



May Center Report – June, July 2021

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The Arboretum horticulturist secured \$212,000.00 for staffing and projects from the May Arboretum Society in June.
- ◆ The May Arboretum Horticulturist and Arboretum Educational Program Coordinator hosted a 2 day career day for the TMPF during Public Garden Week (May 7-16, 2021). Over 50 AmeriCorps members attended the 2 day workshop.
- ◆ Over 3,000 vegetables starts were planted from the Arboretum greenhouse in support of Washoe County's employee garden, Rangers community garden, Arboretum Educator Salsa and Pizza Garden program and annuals for the arboretum. Staff also transplanted 240 lavender plants for the May Arboretum Society lavender sale in July.

May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ Laura Fraser, AmeriCorps Arboretum Educational Program Coordinator Laura launched "The Gnome Scavenger Hunt" in June in the Arboretum. Nearly 200 kids and parents came to opening day and hunt is open through the end of August. Four companies and two private citizens sponsored the gnomes.
- ◆ Laura's "Pizza & Salsa Garden" activity launched in June as well and all seventy five kits (4 plants/kit) were distributed to parents and children. A total of 300 plants were grown for this program in the arboretum greenhouse. Each plant kit contained planting and harvesting instructions and a short history on origin of each plant along with recipe cards.

Tours

- ◆ May Arboretum horticulturist provided a tour of the gardens to the Newcomer club. Over 30 people attended the tour.

Reservations

- ◆ Several wedding took place in the gardens as restrictions were relaxed. Garden are closed for the month of July for Artown.



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Arboretum Upgrades and Projects

- ◆ The horticulturist prepared contracts and agreements for the 6 projects that were funded by the May Arboretum Society. Some of the projects are scheduled to begin at the end of July.

Arboretum Operations

- ◆ The horticulturist continues to meet with new and active donors. The horticulturist also maintains the Arboretum donor data base and donor records.

Visitor Data

- ◆ The number of visitors from May to June, 15,642 visited the arboretum. This is an increase of 21% compared to last year at the same time.

Volunteers

- ◆ Volunteers continue play a major role in the maintenance and operation of the Arboretum. They have provided on average over \$110,000.00 in service annually.

Memorials

- ◆ Two memorial trees and 3 memorial bricks were purchased from the public from May to June.

May Museum Report

- ◆ The Museum hosted an Art Angels workshop during Artown. Volunteers from Sierra Watercolor Society led two free painting classes for children. Attendance was much lower than in previous classes due to COVID limitations, but the families that did attend were very pleased.
- ◆ The Museum brought Lily Lee, the artist behind The Great Basin Murders exhibition to give a lecture on her work. The event was well attended and included the family of one of the murder victims. After the lecture, visitors attended a closing reception in the gallery. The Great Basin Murders exhibit closed after a successful showing.
- ◆ The Latimer Art Club installed and opened “The Power & Beauty of Water,” a mixed media exhibition focused on water. The exhibit will be on display through August 15.