

Fulfilling Our Mission

Dear friends,

With snow whirling by the window, I see the jars of garden tomatoes on our kitchen shelf and remember warm August days when they were ripe and slipped off the vine with the slightest nudge.

Of course, I also recall the challenges of weeding, black flies and broiling sun. Perhaps anyone who's gardened may sometimes ask, "what good is a garden?"

Here is a list with a few memories that will bring me back to the garden again next year: goldfinches at the top of the bean teepee; our baby boy Silas sitting in the clover; carrots straight out of the ground; people from five different countries gardening nearby; the welcome dripping of rain...and on and on. What's on your list?

As you look over the annual report of the Friends of Burlington Area Community Gardens, I hope you will agree that our nonprofit organization has accomplished much in its first year. I am deeply grateful for the support of all our donors and friends, and I salute the efforts of our staff and volunteers.

Now imagine how much more we can do, with your help, in 2003.

Joshua Brown
Board President, Friends of BACG



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Organizational Development

- FBACG co-sponsored BACG's 30th Anniversary Celebration, held April 6 at Burlington High School with 150 people attending.
- Effective partnerships were established with city departments, social service agencies, and area nonprofit organizations.
- Burlington's Plant a Row for the Hungry Program launched in July co-sponsored by FBACG and Burlington Parks & Recreation.
- FBACG's first newsletter, *Growing Places*, was circulated to 600 community gardeners and supporters.
- FBACG staff expanded to include a full-time Executive Director, a full-time Americorps VISTA member, a part-time Youth Garden Programs Director, and a Summer Intern.
- A new FBACG web site, www.BurlingtonGardens.org launched this fall to promote the community gardening program.
- Through Parks and Recreation, FBACG opened a satellite office at Leddy Park for community garden outreach efforts.
- A new 13-member BACG Advisory Board was elected November 18 at the first BACG Annual Meeting held since 1993.
- FBACG's Board of Directors grew from four to six members.
- FBACG led a successful campaign to secure funding for a half-time BACG Coordinator position under Parks and Recreation.

Major Goals Achieved

Garden Creation

- The Lakeview Community Garden provided garden plots and produce for neighbors and residents of the Lakeview Community Care Home.
- Beds for a new teaching garden were laid out in October at the Ethan Allen Homestead Community Garden.
- Soil restoration work will allow 24 fallow garden plots to return to active service for the 2003 season.
- Through a grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, 20 potential community garden sites in and around Burlington were re-searched and photographed.

Garden Enhancements

- With grant funding, all ten BACG gardens received Intervale compost or topsoil this year—297 cubic yards.
- Water systems were installed at Rock Point and Ethan Allen Homestead.
- A \$3,000 Ronald McDonald House Charities grant secured by FBACG funded programs and workshops at the Children's Discovery Garden.
- Through donations, volunteers, and grant support, a fence raising and community picnic was held September 7 at the Champlain Garden.

Garden Preservation

- In March, the Burlington City Council passed a unanimous resolution to support the long term maintenance and expansion of Burlington Area Community Gardens.
- FBACG staff, board members, and volunteers actively participated in Neighborhood Planning Assemblies and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings throughout the year.
- *30 Years and Still Growing: The Story of Burlington Area Community Gardens* was published in November.

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Major Funders 12/1/2001—11/30/2002

Americorps VISTA Program
Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO)
First United Methodist Church Thrift Shop
General Dynamics Employee Action Council
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
New England Grassroots Environment Fund
Pecor Family Foundation
City of Burlington Public Safety Project

FBACG Contributors 12/1/2001—11/30/2002

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received since 7/1/2002

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Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2002
12/1/2001—11/30/2002

Operating Revenues FY2002

Contributions	6,410.00
Grants	7,176.29
Projects & Services	8,193.60
Sales & Events	3,090.37
Total Revenues	24,870.26

Operating Expenses FY2002

Payroll: Full-time staff	13,142.18
Projects, Programs	4,610.32
Payroll: Part-time staff	1,345.63
Mileage	1,093.67
Printing	1,059.50
Supplies, Equipment	817.26
Postage	602.84
Sales, Events	500.62
Phone, Internet, Utilities	329.17
Photography	288.39
Fees, Dues, Services	231.99
Volunteer Support	118.23
Total Expenses	24,139.80

Nonprofit status received 11/06/01
Starting balance 12/01/01 0.00
Ending balance 11/30/02 730.46

2002 FBACG Board Members

Joshua Brown, President
Colleen O'Brien, Secretary
Jules Fishelman, Treasurer
Kristine Flynn
Huck Gutman
Lisa Coven

2002 FBACG Staff

Jim Flint, Executive Director
Julia Melloni, Youth Gardens
Beret Halverson, Summer Intern
Elizabeth Rogers, Americorps VISTA

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