



DELAWARE BOTANIC GARDENS

From Dream to Reality

Annual Report 2019

“In an unlikely place, a soybean field became a botanic garden. It’s naturalistic, it’s dynamic, and it gets more interesting with each passing month of the season. For its maker, it allows countless permutations of plant combos. For the viewer, no matter how seasoned, it provides the thrill of discovering new varieties.

Creating so much from nothing gets to the essence and power of garden making. This is why we do it, to create a paradise out of thin air. Dream a space, make it real, and let it speak to us.”

—Adrian Higgins, *The Washington Post*, September 23, 2019



OUR MISSION is to create a world-class, inspirational, educational, and sustainable public botanic garden in southern Delaware for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

OUR VISION is for beautiful, engaging gardens that inspire and educate.

OUR VALUES encompass inspirational gardens, environmental stewardship, community focus, education and research, organizational transparency, financial responsibility, and civility and respect.



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Delaware Botanic Gardens opened to the public in 2019. This was 7 years after our incorporation, 4 years after our first major grant. The *Dream* has become a *Reality*.

As we all celebrate this success, we also reflect about other worthy projects that have not been so fortunate. They failed before achieving their goal. We recall the Nonprofit Boards that have dissolved over internal disputes. We think of all the unfulfilled plans that never get further than a draft. We consider all the dreams that never are realized. We are humbled by the dedication, persistence and unconditional support this project has received.

We sincerely thank all who have volunteered over the course of this effort — those who have served as Board Members and especially the 2018-2019 Board who have contributed so much to the completion of this remarkable effort. Our Garden Stewards who have tirelessly planted, weeded and grown the Garden in the cold and heat without ever losing heart. And our Docents who have graciously welcomed and enhanced our Guests' visitor experiences.

We are still amazed by the creative genius of Piet Oudolf who generously gave us his magical Meadow design, instantly making DBG a destination for garden enthusiasts from around the world.

We stand in awe of our business partners who have always done more than required by their contracts. These amazing firms have also made substantial pro bono donations enabling the project to be completed within our limited budget — Pennoni Associates, George & Lynch, Bancroft Construction, RAS Landscape Architects, Lake/Flato Architects, WN Builders, Nickle Electric, Delaware Electrical Cooperative, SEA Studio Architects, Dogfish Head Companies, SoDel Concepts, Banks Wine & Spirits, Coastal Tented Events, Good Earth Market, Envirotech, Coastal Plant Care, Baird Mandalas Brockstedt, Rockport Analytics Charles R. Anderson Family, and Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce.

We are also indebted to the horticultural support we have received from the great nurseries that have supplied the trees, shrubs, grasses and bulbs which celebrate our Coastal Plain gardens, especially New Moon, Kurt Bluemel, Putnam Hill, Rare Find, North Creek, Hoffman, Cavano's Perennials, Babikow Greenhouses, East Coast Garden Center, Gateway Garden Center, Foxborough, Delmarva Environmental, Chief Mountain Farms, and Blessings Greenhouses.

We know this project could never have become a reality without the fundraising strategy, guidance and supportive counsel of Cam and Kathy Yorkston. Yorkston Consulting has empowered DBG to raise over \$3.7 million. Their bridges to the Region's creative philanthropic foundations enabled this project to secure our first grant from the Longwood Foundation and the succeeding grants from the Welfare Foundation, the Crystal Trust Foundation, the Ellice & Rosa McDonald Foundation, the Marmot Foundation the Crestlea Foundation, the Delaware Community Foundation and the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust.



The project has also received the active support of the Sussex County legislators, led by Senators Hocker, Collins, Wilson, Bonini, and former Senator Venables; Representatives Schwartzkopf, Short, Gray and Dukes. They have enabled DBG infrastructure projects to be included in the 2019 and 2020 Delaware Bond Bills. The project has also received invaluable support from the professionals at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), the Department of Transportation, and the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) who substantially aided the gardens' development.

The importance of this project has been affirmed by the wide public network created by Carla Markell and the Advisory Council through their moral support and leadership.

We are thankful to the Sussex County Council, the Sussex County Land Trust and the Sussex Conservation District for their foresight to preserve the 37-acres that have been transformed into the Delaware Botanic Gardens.

We are also grateful for the media support the project has received from our great local newspapers, especially the Cape Gazette, the Coastal Point and the News Journal.

Lastly, we are indebted to the hundreds of donors and members who embraced the vision and generously contributed to make the Dream a Reality.

This is the Community that has created the Delaware Botanic Gardens. We are inspired by all of you and thank you for joining us in this remarkable journey.

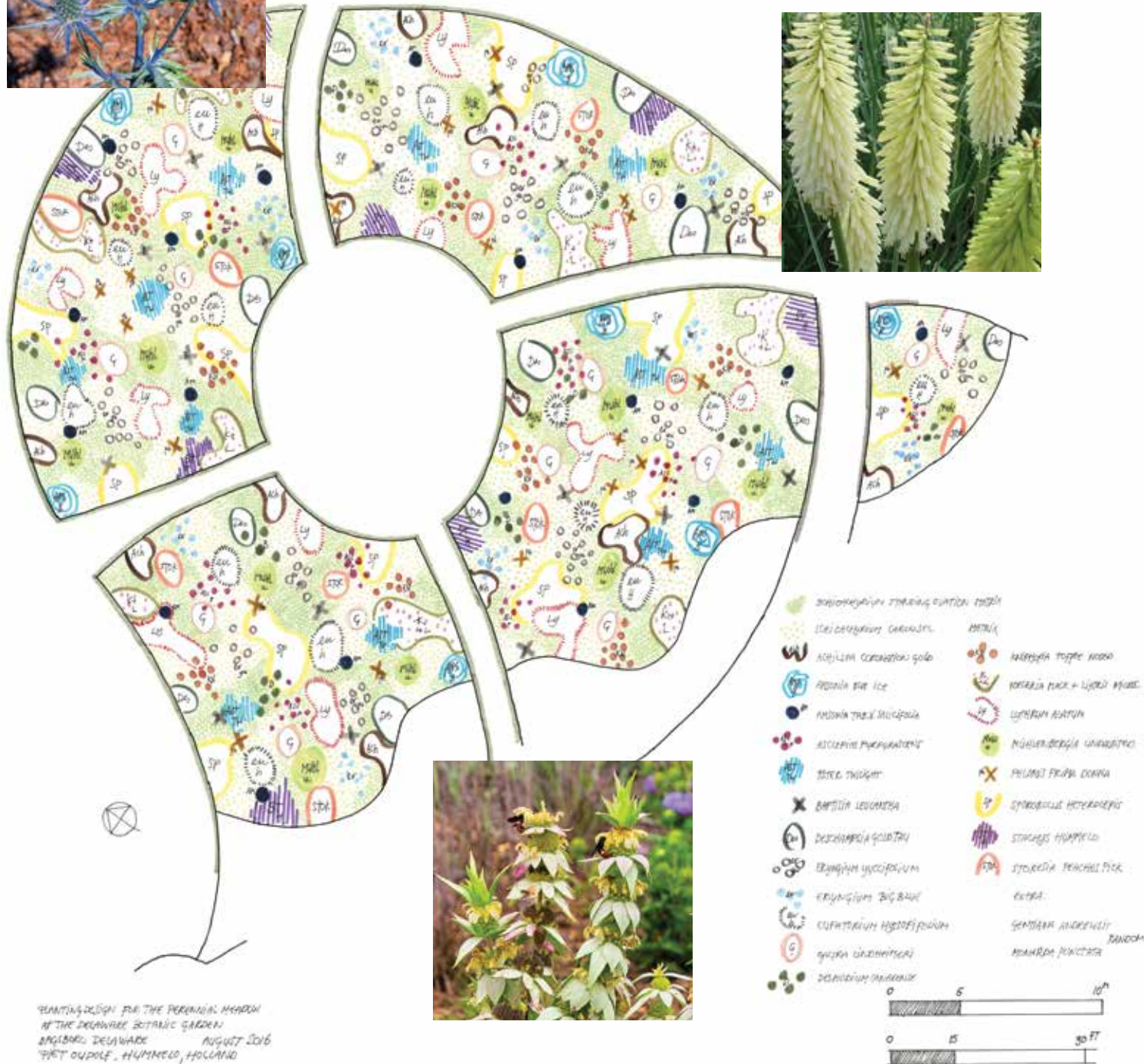
This entire dedicated and enthusiastic community empowered the project to our 2019 opening. As we look to 2020, we renew our commitment to DBG's mission and present to you Phase One of the Delaware Botanic Gardens.

Raymond J. Sander
President

Sheryl J. Swed
Executive Director



Piet Oudolf Upper Meadow Garden Design



**DELAWARE BOTANIC GARDENS 2019
BY THE NUMBERS**

320 Memberships	2,037 Total Guests at the Site	1,287 Admissions (4 th Qtr. 2019)	30 200 Prearranged Tours Attendance	550 Event Attendance
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OPENING THE DELAWARE BOTANIC GARDENS

In 2019, DBG officially opened its gates, bringing the dream of building a public garden in Delmarva to reality.

The Folly Garden bloomed brightly with over 30,000 spring bulbs; the Oudolf Meadow Garden amazed us with its seasonal intricacies; and the Knoll Garden in the Woodlands gave us a view of our sensitive Pepper Creek edge. DBG was the focal point for several major events, including the May Bugs & Beer Learning Garden Lecture, the August Sip & Saunter in the Meadow, and the September Fundraising Dinner with special attendee, Piet Oudolf. Over 30 Special Tours were conducted throughout the year which began an important revenue stream. In addition, the Gardens welcomed visits from our elected federal and state officials and representatives from the leading regional philanthropic foundations. Our 2019 visitors included service groups, academia, members and stakeholders, other gardens and garden clubs, environmental non-profit organizations, and the public.

As a public garden is always a “work in progress”, 2019 activities continued with maintenance and enhancements to existing gardens, as well as planting the rare Inland Dunes Gardens and positioning the Charles Anderson Holly Collection along adjacent Meadow paths. The Entry Garden parking area with over 250 spaces was constructed and finished; the Welcome Center was readied for opening including the addition of a Point of Sale capability; and garden paths were refreshed for safety and ADA-compliance to support public visitation. We also constructed the “Rhyme Garden” grassy conveyance that manages stormwater runoff from the parking area. Design began on the environmentally protective rain gardens that will be installed along the conveyance in 2020 funded through a grant from DNREC’s Nonpoint Source Program.

OUR OFFERINGS

Aesthetics and Inspiration: The DBG Meadow Garden presents itself as a model of aesthetics with Piet Oudolf’s vision: beauty not only in terms of flowering color, but also in plant 1) texture, depth, and form; 2) character, seasonality and ambiance; and 3) spontaneity and inspiration.¹ DBG provides our public a place to physically and mentally connect with natural Delaware coastal gardens whether for relaxation, recreation, conservation, or education purposes.



“The Delaware garden, in its layout of paths through, rather than around, an immersive herbaceous landscape, reminds me of a similarly scaled creation at Durslade Farm in England, where the Oudolf Field is part of the art gallery campus known as Hauser & Wirth Somerset. Oudolf sees major differences in the plant palette between them, but in both cases he has transformed what were once empty farm fields. ... The fact that a shapeless plot can be turned into a garden with its own form, character, and especially, spirit of place, is nothing short of miraculous.”²

To maximize visualization of our botanic garden, we held our annual garden party during Piet’s favorite “5th Season” the time of transition from summer to autumn (September–November) when aesthetic qualities are most prominent. The gardens were awash in seed heads as summer flowers senesced, perennial grasses shone in the sunlight, and feathery bands of muted pink muhly grasses kept the Meadow alive with color. Greenery remained understated in the 2019 Anderson Holly Collection and within the Woodland Gardens among the deciduous trees. In contrast, red berries from both American and wintergreen holly varieties were on prominent display for our visitors and ready as nutrition for DBG’s winter wildlife population. In 2019, DBG gave the public a smorgasbord of aesthetic “beauty.”

Environmental and Horticultural Education: Throughout 2019, DBG continued to meet its education mission by delivering horticultural workshops and presentations; conducting prearranged tours; and hosting academic visitors.³ Landscape architectural students from the University of Delaware, students from the Longwood Gardens’

¹ Munro, Lucy, “Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf,” *The Planthunter*, Issue 51, July 05, 2018

² Adrian Higgins, *The Washington Post* (see cover page). September 23, 2019

³ See “Programs and Events”



programs, the staff of the Adkins Arboretum, the Sussex Master Gardeners, the Girl Scouts (Troop 20566) from York, PA, Delaware Forest Service's Urban & Community Forest conference attendees, Rehoboth Beach Village Improvement Association, the Coastal Camera Club, and Camp Rehoboth were all welcomed. The Learning Garden, sponsored by Dogfish Head Brewery, accommodated a hands-on lecture about wetland invertebrates at a "Bugs & Beer" lecture by Todd Fritchman from Envirotech.

Todd explained, "There was profound interest generated as the class got literally wet and into the experience." Learning Garden sponsor Mariah Calagione said, "We are proud to be partners with DBG and it's exciting to see the Wetlands Outdoor Classroom in action with a wonderful instructor like Todd."

In August, we continued our partnership with academia by hosting a group of University of Delaware Landscape Architecture students. Thirty students and several faculty members from the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences enjoyed a tour of DBG and a Master Planning workshop about how the DBG Master Plan was brought to life, delivered by President Ray Sander and Executive Director Sheryl Swed.

Conservation Research: Several 2019 projects epitomize DBG's readiness to provide research value to the community in concurrence with its charge of protecting its environmentally sensitive shoreline and plant habitats.

The "Living Shoreline Project" is funded by DNREC in partnership with the Center for the Inland Bays. For her 2019 Temple University Capstone Project,

Karen Steenhoudt recommended employing innovative living shoreline concepts along DBG's Pepper Creek edge such as tree root-wad and branch stands to secure the eroding shoreline and increase bank stabilization. This living shoreline will create important ecological habitat to protect and add resilience to our valuable coastal resource. A visitor observation platform will serve to educate residents and developers on the effectiveness and use of this new natural technology.

Another very important research project, the reestablishment of ancient inland dunes that were once native to the coastal forests of southern Delaware⁴, was well underway in 2019. Five dune constructs were completed in 2018 around the Wetland Outdoor Classroom. In 2019, the dune habitat was brought to life when our Garden Stewards populated the dunes with wild lupine, critical host plant for the globally-rare frosted elfin butterfly; wild indigo, beach sedges, sea oats, and 1800 low-bush blueberries, all able to sustain life on the savannah-like, grassy habitat. In recreating



University of Delaware Students Discuss DBG Master Plan

this inland dune "habitat of conservation concern,"⁵ DBG provides a research environment for study of: 1) its feasibility to persist, and 2) the ecological and life-sustaining interactions between wildlife pollinator species and their coastal plant hosts.

In 2019, we were awarded a research grant from DNREC to demonstrate the reduction of nonpoint source pollution using Best Management Practices (BMP's) in stormwater management. Brian Trader, our Director of Horticulture, began the process of identifying the required plantings and sources to employ stormwater BMP's in the DBG Entry Garden. These include 1) rain gardens for our "designer ditches" (i.e. the Rhyne Garden conveyance); 2) large canopy trees across imperviously paved parking areas; and 3) native vegetation for pollutant filtering on the floor of the two stormwater basins. Upon completion in 2020, visitor surveys will capture metrics on the effectiveness of DBG education and knowledge transfer of these techniques.

Garden Information Accessibility: Recording all acquisitions, species names, collection locations, and other pertinent information is a critical role played by a public botanic garden. This serves to perpetuate its diverse plant communities for posterity, and specifically in DBG's case, the fragile native Delaware coastal habitats its gardens represent. These habitats are being lost to development, recreational overuse, and in some cases, sea level rise, hence the need for collection and preservation.

Using a grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust, DBG acquired and implemented plant management software to record each accession in our collection and the GPS location of each species in our garden. Work is underway to document over 70,000 Meadow Garden herbaceous plants, perennials, and grasses; over 30,000 Folly Garden bulbs and shrubs; and the 12-acre Woodland Garden native vegetation with accession data: species name, date and number propagated; and garden/geospatial locations. All records will be maintained in IrisBG, an advanced collection management system for botanic gardens.

This year we also added an interactive map to our website that highlights the three sections of the Meadow Garden and the plants and grasses contained in each one along with pictorial spring, June and summer bloom guides. The interactive maps exhibit Piet Oudolf's approach to garden design: first sketching the garden shape and preferred plant textures, followed by selecting the actual plants for color and contrast.⁶



Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* 'Brandywine') for the Entry Garden

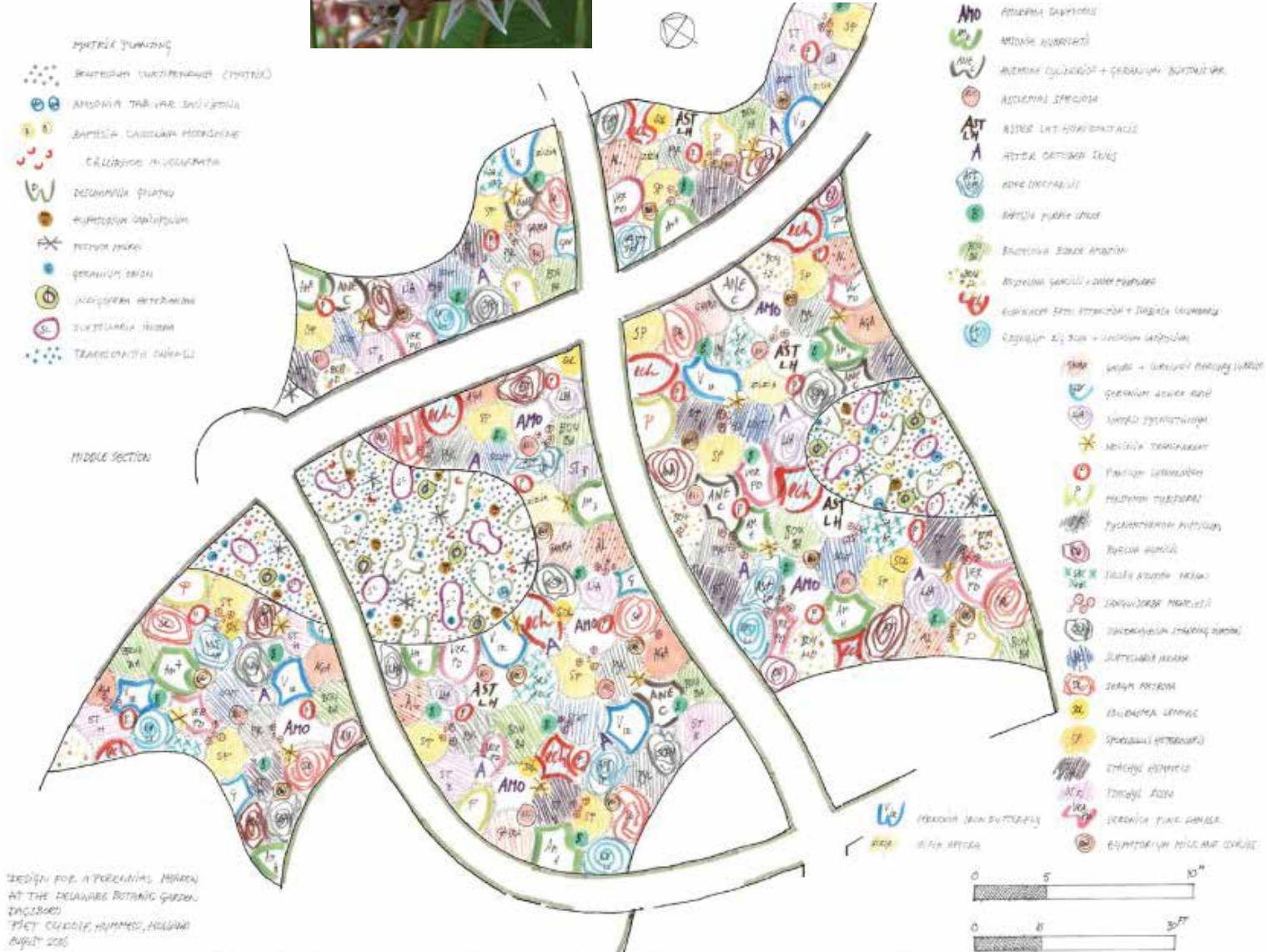
⁴ Special to the Delaware News Journal, "Restoring ancient Delaware dune forest", delawareonline.com, March 17, 2015

⁵ 2015 Delaware Wildlife Action Plan, DNREC, dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/dwap/Pages/default.aspx

⁶ delawaregardens.org/plant-collections



Piet Oudolf Middle Meadow Garden Design



OUR PROFESSIONALS

Since inception, DBG has been fortunate to attract top business, scientific, aerial photography and other field professionals to its staff, Board of Directors, Advisory Council, volunteer force, business partners, and community organizations. Our Board of Directors represents executive leadership from communications, marketing, finance, information technology, education, government, science, and tourism. Our Advisory Council⁷ is led by Carla Markell, Former First Lady of Delaware and is supported by prominent members of our business, landscape architecture and environmental communities. Some of our 2019 professionals:

Meadow Garden Designer: Piet Oudolf, internationally renowned Dutch plantsman and author, is the designer of DBG's superstar Meadow Garden. Early in the DBG planning process, our leaders engaged Piet to design the 2-acre Meadow Garden using his "New Perennial" matrix gardening approach. Piet's gardens truly represent our native Delaware coastline plant communities: self-sustaining perennials and grasses situated in disease-resistant swaths and patterns that allow hearty wildlife interaction. Piet's vitae includes the High Line and the Battery Park gardens (New York City), Lurie Garden at Millennium Park (Chicago), Toronto Botanical Garden Entry Walk, and now the Delaware Botanic Gardens.⁸ Piet returns periodically to collaborate with DBG staff and volunteers about the Meadow.

Horticulturist: In August 2019, **Brian W. Trader, PhD** was appointed as DBG's Deputy Executive Director and Director of Horticulture. Dr. Trader worked the last nine years at Longwood Gardens, the recognized "gold standard" of public gardens, where he served as Director of Domestic and International Studies. He has authored and co-authored dozens of journal articles. Dr. Trader holds a PhD in Horticulture; M.S. in Life Sciences; and B.S. in Horticulture all from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. He was Chair of the Membership Advisory Council, National Association of Landscape Professionals; and is on the board of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

Director of Grounds & Facilities: Samuel Cashdollar studied Architectural Engineering at Delaware Tech and Engineering Technology at UD. His work experience includes surveying, drafting and stormwater management planning. Since joining DBG staff in 2015, Sam has been instrumental in designing and building garden infrastructure such as irrigation through the woodland, French drains in the storm-flooded Meadow Garden, and ADA-compliant trails throughout the gardens. He provides DBG with expertise in CAD technology for garden engineering design.

Arborist: Jeremy Hager is President and Founder of The Land Care Advisory Group and Coastal Plant Care in Ocean View, DE. He is Sussex County's only ISA Board Certified Master Arborist. Since joining the DBG Board of Directors in early 2019, Jeremy has taken an interest in the Woodland Gardens, identifying rarer species that reside there, pruning tree limbs for public safety, tending the new holly collection, and providing leadership and education to our volunteers and staff.

⁷ delawaregardens.org/leadership

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piet_Oudolf; <https://oudolf.com/>



Piet Oudolf Lower Meadow Garden Design



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Environmental Scientist: Carol Bason, a volunteer, provides DBG with her knowledge of coastal ecology, wetland science, and public policy; and her experience consulting to the government sector. She supports fundraising efforts to meet DBG’s preservation and conservation goals.

OUR SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

Garden Steward Volunteer Force: As examples of the capabilities and qualifications of our 200-plus volunteer community that built DBG into a reality, we feature three of our Garden Stewards who, in 2019, took on extra responsibilities to become garden task leaders and provide their expertise to others to ensure the viability of our gardens for opening.

Angela Schaab, as Task Leader of the Meadow Garden, helped restore and sustain Piet Oudolf’s design throughout 2019. Angela was a professional landscaper who designed gardens for the restoration of historic homes and restored native plant communities following extreme weather events. She has volunteered at DBG for the last three years.

From 1985-2012, **Jan Poli** ran a floral design studio that specialized in designing custom floral arrangements, interior/exterior gardens, and special event displays. In 2019, Jan managed the Folly Garden, adding new and unique garden structures. She created a place reminiscent of her own “Secret Garden” at the Folly.

As a volunteer since 2016, **Craig Haggerty** works with staff to chronicle DBG’s plant collections. She manages the hoop houses inventory, plant labeling and location, and plant database. Craig’s expertise comes to us from incorporating high tech into math education. Her love of gardens began with visits to Dumbarton Oaks, a Harvard research institute and public garden near her home in DC. Sharing her expertise ensures the future of DBG’s collections to posterity.

During the 2019 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, State Senator Gerald Hocker was spot on when he said “Today we celebrate this public garden **built by the community, for the community** ... You made it happen. I can’t thank the volunteers enough because 37,000 estimated volunteer hours—we couldn’t have opened this without you.”

Sponsors and Partners: In conjunction with our volunteer force, our generous community of sponsors and business partners made it possible for DBG to be open during 2019. Whether constructing infrastructure such as the parking area, designing

a green technology building, teaching an ecology class, or supporting a DBG event, our sponsors and partners literally paved the way for DBG’s first year of opening. These contributions were made pro bono, at a reduced rate, or as a donation of goods and services to ensure DBG’s sustainability. These special organizations are cited in this Annual Report’s opening letter and on our website.⁹

Communicating information to the public about our plant collections, science, preservation, and conservation is an integral part of DBG’s mission. Under the leadership of Communications Director, **Brent Baker**, multiple mass media methods were employed to inform, educate, and reach out to the public to increase knowledge and awareness about our plant communities and their importance in the coastal environment.



Piet’s 2019 reception with Brian and guests

DBG partnered with the news media to carry our message to a broader public audience. With the Southern Delaware Tourism Office, our stories were publicized in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Delaware News Journal*, *Coastal Point*, *Cape Gazette*, *Delaware Beach Life*, *Coastal Style*, and *Delmarva Today*. Thirteen news releases were issued, averaging three major media stories per month. DBG was featured on Delmarva Life (WBOC-TV), Delmarva Potting Shed (WGMD-FM) hosted by East Coast Garden Center owners Valery and Rick Cordrey, and Taylor Goebel’s Multi-media Blast.

In 2019, DBG earned Delaware’s Fundraising And Communications Excellence (FACE) Award for our 2018 Annual Report. The brochure’s graphic design was outstanding and featured spectacular DBG photography. The report communicated our 2018 accomplishments and our continued commitment to our mission values: inspiring the public, educating by example, sustaining our coastal environment, engaging the community, and envisioning the future.



2019 GARDEN STEWARDS

Akhter, Jeanette	Dudley, Karen	Jackson, Mary Ann
Baker, Brent	Easton, Lorraine	Jaques, David
Bass, Ronald	Ellingsworth, Vernon	Kachline, Donald
Battista, Tom	Federman, Linda	Kimmel, Margaret
Bramhall, Conner	Ferguson, Lester	King, Bob
Brattoli, Lorraine	Filiaggi, Antoinette	King, Karen
Broomfield, Tony	Finley, Anne Carol	Kircher, Peggy
Buono, Donna	Fisher, Elaine	Klima, Donald
Bushong, Marjorie	Fisher, Rick	Kugler, Maureen
Carroll, Jane	Fishkin, Joelle	Kuharich, Dan
Chulis, Elayne	Foy, Nikki	Lasher, Michele
Clausen, Ruth	Froman, Judy	Lear, Liz
Cole, Jeremy	Gallagher, Martha	Lesperance, Kathy
Collins, Kathy	Garbisch, David	Lewis, Kathy
Cooney, Sue	Gaulding, Carol	Lister, Al (Ernest)
Costlow, Debby	Gray, Dawn	Long, Pat
Croft, Douglas	Griswold, Terry	Lopez, Vero
Curtain, Sherry	Guertler, Trudy	MacDonald, Janet
Dennis, Jeff	Haggerty, Craig	Maggio, Claudine
Dennis, Peggy	Hall, Mary	Marshall, James
Donofrio, Bettina	Hammond, George	Marshall, Judith
Dougherty, Iona	Healey, Jamie	Martin, Judy
Duca, Don	Hoffman, Nancy	McCloud, Carol

The proof of our volunteer's dedication is that because of them, we were ready to open in 2019. When Piet Oudolf returned to the gardens, he walked the Meadow Garden with Brian Trader and the volunteer task leaders. At the Grand Opening Dinner, Piet said, "I design the gardens, but it is the gardeners who must tend to the gardens, and keep it for others to enjoy."

McGoldrick, Randy	Price, Whitney	Smith, Sheila
McGoldrick, Sandy	Carver Academy	Smith, Thomas
McGrellis, Andy	Quirk, Cheryl	Smoot, Dina
McGrellis, Diane	Rafter, Di	Spraul, Gretchen
McNamee, Bonnie	Ravida, Margaret	Steenhoudt, Karen
McNamee, Mac	Reinholt, Sholom	Stock, Denise
McQuaid, Phil	Richards, Kathryn	Stokes, Gary
Monheim, Eva	Rives, Elizabeth	Stokes, Jane
Moore, Christine	Robbins, George	Stradley, Clay
Morano, Maureen	Ryan, Maureen	Strobel, Diane
Morris, Susan	Sander, Ray	Stuhl, Judy
Moses, Julie	Santorelli, Pauline	Suter, Bob
Moyle, Patricia	Saville, Garland	Swed, Sheryl
Nee, Peggy	Scarangella, Sally	Switzer, Pam
Nelson, Joyce	Schaab, Angela	Thompson, Mardi
Nichols, Megan	Schaab, Kurt	Tranfaglia, Kyle
Nowell, Karen	Schneiderman, Karen	Tull, Carl
Okun, Patricia	Scire, Mathew	Turchen, Stephen
O'Hare, Sharyn	Seaman, Virginia	Udinski, Peggy
Palmerino, Edward	Seawald, Jean	Veale, Cathy
Patterson, Erika	Sharp, Anne	Venezia, Joey
Pelton, Gail	Shawley, Dianne	Warren, Benjamin
Peters, Jane	Shelton, Kathy	Warren, Noell
Pfister, Judy	Sherlock, Maureen	Wells, Gwenn
Phinney, Angela	Sherwin, Diann	West, Anne
Polcino, Holly	Shields, Maria	White, Pamela
Poli, Jan-Marie	Silver, Ilene	Willocks, Alison
Powell, Jack	Sinclair, Leslie	Wisniewski, Donna
Powell, Sandy	Smith, Aubrey	Wisniewski, Robert
Pratt, Bridget	Smith, Judith	Wright, Bonnie
Precht, Tricia	Smith, Marianne	Zimmer, Rene



2019 DOCENTS

In 2019, a team of Hospitality Docents, led by DBG Board Vice President **Carol McCloud**, was recruited and trained to host all the guest services, including staffing the Welcome Center, giving guided tours, acting as garden hosts, and staffing the parking lot. Each day a team of 15 to 20 Docents served our guests.

McCloud, Carol	King, Karen	Quirk, Cheryl
Buono, Donna	Lesperance, Kathy	Ravida, Peggie
Carroll, Jane	Lewis, Kathy	Rives, Elizabeth
Costlow, Debby	Marshall, Jim	Scarangella, Sally
Dougherty, Iona	Martin, Judy	Schaab, Angela
Easton, Lorraine	McGrellis, Andy	Schaab, Kurt
Filaggi, Tony	McGrellis, Diane	Sherlock, Maureen
Griswold, Terry	Nelson, Joyce	Sherwin, Diann
Haggerty, Craig	Poli, Jan	Stokes, Gary
Hall, Mary	Phinney, Angie	Stokes, Jane
Hoffman, Nancy	Powell, Jack	Udinski, Peggy
Kimmel, Margaret	Powell, Sandy	Willocks, Alison
King, Bob	Precht, Tricia	Zimmer, Rene

2019 BY THE NUMBERS

205 Volunteers	38 Docents	10,029 Hours
\$254,536 Value	180 Days	35 New Volunteers

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

- "Bugs & Beer" (5/17/19)
- "Sip & Saunter" (6/13/19)
- DBG Annual Meeting (7/22/19)
- Board, Piet Oudolf & Volunteer Dinner (9/11/19)
- Grand Opening Dinner Party (9/12/19)
- Public Grand Opening (9/16/19)
- Ribbon Cutting, DBG – Bethany Beach – Fenwick Island Chamber of Commerce (9/19/19)

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Capstone Project Landscape Architecture, Temple University: "Living Shoreline Concept Design at the Delaware Botanic Gardens", Karen Steenhoudt (5/8/19)
- Carver Academy Special Education & Counseling (5/1/19)
- Delaware Forest Service's Urban & Community Forestry Program, 20-state coordinators meeting (5/15/19)
- "Bugs & Beer" Learning Garden Lecture (5/17/19)
- Docent Training (8/6/19)
- Master's Degree Class, University of Delaware Landscape Architecture - Bridge Project (8/14/19)

PRESENTATIONS—COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Acorn Garden Club, Bethesda, MD (1/14/19)
- Radio Rehoboth Interview, WWSX-FM, DE (1/14/19)
- Seashore State Park Lecture, DE (1/15/19)
- Cooperative Extension Horticulture Expo (1/17/19)
- Radio Rehoboth Interview – WWSX-FM, DE (1/24/19)
- DuPont Environmental Center, Wilmington (1/24/19)
- Longwood Garden Foundation (1/31/19)
- Delaware Wildlife, Nature Conservancy (2/7/19)
- AARP Chapter 5226, Presentation, Ocean View, DE (2/19/19)
- Talbot County Garden Club, Easton, MD (2/26/19)
- Philadelphia Flower Show, PA (3/2-3/19)
- Home & Garden Expo, Heritage Shores, Bridgeville, DE (3/2-3/19)
- Southern Delaware Partners Meeting, Laurel, DE (3/12/19)
- Women's Civic Club, Bethany Beach, DE (3/14/19)
- Plantation Lakes, DE (3/18/19)
- Kent Horticultural Lecture Series, College Park, MD (3/22/19)
- Center for the Inland Bays, Oyster Bagging (3/25/19)
- Jayne's Reliable, Dagsboro, DE (4/27/19)
- Fenwick Island Society of Homeowners Presentation (4/27/19)
- Volunteer Recruitment Open House & Presentation (6/1/19)
- DBG Float Bethany Beach 4th of July Parade (7/4/19)
- Radio WDEL-FM Radio Interview (7/26/19)
- Radio WGMD-FM Interview (7/31/19)
- Dagsboro Night Out (8/6/19)
- WBOC-TV Interview, "Delmarva Life" (8/20/19)
- Radio WXDE-FM Interview (8/27/19)
- Radio WDDE-FM Interview (8/29/19)
- Radio Rehoboth – WWSX-FM Interview. (9/5/19)
- Radio WXDE-FM Interview (10/15/19)
- Radio WGMD –FM Interview (10/16/19)
- Parson's Farm Trunk or Treat (10/26/19)
- Radio WXDE-FM Interview, "Delmarva Potting Shed" (11/9/19)
- Southern Delaware Tourism Awards (12/11/19)

EXHIBITS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Tanger Outlets Volunteer Day (4/9/19)
- Jane's Reliable Peace, Love and Earth Day (4/27/19)
- Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Native Plant Sale (5/4/19)
- Bear Trap Dunes Community Volunteer Days (5/19)
- Beach to Bay Cottage Tour Sponsor (7/20/19)
- Girl Scouts Volunteer Day (Troop 20566, York, PA) (8/7/19)
- Camp Rehoboth Volunteer Days (8/19)
- Camp Rehoboth Beach Farmer's Market (8/19)
- Dagsboro Night Out (10/26/19)
- Parsons Farm Trunk & Treat (10/26/19)
- Easter Seals "Walk with Me" Sponsor (10/10/19)

PREARRANGED AND PUBLIC TOURS

- Delaware Nature Society (1/24/19)
- Delaware Wild Lands & DNREC (2/8/19)
- Rob Durfrey Bulb Tour (4/2/19)
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- CIB Decked Out Tour (5/1/19)
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- NAASF Delaware Trees Tour (5/15/19)
- Spade & Trowel Garden Club Tour (5/21/19)
- Point Farm Garden Community Tour (5/23/19)
- Genevieve Courbois & Christian Stauffer Tour (6/24/19)
- Friends of Patuxent Tour (6/27/19)
- Public Tour (7/30/19)
- Public Tour (8/6/19)
- Girl Scout Tour (Troop 20566, York, PA) (8/7/19)
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- Public Tour (8/20/19)
- Public Tour (8/27/19)
- McDonald – The Estuary Tour (9/5/19)
- Oxford Garden Club (9/5/19)
- Association of Professional Landscape Designers (9/25/19)
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- Talbot County Garden Club (10/8/19)
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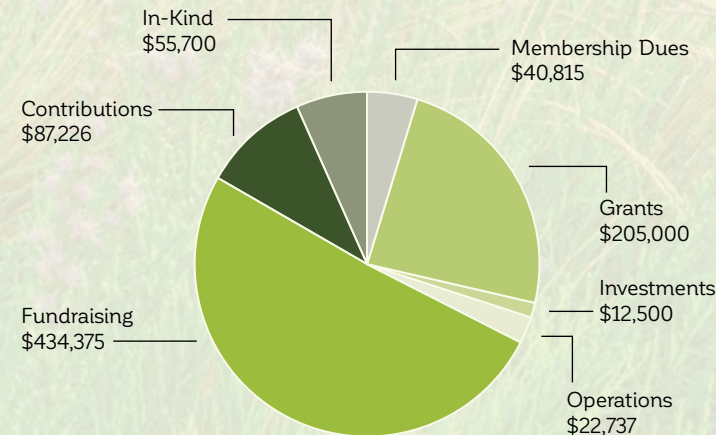
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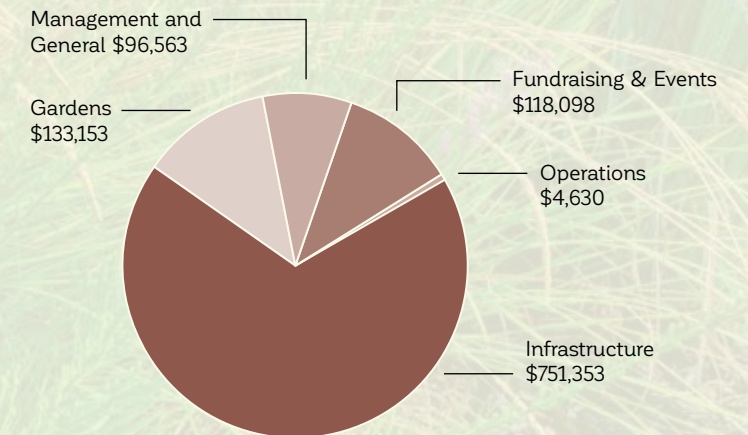
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2019 Income Total \$858,353



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2019 Expenditures Total \$1,100,797



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