

# Who Are Friends?

The Friends of For-Mar Foundation was established in 1974 by Martha Merkley after donating the Merkley farm to the Genesee County Parks.

The original For-Mar Foundation Board ensured that the park system developed the Nature Preserve and Arboretum in accordance with Mrs. Merkley's wishes.

Today's Board continues the vision of For-Mar as a place for quiet reflection and outdoor education.



Martha Merkley

The current Foundation Board includes environmentalists, educators, Master Gardeners, and other community members who care about For-Mar and its future.

Members of the Friends provide support and input to preserve For-Mar's beauty and educational programs.

## Friends Do ...

The mission of Friends of For-Mar is to raise funds to support the facilities and programs in the Nature Preserve and Arboretum that exceed the normal budget of the Genesee County Park System and to sustain the vision of For-Mar as a peaceful place for environmental education.

Friends of For-Mar has recently funded:

- Citizen Science programs
- The Butterfly House and other gardens
- Interpretive trail signs
- School field trip transportation
- Invasive species control
- Discovery backpacks



Butterfly House

## Be a Friend

Annual Member Categories:

- ☐ Spruce \$25      ☐ Maple \$100\*  
☐ White Oak \$250      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*Maple level and above contributors will be listed on the Friends of For-Mar Giving Tree located in the lobby of For-Mar's Visitor Center.

*The Friends of For-Mar Foundation is a nonprofit organization holding a 501(c)3 tax-exempt status.*

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I am a ☐ new member ☐ renewing member

Make check payable to:

**Friends of For-Mar Foundation, Inc.** and mail to:  
2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509-1209

Or donate online via the Friends of For-Mar Facebook page or [friendsofformar.com](http://friendsofformar.com).

# Other Ways to Be a Friend...

## Give a Gift Membership

Gift memberships are a great way to recognize a birthday, graduation, anniversary, or special holiday. They also help spread the word about For-Mar and how to support it. Please include recipient's contact information.

## Celebrate Someone Special

Money donated in someone else's name, either "in honor of" or as a memorial, is a wonderful way to celebrate someone you care about. Please attach details.

## Consider Your Estate Plan

Leaving a legacy gift to Friends of For-Mar in your trust or will, or in a beneficiary designation of a retirement or financial account, helps a place you have enjoyed and supported continue to serve others in the years ahead.

## Friends of For-Mar ...

- Builds awareness and support for For-Mar
- Raises funds to enhance facilities and programs
- Preserves a place for quiet reflection and outdoor education

## Benefits of Membership

- Receive information on events and programs
- Know you are helping to preserve one of Genesee County's premier nature sites for the enjoyment of generations to come



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