



2021 Annual Report



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Financial highlights

The summaries below reflect our financial position in accordance with FBBG's annual audits.

Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2021

	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
Operating Income	\$1,521,569	\$554,507
Operating Expenses	\$414,878	\$396,249
Net Income (Deficit) from Operations	\$1,106,691	\$158,258
FBBG Garden Fund Income	\$53,477	\$86,783
FBBG Garden Fund Expense	\$49,749	\$103,668
Restricted Garden Fund Net Change*	\$3,728	\$(16,885)
Total Change in Net Assets	\$1,110,419	\$141,373
*FBBG Garden fund balance at the end of 2020 was \$95,568.		

In 2014, FBBG changed accounting methods from cash basis to accrual basis. The change is a requirement of U.S. GAAP, required by the State of WI Dept. of Financial Institutions.

Special Gift to the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, Inc.

In December 2021, FBBG was notified of a special \$1,000,000. endowment award from the Bucyrus Foundation...to ensure the future of our organization and our work in sustaining and preserving County owned Boerner Botanical gardens.



Highlights of achievements

In 2021...building back after covid pandemic...

- **We resumed planning and facilitating** nature programming for K12 school students, home schoolers, special needs groups, families....and brought back *Stroller Rolls* for moms and preschoolers!

My favorite time at Boerner was the FBBG children's K12 programming. I now want to teach kids and will be getting my teaching certificate."

—2021 FBBG donor-funded summer in-garden Intern

"My kids loved picking vegetables from FBBG's student garden."

"Its great to see the children's beds change from season to season!"

- **We resumed** garden walks and in person adult/family classes.

"The beach glass recycling class was great fun!"

- **We welcomed** our FBBG members and friends to an evening hosted by renown Rosarian and one of FBBG's founders, Will Radler, at his private garden.

- **We helped** community members in selecting tree, bench, and brick memorials for loved ones.

"We so appreciate the kindness received from FBBG staff when we purchased a bench at Boerner in memory of our father."

- **We celebrated our 11th year** of recruiting community and corporate volunteers for Boerner's garden staff.

Since 2010 inception of FBBG's volunteer initiative, 8,000+ volunteers have given over 18,500 hours in support of this historic and beloved venue!

- **We celebrated the start of FBBG's donor driven Children's Garden** which broke ground in July opens July 2022!

- **We delivered** 68 nature based at home creative learning activities for adults and families.

We were the recipient of a \$1,000,000 gift from the Bucyrus Foundation to FBBG endowment for the express purpose of "ensuring the future" of the *Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, Inc.*.... celebrating nearly four decades of supporting County-owned Boerner!



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