

Annual Report

MARCH 1, 2013 – FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Bernheim 
ARBORETUM AND RESEARCH FOREST

connecting people with nature

Bernheim has much to offer our visitors and surrounding communities year after year, but 2013-14 was a particularly productive year focusing on our mission of **"Connecting People with Nature."** Just a few of the highlights from this fiscal year are presented here. For more information follow Bernheim on our website and facebook site.

EARTH MEASURE: A beautiful and imposing limestone sculpture in a meadow landscape honors Barry Bingham, Jr.'s life, philanthropy and long time involvement with the Bernheim Board of Trustees. **Earth Measure** is literally the translation of the Latin word *geometria*, to measure the earth.

This large ecologically acoustic piece by Louisville sculptor Matt Weir was designed as huge geometric shapes which were inspired by a satellite telecommunications dish and the lens of a camera. Earth Measure is quickly becoming an iconic setting for photography and a gateway in to the trails through the Big Prairie.

ELM LICK TRAIL OPENING: A new 5 mile trail opened to great enthusiasm by visitors. Hikers had requested a mid-length trail, so Bernheim staff crafted this trail that wanders from higher elevations and drier habitats, to moist valley stream sides. The canopy of tall Tulip Poplars, Oaks and Beech provide a shady hike for most of the 5 miles.

CHILDREN AT PLAY INITIATIVE: (PNC Grow Up Great grant): This three year program investigates the value of children returning to natural play. Natural play is non-structured play, often in more natural areas such as woodlands where children's imaginations and social interactions determine the course of activities and investigations. The Children at Play Initiative brings together local, regional, national and international leaders in natural play to discuss the science behind the movement and to investigate design and facilitation opportunities that could be incorporated throughout our community.

NEW PROGRAMS: Expanded education opportunities included: new Forest Fitness programs like tai chi, boot camp, yogalates, and yoga; a weeklong summer camp for children of Gilda's Club of Louisville, a cancer-support organization. An increase in guided Fire Tower tours welcomed over 3,000 visitors to climb the historic structure – an increase of over 200% from the previous year!



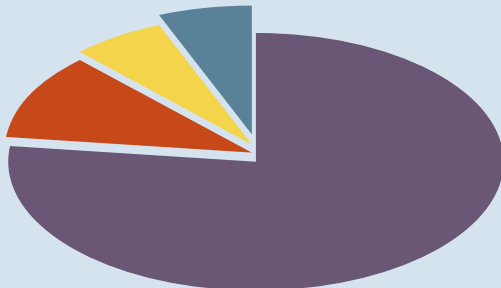


NATURE-BASED FIELD TRIPS: Over 3600 Pre-K to 12 students visited Bernheim on field trips from public, private, and home schools. To meet the needs of teachers and students, field trip programs were aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and field trip leader training was established, allowing Volunteer Naturalists to lead school programs.

EDIBLE GARDEN CONSTRUCTION: A new garden to grow edible fruits, nuts and vegetables is nearing completion, with an anticipated opening in the spring of 2014. This garden is being designed to meet the criteria of the Living Building Challenge - new regenerative design criteria.

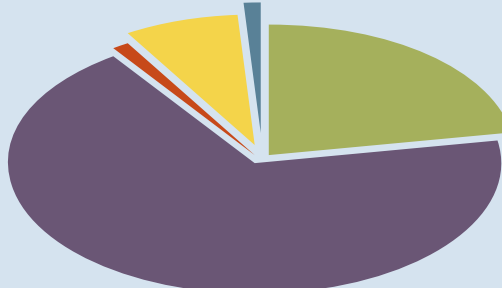
RENOVATION AND RESTORATION OF AGING SHRUB COLLECTIONS: The Horticulture Department, assisted by wonderful volunteers and the Operations Department, has systematically and dramatically cleaned up, cut-back and in some cases, removed aging shrub collections. This process is necessary in a living, changing landscape and has restored some of these important collections and opened up space for new additions as well, greatly enhancing the horticulture experience of visitors.

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES



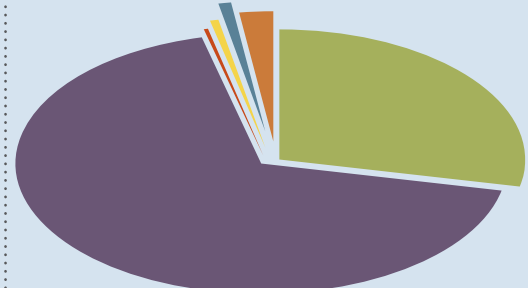
Programs, Exhibits & Landscape Improvements	\$2,103,121	77.00%
Operational & General Expenditures	\$285,863	11.00%
Fundraising	\$159,138	6.00%
Membership Services & Public Relations Fundraising	\$168,096	6.00%
Total Expenditures	\$2,716,217	100.00%

BALANCE SHEET: ASSETS



Funds Held In Trust By Others	\$32,464,866	68.00%
Cash & Temporary Cash Investments	\$589,134	1.20%
Investments	\$3,555,836	7.40%
Other Assets	\$463,869	0.97%
Land, Building, and Equipment	\$10,740,276	22.43%
Total Income	\$47,813,981	100.00%

LIABILITIES & FUNDS BALANCES



Permanently Restricted Net Asset	\$32,464,886	67.54%
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$14,509,714	28.61%
Board Designated Funds	\$48,014	0.33%
Accounts Payable & Current Liabilities	\$145,724	.66%
Temporarily Restricted Net Asset	\$330,587	0.69%
Other Liabilities	\$315,056	2.17%
Total Expenditures	\$47,813,981	100.00%

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