



May Center Report –February 2018

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Due to the dry winter conditions staff activated the irrigation system in the Arboretum. Several parts of the collection were watered. The arboretum requires a minimum of 5-7 inches of precipitation during the winter months. So far we have received less than one inch of precipitation since January.
- ◆ Kristens Garden upgrade (paver project) was completed 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 greenhouse. Funding was provided by the May Foundation.
\$5,724.90.00.
- ◆ John Crandell Tree Service was contracted to prune several large trees and remove noxious and invasive tree species and was completed this month. Fund for this project was made possible the May Foundation
\$8,000.00.
- ◆ No pet signs were posted at the south, west, Burke Garden entrances of the Arboretum. Signs were funded by the May Arboretum Society.

May Arboretum Educational Programs

- ◆ Danielle Ornelas, Arboretum Educator and AmeriCorps member held the “Little Sprouts” program this past month, “Animals Under the Snow.” Several May Arboretum Society members assisted with the program. Over 25 parents and children attended. The series ends in February with, "Backyard Spiders". This series was FREE and open to the public. This program and other children and Senior educational programs were made possible by a generous donation from the May Arboretum Society (\$9,000.00).
- ◆ The May Arboretum and the Denise Evans, Volunteer Coordinator is preparing the Horticulture Arboretum Volunteer program that will begin at the end of February. The training is designed to for people who want work in the gardens and participate in the Arboretum Educational Programs.

May Foundation

- ◆ The May Foundation approved \$6,500.00 for a new trail map for the Arboretum. The horticulturist is working closely with the Foundation and received bids.

May Arboretum Society

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society is preparing for their annual plant sale which will be held over Mother’s Day weekend.

Tours

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society and the Arboretum Educator is offering the, “The Good Nature” Walking Tours for Older Adults. The first tour for this year was held on the February 9th from 1pm to 2pm in the Arboretum. The theme was “Love Stories in the Garden”. A new schedule is posted on the Arboretum webpage under “Learn and Explore”. 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> , and click on the Arboretum photo.



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Community Educational Programs

- ◆ The Arboretum is partnering with the UNR Stamford Center for the Aging. Currently plans are being made to provide activities in the Arboretum in the spring of 2018. The Arboretum will also partner with Washoe County Senior Services.

Operations

- ◆ The May Arboretum webpage is updated by the Arboretum Educator on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Plant records, plant curating and accession using Iris BG and ESRI, ARC Map software continue weekly and throughout the year. The plant records and the curator program is managed by the horticulturist.
- ◆ Staff is busy install a new irrigation system for the greenhouse. Eight seedling “mist” benches are operating. Irrigation lines will be installed for the other 14 benches. They have also been busy with leaf removal, pruning, monitoring and cleaning irrigation ditches.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Volunteers

- ◆ The May Arboretum volunteers and the May Arboretum Society recorded 230 hours of service February 1 to the 15th which has service value of \$5,197.2. All of the Arboretum interns are on winter break. Total service hours and value was for fiscal year 2017-2018 is 2,320 hours which has a service value

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Visitors

