

LEWIS
GINTER
2018-2019
ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS,



I frequently say that I am privileged to serve as the Executive Director of the Richmond region's community garden. The sentiment is sincere. Even though there are moments when my job can feel very much like a "job," any time spent in quiet

reflection about Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and its course during 2018 usually finds me awash in wonder, gratitude, admiration and respect. During the year, we hosted the remarkable art of Kevin Box. Origami in the Garden was a delightful and evocative display that allowed volunteers and staff to build on the creativity of a nationally recognized talent to promote, and program around, the natural world that the team here knows so well. It fostered imaginative and engaging offerings throughout the year, culminating in the holiday light show's theme and intention of Bringing Art to Light, so joyfully accomplished by my colleagues.

During the year we hosted Food for Thought conversations, part of the engagement initiatives that included the training of a new cohort of Ginter Urban Gardeners through Beautiful RVA. We continued to use

exceptional horticultural display and educational offerings as a loving gift to our neighbors, to inspire them to connect with their neighbors as we engage in the common good on the community's common ground.

The Garden remained fiscally strong, achieving Charity Navigator's coveted four-star rating for the third consecutive year, a first in the Garden's 34-year history. Overall visitation topped 400,000, with a combined 11,000 guests welcomed on the Garden's two sponsored free days. Plans for the Garden's future continued thoughtfully. Your support continued—thoughtfully, generously and with tremendous impact. In the following pages are the names of patrons, members, allies and volunteers (sometimes all of these things at once), who joined you in believing in the hope and promise of this community as brought to life in its botanical garden. I find myself awash in wonder, gratitude, admiration and respect. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane W. Tippet', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shane W. Tippet
Executive Director

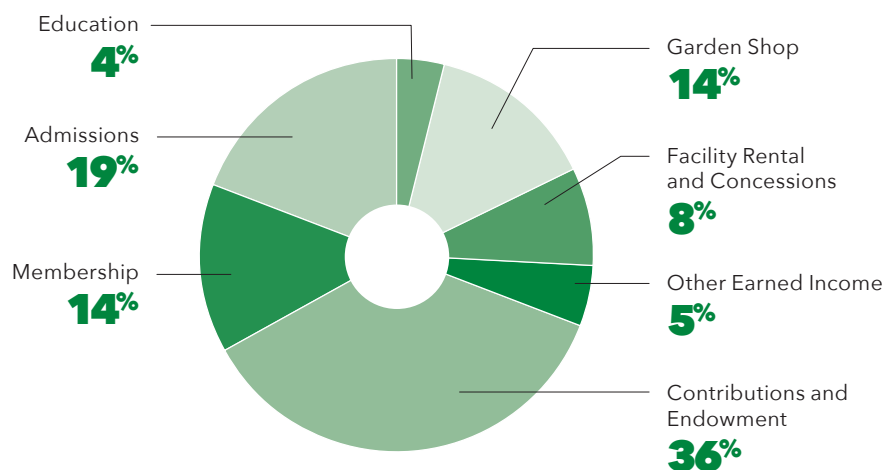
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through plants to improve communities.*



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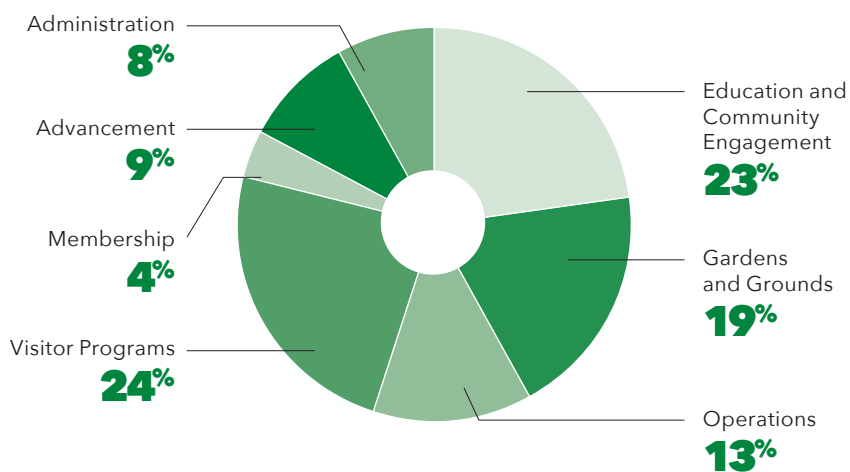
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions and Endowment	\$ 2,935,622
Membership	\$ 1,166,285
Admissions	\$ 1,514,033
Education	\$ 346,205
Garden Shop	\$ 1,098,428
Facility Rental and Concessions	\$ 612,708
Other Earned Income	\$ 373,635
TOTAL	\$8,046,916



EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$ 636,550
Advancement	\$ 745,319
Membership	\$ 306,709
Visitor Programs	\$ 1,900,975
Operations	\$ 1,056,725
Gardens and Grounds	\$ 1,558,484
Education and Community Engagement	\$ 1,842,154
TOTAL	\$8,046,916



For the third straight year, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden has achieved the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator for strong fiscal stewardship, accountability and transparency. Thank you for partnering with us to improve communities by connecting people through plants. We deeply value your trust.



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390
THOUSAND +

visitors with inspiration,
learning, solace and delight



19,749

guests with free admission through
our Share the Garden program and
Free Community days



14,088

young people with experiential,
nature-based learning



8,522

free educational opportunities
for youth and adults



5,773

total taxa/unique types of plants
grown in a learning landscape



1,162

pounds of fresh produce
donated to FeedMore to help
fight hunger in Central Virginia



3,737

hours of workforce development
training for **389** youth in our
service learning program



3,089

adult students and **422**
teachers with nature-based
education programs



82

acres of gardens, **50** of which
are intensely cultivated, under
maintenance and expansion



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Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden is deeply grateful for the donors, members, volunteers and community partners who make it possible for us to connect people through plants to improve communities.

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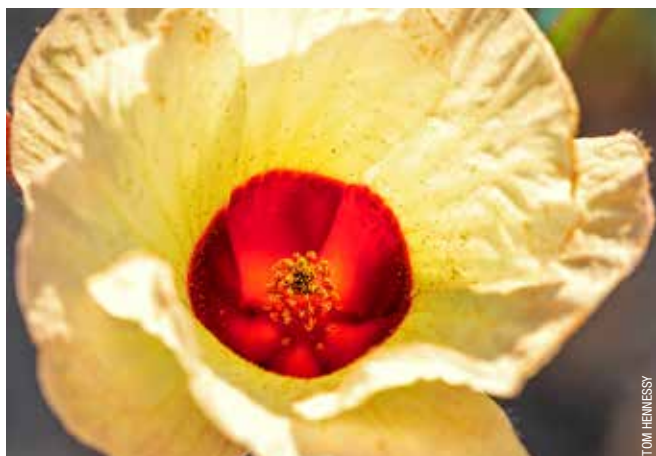
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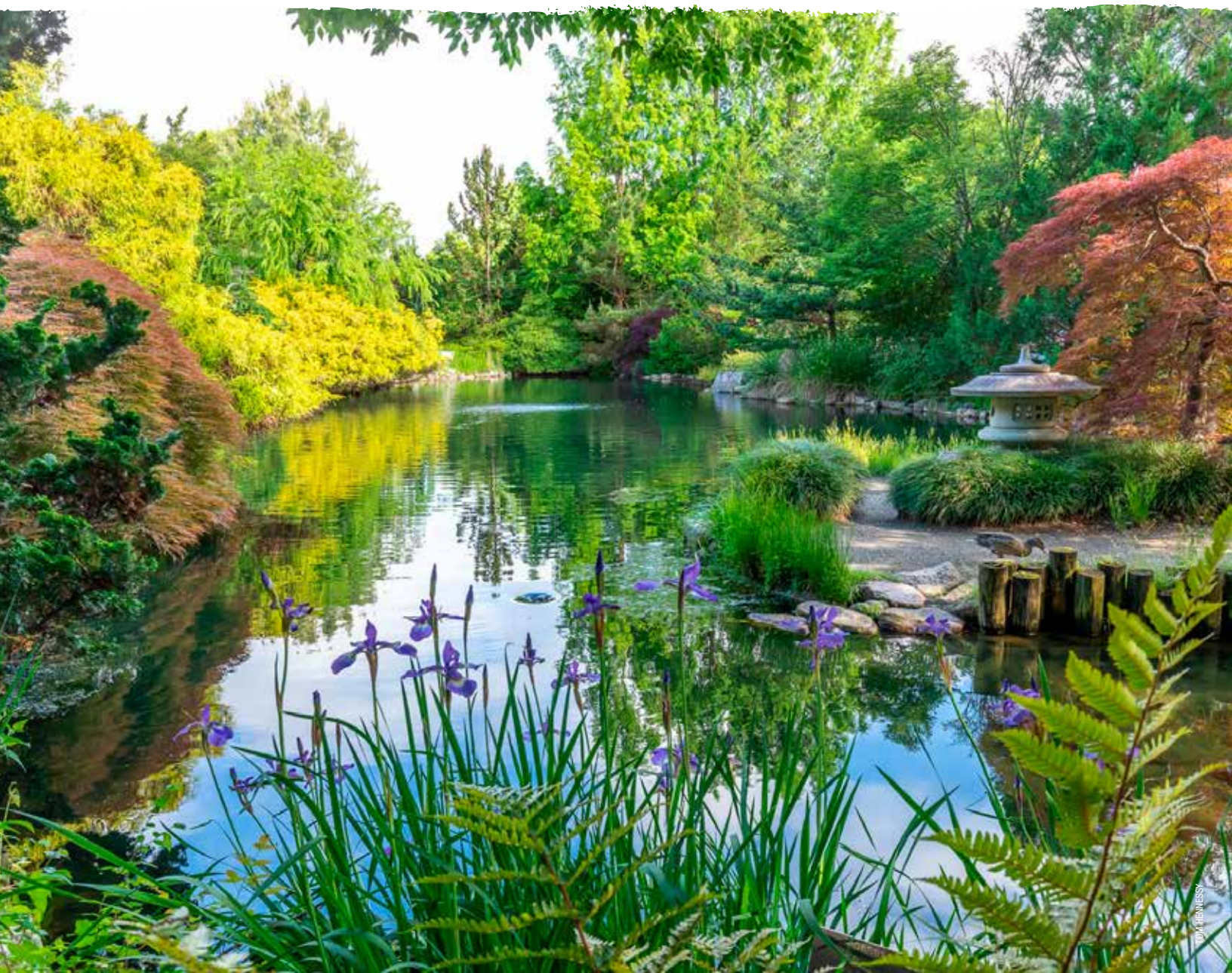
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