Mission

The mission of Denver Botanic Gardens is to connect people with plants, especially plants from the Rocky Mountain region and similar regions around the world, providing delight and enlightenment to everyone.

Core Values

The four core values of Gardens – transformation, relevance, diversity and sustainability – spell out the Gardens’ intentions in the years ahead. These core values, along with the Gardens’ brand platform, strategy, icon and capital campaign, are cohesive and serve as a map to chart our course. With the support of friends, we set out to ensure Denver Botanic Gardens will forever flourish.
Message from the CEO

It’s easy to summarize a year at Denver Botanic Gardens in terms of an exhibit or new construction, plucking a shining moment or two to round out the picture. In 2012, the Gardens saw an unprecedented art installation with Kizuna: West Meets East — spectacular bamboo structures that seemed both static and living. The completion of the Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion and Tea Garden not only established a beautiful new destination, it honored a true Colorado legend. There was a record turnout for Pumpkin Festival, and Diana Krall had the audience swooning at a midsummer’s night concert. The Research and Conservation Department landed its first ever National Science Foundation grant, enabling the digitization of the mycology herbarium collections, and we held a packed Bonfils-Stanton lecture on the best way to build tree houses.

It was a remarkable year. All of those memorable moments are true and wonderful, but what made 2012 exceptional was a combination of momentum and human will. In 2010, the Gardens experienced a massive jump in attendance, membership, media attention and, well, just about everything. We were wrapping up huge projects like the Greenhouse Complex, Marnie’s Pavilion, Mordecai Children’s Garden and the Bonfils-Stanton Visitor Center, while at the same time installing about $80 million worth of Henry Moore masterpieces. The crowds came and the buzz hit a new crescendo. The big question was, as always, will it last? Is it a peak or a plateau?

By the end of last year, it became clear that it was neither. Growth continued and something new was forever around each corner. That’s because of the people who work in, for and on behalf of the Gardens. Volunteers help us prune and plant; they are greeters and teachers. One legendary group of volunteers, the Associates, provided the funding to rebuild the Cheesman Gate, transforming it into a neighborhood resource and an object of pride for everyone.

Volunteers worked doggedly to raise the funds necessary to build the new Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion and Tea Garden, just as they made us look so good when they helped organize and host the first-ever North American Japanese Garden Association conference. We lost a singular volunteer in 2012, the only person to have witnessed the entire history of the Gardens first hand. Dr. Moras Shubert served on the board of trustees continuously from the start in 1951 until his passing a few months shy of his 101st birthday. His impact remains broad and deep, still vibrant at both York Street and Chatfield.

We learn it from plants themselves; every year has surprises and possibilities. When plants are mixed just right, as when the right group of people gathers around a cause, something wonderful and transcendent happens. Thanks to all who made 2012 a rich and dynamic chapter for the Gardens. Let’s see what we can do next!

Onward!

Brian Vogt
Chief Executive Officer
Inside the Gardens

The Bill Hasokawa Bonsai Pavilion and Tea Garden opened in June 2012, after the capital investment of $1,168,400 was raised from a variety of donors. Enhanced interpretation was placed throughout the new addition to facilitate self-guided learning. The gorgeous addition was a collaborative effort among all departments, including Operations, which built the bonsai pavilion and laid the stonework throughout.

A generous philanthropic outpouring was evident at the Gardens. Both the number of donors and value of donations was higher than the previous year; over 25,400 donors gave to Denver Botanic Gardens in 2012, an increase of 7.3% over 2011. Likewise, the Gardens received a 4% increase in total contributions, raising nearly $7.5 million.

With an eye to best environmental practices, sustainable energy studies for the Boettcher Memorial Building, Krohn Building and parking structure resulted in new lighting systems, increased efficiency and lower energy consumption. This project brought Denver Botanic Gardens together with Xcel Energy and the City and County of Denver for investment in a more sustainable solution. Efforts like these yielded 6.45% savings in overall energy costs for Denver Botanic Gardens at York Street and Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield combined.

Long-term corporate partnerships are a valuable source of support of expanded programming and on-site resources. The Gardens renewed its partnership with UMB for presenting sponsorship of the Summer Concert Series for three more years (2013-2015), as well as sponsorship of art exhibitions programming for three years. For the younger visitors, Denver Botanic Gardens secured capital commitment from Chipotle for naming of the Home Harvest Garden in Mordecai Children’s Garden through 2016.

More personal fundraising events are also critical to successful Gardens development. Revenue from all special events at the Gardens is used to fund our everyday operations, making large, happy event crowds very important. Many of our usual events, from Spring Plant Sale to Pumpkin Festival to Blossoms of Light achieved record revenue, and, often, record attendance. The support from the community was also evident with sell-out crowds at the Plant Sale Preview Party and the annual Fête des Fleurs gala, sponsored by the Lockton Companies.

To better serve visitors and clients across the board, the Garden Rentals team joined the Special Events department, allowing for better integration of the two. Both teams’ expertise is now maximized to provide ultimate rental experiences. This was evident in
the increased number of corporate and holiday rentals and two new rental offerings; Memorable Moments and Celebration of Life packages both debuted with success. The Gardens also hosted the second annual Twinkle Twinkle Little Bar during Blossoms of Light, which enhanced the visitor’s experience by adding (more) spirit(s) to hot beverage purchases at Offshoots Café. Experiences like this were part of what helped set record attendance at so many events in 2012.

Recognizing the great dedication of Gardens members, we introduced the Gardens Experience Program for all members at the Gardens Plus level and above. The program provides opportunities for members to enjoy behind the scenes tours, interactions with our scientists and horticulturists, and opportunities to get a special and well informed introduction to all of our collections. Unsurprisingly, membership revenue for 2012 was almost 17% higher than in 2011.

Continuing the tradition of monumental sculpture in the Gardens, Kizuna: West Meets East (May 2012 – January 2013) celebrated the bonds between people with large, site-specific art installations made of bamboo. More than 100 volunteers assisted artists Tetsunori Kawana and Stephen Talasnik with creating and de-installing the works, and an interpretive trail highlighted living bamboo species.

Another way the Gardens forged deeper connections with its visitors was through improvements in interpretation and wayfinding signage. Pollinator labels were added to the Birds and Bees Walk; Plant Select® signage was expanded; the newly completed improvements in interpretation and wayfinding signage. Pollinator labels were added to the Birds and Bees Walk. Plant Select® signage was expanded; the newly completed improvements in interpretation and wayfinding signage. Another interpretive trail highlighted living bamboo species. At a more personal level, the docent program increased activity by 20.4% with 61% more participants than in 2011.

Preservation of the Helen Fowler Library’s continually growing collection is becoming a top priority. To that end, it was awarded the NEH Preservation Assistance Grant of $6,000 to purchase storage materials for archival holdings. One project included the preservation of an historic lantern slide collection associated with Colorado architect M. Walter Pesman; over 500 slides were cleaned, stabilized, and rehoused. Archon archival content management software was also installed in late 2012. Scientific research is closely linked to everything we do at the Gardens. In 2012, the Research and Conservation Department added a number of very talented scientists to its staff. The increased scientific capacity now means 11 staff in the department, with four Ph.D.s and six M.S.-level scientists. Their diverse skill sets allow us to expand and initiate our collaborations with multiple entities.

The Sam Mitchel Herbarium of Fungi is the largest and best curated mycological collection of the Southern Rocky Mountain Region, with approximately 14,000 preserved and documented specimens of mushrooms and other fungi. Because of the excellent work being done at the Gardens, we received $253,000 of a $2.8 million grant awarded to the Macrophungi Collection Consortium. The grant, Unlocking a Biodiversity Resource for Understanding Biotic Interactions, Nutrient Cycling and Human Affairs, funds projects to digitize fungal specimens nationwide.

Denver Botanic Gardens is more than just York Street in Denver. Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield continues to grow, from the Community Supporting Agriculture (CSA) program to special events, the entire metro area is learning what a valuable resource we have in Chatfield. Total attendance at Chatfield – including all events and classes – was more than 125,000, a 20% increase over 2011. Similarly, the total number of volunteers involved at Chatfield rose from 822 in 2011 to 1,185. The Marketing Department made a concerted effort to educate the community about all the unique events in Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield’s picturesque country setting, leading to record turnouts and increased awareness.

The Community Supporting Agriculture (CSA) program continues to grow, thanks in no small part to funding from Kaiser Permanente. Expanded acreage for vegetable crops served 275 subscribers, and allowed the Gardens to donate 1,700 lbs. of fresh vegetables to Meals on Wheels, House of Hope and The Gathering Place. The water augmentation plan for providing irrigation to all crops was finalized, ensuring our water rights will support agricultural production at Chatfield for the future.

Some of that irrigation is used to water the pumpkin crop, a great source of income to Chatfield. The 2012 Pumpkin Festival drew over 28,000 attendees in just three days. Sales were strong, but we were still able to donate 500 extra pumpkins to various organizations including Developmental Pathways and Rude Community Center. Based on feedback from customers requesting more diverse products, there are plans to expand crop production to include ornamental corn and heirloom pumpkins for Pumpkin Festival.

Following the construction of the Earl J. Sinnamon Visitor Center at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield in 2011, a ¾ acre native plant garden designed by Scott and Lauren Springer-Ogden was established around the Sinnamon Visitor Center.
Regional Impact

Denver Botanic Gardens is not just a resource for residents of Denver. As the top botanic garden in the Mountain West, the Gardens attracts visitors from the entire region. Perhaps more importantly, we engage in a variety of outreach, education and research efforts throughout Colorado.

Denver Botanic Gardens education programs reached over 36,380 children in 2012, providing hands-on experiences, standards-based science lessons and the opportunity for children to explore the marvels of the plant world. On any given day during the school year, busses of inquisitive students could be seen taking in the floral landscape.

More than 523 school programs were delivered, serving over 28,000 school children. Of those, 11,000 children were served by the Gardens’ In Full Bloom scholarship program. Compared to 2011, the total number of school children served rose by 10%, and the number we were able to serve with a Gardens-created program rose by a staggering 20%. Nearly half of all educational program attendees received some form of scholarship or educational access support.

The Gardens continued participation in the Urban Advantage program, a collaboration between the Gardens, Denver Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Public Schools, Aurora Public Schools and Adams 14 Public Schools. This National Science Foundation-funded program works to improve science literacy among middle school students and provides teachers and students with resources to think and explore like scientists. In 2012, the Gardens accommodated a record 18 Urban Advantage School Visits, as well as family visits and presentations in schools.

Children weren’t the only ones learning at the Gardens. Expanded class and program offerings for adults reached an audience of over 12,000, the largest number of participants on record. Over 600 classes, workshops and adult programs were successfully offered by the Gardens.

The incredibly successful botanical art and illustration program transformed into the School of Botanical Art and Illustration, offering a record 149 courses in 2012. These included a new distance learning option, where classes are conducted online and on-site.

By developing new and expanding existing cross-promotional relationships with key local and national entities, we were able to introduce even more people to the Gardens in innovative ways. Some of these partnership organizations included Mayor Michael Hancock’s Denver Seeds initiative, Denver Housing Authority, Slow Food Denver, Cherry Creek Shopping Center, John Hardy jewelry, Neiman Marcus, and the Center for Women’s Health Research at the University of Colorado.

Denver Botanic Gardens strives to connect people with plants. In order to stay relevant, it’s important to know what the community would like to see at the Gardens. In December of 2012, the Gardens conducted a family engagement survey, soliciting 800 responses to better understand use of our gardens, visitor expectations, and especially the use of Mordecai Children’s Garden, which celebrated its third year.

During 2012, the Helen Fowler Library circulated over 5,000 items including books, A/V materials, and interlibrary loan materials. While members can always access the collection at the Helen Fowler Library, there is only so much space on the shelves. In 2012, the library successfully arranged electronic access to JSTOR, a digital library containing many botanical and scientific journals. Gardens staff can now access more published and peer-reviewed articles.

Through 80 distinct outreach activities, the Research and Conservation Department reached more than 4,000 people. Projects of note included a Bluff Lake biodiversity scavenger hunt, and presenting as part of the Rocky Mountain National Park’s Science Behind the Scenery series.

All the hard work did not go unnoticed. As part of the Rare Plant Conservation Initiative steering committee, Jennifer Neale received the prestigious US Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Champion Award, along with three colleagues, as recognition of their efforts to protect rare plants in Colorado. The Research and Conservation Department also brought in more than $365,000 for new or continued projects in 2012, and had 16 active projects ranging from genetic work to floristics and mycfloristics to seed collection.

Continuing a recent focus on phenology, the Gardens became an official partner in Project BudBurst, promoting Cherry Blossom Blitz as a means of tracking phenology of cherry trees. We also monitored lilacs in the Lilac Garden for the National Phenology Network. Data collected will be used to track everything from climate change to the presence of pollinators.

The Gardens herbaria are active in documenting flora and mycoflora of the Southern Rocky Mountain Region. Vera Evenson, our resident fungal expert, served as chief fungal identifier for the National Geographic Bioblitz at Rocky Mountain National Park. As part of the Bioblitz, Evenson was interviewed on stage in front of more than 300 people. Staff from the Gardens’ Kathryn Kalmbach Herbarium also participated in many floristics projects throughout the region including the US Forest Service bioblitz at East Lost Park, and an inventory for Cherokee Ranch and Castle adding valuable specimens to our collections.

Horticulture at the Gardens is more than what you see as you stroll through York Street and Chatfield. It involves teaching, connecting people with plants and sharing resources with the community.

Horticulture Stats

2,478 plant accessions were added to our living collections in 2012.

The Gardens’ Living Plant Collections Statistics for 2012:

- Total plants: 35,846
- Total accessions: 23,619
- Number of taxa represented: 14,933
- Number of species: 9,023
- Number of genera: 2,150
- Number of families: 261

Propagation & Production Statistics:

- Number of plants produced for displays: 30,801
- Number of plants produced by seed propagation for CSA: 36,638
- Plants propagated for Plant Select distribution and trials: 2,128
- In-house propagated plants sold at the Shop at the Gardens: 2,392
- In-house propagated plants sold at the Spring Plant Sale: 14,286
- In-house propagated plants sold at the Fall Plant Sale: 1,200
Selected highlights of horticultural outreach in 2012 include:

**Cherry Creek Shopping Center**
Denver Botanic Gardens is contracted by Cherry Creek Shopping Center to manage and maintain the interior gardens at the mall. A dedicated Denver Botanic Gardens horticulturist designs and maintains the various beds in the mall. The displays, especially those created seasonally, provide significant visibility for the Gardens.

**Sterling Ranch**
In partnership with Sterling Ranch, the Gardens has helped create low-water sustainable landscapes at Sterling Ranch’s demonstration site at Allis Ranch in Douglas County. Sterling Ranch will be Colorado’s first rainwater harvesting community and this project will set a new standard for water conservation in Colorado. To achieve a goal of using only a third of the water used by traditional communities, we have created demonstration gardens that showcase use of water-wise plants and various irrigation systems. As the community starts build-out over the next 20 years, these demonstration gardens will serve as a teaching tool to educate the public on how to create attractive living spaces while conserving one of our precious natural resources – water. The gardens were implemented in 2011 and horticulture staff provides ongoing maintenance consultation.

**El Pomar Foundation**
Denver Botanic Gardens created a concept plan to restore and enhance the landscape adjacent to the west parking lot of Penrose House in Colorado Springs. The concept plan was submitted during summer of 2012. The Gardens will provide assistance with plant selection and implementation when they are ready to install the garden.

**Governor’s Residence**
As part of the development and implementation of the Grounds Master Plan at the Colorado Governor’s Residence, the Gardens has offered to assist with field investigation and assessment of conditions, and design of existing gardens and plant materials. Based on this, design recommendations will be made such that the historical significance of the landscape is preserved while providing for today’s use and needs. This collaborative project with the Governor’s Residence Preservation Fund is currently on hold, pending availability of funds.

**Horticulture Therapy Services**
In addition to offering the Summer Sensory and Winter Green programs, additional horticulture therapy programs were offered to the following institutions in 2012:
- Seniors’ Resource Center
- Emeritus at Roslyn
- Developmentally Disabled Resource Center
- Rocky Mountain Cancer Center
- Easter Seals Rocky Mountain Village

**City and County of Broomfield**
One of our horticulturists is assisting the City and County of Broomfield with refreshing and maintaining its Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at the city and county building site. Garden visits are done 2–3 times per month to assist with maintenance and provide training and guidance to the volunteers, and to help promote the Plant Select® program.

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Consortium**
This consortium has been formed by horticulturists from Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Zoo, Butterfly Pavilion and City of Denver Greenhouses. This consortium was formed to facilitate exchange of ideas and experiences concerning various pest management best practices.
The annual horticulture internship program received 36 applications from students representing 30 universities. The eight selected interns received invaluable skills and training for public horticulture. With so much to be done during the summer, these committed interns are integral to the Gardens.

The Community Garden at York Street continues to thrive. All 89 plots were rented with 154 registered gardeners participating; during the months of March through October, there were 3,448 recorded visits to the garden. The sense of unity around the garden was also enhanced with the creation of a Community Garden website in 2012. An astounding 894 lbs. of produce from the Community Garden was donated to local organizations from June through October.

Continuing on the theme of a regional impact, over 1,500 lbs. of produce from the All-America Selections Garden and Mordecai Children’s Garden were donated to MetroCare Ring. Likewise, over 500 lbs. of apricots from the Scripture Garden were donated to four different organizations around Denver. Additionally, produce from Le Potager was donated to Same Café every two weeks, from June – November, as well as herbs and grapes from other gardens.

The Gardens were recognized multiple times in 2012 for design, impact and excellent horticulture. A few highlights include the alpine collection being granted national status by the North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC) and designated as the “Alpines of the World” collection, and a display garden at the Colorado Garden & Home Show featuring back yard vegetable gardening and gardening for small spaces. That gorgeous showcase garden received the President’s Award for the Most Educational Garden. The Gardens was also honored to host the first North American Japanese Garden Association’s annual conference October 11-14, which was attended by over 100 participants from all over the country.

The floristic details of Denver Botanic Gardens became much more accessible to the public with the successful launch of Gardens Navigator (gardensnavigator.org) on March 7, 2012. This website allows the public to search the Gardens’ plant collections, view plant locations, images and descriptions, and learn more about the various gardens at York Street. Additionally, specific tours have been developed that allow visitors to explore our diverse collections. Gardens Navigator works directly through the Gardens plant database and mapping systems, BG-BASE and BG-Map respectively, meaning it is always current. The project was mainly paid for by a grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust.
Global Impact

Our work at Denver Botanic Gardens is intrinsically tied to that around the world. Success in our mission to connect people with plants means collaborating with people and organizations around the world to have a broader impact.

The most apparent example of the Gardens’ work around the globe is the Center for Global Initiatives, which strives to bring global relevance to Denver Botanic Gardens through the implementation of diverse and sustainable programs, achieving global transformation by connecting people with plants. The Center for Global Initiatives continued to grow and delve into new projects in 2012.

In collaboration with World Coffee Research of the Norman Borlaug Institute at Texas A & M University, Sarada Krishnan, director of horticulture, served as a chief scientist on an expedition to the Upper Boma region of South Sudan to scout and collect coffee (Coffea arabica) germplasm. The goal of this USAID-funded project is to improve applied agriculture and technical education, and to create research capacity and institutional linkages in order to increase productivity, conservation and resource management of coffee in South Sudan. The collections made in South Sudan underwent a genetic diversity study performed at the Gardens’ Conservation Genetics Lab. Based on the results of this study, recommendations have been provided to establish a coffee field gene bank in the region.

The Gardens was awarded a $10,000 grant from the Association of Zoological Horticulture in 2012 for funding a conservation research project in Madagascar titled “Developing a Conservation Strategy for Eligmacarpus cynometroides, a Priority Species in the Littoral Forests of Madagascar.” Travel and research have already commenced. On a more interactive note, Nick Snakenberg, curator of the orchid collection, led a successful trip to Peru with 10 participants. This botanically focused trip featured the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu with an Amazon extension.

In 2011, working with adjunct researcher Scott Bates and programmer Ed Gilbert, we helped initiate the first portal for mycology collections from US institutions for use by scientists and mushroom enthusiasts. After just one year, the portal hosts 23 institutions, 500,000 specimen records, and 18,000 specimens or field images of fungi.

The Research and Conservation Department’s expanding team also meant increased participation in the scientific community. Staff published three manuscripts in scientific journals, and has one additional manuscript accepted for publication. Members of the department also participated in two national-level workshops to stay abreast of current methodologies for lab and herbarium work. Time was even found to participate as national experts for working groups, and grant and manuscript reviews.

Through the Index Seminum program, which allows botanic gardens throughout the world to exchange seeds, Denver Botanic Gardens received 46 orders from other institutions world-wide – representing 20 countries – and distributed 472 seed packets.

Global outreach doesn’t only mean traveling abroad; it also occurs from within the Gardens itself. In 2012, our PR efforts reached a larger global audience than any year prior. Through print and electronic media, for example, we had more than 800 million potential impressions vs. 660 million in 2011. The Gardens’ website had 3.5 million page views in 2012, up from 3.1 million in 2011. A portion of those users embraced evolving technology, as we launched a mobile-optimized website, choosing the most visited pages on botanicgardens.org and making them mobile-friendly for smartphones. More than 253,000 people visited our website in 2012 using smartphones, representing a 120% increase in mobile device visits over 2011.

In contrast to the digital platforms, we created a “haiku tree” in the Japanese Garden to coincide with Kizuna: West Meets East. The public created and hung 5,500 haiku poems the tree, including a sampling of perspectives from international visitors.
Treasurer’s Report

I am pleased to report on the Denver Botanic Gardens Inc. ("DBG") results of the year ended December 31, 2012, as detailed in our accompanying audited financial statements. DBG is a nonprofit corporation formed in 1951, organized for the establishment and maintenance of botanical gardens and arboreta in cooperation with the City and County of Denver (the “City”), pursuant to a long term cooperative agreement with the City. In accordance with this agreement, DBG manages and operates the facilities including the buildings, plantings and all other properties that constitute Denver Botanic Gardens. DBG also has a long term agreement to operate Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield.

The accompanying financial statements also include the accounts of the Denver Botanic Gardens Endowment Inc. ("DBGE"), a separate nonprofit organization established in 1991 that holds a majority of the DBG endowment funds and also includes the accounts of two affiliated volunteer organizations: the Associates of Denver Botanic Gardens and the Denver Botanic Gardens Guild, who work for the betterment of the Denver Botanic Gardens by providing volunteer assistance and financial aid. The volunteers, the DBGE and DBG are collectively referred to as “the Gardens.”

In 2012 the Gardens continued to pursue its mission of connecting people with plants with an operating budget of $14.9 million, compared to a 2011 operating budget of $14.3 million. We ended the current year with an operating surplus of nearly $395,000, compared with an operating loss of $656,000 in 2011.

Non-operating activity included: endowment and capital campaign contributions of nearly $2.7 million; investment return on the endowment (net of distribution) of $1.25 million; and capital expenditures of $1.2 million. Under the operating agreement with the City all capital improvements are assets of the City and as such are not reflected as DBG assets in the accompanying financial statements. These capital improvements, however, are central to our mission and the experience of visiting the Gardens.

Total program services expenditures (representing core programs in the areas of horticulture, research, education and Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield), increased by approximately $500,000, or 4%, compared to 2011.

Endowment net assets grew from $17.8 million in 2011 to $20.1 million in 2012, a combination of gifts of over $1.1 million and investment return of $1.25 million in realized and unrealized gains. DBGE’s investments are stated at fair market value each year, and for 2012 the change in fair value resulted in the gain of 11.4%. The investment portfolio is diversified to limit the endowment’s investment risk and the DBG board of trustees establishes the portfolio’s investment policy. Since its inception in July 1992, the portfolio has earned a compound annual growth rate of 7.9%.
During 2012 the finance committee of the board of trustees, the chair of the board, the CEO, and the CFO met regularly to review financial statements and results. This committee also approves the annual operating budget, the Internal Revenue Service Form 990, and makes recommendations on various policy decisions to the board of trustees and the CEO. The audit committee also met regularly in 2012, including with the independent auditors to review the 2012 audit results.

On behalf of Denver Botanic Gardens I would like to thank the members, donors, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), and the City and County of Denver for their foundation of support as we endeavor to ensure that Denver Botanic Gardens will forever flourish.

Shawn A. Simmons
Treasurer, Board of Trustees
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Volunteer Services

Volunteers are the critical connection between people and plants, between Denver Botanic Gardens and our community. They extend our ability to service the public, inside and outside the Gardens. They are essential to achieving the mission.

Total Active Volunteers .......... 2,298
Total Number of Volunteer Visits . 16,418
Total Volunteer Hours .......... 60,898.5

Hours by department and affiliate volunteer groups
Horticulture ........................................... 12,719
Special Events ....................................... 10,458
Research and Conservation .............. 4,120
Chatfield (CSA, Horticulture, FRAPA) .... 4,216
Children’s Education ....................... 1,804
Visitor Center Information Specialist ...... 2,328
Docents ............................................. 3,064
Library ................................................ 278
Administration Board of Trustees ........ 937
Development / Membership .............. 337
Green Team ......................................... 307
Marketing/PR ....................................... 363
Gift Shop .......................................... 608

Hours by affiliate volunteer groups
Associates of Denver Botanic Gardens ...... 10,314
Denver Botanic Gardens Herb Guild ........ 7,355
Master Gardeners Garden Help ............. 640
Garden Club of Denver ....................... 661

200+ Hours Awards
Bill Atkinson .................. 245
Fran Augenblick ........ 253
John Bayard ................. 234
Nevin Bebee .................. 462
Rosa-Lee Brace ............. 364
Judy Brown Santambrogio .... 224
Janet Burgess ................ 354
John Burkart ................ 419
Elaine Carr ................... 782
Patricia Coffey ............. 201
Anita Cox ....................... 307
Nicolle DeMare ............. 266
Eleanor Edwards ........... 704
Shirley Geist ................ 232
Michael Gellner ............ 371
Linnea Gillman ............. 207
Ellen Jacobson ............. 230
Kerstin Katoe ................ 215
Kathryn Killberg .......... 227
Ed Lubow ...................... 305
Ikka Lubow ................... 307
Claire Magrath .............. 538
Cathy Mandel ................ 244
Kent Marich .................. 204
Matt Martinez ............... 209
Daphne Moo-Young ......... 203
George Moo-Young .......... 291
Peggy Morrison .............. 476
Ted Pomeroy ................ 214
Jeanette Pryor ............... 647
Chris Ross ..................... 512
Joyce Ross .................... 352
Julia Sherry ................. 450
Marilynn Skelton .......... 202
Edward Stearns ............. 465
Elise Storey ................... 223
James Todd .................... 429
Patricia Todd ............... 201
Gary Waggner ................ 205
Donna Walker ............... 222
Jean Williams ................ 305
Loraine Yeatts .............. 613
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The Garden Club of Denver
Mr. Thomas J. Gibson
Mrs. Cecily M. Grant
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hennes
Hennes Equipment Company
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Implant and Oral Surgery Center
The Japanese Association
of Colorado
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Lovess Denver Hotel
Marzely Fine Foods
Kathy & Alex Martinez
Ms. Holly McDonald
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Oracle
Allison & Nakson Perkins
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Renewed By Anderson
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Colorado Photographic: Art Center
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Hollie Haid
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Letter From The Board Chair

Gardens are by definition dynamic, characterized by constant change, activity or progress. This year has been no exception as Denver Botanic Gardens continued to build out projects in its Master Development Plan, guided by the core values of transformation, relevance, diversity and sustainability. This has been another tremendously successful year in all areas of the Gardens.

Our theme of Kizuna – the Japanese term meaning the bonds between people – was inspired by the opening of the Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion and Tea Garden, and beautifully complemented by an exhibit of bamboo sculptures. The Bonsai Pavilion and Tea Garden is a fitting tribute to an accomplished journalist and historian of the Japanese experience in the US who was a legend in the Denver community – and also a devoted gardener. The garden was meticulously designed and built to pay tribute to Bill Hosokawa, and the diversity of the Japanese garden and its place in Japanese culture. The art installation by artists Stephen Talasnik and Tetsunori Kawana created works that showed the complexity and variety of the medium in scale and movement. The individual sculptures melded seamlessly into the surroundings as if they belonged there all along.

Our year-long emphasis on the Japanese culture in horticulture, art and education gave prominence to a community with strong and valued ties to Colorado.

The construction at the Gardens continues on in 2013, as we were fortunate to receive $6.6 million in Better Denver Bond funds to design and build both a state of the art science pyramid and a new restaurant by the Monet Pool. The restaurant will be adjacent to an expanded kitchen garden – Le Potager – providing education opportunities and a model for edible landscaping and the importance of urban farming. Le Potager is the city version of our much larger and expanded CSA, community supporting agriculture, located at our Chatfield location. The CSA, funded by Kaiser Permanente and our shareholders, has allowed Denver Botanic Gardens to expand educational opportunities in growing and preserving locally grown food, and in nutrition.

We would never be able to accomplish as much as we hope without our valuable collaborative partners, from Swallow Hill Music Association and UMB Bank who produce and underwrite our popular concert series, to the Denver Housing Authority and Metro State University on a project called Soul 2 Soil that promotes an urban agriculture initiative, bringing together many constituencies committed to education, training, cultural appreciation and economic support of urban farming. Our horticulture and research staffs are also involved with botanical gardens and governmental entities all over the world on numerous projects including economic development, conservation, revitalization, seed collection and plant exploration. Our continuing support and strong relationship with both the City of Denver and the SCFD are critical to our being able to enhance facilities, programs and outreach efforts to the greater metro area.

The board of trustees continues to provide stewardship over the many programs and projects that continue to expand the possibilities and reach of the Gardens. We are fortunate to have thousands of loyal members, donors, volunteers and friends supporting an outstanding management team and staff who work collaboratively and creatively to provide the best possible experience for visitors every day.

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