



Member & Guest Services

The Membership and Guest Services team had an exceptional year with visitation and memberships. This past year alone, the Garden reached an all-time high of 16,821 total family memberships. With tours and special events back in full swing, we loved seeing our members more involved with Garden activities and excited to participate in our events.

Our Guest Services team was recognized for their hard work and dedication with the 2022 Hospitality Award from Visit Norfolk.

16.821 **Total Members**

477.000 **Total Visitors**

5,719 Guests Free February Thursdays in celebration of **Black History Month**

1.015 Visitors **1,558 Guests Free Admission** for WPA Garden Heritage Celebration









Weddings & Event Rentals



107% Increase in Revenue 134 Weddings



64% **Increase in Revenue** 96 **Corporate & Social Events**

\$3,437.62 Saved by solar panels this fiscal year (\$21,443.68 since 2018)

2,721 lbs. Compost generated from kitchen waste

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From the President & CEO

Thank you for contributing more than \$25 million to the largest expansion in the Garden's history with The Garden of Tomorrow. On September 1, 2021 we held a groundbreaking ceremony and in October of 2022, construction begins — The Garden of Tomorrow will become a reality.



As a distinguished outdoor museum, Norfolk Botanical Garden was awarded reaccreditation from the Accreditation Commission for the American Alliance of Museums in June 2022. This award signifies that NBG meets the rigorous standards and best practices of the museum field and is an educational entity serving as an appropriate steward of the collections and resources that we hold in the public trust. Out of the 33,000 museums across the U.S., only 3% achieve this distinction.



Environmental Initiatives

One of the core elements of our mission is inspiring visitors of all ages to connect to nature and make better choices to protect our natural environment. The key to that success is imparting a tangible understanding to our visitors of why and how all of us can be better environmental stewards. Examples of the kind of tangibles that inspire people to act are the hosting of *Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea* this past summer and establishing the Virginia Bluebird Society's first recognized bluebird trail in Norfolk. Follow our lead to improve your environmental footprint. A greener future depends on our collective efforts!



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NBG is powered 100% by renewable energy.



110,000+ Guests walked through the nearly one-mile pathway of Coastal Virginia's most magical holiday light display.



Community Connections and Outreach

Strengthening relationships within the community is an important aspect of any organization that serves the public. Our staff engaged with well over 2,700 people and gave away hundreds of plants and seeds. Offsite educational opportunities with garden clubs and professional organizations provided an additional 750 in-person interactions. Virtual and hybrid presentations continue our important role as a resource within the community.



Educational Programs

Adult Education

The Adult Education department has experienced a tremendous year, from reaching almost 8,000 students with 600 classes, to increasing our amount of free programming and expanding our program selection across the board. We wrapped up the year by hosting our first Home Gardener Day conference, featuring speakers from across the US, as well as showcasing local educational partners and nurseries to over 125 attendees.

Youth Education

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Youth Education Department experienced an incredible surge in student visitation for guided and selfquided field trips. Over 5,000 students visited the Garden, with 646 of those students receiving Day of Nature scholarship funding to cover the fees for their learning experiences. In addition to onsite field trips, the department offered virtual outreaches to nearly 1.000 middle school students through a grant provided by the Helen Gifford Foundation.

7,600+ In-person Adult Participants



2,900+ Participants in Family Programs 6,100+ Bulbs planted for seasonal display

11,700+ Bulbs planted for permanent display

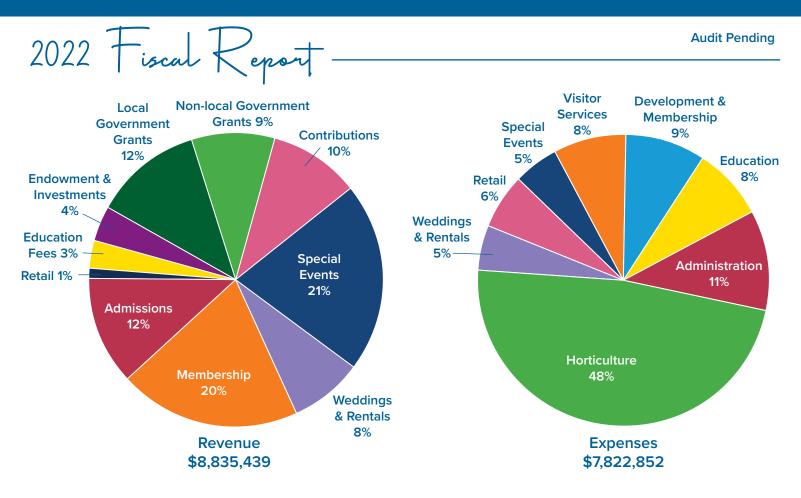
37,000+ Annuals planted for seasonal display 3,100+ Perennials 300+ Shrubs 40+ Trees planted for permanent display

10,000+ New plants for local landscapes sold at NBG Plant Sales

2,600+ Native plant plugs given away

Horticulture

We continue to grow our plant collections throughout NBG and this year we were able to add a significant number of new camellias and hydrangeas. In the Border Garden, overgrown and outof-scale conifers were removed to make room for more perennials that better fit the space. The green roof in the Circle Garden had a large portion of its living tiles replaced. The canal by the new Cobblestone Bridge was dredged, enabling tour boats to once again access this part of the Garden. In the Conifer Garden new beds were added featuring old granite curbstones that once lined the streets of Norfolk. New brick paver walkways were added from Le Jardin to Cobblestone Bridge, nearby in The Glade and Edgewater Wayside. The asphalt path behind Renaissance Court was upgraded with brick pavers.



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