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A Look Inside



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Mission Statement

The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens promote the Gardens as a unique resource for understanding and enjoying nature, horticulture, recreation and the environment. Through sponsorship of programs emphasizing education, the arts and the Gardens as a living museum, the Friends endeavor to preserve and enhance the natural and historical assets of the Gardens for its visitors.



Named for the young landscape architect and later director who created our five original formal gardens, Boerner Botanical Gardens has grown to include seven distinct gardens, a bog walk, a day lily path, a shrub mall, and an arboretum. Over 200,000 visitors came through here in 2006. With the beauty the Gardens themselves plus our Children's and Adult classes, our Library and our Gift Shop, Boerner Botanical Gardens is truly a destination site.



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Message from the Board President and Executive Director

Dear Friends Member:

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We have chosen this unique trend in botanical arts as the theme for the Friends' 2006 annual report. Join us for a look inside the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens.

There is no better place to visit in Milwaukee than Boerner Botanical Gardens. Boerner offers the surrounding community cultural opportunities along with stimulation of environment awareness and lifelong learning. The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens sustain the cultural heritage, support education and promote the Boerner Gardens as a center of community engagement.

In 2006, the Board and staff of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens participated in an organizational assessment to strengthen operations, build capacity and enhance communication throughout the organization. Through this process we defined outcomes with a clearer focus on our mission, energized staff and volunteers, and enacted governance policies to become more responsive to our stakeholders.

The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens' Board of Directors is committed to investing in programs and services which provide real value to our members and the community. Support from those who share our vision and commitment is critical.

On behalf of the board and staff of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens please allow us to express our gratitude for your continued financial support of our organization. Much progress has been made and the future is most promising.

Sincerely,

Signatures???????

Robert L. Hanley
PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Adult Education

Education is a key tenet for a garden to be classified as a botanical garden. The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens are committed to bringing horticultural expertise to provide education, advance the skillful cultivation of plants, and promote the awareness and appreciation of the environment.

As the stewards of Boerner Botanical Gardens, it is the duty of the Friends to recognize the importance of engaging the community through public and educational programming. To make the most efficient use of the adult learner's time, we structured our re-designed adult programming for evenings and weekends. A series of classes and programs related to the following tracks were introduced in 2006 and featured subject matter experts:



Weekend Gardener



For the Professional



Horticulture/Landscape Basics



Plant Care Series



Botanical Arts



Symposia

The Wednesday Walking Classes gained popularity and attendance as a frequent walker program was introduced. Individuals interested in acquiring information on how to incorporate the plants and designs featured at Boerner Botanical Gardens regularly attended these summer favorites. The Annual Garden Trends Symposium held in October featured a keynote address by noted regional plant grower, Roy Diblik. Roy educated the sold-out audience on the principles of designing with plant communities. A plant community can be defined as an assemblage of plant species which interact among themselves and with their environment within a time-space boundary. Roy delivered his message with a visual slide presentation to illustrate the design concepts. Other local and regional horticultural experts addressed topics related to fall and winter preparations.



Friends of Boerner Botanical Garden Library

The Boerner Botanical Garden's Library is a special resource for gardeners and garden lovers alike. Hundreds of privately donated book collections, periodicals and nursery catalogs are part of the collection, many of which are not available at other libraries. There is a special corner of our library dedicated to children with height appropriate furniture and age appropriate books.

The Boerner Botanical Garden's Library of the Friends received funding from three major sources in 2006. A gift from the prestigious Stanley Smith Horticulture Trust



provided for technology resources for library users. The Karen J. Glanert Charitable Trust donated monies which allowed the Library to increase the collection and an anonymous donor created an endowment for future staffing. **(Third source???)**

The Library was the fortunate recipient of the largesse of two long time Boerner supporters who passed

away in 2005. Garden and travel writers, Joan Prince and Mary Alice Koehne will be remembered for their love of beauty and willingness to share their experiences. The Library collection continues to grow through the generosity of such giving individuals. Perhaps you have books or periodicals you could donate to the Friends so we can continue to increase the resources we make available.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop supports the general operations of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens by selling merchandise that promotes interest in horticulture and enhances the visitors experience with botanical and garden-themed merchandise. As a museum store it is our goal to provide a unique shopping venue. Members of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens receive a 10% discount on all store merchandise.

The gift shop is operated by retail manager, Jennifer Schmitz and assistant Robb Seftar. The merchandise is personally selected by a board committee and the shop is staffed daily by a dedicated team of volunteers.



Horticulture

Boerner Botanical Gardens mounts a changing exhibition with the flowers of each season. The species found in this garden flourish with the tender care of experienced gardeners. The professional staff design, plant and maintain thousands of annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs.

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View of the Volunteers

Friends volunteer, **Kelly Klaybor** was honored with the **2005 Inspire by Example Award** given by the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee. Kelly volunteered with the Friends for 5 years, starting at age 13. This award recognizes the best in the American



Spirit and encourages all Americans to Inspire by Example.



Over 200 Friends' volunteers demonstrated their spirit by contributing over 1,000 hours to produce the **American Girl Fashion Show** in March, 2006.

Approximately 275 volunteers gave over 4,000 hours of their time to the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens in 2006. These men and women are often the "face" of the Friends and are due a great debt of gratitude for all they do for the Friends and Boerner Botanical Gardens.

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Education

Children's Horticulture Education

Generous support from grants and individuals totaling \$90,000 made it possible for over 10,000 children to attend plant science based programs both in school and here at Boerner Botanical Gardens. Knowledge of plant science is important for children to understand the important role plants play in sustaining and promoting life. The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens charge a nominal fee of \$3.50 per student which represents the direct costs associated with the class. All of our classes are taught by certified educators and include a lecture and planting activity.

The cost to produce these education experiences is actually \$13.00 per student. The support of charitable individuals and organizations make these classes a reality.



Plant Hope

In 2006 the MPS "Plant Hope" Project received \$19,000 in grants from Bert L. & Patricia S. Steigleger Charitable Trust, The Service Club of Milwaukee, The Helfaer Foundation and The Orgiesen Foundation. "Plant Hope" is designed to promote student understanding of plant science concepts in a fun and engaging manner.

Third grade students from three year-round Milwaukee Public Schools have been selected for the pilot program. The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens plant science curriculum is being taught to more than 238 students from Bruce Guadalupe School, Starns

Discovery School and Congress Elementary School. It is believed that children at this grade level benefit the most from this type of instruction because of their positive attitudes and flexibility as learners.

As part of the program, each class will be assigned a garden plot in the Trial Gardens at Boerner Botanical Gardens. The Boerner horticultural staff will teach the students how to amend the garden soil using vermiculture and compost, how to sow seeds and the basics of garden maintenance. At harvest the students will prepare a stir fry meal in their classroom to reinforce their learning and understanding of the food chain.



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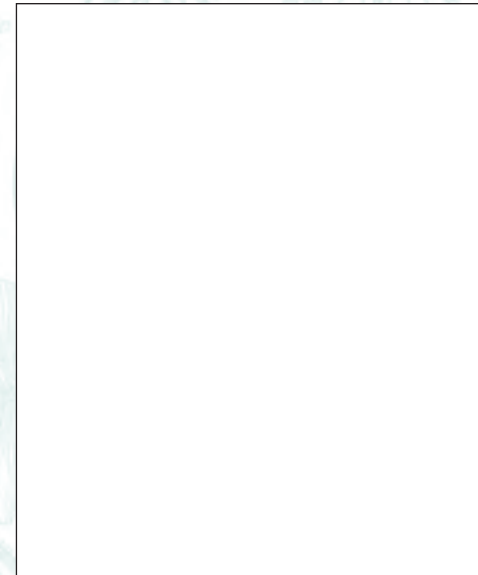
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American Girl



Under the Stars

Financial Highlights

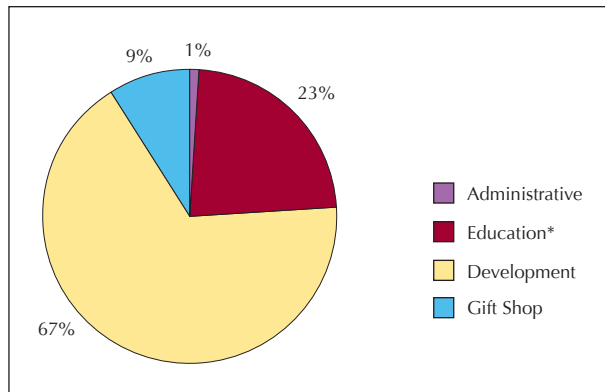
Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Income			
Administrative	2,124	4,077	800
Education*	108,794	120,777	122,500
Development	317,181	345,273	431,500
Gift Shop	62,633	44,912	59,800
Total Operating Income	490,732	515,039	614,600
Expense			
Administrative	93,650	114,052	91,036
Education*	226,278	219,928	208,377
Development	190,048	169,476	155,978
Gift Shop	110,350	96,861	81,359
Total Operating Expense	620,326	600,317	536,750
Net Income (Deficit) from Operations	(129,594)	(85,278)	77,850
Building – Net Costs	(201,976)	-	-
Capital Campaign – Net Income	198,040	-	-
Revenue Bonds – Net Income (Deficit)**	277,163	(79,860)	(61,000)

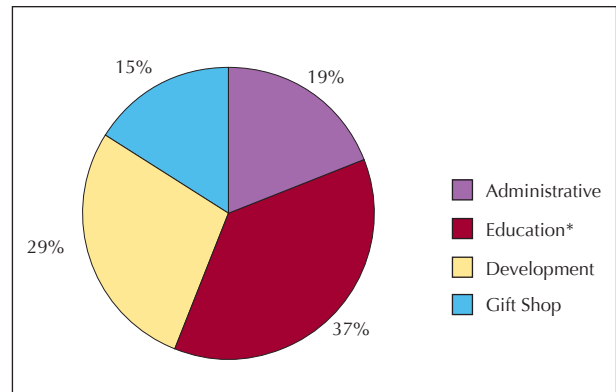
* Education includes Adult Education, CHE and Library

** Revenue Bonds includes Investment Income less Bond related Expenses
- 2005 included investment from liquidating investments to pay down bond debt

2006 Operating Income



2006 Operating Expense



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Your support provides the funding for our organization to carry out our mission. We are grateful for your generosity and goodness of heart. Donations are listed for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. It is our goal to recognize each and every one of our donors: in the event your name was omitted or contains an error, please let us know.

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“Nature...where order in variety we see, and, where though all differ, all agree.” - Alexander Pope

The background of the entire page is a detailed botanical illustration in a light teal or sage green color. It features various plant parts: large, serrated leaves, clusters of small berries or fruits, a long, curved seed pod, and several flowers in different stages of bloom. Some parts are labeled with handwritten-style text, such as 'Fig. 14' and 'a' near a small plant on the right, and '86' near a cluster of berries in the top left.

Help Support the Gardens

Only with your support can the Friends keep the inspiring work you've glimpsed in this report alive and growing. Your gifts are critical to the success of our educational programming and to the Friends' support of the *living museum* that is Boerner Botanical Gardens.

- With your support, we connect more than 10,000 school children with Plant Science giving children the tools to understand the role of plants in our environment
- With your support, the Friends offer a variety of educational experiences for adult learners that allow them to use plants to beautify their world and to expand their minds
- With your support, the Friends continue to nurture Boerner Botanical Gardens as a beautiful and tranquil destination point for people who live in and who visit the Greater Milwaukee Area

The Friends honor the history and legacy of Boerner Botanical Gardens and are focused on making this rare resource known and available to all. **Please use the enclosed envelope and aid us in this endeavor with a gift to the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens.**



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