

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## WHO WE ARE...

### Board of Directors

President - Robert Reinertson  
Vice President - Hooshang Zeyghami  
Secretary - Nancy Cedar  
Treasurer - Jen Powers

### Members

Julie Bollmann, Sandi Cihlar, Andrew Edwards, Mallory McGivern, Tom Monk, Vickie Richmond-Hawkins, Sheila Rossmiller & Paul Whitaker

### Staff

Executive Director - Darcie Howard  
Events & Education Coordinator - Elise Schuler  
Horticulture & Grounds Manager - Marissa Ashbeck

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### VISION:

Connect people to plants for a sustainable future.

### MISSION:

Monk Botanical Gardens is seeking to be a premier botanical garden, providing opportunities to experience plants and understand their significance.

### VALUES:

Stewardship - We promote environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and the protection of our natural resources. We commit ourselves to understanding how our actions create change in the world.

Awareness - We offer experiences to the public that inspire increased appreciation and understanding of plant communities and the relationship between these plant communities and people.

Inclusiveness - We provide a welcoming educational garden for a diverse population of people.

Respect - We have a culture of cooperation and support among staff and volunteers working together to carry out the organization's mission.

Excellence - We excel at innovation, creativity, collaboration, reliability and accountability.

Aesthetics - We provide a variety of beautiful gardens and plants that engage visitors because of their unique landscaping, design and plant selection.



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Monk Botanical Gardens

Experience the Beauty • Share the Vision • Grow with Us

Monk Botanical Gardens  
518 South 7th Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54401

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

ank you to all of our members and friends for helping to make 2019 another successful year for the Monk Botanical Gardens! Based on 2019, we look forward with confidence that 2020 will again be a memorable year for our programming, events and projects.

We completed important capital projects in 2019 that promise exciting rewards into the future. These included the installation of 30 lights throughout the Garden's trails and renovations to the Robert and Carol Monk Home. And, we finished revising and updating our Master Plan, which was first adopted in 2005.

Unfortunately, it was distressing last summer when we discovered significant vandalism at the Gardens, mostly centered in the Monk Home and the Potager. However, we were gratified beyond words when the community stepped forward and contributed funds to help us repair the damage. It was a further demonstration that the Gardens hold a special place in the Greater Wausau community.

Passionate members, dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and quality board members and staff are key to the success of any community organization. We are fortunate to have all of these elements and is why we can keep enhancing the treasure that is the Gardens. We have many first-time visitors, and we know from experience that most of them enjoy their visit so much they make plans to return. We encourage you to help us get the word out about Monk Gardens so we can keep striving toward our mission of being “a premier botanical garden, providing opportunities to experience plants and understand their significance”.

We'll see you at the Gardens.

Bob Reinertson

Robert Reinertson  
President, Monk Botanical Gardens Board

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS at December 31, 2019 (Preliminary figures for 2019)

Cash	\$275,111
Property	\$2,425,532
TOTAL	\$2,700,643

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE	
Grants	\$102,604
Memberships	\$25,670
Contributions	\$79,423
Program Fees	\$44,801
Temp. Restricted Project Funds used in 2019	\$79,801
TOTAL	\$332,299

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS: \$35,986.58

EXPENSES	
Program	\$192,435
Core Mission Support	\$49,860
Capital	\$62,598
TOTAL	\$304,892
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$27,407

"It is so nice for the children to see the vegetables (and fruits!) growing in the garden and to see where food really comes from!"

VOLUNTEERS & STAFF
154 VOLUNTEERS
2977 HOURS VOLUNTEERED

Our success in 2019 was because of our generous supporters.

Thank you! Not all donors could be listed, however every donation helps the Gardens succeed and is truly appreciated.  
\* Indicates a fund of the Community Foundation of North Central WI

Contributors

**\$25,000+**  
B.A. & Ester Greenheck Foundation  
Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning Department

**\$10,000+**  
Community Foundation of North Central WI  
Dwight & Linda Davis Foundation

**\$5,000+**  
Catapult Digital  
Hsu Growing Supply  
May Family Foundation, Inc  
Murco Foundation Fund\*  
Pacific Life Foundation  
Rita Crooks  
Wisconsin Public Service Foundation  
WSAW TV

**\$1,000+**  
AC & Sons Party Tent Rentals  
Albert R. Olson Charitable Trust  
Anonymous  
Connexus Association  
Connexus Credit Union  
Covantage Cares Foundation, Inc  
Norman & Jan Deffner  
Doug Hosler  
Harvey J. Nelson Charitable Trust  
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Charitable Foundation, Inc  
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David & Beverley Smith  
Team Royal Restoration, LLC  
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William M. & Mary Nell Reif Family Fund\*  
Wood-Trust Bell Foundation

**\$250+**  
John & Tammy Johnkoski  
Kevin & Cynthia Baumann  
Roger Lang  
Ronald & Lynn Drecktrah  
Winston & Sara Ryan  
Carol Betancourt  
Carrie Asplund  
Cynthia Koschmann  
Gerri & Bob Quirt  
Jill Falstad  
Lynne Goheen  
Margaret Stahr & Jason Chan  
Mary Yaeger  
Ben Bearjar  
Carol Reitz  
Chris & Kristine Peterson

**\$500+**  
Bonnie Kraft

Coca-Cola Bottling  
Donald & Judy Armstrong  
Earl & Kathryn Zabel  
Eye Clinic of Wisconsin  
Great Northern Distillery  
James & Boo Force  
Jaren & Jen Thomas  
Jason Reimer  
Jeffrey & Becky Stubbe  
Jim Kryshak Jewelers  
Joel & Betsy Rueber  
Kathleen & Jeffrey Lenard  
Marcia & Randy King  
Mary Bethke Fund\*  
Mary Hogue  
Newcomb Electric & Heating  
Robert Reinertson & Sally Scinto-Reinertson  
Runkel Abstract & Title  
Sandra Ott  
Shelley Wells & Arves Jones  
Thomas & Janet Monk  
Thompson Durkee Insurance  
Thrivent Financial - Ben McEvoy & Joel Rueber  
Throm Health & Wellness  
Vickie Richmond Hawkins  
Wausau Awards & Engraving, LLC  
Wausau Cleaning Services  
William & Mary Nell Reif

**\$250+**  
John & Tammy Johnkoski  
Kevin & Cynthia Baumann  
Roger Lang  
Ronald & Lynn Drecktrah  
Winston & Sara Ryan  
Carol Betancourt  
Carrie Asplund  
Cynthia Koschmann  
Gerri & Bob Quirt  
Jill Falstad  
Lynne Goheen  
Margaret Stahr & Jason Chan  
Mary Yaeger  
Ben Bearjar  
Carol Reitz  
Chris & Kristine Peterson

EDUCATING OUR FUTURE	
2602 KIDS participated in garden programs	2137 STUDENTS participated in School Field Trips
186 total garden programs, 21% increase from 2018	130 FAMILIES connected with each other and nature at the Gardens

5798 PEOPLE participated in our programs.
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Cloverbelt Credit Union  
D.J. & Mary Clare Freeman  
Dean & Cecilia Dietrich  
EO Johnson  
Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist  
Evolutions in Design  
Fred Mueller Automotive  
Hougum Law Firm LLC  
Janice Tolly  
Joan Hannes  
Katzenbarkers LLC  
Kim & Ken Marksman  
Lauryn Erdman  
Lewitzke Foundation Inc  
Linda & Samuel Lockhart  
Maher Water Corporation  
Major Industries  
Michael & Jane Blick  
North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners  
Peterson Kraemer Funeral Home  
Rouman Amusement Company  
Sarah Ritter  
Suzan Miller  
The Abbotsford Story Foundation  
Trapp River Golf Course  
Wisonsin Valley Improvement Company

**\$100+**  
Ann Seubert  
Anne Kieffer  
Barbara & Gary Yeast  
Ben & Amy Koch  
Ben Reif  
Bruce & Beverly Abbott  
Carl & Sally Hertting  
Charles & Kathy Garvey  
Daniel & Theresa O'Leary  
David & Gail Berge  
Dianne Cynkar  
Duane & Joy Patterson  
Duane & Sara Vetter  
Ervin & Kathryn Kufahl  
Gary & Dawn Stein  
Gilbert & Charlene Dering  
Heather Christiansen  
Hooshang & Rita Zeyghami  
James & Karen May Sislo  
Jane Ross  
Jaqueline Feck  
Jeff & Cindy Zriny  
Joanne Leonard  
John & Amy Dudley  
John & Lynn Meyer

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED
30 lights installed throughout the Gardens
Monk Home renovated
New Master Plan Developed

SECURING THE FUTURE
65% increase in individual giving
39% increase in membership

“Thank you for a fabulous day! The 1 hour program was perfect for our group, lengthwise, and we appreciated your knowledge about the gardens. You kept our students engaged and they all enjoyed the trip!” (Thomas Jefferson Elementary)

John & Carol Kuhn  
Jon & Pauline Zweck  
Jonathon Fisher & Gretchen Brummel  
Joseph O'Heron  
Keith & Michelle Montgomery  
Kenneth & Joyce Groshek  
Larry & Dianne Stookey  
Lee & Kitty Switlick  
Lila Rouse  
Mark & Nancy Dolenshek  
Marsha Fitzgerald  
Milwaukee Burger Co.  
Nicole & Steve Lipowski  
Paul & Patricia David  
Randall Backe  
Richard & Lynn Lawson  
Richard Yaeger  
Robert Brown  
Robert Foerster III & Robin Nelson  
Roger & Linda Forbess  
Sandy Jensen  
Scott Wegner  
Sheila Rossmiller  
Terri & Joey Lynch  
Thomas & Charlene Buttner  
Timothy & Shara Allen  
William & Cynthia Owen  
Abigail Christiansen  
Barbara Amsrud  
Bonnie Anderson & John Enk  
Cheryl Fehl  
Darcie & Shawn Howard  
Elise & Samuel Schuler  
Elizabeth Nietert  
Jann & James Slayton  
Jen & Matt Powers  
Jennifer Moran  
Joanne Kelly  
Joe & Cathy Rohling  
John & Irene Igers  
Judy Hansen  
Katy & Dean Little  
Laura Syring  
Laurie & Martin Reinhart  
Lois Hettinga  
Lucy Justinian  
Lucy Nitz & Brent Brye  
Marilyn Benz  
Mary & Allan Nordstrom  
Mary Brandenburg  
Maurine Noteboom  
Natashia Lashua & Adain Martin  
Patricia Tyberg & Ron Hughes

Paula Graveen Brainard  
Sarah Kozikowski  
Shirley & Daniel Gajewski  
Swati & Amit Biswas  
Theresa Kondzela  
Theresa Legner  
Tracy Scheel  
Claire & Doug Aziz  
Gary & Sue Wolslegel  
Jane Raymond-Wood & Tom Wood  
Jerome & Kathleen Sheff  
Joe Possley & Steven Bouffard  
Judy Stevens  
Shar & Fernando Soto  
Sharon Sohrweide  
Sidney & Andrea Sczygelski  
Vicki & Joseph Oboikovitz  
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Brian Puent  
C.J. Haatvedt  
Charles & Janice Gaugush  
David & Mary Aughenbaugh  
Dennis & Sandi Cihlar  
Elizabeth Schultz  
First Class Travel Service  
Greg & Carol Lamansky  
Innovia Consulting  
Janet Kunze  
Jo Ellen Schaefer  
Joan & Paul Steinlage  
Julie & Brad Bollmann  
Just Picked Flowers  
Kim & Kent Olson  
Kris Weirauch  
Landscape Solutions  
Lynn Schofield  
Marilyn & Robert Worden  
Mark & Rita Yaeger  
Midwest Select Insurance Group  
Mike & Theresa DeGroot  
Nancy & Jeff Yaeger  
Noel Sonnek  
Now & Zen Massage, LLC  
Peckham Household  
Red Eye Brewing Company  
Steve Schleif  
Susan Pflugradt  
Tapped Maple Syrup, LLC  
Target  
Tribute Golf Course  
Verlo Mattress of Wausau  
Verve Salon  
Wild Birds Unlimited