

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We strive to provide our guests with a "best in class" experience. To accomplish this goal, we believe in ...

Quality, Great Design and Aesthetics We strive to uphold the highest standards of quality of our facilities, operations and reputation, as measured by customer satisfaction, our performance against industry standards, and our recognition among our peer institutions.

Innovation We challenge ourselves to discover new and creative ways to fulfill our mission.

Leadership We act as leaders within the cultural, art and horticultural communities we serve.

Learning and Education We act with a commitment to promote learning through all aspects of our visitors' experience.

Enjoyment and Fun We seek to provide an enjoyable experience for every visitor of every age and ability.

A Clean and Safe Environment

Being Good Stewards of the Environment

Accessibility We strive to ensure that all visitors can access our facilities, grounds and programs.

Growth and Change We embrace growth and change as intrinsic elements of Meijer Gardens, which draws our guests to return, our members to renew, and all stakeholders to recommend us to others.

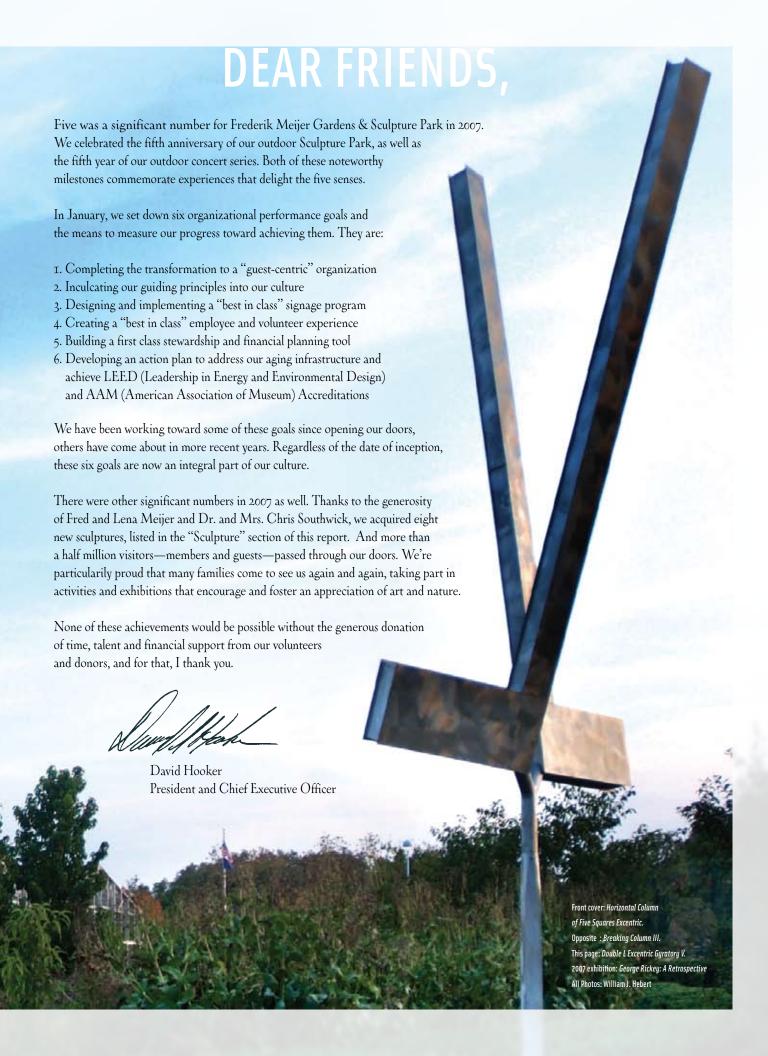
Diversity, Dignity and Respect for Value Differences We provide an environment that fosters diversity and instills professional behavior among all employees, volunteers, board members and committee members.

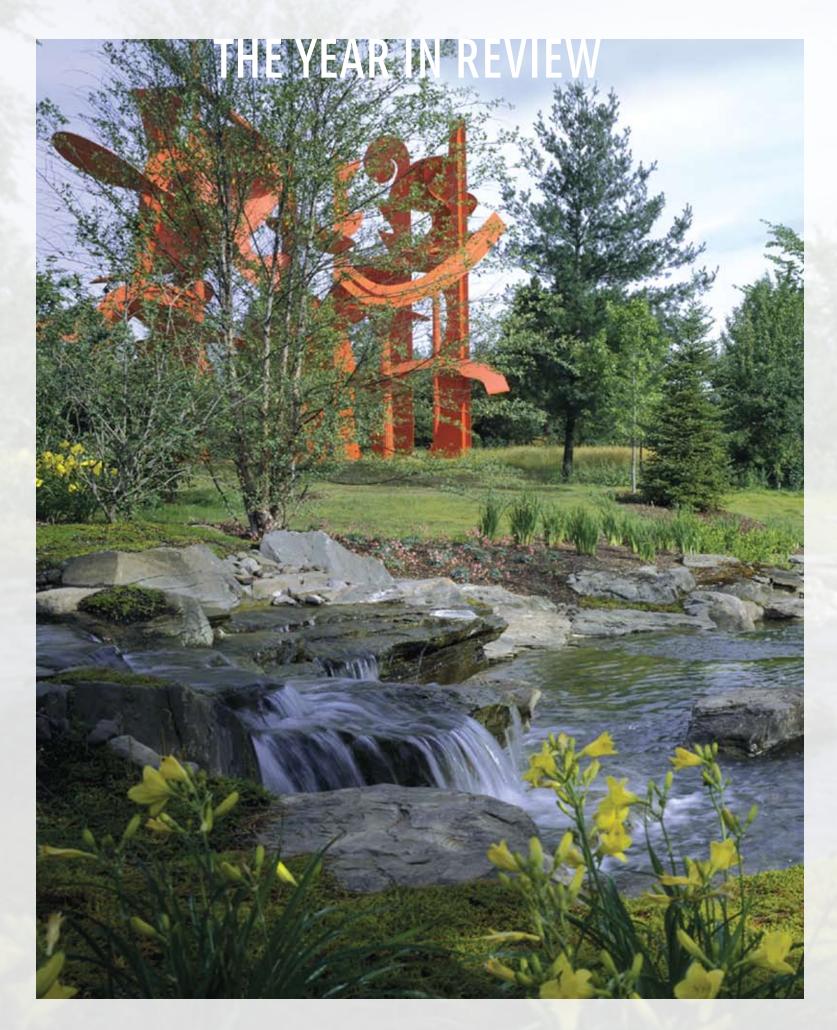
Accumulation of Knowledge With hard work and smart work we will further our mission.

Financial Stability and Sustainability We must be financially self-perpetuating to assure that Meijer Gardens can be enjoyed for all generations to come.

Stewardship We are given many gifts, and we must honor and respect our donors and their wishes, as well as be fiscally responsible.







"...there's nothing quite like Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park this side of the Kröller-Müller Museum and Sculpture Park in The Netherlands."

- The Wall Street Journal, April, 2005

Sculpture Park Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

On May 16, 2002, we dedicated our 25-acre Sculpture Park with 24 major works from the late 19th century to the present.

Five years later, the park has grown to more than 30 acres, and 16 additional major works have been installed, with more to come. The addition includes The Groves, where 70 young trees have been planted to resemble the early stages of a forest and serve as a backdrop in which to explore the duality of art and nature.

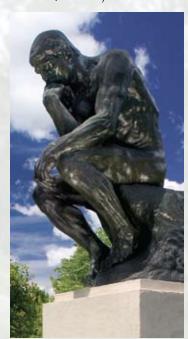
Our outdoor sculpture collection now includes pieces by early 20th century masters Arp and Zadkine, mid-century pioneers Caro and Bourgeois, and contemporary icons Borofsky and Goldsworthy. Visitors' favorites include Oldenberg's and van Bruggen's *Plantoir*, Akamu's *American Horse* and Snelson's B-Tree II.

Although the Sculpture Park contains the greatest concentration of masterworks from modern and contemporary periods, other outdoor sites, including the Amphitheater Garden and Volunteer Tribute Garden are also locations of significant works.

In addition, several prominent pieces have been installed inside, including sculptures by Rodin, Degas, Segal, Lichtenstein, Laurens, Arman and Chihuly, making Meijer Gardens the Midwest's most comprehensive collection of sculpture.

The Thinker

From June through October, the Detroit Institute of Arts made a rare and exclusive loan of Rodin's *The Thinker* to Meijer Gardens.



One of the most well-known and iconic works in the history of art, The Thinker, originally conceived as part of the sculptor's famed Gates of Hell, was re-imagined as an independent work of art, enlarged to 78 inches tall and cast in bronze. Given to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) in 1922 by Horace H. Rackham, The Thinker sat at the DIA entrance for decades, but needed to be moved to accommodate exterior work to the building.

The DIA is asked regularly to loan the famous sculpture, but never had —even rejecting a request from a New York museum. Fortunately, DIA officials felt Meijer Gardens would be a spectacular venue for *The Thinker*, not unlike the garden of the German doctor who commissioned it from Rodin.

We were thrilled that we were able to give this amazing work of art a summer vacation across from the waterfall in the Sculpture Park.

Kid's Tram

I Spy, a new Kid's Tram tour of the Sculpture Park was initiated as part of the anniversary celebration. Designed for children ages eight and younger and their families, the tram tour includes interactive activities along the route, and young passengers receive a mystery bag filled with sculpture-related activities. Enthusiastically received, the Kid's Tram program will be expanded in the future.

Summer Concert Series

Meijer Gardens offers the most eclectic outdoor concert series in Michigan, and our fifth annual season was no exception, as nearly 14,000 music lovers purchased tickets. Sell-out performances



included legendary Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, jazz masters Chick Corea and Bela Fleck, blues great Robert Cray, and contemporary folk group Nickel Creek. This series ensured memorable musical evenings for all tastes.

Membership

Meijer Gardens continues to have the largest membership base of any arts and cultural institution in West Michigan. As of September 30, 2007, our membership numbered 17,256—down slightly from the previous year, but still a remarkable achievement in these challenging economic times.

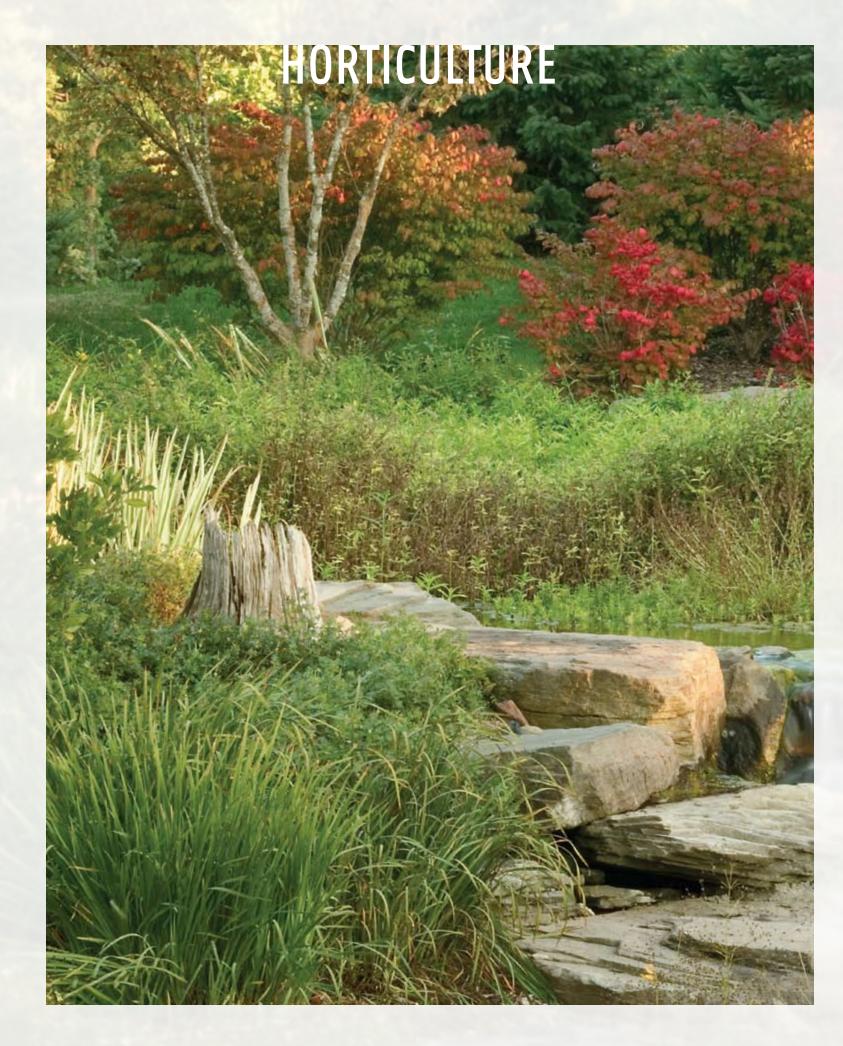


Opposite: Scenic vista of lower waterfall with Alexander Liberman's *Aria*. Photo: William J. Hebert

Above, left: Auguste Rodin's *The Thinker*, on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Photo: William J. Hebert

Above, middle: Lyle Lovett in concert.
Photo: William I. Hehert

Above, right: Clearwing butterfly. Photo: Thurston De Vos



As a part of our Guiding Principles, we embrace growth and change as intrinsic elements of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

And nowhere is this more apparent than in our gardens.



The Amazing Chocolate Tree May 25 – Sept 3

This year saw the launch of one of the largest horticulture exhibitions in Meijer Gardens history, *The Amazing Chocolate Tree*, jointly developed among six of the country's major botanical gardens.

Guests took a tasty trip through five larger-than-life displays from the roots of the cacao tree all the way to a chocolate candy factory. The interactive journey included a 20-foot dynamic flower dome where visitors experienced the sights and sounds of a tropical rainforest and witnessed a giant cacao flower unfolding in the first step on the road to chocolate: fertilization.

The exhibition ended at a life-size chocolate factory in the Children's Garden, where everyone took part in chocolate-making, from roasting, winnowing, grinding and mixing, to molding, wrapping and tasting!

As a part of the exhibition, five young cacao trees were permanently installed in the conservatory and are thriving.

How Our Gardens Grow

We continue to develop the areas leading to and surrounding the American Horse. Of particular note is the new Stream Garden, completed in the fall of 2006. Located between the Lena Meijer Children's Garden and the American Horse, the Stream Garden includes a new plaza, stream and waterfalls, unique ornamental tree species, and several sculptures including Fred and Lena Meijer by A. Joseph Kinkel.



Guests who attended the popular Summer Concert Series shared the music with two new additions to the Amphitheater Garden. Elephant and Colossus were both strategically placed to fit in with the surrounding landscape.

The landscape surrounding Earth, Wind Tire, one of Meijer Gardens' original sculptures, was redesigned and replanted at its designated "island" in the Urban Garden. The new look includes inviting lawns and winding beds of durable ornamentals that include grasses that skyrocket in height to nine feet in less than 30 days. Golden sumac completes the scene in the circular setting, arranged to provide panoramic views.

Tribute Garden Honors Volunteers

We celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Volunteer Tribute Garden, installed to honor the hundreds of volunteers who have given hundreds of thousands of hours to Meijer Gardens. The Volunteer Tribute Garden also played a part in the annual Christmas and Holiday Traditions Around The World exhibition by hosting our 27-foot-tall Holiday Traditions live Christmas Tree, which is lit with more than 5,200 lights that can be seen from most points of Meijer Gardens.

Children's Garden Topiaries Get New BUDDS

The Children's Garden was bursting with volunteer BUDDS, a unique group of Botanically Ultimate Dudes and Dudettes specially trained by Ian Warnock. BUDDS create and maintain the whimsical topiaries that inhabit this very special space. Designed in conjunction with programs and exhibitions, these living sculptures included Swiss Miss and Cow; Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat; Bee and Hive; and Willy Wonka's Chocolate Garden with the Oompa-Loompa Ship.



ColorFall, our annual celebration

of the colors of autumn continues

displays include one of the largest

display of chrysanthemums in

to delight all the senses. Events and

Michigan, Heirloom Tomato Tasting

Weekend, when more than 1,500

guests sampled 28 different types

of heirloom tomato varieties, and

the always-popular Giant Pumpkin Competition, which brought four

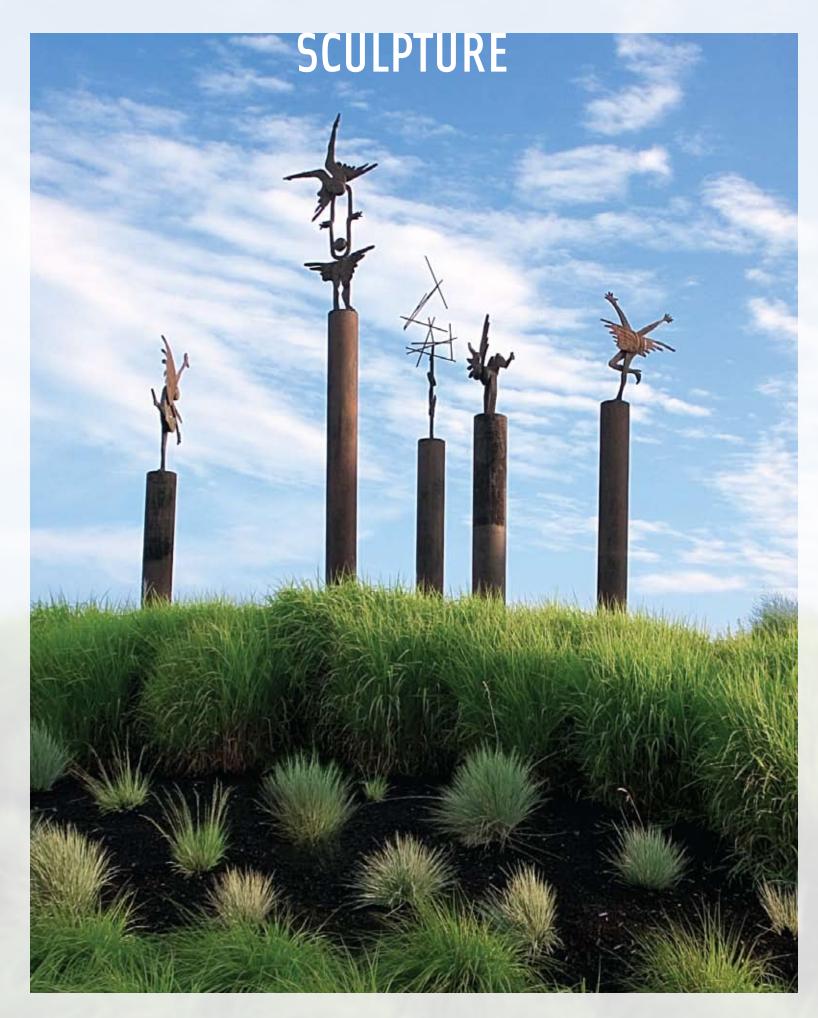
contenders for the title. The winner

weighed in at more than 900 pounds!

ColorFall

Opposite: Autumn meadow.

This page: Cacao tree with fruit, Joseph Kinkel's Fred and Lena Meijer (detail), the holidays inspire a young guest, giant pumpkin at Michigan's Farm Garden. All photos: William J. Hebert



An American sculptor working in natural materials; a German-born, Canadian-trained sculptor creating elemental forms; a British sculptor who works in wire and bronze; and a retrospective of the work on one of the most inventive sculptors of the 20th century.

Patrick Dougherty: Branching Out

January 26 – May 13

American sculptor Patrick Dougherty combines carpentry with his love for nature to construct large-scale, yet temporary sculptures composed of sticks, twigs and branches. These pieces take the shape of massive nests, cocoons, hives, and lairs built by animals, as well as huts, haystacks and baskets.



Dougherty crafted his pieces in full public view while in residence at Meijer Gardens. He built a large architectonic sculpture in the 2,500-square-foot Balk Gallery as guests monitored its progress on closed circuit television.

Upon completion of the work, a time-lapse video of Dougherty working from start-to-finish played. As with Dougherty's other interior pieces, this unique masterwork was completely dismantled when the exhibition closed.

Opposite: Joseph Kinnebrew's Visitation: Yes, A Slight Lapse of Purpose, Gifts, Hand Stands, The Majorette. Photo: William J. Hebert

This page: Patrick Dougherty's *Stir Crazy* (detail), Sophie Ryder's *Introspective*, George Rickey's *Unstable Cube VI*, Bernar Venet's *Two Indeterminate Lines*. Photos: Chuck Heiney

Vanessa Paschakarnis January 26 – May 13

The simplicity of sculptor Vanessa Paschakarnis' forms suggests impersonal objects of contemporary life that seem simultaneously old and new.

Born and trained in Germany and based in Canada, Paschakamis has received critical acclaim for her bold abstract imagery and sensitive treatment of materials. Works such as *The Cape Breton Shield* and *The Black Shield* symbolically refer to protective devices, physically reflecting humanity, rather than machinery.

Sophie Ryder

June 8 – September 3

British sculptor Sophie Ryder's sculptures in wire and bronze have captured widespread critical acclaim.



In her largest exhibition to date and her first exhibition in the United States, Meijer Gardens presented important examples of the artist's work in a variety of media and in varying scale, including sculptures in bronze and wire, as well as her recently completed wire drawings.

Central to the exhibition was the recently completed masterwork, *Introspective*, a large bronze sculpture composed of four, life-size figures with hare heads in various poses typifying the hybrid animal imagery for which Ryder is most well known.

George Rickey: A Retrospective September 28 – December 31

American kinetic artist George Rickey, [1907-2002] combined his love of engineering and mechanics; sculptor David Smith's solid, yet graceful cubic forms; and the mobiles of Alexander Calder to introduce the notion of kinetic sculpture to America in the mid-20th century.



Meijer Gardens was chosen as the only Midwest venue for this exhibition—the first of its kind following Rickey's death. It surveyed six decades of the artist's work and included approximately 30 interior and 20 exterior works on loan from the Dallas Museum of Art, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, McNay Museum of Art, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Phillips Academy, Snite Museum of Art - University of Notre Dame. the George Rickey Foundation and the George Rickey Estate, and numerous private collections from across the United States.

Sculpture Acquisitions

In 2007, Meijer Gardens acquired eight significant sculptures for the permanent collection, all gifts from Fred and Lena Meijer (unless otherwise noted).

Tony Cragg (British, b. 1949), Bent of Mind, 2005, bronze; installed at the entrance walkway

Germaine Richier (French, 1902–1959), The Grain (Le Grain), 1966, bronze; installed in the Gallery section of the Sculpture Park

Joan Miro (Spanish, 1893–1983), Woman with Birds (Femme et Oiseau), 1967, painted bronze; installed in the Gallery section of the Sculpture Park

Randolph Rogers (American, 1825–1892), Indian Fisher Girl and Indian Fisher Boy, n.d., carved marble; to be installed in the Victorian Conservatory. Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Chris Southwick, Grand Rapids



Bernar Venet (French, b. 1941), Two Indeterminate Lines, 2003, rolled steel; installed in the Sculpture Park

Magdalena Abakanowicz (Polish, b. 1930), Figure on a Trunk, 1988, bronze; re-installed in the Sculpture Park

Michele Oka Doner (American, b. 1945), *Colossus*, 2003, bronze; re-installed near the Amphitheater Garden

Barry Flanagan (Welsh, b. 1941), Elephant, 1986, bronze; installed in the Sculpture Park, re-installed near the Amphitheater Garden

EDUCATION

Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.

– Frank Lloyd Wright

Classes and Camps

More than 130 classes were offered covering a wide range of topics. Favorites included watercolor, drawing, pastels, torn-paper collage, hypertufa, container gardening and hydrangeas. New this year was a mini-series on digital photography, which was very well received. Several participants came with their new digital cameras still in the box!



More than thirty summer camps for ages four to twelve brought in \$30,000 in revenue. A variety of themes, such as Little Diggers and Silly Sculpture kept kids focused,

curious and captivated. Art and Artists for the older kids included lessons by different Grand Rapids artists each day. Cooking Camps focused on making breads from around the world—Italian herb bread, Mexican tortillas, English scones and African flatbread.

School Programs

More than 40,000 kids in school groups visited, the majority coming during the busy spring months. To supplement visits during the butterfly exhibition, an adopt-a-butterfly observation worksheet was developed and posted on our Web site so that teachers could distribute it before students visited. Response to the worksheet was overwhelmingly

Throughout the year, docents gave a variety of fun, interactive tours to elementary and secondary students, including the new Wild about Wetlands.

Fitness Fun in the Sculpture Park was unveiled in the fall. All Grand Rapids Public Schools sixth graders participated in the program and stretched, lunged, squatted, jumped, lifted and danced their way to fitness





Children's Garden and Farm Garden

The Amazing Chocolate Tree drew thousands of visitors to the Children's Garden where guests explored the chocolate factory and the giant Candy Sense boardgame. Throughout the year story-time presentations, discovery cart activities and daily challenges such as bird egg hunts, Petoskey stone polishing and the Monarch Migration game integrated play and learning experiences.

Garden brought the 1930s rural environment to life with a new theme antique farm machinery, honey bees, baby goats and heirloom tomatoes.

A Learning Experience

In keeping with our guiding principles of promoting learning through all aspects of our visitors' experience, II plant shows were presented throughout the year, with displays, awards, vendors, tours, demonstrations and workshops—something for everyone.

Sculpture exhibitions were augmented with lectures, gallery talks, discovery carts and looking guides. The Wege Environmental Lecture Series presented Rainforest Discoveries: When Caterpillars Call by Phillip DeVries, tropical field biologist and professor at the University of New Orleans. The Yost Garden Lecture presented Creating the Landscape of Home featuring award-winning landscape designer and author Julie Moir Messervy, and the Second Annual Charles Schoenknecht & Ward Paul Art and Sculpture Lecture Series featured sculptor Mark di Suvero.



WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.

D.B.A FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK

Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	2007	2006
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 1,102,138	\$ 430,967
Accounts receivable	778,256	725,956
Pledge receivable	300,000	300,000
Inventory	176,319	214,513
Prepaid expenses	414,719	89,828
Total current assets	\$ 2,771,432	\$ 1,761,264
Replacement reserve	\$ 870,220	\$ 500,866
Cash restricted for investment in property and equipme		169,540
Accounts receivable; restricted for investment in property and equipment	192,428	187,899
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restricted for investment in property and equipment	2,795,931	2,246,402
Prepaid deposits Beneficial interest in net assets of		326,408
Frederik Meijer Gardens Foundation (FMGF)	36,642,663	31,315,133
Beneficial interest in net assets of Frederik Meijer Charitable Trust (FMCT)	31,081,109	27,439,324
Collections	27,617,706	25,082,530
Property and equipment, net	41,517,739	42,590,711
Total assets	\$143,658,567	\$131,620,077
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 639,244	\$ 676,077
Note payable, related party	-	175,000
Deferred revenue	908,976	702,225
Accrued expenses and withholding	338,861	264,035
Total current liabilities	\$ 1,887,081	\$ 1,817,337
Notes payable, related party	150,000	150,000
Net assets		
Unrestricted	74,506,532	68,252,220
Temporarily restricted	35,193,549	31,278,602
Permanently restricted	31,921,405	30,121,918
Total net assets	\$141,621,486	\$129,652,740
Total liabilities and net assets	\$143,658,567	\$131,620,077

Opposite, background: View of Lena Meijer Children's Garden. Photo: William J. Hebert

Opposite, inset images: Young minds are inspired by nature and Meijer Gardens staff and volunteers. Photos: Carolyn Thompson

Statement of Activities

September 30, 2007 and 2006

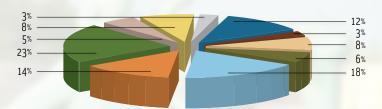
REVENUES and other support	2007	2006
Contributions	\$7,569,533	\$ 9,079,288
■ Visitor services	1,486,185	1,534,813
Memberships	1,676,214	1,349,011
Retail	1,032,139	968,901
Events	766,323	769,747
Educational programs	134,175	112,306
Hospitality services	2,507,299	2,399,031
Change in beneficial interest in net assets of FMGF	5,327,530	2,438,356
Change in beneficial interest in net assets of the FMCT	3,641,785	2,558,254
Miscellaneous	112,392	83,669
	\$24,253,575	\$21,293,376



FYDENCES

Change in net assets	\$ 11,968,746	\$ 8,424,61
	\$ 12,284,829	\$ 12,868,75
Fund development	380,765	387,96
Management and general	981,739	1,135,5
Supporting Services		
Communications	661,236	1,358,08
■ Horticulture	2,766,037	2,576,10
Collections and exhibitions	1,699,764	1,550,51
Hospitality	2,213,840	2,081,93
Education	764,556	783,52
Retail	938,091	931,26
Memberships	359,123	428,09
■ Visitor services	\$ 1,519,678	\$ 1,635,71
Program Services		
EXPENSES		

Change in net assets	\$ 11,968,746	\$ 8,424,618
Net assets at beginning of year	\$129,652,740	\$121,228,122
Net assets at end of year	\$141,621,486	\$129,652,740



A copy of the 2007 audited financial statements is available upon request

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