2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Alaska Botanical Garden

The Alaska Botanical Garden is an independent nonprofit living museum. Its mission is to showcase the beauty and value of Alaska's gardens and natural areas through science, education, and recreation using organic and sustainable practices.

Note from the Director

2020 was a year we will likely never forget, even if we’d like to. Many lives in the community were adversely affected by the pandemic, and the associated loss of tourism was a significant blow to ABG’s revenue stream. Operationally, not everything related to COVID-19 was negative. The always-creative staff shifted gears almost seamlessly to offer programs geared toward the needs of residents. Our retail sales actually increased slightly over 2019 (the online store was a big help), and while we could not hold major events such as Beer in the Garden and Gala, the newly formed Picnic Series sold out every Thursday evening. We learned how to work remotely as well as utilize the Garden’s seemingly endless outdoor spaces to hold events that were “COVID-friendly”. Many of our remote workshops sold out, the first-annual Bootanical was a hit, and the third-annual Holiday Lights brought in more than twice the revenue over the previous year.

The old saying “necessity is the mother of invention” is certainly true and we now have an expanded set of tools to meet the horticulture and art interests of the community. I can’t thank everyone enough for ALL your support. Every membership, donation, and event ticket helps us fulfill our mission to educate, conserve, and inspire.

We have a lot planned for 2021 so keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the details. I look forward to seeing you at the Garden again soon!

Mike Monterusso, Executive Director

Gardens + Trails

Lile’s Garden
Lower Perennial Garden
Herb Garden
Rock Garden
Anchorage Heritage Garden
Trailside Garden
Outdoor Classroom
Wildflower Walk
Plaza + Shade Garden
Lowenfels + Hoersting Family Nature Trail
FINANCIALS

2020 INCOME = $780,190

2020 EXPENSES = $661,275

STAFF

Mike Monterusso, Executive Director
Will Criner, Horticulture + Facilities
Stacey Shriner, Education + Programs
Betany Porter, Art Curator + Events
Paige Becker, Marketing + Design
Tim Taber, Operations + IT + Events
Lindsay Clark, Horticulture
Patrick Ryan, Education + Outreach
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What People Are Saying

“Friendly & knowledgable staff!”

“Great place to stroll and enjoy being outdoors.”

“Thank you for the friendly service, the gardens are just lovely.”

“I appreciate Alaska Botanical Garden’s customer service and their willingness to go beyond.”

“What a hidden gem in our city!”
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