

FRIENDS OF THE OAK PARK CONSERVATORY

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



THE OAK PARK CONSERVATORY
WHERE COMMUNITY
BLOOMS

Dear Friend,

When you step inside the Oak Park Conservatory, you'll see more than plants in bloom — you'll see friendships blossoming, curiosity taking root, and neighbors connecting. For 40 years, The Friends have nurtured this space as a place where all ages can gather, learn, and grow together. And it's your support that helps our community bloom year after year.

From toddlers taking their first nature walk to adults exploring new interests, the Oak Park Conservatory is a place where people grow — in knowledge, in connection, and in community spirit. The Friends are proud to make this growth possible through volunteer-led programs, educational experiences, and events for all ages.

In Fiscal Year 25, The Friends hosted almost 900 participants for adult ed lectures — almost 40% more participants than last Fiscal Year. Our Annual Plant Sale was an incredible success, seeing an increase of 18% in sales and selling 97% of our available plants. Our repeat customers returned at a rate of 70%, as they know our sale is of the highest quality. Be sure to see what's new for the 2026 Plant Sale later in this report.

Our Early Childhood nature education programs, along with our docent-led tours, both saw increases in engagement and participation over the last year. Sparking curiosity at an early age will have a lasting impact on these children for years to come.

These programs are only possible with help from our dedicated volunteers behind the scenes, planning for months at a time. Our 200+ volunteers bring their best to help us create enticing, engaging programs tailored to our wide community base. We have seen a 7% increase in volunteer time over the past year.

Forty years ago, in 1986, the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory was founded. The Friends grew out of a groundswell of support from community members, who saved the Conservatory from demolition in the late 1970s and saw its future potential for education and connection. Today, we are proud to partner with the Park District of Oak Park in ensuring the Conservatory's continued vitality. We invite you to join us throughout the year as we celebrate the mission and work of The Friends.

The Oak Park Conservatory thrives because we grow together — volunteers, visitors, neighbors, and friends. Each class taught, each tour guided, and each plant shared adds another layer to the living story of our community. With your help, The Friends will continue to grow opportunities for discovery and connection in the year ahead.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year and are most grateful for your continued support of our mission and work in the community. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Sue G. Boyer

Sue Boyer
President

Judy Klem

Judy Klem
Executive Director



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Mission

Our mission is to **promote interest** in the Oak Park Conservatory, offer **educational and recreational** opportunities, and **support projects** that benefit the Oak Park Conservatory.



Vision

Establish the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory as the premier community organization for connecting people with nature and horticulture, inspiring future stewards of the environment.



Purpose Statement

Our purpose is to **deepen and enrich the visitor experience** at the Oak Park Conservatory.



Our Values

Our values are our compass and guide our decisions toward fulfilling our purpose, vision, and mission:

COMMUNITY



We build community at the Conservatory. We welcome all visitors as guests and treat them with respect. We strive to include a diverse range of cultural backgrounds in our educational and recreational events and programming. We strive to build relationships with other community groups.

EDUCATION



We provide tools and guide participants to learn through exploration and discovery. We strive to craft memorable experiences at the Oak Park Conservatory through education and interpretive programs.

RESOURCES



Resources are limited. We maximize our available resources and use them wisely and responsibly. We strive for sustainable means and methods in all aspects of our organization, from fiscal to human to environmental.

EXCELLENCE



We strive for excellence in all aspects of our organization, from fiscal accountability to sharing research-based information with visitors.

VOLUNTEERISM



We value volunteerism and people. We strive to be the premier volunteer organization in our community. Our volunteers strive to make a difference in the world. We are committed to shaping a better future.





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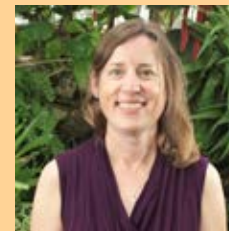
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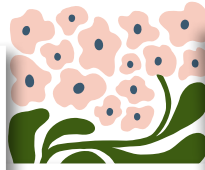
Judy Klem
Executive Director



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Coordinator



Andrea Lofgren
Bookkeeper



FOPCON Welcomed New Members in 2025

At the end of Fiscal Year 2025, The Friends had 627 members, a 9.5% increase from the previous year. Our members play a vital role in providing financial support to The Friends' mission. The Membership Committee continues to raise awareness of member benefits and offer incentives to join or renew membership. This year, we partnered with two new local businesses that offer our members a 10% discount (Seguin Gardens and Garland Flowers). Our other retail partners include Empowering Gardens, Good Earth Greenhouse, and Westgate Flowers.

In Fiscal Year 2025, we also began the transition to using an electronic membership card, allowing members to add the card to their phone wallets. Members no longer need to worry about finding their paper card or leaving it at home by accident when they want to take advantage of all our member benefits. Those who want to continue to receive a paper card may do so, but this new digital card allows us to progress into the future.

Each year at our Annual Meeting, we thank our members for their loyal support of The Friends' mission. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and discuss our future goals. We also try to provide a hands-on learning activity for our members. At our 2025 Annual Meeting, volunteer Gigi Rowe shared her tips for preserving and using dried flowers in various ways. After the presentation, our members created their own flower arrangements, decorative jars, note cards, and flower art to take home.

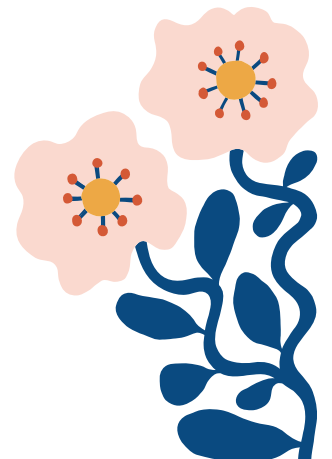
Our 2026 Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, June 11. Members, please watch for an invitation!

Ramona Ramos, Co-chair
Kathy FioRito, Co-chair
Membership Committee



Membership Benefits

- FREE Admission and/or reciprocal privileges to 400 Gardens, Arboreta, and Conservatories nationwide
- Members-only early shopping at the Annual Plant Sale
- Discounted tickets to Uncorked and the Garden Walk
- Invitation to FOPCON's Annual Meeting and Reception
- 10% Discount at local partners

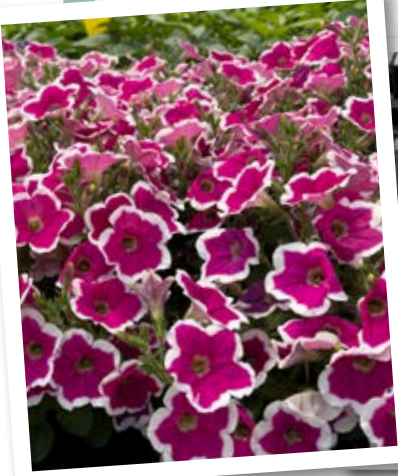


36th Annual Plant Sale Adds



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to the Community

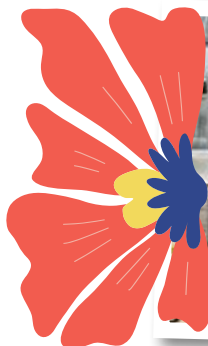


The 36th Annual Plant Sale took place in May 2025. Volunteers provided 436 hours of support during Plant Sale Week to ensure the smooth distribution of the 9,837 plants that were sold. Because of construction at Rehm Pool, a new order pick-up plan was implemented. A patron drive-by plant order pick-up was established in the alley behind the Conservatory. This procedure worked very well for the 631 Plant Sale patrons and the efficient car loading of boxed plants by volunteers. We expect to repeat this operation in 2026.

The upcoming 37th Annual Plant Sale will follow the successful process of growing the plants for sale beginning in January. Seeds and selected plant plugs will begin to arrive weekly and be nurtured to maturity in the Conservatory greenhouses.

This huge task is kept running smoothly week by week under the guidance of FOPCON and Greenhouse staff. Each volunteer brings his or her life experience to the table, and all suggestions are welcome. Dedicated volunteers work as teams four days a week, morning and afternoon. Conversation develops as volunteers from the community share their life experiences, and lasting friendships are established.

**Mary Ellen Murphy, Chair
FOPCON Plant Sale Committee**



37th Annual Plant Sale Online Sales Only!

Shop online at our Annual Plant Sale featuring a large selection of vegetables, herbs, and flowers, all grown in our Conservatory greenhouses. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory in partnership with the Park District of Oak Park. Members receive two weeks of priority shopping for the best selection.

Saturday, March 28: Member Online Sale Begins

Saturday, April 11: Public Online Sale Begins

Monday, April 26: Online Sale Closes

Monday, May 4 - Wednesday, May 7: Curbside Pick-up



In recognition of The Friends' 40th Anniversary, a new/old feature will be included this year.

Just as in the original Herb and Scented Plant Sale 37 years ago in 1989, we will offer a selection of themed herb kits. Each is unique in its combination of plant choices and will feature 5 herbs for \$25:

Essentials Eats, Continental Classics, and Happy Hour.



Many popular plants will return for the 2026 Plant Sale

along with several new introductions. These non-flowering items add interest and drama to the popular container collection.

2026 New Introductions

Clockwise from top left:

- Fern 'Foxtail'*
- Carex 'Amazon Mist ColorGrass'*
- Juncus 'Blue Dart ColorGrass'*
- Millet 'Jade Princess'*



OPRF Garden Walk Celebrates Local Garden Beauty

Our 31st annual Oak Park and River Forest Garden Walk was held June 23, 2025, a day of record-breaking heat. Despite the challenging weather, the Walk was a great success. Thanks to our generous garden owners, we were able to showcase eight private gardens, four in Oak Park and four in River Forest. The Garden Walk represents a longstanding collaboration between FOPCON and the Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest (GCOPRF) to highlight beautiful gardens and garden design in our communities.

At the 2025 Walk, 835 people viewed the gardens. The proceeds of \$19,517 were split between our two organizations. The Garden Club uses its proceeds to fund scholarships for high school students pursuing horticulture or environmental studies. FOPCON uses its proceeds to support our mission to offer educational and recreational opportunities, promote community interest in the Conservatory, and support projects that benefit the Conservatory.

Gina Sennello, Garden Walk Co-chair and GCOPRF Co-president, sees the Garden Walk as more than just a fundraiser. She calls it “our gift to the community.”

In 2026, the OPRF Garden Walk will showcase two community gardens in Oak Park, in addition to seven private gardens in Oak Park and River Forest. The two community gardens are open to the public. They include a church garden in north Oak Park and the garden owned by the Oak Park Art League (OPAL). With a nod to the Garden Walk, OPAL plans a month-long art exhibit in June with an “indoor garden” theme. The exhibit will be free to the public.

Kathy Fiorito,
OPRF Garden Walk Committee

Don't miss the
2026 OPRF Garden Walk
Sunday, June 28
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Tickets go on sale May 15
at fopcon.org or gcopr.org.*



Learn & Grow Lectures

**Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
(in person)
Apr 8 • Apr 15 • Apr 22**

Join the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory for our popular Learn & Grow gardening lecture series in person at the Conservatory. We will help you prepare for the gardening season and highlight plants available at our Annual Plant Sale.

April 8: Preparing for the Growing Season

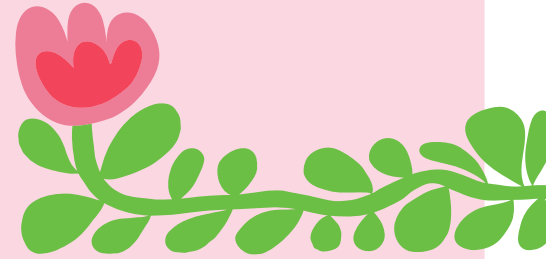
Ready, set, grow! It's time to get back into the garden, but there's a lot to do besides deciding which plants you're interested in. Learn how to prepare your soil, tools, pots, and compost to get the most out of the upcoming season.

April 15: Tomatoes 101

Tomatoes are the most popular crop to grow, yet even experienced gardeners can still struggle to do it successfully. Learn about the essentials for soil, sun, and water, as well as the basics of caging, pruning, and fertilizing.

April 22: Container Gardening with Annuals

How do others make their containers of annuals look so great? Join the Friends for tips on how to match up plants with complementary colors, textures, and heights to design a container you'll be proud of. Plants from the Annual Plant Sale will be showcased.



Plant & Tool Exchange

**Sunday, May 17
Drop Off, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pick Up, 11:00-11:30 a.m.**

Plant swap at the Conservatory! Join other gardeners and share your favorite plants and extra tools at the annual spring exchange. Please bring at least one healthy plant from your garden or a house plant to participate in the swap. Be sure to label your plants.

Plastic Pot Return

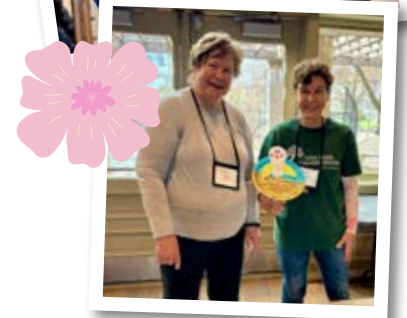
Help keep plastic pots out of our landfills – save your garden plastic pots from the Annual Plant Sale and return them at the Plant and Tool Exchange for future reuse.

TET (Toddler Exploration Time)

9:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.

April 17: Leaving the Nest

Children and their caregivers will be delighted with stories, lessons, and hands-on crafts led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory education volunteers. Each month is a different topic. Registration is required in advance. Ages 18mos-5yrs





Summer UNCORKED Enjoys Community Support

The Friends' summer Uncorked series opened in June 2025 to perfect weather and a sold-out crowd. Our guests and volunteers enjoyed good conversation, music, drinks, and small bites in our beautiful Rubinstein Garden. Each of the four Friday nights of Uncorked was sold out with 100 guests in June-September, with a total participation of 400 attendees.

Uncorked is much more than a fundraiser for The Friends. It introduces new area residents to the Conservatory, provides a relaxing evening for FOPCON supporters and volunteers, and helps support local merchants. Besides appetizers, drinks, music, and tours of the Conservatory, we hold drawings at each event with prize baskets containing wine, gift cards and/or gifts. Many of the gifts are donated by FOPCON volunteers and members.

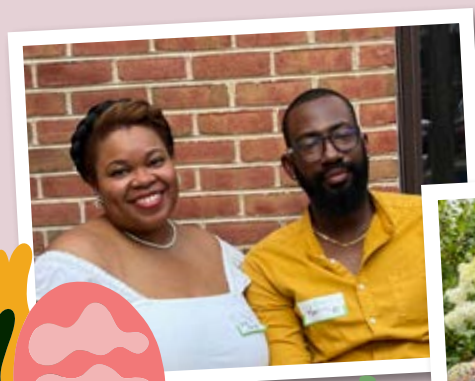
In 2025, Famous Liquors provided wine and beer. The appetizers/"small bites" came from local restaurants, including Happy Apple Pie Company, Empanadus, Broken Tart, and Taco Mucho. Local artisans Olive and Well, Crumb Crusher Cupcakes, Todd & Holland Tea Merchants, and Black Out Baking Company displayed and sold their goods. Music was provided by area musicians, including: AcoustiCats Duo, Tom Lowery Trio, James Robinson-Parran, and The Replays.

Several musicians approached the Uncorked committee in the off-season in hopes of performing in future Uncorked events. Last year, seven musicians applied for the four Uncorked slots. When the newly selected The Replays performed, many of their followers came out to hear them play. This exposed a whole new group from the community to the Conservatory.

This year, we attracted more younger age groups to Uncorked, enriching the experience for everyone and growing our community of support for the Conservatory. We are now seeing an increased interest in tours of our showrooms, requiring us to seek more docents to educate our visitors about the wonders of the Conservatory.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing everyone when Uncorked returns June 26, July 24, August 21, and September 25, 2026.

**Carol Einhorn, Chair
Uncorked Committee**





Learning Grows Through Early Childhood Education

Early childhood educational programming continues to bring learning and fun to some of our smallest community members. Toddler Exploration Time (TET) continues to be a popular program, with 368 children participating in FY 2025, a 15% increase over last year. During the summer months, 471 kids visited the Conservatory during our Discovery Garden Exploration Time (DGET), where children can play and explore with extra play tools from our shed.

In 2025, DGET was enhanced with the participation of community partners Wonder Works Children's Museum and Oak Park Public Library's Book Bike.

The bilingual English-Spanish Storytime continued on the first Wednesday of the month, as well as the weekly Wednesday Storytime. We had 492 participants in our Storytimes this year.

Families continue to borrow exploration backpacks when they check in at the Conservatory. Child-sized backpacks are filled with binoculars and activities to enhance your child's visit. The quiz cards included in the backpacks feature seasonally updated questions to engage children with plants in each of the showrooms and gardens, highlighting seasonal changes.

**Barb Pagniucci, Chair
Early Childhood Committee**



KIDS FEST

Celebrates Earth Day with Local Partners

In April 2025, FOPON hosted our ever-popular annual family event, KidsFest, which allows young guests and their families to connect with nature through engaging and interactive experiences. Through collaboration with our community partners and dedicated volunteers, the event was a great success.

This year's Earth Day-themed celebration welcomed over 300 guests from Oak Park and surrounding communities. Our feature presenter was Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education, who displayed and discussed live raptors. We were proud to see our community bloom in collaboration with The Trail Side Museum, Illinois Master Naturalists, The Field Museum, Brookfield Zoo, and the Oak Park Public Library.

This event remains free and well-organized with timed ticketed slots providing consistent and quality programming from 10 a.m to 12:30 p.m. In 2026, KidsFest will be held on April 26, and we welcome back Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education as our main presenter.

Sundeepa Kaur, Chair KidsFest



Get Ready for 2026 KidsFest

**Sunday, April 26
10am-12:30pm**

Oak Park Conservatory

Join us for KidsFest, the popular family event sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory.

Help us celebrate Earth Day and the wonders of our planet with activities from our partners: Trailside Museum, University of IL Extension, Brookfield Zoo, the Oak Park Public Library, and Northern Illinois Raptor Rehabilitation. Tickets are required for this free event.

Docent-Led Tours Make Learning Accessible



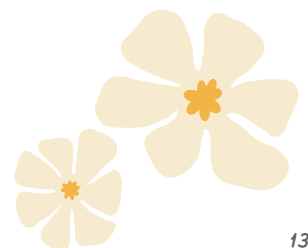
Education is central to our mission, and one of the ways children and adults get in touch with nature in a fun, accessible way is through our docent-led tours. In FY 2025, we hosted over 930 tour participants on 58 tours. Our tours, led by trained docents who are FOPCON volunteers, feature the Conservatory's four distinct ecosystems, with a focus on environmental sustainability. The tours are offered for adults and children and can be tailored to each group's needs.

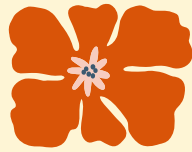
Our school tours are aligned with the Illinois State Standards for Science. Students travel through each habitat, learning about different soils, the structure of plants, and much more. We continue to welcome students from surrounding communities as part of our Tour Grant Program. This grant is for underserved students in schools that do not have the funds for a docent-led tour. We also offer school tours in Spanish. In FY 2025, we sponsored 68 students with grant funding, which is a 10% increase over last year.

In 2025, we recruited more docents, continued to use a refreshed docent training program, and maintained our expanded tour availability. Docents are present on Sunday afternoons in the showrooms from November through March to answer questions and enhance our visitors' experience.

We offer a Diverse Learners Tour, an interactive and sensory-driven learning experience designed for individuals 18 and older with special needs. We served 36 individuals on Diverse Learners tours this year. This plant-focused tour uses visual prompting to introduce scientific concepts and invites active participation through multi-sensory, hands-on learning techniques.

**Kathie Walsh, Chair
Docent-Led Tours**





Adult Education Expands Lifelong Learning

Community blooms all year at the Conservatory through our adult education programming. In FY 2025, FOPCON continued to host its free lecture series, given by local and statewide experts, and attended by 655 participants. Those who garden outside learned about topics such as growing garlic and planting bulbs for spring bloom, while indoor gardeners found out how to care for orchids and manage houseplant pests.

A well-received lecture on winter sowing preceded our third annual seed swap, attended by over 130 enthusiastic people who were more than ready to start planning their gardens. To ensure no seeds go to waste, all extras were donated to a dozen school gardens, community gardens, and seed libraries. In addition to donating seeds for the swap, over 110 community members were generous in donating their extra plants and supplies to the Plant and Tool Exchanges, ensuring that even more people will be successful in their gardening efforts.

We were very happy to bring back our popular “Learn and Grow” lecture series back to in-person presentations this year. A lead-up to the Annual Plant Sale, the series not only provides information on some of the plants at the sale and how best to grow them, but it’s also a wonderful way to engage patrons with the Conservatory itself.

**Susie Narkis, Chair
Adult Education Committee**



The Conservatory In Bloom



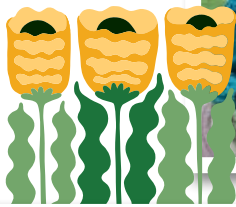
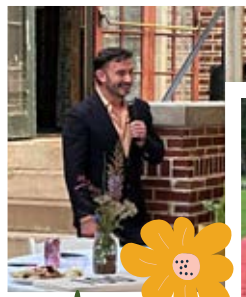
Volunteers Give Time and Talents

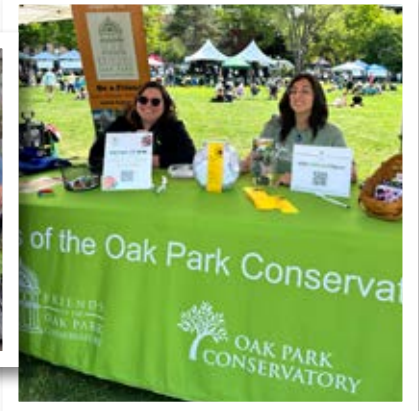
Nearly 200 active volunteers contributed almost 5,000 volunteer hours in FY 2025, including the contributions of almost 60 new volunteers this year. Our total number of active volunteers was up 5% from 2024.

The goal of the Volunteer Committee is to support the work of the Volunteer Coordinator and to recognize the efforts of Friends volunteers. The Volunteer Committee celebrated the work of Plant Sale volunteers with an event at the home of Board President Sue Boyer. More than 40 volunteers and friends joined in an evening of socializing.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Event was held once again at the lovely Cheney Mansion. More than 70 volunteers and guests enjoyed an evening of refreshments and recognition at the August event. Special recognition awards were presented to Mary O’Kiersey, Dawn Stockmo, and Susie Narkis.

**Barbara Hunt, Chair
Volunteer Committee**





Our volunteers are the backbone of each and every event and program at The Friends. We could not do this without their hard work and are **forever thankful** for the time they have given us.

Volunteer List 2025

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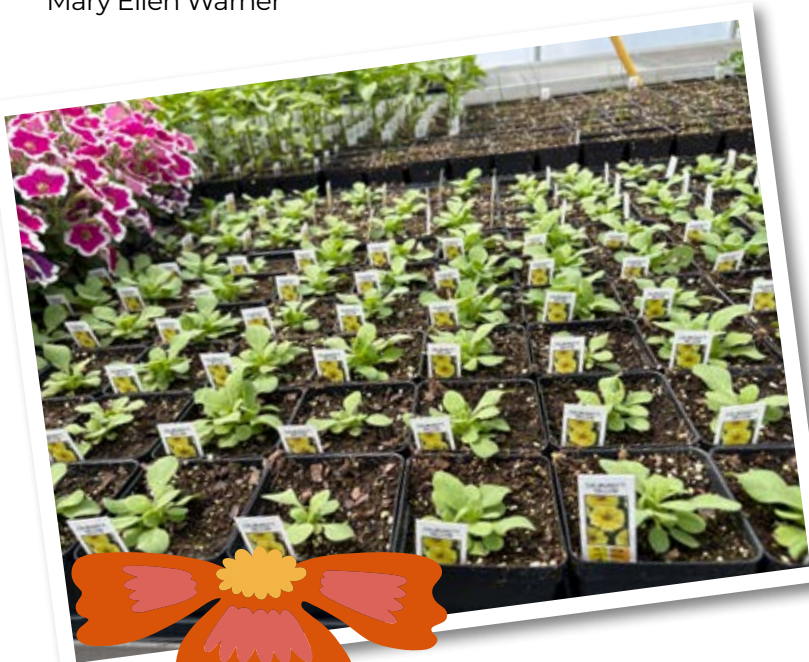
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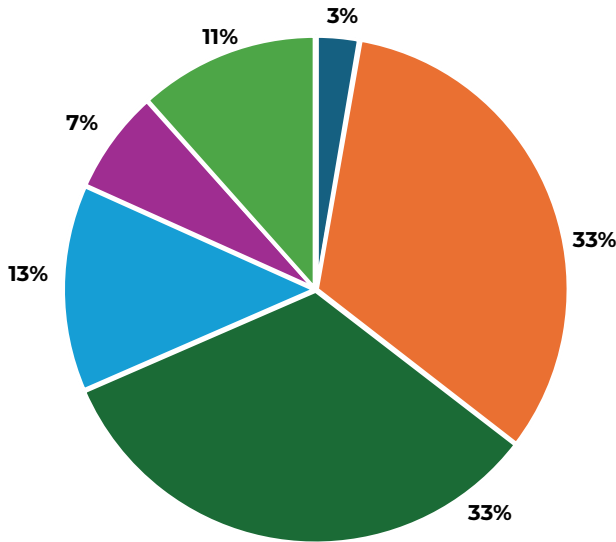
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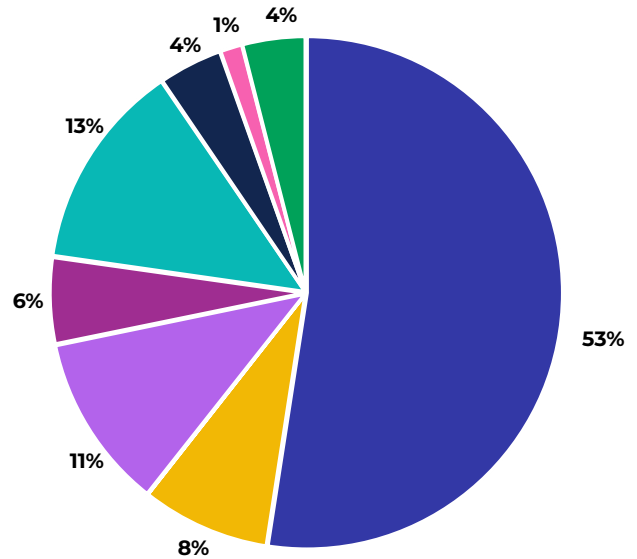
REVENUE



● Historic Door Campaign	\$5,000
● Donations	\$58,400
● Plant Sale	\$59,100
● Membership	\$23,700
● Other Funding	\$11,900
● Fundraising	\$20,800

REVENUE TOTAL \$178,900

EXPENSES



● Programs/Program Support	\$93,000
● Historic Door Campaign	\$14,500
● Plant Sale	\$19,700
● Administration	\$9,800
● Conservatory Fund	\$23,400
● Donations	\$7,200
● Membership	\$2,500
● Fundraising	\$7,200

EXPENSES TOTAL \$177,300

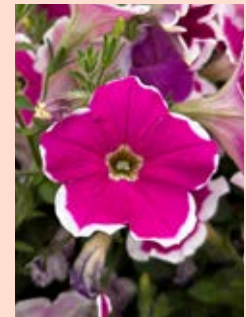
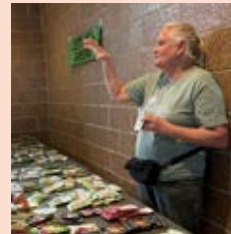
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