

2019 Annual Report

Assembled by Ken Thacker, President

Lois Wythe Native Plant Grant Committee: Submitted by Judy Lyding

Janice DeBaun retired as Chair of the Committee after serving in that position for 10 years. Judy Lyding was asked to be her replacement in 2019. The committee was concerned that we have not received much feedback about the completed projects. The Grant was rewritten to stress the requirement for a report upon completion of the project. No applications were received in 2019.

Web site: Submitted by Dennis Rieger

Our web site had 63,197 visits in 2019 for an average of 173 per day. This is down slightly from 64,129 visits in 2018. The top pages were the home page, calendar, arboretum, and membership. We get occasional inquiries and comments from folks who are not local but have found our site and have found it useful. The web site is a great resource and is working well.

Landscaping committee: Submitted by Dennis Rieger

The landscaping committee has finished their consultations for 2019. We completed several landscape consultations this year and everyone appreciated our efforts. Thanks to Nancy, Gail, Bob, Jill, Sylvia, Vicky, Don, Jason and Eileen for all their help.

Arboretum Management Team: Submitted by Rae Charlton

Once again the Arb was blessed with an outstanding Coordinator, Cara Johnson, who brought managerial experience, plant knowledge, initiative, and talent for working with others to the position. Added to the usual events (e.g., annual native plant sale and tree tours) was an unusual one: the discovery that the arbor in the Meditation Grove was close to falling down and had become a liability. The Arb team decided it needed to come down, but we had no plan or budget for replacing it. Cara mentioned our plight to her friend timber framer Collin Beggs, who volunteered to design and build a replacement arbor. He would also provide the materials, except for new concrete footings, which would be our part. The old structure came down in a few hours, due to an excellent team effort. Some weeks later, after much careful measuring, new footings were installed and covered with a tarp. Collin hoped to build in September or October but due to the pressure of other deadlines the project slid to the unlikely month of February 2020 so the finale will be in next year's report. Another unusual and positive event was the identification of several rusty, unused tools in a corner of the cabin, which our wonderful KNPS president sold to benefit the Arboretum fund. Thank You! Ken

2019 Treasury Highlights

Submitted by Shawna Parry, Treasurer

Total 2019 Income: \$10,065

Income Highlights:

- Membership - \$2914
- Donations - \$1,032
- Landscape Books - \$1,900
- Baxter's Fundraiser - \$751
- Holiday Cards - \$365
- Notecards - \$80
- Plant Sale - \$2,232

Total 2019 Expenses: \$8,265

Expense Highlights:

- Arboretum Employee - \$3,435
- Arb Misc - \$333
- Lois Wythe Grant - \$300
- Programs - \$165
- Hospitality - \$226
- Liability Insurance - \$271
- Bookkeeping Services - \$363
- Computer & Programs for KNPS - \$667
- Plant Sale - \$1,497

Checking account balances:

- \$5,212.81 Dec 31, 2018
- **\$7,120.22** Dec 31, 2019

Vanguard Investment Fund balances:

General Fund:

- \$7,077.98 Dec 31, 2018
- **\$8,238.18** Dec 31, 2019

Arboretum Fund:

- \$4,770.45 Dec 31, 2018
- **\$5,552.41** Dec 31, 2019