



May Center Report –November 2017

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Danielle Ornelas, Arboretum Educator and AmeriCorps member, developed the “Little Sprouts” winter series. It began in November and the 4 part monthly series filled with in a week. Class size was limited to 20 children. The first series began on November 21st titled “Leaves of Fall” and the series that follows include; December 19th "Animals Under the Snow", January 17th "Winter Garden" and finally February 20th "Backyard Spiders". Workshops are designed for families with children ages 2-5. The program will assist young children practice motor skills, socializing, and decision making through activities and garden explorations. This series is FREE and open to the public. Space is limited to 20 children. If you have any questions please call Danielle Ornelas at 775-785-4153 or dornelas@washoecounty.us
- ◆ The Horticulturist received over this past summer over \$81,320.00 in request from the May Arboretum Society for new equipment and staff. Of the total funds, \$56,685.02 was used to subsidize the Washoe County budget and replaced the Arboretums 30 year old mower, a 12 year old lawn tractor and leaf blower and 3, 3 twelve year old 21 inch Snapper lawn mowers and several string trimmers, the Arboretum interpretive plan, one arboretum educator and one seasonal employee.

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| *Toro 360 Commercial Mower | May 2017 | \$33,701.00 |
| Seasonal Worker | July 2017 | \$14,742.00 |
| *Lawn mower, lawn tractor, string trimmer: | August 2017 | \$3,844.97 |
| *Leaf Vacuum: | August 2017 | \$1,398.90 |
| *21” Toro Mower (2) | August 2017 | \$2,478.24 |
| *AmeriCorps Member/Arboretum Educator | Sept 2017 | \$9,000.00 |
| May Arboretum Interpretive Plan (Approved) | October 2017 | \$20,000.00 |
| May Arboretum Society | Total Donations | \$81,320.00 |

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society was awarded the Excellence in Service Award from the Parks Department for outstanding contribution, dedication and support. Lynn Bethel Short received the award on behalf of the Society and she was acknowledged for her outstanding contribution the Arboretum.
- ◆ The May Arboretum collaborated with the Nevada Shade Tree Counsel and offered the annual Arborist Training in the Ranch House at Rancho San Rafael Park. The class size was limited to 30 students and 2 Washoe County Park employees attended the 3 day course free of charge.

Greenhouse Program

- ◆ The 3,500 square foot facility is located off Sierra Street at the north end of the Arboretum. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to commemorate the opening of this new facility. Plants are being grown for the new upgrade in Kristen’s Shade Garden. Plants will be planted in the spring.



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May Foundation

- ◆ The horticulturist completed the Arboretum annual May Foundation report in August. At the September meeting the horticulturist and the Arboretum was awarded \$27,500.00 in donation requests.

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| Pruning & Tree Removal | \$8,000.00 |
| Greenhouse Potting Shed | \$6,500.00 |
| Exhibit shipping and Marketing | \$3,000.00 |
| Arboretum Trail Map | \$6,500.00 |
| Professional Development | \$3,500.00 |
| Funding Total | \$27,500.00 |

Educational School Tours

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society and the Arboretum kicked off their “Good Nature” Guided Walking Tours through the Arboretum in August. The tours were scheduled and organized by Laura Robinson and Bev Tredway, Arboretum Society members and Arboretum volunteers. Tours were scheduled for Fridays (1:00-2:00pm) on the following dates: Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Nov 3, November10, 2017. The free tours are designed for our senior community. The Arboretum is also partnering with UNR Stamford Center for the Ageing to provided activities in the Arboretum in the spring of 2018.

Arboretum Projects

- ◆ The horticulturist manages all projects in the arboretum. Currently the horticulturist is requesting landscape construction proposals to complete phase four and five of Kristen’s shade garden upgrade. This proposal includes installing pavers throughout the garden. In addition we are also requesting bid to upgrade Burke Garden, the popular English Cottage Garden. This will include an English recirculating fountain to serve as a focal point, new planter area, steps and new circular pavers.
- ◆ The horticulturist will be receiving bids on tree removal and pruning. Funds were provided by the May Foundation (\$8,000.00).
- ◆ The horticulturist will be ordering a potting shed for the new greenhouse. Funds were provided by the May Foundation (\$6,500.00)

Operations.

- ◆ Plant records, plant curating and accession using Iris BG and ESRI, ARC Map software continue weekly and throughout the year by the horticulturist. The horticulturist also receives assistant from Ellen Guiberson, Washoe County Technology System Developer. The plant records and curator program is managed by the horticulturist.
- ◆ Staff has been busy winterizing the irrigation system in the Arboretum, winterizing equipment leaf removal, pruning, monitoring and cleaning irrigation ditches.



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- ◆ The assistant developed an irrigation scope of work for the former Great Basin Adventure Park and scheduled three contractors to for a pre-construction meeting.

Seasonal Staff

- ◆ Nearly all of the Arboretum seasonal staff is off for the year. Many thanks to the May Foundation for subsidizing the Washoe County Arboretum seasonal staff budget by \$30,000. The County funded ½ time seasonal staff position (\$6,240.00) is also off for the year. The Arboretum will maintain one seasonal through the middle of December of 2017 thanks to a generous donation from the May Arboretum Society (\$14,742,00). The seasonal maintenance staff is paid by the Society through Man Power.

Volunteer Program

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Volunteers

- ◆ The May Arboretum volunteers and the May Arboretum Society recorded 132 hours for three weeks of service in November which has service value of \$2,982. Sierra Nevada Job Corps logged 144 hours, a service value of \$3,247.00. Total volunteer hours for November \$6,229.00. Total service hours and value was for fiscal year 2016-2017 is 1,471 hour and service value \$33,187.96. This number reflects the amount of work that is required to maintain a 23 acres arboreta at a minimal level. Many thanks to Denise Evans, Volunteer Coordinator and Connie Osborn, seasonal gardener for their part in training and assisting with a successful volunteer and intern program.

May Arboretum Intern Program

Job Corps, Children’s Cabinet& Nevada Youth Empowerment

- ◆ The Arboretum secured a Job Corps intern in October and will intern through November. The arboretum also uses Children Cabinet interns when available. Phil Brazier, Horticulture Assistant manages and trains and manages new interns. May thanks to Phil for taking this additional responsibility for our interns.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum AmeriCorps

- ◆ Danielle Ornelas from Escondido California accepted the position.

Visitor Data Program

| Year | Site | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | ADT [†] | ADT [†] x365 | Days with data |
|------|---------------------------------|------|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2017 | So.Arbo Entrance ^D | 819* | | 5,225* | 6,661 | 6,980 | 6,517 | 4,162 | 3,294 | 4,081 | 4,645 | 2,372* | | 150.205 | 54,825 | 288 |
| | West Arbo Entrance ^D | | 708 | 687 | 1,259 | 2,775 | 2,193 | 2,058 | 867* | 1,890 | 3,162 | 1,734* | | 57.278 | 20,906 | 288 |



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Wilbur D. May Museum Report

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- ◆ The Museum hosted a workshop for area museum professionals on the American Alliance of Museum's new LGBTQ Welcoming Guidelines.
- ◆ The Sierra Watercolor's new exhibition – "Freedom of Expression" – opened with dozens of new watercolor paintings. It will be on display until December 9.
- ◆ The Museum participated in the inaugural #WW1Stories day on Twitter with museums and cultural institutions around the country, sharing photographs and stories from the collection.
- ◆ The Museum set up their Reno Rodeo Denim Drive collection area and will be collecting clothes through the end of December to benefit abused children.
- ◆ The Museum participated in the first annual Museum Store Sunday, with museums around the country to promote and encourage shopping in museum stores.

UPCOMING

- ◆ The Museum will host the annual Tuba Christmas concert on December 2. This holiday event is always very popular, and features festive music, refreshments, and décor.
- ◆ The Museum will host the May Arboretum Society's annual Gingerbread Festival on December 9.
- ◆ The Museum will host the annual Art Angels workshop on December 9, with instructors guiding children age 6-12 on watercolor painting.