



May Center Report –January 2018

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



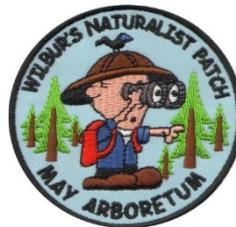
May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Kristen’s Garden upgrade (paver project) began this month. Funds were provided by a generous donation from the May Arboretum Society. \$35,000.00.
- ◆ A potting shed was installed adjacent to the Arboretum greenhouse. Funding was provided by the May Foundation. \$5,724.90.00.
- ◆ John Crandell Tree Service began work this past month. They are contracted to prune several large trees and remove noxious and invasive tree species. Funding for this project was made possible the May Foundation. \$8,000.00.

May Arboretum Educational Programs

- ◆ Danielle Ornelas, Arboretum Educator and AmeriCorps member held the “Little Sprouts” program this past month, “Animals Under The Snow.” Over 25 people attended, parents and children. The series ends in February with "Backyard Spiders". The classes filled the first month it was offered. Workshops are designed for families with children ages 2-5. The program will assist young children practice motor skills, socializing, and decision making through activities and garden explorations. This series is FREE and open to the public. Space is limited to 20 children. If you have any questions please call Danielle Ornelas at 775-785-4153 or dornelas@washoecounty.us.
- ◆ The Arboretum Educator also reformatted and rebranded the Arboretum Naturalist program. She revised the program into two guides, the Jr. Naturalist guide and Naturalist Guide. She also developed a new patch for those children who complete the guide. The Jr. Naturalist Guide is for ages 10 and younger, and our Naturalist Guide is for ages 11 and older. Activities are designed to encourage a sense of wonder, mystery, and scientific discovery in nature. Once the guide is complete, we are requesting participants to mail their completed guide to the May Arboretum along with \$1 to pay for Wilbur’s Naturalist Patch and postage.





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Greenhouse Program

- ◆ The Horticulturist kicked off the greenhouse school program and will be piloting the program using several elementary schools and one high school. The arboretum is offering schools an opportunity to order FREE vegetable starts from our greenhouse this spring to meet the needs of the school science curriculum. This program will assist teachers with an opportunity to meet STEM requirements as well. Schools are emailed the arboretum greenhouse order form. Orders will be received through the end of January 2018. The form includes a selection of different vegetables suited for our environment and transplant well. Soon after the program was released to the selected schools the arboretum received 3 orders and we are expecting more. Order deadline is January 31st. All of our plant varieties are tried and true and grown from seed. Seedlings will be started in plug trays and transplanted into 4 inch pots and grown for an additional 3 to 4 weeks. All schools are required to pick up their orders at the Arboretum lath house at their requested date. The vegetables compiled are known to transplant well and produce in our short growing season with proper care. Also listed on the form for teachers are suggested local outdoor planting and frost free dates.

Tours

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society and the Arboretum Educator is offering “The Good Nature Walking Tours” for older adults. The first tour for this year will be held on the February 9th from 1pm to 2pm in the Arboretum. The theme is “Love Stories in the Garden”. Please call the Arboretum office 775-785-4153 more information. Additional walks are scheduled for spring, summer and fall of 2018. Participants can stay up to date by visiting our Facebook page and web site <http://www.maycenter.com>, Facebook <https://www.facebook.com>. Admission is free and all older adults are welcome.

Arboretum Projects

- ◆ The horticulturist request bids to upgrade Burke Garden, the popular English Cottage Garden. The upgrade includes an English recirculating fountain to serve as a focal point, new planter area, steps, new circular pavers, stair lighting and up-lighting in trees. The horticulturist proposed several bids to the May Arboretum Society in December. The Society awarded the bid to the Garden Shop. Construction will begin fall of 2018. Many thanks to the May Arboretum Society for their generous donation towards the project - \$45,000.00

Operations

- ◆ Staff was busy install a new irrigation system for the greenhouse, leaf removal, pruning, monitoring and cleaning irrigation ditches.



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Volunteer Program

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Volunteers

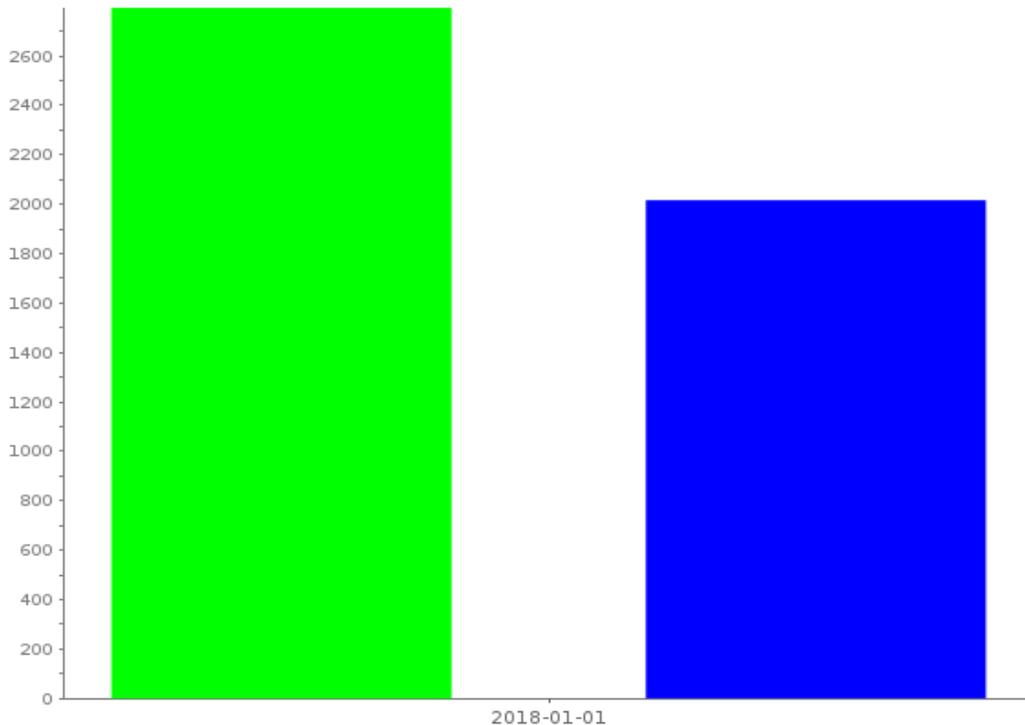
- ◆ The May Arboretum volunteers and the May Arboretum Society recorded 252 hours of service in January through the 23rd which has service value of \$5,669.51. Sierra Nevada Job Corps logged 72 hours, a service value of \$722.60. Total volunteer and intern hours for January is 284.00 hours which has a service value of \$6,421.18. Total service hours and value was for fiscal year 2017-2018 is 2,040 hours which has a service value \$47,129.00.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Visitors

Monthly* totals report

Covering 1 month from 2018-01-01 to 2018-01-31

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Site Name	Average	Min	Max
So.Arbo Entrance ^D	2,795.4	2,795.4	2,795.4
West Arbo Entrance ^D	2,056.8	2,056.8	2,056.8



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May Museum Report

January Highlights

- ◆ The May Center had a booth at the annual Sheep Show event at the convention center. We promoted the museum’s safari history collection and attracted many new visitors.
- ◆ The Hall of Heroes exhibition opened, featuring larger-than-life super hero characters and interactive stations. The exhibit explores the history of superheroes in pop culture. It will be on display through April 15.
- ◆ The May Center had a booth at the annual Bridal Fair at the Grand Sierra Resort to promote rental spaces for weddings.

Future Events

- ◆ The Museum will host a “Capes & Cocktails” event on February 10. This after-hours, adults only event will include access to the Hall of Heroes exhibit, food, and refreshments.