

CONNECTING WITH NATURE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



From the **PRESIDENT**



This past year has ushered in an incredible wave of transformation, growth, and excitement for our future. January marks one year since we began construction of *The Garden of Tomorrow*, slated to open in 2025. The largest expansion in the Garden's history is becoming a reality with your help. With support from nearly 2,000 generous donors in our vibrant community, we will have space and capabilities to protect the most threatened and endangered plants from across the globe, while allowing us to expand our educational engagement with future generations.

It's worth reflecting on the profound impact plants have on our daily lives, from food on our tables to their pivotal role in the field of pharmacology, plants are the unsung heroes. Imagine, a single plant preserved through conservation holding the elixir to better health or the key to curing a life-threating disease. Your continued support makes all the difference.

Beyond the meticulous care of our living plant collection, we hosted over 420,000 visitors and engaged more than 16,000 K–12 students and adults in our unique classes. Additionally, we introduced over 15,000 new plants into our community though donations and our fundraising sales. We were also honored to be chosen as the new home of the Blue Star Memorial Marker, to honor members of the armed services past, present and future. It has been an incredible year connecting our community to nature and inspiring future environmental stewards.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, amazing staff and myself, thank you for supporting Norfolk Botanical Garden. Your contributions, whether financial or through volunteering, directly support our non-profit mission to immerse visitors in a world of beauty, lead through environmental action and inspire through education and connection to nature. If you haven't been out to the Garden lately, come back and see us! Take a moment to connect with nature, see all of the current blooms, enroll in a class and check out our construction progress. We are building something that will have a lasting impact on our community and environmental efforts overall. Together, we are making a difference.

Peter Schmidt

THE MISSION OF NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN: IMMERSE VISITORS IN A WORLD OF BEAUTY LEAD THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION INSPIRE THROUGH EDUCATION AND CONNECTION TO NATURE





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NBG FISCAL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

Visitors Total Visitors: Non-local Visitors: International Visitors: Free/Discounted Admissions: Dominion Energy Garden of Lights:	423,070 24,639 165 10,397 100,476
Membership Total Member Households: Renewals: New Members:	14,493 8,121 4,390
Staff Full-Time, Part-Time & Seasonal: Volunteers Total Volunteers:	1.143
Total Volunteer Hours: Value of Volunteer Time:	13,516 440,491
Corporate/Social Events:	103 420,345 123 5128,764
Education Programs Total K-12 Students Engaged via Outreach and Onsite Programs: Total WOW Children's Garden	8,100
Activity Participants: Grant-funded Scholarship Recipients: Total Adult Classes: Total Adult Class Participants:	3,000 1,100 603 8,064

	592 53,311 lbs. ,745 Trees 168 lbs.
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Living Plant Collection Plant Families: Species Accessions:	204 2,445 14,249
New On-Site Plantings	
Bulbs Planted - Seasonal Display:	13,925+
Bulbs Planted - Permanent Display:	6,500+
Annuals Planted - Seasonal Display:	32,351+
Herbaceous Plants:	2,210+
Shrubs:	548+
Trees:	58+
Plant Sales	
Total Bulbs Sold:	9,900
Total Plugs Sold:	5,380
Total Trees & Shrubs Sold:	6,383
Total Plant Sale Revenue:	\$102,317
Community Outreach	1
Community Presentations:	48
Community Events Attended:	15
Number of Schools Visited:	26
Total Number of Plants Donated:	1,710
Communications	\langle
Total Email Newsletter Subscribers:	85K+
Facebook Followers:	74K+

Youth Education Field Trip

Garden Walk & Talk Attendees:

New Solar Panels Installed on the roof of Baker Hall & Education Center

Instagram Followers:

27K+



450



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The Garden of Tomorrow Campaign Donors

Click <u>HERE</u> to view The Garden of Tomorrow Campaign Donors online at TheGardenOfTomorrow.org

(updated weekly)

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Isaac M. Baker, Jr. & Sarah Lee Baker Memorial Fund of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation

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NBG Annual Fund

\$50,000 - \$200,000

Richard Evans

Dominion Energy

Christine Williamson

\$10,000 - \$25,000

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NBG Annual Fund (continued)

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Target

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Helen G. Gifford Foundation

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Tidewater Daylily Society Bruce and Sarah Bishop Jams and Anne Gildea Judy Sparrow Maria Suarez

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NBG Annual Fund (continued)

\$250 - \$499

American Rhododendron Society

KPMG

Christopher Newport University

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\$100 - \$249

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