



May Center Report – May 2019

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

May Arboretum Report

Highlights

- ◆ Over 4,500 plants were sold during the May Arboretum Society plant sale. The sale was held over Mother's Day Weekend on May 11th and May 12 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. in Burke Garden. Plant sale proceeds benefits the May Arboretum Society and the May Arboretum.
- ◆ Repair work to Honey's Garden water feature has begun. The repairs are funded by Washoe County Infrastructure Preservation funds. In addition 3 new wooden benches in the garden were replaced thanks to a generous donation from the May Foundation. Many thanks to Robbie Short, Program Work Crew Leader and the Crossroads program. This saved the county labor cost.
- ◆ The May Arboretum celebrated Public Garden's week by offering tours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The arboretum is member of the American Public Garden Association and certified Level II Arboretum through the Morton Arboretum ARBnet program
- ◆ Arboretum staff purchased 36 new trees for the arboretum and 26 new roses for the rose garden. Staff will be planting the new trees throughout the season and volunteers planted the roses this month.

May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ Weekend Nature Walk was held on May 4th from 0:00 am 11:00 am. The walks are designed for families with children 10 year and younger. No two walks are the same. The first walk of the year will held on Friday May 3rd from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Walks are led primarily by Alexis Tarantino, a senior Environmental Studies student at UNR. She is well-versed in a variety of environmental topics, and has been leading the walks since 2017. Registration for this walk is not required. For more information contact the Arboretum Educator at 775-785-4153.
- ◆ Nature Explorers: Nature Journaling for Home Schoolers. This class was held on May 7th from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Over 30 children and parents attended. The program will be held throughout the summer. This class is at the Arboretum by the Arboretum Educator Katie Bird, AmeriCorps member. Our "Nature Explorer" sessions is 1-1.5 hours long and, generally, include a short hike, a guided activity, and free journaling time. Contact the Arboretum Educator and AmeriCorps member Katie Bird at kbird@washoecounty.us for additional information or visit the Arboretum web page at www.maycenter.com and click on the arboretum photo then the calendar.
- ◆ Tuesday Tree Talks was led by led by Arboretum Educator Katie Bird. The theme of the walk was Eastern Trees, as Katie's botanical knowledge is rooted in her Delaware home ecosystems. The walk is FREE and open to the public. This program is intended for adults, but older teenagers with an interest in science or botany would also enjoy this talk. Meet by the south Arboretum entrance (first parking lot off of N. Sierra St/ Putnam.)
- ◆ Friday Bird Walks was held by Katie Bird, AmeriCorps member and Educator. Several bird enthusiasts gathered for a tour in front of the Arboretum office. Katie studied wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware, and she focused on ornithology. She has years of experience leading bird walks for kids and adults! Join Katie every Friday at 4:00 pm in front of the Arboretum office.



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- ◆ Three Public Garden Walking Tours were held during the week of May 13th in celebration of Public Garden Week. Monday's tour was led by Bill Carlos Washoe County Horticulturist. Bill presented, "What do Public Gardens Mean for our Communities?" The Wednesday tour was led by Katie Bird. Katie presented, "What Birds Reside in Our Gardens". On Friday Bill Carlos, horticulturist presented "If Trees Could Talk" and on Saturday, Natalie Allen, a UNR ecohydrology student, presented "Splash into Your Water Shed".
- ◆ "Little Sprouts" was developed to assist young children practice motor skills, socializing and decision making through activities and garden explorations. Workshops are designed for families with children ages 2-5. The series is FREE and open to the public. Space is limited to 20 children. For details visit the May Arboretum webpage and click on the calendar.
- ◆ "Good Nature Tours" will resume in the spring of 2019. Good Nature tours are designed for adults and our senior population. For additional information please visit the Arboretum webpage and click on the calendar.

Greenhouse Program

- ◆ Arboretum staff will be preparing the greenhouse to plant several hundred annuals for our summer and fall display. This month the greenhouse housed nearly 12,000 plants.

Reservations

- ◆ Wedding reservations opened this month and a wedding is scheduled for May 25th in the new upgraded Burke Garden (\$46,000 from the May Arboretum Society).

May Arboretum Intern Program

- ◆ Katie Mitchell a UNR student is completing her 100 hour of internship at the Arboretum. The Arboretum also engages AmeriCorps and Cross Roads in an effort to fill labor gap due to nearly 100% of the Arboretum's seasonal staff budget cut.

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- ◆ The May Arboretum subscribes to the Pedestrian TRAFX Counter software. The system averages the number of visitors based on historical data and the actual recorded data. The average number of visitors recorded from May 1 to May 22nd of 2019 was approximately 9,563. Master summary suggest approximately 66,613 visited the Arboretum from January 2019 to May 22th, 2019. Nearly 64% of our visitors enter through the south entrance. Annually the Arboretum expects up to 80,000 visitors per year.



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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT [†]	ADT [†] x365	Days with data
2019	So.Arbo Entrance	2,409	1,360	3,743*	6,749	7,001*								134.223	48,991	139
	West Arbo Entrance	1,209	572	1,274*	2,044	2,562*								48.281	17,622	139

ADT[†] = Average Daily Traffic
 * = based upon that month's ADT
^D = divide by 2 applied

May Museum Report

Highlights

- ◆ The Museum wrapped up the Lost World of Dragons exhibition after approximately four months. The exhibition was a success in terms of attendance and gift store sales. Tear down and ship out was easy and fast.
- ◆ The Museum took part in the annual University District Museum’s “Museum Day.” The May Museum offered free admission along with 10 museums on and around the UNR campus. Approximately 650 people visited during the one-day event.
- ◆ The Museum hosts the Sierra Watercolor Society’s spring exhibition: “Seeds of Inspiration.” This botanical themed exhibit features dozens of original watercolor paintings for purchase.

Upcoming

- ◆ The Sierra Watercolor Society art exhibition will close on June 22 and the museum will prep the gallery space for its next art exhibit.