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Butterfly and Pollinator Friendly Plants at the Garden

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President's Note

I'm starting the annual report with my message as it is a tough to talk about last year without noting that the garden suffered a huge blow on Feb. 8, 2015. That is when an arsonist burnt down the tool shed. It was a shock to all of us and it had us all scratching our heads as to why?

There is no logical explanation as to why and it isn't productive to focus on that. Instead the board has decided to replace the shed and move forward as a sign of resilience. It is with anticipation that I will be able to report on the new shed next year.

OK so how was the growing season 2014? Another wonderful success as you will see in the summary below.

The garden wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the ongoing support of our land partner, the Johnson County Library. They continue to believe that the garden is beneficial to the county and community at large and support our efforts.

It is reassuring to know that we can get timely help with jobs that take large trucks and equipment by reaching out to our contact at the Park Services Department of Overland Park. Their maintenance support is critical to the success of the garden.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Library, the Park Services, the gardeners and other supporters of the garden. Here is to a successful year to replace the tool shed and to a productive 2015 growing season!

Bev Jaderborg



Beginning of the Season

Bounty from the Garden

Peak Growth Time

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Mission Statement

To provide an enjoyable, accessible space for residents to grow healthy food using organic, sustainable and environmentally friendly methods.

2014 Was a Great Year for:

Growing!

- ❖ All plots were leased by the end of February. The leased-out date continues to be earlier with each year. Also in line with previous years, the wait list was more than 60 people for the next growing season.
- ❖ Eleven plots were leased by new gardeners. Six plots were returnees from the 2013 season and nine plots were leased by returnees from the 2012 season. Ten plots were leased by gardeners from the 2011 inaugural year! It is great to see so many gardeners return year after year.
- ❖ Over 60 gardeners participated in the garden.



Reaping!

- ❖ The garden received a supplemental grant from the Kansas Community Garden project. This grant provided funds for additional tools for the gardeners use, additional watering equipment, trellis posts and wire for the berry bushes and a large number of butterfly friendly perennials.

Supporting Our Community and the Environment!

- ❖ The garden expanded its Monarch habitat with the grant providing the funds for the plant materials and Steven Madigan, an Eagle Scout, taking on the project. The Eagle Scout project included clearing a 4 foot by 50 foot sod section and planting the butterfly friendly plants. The project also included mulching the area and installing the trellis system for the berry bushes.
- ❖ Two beneficial insect houses were installed at the end of the season to increase the habitat for a healthy garden ecosystem. The houses provide nesting places for beneficial insects such as the ladybug, green lacewing and mason bee. Beneficial insects are a pest control strategy that is complimentary to organic gardening practices.
- ❖ 268 pounds of produce was donated to local area food pantries. The Grace Garden plot in OP Community Garden is a project of the environmental ministry of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. They provided 170 pounds of this total. All of the produce grown in the Grace Garden was donated to the Valley View United Methodist Church's "Hope Chest" food pantry, which is a food pantry serving underprivileged Overland Park residents.

Donors

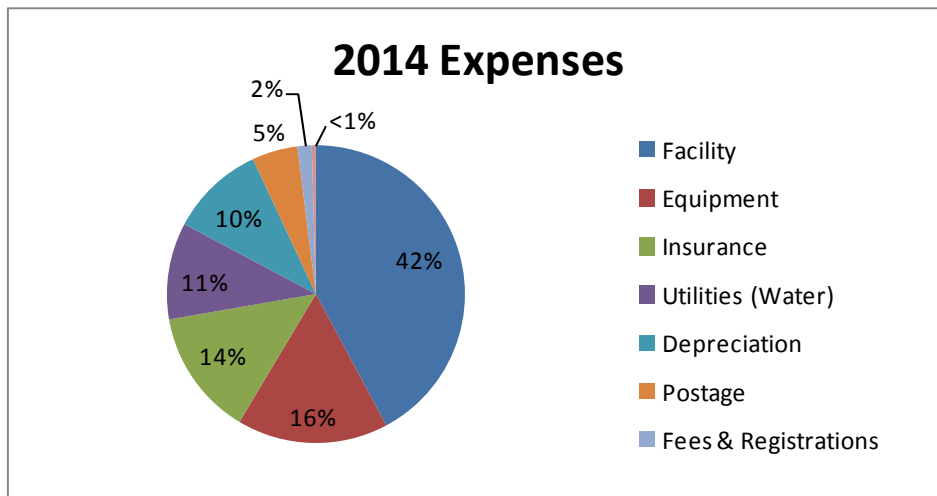
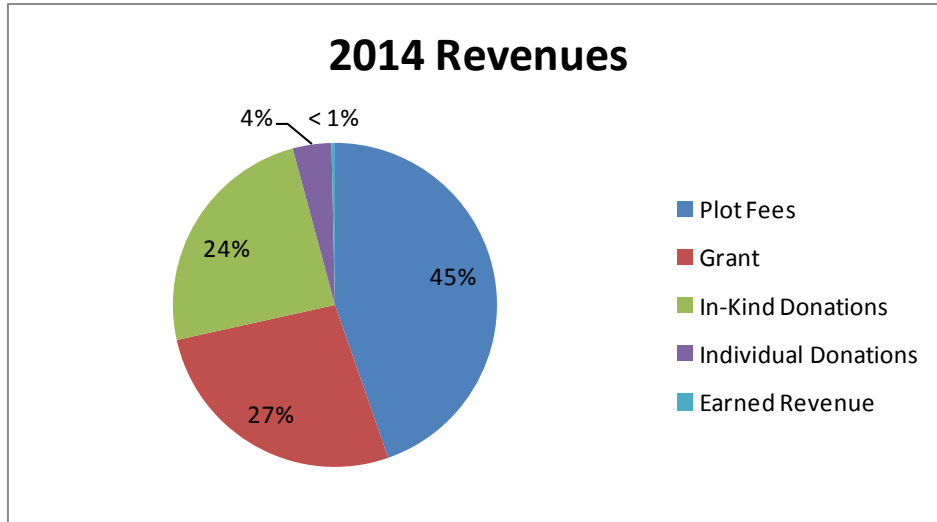
Level	Donor
<p><i>Land Partner</i> \$ Priceless!</p>	Johnson County Library
<p> <i>Harvesting</i> \$500</p>	City of Overland Park, Park Services Department
<p> <i>Planting</i> \$100</p>	D. and L. Jordan
<p><i>friends</i> Under \$100</p>	W. Mace J. and H. Jarvi

2014 Board of Directors

Bev Jaderborg	President
Ginny Williams	Treasurer
Bill Mace	Garden Manager
Angie Scharnhorst	Educational Coordinator

Financials

For year ending 12/31/2014
 Revenues = 2,978
 Expenses = 2,584
 Net = 394



Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/2014	As of 12/31/2013
ASSETS		
Cash	4,037	3,402
Gift Card	119	119
Shed	2,643	2,643
Depreciation	(597)	(332)
TOTAL ASSETS	6,202	5,833
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	4,277	3,908
Board Restricted Net Assets	1,925	1,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	6,202	5,833