Located in Boise’s Old Penitentiary Historic District, the Idaho Botanical Garden is dedicated to enhancing our community’s quality of life through fostering a love of nature and developing intellectual curiosity in people of all ages. Originally the site of the tree nursery and grounds of the State Penitentiary, the Garden is a living museum.

The Garden provides enriching garden experiences through educational programs, botanical collections, a variety of entertainment, cultural and community events in addition to providing a refreshing and inspiring year-round outdoor destination for local residents and out-of-town visitors.
FROM THE BOARD
PRESIDENT
The last two years in the Garden have been a whirlwind of excitement with the addition of so many new Garden features and updated programs!

One highlight is the gift of eight sculptures donated by Garden Friends Gregory Kaslo and Anita Kay Hardy! Gregory’s father, Dr. Max Kaslo, created the pieces and we celebrated their arrival with a sculpture reveal party! This event kicked off the Art in the Garden Program to develop and promote our existing art collection and foster new acquisitions.

We were also excited and honored to receive a large collection of Koi and the funds to create a new, larger Koi Pond under the Treehouses! The Koi belonged to Bob & Barbara Richins and were inherited by their children, Garden supporters Julie & Larry Prince and Viki & Rick Richins. The Prince and Richins family felt that the Garden would be the perfect new home for the beloved fish! This is one of my favorite spots to take guests.

I was impressed to learn how many students attended Garden programs this year – over 10,000! Our adult education program grew, too, with more than 1,300 able to enjoy the 45 classes and workshops – many of them in the new Garden classroom.

I can’t forget to mention some of our cultural and community events which celebrated milestones in 2016. In August, the Bug Day extravaganza had a banner year in family attendance with 1,744 people in attendance. Winter Garden aGlow (open right now!) had its 20th anniversary extravaganza had a banner year in family attendance with 1,744 people in attendance.

In addition to the infrastructure, our programs and services continue to strengthen. In 2017, we offered eight different youth and adult education programs over 11,700 people! We collaborated with over 650 volunteers to help maintain our growing gardens and events. We revamped the English Garden with over 1,000 new plants and 6,000 bulbs, and put the final touches on the new pergola in the same garden. And, our membership base continues to grow strong with over 4,500 members. Notice that each and every one of these areas of growth started as we all are.

It is hard to pick out my favorite part of the Garden, as every update significantly adds to our mission’s work. It is all because of you, our donors and friends, that the Garden is a beautiful and vital destination in this community.

Thank you again for an amazing season and I look forward to seeing you in the Garden!

~Sonya Lenci, President of the Board of Directors

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Thank you for making 2017 yet another remarkable year for Idaho Botanical Garden. This year marked the Garden’s 33rd year of service. Our dedicated staff did an incredible job expanding our reach in the community and enhancing our education programs and events. Most importantly, thanks to you, our dedicated supporters, Idaho Botanical Garden continues to grow!

Last year, I announced that we were about to embark on our next big project at the Garden, new flushable restroom facilities. This project has been a major undertaking, from our fundraising efforts, to the installation of over 800 feet of new sewer line (right through Outlaw Field), to the delivery and installation of two units this fall. On your next visit, stop in, and give them a flush. We hope that you will be as impressed as we all are.

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Thank you for wholeheartedly being a part of Idaho Botanical Garden. We are looking forward to much more in 2018!

~Erin Anderson, Executive Director

2016 WAS AN AMAZING YEAR for Garden growth because of support from donors, like you! Last year, the Garden “grew”:

• An Education Building! This space holds a large classroom for the adult and youth classes and camps and better office space for Education and Horticulture team members including staff and volunteers.

• The Entrance Garden. Thanks to Franz Witte and other landscaping businesses, the Garden experience now starts at the main entrance with this welcoming garden filled with seasonal plants appropriate for our region. We are grateful for the beautification of our entrance and excited to see this garden grow and evolve over the next couple years.

• An extended deer fence around the new entrance keeping plants safe from hungry deer.

• A new Koi Pond in the Meditation Garden! A local family donated a beautiful collection of Koi and funds to build a beautiful new pond under the Treehouses.

• Plans for our new flush-able toilet restrooms project – which are now open to the public!

• Memories when we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Garden at National Public Gardens Day. Meriwether Lewis joined us to tell the story of his journey.

• Art in the Garden! IBG was the recipient of eight metal assemblage sculptures created by the late Dr. Max Kaslo CDR USNR and donated by Gregory Kaslo and Anita Kay Hardy.

CULTIVATE

Idaho Botanical Garden Mission
To provide a full garden experience for all ages that enhances our community’s quality of life through plant collections, education programs, and entertainment, cultural and community events.

APRIL 2016-MARCH 2017

Seed collections from 12 species of native wildflowers and shrubs were collected in southwest Idaho for long-term seed banking, restoration, & research purposes. IBG will use some of this seed to grow plants for local restoration projects on public lands, in coordination with our Bureau of Land Management (BLM) partners.

We grew 1,400 native plants (wildflowers, shrubs) for rangeland restoration projects. This included 100 plants of the globally rare Packard’s milkvetch. This project was a partnership between the BLM, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Agricultural Research Service Bee Lab in Logan, IBG, and others.

On June 30, 2016, the Table Rock Fire burned to the Garden’s upper perimeter fence. We joined City of Boise and other entities in restoration efforts by providing treatment recommendations (species, techniques, seed source information), and planting 800 Garden-grown seedlings of six native species, and collecting and dispersing nearly 10,000 native wildflower seedlings for the fall 2017 planting effort led by Boise City.

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TO NURTURE A FASCINATION
with the natural world is the heart of
the Garden’s mission. Our goal is to
connect people of all ages with nature
whether it is by helping the community
garden successfully, or showing a child
where their food comes from. Seasonal
educational presentations for adults and
youth are offered year-round.

• More than 1,300 Garden members and
other adults attended over 45 classes and
workshops in the seasonal Continuing
Education program with classes such as
‘Backyard Birding’, ‘Raised Bed
Gardening’, ‘Growing Fruit in the Treasure
Valley’, and ‘Winter Photography’.

• From April 2016 - March 2017, over 10,440
children experienced nature hands-on
through our Youth Education Program.

• Students in pre-K through sixth
grade supplemented their science
education with a field trip to the
Garden. They learned about
how seeds disperse and how flowers
make seeds, historical uses for
plants, and about the ecology of the
Boise Foothills.

• Preschoolers visited the Garden
in June to explore the Garden
through their senses while
attending Nature Detectives.

• During the cold winter months,
Garden on the Road brought IBG to
the students with a craft, activity,
and visit from carnivorous plants!

• The summer months saw families
bring their children to Nature Camp
and Bug Day.

Through year-round youth education
programs, children are encouraged to be
curious, play outdoors, and appreciate the
natural world hands-on.

THE GARDEN IS A GATHERING
PLACE for the community to make
memories with family and friends in the
great Idaho outdoors. In 2016, people of
all ages enjoyed the Garden through a
variety of cultural and family events.

• Plant Sale kicked off another successful
season of celebration. A total of 750
members attended and 64 volunteers
helped to make this event happen.

• Nearly 1,000 people attended the 2016
Private Gardens Tour to explore the
Collister Neighborhood. The tour featured
live entertainment from performer
Thomas Paul, creating a memorable and
exciting day for attendees.

• A record number of 1,744 visitors
attended the August educational family
event, Bug Day, to learn about the
exciting world of entomology.

• The 2016 Outlaw Field Series was
bookended by two sold-out concerts;
Paul Simon, and Neil Young. Headliner,
Paul Simon, sold out in a record
30 minutes, the fastest sellout in
Outlaw Field History!

• The Garden continues to be the best
venue for live music in the summer.
The Great Garden Escape Concert Series
brought in over 5,300 garden visitors for
13 weeks of live music featuring local
bands like Boise Straight Ahead, Blaze
and Kelly, and Ellie Shaw.

• The Garden gracefully welcomed the
change of season with the annual Fall
Harvest Festival featuring local artisans,
beer & wine, and food. With activities for
kids, a hayride, corn maze, live music,
and a Beer Garden this event is truly
enjoyed by all ages.

• As always, December closed out the last
event of the year with style! The Winter
Garden aglow is a holiday tradition and
one of the busiest events of the year.
This year, 46,643 guests admired over
300,000 lights displayed in the Garden
for 40 chilly nights.

Volunteers played a crucial role connecting the Garden
with the community. They extended the ability to serve the
public and are essential to achieving our mission. Together
they contributed 15,509 hours to the Garden.

810 cookies eaten at
Continuing Education
classes

1,450 marigolds planted during
Flower Power tours

750 lima beans dissected
during Seed Sense tours

1,238 Venus Flytrap puppets
made during Garden on
the Road

FOR FIELD TRIPS LAST FISCAL YEAR
Individual student on a single
visit: 0.5 miles walked

Class of 25 students: 12.5
miles walked (not quite half
marathon distance, which would
be 13.1 miles)

Students who came to IBG
in last fiscal year (7,092
students): 3,546 miles
walked (For comparison the
Pacific Crest Trail is 2,660 miles
from Mexico to Canada, the
Continental Divide Trail is 3,100
miles, and the Appalachian Trail
is about 2,200 miles.)

11 BEAUTIFUL COUPLES
celebrated true love with
a wedding in the Garden

Special thanks to these
volunteers who gave more
than 100 hours in 2016-2017:

Laurie Anderson
Michel Andrew
Janet Davis
Ali Detz
Elizabeth Fortune
Brad Hill
JD Jackovich

Susan Mejia
Alexis Neufeld
Aarleen Schaeffer
Daniel Smith
Colin Unnasch
Bonnie Wood

over 140,000
visitors passed
through the gates

OCTOBER was
the busiest month for the
Garden with 14,055
Garden visitors

“Dear Idaho Botanical gardens, thank you for letting us come
for our field trip. I really enjoyed it and I learned that
the coconut is the biggest seed in the world. A sun flower seed
is just a little guy but a coconut is huge! I want to try some
coconut. It looks pretty good. Thank you!” – Sincerely Brig
**FINANCIALS**

As of March 31, 2017

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

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**GARDEN GIFTS**

The Idaho Botanical Garden is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. As a private entity that receives no city, state or federal government funding for operations, the Idaho Botanical Garden relies on memberships, program fees, and donations to sustain programming and plant collections to enable future development. The Garden gratefully recognizes the following contributors for their support in growing the Garden.

Donors of donations totaling $250 or more made between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017 are listed. Every effort has been made to ensure that all information is accurate and we apologize for any omissions. Please call the Garden at (208) 273-8603 to make corrections.

**SUPPORT & REVENUE**

Garden Event Income: $379,467
Membership: $309,891
Individuals and Corporations: $275,386
Other Income: Sales, Plant Sale & Box Office Fees: $266,995
Garden Admission: $83,089
In-kind donations: $30,382
Special Events: $72,625
Grant Contributions: $53,616
Site Rental: $47,725
Education Program Fees: $46,886

Total Revenue and Support: $1,467,893
Net Income: $108,170

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current Liabilities:
- Accounts Payable: $30,980
- Accrued Salaries & Payroll Taxes: $61,801
- Deferred Revenue: $23,485
- Accrued Liabilities Other: $8,557
Total Current Liabilities: $124,823

Net Assets:
- Unrestricted Net Assets: $1,191,711
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: $392,125
- Permanently Restricted Net Assets: $500
Net Total Assets: $1,151,336

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS: $1,637,159