Banksia serrata by Mary L Harden; from the cover of *Treasures, in* our bookstore.

YEAR IN REVIEW:
BY THE NUMBERS

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

$816,390 total admission revenue, from fees paid by nonresident visitors and collected by SFBGS for the City and County of San Francisco/Recreation and Park Department

362,673 visitors to the Garden—a 16 percent increase over the year ending June 30, 2014

40,185 hours contributed by volunteers to virtually every aspect of the Garden's operations

27,277 volumes plus 300 current plant and garden periodicals in the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, Northern California's most comprehensive horticultural collection*

25,000 plant propagations (estimated) by staff and volunteers, with many available to the public for purchase

12,631 children interacting with nature through SFBGS school-year, summer, and family programs—more than 40 percent growth in children served since 2010

8,508 different kinds of plants thriving in the Garden, including 5,688 species, of which more than 30 percent were wild collected and more than 300 are rare and/or endangered*

2,459 households, representing individuals, couples and families from San Francisco, the Bay Area, and beyond who support the Garden through their memberships—a 13 percent increase over last year

1,124 volunteers including 495 regular volunteers participating throughout the year and 629 corporate, school, and service organization volunteers doing one-time group projects

538 free daily docent-led tours, along with 162 docent-staffed weekend interpretation stations, where visitors can learn more about particular collections

** Count as of June 30, 2015*

SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY AT STRYBING ARBORETUM

SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT
2014 - 2015

A MESSAGE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

This year we are celebrating San Francisco Botanical Garden's 75th anniversary. It takes tremendous vision and decades of careful planning, collecting and care to create one of our country's most diverse and significant botanical collections.

We are confident that Helene Strybing, whose original bequest made the Garden possible, and Eric Walther, its first director, would be extraordinarily proud of what the Garden has become—a jewel in the crown of Golden Gate Park and a botanical garden of great beauty and importance, including world-renowned collections.

This year, we celebrate the successful collaboration between the Botanical Garden Society and San Francisco Recreation & Parks and all those whose leadership, dedication, and generosity have helped the Garden grow and flourish. We understand that global environmental degradation makes our efforts all the more important. We commit ourselves to nurturing the plants of the garden we call Earth and to enabling future generations to know, appreciate, and work to protect the rich diversity of our natural world. We acknowledge a special obligation to our children, to equip them with understanding and compassion for all living things so that they can become caring and responsible citizens and stewards for the generations who will follow them.

The Botanical Garden Society's mission is to build communities of support for the Garden and to cultivate the bond between people and plants. It is with deepest gratitude that we thank our members and donors who sustain the Garden as we know it today and enable us to build toward the next 75 years.

With appreciation,

Donald R. Baldocchi
Chair, Board of Trustees

Sue Ann L. Schiff
Executive Director

SAN FRANCISCO BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014

ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash and investments	6,148,982	6,105,174
Accounts and pledges receivable	348,703	468,607
Property and equipment	696,481	706,099
Other	49,999	38,851
Total assets	**7,244,165**	**7,318,731**
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities	260,219	625,120
Net assets	6,983,946	6,693,611
Total liabilities and net assets	**7,244,165**	**7,318,731**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2014	2013
Contributed income	1,471,899	1,826,761
Investment income	1,034,437	1,070,404
Earned income	307,103	281,544
Admissions*	463,879	250,147
Federal government support	70,531	73,214
Other	90,180	7,717
Total support and revenue	**3,438,029**	**3,509,787**
EXPENSES	2014	2013
Program services	2,296,356	2,527,647
Management and general	336,197	504,732
Fundraising and development	515,141	446,155
Total expenses	**3,147,694**	**3,478,534**
Write down of promise to give**		(1,000,000)
Change in net assets	**290,335**	**(968,747)**

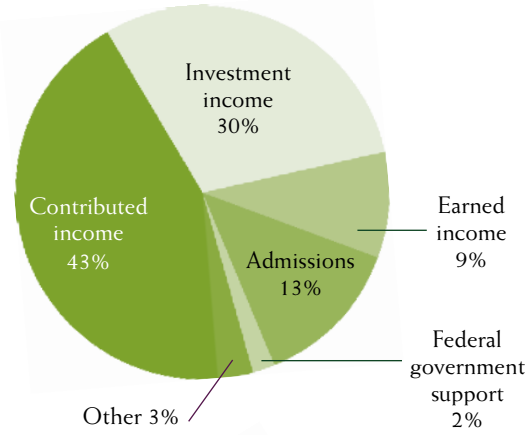
** As allocated to SFBGS by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.*
*** Write down of foundation pledge for the Nursery: Center for Sustainable Gardening. SFBGS was unable to reach groundbreaking within the timeframe of the foundation's dissolution plan.*

Source: San Francisco Botanical Garden Society Audited Financial Statements for the 12 months ended June 30, 2014.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

12 months ended June 30, 2014

SOURCES OF FUNDS



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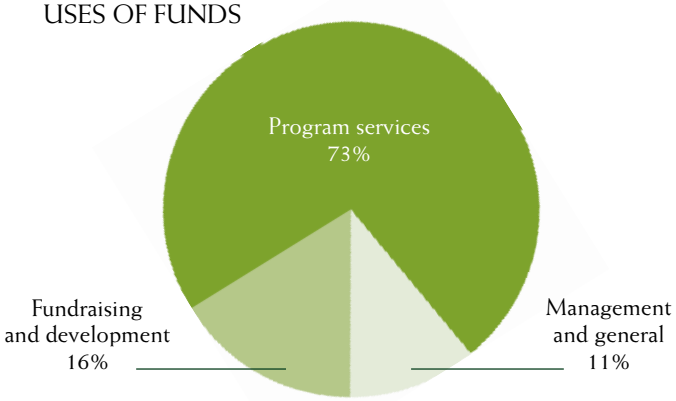


Contributed income: memberships, foundation grants, contributions, bequests, net revenues from fundraising events and in-kind gifts

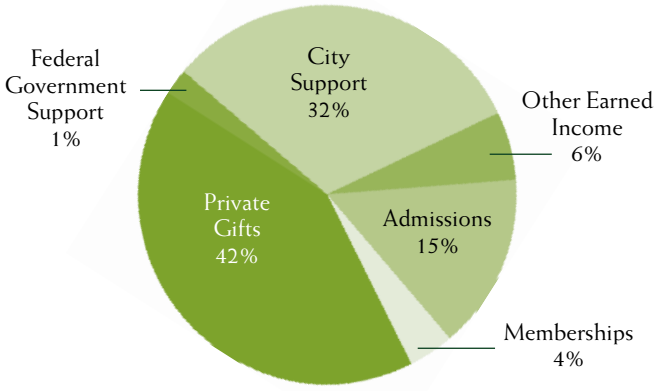
Earned income: plant and bookstore sales, program fees and library art and book sales

Program services: plant collection management, nursery, gardens, youth education, classes and public programs, library, bookstore, volunteer program, visitor services and other program-related activities

WHO PAYS FOR THE GARDEN

In sharing management of the Garden, SFBGS is responsible for certain costs and the Recreation and Park Department for others. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, SFBGS and the Department spent a combined total of $4.9 million to operate the Garden.* Nearly 70 percent of the Garden's operating support came from SFBGS's donors and members in the form of private gifts and memberships, and from Garden visitors in the form of admission revenue and other earned income. With limited public funding, private support from our community is crucial.

** Revenue and expense to build the privately funded Nursery: Center for Sustainable Gardening are not included in these calculations.*



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Every gift enables San Francisco Botanical Garden to engage visitors, offering them beauty and opportunities to experience the natural world and understand the role we all can play in sustaining it. Generous supporters make this possible and inspire our gratitude.

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San Francisco Botanical Garden Society gratefully acknowledges the generosity of its donors whose gifts support the care and maintenance of the Garden's plant collections and its outreach and education programs for people of all ages.

We thank our donors for their generous support to operating funds from July 2014 to June 2015. Donation levels represent each donor's total giving to the Annual Campaign, Paver and Bench Tributes, Garden Feast and/or Membership.

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"The Botanical Garden has been an endless educational resource, an inspiration, and a place of enduring memories for our family over the past 15 years. It represents an opportunity to 'travel the world' of art, ecology, and science in our own backyard in San Francisco. We look forward to supporting its mission for decades to come."

— Zoee Astrachan, Landscape Architect and Andrew Dunbar, Architect, SFBGS members since 2002

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"We are longtime SFBGS supporters and are fortunate to live within blocks of the Garden. It is a very special place, a true treasure in the city. There are so many charming nooks and crannies to explore as well as a wonderfully diverse collection of plants and trees. Being in the Garden creates a very carefree feeling that we always experience when we are there. There's no other place like it."

— Paul and Mariel Batjiaka, SFBGS members since 1997

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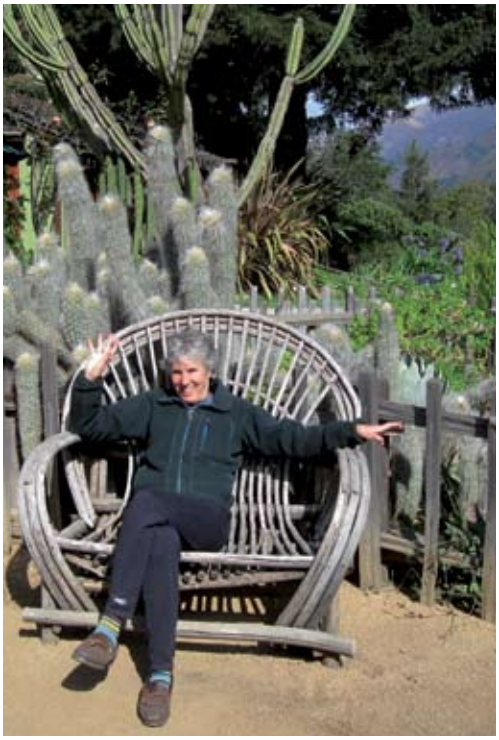

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: DELLE MAXWELL MY GARDEN OASIS

I was a nearby apartment-dwelling resident many years ago; great neighborhood, but no yard. I often visited the Garden in search of a beautiful place to relax and to enjoy a respite from urban life. Later, even though I moved out of the city, I took classes in botany and horticulture through the Garden's community programs, consulted books in the Helen Crocker Russell Library, and wandered about looking for inspiration for my own garden. The Garden never ceases to surprise me; I find myself returning to this oasis again and again.

As a nursery volunteer for over 15 years now, I have helped to grow rare and unusual plants while gaining deep knowledge about plant propagation and cultivation from our incredible staff and fellow volunteers.

There's a sense of pride and satisfaction knowing that I am doing my part to help the future of this important institution. Looking forward, I am excited to support the Garden's work in conservation, sustainability and environmental stewardship, as well as continue to build on our unique and extensive plant collections.

— Delle Maxwell, Strybing Circle member, volunteer, and trustee

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— Kathy McNeil, longtime Strybing Circle member, volunteer, and former trustee

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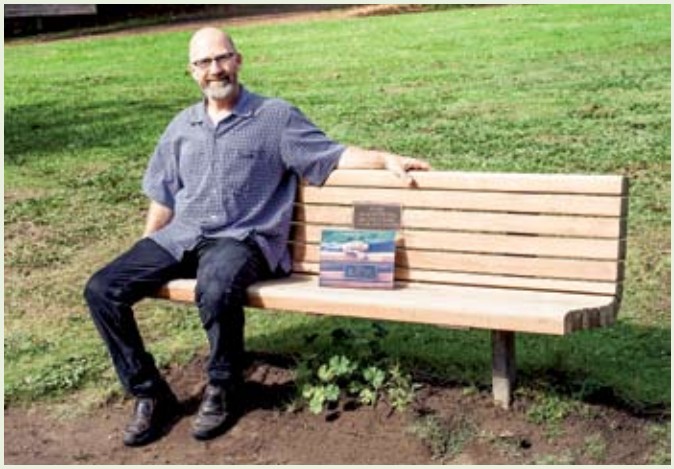
DONOR SPOTLIGHT: STEVEN A. DIBNER MY PARENTS' BENCHES

Together with his sister, San Francisco Symphony bassoonist Steven Dibner has dedicated two benches at the Garden, one in honor of his mother and stepfather, and one in honor of his biological father.

I joined with a small contribution, and then I volunteered, preparing alpine plants for the Plant Sale. I got to meet curator Don Mahoney, whose dedication and knowledge were inspirational.

I was convinced that once my amazing parents were gone, it would be great to have a specific place to go to honor them—to think about them and feel surrounded by nature, which they understood and appreciated so much.

We are so lucky to live in a city where there is such respect for the environment, with caring people to support the havens for art of all kinds. The miracles of beauty possible on our planet come so wonderfully alive in this unique Garden.



Steven Dibner at his mother's bench at the Wildfowl Pond

DEDICATE A BENCH OR PAVER STONE

Celebrate, commemorate, and remember your loved ones, achievements, anniversaries, or inspirations with distinctive tribute opportunities throughout the Garden. Consider sponsoring a bench or dedicating a paver stone with a tax-deductible contribution. For more information, contact Mona Chang, Associate Director of Development at 415.661.1316 ext. 304 or mchang@sfbg.org.

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