



2017 Annual Report

A Davis Community Resource for
Education, Inspiration, and Engagement



Dear Friends of Central Park Gardens,

It is wonderful to reflect on the transformation that has occurred over the last 10 years in the gardens in Davis Central Park. The area on the corner of B and Third, which once had only a skeletal framework of rose bushes, hedges, and trees, now has seven beautiful themed gardens with unique sculptures, inviting pathways, and a glorious variety of plants.

2017 was a very positive and eventful year for us. We installed three custom-fabricated arbors in the Rose and Flower Garden, established our nonprofit status and Friends program, inaugurated a second successful Garden Steward Training Program, hosted 14 educational gardening workshops, and celebrated our 10-year anniversary with both private and public events.

With these accomplishments, we have met and exceeded our original vision, goals, and master plan for the gardens. This was not a haphazard undertaking, but an organized effort on the part of many civic-minded community and student volunteers, partners, and donors over a ten-year period.

Looking ahead, we see many more years of productive and impactful activity in Central Park Gardens. There are unlimited opportunities to educate, inspire, and engage our local community with plants, gardens, and nature. Beyond Central Park, we also aim to serve as a model for volunteer initiative and engagement in other parks and gardens within the City and beyond.

We ask for your continued support.

Thank you,

Emily Griswold, President

2017 by the Numbers

10 years and growing strong!



Garden Improvements



- Installation of 3 custom-fabricated rose arbors completed the garden's renovation master plan.
- Over 100 new plants were installed across 7 themed gardens, including a major renovation of the California native plant borders.



Volunteer Engagement



- We held our second ever Garden Steward Training Program. Garden Stewards assist in leading biweekly community gardening sessions on Saturday mornings.
- 12 new Garden Steward volunteers graduated from the program.
- 24 community gardening sessions were held.



Our Garden Steward Training participants said...

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Excellent training. Really enjoyable with a comfortable learning atmosphere.”

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I learned so much in the training, and I can't wait to use and share my new skills.”

“

This training and everyone involved was fantastic – very uplifting!”

Public Education



- Volunteers from the UC Master Gardeners of Yolo County held 14 public workshops in the gardens on sustainable plants and gardening practices.
- 350 new labels were created to help visitors identify plants in the gardens.

Educational Workshop Feedback

"Great presentation"

"...very informative for a beginner"

"...exactly what I needed"

"...very helpful subject matter and lovely presentation"

"...two presenters are very knowledgeable also realistic and practical"

"...answered all our questions"

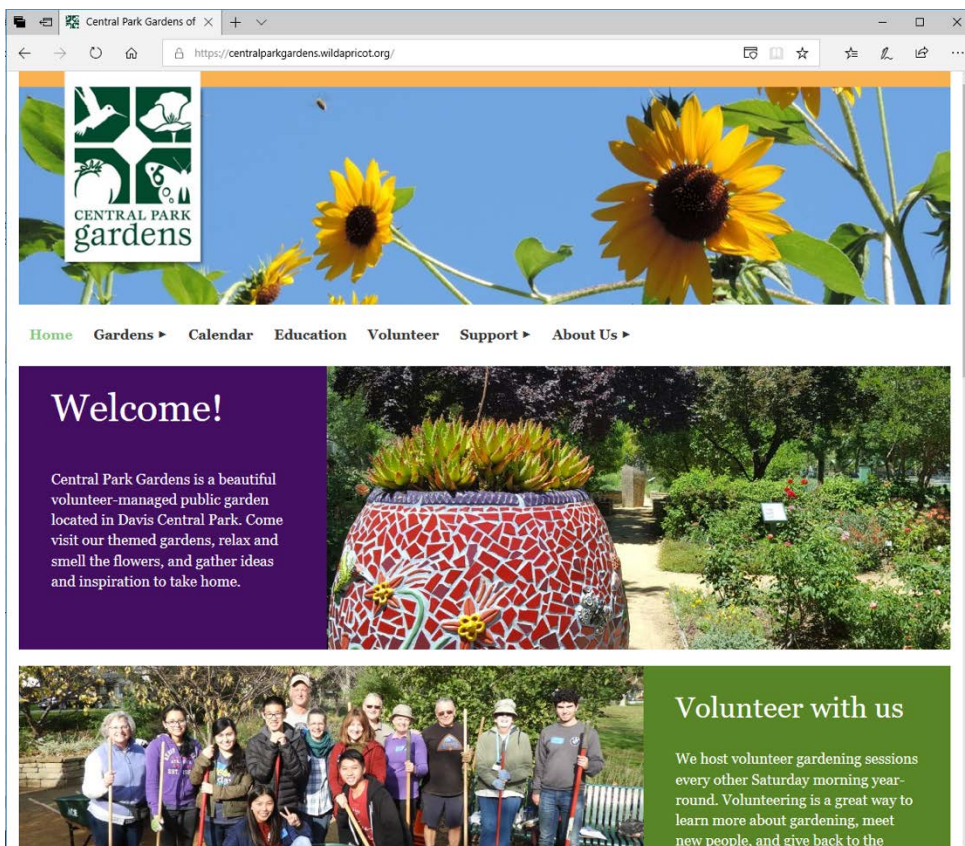
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Organizational Growth and Capacity Building



New objectives, activities, and opportunities to network and fundraise for garden improvement, education, and outreach prompted us to seek and obtain 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.



Key Accomplishments

- Created Board of Directors
- Established bylaws
- Opened bank account
- Secured insurance
- Launched Friends membership program
- Produced new website

10th Anniversary Celebrations



Two celebrations were held to commemorate our 10-year anniversary

- Private reception on April 30 for volunteers, partners, and donors
- Open House and Plant Sale on October 28 for the public

“ I have watched and worked alongside this (Central Park Garden) space for over 37 years and it has been a long, winding journey to get to today. I have seen this space as a parking lot, a barren dirt mudhole, and now, as a magical garden. I am so thankful that the Davis Farmers Market has stood the test of time, to be able to share this dream with the visionaries of the Central Park Gardens.”

Randii MacNear

Manager,
Davis Farmers Market



Special Recognition



We are proud to have as our leader - Emily Griswold.

Nominated by the City of Davis, Emily received a "Champion of the Community Award" from the California Park & Recreation Society. The award recognizes excellence in Emily's "ongoing efforts and advocacy for maintaining and improving parks and recreation services and for the significant positive impact on the community's overall quality of life for both its residents, and those who visit and play in our parks." The award salutes her volunteer leadership as project coordinator for Central Park Gardens from March 2006 to the present.



Financial Summary

2017 Annual Financial Report

for fiscal year ending December 31, 2017

Support and Revenue*

Unrestricted Contributions	\$	6,801
Restricted Contributions for Rose Arbors	\$	9,500
Fund Transfer From Fiscal Sponsor	\$	5,576
Garden Steward Program Fees	\$	200
Plant and T-shirt Sales	\$	1,841
	\$	23,918

Expenses

Rose Arbor Fabrication and Installation	\$	17,407
Garden Maintenance and Enhancement	\$	1,739
Educational Programs and Signage	\$	849
Special Events	\$	877
Insurance	\$	1,291
Website	\$	360
General Administrative	\$	219
	\$	22,741

Increase in Net Assets	\$	1,177
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$	8,560
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	9,737

*Note that this does not include in-kind donations



Thank You

Founding Friends:

Seedling Stewards (\$15+)

Azalee Bostroem
Yanan Zhang
Anonymous

Poppy Protectors (\$35+)

Zac Bouchard
Malia Curby
Lewis Kalmbach
Michael Zinda

Deergrass Defenders (\$70+)

Karen Carberry-Goh
Carmia Feldman

Bee Benefactors (\$100+)

Stacy Bowman
Marion Cantor
Sue Carriere
Ann Evans
Lucas and Stacie Frerichs
Joyce Hardi
Judy Hecomovich
Kelly McKee

In-Kind Donations:

Berryessa Gap Vineyards
Davis Farmers Market
Davis Food Co-op
Heringer Estates Winery
Konditorei Austrian Pastry
Rountree Rock & Gardening
Safeway
Sudwerk Brewery
Thrivent Financial
Trader Joes
Turkovich Family Wines

Volunteer Organizations

Lambda Omicron Xi
Alpha Phi Omega
Phi Gamma Delta
UC Davis Community Service Resource Center

Alan Peterson
Priscilla and Stuart Ross
Peg Smith
Janet Thatcher
Sandra Westfall

Lily Leaders (\$250+)

Kent Bradford and Barbara Zadra
Renee Lawver
Jan Bower

Sage Supporters (\$500+)

Allan and Jean Telford
Ann Daniel
Chris Decker

Pipevine Patrons (\$1000+)

Tom and Gretchen Griswold
Emily Griswold and Nikhil Joshi
Sunrise Rotary Club of Davis

Special Gift for Rose Arbors

Paul and Linda Parsons

Zachary Bouchard
Marion Cantor
Chris Decker
Emily Griswold
Christine Joshel
Gail Morriss
Linda Parsons
Peggy Smith
Lori Thurn
Mary Yaussy

Partners



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Volunteer Leaders

2017 Board Members

Emily Griswold, President
 Ann Daniel, Treasurer
 Jan Bower, Secretary
 Zachary Bouchard
 Marion Cantor
 Malia Curby
 Chris Decker
 Jim Fowler
 Judy Hecomovich
 Kelly McKee
 Peg Smith
 Allan Telford
 Jean Telford
 Janet Thatcher

2017 Garden Adopters

Jan Bower
 Marion Cantor
 Karen Carberry-Goh
 Ann Daniel
 Arlen Feldman
 Emily Griswold
 Paula Haley
 Judy Hecomovich
 Christine Joshel
 Kelly McKee
 Gail Morriss
 Donna Moyer
 Barbara Ohlendorf
 Linda Parsons
 Paul Parsons
 Peg Smith
 Allan Telford
 Jean Telford

2017 Garden Stewards

Zachary Bouchard
 Jan Bower
 Blayney Breckenridge
 Marion Cantor
 Karen Carberry-Goh
 Sue Carriere
 Malia Curby
 Chris Decker
 Judy Hecomovich
 Julie Jacquemin
 Renee Lawver
 Kelly McKee
 Allan Telford
 Jean Telford
 Lori Thurn
 Jerry Yan
 Yanan Zhang
 Brian Ziser

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