



May Center Report – July 2018

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Dragon Lights Reno was opened to VIP's on July 28th followed by employee night on the 29th. Over 500 employees attended. The official opening night was Saturday July 30th, and over 3,000 people attended. The average number of visitors beginning from June 30 to July 19th is 1,239 visitors nightly. The event has been a very successful drawing guest not only from northern Nevada but also from the Bay Area and Sacramento.
- ◆ The 4th Annual Lavender Day at the Labyrinth Garden was hosted by the May Arboretum Society on Saturday, July 21st (9:00am to 1:00pm). Entrance was free and eight varieties of lavender plants were for sale. Arboretum volunteers and staff provide tips for growing the plants.
- ◆ NDF Grant - The arboretum purchased nearly \$10,000.00 of greenhouse materials to propagate 25,000 native and adaptive plants species in their greenhouse for Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Wetland Flood Damage Restoration and Medusa head mitigation project.

May Arboretum Educational Programs

- ◆ Danielle Ornelas, Arboretum Educator and AmeriCorps member will be ending her term at the Arboretum on July 29th.
- ◆ The educator also offered the "Good Nature Tours" for older adults this past month. Tours were led by Arboretum docent volunteers and have been held through the year.
- ◆ The educator also offered the "Weekend Nature Walks" for families with children 10 and under. They started at 10:00 am every Saturday. Each walk included a nature themed activity that is modified for kids.
- ◆ The Arboretum Educator partnered again this year with Washoe County Library to provide "Storytime" this summer. This program is very popular with over 50 children and adults participating. It was held every Tuesday during the summer from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Greenhouse Program

- ◆ The Horticulturist and greenhouse manager received the propagation materials to begin a 2 year flood damage restoration project at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. The arboretum will be responsible for propagating 25,000 the plants. The horticulturist will be managing the project for the next two years.

May Arboretum Society

- ◆ **May Arboretum Society Endowment.** The horticulturist currently chairs the May Arboretum Society Endowment Fund Committee and schedules monthly meeting and coordinate fund raising events.
- ◆ The horticulturist requested another utility vehicle for staff from the May Arboretum Society this past month. The request was made to assist the arboretum in replacing the 30 year old arboretum fleet. The May Arboretum Society approved the purchase (\$9,515.00) at their July 10th meeting.



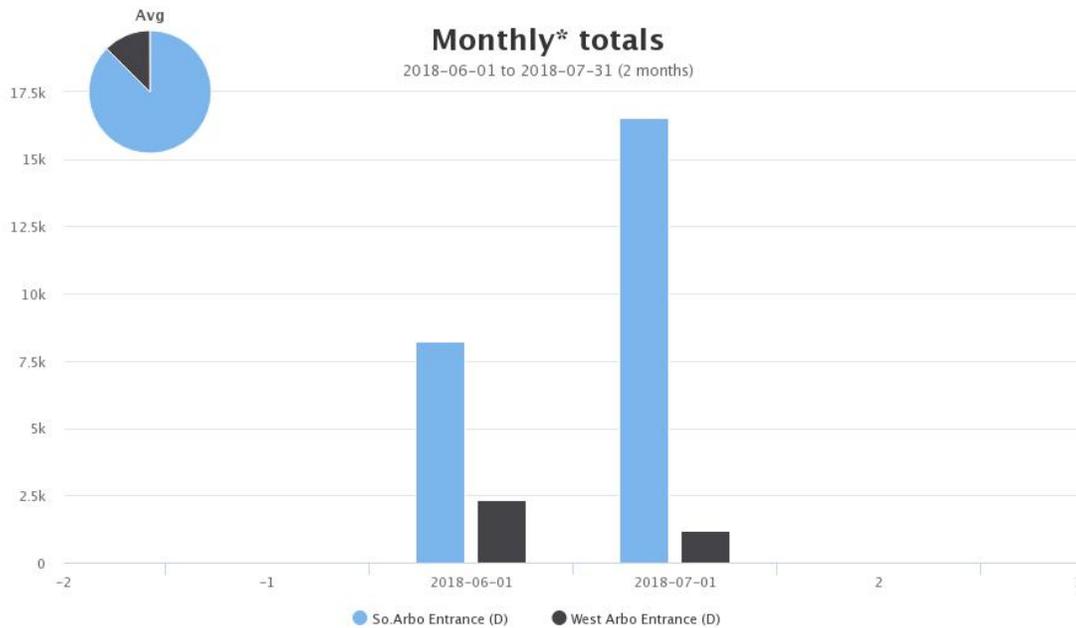
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Arboretum Future Upgrades and Projects

- ◆ The horticulturist will be scheduling work in the greenhouse with Washoe County’s project manager. A concrete pad will be poured in the 3,500 sqft greenhouse. The horticulturist proposal to the May Arboretum Society for this project was approved (\$37,930.00) at their May 2018 meeting.
- ◆ The horticulturist coordinated an irrigation project in the Labyrinth Garden(\$6,000). The horticulturist made the proposal to the May Arboretum Society and was approved at their April 2018 meeting.
- ◆ The May Arboretum Society approved the horticulturist proposal for a \$45,000 upgrade to Burke Garden. Construction will begin towards the end of September of 2018. Funding for the project was made possible by a generous donation from the May Arboretum Society.

Visitor Data Program



(D) = divide by 2 applied

	So.Arbo Entrance (D)	West Arbo Entrance (D)
2018-06-01	8,204	2,342
2018-07-01	16,528.6	1,196.3



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May Museum Report

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- ◆ The Museum hosted the Small Expressions exhibition for two-weeks. This international, juried exhibition featured the work of more than 20 artists from around the world, and was on display in conjunction with the Handweavers Guild of America annual conference and Artown. More than 700 visitors came to see the free exhibition of mixed media art.
- ◆ The Museum opened the New Directions exhibition, featuring fiber and fabric art from several Nevada County, California artists. The exhibition opened with a textile technique demonstration and an artist's reception. The free Artown exhibit will be on display through September 2 and all artwork is for sale.
- ◆ The Museum hosted its annual Art Angels workshop, in conjunction with Artown and Sierra Watercolor Society. This free class gives watercolor painting instruction to children ages 6 – 12.

UPCOMING

- ◆ The Museum will host a steampunk ballet in August, in conjunction with High Desert Steam and the Sierra Nevada Ballet.
- ◆ The Museum will host the Nevada Heart Gallery Adoption Exchange kiosk from August – October. The kiosk displays photos of children in the community who are available for adoption and provides literature on the adoption process.