



## May Center Report – May 2018

### Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

#### May Arboretum Report

##### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The Horticulturist submitted nine funding proposal to the May Arboretum Society in April. The May Arboretum Society approved \$110,000.00 for upgrades, equipment and staff. Items are listed in the report below.
- ◆ The May Arboretum Society hosted their annual fund raising plant sale. Nearly 3,000 plants were sold on Saturday and sold on out on Sunday. Over 30 May Arboretum Society volunteers assisted with the sale from planning, planting and selling the plants.
- ◆ The Arboretum staff met with the Wilbur May Foundation Board on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

#### **May Arboretum Educational Programs**

- ◆ The educator also coordinated “Journey Though the Great Basin” station tour to Roger Corbett Elementary School. Over 80 students attended the program. Arboretum and May Arboretum Society volunteers and staff assisted with program (8).
- ◆ The educator also offered the “Good Nature Tours” for older adults. The horticulturist lead the tour, “The Mother Trees” in honor of “Mother’s Day”. Here the horticulturist provided researched based information about how trees and plants communicate and adapt to their environment. The educator also offers the “Weekend Nature Walks” for families with children 10 and under. The start at 10:00 am every Saturday. Each walk includes a nature themed activity that is modified for kids. The next tour May 26, 2018, “Discoveries at Evans Creek”. Contact the Arboretum Educator for more information.

#### **Greenhouse Program**

- ◆ The horticulturist is also exploring propagating native plant species for revegetation project for the county and especially for parks.

#### **May Foundation**

- ◆ The horticulturist proposal for a new May Arboretum trail map was approved by the May Foundation (\$6,500.00). The horticulturist is assisting Fallon Media with the content and layout.

#### **May Arboretum Society**

- ◆ Washoe County park staff and the May Arboretum Society are preparing for “**Dragon Lights**” **Illuminating the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden**, which begins June 30<sup>th</sup> and ends August 5<sup>th</sup>. For tickets and information visit: [www.dragonlightsreno.com](http://www.dragonlightsreno.com)

#### **Community Educational Programs**

- ◆ The May Arboretum held their annual “Keep it Clean and Green” clean up on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 30 volunteer participated and remove over 20 yards of debris and weeds from the Arboretum.



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- ◆ The Arboretum partnered with the UNR Sanford Center for the Aging, “Picnic in the Park”. The Educator and May Arboretum provided a tour of the Arboretum.

#### **Arboretum 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 was approved for the project (\$37,930.00).
- ◆ The horticulturist is also scheduling a fence and gate project by the greenhouse. Currently the gate to the greenhouse is directly on Sierra Street. The new gate will be recessed in (30ft) to accommodate trucks and anyone pulling into the greenhouse. The horticulturist proposal to the May Arboretum Society was approved for the project (\$3,856.00).
- ◆ The horticulturist is also coordinating an irrigation project upgrade in the Labyrinth Garden. The horticulturist proposal to the May Arboretum Society was approved for the new equipment (\$6,000).

#### **May Museum Report**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ◆ The Museum opened a new art exhibition in its gallery. “Bouquet to Reno’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday” is a new exhibition from Sierra Watercolor Society featuring dozens of watercolor paintings that reflect the show’s theme with a botanical focus. It will be on display through June 2.
- ◆ The Museum participated in the annual University District Museums’ Day at the Museum event, in which visitors receive free admission and hands-on activities at museums on and around the University of Nevada, Reno campus. More than 300 people visited the May Museum.
- ◆ The Museum hosted the bi-annual Art Angels workshop for kids age 6-12. The free class teaches children how to paint with watercolors under the instruction of artists from Sierra Watercolor Society.

##### **FUTURE EVENTS**

- ◆ The May Museum will be a polling place for elections on June 12.
- ◆ The Museum will begin installing the next art exhibition.