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### **Chanticleer Awarded Level I Arboretum Accreditation By ArbNet**

WAYNE, PA – The Chanticleer Foundation was awarded Level I Accreditation by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum. Based on achieving specific standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens, Chanticleer is now recognized as an accredited arboretum in The Morton Register of Arboreta.

The Morton Register of Arboreta is a database of over 500 public gardens that are working to promote their collections and capabilities. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program seeks to foster the professionalism of arboreta worldwide and enable collaboration in scientific, collections, or conservation activity. The Accreditation process strengthens the arboretum community and advances the planting, study, and conservation of trees. This professional network is designed for public gardens that are tree-focused and offers an interactive community that supports professional exchange.

Chanticleer's founders, the Rosengartens, began planting trees in 1913 although the property is home to older trees that predate the family's efforts to plant specimen trees. The garden was opened to the public in 1993 and is one of the Philadelphia area's newest and most visually exciting gardens. Today, the 48 acres of Chanticleer is treated as an arboretum maintaining over 1,000 trees as well as world-class display gardens.

The accreditation of Chanticleer affirms the garden's professional practices and arboretum status. Because of the accreditation, the garden has earned a distinction in the community for stewarding its tree collection to a higher level of professional standards.

Chanticleer is located in Wayne, Pennsylvania and is open Wednesday to Sunday, April through October. For more information, visit [chanticleergarden.org](http://chanticleergarden.org).

#### **About the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program**

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is sponsored and coordinated by The Morton Arboretum in cooperation with American Public Gardens Association and Botanic Gardens Conservation International. This international initiative offers four levels of accreditation, recognizing arboreta of various degrees of development, capacity and professionalism. Accreditation is based on self-assessment and documentation of an arboretum's level of achievement of accreditation standards. Standards include planning, governance, labeling of species, staff or volunteer support, public access and programming and tree science, planting and conservation. More information is available at [www.arbnet.org](http://www.arbnet.org).

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