

Alaska Botanical Garden

The Alaska Botanical Garden is an independent nonprofit living museum. Its mission is to showcase the beauty and value of Alaska's gardens and natural areas through science, education, and recreation using organic and sustainable practices.

Note from the Director

2020 was a year we will likely never forget, even if we'd like to. Many lives in the community were adversely affected by the pandemic, and the associated loss of tourism was a significant blow to ABG's revenue stream. Operationally, not everything related to COVID-19 was negative. The always-creative staff shifted gears almost seamlessly to offer programs geared toward the needs of residents. Our retail sales actually increased slightly over 2019 (the online store was a big help), and while we could not hold major events such as Beer in the Garden and Gala, the newly formed Picnic Series sold out every Thursday evening. We learned how to work remotely as well as utilize the Garden's seemingly endless outdoor spaces to hold events that were "COVID-friendly". Many of our remote workshops sold out, the first-annual Bootanical was a hit, and the third-annual Holiday Lights brought in more than twice the revenue over the previous year.

The old saying "necessity is the mother of invention" is certainly true and we now have an expanded set of tools to meet the horticulture and art interests of the community. I can't thank everyone enough for ALL your support. Every membership, donation, and event ticket helps us fulfill our mission to educate, conserve, and inspire.

We have a lot planned for 2021 so keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the details. I look forward to seeing you at the Garden again soon!



Mike Monterusso, Executive Director



Gardens + Trails

- Lilé's Garden
- Lower Perennial Garden
- Herb Garden
- Rock Garden
- Anchorage Heritage Garden
- Trailside Garden
- Outdoor Classroom
- Wildflower Walk
- Plaza + Shade Garden
- Lowenfels + Hoersting Family Nature Trail





110 ACRES OF BOREAL FOREST
8 ACRES OF CULTIVATED GARDENS
1,100 VARIETIES OF PLANTS
150 SPECIES OF ALASKA NATIVE

EVENTS

2020

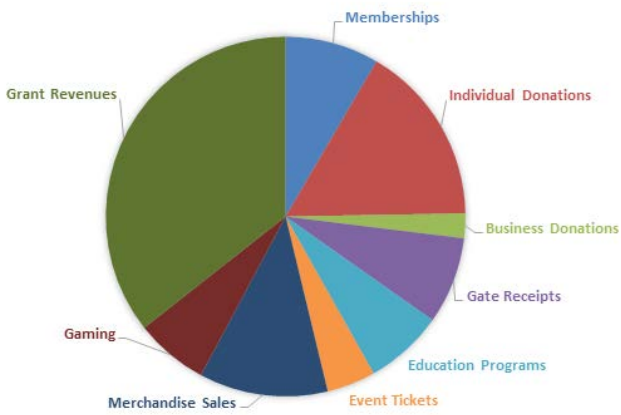


Making a Garden Journal
Valentine's Art Virtual Workshop
Fall in Love with Dahlias!
Houseplants 101
Handmade Hand Creams & Lip Balms
Homemade Herbal Glycerites
Garden Chatter X4
Movie on the Lawn: Beatrix Farrand's
American Landscape
Mushrooms with Gouache Watercolor
Fall In-Service Day Camp
Mushroom ID + Walk
A Pathway Performance: Sugar & Salt
Native Plant ID + Walk
Concrete Leaf Cast Workshop
Garlic Planting Workshop
Hypertufa Trough Workshop
PicnicS in the Garden
Botanical Drawing Art Class
Edible Berries Workshop
Summer Camps
Local Wildflower Class
Lunch & Learn Series
Sow What? Seed Starting Workshop
Beautiful Bloomin' Bulbs
Succulent Workshop
Winter Plant Walk
Spring Break in the Garden
Dinosaur Succulent Workshop
Luminaria Workshop
Star Party!
Valentine's Day in the Garden
Spring Conference: Seeing More in 2020

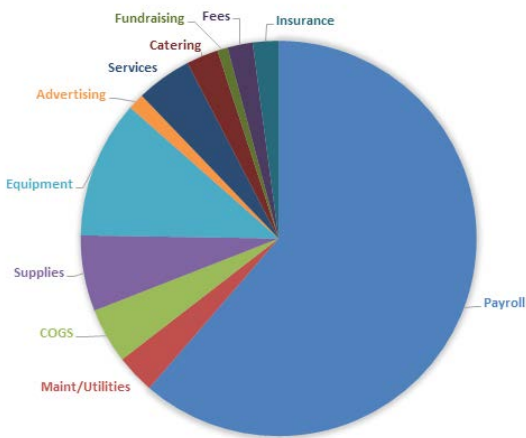


FINANCIALS

2020 INCOME = \$780,190



2020 EXPENSES = \$661,275



What People Are Saying

“Friendly & knowledgeable staff!”

“Great place to stroll and enjoy being outdoors.”

“Thank you for the friendly service, the gardens are just lovely.”

“I appreciate Alaska Botanical Garden’s customer service and their willingness to go beyond.”

“What a hidden gem in our city!”

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