



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting  
September 6, 2022

## May Arboretum Report July

### Highlights

- ◆ Dragon Lights Festival began and provided a family entertainment
- ◆ Commenced the process of obtaining a new Horticulturalist assistant
- ◆ Rachel Dunn (Americorps Educator) finished her Little Sprouts program
- ◆ 30+ Repairs were made with the irrigation due to damage from Dragon light setting up and pedestrian usage of the park.
- ◆ Propagation from cuttings were taught to the crew.

### May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ Rachel Dunn organized an event called "Tree Talk" that allowed young child care facilities to learn tree identification.
- ◆ Washoe County Library started to hold story time in Burke Garden with an average of 45+ kids.

### Tours

No Tours were given

### Reservations

Dragon lights earned about \$850,000 in the month of July

### Arboretum Operations

- ◆ Plans for the Pollinator Garden resume
- ◆ Dragon Lights Festival damages are being addressed and repaired
- ◆ Bids are being created for the demolition of the deteriorating Columbus Garden pergola.
- ◆ A bid was approved for the renovation of the Songbird garden
- ◆ IPM mitigation efforts were taken professionally to control the gray squirrel population.



## May Museum Report July

### July 2022

- The Museum currently has 2 art exhibitions- The Sierra Watercolor Society and "The Illusions of Safety" by Candida Webb and Karen Kreyeski. Attendance has been good.

### Upcoming

- The Museum will have an open house during the balloon race in September.