

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens

Blueprint of the Perennial Gardens, Boerner Botanical Gardens
Hales Corners, Wisconsin

Greater Community. *Stewardship.* **Vision.**



Message from the President

Robert L. Hanley

When I assumed the role of Board President last May, the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens were commemorating their 20th anniversary. The strides made over the past two decades in membership and volunteers, staffing and partnerships have been significant. A long term Master Plan for the Gardens was developed and its initial phase was implemented with the construction and opening of the Education and Visitors Center in early 2003. The Friends raised \$8,000,000 for this County-owned building that serves as the focal point for the Friends' horticulture educational programming which reaches from the youngest to the oldest members of our community.

During the period of this fundraising activity, a conscious decision was made to keep the Board status quo and not change leadership during the critical time of this unprecedented undertaking. As the building reached conclusion, Milwaukee County leadership asked the Friends if they would be willing to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the building, a role not envisioned in the original Memorandum of Understanding. Under the times and circumstances this proved to be a daunting task which the Friends determined during 2005 could not be sustained without appropriate financial support from the County. Such support was not forthcoming. The Friends turned the building back to the County effective December 31, 2005.

Now free to turn its focus to its underlying mission, the Friends' Board has re-committed itself. Eight new members-Susy Foster, Dave Kundert, Pat Laughlin, Darleen Lochbihler, Diane McGauren, Judith Neal, Rob Petri and Tom Wentland-joined the Board as several long-time and dedicated directors retired. Designated Directors Emeritus in recognition of their outstanding service were Tom Barber, Melissa Koepel, Richard Meadows and Bill Radler. All of our directors support the Gardens personally and indirectly through their various associations, contacts and connections. Each member sits on at least one Committee of the Board, and all Committees of the Board have established regular meeting schedules.

Our mission is to preserve and promote the Gardens as an outstanding and vital resource to the greater Milwaukee community and beyond. Through our educational programming, the Friends stimulate interest in, appreciation for and understanding of horticulture, gardening and the environment. Funding is provided through memberships, special events and direct solicitation. It provides for our educational programming and direct support for preservation and enhancement of the Gardens.

We genuinely appreciate all your financial support. It provides us the wherewithal to carry on our mission, an activity vitally important in this era of declining County support. Only your support will enable Boerner Gardens to continue blooming brightly!



Visitors Looking for "Wanda" the Fish

Message from the Executive Director Trish Haudricourt

As a Friend of Boerner Botanical Gardens, you are most certainly aware that Boerner is part of Milwaukee County's nationally revered Parks System, but have you ever considered what makes a botanic garden different from a public park or pleasure gardens. The [*International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in Conservation*](#) defines botanic garden as follows:



One of the Magnificent Crabapple Blooms

"Botanic gardens are institutions holding documented collections of living plants for the purposes of scientific research, conservation, display and education."

People visit Boerner Botanical Gardens for a variety of reasons. Whether to reduce stress, pass the time or surround themselves with visual beauty, education is always at play. Even the casual visitor is exposed to the wonderful array of plant life and the diverse conditions in which they grow. We expect that Boerner Botanical Gardens has a major influence on the style and practice of gardening and on the plants grown in public and private gardens. It is our role to contribute to botanical resource management, botany, horticulture, conservation, education and human wellbeing.

Adults and families make up the largest proportion of our visitors. This year our children's horticulture educators served over 10,000 children both at Boerner and in the classroom. We are taking an active hand in developing the next generation as gardening continues to stand firm as the number one stress reducing pastime of choice in American households ...we are "Growing Gardeners!"

Without visitors Boerner Botanical Gardens could not exist. It is becoming more and more difficult to compete with the ever increasing demands for peoples' attention – we need to meet this challenge head on by providing a diversity of adult and public education programs that appeal to a broad audience.

Although the purpose of an annual report is to provide information of the past year, we are including a course catalog for our newly reformulated adult programming. Increasing attendance in adult classes can certainly assist Boerner in a financial capacity but will also assist in fulfilling our mission to promote sustainability within the community. We invite you to cultivate yourself with the variety of programs offered this year and hope that you will actively gain something from the experience of visiting Boerner Botanic Gardens.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our visitors, volunteers, and benefactors who have made it possible for Boerner to continue being a garden that belongs to everyone.

Horticulture

Annual Garden

Over 34,000 annuals beckoned visitors upon their entrance into the our famed walled gardens. Early blooms of 18,500 tulips, 25,000 daffodils and 1,200 minor bulbs started the spring season. The beds were awash with chartreuse, orange and yellow colors, dazzling visitors from every garden perspective. Our peak season performers began their show in mid July and continued to late frost and included such show stoppers as Fanfare Orange New Guinea Impatiens, Sweet Potato Purple Vine and Magellan Zinnias.

Rose Gardens

The Gardens continue to play an important role in the testing of the All American Rose. We are one of 23 national test garden sites and have been for almost 50 years. Particularly stunning this year were AARS 2005 winners Chihuly and Honey Dijon. New 2006 AARS winners Julia Child, Rainbow Sorbet, Tahitan Sunset and Wild Blue Yonder were installed this year. The AARS winners are selected for their growth habit, disease resistance, foliage, flower production, bud and flower form, opening and finishing color, fragrance, stem and overall value.

Daylily Walk

The daylily walk was resplendent with over 400 different cultivars of flowers blooming through July and August. A selection of new dwarf conifers were added including: Pinus strobus 'Minuta', Thuja occidentalis 'Degroots Spire', Abie koreana 'Silberlockie', Pinus strobus 'Bloomer Dark Globe', Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Lemon Thread', Juniperus chinensis "Shimpalcu Gold' and Pinus pumila 'Dwarf Blue.'

Herb Garden

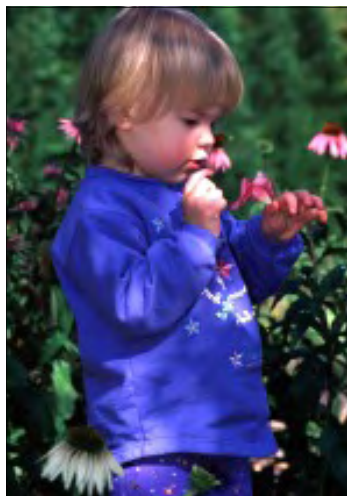
The Herb Garden features over 350 herbs with our permanent display classified by usage or folklore. The year's themed Herb garden featured Economic and Industrial Herbs. These plants are vital to our modern day existence in the production of everyday chemicals— waxes, resins, insecticides, food medicines, rubber, lubricants and oil. Some of the interesting plants on display were: Castor Bean - for production of industrial oils; Sugar Beet —inexpensive sugars; Mole Plant — alternative fuel source and alcohol sugar; and, Flax — linen, linseed oil and linoleum.



Tulips in May



Over 1,100 varieties of Perennials



Over 300 varieties of Hosta

Generous Horticultural Donations were given to Milwaukee County Parks by:

Bailey Nurseries ♦ Conard-Pyle ♦ DeVroomen ♦ Holland Beauty Bulbs ♦ Jackson & Perkins ♦ Lied's Nursery
Meiland Star Roses ♦ Milorganite ♦ National Cocoa Shell ♦ Northwind Perennial Farm ♦ Plants of Distinction ♦ Silver Creek Nursery
Southeast Wisconsin Hosta Society ♦ Song Sparrow Perennial Farm ♦ Weeks Roses

Garden Society Support Generously Given by:

Daylily Society of SE Wisconsin ♦ Herb Society of America-WI Unit ♦ Wisconsin Iris Society



The Peony Gardens



350 Varieties of Herbs



Color Wheel Display at Trial Gardens

Children's Horticultural Education

Spiders! Bees! Bugs! Oh My! It happens every day and all around us. Our natural world. All the creepy, crawly bugs that help unite the balance in the plant world. As humans, we are dependent on plants to provide food, the miracle of nature to replenish itself through seed generation, and trees to help clean the air we breathe. Our world of plant science and the environment is filled with wonder and discovery. For over 20 years, the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens have been teaching and molding young minds through our highly regarded and interactive educational programs.

Plant Science for grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade:

Held either in the school classroom or at Boerner Botanical Gardens, these classes meet plant science requirements as set forth by the Department of Public Instruction. Our educators travel throughout Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha counties, visiting hundreds of schools each year. Programs offered include: Autumn Magician, I Spy Flowers, Plant Power, Seed Dispersal, Stir Fried Plants, Snackin' on Plants, Spring Safari, Super Spring Sleuths, The Giving Tree, The World in a Garden, Trees for Me and Wild About Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association (WLCA)

A new partnership with the members of the Metro Milwaukee Chapter of the WLCA was established with the Children's Horticulture Education Scholarship Fund. This fund provides the opportunity for hundreds of schools and students to visit the Gardens and learn more about plant science. Over 1,000 scholarships were provided this year because of their generosity.



WLCA Scholarship Students



Buds N' Sprouts Summer Garden Safari Class

Growing Gardeners for ages 3, 4 and 5:

Story, song, craft and lesson come together as the basic elements of our very popular Growing Gardeners series. Held in the child-friendly Connie Grover classroom at the Education and Visitors Center, these twice monthly held classes are always full. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles all share in the learned experience and activities with their young family members. This year's programming included monthly themes such as: Teddy Bear's Winter Picnic Surprise, Super Spider Bash, Teeny Tiny Gardens, Spring Fairies in the Garden, Blossom and Bees, Frogs, Toads and Turtles, Dragonfly Dash, Dinosaur Discoveries, Johnny Appleseed Adventures and Gourds Galore.

Summer Garden Safaris

Going on a safari at the botanical gardens? Armed with important supplies such as a pollinator costume, garden gloves, plant need word signs, soil bins, baby snap-dragon seeds, small green flower pots and a sensory bag, our children's educator will teach children ages 6 to 12 how to use their five senses as tools for a successful hunt. Children will hunt for a variety of different flowers and plants, find garden friends that hop, pollinate, engage in seed dispersal and creep and crawl. They will soon find out that gardeners are not the only ones at work in the garden.



*Costumed Friends at
Harry Potter's Birthday Party*

Free Family Events

The Gardens were magically transformed for **Harry Potter's Birthday Party** on July 31st in the first of our free family events! Sponsored by the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops, the Gardens were alive with witches and wizards and costumed guests. A special birthday cake by Eat Cake had everyone enjoying delicious bites while Milwaukee Public Museum representatives arrived with flesh eating plants and Wehr Nature Center naturalists brought "Screech" the owl along to scare up the crowds.

"Do you know where the Leaf Man goes when the wind blows?"

On August 19th, children's best selling author Lois Ehlert told the story of "**Leaf Man**" and his many travels. Additional exploration activities included scavenger hunts, leaf pounding and more.



*Author Lois Ehlert &
"The Leaf Man"*

A Special Thanks to The Educator Round Table Partners Who Added
Depth and Dimension to our Free Family Events

Betty Brinn Children's Museum ♦ Discovery World ♦ DNR Havenwoods ♦ The Learning Shop
Milwaukee Art Museum ♦ Milwaukee Public Museum ♦ UW Extension ♦ Wehr Nature Center

Special Events & Contests



Peter Rabbit

May 1st kicked off the garden season with our annual **Sunflower Growing Contest**. Over 1,000 seed packets were distributed. Awards were given for the tallest flower measuring 141" and largest flower head circumference at 23".

Peter Rabbit and friends arrived shortly after the Gardens opened, just in time to celebrate **Peter Rabbit's Spring Fling** on May 7th. Children of all ages were treated to a Story Walk, a chance encounter with Mr. McGregor and Peter's favorite cake - carrot of course!

May continued to be a busy month with our annual **Mother's Day Contest** conducted in concert with MetroParent Magazine.

As the season progressed, it wouldn't be complete without our **Scarecrow Competition**. Schools from the local area competed in making the best botanical scarecrow! The scarecrows were judged by Garden visitors and auctioned off at the Herb of the Year dinner, raising over \$800 for CHE programs.

Friends of Boerner Botanical Garden Library

Amidst fellow Board members, friends and supporters, the Boerner Botanical Gardens Library was opened on the lower level of the Education and Visitors Center in September. With a generous grant from the Schoenleber Foundation, our librarian position was endowed, providing us with an excellent start.

The Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association (WLCA) Metro Milwaukee Chapter was our major promotional partner for the opening, bringing together members of the green industry for this special occasion. The Hosta Society dedicated a special horticulture book in memory of "Hosta" Bob Skiera, Past President of the Society.

Among the adult library collection are the personal and professional archives of our founders, Charles Whitnall and Alfred Boerner. These books represent the legacy of how the Gardens were inspired and are a historical treasure. Archived in a climate controlled room, the collection is available for viewing by appointment.

Hundreds of private book collections, periodicals and nursery catalogs have been donated over the past year by generous members and individuals who are passionate about establishing the library as a regional horticultural asset. Many of these horticultural books and periodicals are not available at other libraries or college campuses, making this Library a unique resource for gardeners, students and industry professionals in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The opening of the library, purchase of equipment and the creation of the librarian position was the first phase of our long range strategy. Future projects include subscriptions to specialized horticultural databases, linkage of the All American Rose Selection Trial Garden and All American Flower Display and Test Garden to the Boerner Botanical databases and digitization of the slide archives from the Gardens.

BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS
Library
of the
Friends



*In the
Children's
Corner*



One of many browsing nooks for adults

Horticultural Therapy



*Caryl Gursic, Occupational Therapist, with a Horticultural
Therapist Participant*

Horticulture Therapy concluded its community therapy program at the end of Phase II (October 2005) after serving over 300 institutionalized clients the past two years.

Twenty-six percent of the funding for Phase II came from fees-for-service. Additional funding was provided by four local foundations: The Faye McBeath Foundation, The Helen Bader Foundation, Extencicare Foundation and Marjorie Christiansen Foundation.

The outcomes demonstrated the efficiency and efficacy of this therapeutic program and the positive impact on the individuals and sites who participated in the program.

Plans are under development to create a horticulture therapy program at Boerner Botanical Gardens entitled "Garden Memories." This program will provide support for family members who care for loved ones who experience Alzheimer's and other dementias in their home. The focus of this program will be to provide the care giver and loved ones multi-sensory plant-related activities to enhance their relationship and the clients' sense of self esteem and competency.

The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens wish to thank the supporting foundations, the partner sites that provided this therapy for their residents, the administrators and staff of those sites and the caring volunteers who assisted the clinician for all their steadfast support and commitment during this esteemed program.

Adult Learning

Adult Education

Our adult learning opportunities offered a number of opportunities for enrichment and enjoyment of gardens as part of their experience. Adult education classes in plant sciences, floral design such as Ikebana and home garden crafts were offered in our classroom space in the Education and Visitors Center. The Gardens were the stage and inspiration for art classes and yoga instruction during late spring and summer.

Traveling Tours

It would not be spring in the Midwest without our two of our most popular annual motorcoach trips to the Navy Pier for the annual Chicago Garden Show in March and the Lilac Festival in Lombard, IL. Additional trips included a visit to the Morton Arboretum and Lake Express Ferry Trip to the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Michigan.

Daylong Seminars & Symposiums

As part of our collaborative efforts with local colleges, the Friends partnered with Alverno College Telesis Institute in sponsoring "The Essential Gardener" class on Saturday, March 12th.

A very successful Garden Trends Symposium on "Putting Your Garden to Bed" was held on September 17th. The key note address was given by Roy Diblík of Northwind Perennial Farm who is known for his work on prairie restorations. Topics included seed harvesting, cuttings and propagation, garden journaling, winterizing your garden and fall decorating. A plant swap completed the day long symposium.



Roy Diblík & Garden Trends Symposium



The Hosta Society Plant Sale

Special Lecture Guests

Virginia Small, Editor of *Fine Gardening Magazine*, was the first speaker to join us on Saturday, May 21st, giving a well received lecture entitled "Learning from Legendary Garden Designers: American Landscape Visionaries and Their Legacies." We were also very privileged to host Page Dickey, author of *Gardens in the Spirit of Place*, who lectured on November 3rd.

In a benefit appearance sponsored by Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops, author Anna Pavord spoke about her latest book-*The Naming of the Names*-at their Oakland Avenue location on December 11th. Ten percent of book proceeds were donated to the Friends.

Garden Walks

Our traditional Wednesday evening garden walks started on May 4th with a tour of the legendary magnolia collections. Walk topics throughout the season included discussions on lilacs, crabapples, spring blooming shrubs, poor man's orchids, hostas, roses, ferns, day-lilies, shady garden borders, sun loving plants, trial garden show stoppers, ornamental shrubs, how to divide plants and fall flowers.

Special Events



President Bob Hanley and wife Heidi bidding on one of the great auction prizes at the Garden Party

The garden season started with our largest and most well known gala event fundraiser - the **Garden Party** - which took place on Saturday, June 18th. Hawks Nursery transformed the Education and Visitors Center with hundreds of bright exotic flowers making our theme, the Festival of the Flower or "Fiesta de las Flores" a delight to the senses. Led by celebrity hostess Katrina Cravy of Fox 6, our auction raised over \$25,000 and featured priceless items such as Packer tickets and a day with Great Lakes Gardener Melinda Myers. Travel topped the list of hot raffle items starting with a chartered flight for 6 and exotic destinations such as Costa Rica and the Mayan Riviera.

The **Festival of the Rose** was celebrated the week of June 22nd - 26th with a number of time-honored activities that Milwaukeeans have come to love and enjoy. The week started off with our free Garden Walk on Wednesday led by garden docent Joan Prince who was known for her love of roses and dedication to the Friends. Friday night featured live music, wine tastings and cheese samplings at sunset at the Wine and Cheese reception sponsored by the Knight Barry Group. On Saturday, the Milwaukee Rose Society presented a stellar rose show and numerous seminars throughout the day including lectures on rose pruning, fertilization, landscaping and pests and diseases. Sunday finished off the week with featured artist Patrice Procopio, League of Milwaukee Artists art sale and a one-stroke painting demonstration by instructor Trina Eve. Poetry readings and harp music in the Rose Garden led the afternoon activities while Rose Petal Tea Party guests were treated to tea service, story and potpourri making under the Rose Arbor. Evening festivities were led by music from the Festival Symphony while the Pajama Jamboree participants voted for best teddy bear.



Artist Patrice Procopio at the Rose Festival

On Friday, September 30th **The Herb of the Year Dinner** was celebrated with Chef Joe Bartolotta and his staff of culinary experts. Oregon, meaning joy from the mountain, was the selected herb of the year by the Herb Society of American. Guests feasted on a four course meal consisting of Crostini Al Pomodoro E Rucola, Fagiolini Marinati, Penne Allo Scoglio and Orange Oregano Sorbet. The Penne dish is a featured entrée in Paul Bartolotta's Las Vegas restaurant. Lied's Garden Center set the mood with a brilliant fall décor that filled the Education and Visitor Center. Guests strolled through the Gardens during social hour and vied for their favorite botanical scarecrow that were made by local schools for the Annual Scarecrow Contest.

Twelve Days of Ginger were an inspiration for hundreds of guests and included adult and children activities: create a winter container garden, gingerbread storytime and activities, holiday wreath making, botanical gingerbread house decorating, plant sale, one stroke painting of holiday wine glasses and the botany of a fruit cake.

Gift Shop

The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens are committed to operating a museum store that enhances the visitor experience, offers unique merchandise that is related to our mission and is an integral link to the health of the Gardens.

After an extensive renovation, the Gift Shop re-opened for the season with new garden trend merchandise and displays.

The Gift Shop is now featuring original and creative items from local and nationally known artists in addition to botanical and educational products and souvenirs.

New merchandise arrives continually, often with 2-3 shipments a week, ensuring there is always something new to see.

Areas of interest in the Gift Shop include:

- ◆ Creating a Garden Space in Your Home: vases, pictures, dishware, silk and dried flowers, wreaths, organic-based room scents, planters, statuary, candles, pillows
- ◆ Personal style: artisan-crafted jewelry, clothing apparel
- ◆ Written word: garden journals, books, notecards
- ◆ Children's: toys, decorative room items, books, clothing
- ◆ Garden: tools, gloves, outdoor art, gardening hats
- ◆ Furniture: benches, tables, chairs



Some of our new arrivals!



The Garden Section of the FBBG Gift Shop

Our Wonderful Volunteers!

Volunteers continued to contribute their time and talent to helping in all areas of the Friends, donating over 4,200 hours of service valued at \$75,000. This year, over 50 new volunteers were recruited and trained for a total of 280 volunteers. Our top three areas where volunteers made a significant impact were as follows: Gift Shop, Administration/Clerical and Children's Horticultural Education.

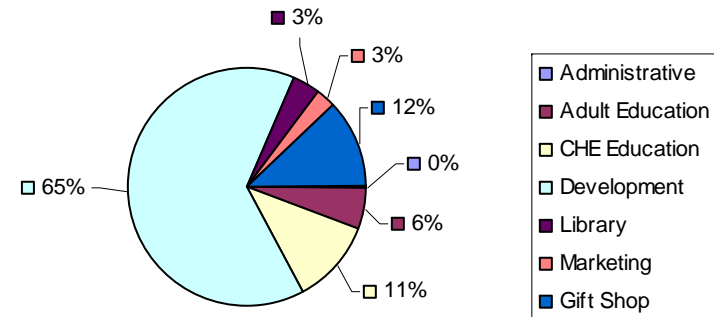
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Matty Andrzejewski	Maureen Day	Rebecca Goldman	Bruce Kehl	Jane MacAvaney	Duane L. Repp	Lorraine Tacke
Betty Amundsen	Lev DeBack	Lisa Gottschalk	Sally Kehl	Christine Maciejewski	Providence Revolinski	Pauline Tarantino
Debra Annunziata	Esther Demerdash	Peter Grimyser	Ray Kehm	Laura MacLean	Kathleen Reynolds	Janet Tatro
Barbara Armstrong	Mary Ross Denison	Gail Griswold	Sue Kehm	Laura Makula	Ellen Ritter	JoAnne Taylor
Jeanne Baas	Carol Deptolla	Phyllis Gruszynski	Nancé Kinney	Joseph Malenda	Mary Rockstad	David Thome
Hope Bastian	Judy DeVries	Sandra Grzeskowiak	Alice Klaybor	Lucille Marcich	Charlene Rod	Donna Thome
Kathryn Behr	Ann Dougherty	Betty Jo Gurschke	Kelly Klaybor	Shirley Matschull	Arlene Ryan	Charlotte Tock
Eileen Beier	Becky Druml	Donna Gurschke	Leah Klaybor	Pauline Mayer	Norma Sabbath	Marcia Tomczak
Char Belland	Elaine Drydyk	Elaine Haberichter	Merry Klemmp	Don Mayer	Arlene L. Sametz	Diane Tower
Carol Benner	Mary Ann Dude	Karleen Haberichter	Mary Kleist	Claudia Mazurek	James Schaefer	Norine Trewyn
Brandon Bergmann	Aletha Duerst	Alice Hain	Gretchen Kling	Gladys McGilsky	Mary Scheidt	Carol Ullrich
Edward Beringer	Amy Eberhardy	Yukiko Hamamura	Phyllis Kneuse	Mary Scherembach	Mary Scherembach	Doug Van Beek
Lori Beringer	Violet Eckert	June Harrington	Gerry Kridler	Clarence Scherr	Clarence Scherr	Mary Van Beek
Stacy Berghammer	Beverley Edwards	Meredyth Harris	Paula Kroening	Janice Scherr	Janice Scherr	John Vanicek
Sharon Beyer	Denise E. Erickson	Nancy Hayek	Helen Kropp	Bonnie Schiek	Bonnie Schiek	Jennie Walker
Carol Block	Edward Erickson	Robert Hayek	Leona Kuehn	Dorothy Schlaikowski	Dorothy Schlaikowski	Kathleen (Katie) Walsh
Burt Blomgren	Sharon Eulgen	Virginia Heckenback	Earlean Kurtin	Patricia Schlichting	Patricia Schlichting	Elaine Warnke <i>deceased</i>
Audrey Blomgren	Earnestine Faja	Janis Heinze	Fred Kurtin	Jeff Schneiderer	Jeff Schneiderer	Margaret Watson
Mary Boehme	Pamela Falvey	Pat Herman	Sandra Laedtke	John Schroeder	John Schroeder	Mary Weber
Marge Bosse	Antonella Ferrise	Jane Heuberger	Marge Lafin	Louis & Rae Margaret	Louis & Rae Margaret	Janna Weeden
Mary Ann Brandhagen	Janice Fischer	Richard Heuberger	Linda Largé	Schubert	Schubert	Barbara Wesener
Mary L. Braun	Ruth Fisher	Rose Hill	Barbara Lasky	Mary A. Schweitzer	Mary A. Schweitzer	Pamela Whitnall- Koehler
Virginia Brunner	Dick Fitzgerald	Bernadine Hoeft	Bill Laste	Barbara Sherman	Barbara Sherman	Megan Whitney
JoAnne Budisch	Maria Fleschner	Jean Hoffmann	Judy Laste	Mary Simmers	Mary Simmers	MaryAnn Wiczorek
Eileen Cantwell	Peg Fleury	Corrine Honebein	Carolyn Lawrence	Angela Sjolund	Angela Sjolund	Kathie Wilcox
Rosemary Carpenter	Helen Flynn	Janet Hubbard	Mary Lemanski	Heather Smart	Heather Smart	Robert Wilson
Barbara Cathlina	Doris Fons	Eunice Hubinger	Irene Lewandowski	Gloria Snearly	Gloria Snearly	Janet Wintersburger
Nancy Churchill	Dena Foster	Rebekah Irelan	Marcia Lilley	Catherine Snow	Catherine Snow	Leone Wisialowski
Rachel Clark	Sandra Freund	Mary Ann Jachowicz	Chris Limbach	John Spindler	John Spindler	Janice Witkowiak
Audrey Conrad	Susan Fricker	Karen Jacobs	Jill Lindberg	Kathy Spindler	Kathy Spindler	LaVerne Wittig
Diane Cortes	Brookelyn Frisby	Billy Jo Jacobson	Cindy Lindstedt	Carol Stankiewicz	Carol Stankiewicz	Michael Wittig
Kay Costello	Janelle Frisby	Kristine Jaeger	Lynn Litt	Christine Stanley	Christine Stanley	Penny Woodcock
Susan Couchman	Eunice Galbawy	Dolores Janus	Ben Litwin	Gregory Stasiewicz	Gregory Stasiewicz	Janet Worth
Bob Cowan	Randy Gascoigne	Mary E. Jensen	Kathy Loewen	Shirley Steele	Shirley Steele	Joslyn Zaffrann
Diane Cowan	Sandy Gascoigne	Adela John	Barbara Luetzow	Linda Stehman	Linda Stehman	Mary Ann Zauner
June Crawford	Melanie Gehl	Karen L. Johnson	Arlene Logan	A. Lu Steinert	A. Lu Steinert	Therese Zdun-Hoyer
Joyce Cunningham	Arlene Glenz	Susan Johnson	Robert Logan	Martha A. Stolar <i>deceased</i>	Martha A. Stolar <i>deceased</i>	Rosalie Zilles
Doris Danneberg	Joan Glyzewski	Gloria Jones	Judy Lohman	Rosheen Styczinski	Rosheen Styczinski	Shirley Zimmerman
Shirley Daun	Ruta Goba	Ruth Ann Jones	Patricia Lukas	Therese Switalski	Therese Switalski	Slavojka Zivanovic
				Edward Reinke	Shirley Swokowski	Mary Jane Zvara

Financial Highlights - Statement of Financial Activities

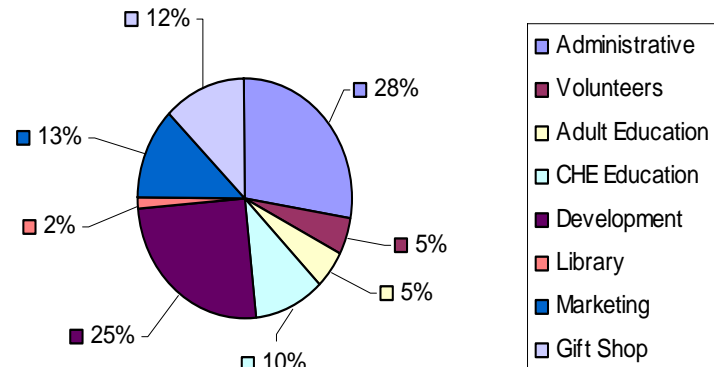
Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2005

Income	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Budget
Administrative	2,214	854	2,000
Adult Education	33,527	30,482	40,000
CHE Education	45,815	60,312	65,000
Development	358,150	340,080	456,000
Library	0	18,000	10,000
Marketing	12,377	15,736	12,000
Gift Shop	68,955	62,633	100,000
Total Operating Income	521,038	528,098	685,000
Expenses			
Administrative	169,458	183,000	248,000
Volunteers	9,340	32,374	32,000
Adult Education	58,587	33,652	40,000
CHE Education	58,880	67,388	60,000
Development	162,558	165,308	170,000
Library	1,176	10,701	10,000
Marketing	60,327	83,911	65,000
Gift Shop	98,000	81,358	60,000
Total Operating Expenses	618,326	657,692	685,000
Net Deficit from Operations	(97,288)	(129,594)	-
Building-Net Costs	(78,193)	(201,976)	-
Capital Campaign—Net Income	217,411	198,040	50,000
Revenue Bonds—Net Income (Deficit)	(4,057)	277,163	(51,000)

2005 Operating Income



2005 Operating Expenses



Development & Membership

In a year with devastating national and worldwide disasters such as Katrina and the Tsunami, the Friends were grateful for the generosity of our members and donors. We realized increased support from our Board, the corporate and foundation community and memorials and honorariums. Our annual appeal and special events decreased slightly from the previous year. Total monies raised were \$340,000.

SEEDS Membership

Seeds, "Supporters of Education, the Environment and Developmental Strides" continued to grow. At the end of 2005, over 30 members now claim membership in this special group of donors. Our SEED members contributed over 25% of our fundraising monies this year, representing one of our most generous groups.



General Membership

Membership revenues contributed approximately 25% of the annual fundraising revenues and in 2005 decreased about 10% over 2004 results. We welcomed over 325 new members in 2005 with total membership of 1,439 members.

The Herb Society of America - Wisconsin Unit

The members of the Herb Society of America (HSA) - Wisconsin Unit were very active with the Friends this year providing a very special grant opportunity for students of the Roosevelt School of the Arts to visit Boerner Botanical Gardens. On October 11th, 32 promising art students met with horticulture staff in a day long seminar on how to use design, color and art in the gardens. On November 13th, the HSA members hosted a special benefit tea entitled "Herbal Treasures" for members and the general public on November 13th.



*CCC Workers Building
Boerner Botanical Gardens*

Annual Meeting

On May 15th, Friends members attended the Annual Meeting which included the election of the new officers and a fabulous potluck. Noted peony hybridizer and grower Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Perennial Farms delighted members with a rare slide show of his private gardens entitled "Gems from my Garden."

Celebrating the Legacy

On June 5th, the Friends and the Milwaukee County Historical Society celebrated the legacy and history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) role in building Boerner Botanical Gardens. The event included the reunion of five of the original CCC workers for a panel discussion with the audience, a soup kitchen meal of the period, documentary film, a rare photography exhibit of the CCC camp and a visit to the remaining CCC building.

The Women's Council

Led by Board Member Deanna Braeger, the Women's Council was formed to help promote the Gardens through the member's spheres of influence. Modeled after other successful women's philanthropy groups, the Council meets twice a year with opportunities to learn about the Garden's history, scope and needs.

Education and Visitors Center

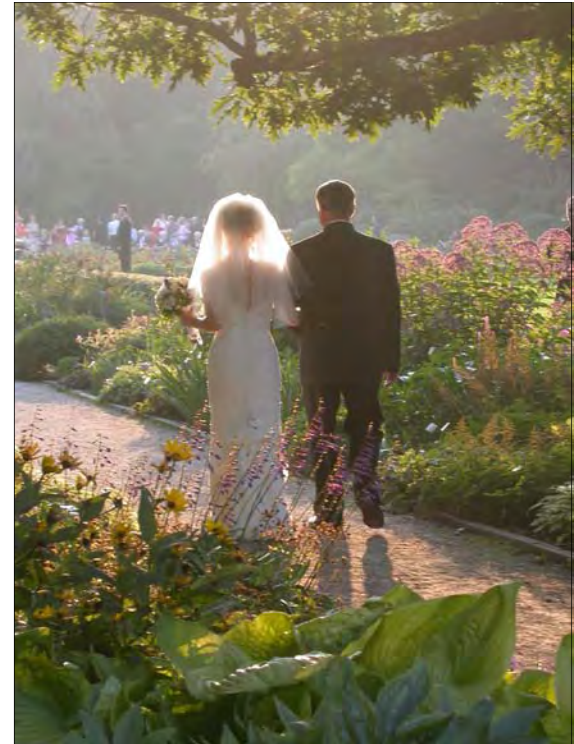
Three years ago an agreement was reached with Milwaukee County for the Friends to operate the Education and Visitor Center. The plan was that the Gardens and building rentals would generate sufficient revenues to support the Center. Unfortunately, the expected revenues did not materialize and the Friends continued to operate the Center at a loss with minimal financial support from Milwaukee County for 2003 and 2004 and none in 2005.

In October 2005, under the terms of our lease agreement, the Friends gave Milwaukee County notice that they would no longer operate the Center without support. The December 15, 2005 County Board Finance & Audit Committee meeting confirmed that there were no available funds for 2006.

As of January 1, 2006 all costs associated with the running of the Center became the obligation of the building owner, Milwaukee County. The Friends will no longer sell or manage the facility. With this decision, we are excited to devote our efforts to mission-driven work such as children's and adult education, developing the Library of the Friends, creating special events and preserving the Gardens.



*Exterior View of
the Education &
Visitors Center*



*Beautiful Weddings Happen
at Boerner Botanical Gardens*

The Education & Visitor Center is a lovely venue for weddings, reunions, corporate events and other private functions.

Bartolotta Catering Company now manages the private functions.



The Rose Garden Sponsorships



The Lady with children is one of many statutes that need complete restoration.

Tributes and In Memoriam

Many families and friends honored or paid tribute to loved ones with gifts in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, life, love of gardening or marriage at the Gardens. Both permanent and annual opportunities were provided in the form of statute restoration, bench and tree dedication, purchase of library books and garden equipment.

A new annual sponsorship for the Rose Gardens was installed with recognition for 20 honor-ees. These sponsorships help provided needed resources to maintain and preserve the beauty of the renowned All American Selection Rose Garden.

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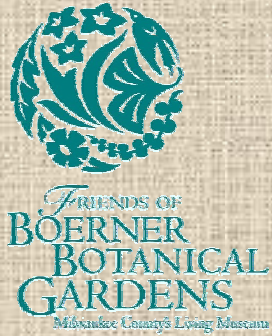
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