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HISTORIC HOME & GARDEN



Committee Reports
May 2022

>Executive Director's Report, Marco Maina

A verbal report will be given at the May meeting.

>Garden Director's Report, Corey Barnes

Reporting Period: April and May 2022

- The garden shined for Spring Tour. Corey is extremely grateful to the Board for their confidence and permission to expand garden maintenance spending this fiscal year. The results were reflected in the comments of too many visitors to track.
- Corey expresses additional gratitude to the horticultural team, Dirty Knees volunteers, and our indispensable contractors, without whom our success – our result – would not have been possible.
- The horticulture team and Dirty Knees team are proud, energized, and ready to work toward Spring Tour 2023.
- We earned \$2861 from the Garden Club of Palo Alto Charitable Trust to be used in the Allée for field bindweed eradication. Total requested was \$4264; balance of request may be available, update anticipated from GCPA Project Funding Committee.
- We earned \$2000 from the Atherton Garden Guild to be used for garden projects, as we designate.

From Veronica Thao and the Edible Garden:

Highlight: Tulips were grown in the Edible Garden for the first time! Blossoming in late March to early April, they were quite the highlight for visitors, adding a new level of spark and color and blending well with the vegetable crops.

Seasonal Transition: The Edible Garden continues its seasonal transition from a winter to summer garden. Occurring more gradually than it has been in the past two seasonal gardens, beds are changed out after their winter crops have been harvested. The beds are prepped and planted soon after.

By Spring Tour, the Edible Garden beds were full, consisting of mature winter garden or young summer garden plants. There were blossoming mustards, Brussels sprouts and kale, strawberries, peas, marguerite daisies, pansies, calendula, California poppies and marigolds (all edible flowers). The blooms accentuated the colors of the vegetable plants: purple and green cabbages, mustards, kale, peas and rainbow chard. The formerly espalier bed took off in growth, with some of the sunflowers reaching 3 feet tall already, having been planted only a few weeks prior.

Produce Harvest: Starting in mid-November to early May, the winter edible garden has produced 543 pounds of produce such as 4 different types of cabbages, chartreuse, lavender-pink or dark purple cauliflower, rainbow chard, yellow, purple and green peas, green and purple broccoli, and rosy, green or dark red lettuce. Most of the harvests are donated to the Downtown Food Closet Food Bank at Saint Episcopal Church, 0.6 miles from Gamble. We look forward to when the summer garden starts fruiting!

>Adult Education, Terri Weber

Reporting period: April 19, 2022 to May 17, 2022

Date of last meeting: May 17, 2022

Date of next meeting: June 21, 2022

Action items completed:

- Macro Photography by Tom Upton. Thursday, April 28th at 4:00- 6 PM. This class was sold out with 10 attendees.
- NAC Live at Gamble Garden by the New Acoustic Collective. Friday April 29th, from 6:30-8pm this class was sold out with 53 attendees

- “Introduction to Nature Journaling of Gardens”. Instructor, Marley Pfeiffer. This class was cancelled due to low enrollment.
- “Lose the Lawn and Design Other Stuff Seminar” Saturday, May 7, 9:30-11AM. Instructor Frank Niccoli, Registered 11.
- Yoga in the Garden” Saturday May 7, 9 AM-10AM. Instructor Stephanie Le; Eugenia facilitator.
- Attendees 5
- Other Yoga dates are ,6/4, 7/23, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 . Discounts are offered for registering multiple classes.
- A Concert of Classical Music by the Chamber Music Society of San Francisco, scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 4:00 to 6:00; Carriage House Patio. Sold out at 60.

Board support requested:

I feel that as the Educational Committee is using more instructors with no relationship to Gamble (members or friends) a more formal contract with the instructor or artist is needed. This should be as simple as possible but should give guidance of expectations for both Gamble and the instructor/ artists. This contact should include the fee as well as conditions for cancellation of the event for various reason, including low enrollment within a certain time frame.

>Annual Appeal, Susann Mirabella

No report from Annual Appeal for May.

>Archives, Linda Norton

No report from the Archives Committee for May.

>Board Development, Lena Dawson

Reporting period: April and May, 2022

Date of last meeting: May 9th via zoom.

Date of next meeting; June 13th

Action items completed:

- Chairs of Membership have been confirmed.

Action items being worked on:

- President -Elect
 - We will be working with Board Governance, to update the Board Dev. Charter.
 - Very happy to announce that Donna Sheridan will be joining the Board Development Committee in September.
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>Board Governance, Sarah Burgess

>Buildings and Grounds, David Chang

Date of last meeting: May 11, 2022

Dated of next meeting: June 8, 2022

Maintenance Projects Action Status Report:

- Rear staircase repair: Bruce Drummond was able to quickly repair/strengthen the staircase before Spring Tours began.
- Gazebo: dry rot and termite damage to the beams and rafters require repair and replacement. We have talked to Chris and received a quotation from Kyle at Michael Meyer Woodworking.
- Ceilings: LR & DR need to patch and plaster; have 2 bids (including McKenna Plastering). Followed by painting of ceilings and walls.
- LR needs removal of inappropriate ceilings molding; have 2 bids. LR needs to shorten and repair the chandelier.
- DR needs to replace two ceiling fixtures with appropriate lights.
- Library needs painting of ceiling and walls
- Wood paneling: LR, DR & entry need refurbishing; received 2 bids including one from Gus at McDermaid Painting.

- Wood floor: refurbish all wood floor on the ground level. In addition to the one price quotation from White Oak, we have met with Trevor with Stuart Floors, Caribbean Floor and Hector from Patrick Floors, which gave us a quotation much higher than White Oak.
- Miniblinds: replace with appropriate window treatment
- Comprehensive work: Gus at McDermaid Painting has submitted a bid for comprehensive work including restoring ceiling plaster in 3 rooms, restoring wood areas in the same rooms, painting the library wood areas, and painting the living and dining room walls

Enhancement Projects Action Status Report:

- Lighting: we met again with David W. Patton, consultant, to get more details of his recommendations for lighting improvement. Install LED lighting fixtures inside existing picture molding; 2-3 bids pending. Install LED spotlights in the Entry and LR alcove header; 2-3 bids pending.
- Rear staircase replacement with brick: met with masonry contractor Andreas Barajas and Francisco Hernandez, welder, for the wrought iron railing

>Children's Events, Deanna Wong

Reporting period: March 10 – May 11, 2022

ACTION ITEMS COMPLETED

1. "Bookmaking in the Garden" class
2. "Easter Egg Hunt"
3. "Easter Hunt Kits"

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Halloween Event on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022
2. Holiday Event, date TBD
3. Annual Committee Meeting in December 2022

SUMMARY OF COMPLETED EVENTS

1. **"Bookmaking in the Garden"** class held on Saturday, March 19, 2022. We were **SOLD OUT** with an attendance of **30 students**. Our **Net Profit is \$640.00**.

Event Details

"Bookmaking in the Garden"

Saturday, March 19, 2022

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In-person event

Venue: Carriage House

<https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/bookmaking-in-the-garden/>

Ticket Prices

\$35.00 per person (recommended ages 12 and above)

No "Gamble Members" discount offered

No "Day-of-Event Walk-In's" accepted

Sold entirely on Gamble's website via eTapestry

Customer Attendance

Total Customers: 30 (24 adults; 6 children)

Pre-Registered: SOLD OUT; all students pre-registered

Day-of-Event Walk-In's: 0

Members: 43% of customers were Gamble Members

Revenue, Expenses, Net Profit

\$ 1,050.00 Total Gross Revenue (Pre-Registration)

\$ 000.00 Total Gross Revenue (Day-of-Event Walk-In's)

\$ 410.00 Total Expenses (Vendor's Fee)

\$ 640.00 TOTAL NET PROFIT



Volunteers

- 6 adult volunteers (Paula Powar; Ellen Rosenblum; Mary Marsh; Jill Soltau; Jenna Hilleary; Deanna Wong)
- 0 student volunteers

Customer Feedback

"Thank you so much for yesterday! Gigi and I had a blast and I love my new little notebook!"

"Thank you very much for having organised today's workshop! My daughter and I really liked it and had a great time!"

"A wonderful memory of a memorable day."

"Thanks so much for the photos! I rarely have a picture of my daughter and me together. I appreciate!"

"Sophie enjoyed the class a lot (even though this is a bit challenging for 8yo). Appreciate your coordination and have a wonderful weekend."

"Thank you so much! I loved this class and saved my badge."

"I am saving my name tag and making it into a bookmark."

"I love my class name tag and saving it!"

"Who made the name tags?"

Marketing Description

"Learn the amazing art of bookmaking. At this in-person class, you will make your own "Asian Stab Binding" book using an assortment of beautiful Japanese floral-patterned papers, handmade botanical papers and colorful bees-waxed linen thread. Asian Stab Binding books make delightful garden journals, wonderful sketchbooks and treasured gifts. All materials provided. This workshop will be held at the Gamble Garden Carriage House. Suitable for teens and adults. All students must be fully vaccinated. Masks must be worn during the entire class whether indoors or outdoors."

2. **"Easter Egg Hunt"** was held on Sunday, April 10, 2022. We had **534 people** attend and raised approximately **Gross Revenue \$16,865.00** and **Net Revenue \$12,626,37**. This report also includes the "Egg Hunt Kits" sold during March & April. **This was a SOLD OUT EVENT.**

Event Details

"Easter Egg Hunt"

Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Hunt #1

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hunt #2

12:30 -1:30 p.m. Hunt #3

<https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/easter2022/>

Venue

The entire property was closed to the public from 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We utilized the Gamble property as follows:

- Circular Driveway: Entrance; Registration; Arts & Crafts; Waiting Area
- Main House: Inventory Staging; Command Center; Volunteer lunch area
- The North Garden: Egg hunt
- Former Old Oak Tree Area: Toddlers Area
- Carriage House Patio: Arts & Crafts; Refreshments; Tattoos; Trivia
- Churchill Parking Lot: Petting Zoo; Easter Bunny (actor); Exit

Ticket Prices

\$40.00/child -- Pre-Registration (ages 2 - 17)

\$30.00/adult -- Pre-Registration (ages 18+)

FREE (under age 2)

\$5.00 discount per ticket for Gamble Members

\$50.00/person -- Day-of-Event Walk-In's (anyone ages 2 and up; no Member's discount offered)

Customer Attendance

Total Customers: 534 (299 adults; 188 children; 47 infants)

Pre-Registered via eTapestry: 521 individuals (291 adults; 185 children; 45 infants)

Day-of-Event Walk-In's: 8 adults; 3 children; 2 infants



Members: Only 17 families were Gamble Members; We succeeded in convincing two families to join Gamble in the "Individual Membership" level.

Eggs Stuffed

4,300 plastic eggs

Sales, Expenses, Net Revenue

\$16,275.00 Total Sales for Easter Egg Hunt

\$ 590.00 Total Sales for Egg Hunt Kits

\$ <4,238.63> Total Expenses

\$12,626.37 TOTAL NET REVENUE



3. Egg Hunt Kits

- Sold 26 kits
- Priced at \$25/kit
- \$590.00 Total Sales
- https://app.etapestry.com/cart/ElizabethFGambleGarden/cart3/item.php?ref=1462.0.842963048&mc_cid=a3fd06e7c7&mc_eid=ddaff7def

"Missed your chance to buy tickets to Gamble's popular Easter Egg Hunt? Need an activity to keep your child busy on Easter morning? Buy a Gamble Easter Egg Hunt Kit and create your personal egg hunt in the comforts of your home! These Easter Kits also make great gifts if you are traveling to someone's house for Easter Brunch. Surprise your grandchildren with a fun activity to fill the afternoon. Whatever the reason, these Easter Kits will bring smiles to everyone.

The Easter Egg Hunt Kit contains 12 plastic eggs, arts & crafts, stickers, cute toys and more! So, make yourself a mimosa, relax and let Gamble Garden do the work for you. Order a Gamble Easter Egg Hunt Kit today! \$25 per kit, suitable for one child and may include small parts. All sales final. No refunds. Kits must be picked up at Gamble Garden on April 4 – 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No deliveries offered."

>Endowment, Pat Davis

Endowment has no report for May.

>Executive Committee, Dana Perkins and Sarah Clark

Liaison to the Board: Same

Date of last Committee meeting: May 17, 2022

Date of next Committee meeting: May 23, 2022

Action Items Completed by Committee:

- Prepared motion to Board for approval of annual salary of Executive Director. Prepared first-week calendar of meetings for Executive Director.

Action Items In-progress/Pending/Discussed:

- Kathy Schniedwind to be asked to give interim help on website.

>Executive director Search Committee, Sarah Clark and Dana Perkins

Liaison to the Board: Same

Date of last Committee meeting: May 4, 2022

Date of next Committee meeting: N/A

Action Items Completed by Committee:

- Prepared an offer letter in consultation with our lawyer for the position of Executive Director.
- This was sent to and accepted by Marco Maino and acknowledged by the Board of Directors in a Closed Session meeting on May 2, 2022.
- Marco's first day of work was May 9, 2022

Action Items In-progress/Pending/Discussed:

- We have accomplished our task, so the committee is disbanded.
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>Finance, Karen Douglas

Reporting Period: May

Date of last meeting: May 18, 2022

Date of next meeting: June 15, 2022

Action Items Completed:

- The Finance Committee has reviewed and modified the FY23 Draft budget which will be presented to the Board at the upcoming May meeting.

Action Items In-progress/Pending/Discussed:

- The Finance Committee is once again revising the Accounting Policy Manual to update internal controls. This will come to the board in June.

Announcements to the board:

- In April, the FC approved a project proposal for a Swamp Cooler replacement for the Green House for \$3,045. Because this is under the \$5k limit, this did not need board approval. FC reviewed to ensure that procedures were followed.

Any board support requested?

- Please review the Treasurer's Report for April 2022. The focus at the board meeting will be on the FY23 budget.
 - The board will also be asked to approve signers for our financial accounts: Sarah Clark, Karen Douglas, and Marco Maina.
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>Floral Arrangers, Carmen Pekelsma

Reporting period: The month of April

Date of last meeting: The Committee meets every Monday (4-5 arrangers at a time)

Date of next meeting: TBA

Action items completed:

Special arrangements:

- House arrangements for 2nd Saturday
 - Luncheon centerpieces (15)
 - Spring Tour Front Porch, Preview Party, day of event, 9 centerpieces (donation)
 - Outreach, 17 arrangements to Friends of the Palo Alto Library
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>Fund Development, Susann Mirabella

Reporting period: May 2022

Date of last meeting: May 12, 2022

Date of next meeting: September 2022

Action items completed:

- Quarterly meeting with all fund-raising chairs took place, to thank and review the year.
- Marco, Gamble's new ED, attended and met all the fund-raising chairs.

Year in review:

- Anniversary Party raised an all-time high amount of \$455,000.
- Annual Appeal exceeded budget.
- Endowment exceeded budget.
- Festival of Trees was overall very successful with areas to grow into as a more established fundraiser.
- Membership exceeded budget.
- Spring Tour exceeded budget.

Announcements to the board:

- Thank you to all board members for your support in so many ways at Gamble.
 - Chairs in place for all fundraising committees for next year.
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>Garden Advisors and Support, Lesley Peters

No report from Garden Advisors for the month of May

>Garden Club Liaisons, Susan Woodman and Donna Sheridan

Reporting period: Spring 2022

Action items completed and in progress:

- Members of the GCPA were major contributors to Spring Tour 2022. The longtime tradition of offering free refreshments -cookies and iced tea – to Gamble visitors was in full swing. Fifty-nine members baked more than 3,700 cookies, 12 made ice rings for iced tea, and 12 members served the refreshments, including close to 1,000 cups of iced tea.
- In addition to those 83 commitments, GCPA members volunteered throughout Spring Tour, including the event co-chairs. Members orchestrated the Preview Party, greeted attendees, sold tickets, and offered membership opportunities. They were on site as Master Gardeners, managed plant sales, created floral arrangements, worked at Over the Garden Fence, set up displays, sold, wrapped, and cashiered. Members were at the private tour gardens, where they managed tickets and were head hostesses and docents.
- During summer 2022, Garden Club representatives will complete going through GCPA archives stored in the Gamble house attic and reorganize them to be returned to the Gamble house attic, along with other GCPA supplies.

Announcements to the board:

- Susan will end her two-year term as co-liaison on June 30th. Donna Sheridan will continue and Sherri Moody will be her co-liaison
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>Garden House Task Force, Dana Perkins and Donna Bohling

Reporting period: April and May 2022

Date of last meeting: May 11, 2022

Date of next meeting: June 7, 2022

Action items completed:

- Draft of Architect Selection Criteria created and shared with the board on May 12, 2022
 - Board members were asked to submit names of prospective Architectural firms that meet the criteria and should be on a preliminary screening list.
 - Three TF members attended Joe Simitian's "sidewalk Office Hours" at the Palo Alto Farmers Market on Saturday, May 21
 - A DRAFT Project Requirements document is in development.
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>Garden Volunteers, Betsy Gifford and Gwen Whittier

Reporting period: May 2022

Date of last Committee meeting: NA

Date of next Committee meeting: NA

Action items Completed by Committee:

- Volunteers added additional days of volunteer work to prepare for Spring Tour. The garden looked well-cared for and beautiful. On the Tuesday and Wednesday mornings after the Tour, the Garden Staff thanked all the volunteers with a coffee and donut celebration party.
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>Horticultural Library, Mary Jo Levy

No report from the Library Committee for May.

>Hospitality, Pat Gregory

Reporting period: May 2022

Date of Last Meeting; March 24, 2022

Date of next Meeting: June 6, 2022

Action items completed:

- Had our last Hospitality Meeting on March 24th.
 - Pat Davis, Chair of Endowment attended and requested help from Hospitality for the Summer Garden Party which will be on June 21st at Gamble. Have met separately with Susann Mirabella and Pat Davis working on plans for the party.
 - Invitations will be going out soon to the Endowment donors and the Major donors of Gamble.
 - We have secured a caterer who will provide the food and help that evening.
 - Hospitality will help with the beverages and Endowment has secured bartenders.
 - The Endowment Committee will bring desserts as well as the Hospitality Committee.
 - At our next Hospitality Meeting on June 6, we will finalize the plans.
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>Investment, Ian Linford

Reporting period: May 2022

Date of last meeting: 5/13/2022

Date of next meeting: 7/20/2022

Action items completed:

- Reviewed Q1 2022 investment results
- Discussed minor portfolio adjustments to maintain annual distribution rate while growing the portfolio with inflation. Investment Committee plans to agree on a recommendation to the Finance Committee in the July meeting

Announcements to the board:

- The Endowment Portfolio is performing as designed and expected during this period of market volatility.
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>Luncheon, Robin Allen and Marie Immekeppel

Reporting Period: April and May 2022

- We have held our first two sold-out luncheons of the season in April and May.
 - Originally intended to be outdoor events, both luncheons were moved into the main house because of cold, windy weather.
 - A few guests preferred outdoor seating, and we were able to accommodate them on the back porch.
 - We hope spring arrives in time for our June back-to-back events: our regular luncheon and a private event the following day.
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>Master Gardeners, No Master Gardeners at this time.

>Membership, Iris Korol

Date of last meeting: March 15th

Date of next meeting: June 14th

Action Items Completed:

- Continue tracking New Members-Numbers and budget exceeding goals
- Calls to Lapsed Members to strengthen those numbers.
- Participated in Second Saturdays- staffed by members of Committee and offered Membership literature and helped with sign in
- Staffed a MEMBERSHIP Table at Spring Tour to promote Membership and its benefits. We brought in 18 new members over weekend
- We continue to explore ways to recruit new members/do outreach while keeping our present members connected to us and to show our appreciation of their support.

- Have installed NEW Membership placards/stands throughout property. "LOVE GAMBLE join and support us
- Announcements to the board:
- Plans for BE MY GUEST LUNCHEON on June 9th moving forward. We had asked and received your support and each Board Member will sign up and bring a new/prospective member to lunch. THANK YOU! Members of the Membership Committee will do the same. A glass of bubbly or white wine to say WELCOME at 11.15 at the TEA HOUSE patio. Lunch at 12 at CARRIAGE HOUSE patio. Corey will do tours following lunch.
- Questions for the board/larger group:
- Response and sign up for JUNE "Be My Guest" Luncheon has been SPARSE. Three Board Members unable to attend and HELLO to the rest of you. Robin needs the NUMBERS. Mica needs the names of guests and your \$50.

Any board support requested?: YES

- PLEASE send Mica your registration (Guests Name) and check for the June 9th BE MY GUEST LUNCH. \$25. Per person. Robin has made this a special price! THANK YOU!

>Personnel, Dana Perkins

Reporting period: May

Date of last meeting: May 11, 2022

Date of next meeting: As needed

Action items completed:

- Committee met to immediately address a personnel issue. Issue was resolved by the Executive Director.

>Programs, Colette Rudd

Reporting period: March 28 to May 21, 2021

Date of last meeting: May 5 (Discussion on Children's Programs)

Date of next meeting: TBD

I attended meetings of the Executive Committee, Garden Advisory Committee (which includes Floral Arrangers, Garden Volunteers, and Second Saturday), Adult Education Committee, Garden House Task Force, Roots and Shoots, and Executive Director Search Committee.

Action items completed:

- All Program committees have continued to be busy in April and May, even as Spring Tour consumed a lot of volunteer hours, because pandemic restrictions have eased and allowed more in-person activities.
- The Second Saturday Committee attracted many new visitors to Gamble Garden at its Saturday morning events on April 9 and May 14. In April the event featured poets who helped attendees create their own nature poems. In May we partnered with the Bayer Ballet, a ballet school, to bring ballet students to Gamble Garden for a performance which was well received. Mary Powell and Sue Krumbein, co-chairs of the Tours Committee, have worked very closely with their large group of volunteer docents/garden guides to bring the joy of nature to families that attend Second Saturday events.
- The docents/guides also worked with Mary to host three school field trips, bringing children from two schools to Gamble Garden for tours and nature activities and going to one school that was unable to travel to Gamble Garden. We are fortunate to have a great team of volunteers trained and willing to work with families and children.
- In addition to organizing classes in floral arrangements, lawn replacement, yoga, and photography, the Adult Education Committee also offered concerts by two musical groups, one in April and a second in May, that were both well-received. Many thanks to Terri Weber, the Committee Chair and the rest of the committee for organizing and hosting the classes and concerts!
- The Children's Events Committee organized two Sold Out events: a class "Bookmaking in the Garden" and the annual Easter Egg Hunt (which was the first one held since the beginning of the pandemic). They also sold Easter Egg kits. Congratulations to Deanna Wong and the committee members and many thanks for all the that you volunteer to make these events successful.

All other committees have also been busy with activities. Many thanks to:

- Gwen Whittier and Betsy Gifford and all the garden volunteers for all their work to make the garden beautiful for Spring Tour!

- Carmen Peckelsma and the rest of the Floral Arrangers continue to make beautiful arrangements for the Main House, Gamble Garden events (Spring Tour) and many other occasions. T
- Robin Allen and Marie Immekeppel and rest of the Luncheon Committee – they have a busy season of outdoor luncheons planned through the fall. The May luncheon was held mostly inside of the house due to cold weather.
- Veronica Thao, who organized multiple Roots and Shoots lessons with 3rd and 4th grade students at Walter Hayes Elementary School, and has the last session scheduled on May 26.

Board support requested:

- Corey has proposed a plan and budget to renovate the Cutting Garden.
- This area of the garden needs to be renovated to fix irrigation issues, reduce weeds, and help the volunteers and staff cultivate flowers for our Floral Arrangers Committee.
- The funds for renovation of this section of the garden are not included as part of the regular garden budget and would need to be allocated as a special project by the board.

Announcements to the board:

There will not be a Second Saturday event in August.

>Retail, No Committee Chairs

>Roots and Shoots, Veronica Thao

Reporting period: March 21, 2022 – May 19, 2022

Date of last meeting: May 11, 2022

Date of next meeting: May 23, 2022

Action items completed:

1. The Committee has completed three of the four spring program teaching days!
2. Committee members have been integral in preparing lesson materials for the teaching days, like make nature journals and bag compost and potting soil.
3. The students are having a wonderful experience: pretending to be bees pollinating flowers to learn about pollination, planting in their school garden, making flower bouquets, seed starting into trays they get to take home...it's certainly fun!



Board support requested:

- Advocate for the Roots and Shoots Program and forward interested individuals (existing Gamble volunteers or new-to-Gamble potential volunteers) to volunteer.
 - Direct individuals who are interested in volunteering to the Edible Garden Program Manager and Committee Chair, Veronica Thao
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>Second Saturday and Tours, Mary Powell and Sue Krumbein

Reporting period: two months

Date of last meeting: May 11

Date of next meeting: June 1

Action items completed:

1. Delivered school field trips to 3 schools (300 students) with curriculum developed in collaboration with the lead teachers and closely aligned with grade appropriate CA Science Standards. Our field trips utilize every corner of Gamble Garden as source content for experiential, inquiry-based learning.** We deliver 90–120-minute field trips via small student to guide ratios, with participation of 15 members of our knowledgeable and talented guide organization. The schools provide a minimum of one chaperone for every 8 students. The revenue (\$5 per student) totaled \$1500 and had associated costs of \$60.

** The exception this year was Nixon Elementary which was unable to leave campus due to Covid. We adapted our curriculum and delivered it on their school grounds. The curriculum addressed plant life cycle and functions of the six main plant parts. We explored their campus for signs of wildlife and plant-animal interaction and discussed the needs of plants (water, sunlight, air, soil.). We do not anticipate offering off site field trips in the future.

2. Delivered a fun and successful April Second Saturday -- three local poets created a new way to look closely at plants in our garden that grow wild around the world. Attendance 200. Partnership with the Santa Clara Chapter of the CA Native Plant Society. This free event had no associated cost.

The theme was "Take a Walk on the Wild Side." People of all ages worked with three guest poets to "see" what is wild in the garden and put their reflections into poetry. We partnered with the Santa Clara chapter of the CA native plant society, who brought many examples of wildflowers, wild plants and wildflower seeds to hand out.

3. Delivered one public tour (14 attendees) and one private tour (40 attendees) – these were paid tours with no associated cost. Revenue is \$8-10 per person.
4. Planned, prepared, delivered May Second Saturday. Conducted a training zoom for guides (16 attendees.) This month we partnered with Garden Club of Palo Alto, Geo Kids, and Bayer Ballet. Attendance was 240. It had no direct costs and as always was free.

The theme was "Fun with Flowers." The Palo Alto Garden club provided a children's flower arranging workshop and kids got to take home vases of flowers to their families. We also worked with Veronica Thao to offer an exploration of edible flowers at Gamble Garden with some closely controlled tasting opportunities.

Announcements to the board:

- Second Saturday is a free community program which is run by volunteers and has little to no associated cost. The exception is the annual lunar new year celebration at February Second Saturday; fortunately, its costs were fully covered by a sponsor donation. In general, Second Saturday has neither cost nor revenue associated with it. However, we are exploring the possibility with the Fund Dev Comm of inviting businesses and individuals to sponsor a Second Saturday – ultimate goal would be to have a sponsor for the majority of the 12 months.
- Second Saturday tours, public and private tours, and school field trips have one thing in common – a guided tour. One key principle the guides teach is respect for the garden. Among other things, this includes the simple rule of staying on the paths. We like to say "let's be sure not to step on a garden bed! Imagine if a giant stepped on your bed – you wouldn't like it, would you. Let's take care of the plants and all the living creatures in the soil by not stepping on their beds." We are happy to have the Learning Laboratory, the brick patios, and the DG space behind the tea house to run our various large group activities on Second Saturdays – keeping wear and tear on the lawns and beds to a minimum.
- On Monday, June 20, Garden Guides and Docents will hold a recruitment/enrichment session and pot luck dinner on the Teahouse Patio.

Board support requested:

- A lighter, more accessible worm bin.

>Spring Tour, Robin Allen and Debbie Benson

Reporting period: April – May, 2022

Date of last meeting: April 7, 2022

Date of next meeting: None

Action items completed:

- The preview party was festive and well attended, despite the threat of rain.
- We had lots of first-time attendees on Friday and Saturday.
- Gamble was gorgeous!
- Our supporters reported a great experience.
- Gifts were delivered to the homeowners the following Monday.
- An appreciation luncheon for the ST committee was held on May 13.

Announcements to the board:

- We are thrilled with the results: Gamble had their most successful Spring Tour ever in FY22.
- The net result will be slightly more than \$240K (Receipts totaled \$286K, but that included lunch as well as expenses.

Board support requested:

We are compiling the comments and recommendations from the AER (After Event Review). If you have a suggestion(s), please email Debbie at oldenbears6@gmail.com

>Strategic Planning, Kathie Shaw

Reporting period: April and May 2022

- We will have a committee meeting in September and look at a possible retreat in the late Fall.
 - We will be looking to our new Executive Director for his input about strategic direction that Gamble will be taking.
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>Volunteer Development, Anne Ritchie

Reporting period: May 2022

Date of last meeting: May 5, 2022

Date of next meeting: TBD

Action items completed:

- We had a lively and productive meeting on May 5th discussing the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event, Summer Teen volunteers and future website updates.

Announcements to the board:

- On May 12th Anne Ritchie sent an email to the Board of Directors and all Committee Chairs asking them to review the Volunteer Roster housed in the password protected area of the website.
- Please note, limited information is included in the document: name, position, and email address.
- All updates should be sent to Mica.
- We want to be sure all volunteers receive an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Event!

Please send volunteer hours to Anne Ritchie volunteer@gamblegarden.org. You are welcome to report by full committee/event

>Winter Holiday Fundraising Event, Robin Allen and Susan McDonnell

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- **Save the Dates – December 2nd and 3rd, 2022; Preview Party Dec 1st**
- We have reviewed the financials from last year and are looking forward to seeing the finals for the Spring Tour.
- In the next couple of weeks, we have had or will have meetings with key stakeholders to develop a strategic plan.
- We will have lots more to report by the end the month.
- In summary, we are on it!!