



May Center Report –December 2018

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The May Arboretum received \$53,000 from the May Arboretum Society to fund seasonal staff through December 22, 2018 and will also pay for 2 winter seasonals through the beginning of spring with additional funding of nearly \$24,000. This is the first account the arboretum has retained seasonal staff throughout the winter. Seasonals will assist arboretum full time staff with leaf, noxious tree and snow removal. They will also support the horticulturist and staff in the greenhouse, installing irrigation and assisting growing plants for the Arboretum, parks, WC School seedling school program and plant sale.
- ◆ Greenhouse concrete pad was poured this past month. The pad covers 3,500 sqft of greenhouse floor. The project was funded by the May Arboretum Society (\$37,000.00). The horticulturist managed the project from the start to the end.
- ◆ Burke Garden renovation started this month. This is a \$45,000 renovation funded by the May Arboretum Society. The horticulturist served as the project manager.
- ◆ The Washoe County's CSD Park Division held their annual holiday May Arboretum volunteer appreciation luncheon. Volunteer provided nearly 6,000 hours of service per fiscal year which has a service value of \$130,000.00. Denise Evans, Washoe County Parks Volunteer organized the event while Katie Bird, AmeriCorps Arboretum Educator assisted along with arboretum staff.

May Arboretum Educational Programs

- ◆ May Arboretum volunteer's assisted the AmeriCorps member with Little Sprouts. Little Sprouts was developed by AmeriCorps workers to assist young children practice motor skills, socializing, and decision making through activities and garden explorations. The series continues through winter of 2019.
- ◆ An additional new winter program was developed using UNR Natural Resource volunteer. "Evergreen Blitz" which will be held on January 19th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This program is designed to help students explore the wintry world of the Arboretum and teach how to identify evergreens.

Greenhouse Program

- ◆ May Arboretum began their second year of the seedling program for WC School District. Vegetable orders are taken through the first week in January by the horticulturist from interested schools. Vegetable "starts" are grown in the greenhouse into 4" pots for teachers to use in the classroom or school gardens.



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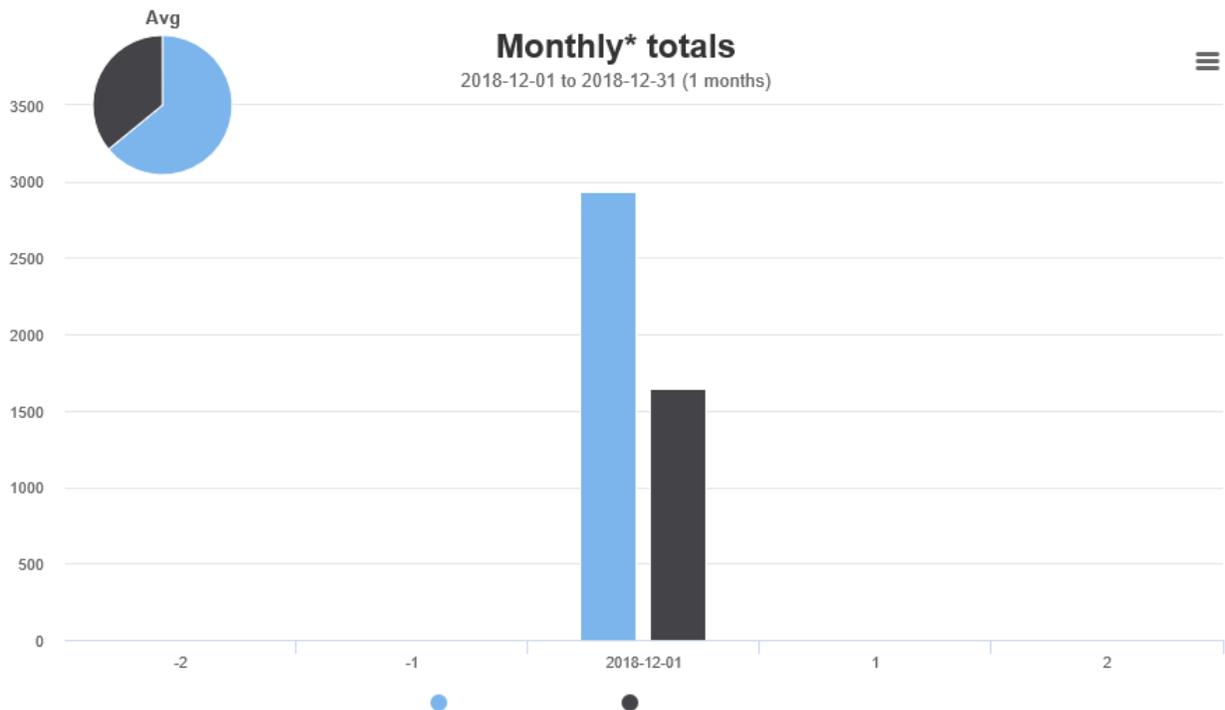
May Foundation

- ◆ The May Foundation approved a bid (\$10,000.00) to have the arboretum and museum trees pruned.
- ◆ A new Arboretum trail map is complete and available on line on the May Arboretum webpage, www.maycenter.com. This project was made possible by a generous donation from the Wilbur May Foundation (\$6,000.00).

Visitor Data Program

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Visitors

- ◆ The average number of visitors for December of 2018 was approximately 4,572. For calendar year the TRAXF recorded 91,660 and doesn't include glitch in the G3 Dock for February, March and April and also another failure in July. I estimate the arboretum had over 125,000 – 140,000 visitors this past year due to Dragon Lights festival.





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- ◆ The Museum hosted the annual Tuba Christmas concert. More than 400 visitors attended the free holiday concert, which also included free admission to the museum and refreshments for sale.
- ◆ The Museum hosted the annual Art Angels workshop with Sierra Watercolor Society. This free art workshop for kids had full attendance.
- ◆ The Sierra Watercolor Society's winter exhibition closed after a one month show. Seven paintings were sold during the exhibit, which was well attended by the public.
- ◆ The Museum's Presents for Pets collection drive ended. Many people dropped off pet supplies and food, all of which was graciously accepted by the SPCA of Northern Nevada.

UPCOMING

- ◆ The Lost World of Dragons opens on January 31. This new traveling exhibition features animatronic dragons and hands-on interactives.
- ◆ Museum staff will have a booth for the May Center at the 10th annual Reno Grand Bridal Showcase at the Grand Sierra Resort.