

CELEBRATE

There is much to celebrate here at YOUR botanical garden! The garden continues to expand and the numbers of visitors from near and far grows each and every year.

We are so thankful for the 2017 support of our community in helping us to share the beauty of nature with adults and children - instilling in visitors a greater appreciation of the outdoors, plants, water conservation, animals and insects. We are honored to be able to share the unique natural wonders of Northern New Mexico with our visitors. As always, we offered free monthly Community Days for New Mexico residents to ensure accessibility to everyone. With our supporters' continued assistance, we had a marvelous year of highlighting some of what makes Santa Fe such an amazing place to live, visit and discover.

Growing Memberships

MEMBERSHIPS
1,618
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Growing Visitors

ADMISSIONS
43,710
IN 2017



Mission Statement

Santa Fe Botanical Garden **celebrates, cultivates and conserves** the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity of our region. In partnership with nature, we demonstrate our commitment through education, community service, presentation of the arts and the sustainable management of our two sites.



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Santa Fe Botanical Garden thanks our 2017 members, staff, board members and volunteers for their generosity in helping to grow the garden.

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Santa Fe
BOTANICAL GARDEN

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CEO STATEMENT

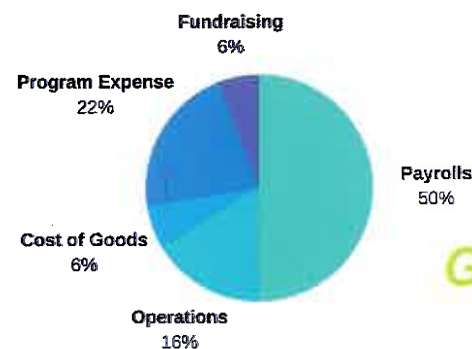
A turning point is an apt way to describe 2017 for the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. The year was the first full year for our newest garden, Ojos y Manos: Eyes and Hands. The expanded garden experience attracted a new record attendance of more than 43,000 visitors. New facilities provided a home for innovative educational programs and workshops to engage all ages. Drivers of the Botanical Garden's growth included a record breaking GLOW Winter Lights, Sunset in the Garden Concert Series, two world-class sculpture exhibitions and the widely successful launch of Shakespeare in the Garden. None of this would have been possible without the deep commitment of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and our dedicated members. Grateful thanks to everyone!

~ Clayton Bass, SFBG CEO

Growing Support



Total Revenue: \$927,070



Growing Your Garden

Total Expenditures: \$1,058,645

Note: Data is unaudited. Data excludes capital campaign revenues and expenditures; excludes depreciation of fixed assets; and reflects some program expenditures that were funded by prior years' grants.

Capital Campaign Update ~ 2017

Following the successful opening of the Botanical Garden's second phase, Ojos y Manos: Eyes and Hands Garden, in October 2016, the ongoing Campaign entered a new chapter during 2017. Seizing the opportunity to lease three and a quarter contiguous acres of pristine Pinon and Juniper woodland from the State of New Mexico, the Board voted to make this new project a high priority in the Botanical Garden's multi-phased development. To date \$112,500 is committed to support the project. Total Campaign contributions in 2017, including multi-year pledge payments, were \$256,843.

CULTIVATE

Cultivating Minds....

Plant Database

The Botanical Garden has been working on a multi-year project creating a comprehensive database and software system to improve collections management, care and the accessibility of collections information. Educational opportunities are many and will further our main mission - to help connect people and plants. Visit the Garden Explorer at www.santafebotanicalgarden.gardenexplorer.org.

Adult Education

Our adult programming continues to grow in leaps and bounds. In 2017, we offered 61 classes, 12 lectures, and 9 hikes and hands-on workshops. With over 1,200 people attending our programs in 2017, we look forward to more classes and enhanced programming.

Youth and Family Education

Children and gardens are a natural fit. Gardens are a place to explore, discover and inspire. In 2017, the Botanical Garden had over 13,000 youth contacts. To become more accessible to our community, we began to offer visitors with EBT cards free admission through the Museums for All program. We also collaborated with more than 40 Santa Fe organizations to provide educational opportunities outside the traditional classroom. Learn more at www.sfcommunityeducators.org.



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CONSERVE

Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill

The Santa Fe Botanical Garden's Goede Family Orchard Garden entered its third full growing season in 2017. We began tapering irrigation as we determined a plant is capable of tolerating less supplemental water due to a well-grown root system. As the garden grew, we discovered what plants were well suited to various sites within the garden, and moved plants to new locations and sought water-conserving replacements. We have made and continue to make our plant choices informed by our conservation ethic.

Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve (LCWP)

Over the last ten years, populations of invasive and habitat-degrading species have expanded at LCWP beyond the capacity of staff and volunteers to control them. Particularly worrisome was an infestation of eight acres of Russian olive trees. This tree is implicated as a severe threat to this rare cienega (dryland seep) habitat.

In 2017, along with the Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE) and with funding by New Mexico State Forestry for Invasive Weed Management, a removal/restoration project took place. In partnership with the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Youth Conservation Corps and volunteers, six acres of the invasive trees were removed to help restore the wetland.

