

Annual Report

MARCH 1, 2015 – FEBRUARY 29, 2016



In fiscal year 2015 - 2016 Bernheim moved significantly towards our vision of being a nationally treasured leader in ecological stewardship that inspires the exploration of our deep connections with nature. Through the generous support of members, corporations and foundations throughout the region, Bernheim was able to take bold steps in protecting land to ensure healthy wildlife and human populations, educate our visitors and thousands of students on the value nature brings to our lives and economy, and enhance Bernheim for our guests as a place to find beauty, inspiration and tranquility. A few highlights follow:

DEEP CONNECTIONS WITH NATURE

- ✿ Constructed and planted a new accessible trail to the Big Prairie Overlook
- ✿ More than doubled our usage of produce from the Edible Garden in Isaac's Café from the previous year.
 - ✿ Not only harvested and used in-season produce but roasted, froze and preserved enough to offer fresh soups, salads and sides throughout the winter months.
 - ✿ The enlistment of dedicated volunteers was key to making the most of the abundance of the Edible Garden.
- ✿ Initiated a new program, SONICBernheim, a site-specific lecture/performance event that explores the relationships between sound, music and nature.
 - ✿ This fiscal year more than 450 people attended one of the three SONICBernheim performance evenings.
- ✿ Installed a new trail from the Children's Play Garden to the Woodland Pavilion.
- ✿ Installed a new roof and completed major improvements in the Artist Cabin, including new cabinets, lighting and bathroom renovations.
- ✿ Engaged over 7,000 Pre-K-12 students in nature-based field trips and education outreach experiences.
- ✿ Continued offering unique nature-based activities during Bernheim family events, including the ever-popular faerie village construction at BloomFest, eat-a-bug demonstration at BugFest, and mud pie making at ColorFest – with visitation totaling nearly 15,000 for all three events.





- ✦ Trained and supported Bernheim's core of 50 Volunteer Naturalists, who *connected people with nature* by leading programs and offering activities at events, where Naturalists' interpretive encounters totaled nearly 25,000.
- ✦ Night program options were expanded to include the Creatures of the Night series and overnight astronomy programs, therefore increasing nocturnal visitation to nearly 2,000.
- ✦ Approximately 200 volunteers contributed 11,000 hours to Bernheim.
- ✦ Hosted Artists in Residence
 - * Jamie Bull, Athens, Georgia
 - * Cathleen Faubert, Norman, Oklahoma
 - * Rachel James, New York, New York
 - * Don Pollack, Chicago, IL
 - * Poet, D.A. Powell, San Francisco, CA

LEADERSHIP IN ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

- ✦ Leveraged over \$300,000 in external support for our stewardship and land protection activities from a variety of public and private resources.
 - * Purchased for protection two key tracts totaling 134 acres in the Cave Hollow sub-watershed, including an important cave habitat.
- ✦ Cleared invasive plants from over 200 acres of Bernheim forest and other key habitats.
- ✦ Employed 6 interns for stewardship. The internships provide experience, education, and understanding of invasive species and other habitat management issues.
- ✦ The Big Prairie underwent extensive renovation for woody plant removal and had five acres of wildflowers added to its periphery.
- ✦ Golden Eagle research was conducted that tracked "Harper Bernheim" on his migration route to Canada and documented his return the following winter.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- ✦ Bernheim staff participated and presented at national conferences, regional planning meetings, and thought leadership activities.
- ✦ The Bernheim Children at Play Initiative continued to make important strides forward in helping lead the region toward more and better outdoor play environments that connect children to nature for life.
- ✦ Installed a new watering system at the Edible Garden, including a new well, a solar powered pump, and a 4,300 gallon recycled tank to water plants in the garden.
- ✦ Horticulture staff hosted over 250 students, homeowners, and professionals through the Smart Gardens and Landscapes class series.
- ✦ New and exciting varieties of trees and shrubs are added every year to ensure the continuance of a wonderful experience for the casual visitor and garden enthusiast alike.
- ✦ Exhibited a 35 year retrospective of Bernheim Artists in Residence at the Carnegie Center for Art and History in New Albany, IN.
 - * Exhibit included painting, sculpture, video, and 28 photos from Bernheim's photographic archive.



ACTIONS BEYOND OUR BORDERS

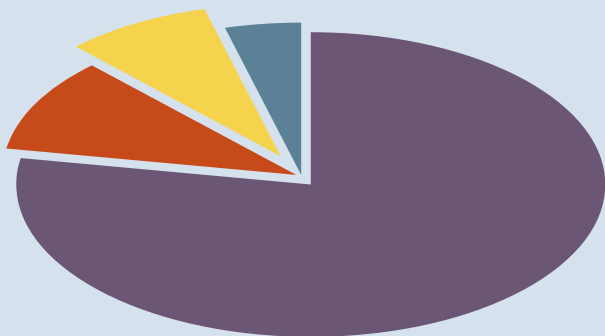
- ✿ Continuous work on and improvements to living roofs in the surrounding community.
- ✿ Continued work on the Children at Play Initiative
 - ✿ Hosted twelve free-play days at locations throughout the region that reached 1,475 children along with their parents
 - ✿ Provided mini-grants and support to six new play efforts in the region
 - ✿ Focused play initiative activities in underserved communities in west Louisville
- ✿ Donated and installed a native landscape at Maryhurst's newest campus addition, Madeline's Cottage.
- ✿ Placed over 50 Bernheim photos in Our Lady of Peace and additional Jewish Hospital locations throughout the region.
 - ✿ Research shows that images of nature calm clients and staff and may enhance recovery

FISCAL YEAR: MARCH 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016 OPERATIONAL STATEMENT



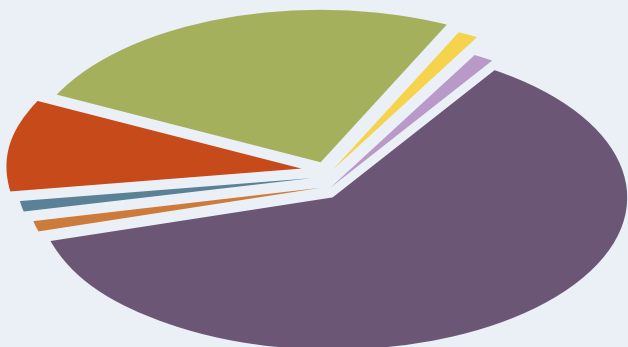
OPERATIONAL INCOME

Endowment Income	\$1,562,223	53.13%
Memberships, Contributions, Programs & Impact Fee	\$612,966	20.85%
Investment Depreciation Coverage	\$331,550	11.28%
Gift Shop & Craft Sales	\$206,985	7.04%
Grant & Restricted Funds	\$105,587	3.59%
Other Funds	\$118,401	5.00%
Total Income	\$2,940,109	100.00%



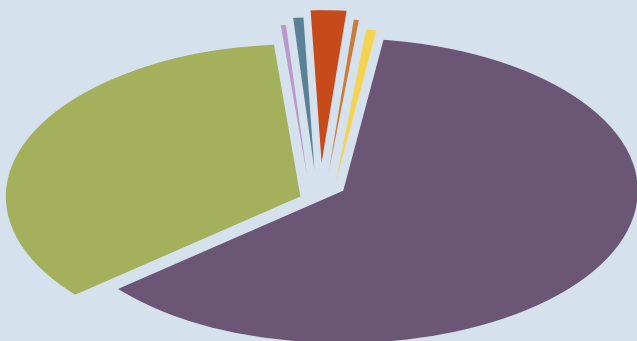
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Programs, Exhibits & Landscape Improvements	\$2,181,870	77.75%
Operational & General Expenses	\$271,063	9.66%
Fundraising	\$235,091	8.38%
Membership Services & Public Relations	\$118,198	4.21%
Total Expenses:	\$2,806,222	100.00%



BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

Funds Held In Trust By Others	\$26,853,222	62.32%
Land, Building, and Equipment	\$10,681,003	24.79%
Investments	\$4,145,125	9.62%
Pledges and Grants Receivable	\$445,490	1.03%
Cash	\$413,295	0.96%
Temporary Cash Investments	\$302,102	0.70%
Other Assets	\$249,944	0.58%
Total Assets	\$43,090,181	100.00%



LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES

Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$26,853,222	62.32%
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$15,053,481	34.93%
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$732,526	1.70%
Other Liabilities	\$208,442	0.48%
Accrued Expenses	\$147,830	0.34%
Accounts Payable	\$67,594	0.16%
Board Designated Funds	\$27,086	0.06%
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$43,090,181	100.00%

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