



2022-2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



BOTANICA
WICHITA



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CURRENT SIZE OF BOTANICA

20 ACRES



279,488
VISITORS

26,323
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE HOURS



VISITORS



29 COUNTRIES



48 STATES



7,049 HOUSEHOLD
870 PREMIER
MEMBERSHIPS

350
ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS



LIVING COLLECTIONS
OVER 4,000 SPECIES



\$3.8 MILLION
ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

8,379
YOUTH
EDUCATION
PARTICIPANTS



EDUCATION
664 ADULTS REACHED





WASHED ASHORE

ART TO SAVE THE SEA

14 GIANT SCULPTURES MADE ENTIRELY OF MARINE DEBRIS

MAY 14TH - OCTOBER 23RD, 2022

Botanica hosted Washed Ashore, a traveling exhibit featuring giant sea life sculptures. Made entirely of marine debris collected from beaches to graphically illustrate the tragedy of plastic pollution in our ocean and waterways, the exhibit was included with general admission.

PRESENTING SPONSOR



FAMILY & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION

- Washed Ashore Watercolors
- Nature Backpacks
- Exploration Kits

ACTIVITIES

- Community Bottle Cap Mural
- Conservation Craft Barn
- Sculpture Hunt

EXPERIENCES

- Botanica Beach
- Bug Bungalow
- Recycling Center
- Alexander Bee House

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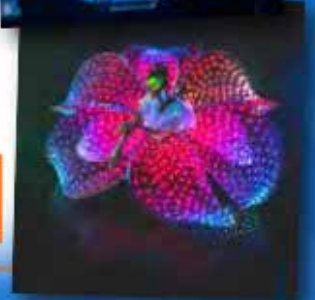
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EXCITING EVENTS ON THE GRAND LAWN!



MAY 13TH



AUGUST 20TH



AUGUST 27TH



SEPTEMBER 30TH



OCTOBER 6TH



OUR SIGNATURE COMMUNITY EVENTS



On June 17th, over 800 guests mixed and mingled enjoying a gourmet dinner and cocktail event.

SAVE THE DATE - Sept. 22, 2023!



In early October close to 12,000 guests attended our 4 night fall family event, Jack O'Lantern Spectacular with over 2,000 carved pumpkins, performances and food trucks.

SAVE THE DATE - Oct. 5, 6, 7, 13 & 14, 2023!



Our 40 night holiday light extravaganza saw over 100,000 guests enjoy our traditional displays including 4 musical light shows with a brand new 62 foot digital holiday tree... the tallest branched digital tree in our region.

SAVE THE DATE - Nov. 24 - Dec. 30, 2023!



DINOSAURS AROUND THE WORLD THE GREAT OUTDOORS

DON'T MISS OUT! MAY 20 - SEPT. 17, 2023!

Botanica is roaring with pride to present Dinosaurs Around the World! Our gardens will transform into a prehistoric jungle world with 10 animatronic dinosaurs, several over 27 feet long. These dinosaurs will delight Botanica's guests and will be available for FREE with general admission or membership for all to see.



VISIT BOTANICA.ORG FOR DETAILS!



GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

Botanica's vibrant grounds feature 30 themed gardens containing more than 4,000 plant species, with new plants added every year. The gardens provide a place of serenity within the urban landscape and serve as inspiration to gardeners.

During the 2022 growing season, garden staff and volunteers installed and maintained:

- 125,000 daffodils

- 25,000 summer annuals

- 10,000 pansies

- 5,500 chrysanthemums

- 70,000 tulips

GARDEN-BASED ENTERTAINMENT

Botanica is one of the top three destinations in Kansas. We are proud of our community events, signature parties, and cultural and educational programs. Botanica now offers seven types of guided tours, both walking and on golf carts. Field trips are at an all-time high with school kids coming throughout spring and fall, as well as latchkey and summer program children. As the weather warms up, there is koi fish feeding, trains running to the delight of young and old, and hundreds of butterflies in flight in the Butterfly House from June to September. The Downing Children's Garden has many attractions, including the spider pod swings, viewfinder binoculars in the Tree House, a water table play area, Granny's Play House on the farm, the water painting grotto in the Salamander Spring & Stream, Fairy House Land and the climbable 25-foot Monster Tree Head. Plus all guests can enjoy daily educational and art activities in the Foshee Party Barn. A new Sand Hill Retreat with Nature Apothecary will be installed to make mud pies and garden potions. The Koch Carousel Gardens never disappoints – visitors can ride on the Khicha Family Carousel, slide down the Troll Hill, play checkers, ping pong and many other games in the DeVore Family Garden, and frolic on the soft turf of the Brown Family Grand Lawn. In addition to daily attractions, Botanica special events continue to bring in thousands of new visitors. We have Tulip Fest in the spring, Earth Day Week, Pollinator Week, Dinosaurs Around the World (our 2023 traveling exhibit), Movie Nights on the Grand Lawn, Twilight Tunes on the Terrace, the 25th Butterfly House Anniversary celebration, and Wet n' Wild Wednesdays during the summer. Botanica will also have signature events – Symphony in the Gardens on May 19 with over 1,500 guests enjoying food, drink and small orchestra groups playing throughout the gardens. The evening culminates with the Wichita Symphony concert finale and fireworks show. Vine will be on September 22 this year, with some new surprises to be announced later this summer. Save the date for this event, as only 500 tickets are available and it sells out every year. Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular will be adding more nights in October. We are also rebranding Blooms, Brews & Bloody Marys into a totally new fall event – Haunted Hops. It will still feature great local food, local breweries and signature cocktails for "adults only". Illuminations, enjoyed by over 100,000 visitors in 2022, will continue to be one of the most popular holiday season events, with new additional displays and the 62-foot digital holiday tree show.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Botanica collaborates and provides services to several nonprofits that impact our community. These include partnerships and special outreach programs with children from Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, TOPS, Rainbows United, KETCH, Title 1 schools, AmeriCorps, Communities in Schools, Fundamental Learning Center, Wichita Children's Home, Youth Horizons, Blue Star Museum for Veterans, Museums on Us, Wichita's Littlest Heroes and Arts Partners. This year we did additional collaborations with collecting hygiene products for Giving the Basics, participated in canned goods collection for Salvation Army and donated over \$20,000 worth of auction items to over 30 schools, churches and organizations such as League 42, Wichita Crime Commission, American Heart Association, Leukemia Lymphoma Society and so many more.

Over 8,000 people have been served through these partnerships.

BLOSSOMING INTO THE FUTURE

New lighting, trees and landscape are being installed in our new River Edge parking lot. New lighting is also being installed in Downing Children's Garden as a gift from the Downing Family from the 10 year anniversary. The final games are also being installed in the DeVore Family Game Garden located in the Koch Carousel Gardens. The next plans will be to work on the new entrance, year-round indoor butterfly conservatory, an art and plant studio, and redoing the concourse, pavilion and Terrace Room in the main building.

HELP US CONTINUE TO GROW

Botanica is a partnership between the City of Wichita and Botanica, Inc., a non-profit organization. However, about 80 percent of Botanica's annual budget comes from private sources. Our achievements and growth are only possible because of the dedication and generosity of our members and friends. Your gifts allow us to fortify our roots, extend our reach and enable more people to understand the vital connections between people and nature. Please help us by being a sponsor for one of our events, making an annual gift or by contributing a specified gift to one of our projects. For more information, contact Jamee Ross, Director of Development, at 316.264.0448 ext. 105 or jross@botanica.org

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