



May Center Report – April 2015

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



May Arboretum

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The Arboretum held its annual “KEEP IT CLEAN AND GREEN” - May Arboretum Spring Clean-Up that was held Saturday, April 11, 2015; 10am to noon. Rail City Garden Center, KKOH 780 AM Newstalk radio and Costco are sponsors of the event. Over 15 yards of debris was removed by 30 volunteers.
- ◆ DISCOVER YOUR PARKS, APRIL 18, 2014. The May Arboretum Society and Lions Club assisted with handing out over 500 trees scavenger hunts during this event. Arboretum estimates nearly 1,000 parents and children visited the Arboretum.
- ◆ ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION - Friday, April 24, 2015; 11:45 am-1:00 pm. Arboretum staff held its annual Arbor Day event and planted a tree in honor Gene Sullivan, former Washoe County Parks Director. Dixie May provided funding for the tree.
- ◆ Arboretum staff resumes work with the Glen Duncan Elementary School Garden Project. Both horticulturist and the Assistant attended the contractor meeting to answer questions regarding the work on bid specifications.
- ◆ Phase II of the \$30,000 fencing project started March 24, 2015 and is nearly complete. Funds were provided by a generous donation from the May Foundation.
- ◆ Pruning and tree removal started in Phase II of the Gardens and in David’s Memorial grove, upper montane conifer plant collection (\$8,000) is 50% complete. Several hazardous trees were removed, and pruning continues in several of the Arboretum garden and groves. Funding was provided by the May Foundation.
- ◆ The horticulturist continues to upgrade the Arboretum website in Cascade.
- ◆ The Arboretum provided 6 tours this week to 60 UNR Students and over 125 elementary school students from Reno and Carson.
- ◆ Greenhouse project is moving forward. The horticulturist drafted an operation manual and application for the non-profit organizations to apply for greenhouse space. Space for three non-profits will be made available. This effort is to provide several non-profits access the community green house. Entry and exit dates are part of the process.
- ◆ Arboretum horticulturist will continue to upgrade plant records (plant curator) and add new accessions as they come into the arboretum.
- ◆ The Horticulturist continues to serve on the Statewide Nevada Shade Tree counsel as vice president and continues serve on the UNR Arboretum board.
- ◆ The Horticulturist serves as chairman of the May Arboretum Endowment fund committee and Horticultural Assistant sits on the committee. The group meets regularly to plan and establish fund raising events.
- ◆ The horticulturist continues to publish horticultural articles for the May Center newsletter (Botanical Bytes). Last year the horticulturist published 24 articles.
- ◆ A Sierra Nevada Job Corps Intern is working in the Arboretum. Phil Brazier, Horticulture Assistant, provides supervision, training and management. Interns contribute up 32 hours of service per week.



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Wilbur D. May Arboretum Volunteers

- ◆ May Arboretum Society (MAS) and Arboretum volunteers logged 324.25 hours this past month which has a service value of \$7,311.00. Job Corps intern and community volunteers logged 105 hours which has a service value of \$2,67.00. Total Arboretum volunteer hours logged for April were 429.4 hours which has a service value of \$9,679.00. This fiscal year the Arboretum logged 4,333.00 hours to date, which has a service value of \$97,730.00.

Job Corps

- ◆ The Park Volunteer Coordinator secured a Job Corps intern for the Arboretum for the next two months. The Horticultural Assistant will provide training and direction.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Visitors **Unavailable this for this month**

Arboretum Tours

- ◆ Four elementary tours and two UNR tours were booked this month.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Memorials

- ◆ The tow memorial brick was purchased this past month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDEN DAY - Friday, May 8, 2015; 11:45 am - 1:00 pm – A FREE Public Garden Tour will be offered on Friday to start your Mother's Day weekend and to celebrate National Public Garden Day. A flower will be presented to the first 20 moms! Leading the 45 minute tour will be Bill Carlos, Washoe County Horticulturist, who will discuss the unique plants, the gardens and history. Come prepared with a camera, water and comfortable shoes! Register by calling the Arboretum office at 785-4153 and leave your contact information.
- ◆ MAY ARBORETUM SOCIETY PLANT SALE will be held on May 30, 2015 and continue the following week, June 1st to June 5th. The Horticulturist chairs the plant sale.