



## May Museum Report - August 2024- September 2024

### Highlights

- ◆ August concluded a month of free, themed Discovery Room Days (thanks to our rangers, volunteers, and interns) that saw as many as 50 people a day.
- ◆ August featured both Latimer Art Club's "Celebrate Summer" art exhibit, and an in-house exhibit showcasing Balloon Races
- ◆ The museum took on two youth interns through Nevada Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and has committed to two interns more through UNR's Arts Department this fall
- ◆ The May Center represented everything happening in Rancho San Rafael during PBS Reno's "Be My Neighbor" Community Event
- ◆ The May Center hosted the Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce for their "Business After Hours" program
- ◆ The museum once again offered free admission and special hours during the Great Annual Balloon Race
- ◆ September featured Sierra Watercolor Society's Balloon Race-themed show: "Fly Free, Fall Into Art"
- ◆ The Museum has been working alongside Dragon Lights Reno's Public Relations to connect them with community partners such as the PBS Kids Club and the Rennervations Foundation to benefit kids in our community and promote the event

### Attendance

- ◆ 2,625 Attendees (August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>)
- ◆ 705 Attendees during Great Annual Ballon Race

### Reservations

- ◆ 20 facility reservations  
(August 1 - September 31st)

### Infrastructure

- ◆ Original Museum dedication plaques restored to interior/exterior of building
- ◆ Facility security cameras updated and improved
- ◆ Facility HVAC system updated for energy and cost saving
- ◆ Plaques and dedications for original Museum design team added to the collection wing



## May Arboretum Report August 2024 – September 2024

### Highlights

- ◆ 7,302 people came through the arboretum. Mainly for Spring photos with blossoms and flowers
- ◆ 7 weddings occurred in the Gardens
- ◆ 23 new daffodil beds laid in Kleiner Grove

### May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs

- ◆ Summer education classes of Nature Journaling and Nature Lesson
- ◆ May Arboretum Society funded homeschool classes resumed with over 30 kids
- ◆ 5 private tours given (HOA's, schools, nonprofit organizations, etc.)
- ◆ 5 educational videos filmed to help with gardening
- ◆ 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 repairs:
  - 3 mainline repairs
  - 24 sprinkler heads adjusted and cleaned
- ◆ Mulch was spread throughout the Arboretum
- ◆ Water pressure up on the berms still too high
- ◆ Dragon Lights Reno set up for their Chinese lantern festival
- ◆ 1 new cactus trial mound for installed
- ◆ 4 memorial bricks sold
- ◆ Gardens prepared for the Great Hot Air Balloon Races
- ◆ 1 new seasonal hired on to assist with Fall clean up and events.



New cactus mound: 6 new varieties:



Irrigation repair on mainline:

