

# Friends of Burlington Gardens 2004 Annual Report

## Fulfilling Our Mission

Dear Friends,

Let's face it—a seed is a wonder as it pushes through the soil, converts light into leaves, and becomes a plant that flowers and bears fruit. As a gardener, I am continually reawakened to the mystery of new growth, to the goodness of wholesome food, and to the many ways we are connected, not just to family and neighbors, but to the land itself.



Burlington's gardens keep alive a practical, joy-producing tradition for people of diverse backgrounds, ages, and abilities. I smile to recall that this year Friends of Burlington Gardens helped to provide gardening opportunities for so many people: students, immigrant families, emergency shelter residents, senior citizens, disabled adults, and energetic youth helping to reclaim green spaces in their urban neighborhoods.

Our city's green necklace of gardens is a treasure that needs to be preserved and strengthened. Through your support, Friends of Burlington Gardens will continue to expand youth, school, and neighborhood garden plots, serve more people in need, and share our knowledge and experience with other gardening communities.

It has been my privilege during the past four years to serve as a founding board member of Friends of Burlington Gardens. In 2005, Jules Fishelman, a dedicated community leader and garden activist, will take the helm as president of our board of directors. I am grateful to Jules, our board, staff, volunteers, and supporters for working together to grow our organization and to advance its mission.

Like a seed planted, your contributions will blossom through our diverse programs. In turn, we pledge to nurture what has been given to us, to steward resources, and to step back sometimes to appreciate the wonder of it all.

Joshua Brown  
Board President, Friends of Burlington Gardens

## Major Goals Achieved

### Gardens Created

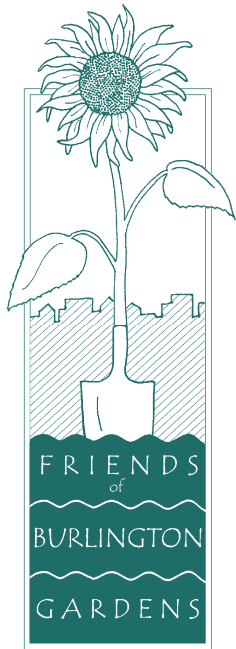
- The Community Teaching Garden at Ethan Allen Homestead expanded to include first and second year programs.
- FBG worked with children and volunteers to install a beautiful new garden at Burlington's Sara Holbrook Center.
- Burlington Emergency Shelter residents and staff worked with FBG to build and plant new raised bed gardens.
- With help from FBG, new gardens are springing up at Burlington elementary and middle schools.

### Gardens Enhanced

- FBG secured \$3,400 in grant support to provide Intervale topsoil and a new water system for the Starr Farm Garden.
- With support from UVM Master Gardeners, FBG sponsored a two-week Garden Day Camp for low-income children.
- Community and neighborhood gardens at Ethan Allen Homestead, the Sara Holbrook Center, and Roosevelt Park finished 1-2-3 in the 2004 Burlington Blooms Awards contest sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company.

### Gardens Preserved

- FBG worked with the Vermont legislature to pass a joint resolution supporting community gardening state-wide.
- Burlington voters approved a funding initiative to help preserve neighborhood green space, gardens, and natural areas.
- FBG partnered with the UVM Sea Grant Program to publish a guide to lake-friendly lawn care and grounds keeping.
- 2000+ people learned more about community gardening while visiting FBG's web site [www.burlingtongardens.org](http://www.burlingtongardens.org).



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### Major Funders 12/1/2003—11/30/2004

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## Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2004  
12/1/2003—11/30/2004

### Operating Revenues FY2004

Grants & Awards	11,410.50
Contributions	11,340.94
Sales & Events	8,903.47
Projects & Services	4,872.56
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>36,527.47</b>

### Operating Expenses FY2004

Payroll: full-time staff	18,535.51
Projects, Programs	5,669.63
Sales, Events	2,828.52
Payroll: part-time staff	2,700.00
FICA, Medicare Match	1,623.00
Equipment, Supplies	1,202.29
Printing, Photocopies	1,189.74
Mileage	990.77
Postage	551.79
Phone, Internet, Utilities	407.00
Fees, Dues, Services	373.61
Volunteer Support	186.97
Photography	140.54
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>36,399.37</b>

### Balance Sheet FY2004

Beginning balance 12/01/03	1,384.01
Carryover from FY04	128.10
Ending balance 11/30/04	1,512.11

### 2004 Board Members

Joshua Brown, President  
Jules Fishelman, Vice President  
Megan Prokop, Secretary  
Gavin Wallace, Treasurer  
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