



May Center Report – August 2021

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society (MAS) held their Lavender Day fundraising event. Over 200 lavender plants were sold.

May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ Laura Fraser, AmeriCorps Arboretum Educational Program Coordinator ended her term this month. The horticulturist will hire a new coordinator in August. Funding for the position is granted by the May Arboretum Society (\$10,500).
- ◆ “The Gnome Scavenger Hunt” will continue to end of August. May Arboretum volunteers and Denise Evans Volunteer Coordinator are managing the program. Prize redemptions are offered Mondays and Thursdays.

Arboretum Upgrades and Projects

- ◆ Honey’s Garden, a popular reservable facility, had its pavers repaired this past month.

Arboretum Operations

- ◆ The arboretum is short staffed by one and half seasonal staff.
- ◆ Smoke from adjacent wildfires limited work hours during several days this month.
- ◆ The horticulturist continues to meet with new and active donors. The horticulturist also maintains the Arboretum donor data base and donor records.
- ◆ The horticulturist continues to maintain plant records, accession, and plant mapping.

Visitor Data

- ◆ The number of visitors for July was 4,867 and the daily average for the year is 267 people per day.

Volunteers

- ◆ Volunteers continue play a major role in the maintenance and operation of the Arboretum. They have provided on average and an annual basis over \$110,000.00 in service to the arboretum. During the pandemic and last fiscal year, volunteers provided approximately \$50,000 of service. In July they provide 134.5 hours of service valued at \$3,046.15.



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- ◆ The Latimer Art Club exhibition was extended through the end of the month.
- ◆ Museum staff attended the Las Vegas Market to research new products for the gift store.
- ◆ The Museum hosted a local paranormal group for an after-hours investigation to be filmed for their online show.

UPCOMING

- ◆ The Museum will offer free admission and have special hours during the Great Reno Balloon Races.
- ◆ The Museum is participating in the annual Smithsonian Museum Day. On September 18, museums around the country will offer free admission to pass holders who register through the Smithsonian.