipps' staff and volunteers had to band together to plant, prune, trim and polish the Conservatory to perfection just in time for its night in the spotlight. We had less than two months to get ready.

Luckily, we already had an exceptional exhibit in place. "Life in the Gardens: Fräbel at Phipps" showcased the work of world-famous flamework artist Hans Godo Fräbel, an avid gardener who worked with our staff to incorporate his glass creations into Phipps' botanical landscapes with whimsy and creativity.

We identified two target audiences: the world leaders who would arrive on September 24 and the reporters from around the world who would visit weeks prior to the event.

The Pittsburgh G-20 Partnership helped us get started with a number of initiatives. We hired a project manager to identify and direct the many contractors we would need to complete painting projects, concrete repair, electrical work, pressure washing, cleaning and more. Local and national press releases were written, rooms were remodeled, and plants and exhibit areas were trimmed and spruced up.

We worked with Urban Tree Forge to create a one-of-a-kind, sustainably produced table for the leaders' dinner made of trees salvaged from Riverview Park on Pittsburgh's North Side. Representatives from the White House, State Department and Secret Service arrived, followed by the advance teams and secret service departments from every participating country to inspect our venue. Reporters from renowned national and international publications and television stations, such as *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Hindu* and NBC prepared wonderful stories that introduced our glasshouse gem to new audiences.

With less than one week to go, the major preparations began. White House consultants installed tents, stages were built and special lighting was installed. Staff from the White House and State Department led rehearsals throughout the day with numerous government agencies and consultants. Everyone practiced, over and over again, until it was perfect. It was time to open our green heart to the world.

The night of the event, my family and I welcomed President and Mrs. Obama. I presented them with gifts from Phipps: a Fräbel glass bowl and two tropical glass frogs for daughters Sasha and Malia. I also gave a commendation to Mrs. Obama from the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) recognizing her for promoting the importance of healthy foods and the benefits of gardening in childrens' lives.

At 6:40 p.m., the other local and world leaders, spouses, finance ministers and delegates began to arrive one by one and proceed into the Conservatory for the opening reception. By 7:30 p.m., all of our guests were present, and the leaders' spouses departed for dinner at Teresa Heinz Kerry's Rosemont Farm and the finance ministers gathered at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The world leaders convened to our Special Events Hall for a working dinner.

By 11 p.m., the event was over and most people had left; a light rain could hold off no longer. A member of the White House advance team approached me. "The President is happy," he said. "You hit a home run." Nothing more needed to be said.

We enjoyed working with everyone from the White House, State Department, government agencies, and their consultants, and appreciated the care and respect they showed for Phipps. It was a great honor to be a part of this historic event and to be in the spotlight representing the city of Pittsburgh.

We hope you enjoy the following pages, which feature photographs of Phipps and all that went into preparing our greenhouse for its day on the world's stage.



Executive Director Richard Piacentini and family with President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

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Oil on canvas portrait
of Henry Phipps by
Theobald Chartran.

The History of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

At the height of Pittsburgh's industrial revolution, steel and real estate magnate Henry Phipps constructed Phipps Conservatory as a gift to the City of Pittsburgh in Schenley Park with the intent to provide guests with a source of instruction and a place of leisure. Inspired by the City Beautiful movement and originally stocked with tropical plants from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the Conservatory has evolved into a model of sustainability and an exhibit space ranked among the nation's top conservatory experiences. A shimmering glasshouse situated in Oakland's Schenley Park, Phipps is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and continues to be one of the region's most vibrant, beloved cultural attractions.

Henry Phipps, who became a trusted friend and business partner of Andrew Carnegie, was 54 when the Conservatory opened on December 7, 1893. The son of a Scottish immigrant cobbler, Phipps was dedicated to philanthropy, giving away seven million dollars over his lifetime. Today's Conservatory, his best known legacy, remains a symbol of his generosity. Designed by the New York firm Lord & Burnham, the original Victorian glasshouse cost \$100,000 to build, and when it opened, its nine rooms made it the largest and finest conservatory of its kind in the United States.

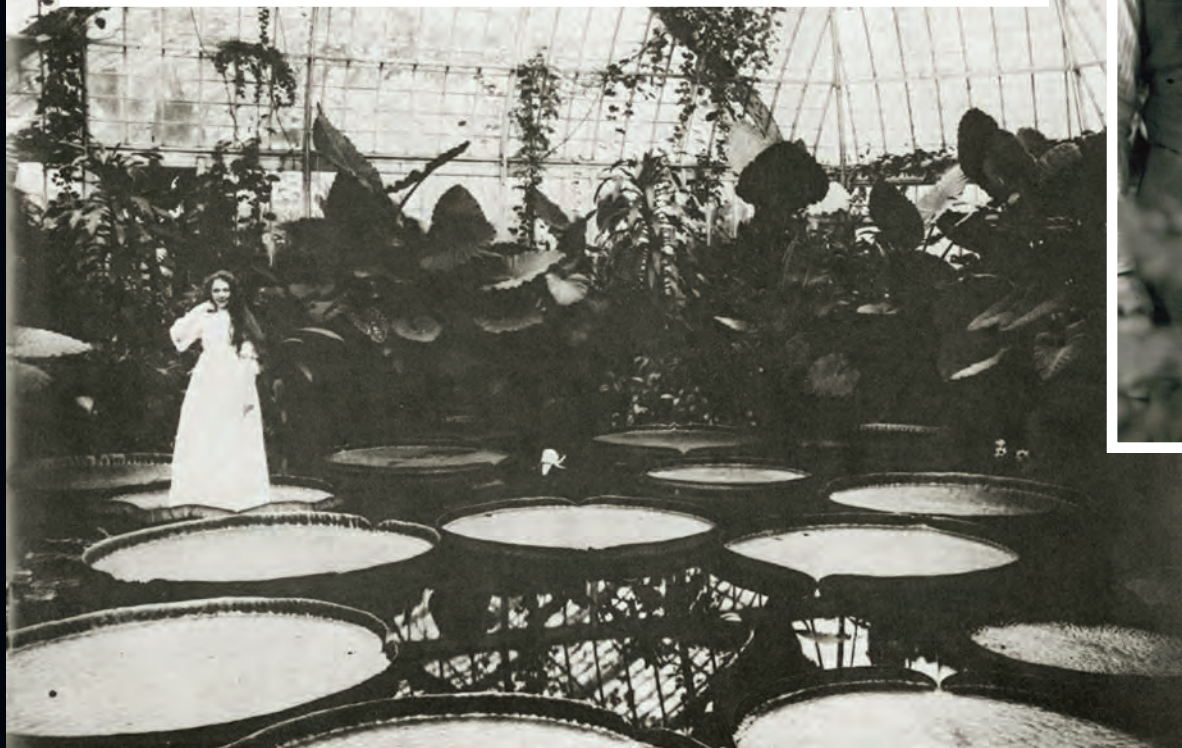
Phipps Conservatory has seen many additions and changes in its 100-plus-year history. In 1895, the City of Pittsburgh financed and built working greenhouses on the Phipps grounds so that horticulturists could grow and tend to plants before they were displayed for the public. These production houses were later replaced in the 1930s and again in 2006. Henry Phipps funded construction of the South Conservatory, which included two side rooms that are now known as the Fruit and Spice Room and the Gallery, in 1897. In 1901, Phipps Hall of Botany opened next to the Conservatory, offering a permanent teaching area for students, and allowing Phipps to become the first teaching conservatory in the nation. The following year, Phipps funded the thirteenth glasshouse addition, the Cacti House, in the space now referred to as the Desert Room.

1937 brought a wind storm that severely damaged the Conservatory, shattering glass panes in the display rooms. The distinctive ogee arch that crowned the roof of the Palm Court was removed because of the storm. The Conservatory was closed for repairs for 20 months and reopened for the Fall Flower Show in 1938.

In the late '70s and early '80s, a number of other improvements were made, including the addition of the present-day Outdoor Garden, which was created with the assistance of the Garden Club of Allegheny County. The Japanese Courtyard Garden, which featured a Japanese-inspired garden and Bonsai display, opened in 1991.



Phipps Conservatory, Schenley Park.



Clockwise from left: 1895 photograph of a woman standing on a giant Amazonian water lily pad, *Victoria regia*, in the Victoria Room; 1893 postcard (note the ogee arch atop the central building); Easter lilies displayed on waist-high benches in 1923.

HISTORY



Photo by Alexander Denmarsh



Photo by Richard Piacentini



Clockwise from left: The Tropical Forest Conservatory; Board chair Joseph F. Lagana, Teresa Heinz Kerry and Richard Piacentini commemorate the Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL) groundbreaking; Dale Chihuly's "Goldenrod, Teal and Citron Chandelier," which hangs permanently in Phipps' Welcome Center; an overlook inside the Tropical Forest Conservatory.

Photo by Alexander Denmarsh



On the 100th anniversary of the Conservatory in 1993, Phipps Friends, which was established in 1985, incorporated as Phipps Conservatory, Inc., a non-profit organization. A 100-year lease was signed with the City of Pittsburgh to take over management of the Conservatory. Under private management, Phipps added educational programming, and in 1995, was named a contractual asset for funding from the newly formed Allegheny Regional Asset District. Also that year, the Children's Discovery Garden and the Tropical Fruit and Spice room opened.

In 1998, the name of the organization was changed to Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to better reflect the broadening focus of its campus, exhibits and programs, and Botany Hall, which had been used for years by the City of Pittsburgh for administrative offices, was restored to its original splendor. In 2000, Phipps acquired Botany in Action from the Garden Club of Allegheny County, thereby initiating a research program at Phipps focused on ethnobotany and other botanical research. In 2001, Phipps merged with the Pittsburgh Garden Center, bringing with it more than 65 years of rich horticultural educational programming.

In Phipps' early years, as was the tradition of the day, flowers at the Conservatory were displayed in pots on waist-high benches, but beginning in 1935, individual, meticulously-landscaped, themed gardens were created in many of the rooms. With this change in display philosophy, Phipps became known throughout the region for its spectacular flower shows. The spring flower shows featured masses of bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees all forced to perfection, while fall shows displayed hundreds of disbud and cascading chrysanthemums. In 1970, a winter flower show was added with poinsettias and lit trees for the holidays. In 1995, the exhibit philosophy changed again to feature year-round exhibits with the introduction of the slogan, Something's Always Blooming at Phipps.

Phipps began to host national traveling exhibits in 2007 and became the sixth garden in the United States to collaborate with renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly.

The resulting show, "Chihuly at Phipps: Gardens and Glass," was the most successful exhibit in Phipps' history.

In 2009, another glass artist, Hans Godo Fräbel, installed glass figures, masks and sculptures for "Life in the Gardens: Fräbel at Phipps," further solidifying Phipps' reputation as a place where art and horticulture could be seamlessly intertwined.

In recent years, Phipps assumed a leadership position in sustainability for public gardens worldwide with the initiation of a three-phase expansion of its campus. In 2005, the 11,000-square-foot earth sheltered LEED® certified Welcome Center, the first in a public garden, was completed. In 2006, phase two of the project was celebrated with the opening of the Tropical Forest Conservatory, the most energy-efficient conservatory in the world, and creation of state-of-the-art production greenhouses, complete with multiple growing zones and computer-controlled environments. It was the opening of the Tropical Forest that brought the Phipps slogan, The Green Heart of Pittsburgh, to widespread use.

In January of 2007, the Phipps Board of Trustees voted to accept the Living Building Challenge and set in motion the third phase of the expansion with the design of the Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL), a new environmental education center, research facility and administration building that will produce all of its own energy and treat all of its water on-site to exceed LEED® Platinum certification.

In 2009, Phipps hosted its most distinguished guests to date when President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama welcomed world leaders to the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit at Phipps. It was an unforgettable event of international significance.

Today, Phipps continues its tradition of welcoming visitors from around the world, and its mission is to establish a beautiful and enlightening guest experience with a call to action for all who step through its doors to appreciate the beauty of plants and be kind to our planet earth.



Photo by Haukeye Aerial Photo

The Green Heart of Pittsburgh

Phipps' dedication to building a greener greenhouse has resulted in an eco-campaign with global impact

Phipps believes that enjoying the world's most beautiful plants comes intertwined with a responsibility to recognize the interconnectedness of all life on earth and to care for the environment. The Conservatory is filled with lush plants from diverse regions of the world, and part of Phipps' mission is to preserve that sensory experience for future generations, both in its greenhouses and in the natural world. By taking action on site, inspiring visitors to live more eco-friendly lives and supporting sustainability research and outreach programs, Phipps is making a major

impact on how people interact with the world. Through Project Green Heart, Phipps divides its green efforts into three major categories: Green Heart at Phipps, Green Heart at Home and Green Heart in the Field.

Green Heart at Phipps spans the visitor experience, new building construction, horticulture practice and building maintenance. Through its ever-evolving, interactive displays, Phipps allows visitors to learn about sustainable horticulture, conservation, biodiversity and green building design. For a more in-depth on-site education, groups are encouraged to schedule a docent-led green tour of the facility.

Behind the scenes, Phipps is constantly seeking to surpass the highest green standards, pushing the boundaries of environmental stewardship. Its LEED® Silver Welcome Center includes a gift shop that features eco-friendly and fair trade items and a Green Restaurant Certified® Café, which focuses on locally-sourced, organic foods, water filtered on site and compostable serviceware.

The 12,000-square-foot Tropical Forest Conservatory is a multilevel glasshouse that incorporates revolutionary design and the latest eco-technology. Utilizing earth tubes, massive vents, fogging and a new type of shading system, Phipps has been able to eliminate the greenhouse effect, so that it never gets hotter inside the glasshouse than it is outside. During the winter season, selective use of insulated glass, energy blankets, root-zone heating and thermal massing reduce heating costs to one-seventh that of a typical conservatory. This combined with a Solid Oxide Fuel Cell, which efficiently converts natural gas into electricity, makes the Tropical Forest Conservatory the most energy-efficient in the world. Now, Phipps' ambitious on-site plans enter a third phase with the design and construction of the Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL), a living building that will exceed LEED® Platinum certification.

Through Green Heart at Home, Phipps seeks to make sustainability accessible by enabling people to connect with the information and resources they need to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle. Offering a wide range of educational

programs for children and adults, Phipps allows its knowledgeable experts to spread seeds of change throughout the Pittsburgh community and beyond. The educational component of Project Green Heart is backed up with easy to find Web resources, including an annual list of 10 recommended sustainable plants and the local nurseries that carry them, a green gardening calendar and Dr. Phipps GreenLine, an online advice forum that connects home gardeners with Phipps' Master Gardeners.

Green Heart in the Field goes beyond Phipps' campus to many countries around the world. Botany in Action, the flagship program, provides grants that support graduate student fieldwork in botany, ecology and ethnobotany. Grantees visit some of the most remote and botanically-rich areas of the world to document the uses of important, often endangered plants, analyze complex plant families, measure the decline of plant species and identify medicinally active compounds. To date, 33 researchers have benefited from Botany in Action grants.

Another arm of Green Heart in the Field offers outreach to organizations interested in planting and maintaining sustainable gardens. For example, Magee Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood consulted with Phipps' sustainability experts to install a healing and sensory garden. When Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel opened in 2010, it partnered with Phipps to create a clean air garden in its lobby, complete with cast iron plants, asparagus fern and lady palm, all of which are easy to maintain and help clear the air of harmful toxins.

Located amid one of the city's largest historic green spaces, Schenley Park, and adjoining the region's education, research and medical communities, Phipps offers a serene getaway for the casual visitor and for guests interested in hosting eco-friendly business and social affairs. Phipps programs have informed more than 3.5 million visitors since 1993, including attendees from every state and 56 foreign countries, about the importance of plants and eco-harmony while leading all to the pleasures of the garden.

Imagine a Building as Efficient as a Flower

Phipps' Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL) will blend into the environment as seamlessly as if it were living

Phipps is once again setting the pace with its greenest venture to date—its Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL), which will serve as a leading environmental education center, horticultural research facility and administration building. Designed and built by Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania citizens using sustainable, local products, the CSL will emerge as a Living Building, exceeding LEED® Platinum certification. By adhering to the design standards outlined in the Living Building Challenge, the CSL will be a net-zero energy and water building, producing all of its own energy from renewable resources and treating all of its own water on-site. It was chosen as a pilot project to test the sustainable SITES® landscape rating system, which is similar to the LEED® building rating system and is set to become the international standard for eco-friendly landscape practices.

Sustainable design technologies will maximize energy efficiency, provide water and material conservation and exemplify natural beauty. Sustainable and salvaged materials will be used throughout the building, including wood for the exterior from deconstructed Pennsylvania barns. A renewable energy system will generate electricity from the sun, and a vertical axis wind turbine will be employed to create wind energy. A green roof will insulate the building, reduce stormwater runoff and will feature demonstration gardens, an event space and a variety of plants including edibles and ornamentals. Other outdoor features will include rain gardens and bioswales, permeable paving and demonstration beds for residential application. Inside the state-of-the-art building, and within its surrounding landscape, Phipps will conduct and disseminate original research to help transform the way people relate to the natural world.

“The opportunity to combine cutting edge building technology with the highest standards of sustainable landscape design will allow Phipps to present a complete picture of how important it is to sensitively integrate our buildings into the environment and how important plants are to our lives,” states Phipps Executive Director Richard Piacentini.

The CSL will be one of the greenest buildings in the world, a beacon of sustainability in the urban cityscape and a prototype for a new wave of residential and work environments that will interact with the environment in a new, mutually-beneficial way. By showcasing the architectural design and engineering talent of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania firms, the CSL will further secure the region's leading role in sustainable innovation and advancements in the green building movement worldwide.



Phalaenopsis 'Frank Sarris,' a candy-striped orchid named for Phipps' beloved trustee, benefactor and friend.

Photo by Paul g. Wiegman

White House to Greenhouse

How Pittsburgh—and Phipps—Came to Host G-20 Leaders at a Garden Party of Epic Proportions

The Group of Twenty (G-20) was established in 1999 to bring together leaders of the most influential economies in the world. The 2009 Summit focused on a number of key points including how the global economy could recover from recession and what could be done to establish a foundation for sustainable growth. It was the first time a city that was not a global capital had been chosen to play host, and everyone—including press and government officials—seemed to be asking the same question:

Why Pittsburgh?

Although many years ago, the city transformed from a smoky industrial town to a thriving network of large corporations and small businesses, its reputation was clouded by its past. Now, ranked as one of the nation's most livable cities, Pittsburgh is leading the way toward a greener future. In choosing Pittsburgh for the Summit, President Obama brought light to a revitalized 21st-century city that includes world-class universities and hospitals.

The history of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in some ways mirrors the story of Pittsburgh. Built by industrialist Henry Phipps and opened in 1893, the Conservatory has transformed into one of the most eco-conscious gardens in the world. For 2009's G-20 Summit, during which 65 percent of materials used were environmentally friendly, Phipps was a natural fit. The White House Office of the Press Secretary stated, "there is perhaps no more appropriate place to kick off this green summit than at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens."

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

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PITTSBURGH SUMMIT VENUES

The President and First Lady look forward to welcoming world leaders to the Pittsburgh Summit September 24-25. The White House is working closely with state and local officials to plan for a successful and productive meeting. At the Pittsburgh Summit, President Obama and leaders representing 85 percent of the world's economy will assess progress made since the Washington and London G-20 Summits and discuss further steps to achieve a sound and sustainable recovery from the global financial and economic crisis.

White House staff and State Department officials will return to Pittsburgh this week to continue planning for the summit. Countries and organizations participating in the Pittsburgh Summit have been invited to send representatives to tour Pittsburgh.

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens:

The President and First Lady look forward to welcoming leaders, their spouses and officials to Pittsburgh at the city's Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. After welcoming the leaders and spouses, President Obama and world leaders will remain at the conservatory for a working dinner. Known as "the Green Heart of Pittsburgh," Phipps' earth-sheltered Welcome Center was the first LEED-certified building in a public garden. Its newest addition, the Tropical Forest Conservatory, is the world's most energy efficient conservatory and is the only conservatory powered by a solid oxide fuel cell.

PHIPPS PREPARES FOR THE PRESIDENT

In less than two months, Phipps' staff and volunteers readied the Conservatory to welcome world leaders and international press

Never in its 116-year history had Phipps Conservatory hosted an event as noteworthy as the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit. In order to prepare for President Obama and Mrs. Obama, leaders from around the globe, and members of the press, every flower and leaf had to shine and every pane of glass needed to be spotless.

To evaluate Phipps from the perspective of an outsider, design consultants were brought in from Oasis Design, MTR Landscape Architects and Longwood Gardens to critique the glasshouses and outdoor grounds. Marketing consultants from WinSpin, Red House Communications and the Allegheny Conference helped Phipps polish its message. Massaro Corporation, a local construction and real estate firm, donated the services of more than two dozen employees, and six presenting sponsors gave products and money to help Phipps make aesthetic updates (see page 92 for more information).

The maintenance crew painted every doorway and gate, caulked tile, realigned bricks and pressure-washed the floors and glass. Phipps' horticulturists plucked fading leaves and spent flowers. Volunteers made sure the windowsills, walls and doors gleamed as never before. Arborists strapped on harnesses and rose dozens of feet into the air to prune yellowing palm fronds and wayward branches.

Even the plants seemed to sense the excitement in the air. The Red Abyssian Bananas and Heliconia 'Sharonii' in the Serpentine Room burst into burgundy blazes. Outside, the lily ponds showcased a kaleidoscope of colors and a newly expanded flower bed. *Verbena bonariensis*, always a stunning garden performer, made a late-season encore.

All of this activity resulted in a Conservatory polished to postcard perfection just in time for its day in the international spotlight.



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FINAL DETAILS AND REHEARSALS



The federal government secured Phipps' border and the color guard rehearsed for the day's most exciting moment: the arrival of the President of the United States and the First Lady

As the city of Pittsburgh prepared for the Summit by recruiting volunteers to beautify downtown, the United States Secret Service and Pittsburgh Police coordinated security and made sure all participating venues were protected. Of course, that included Phipps, the world leaders' first stop. During the weeks leading up to the event, representatives from the White House, State Department and Secret Service arrived to inspect the Conservatory, followed by security representatives from every participating country.

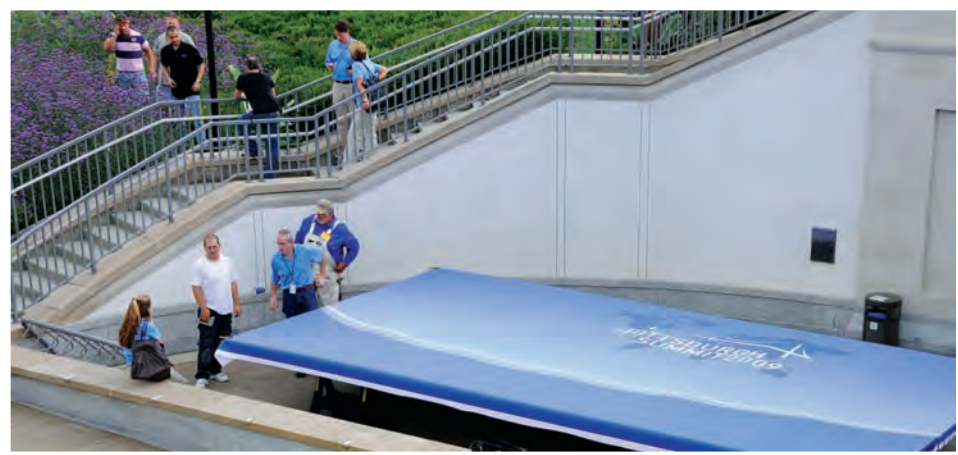
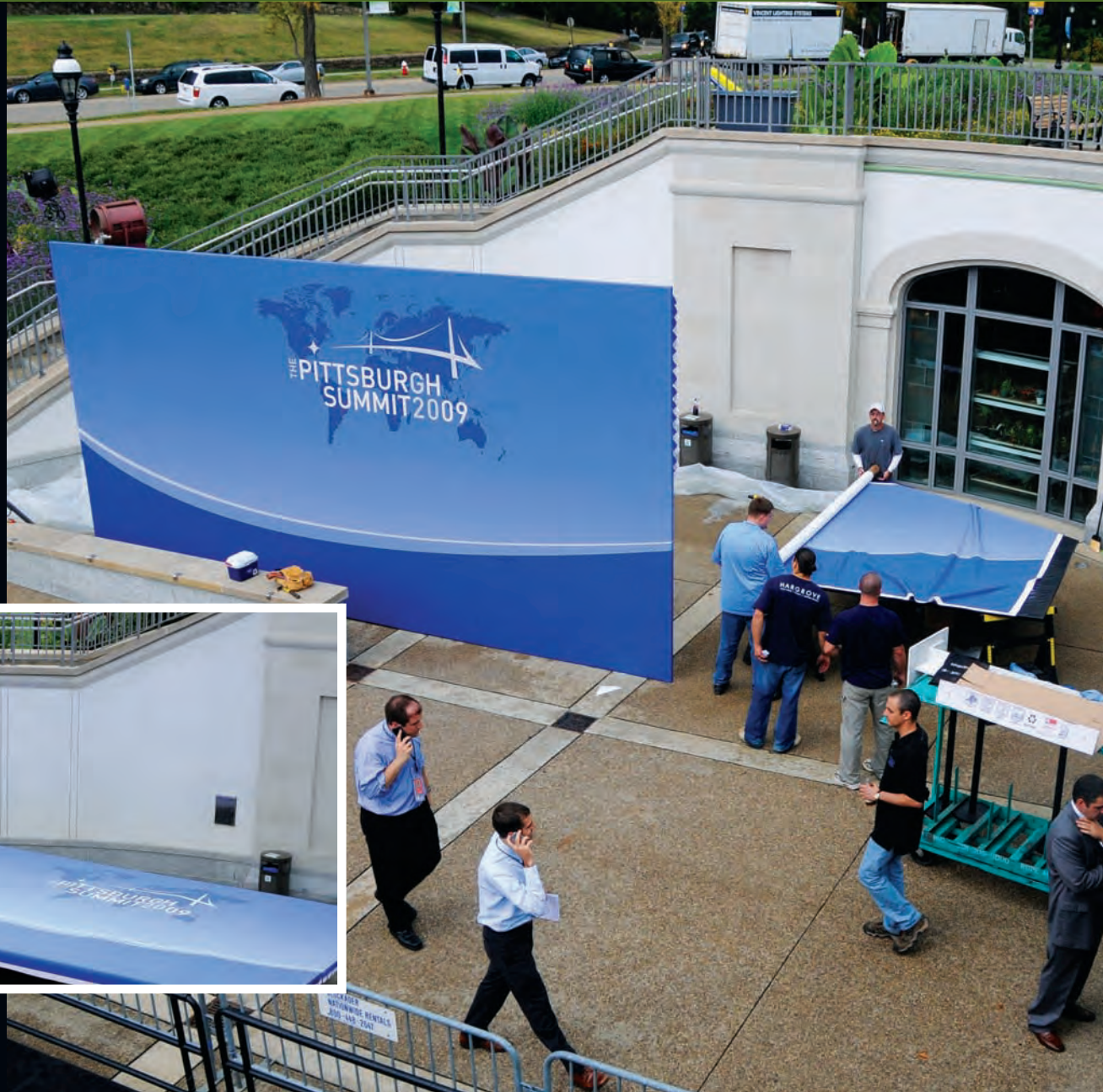
A sturdy, eight-foot-high fence was installed around much of Schenley Park and Phipps' perimeter, blocking off all access to unauthorized cars and pedestrians. United States military arrived and lined the walkway leading up to the Conservatory's entrance, and the color guard rehearsed, holding flags from each of the visiting countries and marching in formation.

Backdrops were erected and risers went up so that photographers could capture the high-profile arrivals. Local and national television crews set up their cameras to document the day's activities, and the table for the leaders' dinner was assembled as food and drink were perfected in the kitchens.

By the time the dignitaries made their entrance, Phipps was a spectacle of color and light and, perhaps most importantly, a safely guarded haven for the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit's welcome, opening reception and dinner.



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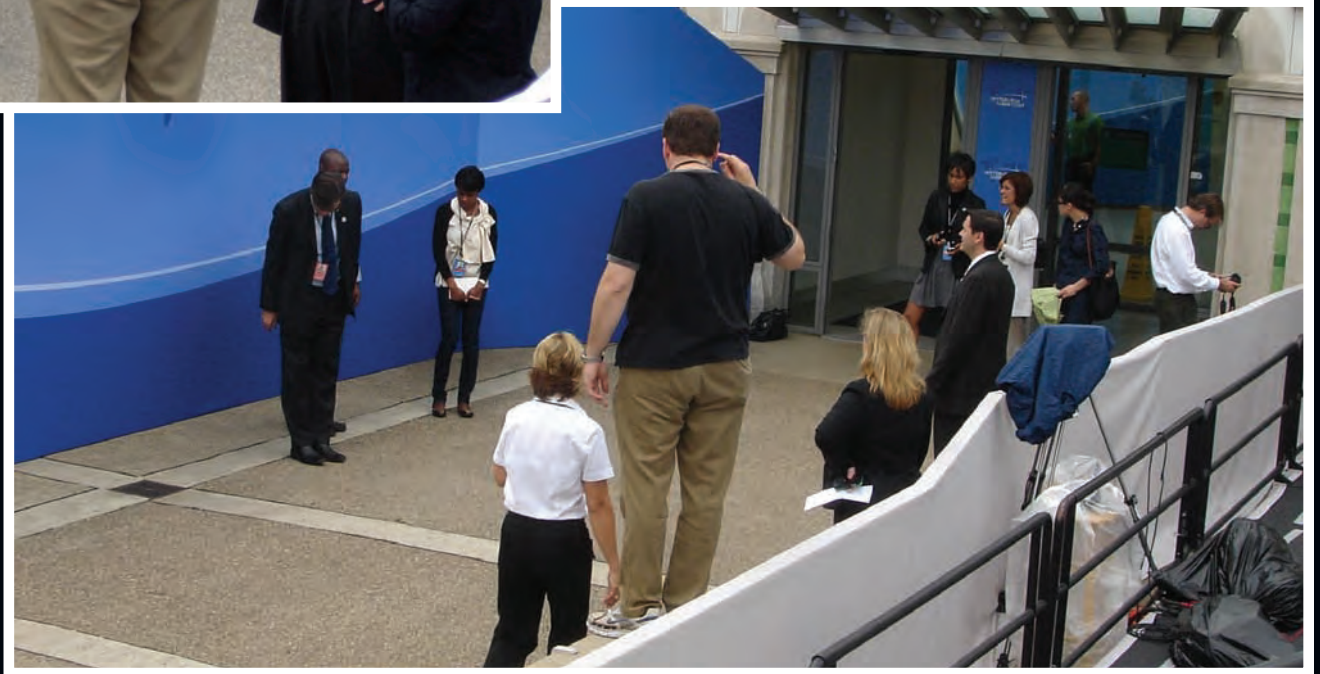
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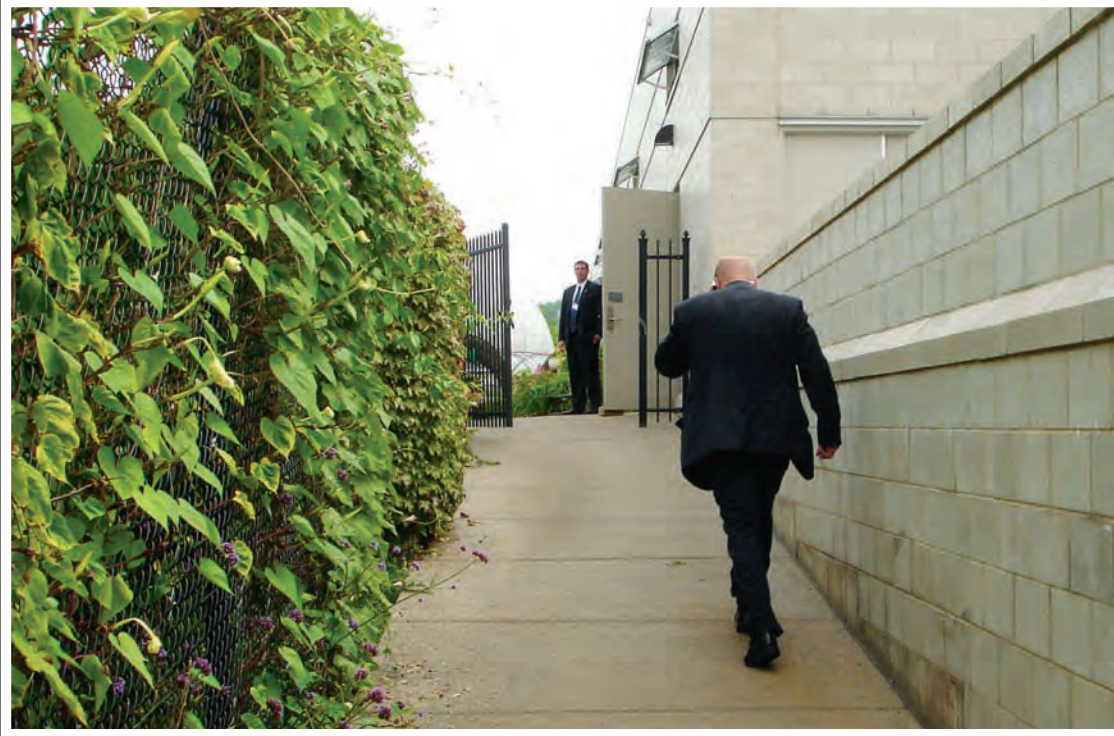


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The late John Metzler (*far left and right*), president of Urban Tree Forge, crafted the table for the leaders' dinner out of trees salvaged from Riverview Park in Pittsburgh's North Side.

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The table for the leaders' dinner in Metzler's workshop (*above*) and being assembled for the leaders' dinner in Special Events Hall (*right*).



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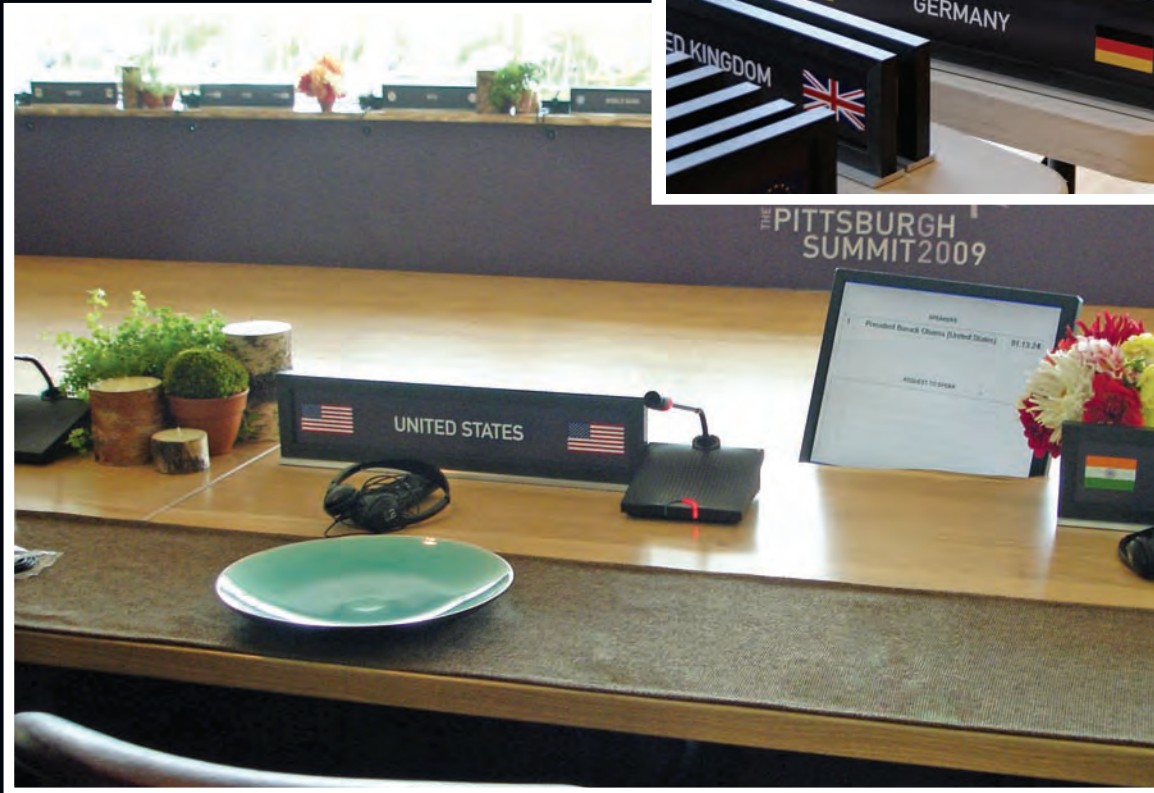


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Phipps' bridal dressing room was given a makeover for the G-20 meeting with low-VOC paints and new furniture.

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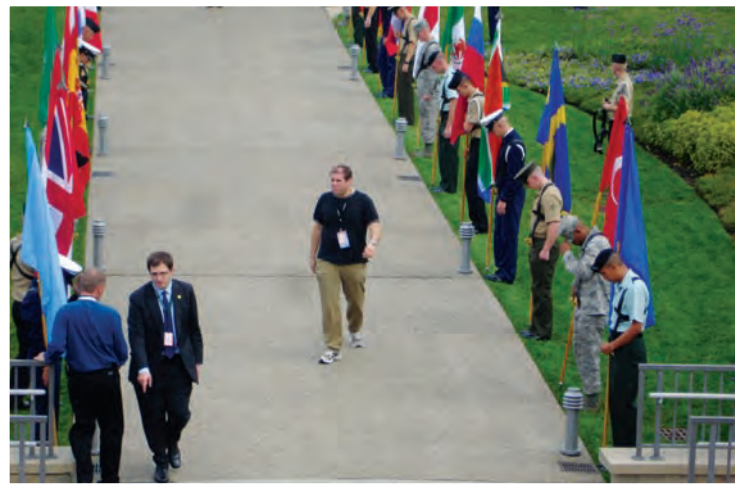
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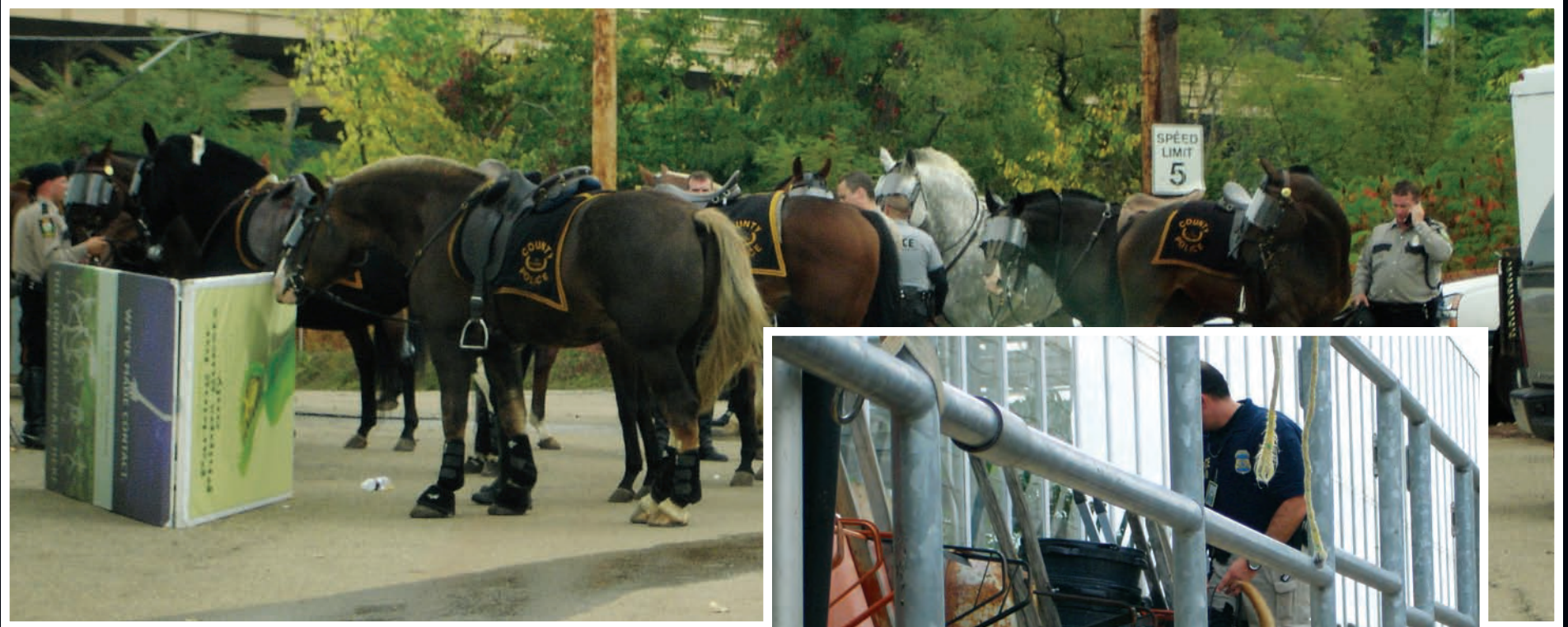
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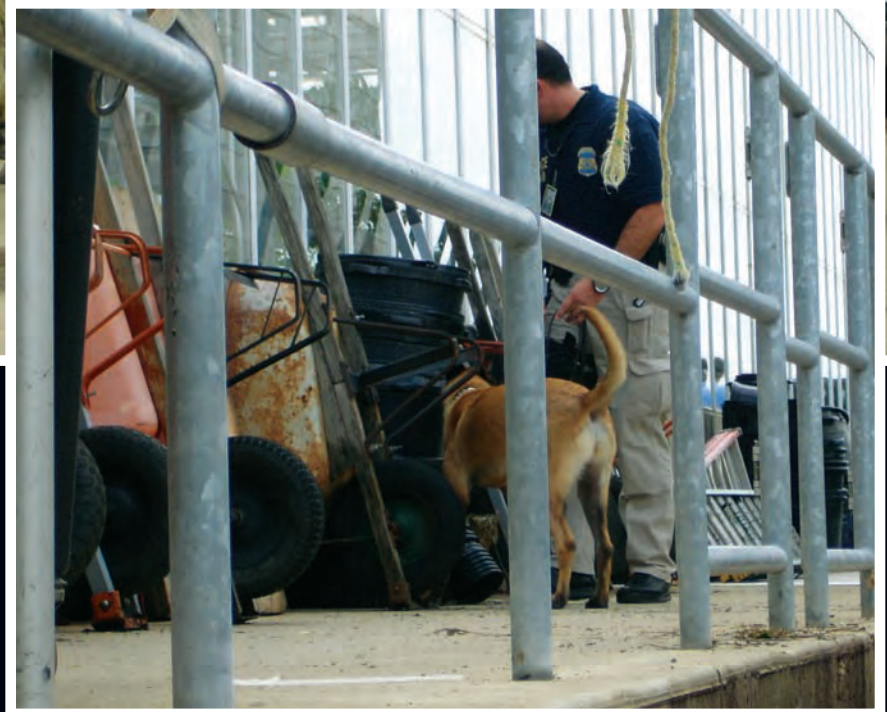
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FASHIONABLE ARRIVALS AND A WORKING DINNER



Photo by Jordan Kay

The distinguished guests meandered through Phipps' indoor gardens enjoying appetizers and cocktails before sitting down to a five-course meal fit for a president

Welcoming world leaders for dinner is no small undertaking, but the event went off with elegance and simplicity. President Obama and Mrs. Obama began to welcome guests around 6:40 p.m. French First Lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy was heard to exclaim, "C'est magnifique!" and Phipps staff commented later that they had never heard the Conservatory called beautiful in so many different languages.

The working dinner was held in the Special Events Hall, where a table crafted from locally salvaged trees was adorned simply with a burlap runner and small flower pots filled with moss, herbs, ivy and ferns.

Leaders were served a salad with herbed vinaigrette; roasted rack of lamb; striped bass with herbed oil and lemon; a tomato and roasted pepper tart; quinoa and brown rice; leeks, chanterelle and porcini mushrooms; a grilled vegetable terrine; and for dessert, apple tarte tatin and sour cherry meringue soufflé with crème fraîche. Many of the recipes were from *The Fallingwater Cookbook* and included ingredients grown locally, such as beets from Red Door Farm, mushrooms from John Heineman Co. in Lawrenceville, Apittehikan Farm goat cheese and apples from Soergel Orchards in Franklin Park.

As the evening came to a close, it was clear that Phipps had made its mark as a venue fit for hosting the world's most prominent leaders.

Right: President Barack Obama and Mrs. Obama arrive at Phipps.

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Phipps Executive Director Richard Piacentini presents the Obamas with a Fräbel glass bowl and two tropical frogs for daughters Sasha and Malia. *Right:* Piacentini introduces his family to the Obamas and gives Mrs. Obama a commendation from the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) recognizing her efforts to promote healthy foods and the benefits of gardening in children's lives.





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Clockwise from top left: The Obamas with County Executive Dan Onorato and his wife, Shelly Onorato; Congressman Mike Doyle and his wife, Susan Doyle; Governor Edward G. Rendell; Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

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The Obamas with Lee Myung-bak, President
of South Korea, and his wife, Kim Yoon-ok.

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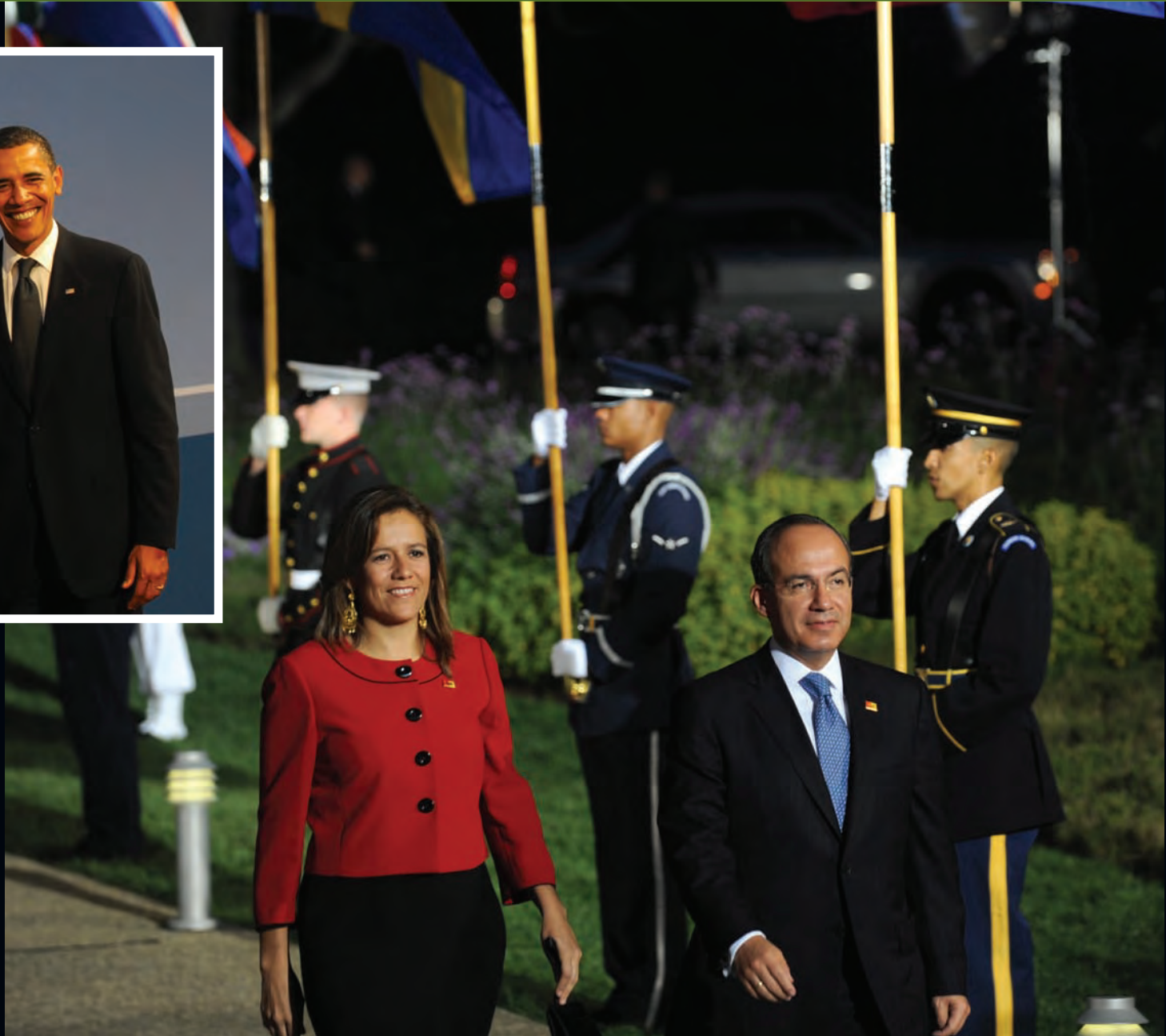


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Above: Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

Right: Mexican President Felipe Calderón and his wife, Margarita Zavala, arrive at Phipps.



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President of Spain José Luis
Rodríguez Zapatero with
the Obamas.

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Above: President Obama with President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil.

Right: Saudi Arabia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Saud Al Faisal.

Far Right: The Obamas with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and his wife, Ani Yudhoyono Bambang.

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Above: Argentina's President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner is greeted by the Obamas.

Right: President Dmitry Medvedev of Russia and his wife, Svetlana Medvedeva.

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Above: The Obamas await the next dignitary accompanied by Major Gregory L. Cantry.

Left: Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdgaon with President Obama.

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Above: Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his wife, Thérèse Rein, pose with the Obamas.
Right: India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife, Gursharan Kaur. *Photos by Martha Rial*

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Right: Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
with President Obama.

Far Right: The Obamas with South African
President Jacob Zuma and his wife,
Nompumelelo Ntuli Zuma.

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Right: Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen Harper.

Far right: President of the European Council and Prime Minister of Sweden Fredrik Reinfeldt and his wife, Filippa Reinfeldt.



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Right: Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Gordon Brown is greeted by President Obama.

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Far Right: Meles Zenawi, Chair of the executive committee of The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and his wife, Azeb Mesfin.

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Left: China's President Hu Jintao.

Right: Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and his wife, Miyuki Hatoyama.

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*Left: President Obama greets
German Chancellor Angela Merkel.*

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*Right: France's President Nicolas
Sarkozy and his wife,
Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, arrive.*

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Dinner

*On the occasion of the
Pittsburgh Summit*

*Salad of Petite Farm Greens
Herbed Vinaigrette*

Assorted Beets

Apitzhenkan Farm Chèvre

White Corn Bisque Demitasse and Summer Truffle

SULLIVAN VINEYARDS ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2006

Roasted Rack of Lamb with Demi-glace

Striped Bass with Herbed Oil and Lemon

Tomato and Roasted Pepper Tart

Quinoa and Brown Rice

Leeks, Chanterelle and Porcini Mushrooms

Grilled Vegetable Terrine

SULLIVAN VINEYARDS ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006

Apple Tarte Tatin

Orange and Lemon Chiffon

Crème Fraîche

*Phipps Conservatory
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Thursday, September 24, 2009

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President Barack Obama talks with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in Phipps' Special Events Hall.

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*Right: President Obama and India's Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.
Below: With German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Mexican President Felipe Calderon.
Far right: President Obama addresses world leaders.*



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World leaders at David L. Lawrence Convention Center. *Official White House photo by Pete Souza*

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