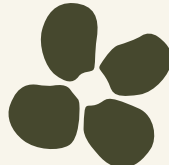
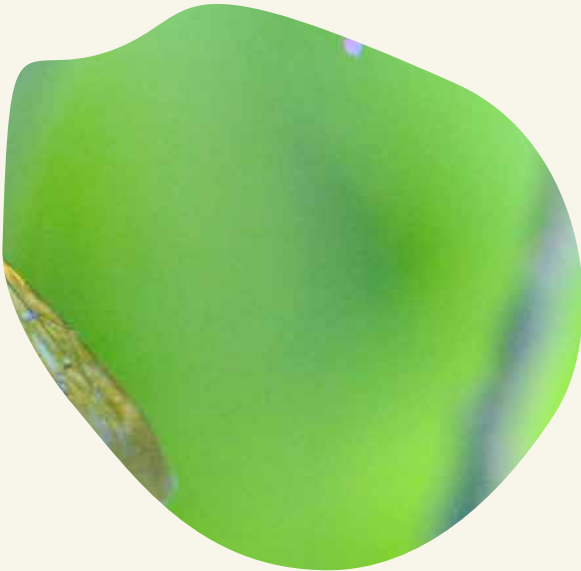


Annual Report 2020



Marin
Art and
Garden
Center



Sun Garden

Pollinators are drawn
to the colorful Sun Garden
all season long.

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All of us at Marin Art and Garden Center are grateful for the generous support we received from our community in 2020, a challenging year for all of us but especially for nonprofit organizations like ours whose operations were curtailed and revenue streams disrupted by the pandemic. Thanks to all of you, we were able to stretch our resources and keep the organization on a steady path despite these disruptions.

We were fortunate, as an outdoor resource, to be able to stay open to the public throughout the year, and to keep our grounds and gardens beautiful for everyone's enjoyment. Many of us came to realize just how important green spaces are for our mental and physical well-being, and having the Center as a green oasis became more valuable than ever.

The staff made significant improvements to the site during these quiet months. New plantings, benches, signage and a Visitor's Guide & Map make the site more welcoming to all. The renovation of the Laurel House has created a fun and engaging Shop that will open with regular hours later this year. And our outdoor Amphitheater is currently under renovation, to be put into service for outdoor programs in summer 2021.

Thanks to the miracle of the internet, our lectures became virtual, and we launched a weekly newsletter featuring video "garden tips," recipes, and more. We gathered from home for our Harvest Dinner and celebrated the accomplishments of our retiring Board president, Diane Doodha, with toasts from the community.

There were many reasons for celebration, and we are pleased to share them with you in this Annual Report, together with our acknowledgement of your generous support and our thanks for all that you do to sustain the Marin Art and Garden Center.

We aim to make the Center even more beautiful and welcoming in the season ahead and encourage you to come visit often.

We look forward to seeing you in the garden!

Antonia Adezio
Executive Director

Looking back and looking forward



Our mission states: Marin Art and Garden Center is a special gathering place that celebrates learning, growth, and the beauty of nature; a place that welcomes us all to be inspired, educated and entertained—or to just be.

Our vision is to create a sense of pride and connection among all the people of Marin—and beyond—in this thriving, inclusive gathering place of inspiration, growth and celebration.

It is an honor to serve as president of the Board of Trustees of the Marin Art and Garden Center, a place that holds a special place in my own life as it does for so many in our community. All of us at the Center are grateful to my predecessor, Diane Doodha, who retired from the Board at the end of 2020. Diane served in this role with distinction for 10 years and made a significant contribution to the health and future of the organization.

As we emerge from the pandemic and welcome the public back to enjoy all that the Center has to offer, I thought it would be helpful to offer a snapshot of our history and mission, and the ways we serve the public today.

The grounds and gardens were first developed by George and Annie Worn in the 1860s. They built the first home and barn on the property while living in the Octagon House, naming it “Sunnyside.” They planted many of the original trees on the grounds, including the southern Magnolia in the entry circle and the Giant Redwood, which was brought from the Sierra to add to the horticultural collection.

The Worns were my great-great-grandparents and Annie was the daughter of James Ross, for whom our town and valley are named. “Sunnyside” is the name my grandfather gave his nursery in San Anselmo where, over four decades of my work there, I had the chance to know so many of you.

For many years, the Center was the site of the Marin County Fair as well as being home to many community arts, garden and conservation groups. Currently, the Center is home to the Ross Valley Players, the Ross Historical Society/ Moya Library, Pixie Park and our own preschool, the Garden School. The Center hosts workshops, art exhibitions and lectures throughout the year. We look forward to our events program coming back to life this season and welcoming the public again for outdoor gatherings.

Marin Art and Garden Center is owned and operated by a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which receives no government funding. The continuing operation of the Center is dependent on the generous support and patronage of the surrounding community.

We are grateful for the support of so many people who helped sustain the Center in 2020.

Tom Perry
President

Growing highlights in 2020

Sustaining donors in 2020

750

People who attended our virtual programs

846

Educational videos produced

22

Number of new plants planted

6,400

Volunteer hours in 2020

750

Viewers of our virtual art tours

554

75 years, new accomplishments

The Center has seen many changes over the years and last year certainly brought a new set of challenges. However, in appreciation of our 75th anniversary, we took on these challenges and continued to grow and improve the Center throughout the year.

Our New Visual Identity

One of our proudest accomplishments of 2020 was the completion of a visual identity project that helped us create a new look for the Center. The goal of this project was to develop a new and better way to communicate who we are and the role we play in the community. We put this new design to work right away in our weekly newsletters and on our new website, maringarden.org. With our distinct new logo, clear design style and clear language about our purpose, we have been able to re-introduce ourselves to our friends and hope to make many new ones in the future.

Inclusivity and Diversity

This past year, we also took stock of the role of our organization in promoting inclusivity and diversity in our community. We decided to create a taskforce to work on issues of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility at Marin Art and Garden Center. These are values that we believe are at the core of our mission and we want to make sure they are reflected in our actions, policies, and programs. This taskforce has developed a set of goals and concrete actions that will soon be implemented around the grounds and throughout the organization. We appreciate the feedback from our community as we continue to learn and do better.

On August 3, 2020, Marin Art and Garden Center celebrated our 75th anniversary as a non-profit organization.



Growth around the grounds

Recent guests will have noticed a new sign at our entrance on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, featuring our new logo and a welcoming invitation to come explore our historic grounds. This is the first of several new signs that will soon be seen around the property to better guide and welcome visitors.

The Shop

Last year we were able to launch The Shop, our new retail store featuring beautifully crafted and carefully curated items that are inspired by nature and the arts. In addition to some branded offerings, The Shop has books, garden items, puzzles, scarves, jewelry and more. We launched online last summer and hosted a holiday socially distanced pop-up for a safe, in-person shopping experience as well. We have been thrilled with all the online orders and enthusiasm we have seen for our offerings. In the coming year we hope to have some regular open hours in addition to continuing online ordering through our website.

We also completed the conversion of the Northgate building into a new flexible rental space. It will soon be available for smaller events and meetings.



In many ways, 2020 gave us a moment to pause and evaluate the needs of our beautiful 11 acres. We were able to make several site changes and launch new projects that will improve our visitor experience.



The Gardens

In many ways our gardens looked more beautiful than ever in 2020. Not only were the blooms particularly radiant, but the importance of the garden in our community was made more evident when we were all forced to slow down and stay home. While many sheltered in place last March, our garden team worked tirelessly to keep our property looking clean and fresh. The garden flourished during the summer and fall, with new plantings and careful pruning. We saw many of you venturing to the Center for a peaceful stroll and some fresh air during this time. If you have not had a chance to visit lately, we strongly encourage you to stop by and see spring beginning to bloom!



Gathering together, virtually

Marin Art and Garden Center has always been a place for people to gather. Although we could not be together physically last year, we continued to be a space for exploration and celebration.



the faces and voices of the people who have supported and grown Marin Art and Garden Center over the years, including celebrating out-going Board President, Diane Doodha. It was an evening that, despite being online, you could feel the sense of community and excitement. Most importantly, thanks to you, we raised over \$100,000 that evening to support the ongoing maintenance of our gardens and continuation of our programs.

Yoga on the Lawn

The summer was quieter than usual without our Summer Concert season, but our Yoga on the Lawn classes were a great success. Although we have offered this program for many years, the appreciation of its value during these hectic times was evident in the eager sign-ups and large turn-out.



Photo: Bob Aufidish

We started in April by offering a virtual tour of our *Rooted in Wonder* exhibition. From there, we began a series of online events, including botanical art workshops and lectures

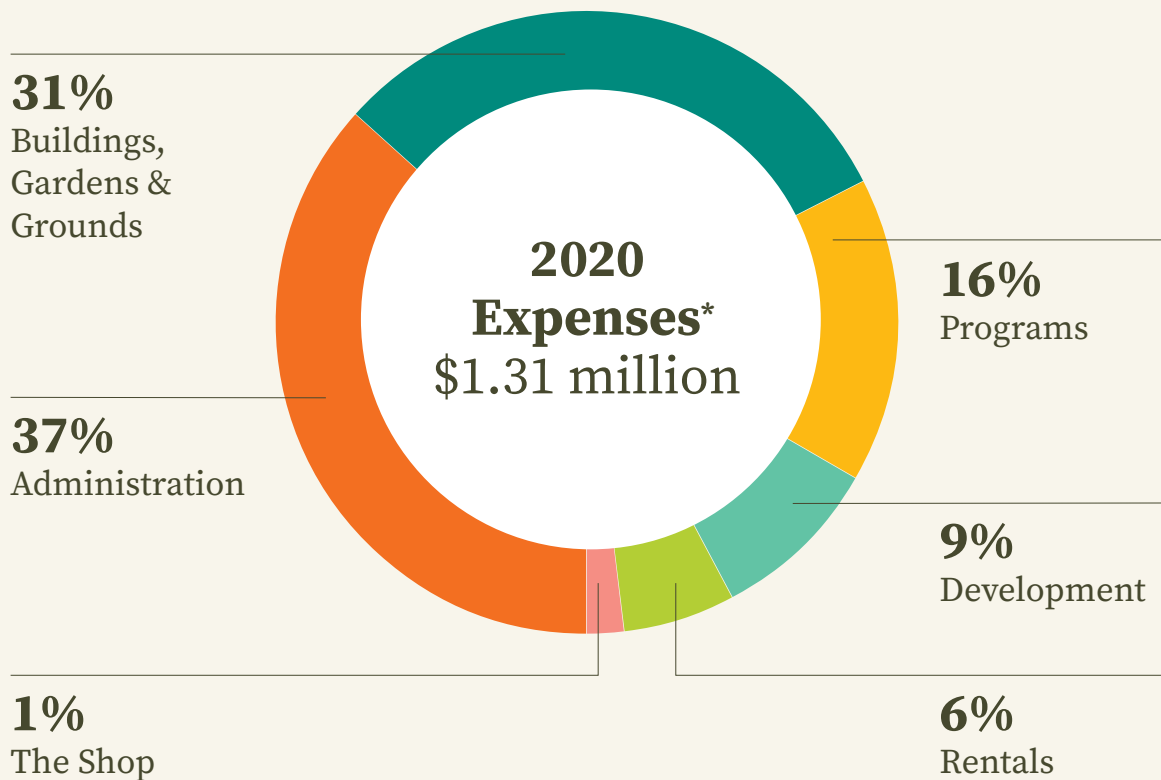
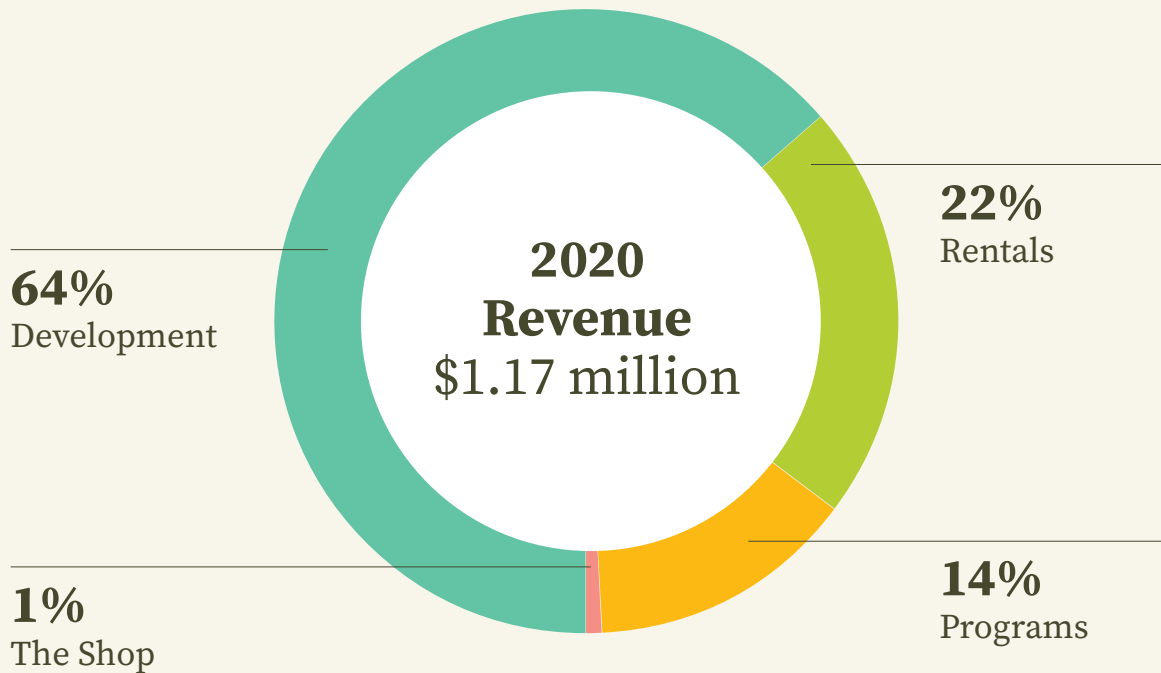
from well-known authors. We also started a series of videos in our newsletters and on our website that feature garden tips and tricks, botanical cocktail recipes, garden exercises tips and more. We were pleased to see great engagement from our community with all of this content and we plan to continue creating programs and material like this in the future.

Harvest Dinner Fundraiser

Our virtual offerings culminated in a show-stopping virtual [Harvest Dinner Fundraiser](#) in September. The program allowed us to showcase

Financial report

Jan. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020



*Expense totals do not include depreciation

Full audited financial statements are available on our website, maringarden.org

Contributions

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English Oak (\$20,000+)

Phoebe Cowles
Carl Q. Riznik Trust
Rockridge Foundation
Michael and Dudley Del Balso

Dawn Redwood (\$10,000 – \$20,000)

Edward and Betsy McDermott
Tom and Jan Perry
Ned and Ellin Purdom
Melissa and Shepard Harris
Chris Larsen and Lyna Lam
Pamela Sher



Donor Spotlight

Local resident Phoebe Cowles is a philanthropist and a garden lover. Over the years she has enjoyed strolling through the grounds and has attended many of our annual events, including our Summer Concert Series.

Her generosity this year has allowed us to make several site upgrades, including the installation of our new entry sign on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Ms. Cowles' support has also enhanced our visitor experience by allowing the production of a new Visitor's Guide & Map and improvements to our website.

Valley Oak (\$5,000 – \$10,000)

Sisi and Bert Damner
Richard and Cynthia Livermore
Samuel and Cynthia Livermore
Gary and Janet Scales
Pamela Scott
Marin Garden Club
Candy and Robin MacNaughton
Richard and Katie Hoertkorn
Andy and Stephanie Evans
Diane and Frank Doodha
Jo Ann and Julien Collins
Amie Dewane
Robert and Christine Feibusch
Blanche Thebom Trust Fund
Gruber Family Foundation
Hadley Mullin and Dan Kalafatas
Leathers Family Foundation
Mary and Bill Poland
Christopher and Eileen Sheldon
Ben and Patti Shimek

Mission Pear (\$2,500 – \$5,000)

Robert Beadle
John and Patricia Cahill
Suzanne Edwards
Margie Ellis
Colette Fujimoto
Frank and Barbro Greene
Corinne Hedrick
J. Patrick Hunt
Margaret and Ed Lewis
Deborah Matthies
Suzanne and Robert Mellor
Bruce and Elizabeth Potter
Patsy and Charles Raven
Amy and Warren Weber
Michael and Victoria Winnick

Ginkgo (\$1,000 – \$2,500)

Allen Family Fund
Anonymous Donor (2)
Beverly Bacci
Joe Barton
Jessica Fairchild and Kai Broms
Joey Buckingham



At Marin Art and Garden
Center you can discover over
45 varieties of birds

Anne and Tony Campodonico
Bruce and Lynn Chatley
Edith and William Dagley
Elizabeth Dakin
Marianne and Albert Figen Foundation
Gregg and Judy Gibson
Ann Golson
Ira Hirschfield and Tom Hansen
Sheila Lewis Henry
Sally and Peter Houser
Theodore and Kathy Jablonski
Katie and Claude Jarman
Ann and James Kauffman
Donald and Donna Kelleher
John and Kim Kieckhefer
KC and Steve Lauck
Jordan Lavinsky
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Andrea Schultz
Sally Shekou and Robert Herbst
Roger Smith and Lynne Oberlander
June and John Sullivan
Christina Simonelli and
Richard Thalheimer
Richard Turner
Tom and Pauline Tusher
Polly and Ward Wolff

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Redbud (\$500 – \$1,000)

Antonia Adezio
Michael and Jeanie Casey
Lucinda and Bob Chapman
John Chase
Francis and Erin Collins
Roger Dickerson
Drexler Estate Fund
Tom and Barbara Gaffney
Renata Gasperi
John and Nina Gladish
Marian Goepf
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Elizabeth Robbins and Stephen Hauser
Suzi and Brian Salmen
Trish Scales
Judy and Ira Sharlip
Gregg and Judy Smith
Kathleen and Dan Toney
Cathy Townsley
Herbert and Nancy Tully
Anne-Marie Walker
Ted and Lisa Williams
Mary and Myles Yanta

Cypress (\$250 – \$500)

Laura Lindskog
Paul and Ann Brenner
Alexandra and Jeff Treene
Thomas Hall and Patricia Kelley-Hall
Katherine Randolph
Richard and Marilyn Riede
Carla Buchanan
Erin and Alex Earls
Patricia Griffith
Marta Osterloh and William Curtiss
Chris and Kathy Swindle
Patronella Treadwell
Margaret Spaulding
Elizabeth Lawler Ashley
Sarah and Mike Atwood
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Craig and Nancy Branigan
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Dora Fleming
Paul and Jane Foster
Carole and John Garcia
Charlie and Jan Hoeveler
The Labarthe Family
Erin and JD Lumpkin
Nancy and Thomas McKlveen
Warren R. Perry
Joy Phoenix
Earl Dean Popplewell and
Cynthia Wollam
Diane and Rus Rudden
Puneet Sahi
Charles and Julie Siler
M. Gregory and Judy Smith
Cynthia Weldon and Jamie O'Hara
David and Kay Werdegart
George Westfall and Susan Adamson
Jim and Claire Williams
Doug and Dellie Woodring
Jeffrey Wright



A single Magnolia tree planted in the late 19th century grew into a magnificent ring of trees known as **Magnolia Circle**.

Cedar (under \$250)

Peter Allen and Trish Lyon
Elizabeth Amini
Anne Anderson
Diane Anderson
Christine Anderson
Anonymous Donor
Jeanne Azen
Alice Bachelder
Irmgard Bagshaw
Scott Bechtler-Levin
Jennifer Benham
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Patricia Benner
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Cecile and Jeff Bodington
Todd and Kirsten Brockman
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Rhonda Campbell
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William and Diane Clarke
Jane Cobb
Teta Collins
Mary and Michael Connors
Wayne and Geri Cooper
Heidi Craig
Divya Dethier and David Corner
Diane Dresser



The **Livermore Pavilion** was designed by the same architecture firm that was responsible for the design of **Ghirardelli Square**.

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Cedar (under \$250), continued

Carla Crowley Earl
Michelle Eaton
Jeanne Eber
Kay and Mark Egan
Elizabeth and Ahmed Fattouh
Melissa Felder
Suzanne and Brendan Fogarty
Bill and Karen Foss
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Sheila and John Girton
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Doreen and Frank Malin
BJ and Christopher Martin
Jim Martling and Kristine Kelley
Erin McNichol and Max Slavkin
Elizabeth Melone
David and Heidi Minnick
Robin Mitchell



Our **serpentine brick wall**
was designed by
George Livermore in honor
of his mother, Caroline.

Henry and Lynn Moody
Dennis and Zara Muren
Patrick Murray
Steven and Ruth Nash
Patricia and Alan Negrin
Janet and John O'Connor
Robin Parer
Valerie Pledger and Jayme DeDona
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Barbara Quinn
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Barbara and Brent Reid
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Alice and Ryan Self

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Design by [Studio Scott](#)

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a bright red long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants, is sitting on a wooden bench in a lush garden. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The garden is filled with various plants, including tall purple flowers, green grasses, and white daisies in the foreground. The background shows more greenery and trees under a bright sky. A large yellow circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Your legacy, our future

Marin Art and Garden Center's Magnolia Circle honors donors who have remembered the Center in their estate plans. As a Magnolia Circle member, you are crucial to securing the future of our inspiring gardens and maintaining this space as a gathering place for generations to come.

To learn about options for adding Marin Art and Garden Center to your estate plans, including bequests, IRA or life insurance designations, gifts of real estate and more, visit maringarden.org/support or contact Antonia Adezio at antonia.adezio@maringarden.org.

A place to celebrate

Marin Art and Garden Center is a private, non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of our donors to survive and thrive. With your support, we will be able to continue to maintain this beautiful property and provide engaging, inspiring and educational programs for our whole community to enjoy.

Any amount, large or small, would be gratefully accepted. If you are interested in making a stock donation, please email us at info@maringarden.org.