The Alaska Botanical Garden is an independent nonprofit living museum. Its mission is to showcase the beauty and value of Alaska’s gardens and natural areas through science, education, and recreation using organic and sustainable practices.
2019 in Review,

Another successful year is in the books (I hope all my future Annual Report letters begin with this notion). While the second year of Holiday Lights was not as well-attended as planned (remember all those December days and nights of below-zero temperatures?), it was still a wonderful event that is well on its way to becoming an annual community tradition. We’ve already had detailed discussion on how to improve it next year. Other major events including Beer in the Garden, Wine in the Woods, and our summer gala were all sell-outs. Our education programs also performed very well with school programs and Summer Camp engaging well over 3,000 Anchorage students. The relatively lengthy shoulder seasons (March/April + September/October) are particularly challenging in Alaska for outdoor programming. In 2019, we specifically targeted fall shoulder season by expanding Harvest Day, but mid-September weather is rarely cooperative, and residents might be a bit burned-out from all the dynamic Alaska summer events. That said, we have some great ideas for a mid-summer event that could round-out our schedule (remember Garden Fair?) in 2020.

Thanks to our amazing supporters, ABG had a strong finish to our Annual Appeal, which brought in over $50,000 in donations! Thank you! Many thanks also to our hard-working, dedicated volunteers that make everything we do so much easier. I’m confident I speak for all ABG staff and board members when I say we are excited about what 2020 will bring including a focus on art and family-friendly events.

See you in the Garden!

Mike Monterusso
Executive Director
35,000
visitors
annually

150 species
of Alaska
native plants

Gardens //
- Lile’s Garden
- Lower Perennial Garden
- Herb Garden
- Alpine Rock Garden
- Anchorage Heritage Garden
- Trailside Gardens
- Outdoor Classroom
- Entry Plaza and Shade Garden

Staff
- Executive Director
  Mike Monterusso
- Program Director
  Stacey Shriner
- Garden Facilities Mgr.
  Will Criner
- Education Specialist
  Patrick Ryan
- Marketing + Design
  Paige Becker
- Art + Event Manager
  Betany Porter
- Horticulturist
  Lindsay Clark
- Operations Coordinator
  Tim Taber

Trails //
- Forest Health Trail
- Lowenfels-Hoersting Family Nature Trail
- Wildflower Walk

About the
110 acres of boreal forest
8 acres of cultivated gardens
1,100 varieties of plants

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Events

- Plant Sale
- Beer in the Garden
- Wine in the Woods
- Harvest Days
- Holiday Lights
- Peonies & Poppies: A Party in the Garden

Youth Programs

Summer Camps:
- Growing Gardeners, Garden Chefs, The Artful Gardener, The Young Botanist

Day Camps: Heath and Nutrition, Dia De Los Muertos

Schools in the Garden + Garden in the Schools

21st Century Community Learning Centers
Workshops

The Science Behind Plant Names
Wreath Making with Natural Materials
Family Wreath Making
Dinosaur Planters
Pumpkin Art and Sip
Garlic Planting
DIY Mushroom Cultivation
Edible Berries
Mushroom Walk and ID

Botanical Sketchbooks
Ikenobo Ikebana
Bed Prep and Planting
Container Gardening with Hypertufa
Seed Starting
Winter Plant Identification
Advanced Landscape Design
Wildflower and Plant ID
Insect Ecology
Financials

2019 Gross Income $632,369

2019 Expenses $589,825

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