2016 AT BARTRAM’S GARDEN

10,430
student visits

12,000 pounds
of organic produce grown

1,955
trees and shrubs planted

“Coming to Bartram’s Garden is a therapeutic experience for me. I’ve started to take the art classes—and not in a million years did I think I could do it. My painting isn’t perfect, but I did it, step by step.”
—Naseem Bakh, member and workshop participant

“For me it was super dope to be from Southwest and help put on a great show! Southwest made me who I am today!”
—Dez the Designer, John Bartram Jawn performer

4,749
community event attendees

5,000
boaters

43
boats in fleet

4,749
community event attendees

554
workshop participants

43
boats in fleet

“The boathouse has allowed me to exercise, experience nature, and connect with my community all at the same time. It’s amazing to me how many people I meet at the boathouse who have lived very near the river all their lives, but they’ve never been on it before.”
—Stacey Butterfield, boathouse volunteer

1,018
members

6
baby turkeys

377
research queries

17,496
Facebook followers

44
rental events
Dear friends of Bartram’s Garden,

Never before has Bartram’s Garden reached so far beyond our 45 acres—we are honored to share these updates with you as we reflect on the successes of 2016 and look ahead to continued growth in 2017.

As a premier river garden, Bartram’s Garden sustains the Bartram family legacy and welcomes all our neighbors to find inspiration, discovery, and community in nature. Many achievements of the year followed seasonal patterns: organic produce harvested, heirloom roses bloomed, wooden rowboats built. We take great joy in thinking about the generations of people who have followed these patterns to seek beauty and sustenance along our river front, and we are delighted to count ourselves—and you!—among them.

But 2016 also boasted many significant milestones: the grand opening of our $2.7 million house and garden restoration, vibrant new partnerships with beloved local and national institutions, and thoughtful investment in the systems and stewards that keep Bartram’s Garden thriving. This year, we partnered with Board members, partners, staff, volunteers, and visitors to envision how our legacy and mission will shape a new strategic plan and a new master siteplan. This work follows a long tradition of planning, collaboration, and growth at Bartram’s Garden, and it promises to be just as impactful in shaping the seasons ahead: we can almost imagine how John Bartram felt when he shipped his first international plant order or what Ann Bartram Carr considered as she prepared to open the Garden to the public for the first time.

We look forward to sharing this new vision in the following pages and in the year to come. Thank you for your support of Bartram’s Garden and your commitment to keeping our garden growing.

Sincerely,

Maitreyi Roy
Executive Director

Elizabeth Bressi-Stoppe
Board President
Stewarding Bartram’s Garden as a welcoming green space for diverse audiences is at the heart of our new strategic plan and master siteplan. We are committed to ensuring that our local Southwest Philadelphia neighbors can always access the Garden as their backyard, even as we welcome more visitors than ever before.

The achievements of 2016 reflect great strides towards these broader priorities. Institutional support from organizations like the William Penn Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation allows us to leverage our resources and build long-term networks within our community. Major investments in infrastructure, horticulture, and administration deepen our capacity to further our mission and serve our visitors, including more than 10,000 kids and families each year. And Philadelphia Magazine named us the city’s “Best Free Fun”—we can’t think of a better honor as we invite the region into our 45 acres.

Through all this growth, individual moments of discovery, inspiration, and connection at Bartram’s Garden keep the Bartram legacy thriving for the 21st century.

Clockwise from top: The west facade of the restored 1731 John Bartram House, seen from the new Ann Bartram Carr Garden. A seasonal dinner at the Farm supports the Philadelphia Orchard Project. Celebrating the installation of new garden boxes at homes on Wheeler Street in Southwest Philadelphia (photo by Kat Kendon for Mural Arts Philadelphia). A new community gardening program supplied block residents with gardening supplies and workshops. Amid the late-summer splendor, visitors enjoy garden-inspired cocktails from Art in the Age and ice cream from Little Baby’s during the Buzzed Ice Cream Social at Honey Fest.
As a premier river garden and the city’s gateway to the Schuylkill River, Bartram’s Garden is reimagining the riverfront as a lively public space. The popular Schuylkill River Trail, which centers the Schuylkill as the city’s backbone, now extends into Southwest Philadelphia with the new Bartram’s Mile trail, constructed in 2016. The new trail, opening in April 2017, will usher recreationalists through Bartram’s Garden, looping from the community boathouse to the Welcome Center to a new riverfront plaza at 56th Street. With the construction of a swing bridge in 2018, the Bartram’s Mile trail will be fully connected to the larger Schuylkill River Trail network, allowing visitors to access the entire city park system through Bartram’s Garden.

New visitors to the Garden will discover thriving recreational programming and community events. The community boathouse completed its first full year of programming in 2016, guiding more than 3,000 visitors onto the Lower Schuylkill for free boating, fishing, and river tours. Day-long festivals featured outdoor play alongside local art, music, and food, including established traditions like River Fest and Harvest Fest as well as new art exchanges, a Philly Beer Week boating evening, and a live music showcase.
With the Bartram spirit now reaching beyond our borders, 2016 also marked significant transformation within the historic quarters of the Garden. On July 14, we celebrated the formal ribbon-cutting of the new Ann Bartram Carr Garden and restored 1731 John Bartram House. The festivities included remarks from city and state officials, live music, a butterfly release, and even ice cream, in a nod to Ann Bartram Carr’s 19th-century ice cream socials.

The new garden provides a stately entry to the historic core of Bartram’s Garden and offers a broader lens on Bartram family history. A week of associated events, including a special tour on the women of Bartram’s Garden, continued the occasion through September.

Even as work on the Ann Bartram Carr Garden and the 1731 John Bartram House concluded, investments in our historic landscape continued through the fall. The historic buildings now have geothermal heating and cooling, and with support from the City of Philadelphia, the historic coach house and seed house received new cedar-shake roofs. We also began plans for major river restoration and wetlands maintenance.

Clockwise from top: The 1731 John Bartram House flanked by the fall splendor of the yellowwood tree, which dates to the early 1800s. A view of the Ann Bartram Carr Garden from the new portico. New cedar-shake shingles on the historic seedhouse. State Senator Anthony H. Williams (second from right) speaks at the ribbon-cutting about the importance of Bartram’s Garden as “a place of peace.”
For centuries, Bartram’s Garden has been a place for learning and exchange in nature. That legacy lives on today with year-round intergenerational education programs serving more than 10,000 local children and families in 2016. A focus on youth-directed and youth-centered programming positioned learners of all ages to think about the long-term needs of our urban ecosystem and its inhabitants.

Such questions can also spur healthier communities. The Farm at Bartram’s Garden, powered by a team of paid youth interns from the nearby John Bartram High School, grew and distributed more than 12,000 pounds of organic produce in 2016, but its most important harvest was reckoned in relationships. The student interns learned all aspects of organic urban farming while also focusing on community organizing, traditional foodways, healthy habits, and building resilient networks.

Year-round all-ages workshops were also grounded in the value of lifelong learning, with hands-on topics ranging from herbal medicine to plants of the African diaspora, making preserves to plein air painting.
This year saw two major creative endeavors with Mural Arts, the country’s foremost organization for public art.

Thanks to ArtPlace America, Mural Arts launched Southwest Roots at Bartram’s Garden, a joint effort in creative placemaking. Led by curator Sarah Schultz, Southwest Roots made the Garden a home for everything from a micro-grant program to the first-annual John Bartram Jawn music festival.

With support from the William Penn Foundation, Mural Arts also awarded the inaugural commission for Art@Bartram’s, which will celebrate the new Bartram’s Mile trail with site-specific art and community engagement. The two initiatives complement one another, as visitors and neighbors alike are asked to contemplate not only how creativity impacts their city but how they might contribute to it.

With support from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and led by the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Bartram’s Garden took part in “Reimagining the Civic Commons” to deepen our connection with other place-based sites that are revitalizing community spaces. Sustaining these networks on a city-wide scale is especially timely as we prepare for the Bartram’s Mile trail to offer unprecedented access between Southwest Philadelphia and the city’s other green spaces and cultural icons.

The Knight Foundation also encouraged us to challenge barriers—whether physical, geographic, or cultural—that might prevent neighbors from spending time in the Garden. Thanks to feedback from neighborhood stakeholders and participants in “Reimagining the Civic Commons,” we explored new ways to connect our Southwest Philadelphia community with the new Bartram’s Mile trail and the riverfront. And at Harvest Fest, we welcomed a pilot version of The Links at Bartram’s Garden, a nature-themed nine-hole miniature golf course that has been named a finalist in the Knight Cities Challenge.

From top: Collections exchanged between neighbors in Southwest Philadelphia and Mount Airy as part of the Reimagining the Civic Commons project. The new Bartram’s Mile trail will offer pedestrian and bike access from the Garden to the Schuylkill River Trail, with plenty of room for wheelies. A prototype for The Links at Bartram’s Garden, complete with a presiding alligator inspired by William Bartram drawings.
The following people and institutions generously sustained our mission this year:

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# BALANCE SHEET

## REVENUE & SUPPORT

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*Year ended June 30, 2016.*
The mission of the John Bartram Association is to protect and enhance the landmark Bartram’s Garden and House; advance the Bartram legacy of discovery, gardening, and art; and inspire audiences of all ages to care for the natural world.

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