



May Arboretum Report October 2024 – November 2024

Highlights

- ◆ 14,221 people came through the arboretum. Mainly for Autumn photos with the changing of colors.
- ◆ Gardens are closed for reservations for the season
- ◆ May Arboretum Society hosted the annual Fall Bulb Sale
- ◆ May Foundation hosted their meeting with the May Center

May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ 3 private tours given (HOA's, schools, nonprofit organizations, etc.)
- ◆ Local Girl Scouts chapter held a badge fair at the Arboretum
- ◆ Little sprouts (kids 2-4) being hosted in the Ranch House (approx. 25 kids weekly)
- ◆ Olli education programs for gardening and bird watching are held every first Friday (about 8 people per class)

Arboretum Operations

- ◆ Irrigation system shut down for the season
- ◆ Mulch was spread throughout the Arboretum
- ◆ Water pressure up on the berms still too high
- ◆ Dragon Lights Reno continues show
- ◆ 1 memorial bricks sold
- ◆ 1 memorial bench sold
- ◆ Ditches cleared out for Winter weather



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- ◆ Federal Duck Stamp Exhibit (October-November) shows off artwork throughout the decades for the Federal Duck Stamp program that funds wildlife conservation throughout the US.
- ◆ Sierra Watercolor Society returns with a new winter art show and sale that will run November – December.
- ◆ The May Museum was once again a voting location for the 2024 General Election
- ◆ The May Museum hosted the annual May Foundation visit with updates and conversations about the museum, arboretum, and the Rancho San Rafael Master Plan.
- ◆ The May Museum took part in UNR's Day at the Museum program (returning for the first time since COVID), offering the public free admission alongside 11 other museums. The event saw 180 attendees.

Attendance

- ◆ 2,294 Attendees (October 1st – November 7th)

Reservations

- ◆ 17 external facility reservations (October reservations doubled from 2023, bringing in 3x revenue)
- ◆ 4 internal Washoe County reservations.

Staffing

- ◆ Two interns taken on through UNR.
- ◆ One new volunteer added for Discovery Room/Park Events.
- ◆ Funding request approved by May Foundation for off-season archivist.

Infrastructure

- ◆ Funding Request approved by May Foundation for new digital screen and AV equipment in Museum Garden Court.
- ◆ New lighting and memorial plaque for museum designer Jim Olson added to museum collection.