

2017 Annual Report

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Marin Art & Garden Center

ANNUAL REPORT

2017 was a year of continued growth and development at the Marin Art & Garden Center. We are grateful to everyone who participated in our programs and events and whose support has helped us care for and share this community treasure.

Last year was the first full year of programming in The Studio, and we hosted more than a dozen lectures, workshops, and family programs featuring experts in the arts, gardens, and conservation. Our visual arts program offered a diverse range of exhibitions including multi-media, fiber art, and photography. We partnered with the Hungry Owl Project to present the TALONS festival and with the BayWood Artists for a show and sale to benefit OneTam.

We had another positive year of growth and learning at the Garden School preschool. And our popular school field trip programs and summer camps continued, in partnership with the Marin Master Gardeners and the Bay Area Discovery Museum.

We also took steps to secure the future of MAGC with the completion of a report on the history of its founding and a comprehensive site survey that will aid in planning for improvements to the property.

Finally, we created the Leadership Circle, acknowledging donors of \$1,000 or more annually to MAGC, and hosted a Leadership Lunch to share updates about the Center. Thanks to these generous donors, we are on track to build our garden staff and increase our outreach to the community in 2018.

Highlights of the year and a Report of Gifts follow. Our thanks to all of you who are part of the MAGC community. We look forward to seeing you often in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Antonia Adezio
Executive Director



Highlights of 2017

Eric and Silvina Blasen of Blasen Landscape Architecture in San Anselmo spoke about their work and planting design projects for MAGC at our Leadership Lunch in April.

Gardeners used the Edible Garden to create herbal remedies in a workshop led by Homestead Design Collective. Seasonal planting tips and ways to use the harvest of a home garden are part of an ongoing series using the Edible Garden as a teaching space for all ages.

Six private gardens in Ross and Kentfield were open for the Garden Conservancy's Marin Open Day, hosted by the Marin Art & Garden Center with the Marin Garden Club. A morning talk and lunch at MAGC rounded out a day of self-guided visits to some of the area's very best gardens. Admissions from the tour benefited the MAGC gardens.

Groovin' in the Garden raised funds for our Summer Concert Series and paid tribute to the Summer of Love. Headliner Danny Click had us dancing and celebrating the beauty of a June evening at MAGC.



Television personality and Marin conservationist Doug McConnell joined us for Conservation Night at the Summer Concert Series. This event featured 7 local groups working to raise awareness of conservation issues in the Bay Area.



The 2nd annual Harvest Dinner in September was a magical evening in the garden with a delicious all-organic meal. The Harvest Dinner raises funds to support the care and programs of the Edible Garden, and the event has grown to more than 150 attendees.



We partnered with the Marin Pesticide Reduction Coalition and Kew Gardens in England to present garden designer and founder of the Perfect Earth Project, Edwina Von Gal, in a talk at The Studio.



We celebrated the holidays with a Gingerbread House Decorating event, with a family session in the afternoon and a “decorating after dark” session the same evening. The creativity of the participants was encouraged by the professional pastry chefs whose lavish designs were later sold to benefit MAGC.



MAGC in the News

Our 2017 programs and events were supported by extensive coverage in our local media. We are grateful to the writers and editors of the Marin IJ, Marin Magazine, Marinscope, and Pacific Sun for their interest and lively writing; and to the publishers of these great publications for their generosity in providing complimentary advertising and media sponsorship for our events.

Coming in 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

4/19 LEADERSHIP LUNCH

For members of the Leadership Circle, a chance to hear what's new and coming up at MAGC.

6/2 MARIN OPEN DAY

Self-guided garden tour of 4 gardens on the Tiburon Peninsula to benefit MAGC. Co-sponsored by the Garden Conservancy and organized with the Marin Garden Club.

6/8 SUMMER CONCERT FUNDRAISER

Fun in the garden to benefit our Summer Concert Series. This year's country theme will encourage you to bring out your cowboy boots!

6/28-8/9 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free weekly concerts on the Gazebo Lawn. Delicious food available from our favorite caterers.

9/21 HARVEST DINNER

Our annual celebration of the harvest season, to benefit the programs of the Edible Garden.

12/1 GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

This popular new event is now an annual occasion. Bring the family!



Report of Gifts

FEB. 1, 2017 - JAN. 31, 2018

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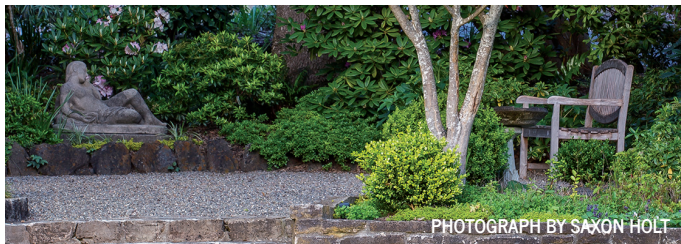
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