



2021 Year in Review

Alaska Botanical Garden

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

How do you summarize a year coming out of a global pandemic? And when should we consider the impact of the pandemic to be behind us? Regarding the return of tourists, 2021 was a great success as we set a record of \$215,000 in gate revenue. This is well beyond pre-pandemic levels, which makes one wonder if 2021 is a "catch-up" year and 2022 will be something of a cooling off period. I suppose you'll have to check the 2022 Annual Report for the rest of that story.

Looking over the list of programs and events, 2021 was clearly a successful and engaging year with a slate of established programs nicely rounded out with new endeavors. To me, perhaps the most exciting and promising addition was the amateur ice carving competition, which was not so much a competition as it was a community event. We will certainly look to expand this program in 2022 as it supports our efforts to become a year-round destination and resource for tourists and residents. With a solid seven months of off-season, expanding programs during winter is essential.

And I can't overlook the installation of ABG's largest artwork ever; Night & Day by The Myth Makers. We hope this 22-foot tall monumental piece will inspire thousands of visitors in the coming years before the natural materials providing its structure decay and return to the earth.

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who supports ABG including the staff, Board of Directors, members, donors, and volunteers. Everyone is playing their part to help the Garden reach its full potential as we strive to showcase the beauty and value of Alaska's garden and natural areas through science, education, and recreation.

See you at the Garden!


Mike Monterusso
Executive Director



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

Gardens + Trails

Lile's Garden

Perennial Garden

Herb Garden

Alpine Rock Garden

Anchorage Heritage Garden

Trailside Garden

Outdoor Classroom

Verna Pratt Wildflower Trail

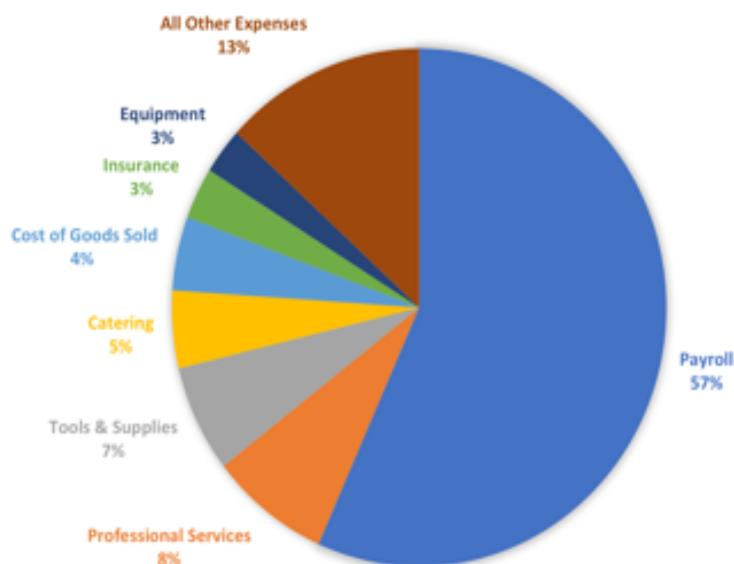
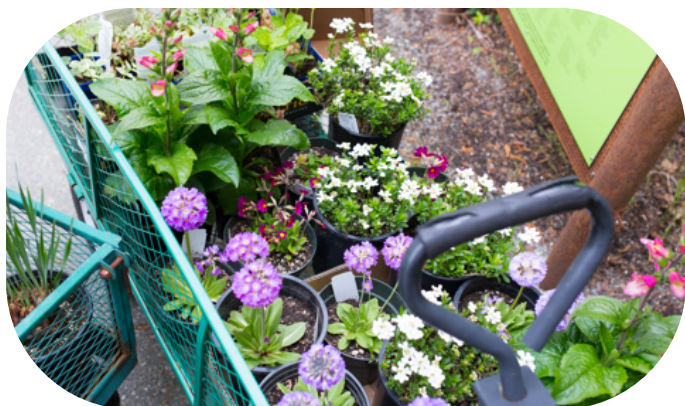
Shade Garden

Lowenfels-Hoersting Family Nature Trail

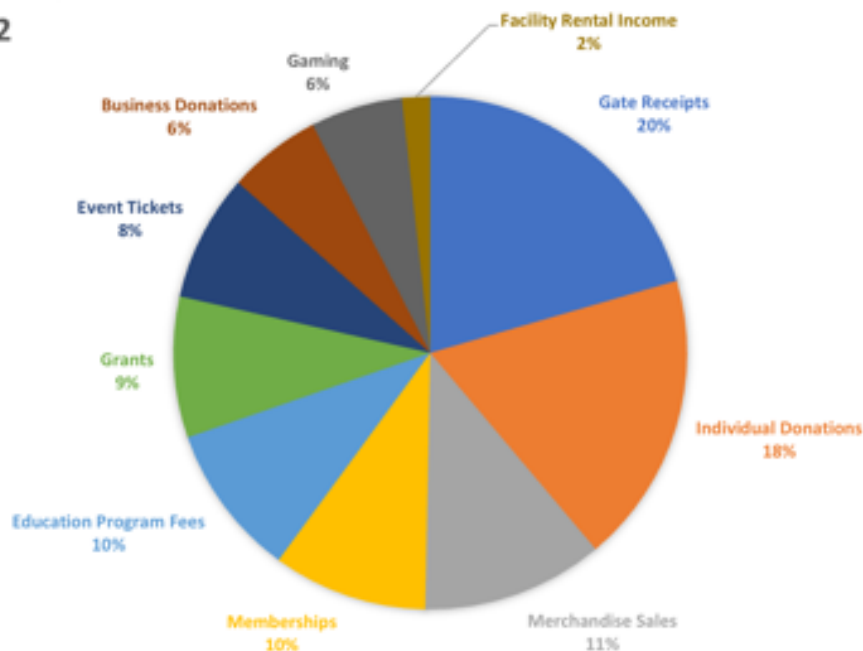


FINANCIALS

TOTAL EXPENSE
\$909,750



TOTAL REVENUE
\$1,054,512



Staff

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Events

Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders • Homemade Herbal
Glycerites • Homemade Creams & Lip
Balm • Block Printing Holiday Cards • Houseplants 101 • Fall
in Love with Dahlias • Making a Garden
Journal • **Valentine's in the Garden** • Valentine's Lights
• Ice Carving Competition • Valentine's Art Virtual • Guided
Gardening: A Learning CSA •
Spring Conference 2021: Seeds of Sanity • Beginner
Ice Carving • Drive in Movie 'No Time to
Waste' • Winter Plant Identification • Winter
Landscape Painting • Local Wildflower
and Plant ID • Mother's Day Spring Floral Design •
Mother's Day Sip & Stroll • Edible &
Medicinal Plants of Southwest Alaska • Cut Flower
Care Virtual • DIY Mother's Day Cards
Virtual • Monthly Walking Tour of the
Garden • Orchids 101: Back to the Basics • Garden
Chatter Series • **Summer Celebration Gala** • Picnic in
the Garden Series • Hypertufa 'Set in Stone'
• **Wine in the Woods** • Herb Basket
Weaving • Concrete Leaf Cast
• Floral Arrangements from the Garden • DIY
Mushroom • Botanical Pressing
• Berry ID • **Beer in the Garden** • Virtual
Garlic Tutorial • Blue Oyster Mushroom • **BOOtanical Garden** •
BOOtanical Drawing • Fall Centerpiece
Workshop for Families • Fall Wreath •
Levi's Aurora Basket • Accent Bow Gift Basket
• Living Terrarium Ornament •
Holiday Lights in the Garden



What People are Saying

"Fantastic people. All committed to teaching the kids about botany. Many thanks to all of you."

"Great place to walk and unwind. Very private."

"The gate person was friendly and pointed out features on the map. Umbrellas were available when it started to drizzle. I felt their pride and ownership!"

"Just a beautiful garden to visit."

"Well marked trails with great informative signage."



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